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We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Jno Whitehill & Co

Fort St George

4th January 1778.

Received the following Report

from the Chief Engineer.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sirs and Gentlemen

We have now employed upon the Works

Report of Persons employed on the Works

Bricklayers	21
Tankdiggers	984
Coolies	375
Lascars	82
Sundry Artificers	3

Amounting in all to 1465 People

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I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

Fort St George

4th January 1778

Patrick Ross

Lieut. Colonel & Engr

At a Consultation present

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr President

Monday

5th January

Charles Smith Sam Johnson

Mr Perring absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read the following Letter

from Ganjam

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council W.P.

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We herewith transmit you

the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at

Ganjam on the Conduct of Lieutenant Blacker

and Ensign Rice in consequence of your Orders

of the 6th August

We have the honor to be

very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your

From Ganjam with a Court of Enquiry held on Lt. Blacker and Ensign Rice

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Your most Obedient
humble Servants
R.t Maunsell
Tho.s Dyneley
R.t Hughes
Jn.o Huddleston

Ganjam
7th Decr 1777

The Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry referred to in the foregoing Letter relate to a complaint preferred against Lieut. Blacker of Ensign Rice lately employed on an expedition to Jellantra on account of some irregular Proceedings with regard to plunder.

O Minute thereon

The said proceedings being read & considered, the Board are of Opinion that the complaint so far as it regards the Officers above mentioned has no foundation, since it appears that they used their utmost endeavours to prevent irregularities after the Troops entered the Pollam of Jellantra. The Conduct of the Sepoys employed on that Service seems however to have been disorderly, & it would appear by the proceedings that they were under very little Command or Restraint even in the presence of their Officers

Resolved that these Remarks on the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry be transmitted to Ganjam for the information of the parties concerned, & that it be observed at the same time, that Lieut. Blacker who commanded the Detachment ought to have given to

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the Chief & Council of Tanjore a full & particular detail of their Transactions which he appears not to have done, tho' in the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry, the Board find a very circumstantial account of it in a Letter to his Commanding Officer

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Horne.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Commands of the 10th Inst., And shall order five Companies of Sepoys more on the Country Duty besides garrisoning the dependant Forts of Ahdiengy Mahawdrapatam, Petticottah, Tricatypetty and Pondenellore; There are already employed on the Country Duty, eight Companies of the 6th Battalion, 3½ Companies of the 1st which relieved that Number of the 2d the beginning of this Month, And near 2 Companies of the 8th Battalion These Sepoys are divided in the different Villages intirely under the Orders of the Rajahs Managers; No attention can therefore be paid to their Discipline & Order, being divided even into so small parties as two or three Sepoys in a village, and where more are together are daily sent about at the Managers pleasure; The Batta paid

from Colonel Horne recommending that Sibbendy be raised for the Country service of Tanjore.

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These Sepoys amounts to more than would defray the expence of keeping an equal Number of Sub-sidy Sepoys to be kept solely for this duty who would be better off, than the regular Battalions of their Pay was only a Pagoda p Month a pri-vate Sepoy, & the Black Officers; as many as would be keeping in proportion. The Battalions then employed in this Country might be kept for the regular Duty's, & in perfect Discipline, & at all times fit for any Service required; And the Rajah's Renters, Managers &c. equally as well assisted in col-lecting the Revenues, & doing all manner of duty the Sepoys at present do.

As the Season of the Year is fa-vorable for Stores being sent by Sea, I have directed the Storekeeper to make out an Indent of such Stores as will be necessary for this Garri-son, which I hope your honor & Co. will order to be supplied; together with the Gunpowder sometime since ordered. The Tanjore Powder which in the Return of Stores is mentioned a quantity, I have given Orders to have put in Barrels, as there are empty ones sufficient for this purpose; the blowing up of Vellum having consumed a great part of what there was; by this means we shall be able to ascertain the quantity remaining (which I apprehend will prove much less than has been represented) & store it more securely than remaining

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longer in Bulk.

Major Stevens in consequence of your permission proceeds to the Presidency to-morrow; his very great attention & assiduity in forwarding these Works so briskly as he has done reflects great Honor on him, not only as a dilligent Officer, but also as an Engineer of great abilities

Accompanying I have the honor of forwarding the monthly Returns for November

And am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Matt. Horne

Tanjore 15th Decr 1770.

The Board do not think proper at present to make any such Establishment of Sepoys as Colonel Horne recommends.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr Perring at Tanjore.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor to advise

From Mr Perring

the prevails on the Ra- You of my arrival here the 30th in the morning

jah of Tanjore to make after a very fatiguing Journey.

the Deposit required

The Rajah on hearing of

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my approach sent out his Duvan to meet me, by whom I sent word I was come on publick busines & would wait on the Rajah at any hour he would please to appoint, desiring it might be an early one if possible, He returned for answer that he would be glad to see me at Noon, when I waited on, & delivered the publick Letter & requested he would read it, & favor me with his Sentiments on the Subject, He desired I would excuse his doing any Business that day, on account of some ceremonies he had to perform, promising to perus & consider of its contents that night, & talk with me the next morning at 11 o'clock, I prest him to allow me to confer with him in the Evening but he still adhereing to his first resolution, — I made my Visit at the appointed time & had the satisfaction to find him as well disposed towards the Company as I could wish, — He expressed in a very lively manner the grateful sense he had of their great generosity to him & declared himself ready on all occasions to give any testimony of it the Government might require in how the Affairs of the Company alone were concerned. After some conversation the Rajah consented to make the Deposit your Honor & Co. have required on condition that it should be Lodg'd in the Company's Treasury 'till their Orders are received relative to its disposal, I urged to him the necessity of having as

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much of it as possible in Specie, but he declared he had not a Pagoda in his Treasury & pleaded strongly his inability to pay this Sum at such early periods as 4 yrs had fixed, but promised agreable to my desire to use his utmost endeavours to prevail on the Sowcars to do it as soon as possible, tho' he seemed very doubtfull of this effecting it thro' the means of Men who he says have never given him a bill until he first paid its amount finding the Rajah so heartily disposed to assist the Company I delivered him the Presents in form this morning & they were received with becoming respect.

I hope to be able to do all that is to be done in this Business in two or three Days at farthest & shall then immediately return to the Residency.

I am respectfully

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient &

most humble Servant

Peter Perring

Tanjore
Jany 1. 1778.

The Board are pleased to find that Mr Perring is likely to succeed so well in his Negociation with the Rajah.

Read the following Letters from

Colonel Lang

To the Hon'ble John Whitehill Esq.
President & Governor & Council Fort St George

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To Fort St. George 5th Jany 1772

Honble Sirs

I beg leave to present the accompanying arrangement for your approbation & also to recommend the following Officers to be appointed to the vacant Posts hereafter Specified

From Colonel Langreommending Adjutants of Sepoys

Lieut Robert Sale to be Adjutant to the fourth Carnatic Battalion, in theroom of Lieut. Marshall who begs Leave to resign the Adjutantcy.

Lieut: Francis Skyrme to be Adjutant to the third Circar Battalion, in theroom of Lieut: Salo removed.

Lieut: Snelling to be Adjutant to the fifth Circar Battalion in theroom of Lieut: James Alexander Deceased.

I have only to acquaint You that there are Vacancies for five Ensigns, & the Cadets next for promotion are — John Cubbage, Alexander Bonnell George Burrowes, Clarke, Abraham Hughes, & — Duff

I am

Honble Sirs

Fort St George
Jany 5. 1772

Your very Obedient Servant
Ross Lang

The Board approve of the Recommendations of Colonel Lang for filling up the Vacancies of Adjutants in the Sepoys

Approved

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

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel Lang recommending that Captain Mordaunt be struck off the List of Offrs.

Captain Mordaunt having been for some Years at Bengal, & as I am well informed, lately appointed by the Supreme Council to a lucrative post in that Country; I think it my Duty, for the good of the Service, to propose to your consideration that his name be struck out of the list of the Army on this establishment, & that Lieut: James Phillips, the eldest Subaltern, be appointed a Captain in his room

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient Servant

Fort St George
5th Jany 1778.

Ross Lang

To be recalled from Bengal

Captain Mordaunt whom Colonel Lang mentions in one of his Letters was sent to General Clavering to serve as an Aid des Camps, as he can have no pleasure since General Clavering's Death for remaining at Bengal it is resolved to request of the Governor General & Council to order him back to this Establishment.

Read the following Letter from certain Creditors of the Nabob

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of Orders

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From the Nabob's Creditors complaining of his delay in discharging their demands upon him.

From the Court of Directors in the Year 1766, The Nabobs bonds to his private European Creditors were called in, the debt liquidated, & new bonds granted for the amount, being Star Pagodas Twenty two Lacks & twenty nine thousand six hundred & fifty and Portonova Pagodas fifty five thousand eight hundred at the reduced Interest of ten p.r Cent.— Trustees were appointed, certain Countries granted & assigned, as appears by the accompanying authenticated Copy of the deed with the approbation of the President Council & general concurrence of the Creditors, who depended upon the faith of the Nabobs engagements to pay off the principal & Interest within the [illegible] Years.

occasion to compl[illegible] We are truely concerned to have elapsed & about o[illegible]n the eleven Years are nearly remains at this [illegible]e fourth of the Original Debt [illegible]ay undischarged.

have suffered Cyphe[illegible] the inconvenience & distress ments & delays in the [illegible]r of therepeated disappointeasily conceived — The Nabobs payments may be The Court of Directors were so sensible of our detraction & the unhappy consequences such delays must produce; that so far back as the Year 1775 they were pleased to direct, The President & Council to represent these Circumstances to the Nabob in which it was their most ardent wish to see prevented, & their earnest request to the Nabob not to suffer his British private Creditors to be distress

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Such then being our present State &
not seeing a disposition in the Nabob to render us
that Justice we had so much reason to expect, we
are encouraged by the favorable intention the Court
of Directors have shewn towards the Creditors in all
their Orders to the President & Council, to request
you will be pleased to represent the circumstances
of our case to the Nabob, & use your good Offices
to obtain the speedy payment of a Debt which has
been so long due, & for which the Nabobs honor
stands pledged.

We are

Honble Sir &Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants

Fort St George
27th Decr 1777.

John Turing

John Phil Fabricius
For Self & Constituents

Thos Powney
For Self & Constituents

Alexr Cuthbert
For his Constituents

George Proctor
Atty to Mr Turner

A. Sadlier
For himself & the Estate of
J. Smith & Geo. Dawson

A. D'Morgan
For self & constituents

Pelling & De Fries

Rich. Stanton

Jas Anderson
For ourselves & constituents

D. Drake

George Smith
Executor to Wm Mary Munro

Mary Turing

Edn. Saunders
Acting Atty to Mr John
Pybus.

& Atty to Capt. Geo. Richardson

Gilbt Pasley
For self & Constituents

In Fort St. Georges the 1st Jan.y 1778

To all to whom these Presents shall come We Wan-lau Jau Um-
-meer Ul kind Umdit ul Mole
Seraja Dowla Ammaneedun
Caun Behaudre Munsoor Jung
Sipp'd Sardar Nabob of the Carnatic
and Umdot Ul Omrah Meyen
ul Mole Ayed ul Dowla
Ulseen ul Caun Behaudre
Fulpheccar Jung his Son for ourselves
our Heirs & Successors send Greeting Whereas
We have taken up & received of Sundry Persons
living under the Government of the English East
India Company the Sum & just Sum of of twenty
tens Lacks twenty Nine thousand Six hundred and
Fifty Star Pagodas and fifty five thousand Eight hun-
-dred Porto Nova Pagodas for which We have grant-
-ed several Bonds dated the first of January one
thousand seven hundred & sixty seven bearing an
Interest of ten p Cent p Annum agreable to a par-
-ticular List thereof annexed Know
Ye that we reposing especial Trust & Confidence in
John Bybus John Call and James
Boucher Esquires have by our Letter of Att-
-orney bearing date the twenty Ninth Day of De-
-cember one thousand seven hundred & sixty six ap-
-pointed them to the management of our Affairs
relating to our Debts to the said Creditors & for &
towards the speedy & effectual Payment and

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Satisfaction of the said Debts Have given granted Assigned & transferd & by these Presents Do give grant & transfer unto them the said John Pybus John Call and James Boucher until the amount of the aforementioned Debt shall be fully discharged all & every part of the Revenues produce of Lands Peiscash, Rists, Duties, Customs Fees Whether Rents or Emoluments which We now are or hereafter may be entitled unto from the Districts of Vol. gondah Chellumbrum, Banaguerry Ver. dachillum Elevansore Tiagar Calicoochy Trivady Velliporum Gingee Waldour Trinomale Chittapet Tinnery and Wan. dewash the Revenues whereof in times of Peace & tranquility are together computed at Eight Lacks of Pagodas Yearly and the Annual Tribute or Peiscash which is payable to Us Yearly from the Rajah of Tanjore on the eighth day of July amounting to the settled Sum of four Lacks of Rupees annually In Trust that they the said John Pybus, John Call and James Boucher shall from time to time according to their Direction apply such Revenues Produce of Lands Peiscash Rists Duties Customs or Fees towards payment of our said Debts to the said Creditors paying to each a just dividend according to the proportion which their several Demands bear to the whole amount of our Debt And We do hereby declare that We will on the Execution of these Presents

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In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals in Fort Saint George on the day of the Moon Rujubb in the Year of Hegira, One Thousand one hundred and eighty answering to the first day of January in the Year of Christ one thousand seven hundred & sixty-seven the purport Sense and meaning of these Presents having been duly interpreted to & understood by Us.

A true Copy
Gideon Firth
Dep.y Reg.r

Agreed to write a Letter to the Nabob in behalf of the Creditors agreably to the request contained in the above Letter.

Read a Letter from the Nabob dated the 4th January as entered in Country Correspondence No. 2 enclosing a Paper of Intelligence concerning the arrival of some considerable Person from the Soubah at Pondicherry.

From the Nabob with a Paper of Intelligence from Pondicherry.

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Extract from General Letter from Fort William
Dated 8th December 1777

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From Bengal

Mr Jas Dowsett first received Rs 150 in advance.

In consequence of the request contained in your Letter of the 19th September, We have ordered Capt.n Thos Ogilvie to call at Visagapatam for the Soldiers who may be ready at that Place to embark for Fort St George

Extract from General Letter from Fort William Dated 15th December 1777

Mr James Dowsett a Cadet on your Establishment is arrived here in the Sea Horse now proceeds to you on the Houghton. We have advanced him three Months pay & Batta amounting to Sonat Rupees 150, Enclosed We send you his receipt for the same

John Jordan a Recruit for your Establishment arrived here in the Duke of Portland is now sent to you by the Houghton

Ordered that the Receipt above mentioned be sent to the Military Paymaster General.

John Whitehill

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At a Consultation present

The Honble John Whitehill Esq.r Presid.t
Chas. Smith Sam.l Johnson
Peter Perring

Monday
the 12.th

Minutes of last Consultation read

Mr. Perring having returned from
Tanjore the 8th Instant, takes his Seat at the Board.

Read the following Letter from

Bombay

To John Whitehill Esq.r
Incharge of the Government & Council
at Fort St George

S. D

Gentlemen

We advised you on the 7th Instant
to enclose a Packet for the Governor General & Council
& We now enclose another which We request You
will forward with the utmost care & Dispatch

From Bombay requesting that a Detachment of Troops may be held in readiness at Palam. cottah for Bombay.

As the exigency of the Company's
affairs under our management may very probably
make it necessary for Us to have an addition to our
Military Force, We request Gentlemen, you will
please to give orders for a body of two hundred
European Infantry, half a Company of Artillery with
their Officers, & a Battalion of Sepoys to be held in
readiness for marching to Anjengo instantly upon
the receipt of further advices from Us; We would
recommend their being ordered to Palamcottah

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When We are at a greater certainty We shall write more explicatly, but the matter is briefly this, "We have had overtures made Us from some of the most considerable Members of the present Mahratta Government for the assistance of the Company to replace Ragobah at Poonah, which for several weighty reasons We have thought it our duty to give encouragement to, We will advise you as soon as we possibly can what is likely to be the issue of this Business & whether We shall actually want the Force abovementioned, but We again request that it may be held in readiness to march at a Moments warning" We have advised the Governor General & Council of this application

We are with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Bombay Castle
12th December 1777.

Wm Hornby
John Carnac
J. Draper
Thos Mostyn
N. Slackhouse
Wm Ashburner
Andr Ramsay

Having taken the foregoing Letter into our most serious Consideration, it appears to Us clearly that in the present situation of Affairs, it would not be safe or prudent to detach any part of the Company's Troops from this Coast [illegible]

At Fort St. George the 11th Jan.y 1778

Deliberation of the Board thereon

to be employed at so great a distance as Bombay, fro whence upon any emergency that might require the presence here, they could not be returned to us in less tha 5 or 6 Months.

We have every reason to apprehen from the continuance of the troubles in America, tha a War may soon break out between our Nation and some of the States of Europe. It behoves us then to be on our guard especially as our situation here with respect to the French is such, that were we to be in volved in a War with that Nation, we should have occasion probably for a considerable Reinforcement in addition to our present strength. To weaken ourselves therefore by detaching such a body of Troops at this Juncture, would be to expose the possessions of the Com pany to great risk & we apprehend such a measure could only be justified in a case of imminent necessity.

This we should esteem a sufficient

reason against complying with the application of the Gentlemen at Bombay, but we might add further that the establishment is at present incomplete that we are in want of an additional number of Troop on account of Tanjore which we have taken under our protection & that the Fortifications both here & at Tanjore are in so unfinished a State that it wou be unsafe at this time to detach away any part the Troops required for this defence

Detachment to Bombay not thought expedient

Resolved therefore that the Gentlemen at Bomb

Fort St. George 12th Jany 1773.

Sentiments & reflections upon their request, & that We write to the Governor General & Council of Bengal on this Subject.

Read the following Letter from Gayfam.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President and Governor for Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

&c.

From Gayfam complaining of Captain Lysaghts misconduct with 2 Petitions from Consugee.

This with the greatest concern we inform you that the Spirit of Opposition to our authority which We have so long experienced & so often complained of in Captain Lysaght, has lately broken out in an act of violence most tyrannical & oppressive, committed by him on the Person of Consugie whom your Honor &c at our recommendation have been pleased to entrust with the Roots of the Daraconda & Chigutty Countries. In consideration also of his long residence at Ashta, his Abilities & known Character for honesty & Deligence, We Naunsell lately appointed him to manage & collect the Revenues of that Purgunnah.

We beg leave to refer your Honor &c to the enclosed Petitions (which we have judged it proper to transmit in their original State) for the particulars of this proceeding, as well as the original Cause of Captain Lysaghts Resentment against Consugie — the first of these Petitions was delivered in the 14th October last, and (as is related in the second)

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suppressd at the instance of our late Chief, from that tend-
-dency & moderation towards Captain Lysaght which
on every occasion from the day of his arrival in the
District he has experienced from this Board. We now
severely feel the injury we have brought upon Corsugie
by this mistaken Lenity, & are too sensible of the justice
of his reproaches on this head, but not having yet
received your Orders ascertaining the precise Line between
the powers vested in the Chief & Council, & the Comman-
-ding Officer, we are ignorant how far we are ourselves
authorized to take notice of Captain Lysaghts Conduct,
& can only therefore express the sense we entertain of
it, humbly submitting to your Honor &c.a the necessity
of vindicating & restoring the authority of this
Government by some public mark of your reprobation
of the flagrant insult it has received, for if the Com-
-manding Officer can with impunity thus tyran-
-nize over & oppress the Inhabitants, & particularly those
who are most entitled to your favor, our endeavours
for their happiness & security will be exerted in vain
no Man will think himself safe under our protection.

We beg leave also to express our
hope that your Hon.r &c.a will be pleased to take
this subject under Consideration as soon as possible
as Corsugie having experienced our inability to
protect him, has absolutely refused to return to Asha
or to transact the business of his Rents until ope
-ration be made to him for the treatment he
has received.

Fort St. George 12 Jan.y 1778.

We enclose your Honor &c a Copy of our Letter to Captain Lysaght on this occasion, & have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Horrible Sir &Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

R.t Maunsell

Thos Lynch

Robt Hughes

J.s Oakes

Ganjam
2d Dec.r 1777

To the Worshipfull Charles Smith Esq.r
Chief &c.a Council of
Ganjam

The humble Petition of Corrigie

Sheweth

That your Petitioner Last Year have rent the Bawanpour Country & paid proper mon-ner the Company's Money, therefore he get recommend to be Tapaldar in Daraccote to collect the Bawanpour Rent, which he now doing in best way he is able. Likewise he rent from Juggabundoo Chowdry the Atha Purgunnah for Last Year; Whom Captain Ly-saght arrive in this District, very much he wanting to get Atha Purgunnah; however he find he not get, therefore he thinking angry for me, always he say he get next Year from Juggabundoo Chowdry

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Corrigie

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therefore I speak to Juggerbundoo Chowdry & telling him I make too much expence in the Ashadurgum. nah in making Tank, & building Village, to beds me favor give me next Year, besides I tell him I always paid the Money properly, & if he not give I am certainly ruined, therefore Juggabundoo Chow. dery have give Bond for me promising he certainly give me the Ashadurgumnah again. Before this Business Captain Lysaght have talking to me about this Rent, however I not thinking proper that time to tell I want it because he get much interest some time, therefore I stay quiet, & get engagement from Juggabundoo Chowdry — after this every body know I get engagement, & that time Captain Lysaght have sent for me, & talk'd very passion manner, however he say if he not get, by God he will do some. thing, I have told him why he angry upon me, every body try best for his own interest, therefore I get this engagement — after that he always make much trouble for me many things, therefore I am very sorry, when he come from Arka I find he tell some lame upon me, & say to all Gentlemen that I try to make quarrel between him & the Chief and Council, he say I told him that Gentlemen never let him have the Ashadurgumnah, this I never say; certainly Captain Lysaght make mistake, besides he say I tell him I wanted to give him the Rent however that I could not do that, because Gentlemen be angry; — This I am willing to take Oath before

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your Honor I never have said, if I want to give Capt.
Lysaght the Aska Pergummah, what for I take all this
trouble to get agreement from Juggerbumbar Chowdry.
Yesterday the Chief & Council have called me to inter-
pret between them & Mummidoo, & when business
over I was leaving the Consultation room, that time
I saw Captain Lysaght in the Verander, & when I
passed I make Salam same like before, that time
he look very passion, & called me damned Rascal
& shaking his finger at me told me he would cutt
off my Ears; so many Years I been in this Country
I always get good character, therefore much favor
come upon me, & never hear such abuse mad before
I hear Captain Lysaght certainly intend d... what
he talk, & if he speak to me such manner in the
Chiefs house, certainly he will punish me ... he
is at Aska in full Power; I did intend going to
Aska to collect the last Kist for the above Rents,
however I cannot go unless your Honors protect
Me, I am Servant for the Company therefore I
hope your Honors will consider my Affair, if
Captain Lysaght get any complaint against me,
let him make publick to the Chief & Council, then
any blame come upon me, I am ready to suffer
what your Honors think proper, if he not got any
complaint against me, I hope your Honors will be
pleased to consider I am a Servant of the Company
& not a Coolie; therefore unless your Honors pro-
tect me & prevent Captain Lysaght from doing

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me any harm, I cannot do the Company's Business, always I think to keep good character & deserve the Company's Favor, if Captain Lysaght have got power to flogg or punish Me, any manner, better I think I am dead.

I am very sorry to make complaint against Gentleman, therefore at present I not talk any other things, only I pray your Honors once more to protect Me from Captain Lysaghts anger & give Leave to Me to go in security to look after the Company's Business, & your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

A true Copy P. Oakes Secry

To the Worshipfull Robert Maunsell Esqr
Chief & Cy Council of
Ganjam

The humble Petition of Cossegie

Sheweth

That when Captain Bandinell was Commander of the Troops at Aska your Petitioner had the Rent of the Aska Purgunnah & the Goomsur restored Villages last Year from the Honble Company, & paid his Kists punctual-ly; but before his Cowle for the Aska Purgunnah

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was expired, Captain Lysaght arrived at Ajka, & endeavored to get the rent from him, & had many conversations, & at last finding he could not get his desire, began to raise up disputes & interfere in the Town Revenues to include into his Buzar & at last compleat Captain Lysaght & your petitioner came to Fanjore both Parties have settled on the acknowledgement of Mr. Smith as the best for Captain Lysaght and your Petitioner, hoping he might gain assistance & protection in his business at Ajka, & your Petitioner had also the promise from Captain Lysaght to allow him the Copies of the Villages Arrack Shop Renewed in order dispose of his Arrack to make as much advantage as he could, but Captain Lysaght not executed his promise by which your Petitioner has lost his advantage.

That when your Petitioner's Cooly for the Ajka Pergunnah was most nearly expired, he obtaines the engagement for most Years rent from Jaggabundoo Chowdry in order to encourage the Inhabitants & repair the Tanks &c. which Captain Lysaght hearing about, have been tried as much as he could but last he find he could not get & kept this make in his heart against your Petitioner.

That on the 3d day of October last your Petitioner was sent for by the Chief & Council to make the interpretations with the Rajah of Vizia. & immediately on leaving the Consultation room your Petitioner met Captain Lysaght in the Verander

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& made Salam as usual, then Captain Lysaght abused him in the presence of the several Gentlemen & said he would cutt off your Petitioner's Ears, then your Petitioner was afraid & made Petition to the Chief & Council, and informed all these differences, with hopes to have the Justice done, & Mr Smith not chuse to bring the Petition to publick & speak to Captain Lysaght & your Petitioner cannot tell what conversation they made, but Mr Smith at Last informed your Petitioner that Captain Lysaght had promised a word of Honor that he would not hurt your Petitioner & ask'd your Petitioner to take away his Petition, & your Petitioner told Mr Smith that he was going to Madras & afterwards Capt.n Lysaght would do something to hurt your Petitioner, & Mr Smith then told your Petitioner that he was a Company's Renter & Mr Maunsell & all the Gentlemen would take care of your Petitioner then your Petitioner entirely depended on the Gentlemen's Word for the Company's protection, & did not trouble himself any more & went to Arka & Daracoote to collect the Company's Money. & your Petitioner Lays before your Worship for the said Petition which was sent in the 4th October Last, & your Petitioner afterwards made Proposals for to rent the Chegutty Assigned Villages & also for the Daracoote higher than Mahomed Gouse, Captain Lysaghts Duebash's Proposal, & by the Gentlemen's favor to recommend your Petitioner he got the rents from the Honble Governor & Council's order a few days ago, & Mr Maunsell

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made your Petitioner the Manager in the Aska Pet-
gunnah to make the collection & help the Inhabi-
tants for the Company's advantage, by knowing
your Petitioner how he managed in the Rent before
faithfully. That on Friday Last the 26th Instant at
5 o'Clock in the evening when your Petitioner was
standing at the door of the Aska Storehouse in talking
with Mr Oakes about the Stones Cutcherry, Captain
Lysaght came behind your Petitioner & try to push
away the Shawl from your Petitioner's Body & whipped
your Petitioner with a horsewhip for a considerable
time in the presence of Mr. Oakes & Mr Gout and
several Sublidars, Jamidars & Sepoys, telling your Peti-
tioner he wait long while for this opportunity then
your Petitioner want to loose his life & have much
thoughts of doing some mischief to Capt.n Lysaght
but your Petitioner's Freinds advise him to go to
Ganjam & depend on the Company to do him justice
for his shame & cruel treatment.

And your Petitioner hopes your
Worships remembrance how he take back his first
Petition & went to Aska depending on the promise
of Mr Smith his protection in his Cutcherry, now
your Petitioner has been used like a common Coolie
without any crime, & lost his character in the world
& your Petitioner wish also to loose his life & can-
not go any more to Aska or to Daracoote in the
Cutcherry of the Rents till he receive the Justice, and
your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

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Dec.r 20: 1777.

A true Copy
Js Oakes
Sec.ry

To Captain Arthur Lysaght
Commanding the Troops in the
Itchapour District
Sir

Enclosed you will receive Copy of a Petition addressd to Us by Corsujie one of the Company's Renters & Manager under Mr.r Maunsell in the Aska Purgunnah complaining of a most violent outrage committed by you on his Person the 26th Instant by publickly whipping him in the Fort of Aska as he was attending Mr.r Oakes near the Company's Storehouse.

We think it proper to remind You that in the Month of October last this Person (Corsujie) delivered a Petition to the late Chief to be laid before Us, complaining of your having over at the door of our Consultation room abused him & threatened to cut off his Ears & claiming the Company's protection. In consequence hereof Mr.r Smith represented to You in private the impropriety of your Conduct, & upon your giving him your promise that you would not hurt or molest the said Corsujie, & the same being made known to Us by the Chief, we consented that the Petition should be suppressd; incited to it by that spirit of tenderness

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Consideration towards you which on every occasion
from the day of your arrival in the District, you
have experienced from this Board, you have
now in violation of that Promise & in open de-
fiance of our authority carried your threats of
violence into execution & that, in a manner most
cruel & oppressive; if the Man on whom you have
inflicted this treatment were not a Servant of the
Company, he would not be the less entitled to their
protection, but it is notorious throughout the Dis-
trict that he is entrusted with the two considerable
Renters, & even allowing you could possibly have
been ignorant of that circumstance, we have
the fullest proof that you well knew he was
appointed by Mr. Maunsell to collect the Reve-
nues of the Aska Pergunnah.

As this violent Proceeding was
transacted in too public a manner to admit of
any doubt, We have resolved to forward the two
Petitions immediately to the Honble Board, to
express to them the sense we entertain of your
Conduct, & we think it right to give you this
intimation that you may prepare what you
may have to offer in your defence

We are

Sir

Your very Obedient Servants

R.C.te Maunsell

Ganjam
28 Decr 1777

True Copy

J. Oakes Secry

Bd & Co

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter which he received privately from Captain Lysaght as a Copy of one written by him to the Council at Ganjam on the Subject of the Complaints preferr'd against him.

To Robert Maunsell Esqr.
Chief & Council
Gentlemen

I am this day favord with your Letter of Yesterday's Date, by the Stile of which I am apprehensive that I have been so unfortunate as to incure your displeasure which at any time would give me much concern, but more especially at this juncture What the Man Cano has set forth in his Petition relative to my chastizing him, is Literally true, but my surprize at being told that he is a Companys Servant, can only be exceeded by my astonishment. His Master, can only be exceeded by my astonishment. His near three Months since I informed almost every Gentlemen at Ganjam that this Fellow was an impa-, -nous Lying Villain, that he had propogated false-, -hoods which not only tended to create differences be-, -tween some of the Gentlemen of your Settlement and Me, but such as likewise reflected on the Justice & impartiality of your Board & that he had concluded the whole by denying every syllable of what he had said, altho' I declared upon my word & honor that he repeated to Me almost word for word what I was informed he had before said to others adding to his first villainy

From Capt. Lysaght

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an accusation of my having advanced a falsehood,
after this could I have supposed that any Gentlemen
would have thought of employing this Man much
less that he should have been entrusted with any
part of the Company's property Had I conceived him
to have been a Renter of the Company's, my Duty to
them & the respect I owe your Board would have prevent-
ted me (as it did before) from giving him the Chas-
tisement which he has now so deservedly received, or
had the Man himself or Mr Oakes a Member of your
Board who stood by the whole time mention his being
a Renter I should most likely (altho incensed as I was
by the grossest provocation) have desisted, but neither
the one or the other thought proper to mention a syllable
of it to me, glad I suppose to have cause of complaint.
as you Gentlemen now inform me that he is Servant of
Government, you may rest assured that he shall not
meet with any further interruption from me & that
he may proceed in his Business without let or moles-
tation; But should you Gentlemen resolve on laying
this affair before the Governor & Council (as I am appre-
hensive that they may be led to believe that this Case
is a person of Family & consequence in the Country) I
must take the liberty to request that when you address
the Honble Board upon this Subject, you will at the same
time inform them that he is a vagrant from Persia who
lately strayed into the Country without Family or property
& that any consequence which he may have acquired
must have arisen from his lending his Name to certain

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Gentlemen to serve particular purposes

I cannot conclude without making some kind of remark upon the accusation which you Gentlemen have thought proper to add to the first one, namely that I have been guilty of a breach of promise which I absolutely deny in the present Case, & detest in all others, & if three of the four Gentlemen who at present compose your Board, will take the trouble to recollect a little, they surely must remember my having told them at the time the first Petition was supposed to be before the Board, that I never could forget the Fellow's Behaviour to Me & that I would undoubtedly put my threats into execution, whenever his Cowle was expired, which two of the three acknowledged he richly deserved, & as for Mr. Smith I have such an opinion of his candor as to rest assured that he will inform the Honble Board, that the only promise I made was that untill Liaco's Cowle was expired, & he had settled his accounts them depending, he should not be interrupted by Me, but that as long as I lived, I never could forget his behaviour to Me. — And I must take the Liberty to add that I think it would have been more consistent with your declarations of former Enmity had you condescended to communicate to Me the purport of the Petition before you actually transmitted it to the Honble Board which if you had done, I flatter myself I could have saved you & them much trouble

I am with respect

Gentlemen

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Recd
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Your most humble
and Obedient Servant
Arthur Lysaght

Mr Captain Lysaght appears from the
Representations of Coroyjie & Swen Sconce his own Letter &
confession to have committed an act of great oppression
as well as an act of insult & disrespect to the authority
of the Company, by the personal ill treatment of Coroy-
jie, it is resolved by the Board with the view of pre-
venting such conduct in future, & in order to make their
displeasure publickly at this proceeding that Captain
Lysaght be immediately removed from his Command
& from the District of Ganjam.

Minute of resolution thereon

Capt.n Lysaght removed from the District of Ganjam

Resolved that Capt.n William Collins be ordered to take the Command of Aska, & that Capt.n Lysaght be stationed in the Veragapatam Distrct & ordered for the present to take charge of Capt.n Collins's Battalion at Verriona gramm.

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tan-
jore as entered in Country Correspondence No. 4 acknow-
ledging the receipt of the President's Letter by Mr. Per-
ring, - advising that he had given due attention to
its contents, & was sorry to find in them any mention
of the Nabobs Claims concerning which he had so
often signified his resolution, that he acquainted
Mr. Perring again with his Determination to pay
nothing on account of the Nabob, & that Mr. -
Perring thereupon told him that the Company would
receive the 4 Lacks of Pagodas required of him as a

From the Rajah of Tanjore consenting to adjust the Company but refusing to pay any sum on account of the Nabob

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deposit, not on account of the Nabobs Claims, but in consideration of the urgency of their own Affairs, that upon this assurance given by Mr Perring in writing, & a promise of a Letter from Do to the same effect he has consented to deposit 4 Lacks of Pagodas on the terms proposed to him — stating the periods at which he will be able to pay this Money, & observing that tho' he has put down the last payment of 2 Lack of Pagodas in June, he thinks it impossible for him to discharge it then, & therefore requests an Allowance of 2 Months Longer.

Mr Perring delivers to the Board the following Copy of the Agreement which he gave to the Rajah & promised to get confirmed by the Board.

To the Rajah of Tanjore

I have delivered you the Letter from Governor & Council which desires you to deposit in the Company's Treasury, the Sum of four Lacks of Pagodas over & above the Sum you annually pay on account of the Troops in Tanjore, for as the Letter in one part of it speaks of the Nabobs Claims & you do not chuse to consent to pay any thing to the Nabob, but as the said Sum of four lacks is necessary for the Company's Affairs & you engage to pay it on condition that it shall be deposited in the Honble Company's Treasury untill the Company send Orders about

Mr Perring's agreement with the Rajah

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at from Europe — I do hereby agree to receive your
engagements for the same on your condition
aforesaid & do promise to send you a written
agreement to that Effect, from the Honble the
Governor & Council on which when you receive you
are to return this Writing, given under my hand
& Seal in Fort St George the 3d January 1778.

Since the Rajah has consented
to deposit the Sum required, it is not very material
under what denomination the Company receive
it particularly as the Money is still subject to their
determination on the disputed Claims of the Nabob who ever may be. The Board have therefore no objection to confirm the purport of the above agreement given by Mr Perring.

Minute thereon

Minute in consequence of Mr Perring

The Board think it their duty to observe that Mr Perring has conducted this Business with the Rajah very expeditiously and very much to their satisfaction & they take a pleasure in bestowing upon him this testimony of their approbation.

With respect to the time which the Rajah desires to pay the last Kist of the 4 Lacks of Pagodas the Board are of Opinion that he can well afford to discharge the whole of that Sum within the term stated in his Letter & they hope & expect that it will be all paid accordingly

Draft of a Letter to the

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Governor General & Council in reply to their Letter
of the 17th September read & approved.

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill

Ed. Burn

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Conformably to the resolutions of yes-
terday the following Letters are dispatched

To Mr Robert Maunsell
for Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen

We have received Your several Letters
We cannot consent to make any ex-
traordinary allowance to Mr James Armstrong Cadet
who was appointed by Captain Chestyre to act as an Ensign

Letter to Ganjam concerning Lieut. Blacker & com. plaint against Capt. Lyaght

Having perused & considered the pro-
ceedings of the Court of Enquiry which you transmitted
to Us, we are of Opinion that Lieut. Blacker & Ensign
Rice are not guilty of the charges laid against them.
but we think the behaviour of the Sepoys was very con-
sistary Irregular.

We transmit these Opinions for the
information of the Parties accused, & We take occasion
here to observe that Lieut. Blacker who commanded the
detachment ought to have given to you a particular
detail of his transactions which he appears not to have
done, tho' we find a circumstantial account of them
in a Letter to his Commanding Officer entered on the
Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry.

Having given our serious attention
to the complaint exhibited by Cornejo against Captain
Lyaght & your sentiments thereon, also Capt.n Lyaghts
Letter to you in consideration of his Conduct We hesitate

At Fort St. George 13th Jan.y 1778.

not a moment to declare that Captain Lysaght has acted highly improper, & as a mark of our displeasure we have directed him to quit his Command & leave your District without loss of time, as you will perceive by the enclosed Letter to him which we send open for your perusal.

Capt.n Lysaght in his Letter to You hath used some expressions upon which we forbear to make any remark until we are furnished with your observations on that Letter

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Jn.o Whitehill &c.a Co.a

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To Captain Arthur Lysaght
Commanding at
Asha

Sir

We have received a Letter from the Council of Ganjam enclosing two Petitions from Cornelio one of the Company's Renters in that District complaining of the personal ill treatment he has suffered from You & suing for redress, & your Letter to the Council at Ganjam in vindication of your Conduct on this occasion has likewise been transmitted to Us.

It is with concern we find a charge of this nature brought against you but as the flagrant disrespect you have shewn in this instance to the

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To Capt.n Lysaght
on
advising of his
removal

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authority of the Company, requires that we should for the sake of example & to give confidence to the Inhabitants under their protection, publickly manifest our resentment in such manner as may prevent the like irregularities in future

We deem it necessary to remove you from the District, & we accordingly direct that on receipt of this Letter you deliver over the Command of Aska to the next Senior Officer, & proceed immediately to the Virragapatam District, where we have resolved you shall be stationed & for the present take charge of Captain Collins's Battalion at Vizianagram. Captain Collins is appointed to the Commans at Aska, & has directions to procud accordingly.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Jn.o Whitehill & Co.s Co.

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To
Mr. Morgan Williams
Sen.r Council at
Virdgapatam

Gentlemen

We have appointed Captain Collins to command at Aska, & ordered Captain Lysaght to take charge of Captain Collins's Battalion at Vizianagram. As Captain Murphy of these appointments will become the senior Officer in your District, he is to have his choice of commands

To Virragapatam
Capt.n Lysaght to take
charge of Capt.n
Collins's Battalion

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at vizianagrum or remaining at Chicacole.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
13th Jan.y 1778.

Your affectionate Friends
Jno. Whitehill
&c.a &c.a &c.a

Came in the following Letter from
the Governor General & Council.

To Morgan Williams Esqr.
Chief & Council of
Viragapatam

Gentlemen

The President & Council at Fort

Letter from Bengal to Viragapatam desiring of their having ordered Capt.n Ogilvie to call there.

St. George on a Letter dated 19th September last have
desired us to order the next Ships to call at your Port
for the purpose of conveying back to them the European
Soldiers who were Lately employed against Veeraun
Raja We have therefore directed Captain Ogilvie
to deliver this to you & to receive on board his
Ship such Men as you may have in readiness
to embark for Madras.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants
Warren Hastings
Rich.d Barwell
P. Francis

Fort William
the 8th Decem.r 1777.

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The foregoing Letter having been
read round to the Members of Council the follow-
-ing Letter is written & dispatched.

To Mr. Morgan Williams
&c. Council at
Viragapatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Viragapa-
-tam the Valanture
having rep'd that
Capt. directed to
provide Vessels
to transport the
Europeans to Mas-
-ras.

As the Valanture which was
ordered to call at Viragapatam in her way from
Bengal, passed that Port by which we were apprd
of a conveyance for the Europeans still remaining
there, we think it proper to direct if there be any Ves-
-sels in your Port, or any probability of Vessels ar-
-riving with you before the 20th February, that you
send the whole or as many of the Troops by them
as possible, otherwise we desire you will march them
overland to Masulipatam with all convenient expedition

Should you forward them by Sea
we would have you give the Artillery Men a preference
if there be not conveyances enough for the whole, such
part as cannot be sent by Sea must be marched
as before directed to Masulipatam.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends
Jno. Whitehill

Fort St. George
11th Jany. 1778.

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The following Letter is written

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to the Chief Engineer

To Lieut. Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir,

The President & Council having taken into consideration your Letter to them of the 15th December I am directed to acquaint you that they have allowed the sum of £2,000 to be expended monthly on the Fortifications & that upon your representation they have resolved that the Countergaard to cover the North East angle shall be constructed; that the Works in hand to the South East shall be finished & as much of the Sea Line as is requisite to protect the Angles: But they direct, that nothing further on the East Front be undertaken for the present.

To Colonel Ross on the Fortifications.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Chas Oakeley Secry

Fort St. George
15th Jan.y 1778.

Dispatched the following Letter to the President & Council at Bombay.

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have received your

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Letter of the 12th December.

To Bombay, cannot lend there any supply of Troops

Our earnest desire of cooperating with you upon all occasions to promote the interest & advantage of our Employers hath led us to consider very maturely the contents of that Letter, & upon the whole we have come to the resolution that it will not be safe or prudent to spare the whole or any part of the Force you have requested at this juncture, because the present posture of affairs gives us reason to apprehend that we may shortly be involved in a War with France in which case we shall want all our Troops & probably stand in need of a considerable reinforcement because our present establishment is incomplete & insufficient for the defence of the possessions belonging to the Nabob the Company & the Rajah of Tanjore whom we have lately taken under our protection, & tho' even were the Establishment even complete the unfinished State of the Fortifications here & at Tanjore would render it unsafe to detach any part of the Force stationed for their security.

These reasons we flatter ourselves will be amply sufficient to excuse us from complying with the request contained in your Letter, at the same time we assure you whenever the situation of Affairs will permit, we shall chearfully contribute all the assistance in our power to advance the general Interests of the Company.

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We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t and

most humble Servants

Jno Whitehill &.a Co

Fort St George
15th Jan.y 1778.

P.S. The Packet for the Governor General & Council accompanied your Letter of the 8th December was forwarded to Bengal as soon as received.

16th Dispatched the following Letter to the Governor Genl & Council.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Letter of the 9th Decem.r

Letter to Fort Wm. Diem on the Political State of our situation with respect to the French & the Country Powers round us.

We acknowledged the receipt of your favor dated the 5th September & informed you of our intention to reply to it in as short time; we shall now in consequence proceed to give you our sentiments in the clearest manner we are able upon the several points stated in that Letter.

Altho' we do not find from the latest intelligence which has been received, that there is any probability of an immediate rupture with any of the States of Europe, yet the unsettled situation of Affairs at home which by the last accounts, was likely to continue for some time

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Longer ought certainly to put Us as much as possible upon our guard against an Event of such importance to the well being of the Company's Possessions in India We shall therefore on our part communicate with You on this subject most chearfully & heartily at all times; to join our best endeavours to maintain the present security

Agreably to your request we have ordered a return of the actual state of the Troops under this Presidency to be made out by which You will perceive that in Europeans we are deficient of the proper Establishment 200 from the five Regiments sent out by the Company for these two or three Years past have proved very inadequate to our wants our Force becomes still more weakened by our late engagements with the Rajah of Tanjore for the protection of his Fort & Country so that we apprehend were any occasion to call for the exertion of our whole strength in the Field We should be very deficient in the proper complement of Europeans, With respect to the means of completing the establishment (concerning which you desire our sentiments) we cannot say that repeated representations have been made to the Court of Directors on this subject but the difficulties they are under in providing Recruits on account of the distance from hence, have as We believe, hitherto prevented their sending the proper Number. We have therefore no means or prospect of completing our Establishment

of Europeans, but with your assistance I submit it to your consideration whether it may be expedient to afford such assistance at this time from your Presidency

Our present Establishment of Sepoys consisting of 29 Battalions or upwards of 23,000 Men is in general complete, five of these Battalions were raised last Year on account of Tanjore, & the late Commander in Chief recommended also that Regiments of Black Cavalry should be maintained by the Company on the same account as soon as sufficient funds could be provided for their purpose, but this measure has not yet been adopted, & the Subsidy paid by the Rajah of Tanjore will not at present admit of our raising any additional Force for the general protection of the Carnatic.

As it is not unreasonable to suppose in case of a War with France that the earliest & most formidable attack will fall on our possessions in India, We deem it an object of great importance to be effectually prepared for resisting the first Efforts of the French which will probably be directed against our Settlements on this Coast; In this view it may be proper to apprize you of the particular situation in which We stand with respect to supplies of Money.

The Revenues of the Company under this Presidency amount by the most favorable Computation to somewhat more than 15 Lacks of Pagodas, of which about 9 Lacks are under the

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immediate management & controul of the Company's
& the remainder arising from the Jaguire & Poonamalee
Farm are under the controul of the Nabob &
accounted for by him to the Company on certain
stipulated Rents. Besides this We receive annually
about 2 Lacks from our Imports & Draughts on
England, With these Funds supposing the Nabob
regular in the performance of his Engagements we
are able to defray our ordinary charges in time of
Peace & provide our investment of near 6 Lacks of
Pagodas, more we cannot do, & our Treasury with the
best economy is never in a condition to answer any
extraordinary Demand that may come upon it.

Being the dependant on the Nabob
not only for the Revenues of the Jaguire & Poona-
malee, but also for the reimbursement of near 4
Lacks of Pagodas expended annually in the payment
of the Troops expressly maintained by the Company
for the defence of the Carnatic, we are frequently sub-
ject to great inconveniences for want of Money, &
We feel them particularly at this time, from the
situation of the Nabob which appears to be, & We
believe really is a good deal embarrassed by an en-
ormous Load of private Debt, for which he had
given Assignments & Orders upon almost the whole
Revenues of the Carnatic, & thereby deprived himself
of the means of fulfilling his engagements punc-
tually to the Company. The Nabob has lately
written Us a Letter informing Us that he has

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concluded certain Articles of Agreement with his private Creditors which have enabled him to disengage his Country entirely from there incumbrances, & he promises to grant no further Assignments of any kind whatsoever upon his Revenues — We have not yet had time to debate on the above Letter, & can only say therefore at present that we shall think it our Duty to take all possible Care that the Nabobs arrangement with his private Creditors does not interfere with or impede the payment of his Debt to the Company for which we shall endeavour to obtain ample provision.

Whilst We continue thus dependant on the Nabob for Money, & have no resources within ourselves to answer any Failure on his part, the Companys Affairs lie continually exposed to danger & we can be at no certainty even for Money to pay the monthly charges of our Troops, a Circumstance which cannot fail of impressing us with very disagreable apprehensions. But if We are liable to this State of insecurity in time of Peace, how much more reason have we to be alarmed should a War find us in a situation so incapable of employing the Forces of the Company with Effect, having no Money in our Treasury, & possessing no controul over the resources of the Carnatic, we should probably in such an Event be reduced to the utmost distress before we could receive the benefit of Foreign Aid.

This Subject has been frequently treated in former advices to the Company from this

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Government many forcible Arguments drawn
from the experience of past times have been produced
to shew the propriety of having always a sufficient
Fund in our Treasury to answer the exigencies of
War. The more We think upon the Subject the more
we are convinced such a Fund is necessary & without it
under the present System, We might be unable
more the Carnatic or the Possessions of the Company
suddenly enable to put our Troops in the Field so
as to employ them to any good purpose; We flatter
ourselves that what We have said will engage your
serious attention, and as the Company's Possessions
on this Coast, be more open to a powerful Invasion
than those of Bengal or Bombay & will in all
probability be the first object of attack in case of
a War with any European State, We doubt not
You will consider of the propriety of sending Us
a sufficient supply of Money to enable Us on an
emergency of this kind to act with vigor, until We
can be further supported from Bengal.

You are pleased to desire our
Opinion upon the best means of making a Diversion
in favor of Bombay when an Enemy appear on that side
of India; We think the French are the only European
Power in a condition to form designs against any of our
Settlements where they to meditate an attack on Bom-
bay the only Diversion which it appears to Us could
be made would be by sending our Troops against
Pondicherry which in its present State would be an

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easy conquest.

With respect to the probable Views and connections of the different Powers around us their strength & resources, these are subjects upon which we can write with little degree of certainty for the means we have in procuring intelligence are not to be depended upon & we cannot put the Company to that expence which is necessary to procure good intelligence without the hazard of incurring blame, however we shall as you Desire give you all the information in our power upon these points.

We shall speak first of the Mahratta Government which holds the first Rank amongst the States of India, for real strength and powerful Resources for War, their present views seem principally turned to the conquest of Hyder Ally who has been the most troublesome Opponent they have met with in the South. Fortunately for Hyder the late intestine Divisions amongst them, have enabled him to recover the greater part of the Countries of which he was dispossessed before the Divisions took place, & he appears now in a condition to resist them with some prospect of success. He has at this time in the Field as we are informed a Force consisting of about 30,000 Sepoys with small Arms, 50,000 Matchlock Men 20,000 Horse & 37 Guns, & the Mahrattas have assembled a Body of 67,000 Horse & about 50000 Matchlock Men & are encamped within five Miles

distance from him. In this situation it is probable an Engagement will very shortly happen which may prove decisive. The Mahrattas expect to be reinforced by Troops from the Soubah of the Decan & his Brother Basalut Jung & if this reinforcement arrive in time, there is little doubt but they will be greatly an overmatch for their Opponent.

With respect to any connections which may have been formed by the Mahratta State we can only speak from conjecture. It seems probable that some engagements may be in agitation or perhaps concluded between that State & the Soubah, & they have lately we believe maintained a close Correspondence with the French as appears from the proceedings of Mr. Kirkpatrick at Poonah & the Grant which they have given to the French at Choule on the Malabar Coast of which you have been already advised.

Hyder Ally's Military Strength as appears by the Force he has now in the Field is very powerful, & the Revenues arising from his different possessions are immense, amounting we believe to 3 Crores of Rupees. His whole attention seems at present engaged by the Mahrattas & his views confined to the preservation of his own Dominions, he has a Vackeel at Pondicherry with Mr. Bellecombe from whom he receives every assistance the French can at present afford him. Mr. Bellecombe as we are advised keeps up a constant Correspondence with Hyder, & endeavours all in his power to engage him in the

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Interests of the French.

The Government of the Soubah,

Nizam, Ally Cawn is so weak, that we believe his chief views are chiefly confined to his own preservation yet it is not probable that he has Lately formed connections with any of the Country Powers, except perhaps some temporary engagements with the Mahrattas. The Nabob has however just received intelligence that a Person of some consideration Lately arrived from the Soubahs Court at Pondichony was received with great respect & civility by Mr Bellcombe, but the purpose of his coming is not as yet known.

With regard to our Friend & ally the Nabob, we shall only say a few words, as his situation is so well known. He has Lately reduced his own Troops considerably, & instead of seven Regiments of Cavalry which he before kept up, he has now only four, the Revenues of his Country may be reckoned from 25 to 30 Lacks of Pagodas annually. The Nabob has no connection, but with the English, we believe them sincerely & steadily attached, & as far as we can judge he has no views independant of their friendship & support.

Our sentiments upon the proper alliance to be formed with any of the other Powers in case of invasion are briefly these.

The Mahratta State is already too powerful, & we are of Opinion that no alliance could be formed with them for our advantage

without entering into Engagements which would tend to aggrandize them still more & ultimately prove dangerous to ourselves. We think Hyder might in such an emergency be made an useful Ally as his Troops are more warlike & better disciplined & better appointed than those of any other Power, but we are afraid the Robot could never be brought to act cordially in such an Alliance as he has long entertained a rooted enmity towards Hyder & hath on several occasions manifested it, in opposition to his own true Interests. As to the Soubah Circle could be gained by a close Union with him, Your Opinion doth in respect to him & the Mahrattas is that We should endeavour in case of a War to prevent their taking part against Us, but that We should prefer Hyder as an Ally, whose assistance might be the most serviceable.

We think it necessary to inform You that We have just received a Letter from the Gentlemen at Bombay requesting that 200 Europeans, a Battalion of Sepoys & artillery Men may be held in readiness at Pondamallah to march to Anjengo at a Moments warning. We have the Honor to enclose a Copy of their Letter & to acquaint You that upon careful Deliberation, we are clear in our Sentiments that such a Force could not in prudence be sent from the Coast at the present Juncture when We have so near a prospect of War, when our establishment is incomplete & when our Fortifications here & the Fortress at Tanjore, are not in so finished a State (which you will observe by the enclosed Reports) as to render it safe to detach any part of the Troops

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stationed for their defence, but were there not even these powerful Motives for declining a compliance with the request of the Gentlemen at Bombay, we should in another view, consider our acquiescense as improper for We conceive the Measure in agitation there will not be undertaken without your consent & approbation, & We should be very unwilling were it even in our power to make such preparations before the measure had the sanction of your concurrence, unless the exigency of the Case were very pressing, which is not apparent from the Letter we have received.

We lately took under consideration the Nabob's Claims on the Rajah of Tanjore which were repeatedly brought before the Gentlemen of the last Administration, & frequent Demands were made of the Rajah to deposit a Sum of Money on that account into the Company's Treasury, until the Decision of the Court of Directors on the Nabob's Claims could be had, but the Rajah was so positive in his refusal to make any payments in behalf of the Nabob, that nothing was obtained from him. when the matter came before Us we thought it so reasonable that the Rajah should deposit a sum of Money for the purposes abovementioned, that We came to the Resolution of requiring from him 4 Lacks of Pagodas on this account, & were the more induced to this step from a review of the low state of our Finances, & the consideration that such a Sum remaining even in deposit in their our

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reach would be acceptable to the Company

Upon these Principles we proceeded

& thinking that the Business might be sooner & more

effectually concluded by deputing a Member of our

Board to negociate with the Rajah, than by corr.

respondence of Letters, We sent Mr.r Porring on that

Service which he executed in a few days very much

to our satisfaction.

The Rajah shewed the same aversion

to the Nabob's Claims, that he had manifested upon

every former application but consented to deposit the

Money from a Motive of friendship to the Company &

subject to whatever Orders they might send out

on the controverted Claims. The Rajah represented

his inability to compleat the payment of so consid.

erable a Sum from his Revenues in less than six

Months having besides this Money 3 Lacks of Pagodas

to pay in the course of the next four Months on account

of his annual subsidy to the Company, We therefore

agreed to receive the Deposit from him in the follow.

ing Payments Viz.t on 30th January 50,000

30th February . . . 100,000

30th March . . . 50,000

30th April . . . 50,000

30th May . . . 50,000

30th June . . . 100,000

400,000

We have formerly explained to

you particularly the influence acquired by the French

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in the Guntoor Circar, & the Troops of that Nation
entertained in the Service of Basalut Jung. The pre-
sent State of this which is commanded by a Mr De
Lally, is one Troop of European Cavalry one of Indian
consisting of one hundred each, two Companies of
Topasses two thousand Sepoys & four thousand Peons.

The Zemindars of Goomsur situated
in the District of Ganjam having frequently withheld
his Tribute, & being now considerably in arrear to
the Company we have deemed it necessary to asem-
ble a Force consisting of two Battalions & six companies
of Sepoys, in order to compel this Zemindar if necessary
to pay his Arrears, but we hope he may be induced
by these preparations to discharge what is owing from
him without reducing us to that necessity

Since writing the foregoing we
have received intelligence from Hyder's Country of so
late a date as the 8th Instant, by which we find that
Hyder attacked the Mahratta Army on the night
of the 5th Instant & gained a considerable advantage
over them, the particulars are explained in the Paper
of Intelligence & We have the pleasure to transmit
a Copy of it for your perusal.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants

Fort St George
16th Janry 1778

Jno Whitehill
&c

At Fort St. George 19th Jan.y 1778.

At a Consultation present

Monday the 19th

John Whitehill Esq.r Gov.r President
Charles Smith Sam.l Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The Board now proceed to take into consideration the following Memorandums delivered to Mr. Perring by the Rajah of Tanjore

Memorandums of things to be Resolutions of the Board settled by the Governor & Council

January 1777

Par 1st

In the Year 1762 the Army of Hanamuntagoty Countries belonged to me together with their Forts; notwithstanding the Company have been pleased to restore my Kingdom to me & have ordered that every thing should remain on the footing on which they stood that Year the Rajah still retains possession of them these Countries must be taken from him & restored to me.

Nothing can be done here, as the matter has been referd to the Company.

The Baard's Resolutions on the Memorandums delivered to Mr. Perring by the Rajah of Tanjore

2 Formerly a Tappy was established to convey Letters to & from my Vackeel at Poney who waited upon the Governor

The President reports that he spoke to the Rajah who has consented that the Tappals should be established as usual

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Memorandums to facilitate this communi-cation; the Rabob lately by seizing my Toppy's which carried Letters through his Country has put a stop to this Custom & my Affairs have in consequence received very great interruption. The Rabob must therefore be spoken to & my Toppies es-tablished according to custom beyond Disputa

Resolutions of the Board

3d It has been cus-tomary for me from time immemorial to plant dumb along the Banks of the Veiar & Cavery as far up as the Island Cavery - I am now prevented from doing so by the Rabobs People, my right must therefore be fixed beyond dispute to plant dumb along the Banks of the Veiar and Cavery & to build & repair the same at when necessary ac-cording to Custom.

The Board

Resolved that the Rabob commands a com-to the repairs of the Annicut & mill give proper Orders to his Amildar at Trichinopoly & Tanjore be directed to assist the Work-men employed on this Service in order that the Work may be finished as soon as possible.

4th The French the Dutch & the Danes have always paid me a Pescash on

The Rajah has been ready written to on these Points.

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Memorandums Resolutions of the Board

account of their Different Debts.

ments in my Country, I leave
must therefore be given Ord.s
to write them Letters to send my
Agents thither & summon their
Agents to attend me that I
may be enabled to obtain
this Pursuit.

5 The annual Ord.s
Watchers & Riots of my Country
take refuge in Nagapatam
Carrical & Tranquebar by
which I suffer a very great
Loss; Ord.s must therefore be
given to the People of these
Settlements not to protect my
Subjects in future; if they per-
sist in protecting them, Ord.s
must be given to the Com-
mandant of Tanjore to seize
& bring such People to me.

The Tondemans
People enter my Country to
plunder & destroy it; Ord.s
must be given to prevent
the like in future & if they
persist that Ord.s be given
to the Commandant to
retaliate upon them.

Ord.s and that Colonel
Horne be directed to prevent
any plundering or Distur-
bances in the Rajah's Country
& also that a Letter be
written to the Nabob
on this Subject.

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Memorandums Resolutions of the Board.

The Troops in the Agreed that the Rajah
Country are not sufficient. be desired to explain what he
Orders must therefore be given means by this Request, as the
to station 2 Battalions of Sc. Board do not clearly under-
stand it.
Troops there which was formerly
by the Custom.

The Natches of
my Country take refuge in
the Nabobs Districts from
whence they make incur-
sions to plunder & distress
my People — Orders must
therefore be given to prevent
the Nabob from giving
them protection in future, &
if he persists that the Com-
mandant here receive Or-
ders to seize upon them.

The Nabob to be
written to on this Subject.

All these things must be settled.

Read the following Letter
from Lieut.t Colonel Ross with a Report from
Major Stevens.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have the Honr to lay before you
Major Stevens's last Report of the State of the Works

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To Lieut. Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer
Sir,

From Colonel Ross accompanying Letter from Major Stevens respecting the State of the Works at Tanjore

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of Tanjore, and am most respectfully
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col.o & Chief Engineer

I have this day the pleasure to acquaint you that the Gorge of the Citty Fort at Tanjore is closed in, its Rampart most good - that the Sally ports at P & five Vaults are kept as the springing of the Arches & the Earth made good to that height, & as I have begun a Kiln of Bricks, I hope to have the Arches turned in a few Days, & before the end of the month to have the other Sally Port at N in great forwardness — The plastering of the inside of the Officers Quarters mentioned in my last is finished & that Building completed with Doors & Windows.

The Contractor has completed the Rampart on the great Fort from the South East Angle to within 250 Yards of the East Gate which would also have been by this time nearly done had it been possible to remove the Inhabitants Houses which encumber that part of the ground to come at the foundation — He has also completed one of the Expence Magazines which

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was left on the North Front.

In the Little Fort I have built up the Breach made by taking down the South East Angular Tower & compleated part of the Parapets near that Angle to the height of the Coping. The foundation of part of a retaining Wall of the South Rampart has been laid & part of the Reform in the Faune Bray before it carried on.

I am now taking down one of the Towers on the East Front of the little Fort next that immediately to the Southward of the Sally Port & I am proceeding with the reform of the South front with the Contractors People 'till the Eastern Rampart of the great Fort can be got ready. Workmen are also employed on the Parapets of the two Forts but principally in the little one; & in two or three days I shall begin to underbuild a part of the Old Faune Bray Wall on the East Front of the little Fort which had given way so far as to oblige me to break it up to the Foundation. — Workmen are also employed on the Coloraun Laying Floors Shelves &c. for the accommodation of Stores — As the Weather seems now Fair I shall also soon begin to plaister the outside of the Officers Quarters.

I have now to acquaint You that the remainder of the Walls at Vellum which I informed you in my last was ready for Loading, has since been taken down with the usual success & that Capt. Dugood has

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now returned to his duty at Tanjore

I have just now received the
Directions of the Honble President through your
undrs date the 1st Instant & have in consequence
thereof sent Orders to Mr. Mathews to desist till the
Directions of the Board be obtained on that Head

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Will.m Stevens
D.r Engineer

Tanjore
4th Decem.r 1777.

Read Letter from Mr. Geo. Brudnell

as follows

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

Honble Sir &.a &.a

From Mr. Brudnell requesting to with-draw his Letter desiring to resign the Service

Have on the 24th of August
last delivered a Letter to the Board, requesting
their permission to resign the Honble Company's
Service; in order to proceed to Europe on busines
of the utmost consequence; but having been
greatly disappointed in the opportunity of a passage
which at that time offered I have to request
the favor that you will be pleased to withdraw
the said Letter of resignation, & permit me to
return to my duty in the Honble Company's

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Service

Jam

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your very humble Servant

Geo. Brudenell

Fort St. George

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The Board are of Opinion and accordingly resolve that Mr. Brudenell's request can not be complied with.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Jones Paymaster at Tanjore.

To

Mr. Charles Oakeley

Military Secretary

Sir,

Be pleased to acquaint the Honble the President & Council that I have agreable to the President's Order, received of the Rajah, the Sum of twenty four thousand Star Pagodas /24,000/ out of which I have supplied the Vellum Paymaster with /2,500/ two thousand five hundred agreable to his Indent. — Also be pleased to inform the Honble Board, that I shall require only the Sum of 21,000 Pagodas for my next Months Disburse-ments, which order I have to request may be sent as early as convenient; The Rajah having signified to me his Desire of having seven or eight days notice in case I am to receive of him any future supplies

From the Paymaster of Tanjore, received 24000 Pags from the Rajah

Jam

Sir

Your most Obt. Hble Servant

Chas. Edwd. Jones Pay.r

Tanjore

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Agreed that the Rajah be desired to pay this Sum to Mr. Jones.

The Secretary lays before the Board the Proceedings of a Committee on Europeans unfit for Duty held the 26th & 27th Dec.r last & on black Officers & Sepoys held the 27th Decem.r which are approved.

Report of Comm.e on Soldiers unfit for duty approved

Also a List of Men unfit for Duty recommended by the Committee to be sent home as unworthy of the Company's Provision & of Men who have served their contracted time & solicited their discharge

Also List of Men unworthy the Provision.

Ordered that the abovementioned Persons be sent home on the Houghton.

The above Men to be sent home

Letter from the Superintendant of the Nabobs accounts read.

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

The Honble Directors

Under the head of Suspense Account in the Superintendants Books the Company at present sustain a Loss of one Thousand Star Pagodas which was taken from a Gobah Peon going with that Sum to the Paymaster at Camp in Septem.r 1775. but as that Money was sent on the Service of the Nabob I apprehend that he should stand to the Loss of it, & that it should accordingly be charged to his Account.

From the Superintendant of the Nabobs accounts desiring to know how he is to carry certain Debits from Mr. Palmer &c.a accounts

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Mr. Archdale Palmer stands indebted on the Superintendants Books for the Sum of Pag.s 4207.11.11 being for the amount of Sundry Expences at different times of the Fork of Madura, charged in his account Current with the Commissary Gene.ral the 31st July 1771, which the Honble the Presi.dent & Council at that time could not admit. This matter is very fully explained in a Letter from Mr. Palmer to the President & Council the 30th August 1771, & report of the Committee of Accounts the 19th Septem.r following with the Orders of the Board thereon, entered in the Minutes of Consul.tation in the Military Department the 9th & 23 Septem.r 1771, & on which together with the prec.eding Article, I request your Honor & you will favor Me with your Orders.

I am

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Fort St. George
22d Decem.r 1777

George Proctor

The Nabob to be applied to on the Subject

Ordered, that the Board do not Examine into the Circumstances of this Loss, nor any report on the Records concerning the same for which Mr. Palmer stands debited to the Nabob & that he be asked whether it shall be charged to his account or not.

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Read two Letters from the Prabob entered in Country Correspondence No. 5 the former accompanying Intelligence of a victory gained by Hyder over the Mahrattas the latter accompanying Pags 30000 on account of current charges.

Letter from the Prabob with Dispatches of Intelligence & Pagodas

Read Letter from Mr. George Campbell Assistant Surgeon.

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

Honble Sirs

The Subject of the following relation being of some importance to me, & this apparently trifling, will I hope plead in excuse for the Liberty I take, in intruding upon the attention of the Honble Board, at a time, when matters infinitely more important may demand it.

From Mr. George Campbell on the Subject of his Rank as Assist. Surgeon

Mr. Finlay Ferguson a Surgeons Mate belonging to the Fleet commanded by Admiral Harland, some time in the Month of April, or May 1778, having applied to be admitted into the Honble Company's Service as an Assistant Surgeon, was accordingly recommended to the Honble Board by Mr. Pasley, & Surgeons Assistants being much wanted, the Board would receive him into the Service, provided he procured Admiral Harlands permission to quit his Station on Board of the Fleet — not procuring this permission Mr.

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Mr. Ferguson, continued in his Station in the Fleet
till the beginning of Septem.r 1774, the time
of his sailing for England, from whom he first entered
this Service.

In the interval between his first
application for admission, & his first beginning
to do duty in this Service, in July 1773 was ad-
mitted, & sent to Vellore on duty, & Dr. Ferrier in
December of the same Year, was permitted to resign
his Commission in the Army, & was appointed an
Assistant Surgeon.

Mr. Ferrier & I accordingly imagi-
ned ourselves Mr Ferguson's Seniors in the Service,
& never could have doubted it, but for a circum-
stance which happened in September 1776, viz.
Mr. Ferguson's being permitted to draw for arrears
of Pay, from the Month of May 1773 to the end of
August 1774, a period during which he was doing
duty & receiving pay in his Majesty's Fleet, From
this circumstance he lays claim to seniority, over
both Mr Ferrier & Me, altho' both of us did duty
in this Service, many Months previous to his entering
it, & while he was actually doing duty in another
Service, & receiving pay in it.

Now the intention of this above
Honble Sir Josias, is humbly to request, that you
would be pleased to take under your consideration
the above relation, & should it appear to You, that
Mr. Fergusons admission into this Service, was
conditionally, as he procured Admiral Harland's permission

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to joint his Station in the Fleet, which it is certain he did not till September 1778. For till then he never did any duty on this Service, nor did he draw any pay altho' a good part of the time at Madras, which he certainly would have done, had he thought himself entitled to it, & had he not been then actually receiving pay from his Majesty — I say, should it appear to You from the facts above stated, that Mr Ferguson's rank in this Service should commence at the time of his procuring Admiral Harland's permission to leave the Fleet, & his beginning to do duty on this Service, I humbly request you would be pleased to give such Orders as may prevent the effect, which the indulgence Mr Ferguson met with on having these Arrears granted him, may have at a future period, in countenancing his claim, to rank above Mr Forbes & Mr

I have not the smallest doubt, that had the Honble Board, at the time of Mr Ferguson's application for these Arrears, so long after they had become due, if ever he had a right to them, known that by granting this indulgence to him, they were doing a prejudice to those of the Company, they never would have consented to it, For it was at a time, a few months after the commencement of Mr Hastings's Government when a great variety of business, must have prevented their examining a trifling circumstance of this kind with any attention

I

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I have the honor to be
Honble Sirs &c. &c. &c.
with the greatest respect
Your most Obedient
& most Devoted Servant
Geo. Campbell
Surgeon

Fort St George
13th Decemr 1777

Ordered that Mr Pasley the
Chief Surgeon be desired to report the State of the
Facts mentioned in this Letter.

Mr Pasley to be applied to on the Subject

Report of Oil used in different Garrisons, ordered in consequence of a Minute on the charge of Oil for Poonamalee read as follows.

Wide Consults. the

Oil charged at Vellore in October 1777 by Mr
Caramajor Paymaster at Vellore for Europeans.

Report of Oil used in different Garrisons

Europeans 2 Batns 2 Regiment
@ 12 Seers P Day is -- 372 P month
For Artillery 1 Do ... 31 Do
Invalids & Pensioners 3/4 ... 2 3/4
426 1/4 Puckaseers
is Pags ---------- 2/. 5. 12

Oil charged at Trichinopoly in
October 1777 by Mr Morris Paymas.
for 413 Europeans
574 @ 12 Seers P Pagoda Pags - 47/. 35/. 6

George Proctor
Surgt

Ordered that the charge of Oil
for Poonamalee be limited to Pags 40 P Month.

Poonamallee to be limitted to 40 P monthly for Oil

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Mr Pasley having recommended

Mr Nicol Dr Peiin appointed Surgeon

Mr Nicol Drein Assistant Surgeon as properly

Dr Nicol Drein appointed Surgeon

qualified, Agreed, that he be promoted to the Rank

of Surgeon.

Read Letter from the Sepoy Agent

as follows.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President, Governor &c &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Sepoy Agent representing the deficiency of Cloth delivered for Sepoy Clothing

Agreable to your Orders I have

now Delivered an Estimate of the expence

of Sepoy clothing for this Year, if I could have done

it with exactness, but the alteration made in the

Skirts of the Jackets having rendered it necessary

to cut the cloth to exact shapes, instead of tearing

it, as was the practice in all former Years, this has

taken more time than usual as the People are not

accustomed to that method.

It has likewise happened that

the Cloth which I have received from the Import

Warehousekeeper has proved unusually deficient both

in Length & Breadth particularly in the latter, many

Pieces wanting one & & than two inches of the usual

Breadth, & upon trial, it is found, that three Jackets

more can be cut out of a Piece of the full breadth

than out of one of these narrow ones.

I have taken the Liberty to re-

present this Circumstance to your Honor &c at this

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time, that you might, if you think it deserves notice, mention it in your dispatches to the Honble Company, in order that this abuse at home, may be prevented in future.

I think it proper to mention, that the Customs for the Import Warehouse keeper has been charging an advance of 7 1/2 ₰ Cent on the different kinds of Cloth furnished for Sepoy Clothing, whereas for the Military Clothing, no more than what is called prime Cost, is charged; this alone increases the expence of the former about 3000 Pags ₰ Annum. I therefore beg leave to submit it to your consideration whether this practice ought to be continued before I lay the estimate before You.

The new clothing for the three Battalions in this Garrison being ready to be delivered, I request you will be pleased to appoint a Committee to inspect the same, & compare them with the Musters before they are given out; & if approved upon this examination it will prevent any future complaint.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your faithfull

humble servant

Geo: Moubray

Dy. for Sepoy Clothing

Fort St George

9th Janry 1778

If the deficiencies complained of in the foregoing Letter be true they must be represented to the Company. Ordered, that in future the Sepoy Agent do examine with the Import Warehousekeeper

To be presented

Jame the Sepoy Agent

to examine the Cloth

with the Import-

. warehousekeeper

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the Cloth intended for Sepoy Clothing & report any de-
ficiency that may appear. Ordered that a Copy of
the Par.a respecting the deficiency be delivered to
the Import Warehouse Keeper that he may report
upon it, with respect to the price to be charged for
the Cloth, & it must the same accordingly

Read Letter from Captain Fraser

To Cribble Sir & Sirs,

In consequence of the general
Orders which I have just received, I send the enclos'd
State of my account current with the Nabob.

His as particular as I am able
to make it with the assistance of such Papers as I
have here.

I am with the respect
To Cribble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Chas Fraser

From Capt.n Fraser with the State of his Accounts with the Nabob

H.H. Highness the Nabob Wauljah in account with Capt.n Chas Fraser Dr

To Cash paid in Subsisting the Garison of Rammadapooram during the time I commanded it. Viz.t From the 18th of Janry 1775 till the 8th of Septr 1776 — 13000

To Cash paid the Honble Edwd Monckton on account of the Nabob's Son in Law Samson Ul Dowlah Bahr for which I had the security of 12 of the principal Inhabitants of the Poonamalee Country — 4000

By a Bond executed 30th Novr 1776 & the Int.t thereon to the 30th Novr 1777 — 3132

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To Interest on the above Sum from June 75 till Novr 1776 — 720

To Cash Lent the Country People to pur. chase Seed for the ground — 1300

To my own appointments whilst I com. manded at Rammandapooram — 7000

To Interest on the above 28020 Pags for 1 Year, from 30th Novr 76 till 30th Novr 77 — 3362

31382

I have received a Tunka on the Arcott Country for the above Bond; But wether any part of it be paid, I cannot yet tell — and there is due to me some Pags since the date of the Bond.

31382

Errors excepted
Vide agapatam Decr 2d 77
C. Fraser.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Lang.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel Lang recommending Ensign Dalrymple to be Adjutant to the 1st Battalion

The Post of Adjutant to the eleventh Lawnatic Battalion of Sepoys being now vacant by the late appointment of Lieut. Douglas; I beg leave to recommend Ensign James Dalrymple of the same Battalion to be appointed Adjutant in his room.

I am
Honble Sirs
Your very Obedient Servant
Ros Lang

Fort St. George
19th Jan.y 1778.

The foregoing Recommendation of Ensign James Dalrymple being approved Board that a Commission be made out for him accordingly.

Approved

There being five Vacancies in

Fort St. George 19th Jan.y 1778.

The List of Ensigns the following Gentlemen the first in Rank upon the List of Cadets sent out by the Com.y are appointed Vizt

Date of Rank

Francis Seymour Cosby

Robt Montague Strange

Philip Sulivan

Simeon Stewart

George Bruce

Read Letter from Colonel Laing

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs &c.

From Colonel Laing recommending the Sons Hart & Monckton as Cadets.

I beg leave to recommend Messrs Thomas Hart & John Meanckton to be appointed Cadets on this Establishment

I am

Honble Sirs &c.

Your very Obedient Servant

Ross Lowis

Fort St. George

19th Jan.y 1778.

Recommendation Approved

Resolved that Messrs Hart and Meanckton be admitted, but that no more Cadets be appointed.

Read the following Letter from the Council at Gingee.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

We transmit you Copy of Capt.n Lysaght's answer to the letter we wrote him on the 5th. inst. & Copy of Corneja's complaint.

From Gonjam with Copy of Capt. Lysaghts answer to Cornejas complaint. & further Observations on his Conduct.

Captain Lysaght having avoid'd his cruel treatment of Cornejia without producing a single Circumstance that tends to his exculpation, we shall add but little to the remarks we have already made on his Conduct.

If Cornejia were in reality a Person of mean origin & destitute of property, as Capt.n Lysaght describes, we would readily leave it to your humanity to determine whether in the present Case those Circumstances could justly be urged to his reproach, but the fact is, as we have always understood, that the Man whom Capt.n Lysaght calls a vagrant from Persia, is the Son of a considerable Merchant at Surat, but having had the misfortune to incur the displeasure of a rigid Father, left his Country in search of that happiness which he could not expect under the roof of a Parent whose affections were alienated. He has been known for several Years to every Member of this Board, nor did we ever hear any thing to his disadvantage, until clashing Interests made him the object of Captain Lysaghts resentment.

Captain Lysaght does not expressly say that he was ignorant of Cornejias being appointed by Mr. Maunsell to the management of the Aska Pergunnah, but it is clearly implied in the following passage of his Letter — "As you Gentlemen

"were inform me that he is a Servant of Government,
"you may rest assured that he shall not meet with
"any further interruption from me, & that he may
"proceed in his business without Let or Molestation."
Me therefore think it necessary to repeat to your Honor
& the that We have the most undoubted proof that
Captain Lyraght was informed of the circumstance
abovementioned, when he was lately at Tanjore on his
way to Arkat. It appears to Us very extraordinary
that Captain Lyraght should have been ignorant
of Cornegies having obtained the rent of the Dara
caste Country, particularly as his own Servants was
Cornegies Competitor) if it is matter of still greater
surprise to Us that he should be so totally unac-
quainted with the System of Renting used to
know that all Farms continue under the charge
of the last Renter until another is appointed, but
on all events he might easily have obtained in-
formation sufficient to deter him from the out-
rage he has committed, if that sense of duty to
the Company & of respect to this Board of which
he is now so liberal in his professions, had pro-
ted him to make the Enquiry.

Captain Lyraght has thought
proper to observe that any consequence Cornegies
Trade acquired must have arisen from his lend-
ing his Name to certain Gentlemen to serve parti-
cular purposes; this passage which seems intended
to raise in your Honor & suspicions to the dis-
vantage of some of the Members of this Board

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Mr. Oakes begs leave to elucidate, by informing Your Honor &ca that Bourgies Proposals for renting the assigns Villages of Daracoote were on their Joint account, & he begs Leave further to observe that he engaged with Bourgie in this Concern from a perfect reliance on his fidelity, as as he is unconscious of having been actuated herein by any motive inconsistent with his duty to the Company he hopes your Honor &ca will not disapprove of the transaction this is the only instance of Bourgies being concerned directly or indirectly with any Member of this Board

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

R. Maunsell

Tho.s Dyneley

Rob.t Hughes

Js Oakes

Ganjam
3d Decr 1777

To Robert Maunsell Esqr

Pr Council of

Ganjam

Gentlemen,

From Capt. Forsyth on the above subject reflecting on Mr. Oakes's connection with Bourgie

I am this day favored with your Letter of Yesterdays date, by Postile of which I am apprehensive that I have been so unfortunate as to incur your displeasure, which at any time would give me much concern, but more especially

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At this juncture, What the Man called Clive Last
forth in his Petition relating to my chastising
him, is Literally true, but my surprise at being
told that he is a Company's Renter can only be ex-
ceeded by my astonishment. It is near three months
since I informed almost every Gentleman at Consul
that this fellow was an infamous Lying Fellow,
that he had propagated falsehoods, which not only
tended to create differences between some of the
Gentlemen of your Settlement & Me, but such as
likewise reflected on the justice & impartiality of your
Board, & that he had concluded the whole by denying
every syllable of what he had said, all this I declared
upon my Word & Honor, that he repeated to me almost
word for word what I was informed he had before
said to others adding to his first villainy an aggra-
vation of any having advanced a falsehood. After
this could I have supposed that any Gentleman
would have thought of employing this Man and
Sir, that he should have been entrusted with any
part of the Company's property. Had I conceived him
to have been a Renter of the Company's, my duty to the
Service & the respect I owe your Board would have prevent-
ed me (as it did before) from giving him the
chastisement, which he has now so deservedly re-
ceived, or had the Man himself or Mr Oakes
a Member of your Board who stood by the whole
time mention his being a Renter I should most
likely (although incensed at Times by the greatest provo-
cation) have desisted but neither one or the other

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thought proper to mention a Syllable of it to Me, glad I suppose to have cause of complaint; as you Gentlemen now inform Me that he is a Servant of Government, you may rest assured, that he shall not meet with any further interruption from Me, & that he may proceed in his Business, without Let or Molestation. But should you Gentlemen resolve on laying this affair before the Governor & Council, (as I am apprehensive that they may be led to believe that this Affair, is a Person of Family & Consequence in the Country) I must take the Liberty to request that when you address the Honble Board on this Subject, you will at the same Time inform Them, that he is a Vagrant from Persia, who Lately strayed into the Country without Family or Property, & that any consequence he may have required must have arisen from his lending his Name to certain Gentlemen to serve particular purposes.

I cannot conclude without making some kind of remark upon the accusation which you Gentlemen have thought proper to add to the first one namely, that I have been guilty of a breach of promise, which I absolutely deny in the present Case, & detest in all others, & if three out of the four Gentlemen, who at present compose your Board will take the trouble to recollect a little, they surely must remember my having told them at the time the first Petition was supposed to be before the Board, that I never could Forget the Fellow's behaviour to Me & that I would undoubtedly put my threats

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into execution whenever his Corps was expired, which two of the three acknowledged he richly deserved, & as for Mr Smith, I have such an Opinion of his candor as to rest assured that he will inform the Honble Board that the only promise I made was, that until the Corps was expired, & he had settled his accounts there depending he should not be interrupted by me, but that as long as I held Station I could forget this Circumstance to me. And I must take the Liberty to add that I think it would have been more consistent with your Declarations of former Clemency, had you condescended to communicate to me the purport of the Petition before you actually transmitted it to the Honble Board, which if you had done, I flatter myself I could have saved you & them much trouble

I am with much respect

Gentlemen

Your most humble

and Obedient Servant

(signed) Arthur Lysaght

Askd
29th Decr 1777.

A true Copy

Fits Wm Barrington
Sct Secretary.

The Board execut.
pots Mr Oakes
entirely.

The Board excuse Capta Mr Oakes entirely from Blame in the transaction relative to the Captain Lysaghts Letter, as Europeans were allowed by order of the Board to bid for Farms.

Read the following Letters from the Council at Gongaroo

To

Fort St George 19th Jan.y 1778

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Lyraght arrived here yesterday Morning & waited upon the Board to aprize us that the differences which had lately arisen should be attended with no detriment to the public Service & that he should implicitly be guided by our regulations on every respect.

Letter from Gan.jam.

We have this Moment received a Letter from him desiring we will take the earliest opportunity of informing your honor &c.a of his having made us these assurances.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Ganjam
1st Jan.y 1778.

R.t Maunsell
Thos Dyneley
Robt Hughes
T. Oakes

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we transmit to your Honor &.a Copy of our Consultations of the 24th

From Ganjam with their Consultation of 24th Dec.r 1777.

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Ultimo, the Subject of which We beg Leave to sub-
mit to your consideration & request your Orders
in consequence

We are with the greatest respect

Gentle Sirs &c Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Ganjam
5th Jan.y 1778

R.t Maunsell
Thos Dymeley
Robt Hughes
Ts Oakes

At a Consultation present

Wednesday
24th Dec.r 1777

Robert Maunsell Provisional Chief
Thomas Dymeley Robt Hughes
Thomas Oakes.

Received the following Letter
from the Paymaster at Aska enclosing a Correspon-
dence between him & the Surgeon there

To Robert Maunsell Esq.r
Pr.t Council of
Ganjam

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to be under the
necessity of laying before you the Letters that have
passed between me & Mr. Morton the Surgeon for
in regard to his Hospital charge for the month of
November for order to explain some particulars

From the Paymas.r
at Aska on the
Subject of Hospital charg.s
with Surgeon
Letters on the Subject

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parts of his Letters it is necessary to inform You that I was then days in the beginning of last Month buried with my Payments since, during which time no Bill whatever was presented from Mr. Martin, other Business called me hence the third at night & the next morning I sent the enclosed Bill to my Ser. vant who paid it in like manner as I had done the two preceding Months — I beg leave to refer You to the enclosed correspondence, & shall only remark in answer to Mr. Martin's Allegations & intimoga. tions, that the reason I did not object to his Bills for September & October was, because it had not been to that time determined whether Mr. Martins pre. tensions to a fixed Hospital Fee would be admitted by the Honble President & Council, to whom the Board of Ganjam had understood submitted the affair. The Honble Board's Orders purporting that all the sick should be sent down to the Hospital at Ganjam were received here & made known the 13th Ultimo, which it was natural to imagine would have sensibly lessened his charge, whereas the Bill for November amounts to considerably more than the two preceding Months together. In conse. quence of a Letter I received from the Secretary in. forming me that Mr. Martin wants be allowed a Convenient, I did not conceive it was meant to have reference to time past, & therefore I acquainted Mr. Martin upon his speaking to me on the subject that I could pay him House Rent only from this time, & that it was necessary he should return into

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Since the Tents I've had been furnished with upon his first application, very shortly after his arrival here, I shall hope to have accomplished myself from the charges which Mr Martin exhibits against me, as I conceive in an unbecoming stile of reprobation, I could further hope that Measures may be taken to prevent my being a sufferer owing to an inadvertency which many particular Circumstances generate to, in paying a Bill which I am sensible cannot with the least propriety be admitted in my Accounts

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Js Oakes Paymaster

Asked
17th Decr 1777

Mr. Martin

Sir,

Since the return of my Brother he has shown me your Hospital charge for last month, independantly of its not being drawn out according to the regulations, it amounts to so considerable a Sum that I do not think myself authorized to enter it in my accounts without an Order, Therefore return it you, if desire you will Look the same to my Son and who will wait on You for that purpose — The Payments did not call me from Oake until the 3 at night, & had your bill been proved to me before that time as ought to have been done it would have saved my Brother the Trouble

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now falls on him, & have saved you & me the trouble
it occasions.

I am

Sir

Your very humble Servant
T. Oakes Pay.r

Ganjam
8th Decr 1777.

To Thomas Oakes Esqr

Sir

I am extremely sorry that my
Return was not ready before your Leaving Aska, but
if you consider the poor State of my Health then I will
appear excusable to You & to every body else.

If you find any thing which
you think contrary to the Regulations, I beg you will
Let me know, it shall be altered directly, but if you
consider that the Sums is too considerable only, that it is
not an objection, for my Return is signed by the two
Captains to whom the Sick belong; — if the Garrison is
is stronger than usual, the better for me. I only draw
what the Honble Company allows to its Surgeons every
where. When I drew in October 35 Pagodas you did not
offer me more, by what right can you refuse me
my due: You are authorized to pay what the rest also.
thinks allow, & Ask you no more, only I repeat to You
that if there's any Errors to Let me know & be certain,
that my intentions are not to do any prejudice to any
Man no more than to myself. I will keep the very
return till your answer only observe that is signed by
three Gentlemen.

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Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Jn.o Martin Surgeon

Mr. Martin

Sir

In answer to your Letter received
last night I am to inform You that your Bill is not
drawn out agreably to the Regulations as well in
regard to the charge of fanams 2.64 for each
Man, as the calculation of fanams to a Pagoda from
what I recollect of it — Your caution to me to observe
that the Bill is Signed by three Gentlemen cannot
from the nature of my Employ Save the smallest
weight; my own Judgement is the sole criterion
as far as regards myself, & my sufficient authority
for the Bill is exceptionable to Me not only for the
reasons before assigned, but also for its considerable
amount when I have not understood either that you
are allowed an Hospital on the terms of the Contract,
or that it has been provided under that idea, I must
again desire you to return the Money to my Servant
you received from him, when You will pursue such
means of redress as may seem most expedient & consis.
tent with Form

I am

Sir

Ganjam
18th Dec.r 1777.

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Your Obedient
humble Servant
(sign.d) Ts. Oakes Pay.r

To Thomas Oakes Esq.r

Sir

I received your second Letter on the same Subject to which I answered you by observing the 16th Article of the Regulations Page 66, "The Honble "Company shall pay or cause to be paid to the Surgeon, "besides the 2 Pagodas, or 2 Fanams 64 Cash p day, for Fanams "p day the Fanams to be accounted for 36 p Pagoda."

As far as I recollect I have drawn my Bill according to that Order, the 6 Fans p day I have accounted at 42 the Pagoda, only the 2 Fans 64 Cash I have accounted at 36, if there is any Error, here good as to show me it & I will heartily alter my Bill, & not for any other reasons, or considerations.

However, as your doubt if I am allowed after thereto of the public Contract, I suppose the Honble Company never meant that I should be excepted, & you might supposed it too, at every place where a Surgeon is fixed the Contract is in full force, more over at Ellore, Chingleput, Samuelcottah, Chicacole &c the Contract is allowed at the above places, tho there are no full Surgeons, & I have had it during 10 Years, that I am a Surgeon in the Service why should I be deprived of it now? I am sorry to remark you are the first Paymaster in the Service, who hath objected to what the regulations allow, if you were so doubtful of my right in that case why did you not object too

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Months before? you say that the Signatures of the three Gentlemen cannot have the smallest weight on your Judgement but it will be of great weight to me, being two ancient Servants of the Company's & the Captains of the sick enclosed in my return I dare repeat to you, that the Scurvy is not an objection at all, & if the Season is more unwholesome, & the Garrison stronger than usual, it is the better for me. We expect six Companies more, & my Hospital will not diminish for it.

I inclose you the returns & you may act as you think proper, for my part, I am very certain that the intention of the Honble Company is to have their duty well & duly performed, & not to deprive any of its Subjects of their dues.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant.

(Signed) John Martin Surgeon

Asked
15th Decr 1777.

Mr Martin

Sir

As you have enclosed your Hospital Charge in the Letter I last night received from you, I am loth to imagine you do not think proper to pay back its amount, but wishing to be certain as to this particular before I take any Step towards exculpating myself from the censure that would certainly fall upon me were it to appear I had admitted so extraordinary a charge in my accounts

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I must desire an explicit answer whether you refuse to refund the Money that was inadvertently paid you by my Servant, or not. Incase you should chuse to refund, it will be necessary for you to have your Bill & therefore I send it endorsed, if you do not refuse to refund you must return it to Me.

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

(signed) Thomas Oakes Payr

Ganjam
15th Decr 1777

To Thomas Oakes Esqr

Sir,

I thought that my Last to you would be plain enough, but you insist upon one more explicit, then I tell you that having never drawn but what was my just due (Sabra Errore) I have nothing neither to refund or to fear.

I do not see what exculpation you have to do yourself, you cannot be censured by following the positive Orders of the Honble Compa. my, but you will be so in the Eyes of the Public, by doing more than your Office requires of you, either it would seem you wish to appear a better Accomonist than all the Paymasters in the Service & by endeavoring to deprive a Gentlemen of his Dues. Moreover after the Board of Ganjam have publickly ordered that my House Rent should be paid, what reason can you give for not conforming to such Orders, it hath more the appearance of an individual Quarrel than a

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real to acquit yourself with propriety in your Official capacity, however I am very certain that nothing can fall to my Charge on this occasion

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

J. Martin Surgeon

Askd
10th Decr 1777.

The Opinion of the Council at Ganjam concerning Mr Martins Charges recommend the Coffree Company's being removed to Ganjam

The Board taking into consideration the subject of the foregoing Letter from the Paymaster as well those that passed Between him & the Surgeons there to which he has laid Before Us, are struck with the impropriety of Mr Martins Hospital Bills for the Month of November & cannot avoid remarking that it far exceeds any charge that has ever been made in this District even when the Coffree Company consisted of 200 Men, & we should not have permitted his Charges for September & October to have passed in the Paymasters accounts had they not been inconsiderable compared to the one now before Us, and that We were in daily expectation of the Honble Boards final Orders in consequence of our having referred to their Decision the point of right in Us to require that all the Sick should be sent to the Ganjam Hospital which the Commanding Officer had contained. Their Orders which forbid the Establishment of an Hospital at Aska were made public there before the middle of November, notwithstanding which Mr Martins Bills for that month amounts to much more than those for September & October together.

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Upon examining the particulars of the Bill it is observed that he has charged for each man Sarrams 2/4 p day which we understand from the Regulations ought to be deducted from each Mans Pay, while he continues in the Hospital & paid to the Surgeon in full for victualling, unless it be made appear that his allowance owing to the dearness of provisions, is inadequate to the Expence, when the overplus only is defrayed by the Company.

With respect to the 6 Sarams p day which are allowed when Hospitals are supplied by Contract, We do not conceive he has any right to make that charge since his Hospital has not been provided agreably to the terms specified in the Regulations.

The Board after mature delibe. ration on the Subject are clearly of Opinion that it would be for the advantage of the Company to remove the Coffries from Atka to compose a part of this Garrison as recommended to the Honble Board by Mr. Colsford in his Letter under date 7th July 1771. In point of Safety it is immaterial where the Company is stationed – should the Troops at any time take the Field & the Service require Guns, a sufficient Number of the best Men may be detached if necessary, the Sick will be better provided in a commodious Hospital which is now completely finish'd, they will not undergo the fatigues & inconvenience of being carried 36 Miles for assistance the constant expence of keeping Doolies & Batta to Sepoys

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Nos. For attending them on the road will be avoided & the System thereby be adhered to of having only one Hospital in the District — Should the Honble Board approve of the Reasons that occur to Us in favor of removing the Coffrie Company to Ganjam, it will be necessary that Barracks should be built in this Garrison — this is a Subject that was recommended to the Notice of the Honble Board in our Letter of the 16th July 1776 & the present occasion seems favorable to add that for want of Barracks the Sepoys are obliged to pitch their own Tents in the Fort which they complain of as a hardship with great appearance of Justice.

The Officers Quarters being in some forwardness, it appears a favorable juncture for erecting Barracks which if set about soon may be completed before the setting in of the Rains.

Agreed that the Engineer be directed to make out a plan an Estimate & Bond proof Barracks sufficient for the accommodation of 200 Men as also to point out the ground on which such a Building can with the most propriety be erected.

Agreed that Mr Martin be ordered to refund the amount of his Bill for November which was paid him through mistake & that this transaction be laid before the Honble Board together with Copy of this Consultation & the whole submitted to their Judgement.

A true Copy. J. Oakes Secry.

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The Board approve of what the Gen.
Hemen at Tanjaur have done & remark the impropriety
of Mr. Martin's Letters to Mr. Oakes. When Mr. Martin
shall have refunded the amount of his Bill the Gen.
Hemen of Tanjaur must allow him what they think
right & proper adhering to the Regulations. Agreed that
the Coffree Company be stationed at Tanjaur after the
present Service on which they are employed is over, & that
the Council at Tanjaur be directed to send a particular
account of the State of the Company.

The Board approve of their Conduct & recommendation

Read the following Letter from
the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

Honble Sir and Sirs

The order published by Your Honble
Sir & Sirs, that every one who had Lent Money to a Country
Power, should Lay the account of it before the Honble
Board, & my being appointed Executor to Colonel Wood's
Estate, obliges me to trouble with this Answer. — The deceased
Colonel Wood Lent 14500 Pagodas to the Troops of the Raja
of Tanjore, in the Year 1767; when Hyder Naicks Horse
made any communication with the English Army &c.
, ficulty. The Rajah desired Colonel Wood to advance his
Troops whatever they might want, promising to pay
the Capital & Interest. — Colonel Wood advanced the above
mentioned Sum to the Rajah's General. — When the Tan-
jorians returned Colonel Wood requested the Rajah to
pay off the debt his Troops had contracted, adding that
he wanted no more interest than what was Lawful, i.e
10 p Cent. — But as the Colonel was at that time in want

Letter from Mr. Swartz's in an account of the Rajah's Debt to the Estate of the Late Colonel Wood.

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of Money he insinuated that he would be glad of taking the Capital, without any Interest in case the Rajah would pay him immediately — The Rajah promised to pay off the Debt within two Months, but this promise was not fulfilled. When his Highness the Nabob took possession of the Tanjore Country, Colonel Wood's Executors accosted the Nabob on that Subject, The Nabob promised to pay it in September 1776; but before the time the Country was restored to the Rajah — of Course the Executors solicited the Rajah for the Payment of the Debt. He begg'd to have patience, till he searched his Papers — desired to procure the Bills which were given to Colonel Wood, at last declared that as his Troops had been at that time when they contracted the Debt employed in the Nabob's Service, as the Nabob had plundered his Fort, from that account owed him much Money. He could not think himself obliged to pay the 1st 500 Pags before he had settled his accounts with the Nabob. All arguments urged on this occasion, availed nothing.

This Honble Sir & Sirs, is the true State of this affair, which I hope, will exempt the Debt, the Rajah owes to Colonel Woods Estate to be Lawful — & his refusing the payment, unlawful. I humbly crave your assistance to recover that Sum, which the Rajah now owes to a Widow & Orphans.

I am respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

C. T. Swartz.

Tanjore
Janry. 12th. 1778.

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Read Letter from the Committee of Works.

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

Letter from the Committee of Works.

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

Orders of the Board

The Bills of Mr. Benfield for the Works being regularly certified agreed that they be paid.

Part We have the honor to lay before you Mr Benfields Bills, certified by the Chief Engineer & acting Commissary General, for work done to the Black Town Wall & the West Front of the Fort since the last adjustment of those Accounts. We also lay before you a particular Account Current of the Work done under the respective Contracts, & a General account Current with Mr Benfield until the 31st Ultimo, which finally concludes his Contract for the Works of the West Front; & we have carried the Balance, being Pags 2265 " 20 " 63 to the Debt of his Account Contract for the East Front. Beside the Work stipulated for in his contract, Mr Benfield has charged Pags 500 for churnaming the insides & outsides of the two new Gates, & the Engineer having given the

The Bills of Mr. Benfield for the Works being regularly certified agreed that they be paid.

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his Opinion, that the charge is reasonable, we have allowed it in his Account for Masonry.

Orders of the Boar

2 The Committee in their Letter of the 29th April 77 requested the permission of the Board to write off to Profit & Loss the Sum of Pags 1541.5.39 lost by Jaggery sold at Outcry; but no steps on this part of their Letter. Though only the Sum of Pags 1541.5.39 as mentioned, there was at that time also a Loss of Pags 621.14 by wastage, which together with the Charges of Coly hire &c. made the whole Pags 2,192.25.74; which last Sum we request you will permit Us to write off to Profit & Loss.

Ordered accordingly

3 A Balance of Pags 103.30.54, arising from wastage in Charcoal, has stood under that head on the Books of the Committee for several Years; we request your Leave to write off this also to Profit & Loss.

Ordered accordingly

4 The Stoppages from the Coolies at Cuddalore from the 30th April 1777 to the 30th Septem. last, amounting to Pags 611.16.40

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Orders of the Board

have been paid into Cash there,
Erroneously carried to the Head
of Sepoy Stoppages, which is
yearly transferd to the General
Books. Also the Stoppages from
the Lascars at Ellore since the
30th April 1773. have been trans
ferd from the Masulipatam
to the General Books, or have
been carried to the Credit of the
Head of Northern Circars. The Pay.
master at Chicacole has notwi.
mitted the Stoppages made from
the Lascars in that District since
the Year 1768. — We must therefore
request you will be pleased to order
the amount of Stoppages brought
to account in the General Books,
or carried to the Head of Northern
Circars to be paid out of Cash to
the Committee; & that the Pay.
master at Chicacole do remit
the amount of Lascar Stoppages
due or unaccounted for by him.
In order to avoid such irregulari.
ties in future, we beg leave to
request you will direct your or.
.ders to the several Paymasters to
remit the amount of Stoppages,
& make regular monthly returns

Approved & ordered accor.
.dingly

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of the Lascars, to the Clerk of the Committee. — Orders of the Board

5 We have received a Pe. tition from James Stringer Master Bricklayer, setting forth, that, upon his Leaving England, he covenanted with the Court of Directors to serve the Honble Company five Years at the rate of Pags 18.33 ₱ Month — Approved
if that he has continued in the same Station these thirteen Years; that several other Master Bricklayers & Carpenters have received the Monthly Pay of Pags 25, which Mr. Stringer requests may in future be allowed to him this added to the Engineers testimony of Mr. Stringer being a useful Servant, will we hope induce you to grant his Request.

We are with respect
Honble Sir &Sirs
Your most Obedt and
most humble Servants
John Turing
Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
13th January 1770.

Dr. The Committee of Works in Acct. Current with Paul Benfield Contractor for his several Contracts Cr.

1777 Decr.	31st	To balance of my Account for blue stone	6040.11.48	1777 Decemr.	31st	By balance of my Account for the masonry of the West Front	25,604.7.44
		To balance of my Account for removing Earth on the West Front	15,807.27.5				
		To balance of my Account for the black Town wall	890.32.8				
		To balance carried to Account for Contract for the East Front	2865.20.63				
		Current Pagodas	25,604.20.63			Current Pagodas	25,604.7.44

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E.E. &c.

Paul Benfield

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Dr. The Committee of Works in Acct. Current with Paul Benfield Contr. for removing earth on the West Front Cr.

1777 Decr. 1st	To work done from 1st Jany. to 1st Decr. 1777 as per bill		1777 Decr. 31st	By balance due to me Curr. Pagt.	15,807. 27. 5
	Current Pagodas	15,807. 27. 5			

Fort St. George 31st Decr. 1777

E E & Paul Benfield

Dr. The Committee of Works in Acct. Current with Paul Benfield Contractor for the measuring of the West Front Cr.

1777 Decr. 1st	To work done as per my Bill from 1st Jany. to 1st Decemr. 1777	32,163. 40. 32	1777 Decr. 31st	By Cash advanced me from 1st Jany. to 31st Decemr. 1777 for work done in that time	40000. " "
31st	To allowance made to me for chunaming done to the outsides & insides of the New Gates	500. " "		By bricks & Chunam delivered to me in the same period	16,736. 5. 71
	To balance due by me	25,604. 7. 44		By difference in the price of Bricks & Chunam delivered to me in the months of Jany. Feby. & March they being charged to my Account @ Pags. 95 p. Lack of bricks & 11 Paras of Chunam p. Pagoda whereas my Contract prices are Pags. 100 p. Lack & 10 Paras p. Pagoda	199. 26. 52
				By Tools & materials delivered to me as per Acct. particulars	1332. 15. 32
	Current Pagodas	58,268. 5. 76		Current Pagodas	58,268. 5. 76

Fort St. George 31st Decr. 1777

E E & Paul Benfield

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Dr. The Committee of Works in Acct. Curr.t with Paul Benfield Contractor for Blue Stone

1777 Decr.	1st	To work done at the North West Gate from 1st Jany. to 31st Decemr. as p my bill	7,342. 15. 16	1777 Sepr.	30th	By blue stone delivered to me as p my acknowledged Account	1,302. 3. 48
				Decr.	31st	By balance due to me	6,040. 11. 48
		Current Pagodas	7,342. 15. 16			Current Pagodas	7,342. 15. 16

Fort St. George 31st Decemr. 1777

E E & Paul Benfield

Dr. The Committee of Works in Acct. Curr.t with Paul Benfield Contractor for the black town wall Cr.

1777 Decemr.	31st	To work done as p my bill of this date certified by the Chief Engineer & Commissary General	12,563. 36. 20	1775 April	30th	By balance appearing against me	11673. 4. 12
				1777 Decr.	31st	Ballance due to me	890. 32. 8
						Current Pagodas	12563. 36. 20

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E E & Paul Benfield

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D.r The Honble Company on account of the undermentioned Works performed by Contract

By Finishing to Nabobs Bastion

Plain Brick work	Feet	Ft. Inch			
	110	20.3	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Cub.c Yd		166. 5. 5
Finishing to South West Curtain					
Plain Brick work	92.	14. 6	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Yard		138. 37. 47
Paving	76.	24. 0	@ 1.28 ₱ yard	128. 8. 17	267. 3. 64
Finishing St Georges Bastion					
Plain Brick Work	129.	24. 6	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Cub.c Yard		194. 35. 77
Finishing North West Curtain					
Plain Brick Work	103.	13. 6	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Cub.c Yard		155. 10. 40
Paving	76.	24. 8	@ 1.28 ₱ Cub.c Yard	128. 2. 17	283. 12. 57
Finishing Royal Bastion					
Plain Brick Work	28.	15. 5	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Yard		42. 35. 67
Finishing to Caponiers					
Plain Brick Work	579.	15. —	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Cub.c Yard		869. 13. 70
Finishing Lunette to the South of South West Ravelin					
Ravelin					
Plain Brick Work	62.	—	@ P.s 1.21 ₱		93. — —
Finishing South West Ravelin					
Plain Brick Work	72.	15. —	@ 1.21 ₱ Yard		108. 34. 70
Finishing to the North West of St West Ravelin					
Plain Brick Work	59	23.	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Yard		89. 32. —
Finishing Lunette to South of St West Ravelin					
Plain Brick Work	439	11.	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Cub.c Yard		659. 4. —
Finishing North West Ravelin					
Plain Brick Work	493.	20	@ P.s 1.21 ₱ Cub.c Yard		740. 24. 53
Finishing Lunette to N.th of St West Ravelin					
Plain Brick Work	632.	10. 6	@ 1.21 ₱ Yard		949. 1. 6
			Carried over Pag.e		4463. 41. 64

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Brought over Pags. 4463. 41. 64

Finishing Counterscarp, Berm & Coverd way

Plain Brick work ... 6Cyd 1572. 20. 10 @ 1. 21 ₰ Yard 23,580. 23. 20

Arched Brick work ... 1373. 4. @ 3.-- ₰ Yard ... 4119. 17. 28 — 27699. 40. 40

Pagodas 32163. 40. 32

Fort St. George
1st Decemr. 1777.

E E Pt. Paul Benfield

The Measurement certifies to be exact & agreable
to Terms of Contract.

Patrick Ross
Lt. Col. Chief Engineer

A. Brodie
Aut. Genl.

N.B. This concludes Mr. Benfields Contract
under the Denomination of the West Front.

Dr. The Honble Company on Acct. of the undermentioned Stone
work performed by Contract Vizt.

Finishing to North West Gate

13 Sqe Stone work to a plain work. face ... 293. 10. 5

15 @ 1. 36 ₰ ft.

Do Paving on 3 Courses of Bricks & Chunam ... 1324. 17. 16

1/4 ft.

3578. 7 @ 17/12 ₰ ft.

Do brought to a clear tooled face ... 4554. 22. 5

2173. 9 @ P. 12. 4 ₰ ft.

Finishing to Counterscarp Berm & Coverd way

13 Sqe Stone work to a plain Working face ... 1870. 15. 11

630. @ 1. 36 ₰ Sup. ft. 7342. 15. 16

Pagodas

Fort St. George
1st Decemr. 1777

E E Pt. Paul Benfield

The Measurement certified to be exact & agreable
to Terms of Contract.

Patrick Ross
Lt. Col. & Chief Engineer

A. Brodie
Asst. to Genl.

N.B. This concludes Mr. Benfields Contract under
the Denomination of the West Front.

108 Fort St George 19th Janry 1772.

Dr. The Honble Company on Acct of the undermentioned Work of the Wall round the Black Town performd by Contract.

Brick Work

	Cubic Yds
To Bastions	2295
To Curtains & Linings	1379
To Gate way & Guard Room	2704
at the Bridge	355½
At the Water course & Arrack Godown	58

6491½ @ 1.28 ₱ yard ... 11319.7.4

Earth filled in

To Bastions, Curtains & Linings Gateways & Guard Rooms on the North Line Rods 1066½ @ 8½ ₱ Rod ... 822.41.20

To Bastion, Curtains & Linings Gateways & Guard Rooms, and Bridge on the West Line ... 2214 @ 8 ₱ Rod ... 421.30 1244.29.20

Pagodas 12563.36.20

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EE

P. Paul Benfield

The Measurement certified to be exact & agreable to Terms of Contract

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

A Brodie
Act. Adt. Genl

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D.r The Honble Company on acct of Earth filled into the undermentioned Works by Contract Dat.

Finishing Lunette to the Sth.d of North West Ravelin Rods twice moved 1252.13 @ 30 Pags p.r Rod ... 596.12.5

Finishing North West Ravelin Rods twice moved — 290.. @ 20 Pags p.r Rod ... 138.4.—

Finishing Lunette to Northd of N.W. Ravelin Rods twice moved — 867.40 @ 20 Pags p.r Rod ... 413.16.40

Finishing Counterscarp, Barm Groove Way Rods twice moved — 2,726½ @ 20 Pags p.r Rod ... 1298.14.—
Rods from over the River 9006.16 @ 10 Pags p.r Rod ... 4236.40.40 5535.12.40

Finishing to Glacis Rods from over the River 1007.½ @ 10 Pags p.r Rod ... 466.3.—
Rods once moved to from Compleat the Glacis from the reentering Angle of the Royal Bastion on the North West Front to the Saliant Angle of the North Ravelin which concludes M.r Benfield's Contract under the Denomination of the West Front 23.975½ @ 11½ Pags p.r Rod ... 658.21.— 9124.24.—

Fort St. George 15,867.27.5
1st Decem.r 1777.

Pagodas

P. Benfield

The Measurement certified to be exact and agreable to Terms of Contract.

Patrick Ross
Lieut.t Col.o & Chief Engineer

S. Brodie
Actg A. Genl.

No Fort St George 19th Janry 1778

The following Letter from the Governor
& Council of Negapatam

Translate Madraspatnam

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Governor of
Fort St George and the
Coast of Coromandel
&c &c &c on behalf of the Royal English
East India Company & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Governor & Council at Negapatam about their disputs with the Nabob.

We have received your Letter of the 15th of December, by the Contents of which we have seen that you have been pleased to remark with regard to the Complaints made to You by His Highness the Nabob, that as Friends & Allies to His Highness you had a right to request of Us, that we should inquire into the truth of such truth of that Complaint, & that your intention was to act in that affair as Mediators.

But concerning this point we have observed to the contrary by your Letter dated 13th November last, that you required of Us to give immediately Orders & to let informations be taken, & to procure also to his Highness a full satisfaction, so that of the Contents of the said Letter it does not appear to Us, that your intention was to offer to be Mediators in that affair, which also does not agree

with the former expressions.

We believe & know no better, but that we also are Friends & Allies to His Highness the Nabob, & consequently we can & will with pleasure give him Satisfaction in all complaints which his Highness with any right may think to have against Us, or any of Us, & thus were remain within the compass of what we wrote in our former Letter, dated the 25th of last November.

We further do remark concerning the mediation, that as this affair is not yet come in dispute between Us & his Highness, we are not in want of Mediation for accommodating it, & we think that the accepting of Mediators is also never practicable in the Courts of Europe, except a difference, arisen between two Powers, cannot be settled between them.

And as for the remarks you have been pleased to make at the end of your Letter, about the Stile of our address to you in our former Letter dated the 25th of November, we say that if any thing has been found in it, by which You think to have been offended with regard to the Character, or with regard to its having not been titled according to former Custom, you must not consider it as done premediately or with the intention to give you any Offence, but by our having Letters only in a private Manner, & by the common Report of People, been informed that Lord Pigot has been arrested by some of his Counsellors; that they have appropriated the Government to themselves; that his Lordship deceased, & that as yet an other Governor is expected from Europe. Hereby You can very easily judge, that we could not title our Address

To Fort St George 19th Janry 1778.

otherwise than we did, & we hope that now the present
Address will be satisfactory.

We are
Honble Sirs &c

Your most Obedient Servants
R. Van Vilepsingen
Ph. I. Dormieux
I. C. G. Kapselman
M. Koning
I. Mosell
W. Paynevell
I. D. Simons
I. Appregh
M. Sloffenburg

Negapatam
13th of Decr 1777.

Read the following Letter and
Minutes of the Committee of Stores.

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

Honble Sirs &c

Herewith we have the Honor to lay
before You the Minutes of our last meeting, with the proof
of Works report
of Guns &c at Bn.
nacoil, Chinglpet
& Cuddalore

From the Comm.
at Pennacoil, Chinglpet & Cuddalore - Also the report of Gunson
dated Sept 26 - & a return of Gun carriages remaining & wanting
in Fort St George, Chinglpet, Pennacoil & Cuddalore.

We are with respect
Honble Sirs &c

Your most obt Hble Servants
Ross Land
Edwd Monckton
Patrick Ross
Ed. James

Fort St George
17th Jany 1778.

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Fort St. George 12th Janry 1778.

At a Committee of Stores present
Colonel Lang
Honble Edwd Monckton
Lt Colonel Ross
Lt Colonel James

The Committee having met at the Contractors Yard, in the Black Town, examined the following Gun Carriages & Mortar Beds viz.t

Report of the committee on Gun Carriages & Mortar beds Examined.

Field Carriages with Limbers - 18 Pounder - 2
Ditto - - with Limbers & Boxes 12 Ditto - 6
Mortar Beds - - - - - - - - - - 13 Inch - - 4
Ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - - 10 D - - - 9
Ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - 8 D - - - 10
Ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - 5 1/2 D - 24
Ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - 4 1/2 D - 2

which are directed to be received into the Arsenal

The Commissary Lays before the Committee Report of the State of the Tents received from the different Corps, since Last Committee. Also Report of Musters of Stores, received from the Military Storekeeper since that time, ordered to be received.

Reports of Tents

The Commissary of Stores Lays before the Committee Reports of the Proof of Guns at Chering Cepth, Permacoil, & Cuddalore. The Committee having considered several unserviceable. Agreed to recommend to the Board that the Storekeeper be directed, to observe the same in their Returns, & to have the Trunnions knocked off.

Proof of Guns

The Commissary of Stores Lays before

At Fort St. George 19th Janry. 1778.

The Committee Return of Gun Carriages, remaining, & wanting in Fort St. George, Chinglepat, Pennacoil & Cuddalore — Agree to recommend to the Board that the Carriages wanting, be made up in the following Order Viz.t

1st The Carriages for Pennacoil
2d The Carriages for Chinglepat
3 The 42 Pounders for Fort St. George
4th The 12 Pounders for Ditto
5th The Carriages for the black town Wall
6th The 6 Pounders for Fort St. George
7th The 24 Pounders for Ditto
8th The Carriages for Cuddalore

Agreed, that the Board be acquainted that the Contract for Gun Carriages has been out for some time, that they may determine, whether the Gun Carriages wanting for the different Garrisons shall be made up by the old Contractors, or Advertisements be put up, for a new Contract, as there is great reason to think that they may be contracted for on much cheaper Terms — Agreed also to inform the Board, that the late Contract has been well, & punctually executed.

The Committee are not yet able to ascertain what Gun Carriages are wanting at the other Out Garrisons as Invoices of the Returns are not arrived.

The Clerk lays before the Committee Extract of a Letter from General Stuart, to the Board, dated 23d Septemr 1777. Ordered that the Accoutrements &c.a be indented for according to the recommendation of General Stuart.

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Colonel Lang reports that a sett of Arms & accoutrements for a complete Battalion of Europeans are wanting in the Garrison of Vellore, — Agreed to recommend to the Board that the same be sent, & kept in Store, at that place, & not to be issued without order from the Commander in Chief.

Lieutenant Colonel James, reports that the Field Carriages, at the Mount are much shook, from long practice & by being exposed to the bad weather, Agreed to recommend to the Board that a new set be made up, & kept in Store for actual Service & that a Shed be built to keep them in.

Agreed to recommend to the Board that the Storekeepers at the Out Garrisons be directed to mention, the 12 Pounders 6 Pounders and 13 Pounders Brass and 3 Pounder Iron Field Pieces, separately in their Returns, that the Committee may know how many Field Pieces there are on the Coast.

The Deputy Military Storekeeper Lays before the Committee, account Sale of unserviceable Stores, sold at Outcry the 1st November 1777. amounting to Pagodas 825, 20.40 ~

Ordered that the annual Indent of Stores from Europe for 1779 be made out.

Ros Lang
Edw.d Monckton
Patrick Ross
Edw.d James

A Return of Gun Carriages remaining for mounting in the Garrisons of Chinglepet Pennacoil, and Cuddalore & for the Guns of the present Works of Fort St George and Black Town, January 5th 1778.

	Trail Carriages													Ship Carriages						
	42 Pounders	32 Ditto	26 Ditto	24 Ditto	20 Ditto	18 Ditto	14 Ditto	12 Ditto long	12 Ditto short	9 Pounders	8 Ditto	6 Ditto	5 Ditto	4½ Ditto	4 Ditto	3 Ditto long	3 Ditto short	2½ Pounders	2 Ditto	1 Ditto	½ Ditto	24 Pounders	18 Pounders	12 Ditto	9 Ditto	6 Ditto	4 Ditto	2½ Ditto
Chinglepet remains in store	"	1	"	"	"	21	"	5	1	3	1	"	132	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wanting	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pennacoil remains in store	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wanting	"	"	"	12	"	"	2	"	"	"	11	"	2	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Cuddalore remains in store	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	244	"	"	"	"
Wanting	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"
Fort St George remains in store	145	"	81	"	93	"	76	21	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	204	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wanting	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	27	12	"	27	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	"	"	"	"	"	"
Black Town remains in store	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wanting	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	41	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

J. Manoury
Commissy of Stores

Fort St George 10th Jan 1778

Report of the Proof of Guns at the Garrisons of Chingleput, Permacoil & Cuddalore by Lieut. Smith

Iron Guns

	28 Pounds serviceable	20 Pounds Ditto	20 Pounds unserviceable	10 Pounds serviceable	14 Pounds Ditto	12 Pounds burst	9 Pounds serviceable	9 Pounds unserviceable	6 Pounds Ditto	6 Pounds serviceable	6 Pounds unserviceable	5 Pounds serviceable	4½ serviceable	4½ Pounds unserviceable	4½ Pounds Burst	4 Pounds serviceable	4 Pounds unserviceable	4 Pounds Burst	3 Pounds long serviceable	3 Pounds unserviceable	3 Pounds short serviceable	2½ Pounds serviceable	2½ Pounds unserviceable	2½ Pounds Burst	1 Pounds serviceable	1 Pounds unserviceable	⅓ Pounds serviceable	½ Pounds unserviceable	3 Pounds long serviceable	2 Pounds serviceable
At Chingleput	1	"	1	2	1	4	"	2	2	2	1	"	"	"	1	1	1	3	"	2	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	1	
At Permacoil	"	1	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Cuddalore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	2	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	3	"	"	"	"	4	1	1	1	2	"	5	2

Brass Guns

Isaac Manoury

Commissry. of Stores.

Fort St. George 19th Jany. 1778

Mr Fort St George 19th Janry 1778.

Report of Guns condemned by the Committee of Stores

Mt Chinglepet

Iron Guns

20 Pounr No 1	1
6 Pounr No 1.2	2
4 Pounr No 1.2	2
4 Pounr No 2	2
Total	7

Mt Ridgelore

Iron Guns

9 Pounr No 2.12	2
4 Pounr No 1. 3.4	3
2½ Pounr No 6	1
½ Pounr No 1.3	2
Total	8

Mt Permacoil

Iron Guns

3 Pounr No 1	1
2½ Pounr No 1	1
1 Pounr No 1. 2. 3	3
Total	5

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J. Manoury

Commy of Stores

Ordered to lie on the Table

Draft of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore Dos read & approved

Tanjore entered in Country Correspondence Dos

John Whitehill

Ordered to lie on the Table Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

E Berry

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Dispatched the following Letter

to Colonel Flint.

To Colonel William Flint

Commanding at

Trichinopoly

Sir

I am ordered by the Honble the President

To Col: Flint the Nabob's Amildar to proceed to the Annacutta.

Have inclosed to you the accompanying Order from the Nabob to his Amuldar at Trichinopoly directing him to proceed immediately to the Annacutta & stay there until such repairs as are wanting to the Bank be finished. In the prosecution of this business you will be pleased to give all reasonable assistance that the Work may be carried on as expeditiously as possible

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Chas Oakeley Secry

Fort St George

21st Jan.y 1770.

At a Consultation present

John Whitehill Esq.r Govr President

Chas Smith J. Johnson

Peter Perring

Monday.

26th Jan.y

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read Letter from Colonel Lang

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.

President &c. &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Hble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel Long with Letter from L. Hislop requesting to be permitted to return to England for his health.

Herewith you have the several applications of Lieut. Hislop of the Artillery

Lieut Bonneveaux
Lieut Scott
Ensign Smart
} of the Infantry

With respect to Lieuts Hislop & Bonneveaux I conceive that the Surgeons certificates preclude the necessity of further observations. With regard to the other two, I have to observe that I have reason to believe their cases are fairly stated, & that therefore, as well as for the goodness of their characters, I beg leave to recommend them for this instance of your favor & indulgence.

I am

Hble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient Servant

Ross Long

Fort St. George
23d Janry. 1770.

Colonel Long

Sir

Since my Return to India I have had several returns of severe Bilious & Liver complaint which by the advice of Drs Parky makes it necessary for me to return to England for the re establishment of my Constitution (Enclosed I send you his Certificate) I therefore request you will be pleased to represent my Situation to the Honble the President

Council to obtain their permission for me to return home on a French Ship, which is expected to sail from Pondicherry about the beginning of next Month

I am with respect

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Fort St George
25th Jan.y 1776.

Jas Kislop

This is to certify that Lieut. Kislop of Artillery has by severe & repeated attacks of inflammations of his Liver, had his Health & constitution much impaired & as he is uncommonly subject to relapses of the same disorder & other ailments arising from Visceral obstructions he is advised to a voyage to Europe to ensure a perfect recovery.

Surgeon's Certificate

Gilb.t Pasley

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From Lieut. Kennedy for permission to go to England, for the recovery of his Health with Surgeons certificate.

My health being much impaired by Wounds (which I have received in the course of ten Years service in this Country) as will be testified by the accompanying Certificate from Mr. Pasley — I have to request that your Honors will be pleased to permit me to take my passage for Europe in one of the Ships of this Season.

It being my intention & earnest desire to return to my duty so soon as I may recover sufficient strength in my Limbs — I hope your Honors will

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- be further pleased to procure me permission to return again to this Country with my Rank in the Service.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

P. Bonnevedux

Lieut. 4th Batln of Sepoys

Fort St George
Janry. 19th 1778.

This is to certify that Mr. Bonnevaux from a wound which he received at the seige of Tanjore has so great a weakness in the joint of his knee that often renders him incapable of walking, & as a cold climate may contribute to remedy this defect he is advised to a Voyage to Europe.

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Gilbt Pasley

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commanding the Troops

Sir,

The enclosed is for your perusal, & should it be favored with your approbation I am to request you will present it to the Honble the President & Council.

Lieut. Scott desires to go to England on Family affairs

I am well aware of the apparent impropriety of this second application; but, as you Sir, are in some measure, acquainted with my connections in Europe, & however the Letters - which proves the absolute necessity of my personal appearance, I shall trust to your goodness, to obviate such objections as may arise on that head - I hope also you will be kind enough to

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believe that nothing less than unavoidable necessity should at any time call me from my Duty, & that I shall return to it without loss of time.

I am

Sir

Your Obedient

humble Servant

Rich.d Scott

Fort St. George

16th Janry 1778.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c.a Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Scott desiring Leave to go home via Suez.

Some family concerns of the first importance requiring my attendance in Europe, I am to entreat your permission to proceed thither by the first Conveyance.

After an indulgence of this nature so very lately conferd, I fear this request may appear an intrusion on your Goodness; But I beg leave to declare that absolute unavoidable necessity not inclination has prompted me to trouble you thus again, I have received advice that the Business which call'd me home before is now in a very unsettled dangerous situation & that nothing less than my immediate appearance can save a very handsome patrimonial Estate.

With your permission therefore I shall proceed immediately by the way of Suez & return to my duty with all possible Dispatch.

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I am

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your very humble and

Obed.t Servant

Rich.d Scott

Fort St. George
19th Jan.y 1770.

To Colonel Ross Lang

Commanding the Troops

on the Coast of Coromandel

Sir,

Having very particular busi-
ness in Europe that requires my presence, I have to
request that you will be pleased to apply to the Hon.ble
the President & Council for their permission to proceed
thither

I am

Sir

Your Obed.t

Humble Servant

Chas Smart

Madras
17th Jan.y 1770

Agreed, that Lt. Hislop & Bonneveaux
have permission to return to Europe for the recovery
of their health & Lt. Scott & Ensign Smart on account
of their private Affairs.

Read Letter from Mr. John Cartwright

To the Hon.ble John Whitehill Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

Lt. Chas Smart
applies for leave
to go to England
on private affairs

Lieut.t Hislop, Bon-
neveaux Scott &
Ensign Smart Per-
mitted to go to Eu-
rope

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Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your having already obliged me in your permission of resigning my Commission as Ensign in the Honble Company's Service I have further to trouble you in requesting your favoring me with an Order to be received on board the Houghton now under dispatch in order to proceed to Europe.

and am

Honble Sir & Sirs

with respect

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

J. Cutridge

Mr Cutridge &c. applies for an Order to be received on board the Houghton

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Ordered that he be furnished with a permit to be received on board the Houghton Captain Smith.

Read Letter from Colonel Lang.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I am to offer the accompanying arrangement for your approbation.

Herewith you will receive an application from Capt Godfrey; I flatter myself his long & active Services are sufficiently known, but should the Honble the Board require any particular information concerning Capt Godfrey's character & conduct, I am ready to certify that he is highly deserving of your countenance

From Col. Lang with sundry arrangements

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Sr protection.

By the authority of a Letter from Lieut.t Col.: James, I am to acquaint you that Lt. Ferris tour of duty at Ellore is longsince expired, & to recommend that he be relieved & ordered to join his Corps at the Ceded Dist.s & Lieut.t David Smith be appointed in his room. Lieut.t Col.: James has also reported to Me, in writing that Lieut.t Jos. Davis of the Artillery is unable to undergo the duties of the Field, & recommended him to be Invalided, & to remain with the Invalid Artillery Men at Vizagapatam; to which I beg leave to give my assenting voice.

recommends Lt. Davis of the Artillery being Invalided.

Mr. Jones Storekeeper at Tanjore having reported to Me that Serjeant George, acting under him, is totally unfit for that Office, I beg leave to recommend that Serjeant George be ordered to join his Corps, & Serjeant Thomas Hopgood be appointed Store Serjeant in his Room; & permit me to observe on this place that there are some Europeans in Out Garrisons depending on Tanjore, entrusted with the care of detached Stores &c. to whom no recompence has ever yet been made; & to recommend that the Paymaster be instructed to give them the usual allowance.

Lieut.t John Taylor to whom you were pleased to grant permission to go to Europe, has authorized me to acquaint you that, from advices since received, he finds that his personal appearance there can now be dispensed with. He therefore requests you will accept his best thanks for that indulgence, begs your permission to withdraw his Letter & return to his duty

Captain Lawrence Murphy commanding

N.º Fort St. George 26th Jan.y 1770

the 5th Oscar Battalion, requests permission to come
to the Presidency, on particular Business.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient Servant

Ros Lang

Fort St. George
26th Jan.y 1770.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A General Report prevailing

Capt.n Godfrey applies for a command, when the removals takes place

that shortly a removal of the Sepoy Battalions will take place — the disposal of the Commands of course becoming the object of consideration — Permit me Gentlemen to Proffer my Claim to your Patronage ever confident of your attention to an Officers character & services Take this Liberty with an assurance of being, if justly entitled to it, attended to.

The only credentials that can be produced in the Army (exclusive of Character) are services therefore hoping that pointing out mine since the year 1765 may not be deemed intruding on your time or unnecessary — I do myself the honor to lay before you — That to the Northward I served under General Calliaud, at Bengal on the occasion of General resignation — the whole Mysore War as a Grenadier Officer — also on the Moravva Expedition & the two Seiges of Tanjore without during all these Campaigns ever missing a tour of Duty.

Trusting that my endeavors on the above occasions to fulfill my duty were equal to those of other Officers & being desirous of convincing

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the Honble Board to Mention of what is above set forth I would refer you to Colonel Lang the Commander in Chief &c to all the Field Officers in the Army.

These Gentlemen are all the prekuding I have to your Countenance on the present occasion remaining with the greatest respect

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedt

humble Servant

Robt. Godfrey

Tanjore
9th Jan.y 1770.

The arrangements recommended by Colonel Lang are approved, with respect to Captain Godfrey the Board will consider of his merits when a proper opportunity offers — In regard to Lieut. Davis whom Colonel Lang recommends to put on the invalid List, the Board defer the consideration of that matter for the present. Lieut. Taylor mentioned in the 4th Para.f Colonel Lang's Letter is permitted to return to his duty — With respect to Captain Murphy, the Board do not think proper to grant him Leave of absence at present as Capt. Collins is under Orders to go to Aska, & Capt.n Murphy will be wanting some time Longer in the District of Viziagapatam

Observations of the Board, on Col. Lang's arrangements.

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Tanjore

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

Fort St George 26th Jany 1770.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your Letter of the 18th Instant

On receipt of your Orders on the Subject of Goomsur we proceeded to hasten the preparations for taking the Field, & as it appeared by the last General return of the Troops in this District that upwards of two Companies of our Sepoys were unfit for duty, we wrote a Letter to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam desiring they would furnish Us with two Grenadier Companies of Sepoys in addition to the Force already supplied, also a few more Artillery Men & an Artillery Officer if they could be spared without inconvenience, & as in case of our proceeding to the last extremity with the Rajah, it would be adviseable to cause his Forts & Pollams to be effectually destroyed, we requested they would furnish Us with an Engineer for that purpose.

From Ganjam prepare to take the Field agt the Goomsur Rajah apply to Vizagapa. stam for Troops, the Rajah refuses to comply with their Demands re. commends Latchena Bungo

As of our Honor &c. had fully empowered Us to bring the Goomsur Rajah to obedience by Force if he should not pay his Arrears within the space of fifteen days, (of which there was little probability of his doing) we thought it necessary that our whole Force should be assembled without further delay, & requested therefore of the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam that they would cause the Detachment from that District to march with all convenient expedition.

In answer to this we were informed that 120 Effective Artillery Men, an Artillery Officer, & also an Engineer, & two Brigades of Guns should be furnished, but that it would be attended with inconvenience

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to afford Us with more than three Grenadier Companies however that should a greater force be required, one of Captain Murphys Battalion Companies should be sent to Us, On receipt hereof the above Capt Lyraght a Letter desiring his Opinion whether 3 Grenadier Compa-nies with the 20 Artillery Men added to our own Troops would be sufficient Force to reduce the Coomsee Zemin-dary, for as in his answer he seemed to wish that 6 Compa-nies might be sent from the other District, We again wrote to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, requesting that in addition to the 3 Companies of Grenadiers they had al-ready supplied, they would order 3 Battalion Companies to march & join the Troops at Atcha, in the meantime we were making every necessary preparation to take the Field, this last Detachment arrived at Atcha the begin-ning of this Month.

In our Letter to the Revenue Depart-ment of Yesterday's date, We have informed your Hon.rs &c.a that the Coomsee Rajah has not complied with our demands, & every preparation for going against him being completed, We sent instructions to Capt.n Lyraght for that purpose, Copy of which he herewith transmit to you, & hope they will meet your approbation.

Captain Lyraght having represented to Us that the Number of different Corps now under his Command absolutely required some Person to act as Quarter Master to the whole, & mentioned Mr Jarod Lanballies who arrived with the Detachment from Vizagapatam ~~xxxx~~ as every way qualified for that Station We informed him that we had no objection to his appointing

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Mr. Lamballais to act as such, & although we did not think ourselves authorized to pay him the allowances annexed that Duty, that we should recommend it to your Honor & Co.s & we request your Orders in consequence.

As we were of Opinion that Lachema Bunge might be of great use in facilitating the operations of the Troops against Coomsi or from his knowledge of the Country, & the strong party, we understand he still has in that Zemindary, we desired Mr. Maunsell to propose to him accompanying the Troops on this occasion as a Measure that might be considered as entitling him to your favor — Mr. Maunsell informs us that having spoken to Lachema Bunge on the Subject he shewed the greatest readiness to do any thing that might merit the Company's favor & protection, & express'd the strongest desire to accompany the Troops to the Field provided we would make him a promise of a part of the Zemindary when it should be settled so as to secure him from the contempt he should otherwise bring upon him in the Eyes of all the Zemindars, as also to enable him to shew his gratitude, & afford protection to the party he expected to come over to him, who if his Brother was restored to the possession of the whole Zemindary must fly the Country or pay for their attachment to him with their Lives — We inform'd him that although we could not take upon ourselves to make him any promise, that we would represent what he had urged to Us, & recommend him in the strongest manner to your Honor & Co.s to which he replied, that relying on these appearances he would immediately join the Troops & trust

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to the Favor of the Honble Board.

In compliance with our Assurances & in justice to Lachema Bunge, we beg leave to recommend him to your Honors &c as very deserving of your Countenance. The length of time he has Lived under our Government the peculiar hardship of his situation, & the Confidence in your support he has so recently evinced by taking the Field, which will probably be attended with material advantage to the Company, are conspiring Circumstances in his favor, & we are humbly of Opinion that no measure can be more conducive to establish a permanent tranquility & obedience in the Coomsee Zemindary than giving a part of it to Lachema Bunge.

We have the honor to be with respect fully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

R.t Maunsell

R.t Hughes

Js Oakes

Geo. Forster

Ganjam
10th Jan.y 1778.

To Captain Arthur Lysaght
Commanding the Troops
in the Ichapoor District
Sir

To Capt.n Lysaght wt
Orders to proceed up
the Goomsur Ra-
jah

The Goomsur the Rajah not having complied with our Demands & the preparations for taking the Field being now completed, we have resolved

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to bring him to a sense of his duty by force, & to carry into execution the Orders of the Honble Board for resta-blishing the Company's authority throughout the Coomsur Zemindary. We require therefore that on receipt hereof you proceed with the Troops under your Command & such Artillery & Stores, as you may judge necessary & take possession of the principal Forts or Pollams in the Coomsur Country which we understand to be Vis. Vismoochuckrum, Boogada, old Coomsur & Ollarah.

The accounts we have been able to procure as to the strength of these Places, we shall now impart to you, although we cannot ascertain how far they may be depended on. Vismoochuckrum, 4 Cos from Aska, is a Pollam nearly square surrounded by a Bamboo Hedge, within which there is a Wall about 3 or 4 Feet high, on the South Face is a Ditch 6 Feet deep & 12 Feet broad, there are three Gateways, at the North East, South East & South West Angles.

Boogada a Pollam about 3½ Cos North East from Vismoochuckrum is surrounded by a Bamboo Hedge with a Ditch on the East Face, two Gateways on the East, & one on the South Face.

Old Coomsur a strong Pollam & lies southwest of Vismoochuckrum about 3 Cos, surrounded with a broad, & deep ditch, Bamboo Hedge & Wall about 5 or 6 Feet high — on the West Face is a Gateway defended by three Redoubts.

Ollarah the usual residence of the Rajah is a Pollam to the Northward of Vismoochuck-rum about 1 Co, on the East Face is a Tank and Ditch

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to the North East a Gateway, & another Gateway to the South East at the bottom of a hill — on the West face are three Hills & a Jungle & before the East face is a large Faroon.

We think it probable that upon your entrance into the Goomsur Country you may receive proposals of accommodations from the Rajah, in which case We authorize you to acquaint him from Us that having by his Misconduct driven Us to the necessity of sending the Troops against him, he can only recover the Company's Favor by going to Ganjam & submitting himself entirely to their Clemency; for which purpose you are to offer him a Cowle for his personal safety; & a guard to conduct him hither, but even should he come into such a measure which we think improbable, we do not mean that the Operations of the Troops should be suspended until you may be in possession of the Fourabove mentioned Forts, & the moment this is effected We desire you will point out to us what further measures your own observations on the Spot may suggest to you as conducive to the end in view. The imperfect knowledge we have of the Situation, & Extent of the Goomsur Country makes it necessary thus to restrict your operations, lest by suffering our Troops to invade the possessions of any Zemindar dependant on the Mahrattas, you involve the Company in dispute with that Government.

Having thus furnished you with every information in our Power, & such instructions as We think proper & necessary for your

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guidance, it only remains for Us to enjoin you in the most strong Manner to endeavor by every means that Humanity can suggest to conciliate the minds of the Inhabitants to the Company's Government, & to encourage them to look up to them in full assurance of being protected in the enjoyment of all their Rights & priviledges.

The want of good order & discipline among part of the Troops now under your Command evinced on a late occasion where no resistance was made (of which we were informed by the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held some time since at Anka) gives Us too much reason to be apprehensive on this score, & induces Us to be the more earnest & particular in recommending to you the most vigorous exertion of your authority to prevent such disorders on the present Service, We desire therefore that you will cause it to be publickly made known to the Troops, that the intent of this expedition is to bring a disobedient Tributary to a proper sense of his duty, & that the defenceless Inhabitants are not the Objects of the Company's resentment, that severe Examples will therefore be made of such as shall be found plundering or oppressing them, or committing any act of hostility except on those in Arms upon resistance to the Company's authority, wishing you success in the execution of this Service

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Robt Maunsell & Co

signed
Thos Pitt
F. Bakes Jnr.

Fort St George
the 26th January 1770

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Ganjam Herewith we have the pleasure
Letter from Captn of transmitting to your Honor &c a Copy of a Letter We
Lysaght who takes have just received from Captain Lysaght advising of his
Visenochuckram having got possession of Vizenochuckram.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt

Humble Servants

R.t Maunsell

R.t Hughes

T. Forbes

Geo: Forster

Ganjam
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To Robert Maunsell Esqr

Commd of

Ganjam

Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to inform
of your having taken Vizenochuckram this morning
about 9 o'Clock, with the loss only of four Sepoys and
Lieut. Burr with one Artillery man, & 10 or 12 Sepoys
wounded.

It is but doing justice to Captain
Lieut & the Detachment under his Command to acknowledge myself much indebted to them for the Conduct & Resolution they shewed on the occasion.

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I am with respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
(signd) Arthur Lysaght

Camp near
Visnachoockrum
16th Jany 1778

A true Copy
T. Oakes Secry

Read Letter from Lt Col. Horne

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to forward the
monthly Returns for Decemr of the Troops & Military
Stores in this Garrison.

Colonel Horne sends in Monthly returns of Troops in Tanjore

There remains of the Gun Powder that was found in Tanjore has been all dried, sifted & put in Barrels, The whole is only 454 Barrels of the Cutchery which is only about half proof, 224 Barrels of an inferior Nature, serves for Morning & evening Gun, - & 134 Barrels of Dust.

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
H. Horne

Tanjore
10th Jany 1778.

Read Letter from the Council at Vizagapatam

To

Bo Fort St George 26th Jan.y 1770

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.

President & Governor &c Council

of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Viraga-patam desiring an Escort to Ri-veram under title Fourteen Days

We have received your Honors & Co.s letters of the 27th November Last, directing us to furnish the Rajah Vizeram Rauze with an Escort of Sepoys consisting of one Company in order that he may proceed to the Presidency, but as he has represented to us the very great Loss his Country will sustain should he leave it at this time, and likewise the many inconveniencys to himself, We have in consequence deferr'd sending the above Escort to him, until We have your further Orders on this Head.

The Lascars belonging to the Madras Detachment were sent away about the 10th of Last Month, they were advanced 20 Days Batta for their Journey overland.

Herewith we have the Honor of forwarding your general Monthly Returns of the Troops on this Garrison, as also one of those in the Districts & likewise a List of Stores for Last Month.

We are, with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt Hble Servants

Viragapatam
Jan.y 15th 1770.

H. Williams
H.y Crawford
N. Barlow

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Read a Paper of Intelligence

Intelligence of Hyder having gain'd an advantage over the Mahrattas

from Maddegarry a diminution of Hyder Ally's advantage over the Army of the Mahrattas entered in Country Correspondence No —

Read Letter from Captain Edingtoun

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President &c Council

Honorable

From Capt. Edingtoun encamp at Caranganore & are preparing to proceed agt Hyder.

By a Letter Received Last night from Mr Torkpe Resident at Anjengo, dated the 12th Inst. ~ The Dutch have formed an Encampment at Caranganore; & it is reported that they are actually under marching Orders against Hyder Ally. I judge it my duty to acquaint the Board with the above circumstance, least it should in any degree affect the Company's Affairs in this Settlement.

I am with respect

Honorable

Your devoted and

humble Servant

Palamcottah

Jan.y 17th 1770.

J. Edingtoun

Read Letter from the Rajah of

From the Rajah of Tanjore the Nabob's People fall upon those he sent to repair the Ammunition

Tanjore complaining of the Nabob's People who had fallen upon the Persons employed to repair the Ammunition & representing that his Country will sustain thereby entered in Country Correspondence No

As the Nabob has sent Orders to his

Into Fort St George 26th Jany 1760

Observations of the Board thereon.

Annexed are the Proceedings of the Board Consequent to Separys to be sent to support & assist the Workmen employed at the Annacutt, it is hoped there no further interruptions or Disputes will happen.

Letter from Hyder Ally.

Read also Letter from Hyder Ally entered in Country Correspondence &c acquainting of his Victory over the Army of the Mahrattas.

Ordered that the Receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged.

John Whitehill

S. Lewis

14th Fort St. George 26th Jan.y 1770.

Dispatches the following Letter to

Lieut Colonel Horne.

To Lieut Colonel Horne
Commanding at Tanjore
Sir

The Rajah having represented to Us that

To Col: Horne to protect the Inhabitants from the Tondemans People

Tondemans People enter his Country & plunder the Inhabitants, & that the Nabobs Country, who have committed Offences fly into the Nabobs Country, from whence they return & plunder his People, We desire that you will make the proper use of the Troops stationed for the protection of the Tanjore Country, to prevent such Desterr. ances as are committed to the Prejudice of the Natives

We are

Sir

Your most humble Servants
Jn.o Whitehill &c.s

Fort St. George
26th Jan.y 1770.

At a Consultation present

Wednesday 28th Jan.y

John Whitehill Esq.r Gov.r Presid.t
C. Smith S. Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from Col. Lang.

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

From Col: Lang recommending Ensign Aubrey for permission to proceed to Europe on acct: of bad Health

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclose I beg leave to present you with a Certificate of the indisposition of Ensign Aubrey wherein you will find that Surgeon Pasley recommends a voyage to Europe as necessary for his recovery.

I am therefore to solicit your permission for Ensign Aubrey to proceed to Europe, & as his particular distress, & request you will be pleased to mention in the General Letter that I was obliged to resign the Fort Adjutancy on account of his bad state of Health

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Ros Lang

Surgeons certificate concerning him.

This is to certify that Lieut. Aubrey's Health & constitution are much impaired by several illnesses of which he has had repeated attacks; at present I see so much weakness & debility that a Voyage to Europe seems absolutely necessary to his Recovery.

G. Pasley

Fort St George
26th Janry. 1776.

Permission granted him

Agrees that Ensign Aubrey be permitted to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

Gent. Letter approved.

Draft of General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors read & approved

John Whitehill

A Berring

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At a Consultation present

John Whitehill Esqr. Govr. President
Thursday 5th Febry. Chas. Smith S. Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore — entered in Country Correspondence Vol. 10 accompanying a Letter from him to the Honble the Court of Directors.

Ordered that the Original & Trans.

The Original & Translate to be sent Home. — Copy of the abovementioned Letter be sent a Number in the Packet by the Houghton.

General Letter to the Honble Com.

Genl Letter & Houghton cleard — Copy & Ship Houghton read & signed

Ordered that the Packet be closed

John Whitehill

P. Perring

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The following Letters having been
received & sent immediately before the dispatch of the
Houghton they are now entered according to their respective Dates.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Col. Ross
Major Stevens re-
presents the great
delay in passing
his Bills

Major Stevens has represented to me
that interruptions are likely to arise in conducting the
Works of Tanjore from delay in payment of the Bills
for Works done there; And that he is under great distress
for want of Orders to that effect, having paid many Bills
& made up about 8 Lacks of Bricks; He is unable to discharge
some others that are to be paid, particularly Bills for Fascines
that are to be laid up in Store, & for work done by Mr.
Gordon towards the reform of the Little Fort.

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lt Col. & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
30th Jany 1770.

To Captain James Eidenglown
Commanding Officer
at Palamcollah

Sir

I am directed by the President & Council

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To Capt. Brougton to send assistance to the Manager at Tinnevelly to collect the Peyash.

to desire that you will send 5 Companies of your Battalion to assist Elahar Cawn the Nabobs Manager at Tinnevelly in collecting the Peiscash due from the Tributary Pollygars in that Country, but you are to observe that no violence or hostility is to be committed in case of resistance without express Orders from the Board.

Sam

Sir

Fort St George
31 Jan.y 1770

Your most Obedient Servant
Chas Oakeley Secry

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

Honble Sir &c Sirs

We have the honor to enclose herewith, an Extract from the Company's Letter to case of the 24th December 1776 relating to Mr Geo: Sackville Forson whence proceeds to Bengal agreably to their Orders. He has been long detained here by indisposition.

Letter to the Governor Genl & Co. etc Mr Geo: Brown proceeds to Bengal, request they will order Capt.n Mordaunt to the Court

Captain John Mordaunt of this Establishment had Leave of absence at the request of the Late Sir John Clavering to serve him in quality of Aid des Camps — As We apprehend there cannot be any further occasion for his Services, We request you will order him to return to his Duty on this Establishment with all convenient Expedition

We have the Honor to be

Honble Sir &c Sirs

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31st Jany. 1770.

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Jno. Whitehill Geo. Consl

To Mr. Charles Edward Jones
Paymaster at
Tanjore

Sir

To the Paymaster at Tanjore order'd to pay all Bills certified by Major Stevens

Major Stevens having represented to the President & Council that the Chief Engineer, that the Works at Tanjore having lately been interrupted by difficulties & objections which have arisen in the Payment of the Bills I am directed to desire that you will for the present pay all Bills which may be certified by Major Stevens for Work done at Tanjore, & after the departure of the Ships now under Dispatch the Board will consider what has been observed in carrying on the Works, & and their final Resolutions on this Subject

I am

Sir,

Fort St. George
2d February 1770.

Your most Obedient Servant
Chas Oakeley Secry

To Thomas Rumbold and General Munro arrive ch the Bes- bore & Lord North

Arrived the Honble Company's Ships Bedfordshire & Lord North from England, the former with Thomas Rumbold Esqr. & the latter with Major General Hector Munro on Board — Upon their Land- ing, the Commission of Government was read first to the Inhabitants assembled in the Council Room and afterwards to the Troops on the Parade — General Munro

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Commission as Commander in Chief was likewise read publickly upon the Parade, after which the Counsil returned to the Fort House & opened the several Packets by the Despatches of Lord North — Mr Rumbold was the same Evening given out in General Orders as President & Governor of Fort St George, & Major General Munro as Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast.

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thos Rumbold Esqr Govr Presidt
John Whitehill Major Genl H. Munro
Chas Smith S. Johnson
Peter Perring

Friday the 13th

Mr Rumbold having taken the Chair as President & General Munro the proper seat assigned him by the Court of Directors, the General Letter dated the 4th July last received & Despatches of Lord North is read & the following Orders passed upon such parts as relate to this Department & require immediate attention.

Mr Rumbold & General Munro take their seats at the Board

Genl Letter & Despatches read

Ordered that the appointments of Major Chas Hopkins & Major Alexr Maclellan be confirmed in General Orders.

Orders in consequence

Par. 17

Par. 32 —— Ordered that so much of the late Act of Parliament as relates to Loans of Money be translated into the Country Languages & published agreeably to the directions contained in this Para.

Par. 40 —— General Munro requesting that in addition to Capt. James Campbell, who is permitted by the Company to serve him as Aid des Camps Ensign

Capt. Thomas Bellasis to be removed to general orders

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William Richard Rumbold, Mr Rumbold's Son, may
Cradles appointed to act in that Capacity, the Board
acquiesce, & direct that these appointments be given
out in General Orders.

Paras 52 & 53 — Ordered that these Paragraphs
be communicated to General Stuart, & that he be in-
formed of our intention to take them under conside-
ration as soon as possible — with respect to the other
Gentlemen mentioned by the Company, the Board
will come to some Resolution at the next Council.

The several Letters & Papers lying
on the Table for consideration are severally read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The time of my absence from
the Coast to Bengal being expired, & myself returned
to my Corps, without having received any allowance
whatever in the interim agreable to the regulation
I now beg leave to inform your Honors, that the
unavoidable expence of my Journey has been conside-
rably greater than my Circumstances will admit of;
I therefore hope your Honors will take it into your con-
sideration & be pleased to direct that the Paymaster
do issue me all pay Batta, & Sepoy Allowances that
shall appear not to have been paid during my absence

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs

Ensign Walter Thompson applies for his pay, while absent in Bengal

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with all due respect

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Walter Thompson

Ensign 4th Ocar Battalion.

Ask'd
30th Dec.r 1777

As Mr. Thompson appears to have been indulged by the Board with Leave of absence, it would be unreasonable to withhold from him his Pay during that time, Ordered therefore that they be issued by the Paymaster

Granted

Read a Letter from Captain John Reynolds

To the Hon.ble John Whitehill Esq.r
Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Reynolds applies to be made Inspector of Stores at Trichinopoly

The Office of Inspector of Stores having been originally given to the Oldest Captain Lieutenants of Artillery as a Compensation for the smallness of their pay, & the time they were before they arrived to the Command of Companys, Has induced me to make the following application to

Your.

There is at present an Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam, & Vellore, & Capt.n Mackay was by the late administration, appointed Inspector to the Southern Garrisons

It appears to me hardly possible for one Person to attend to that duty in Tanjore & the

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other Garrisons to the Southward, & being also next in Rank to Captain Mackay; & the place of Inspector of Stores enjoyed at Present by two Junior Captains Lieutenants to myself, I beg leave to solicit the appointment of Inspector of Stores to this Garrison, & hope you will take it into your consideration.

I am
Honble Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
John Regault

Trichinopoly
January 20th 1778

Agreed that the Consideration of the
Consideration thereof be deferrd.

Read the following Letter from Gunjam

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

Honble Sirs &c

From Gunjam relating further to the disputes with Capt Lyeaght with many Letters on the Subject

Encloses for transmission to your Honrs
a Copy of a Letter from Captain Lyeaght of the 22d
which we have forwarded by his Desire.

We readily submit to your Honrs &c
whether Capt Lyeaght had sufficient ground, for believing
that Mr Brunsell had no thoughts of employing Cornige
when he had been informed by Mr Fannin that Cornige
either was, or would be appointed to the management
of the Aska Purgunnah; & it is not a little remarkable
that Captain Lyeaght should be ignorant of a circumstance
publickly known, considering also the endeavours he would

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naturally have to make an enquiry.

One of the Papers put up in the Bazar, which Captain Lysaght enclosed, was an advertisement for proposals to be received for letting out the Large & small Crops, this was done in each Purgunnah & was a measure fallen on by Mr. Maunsell to discover whether it would be more for the advantage of the Company their making these collections Directly, which would be attended with great Expence in the article of Peons &c. to guard the Grain. The Advertisement was signed by Mr. Fawn formerly Mr. Colebrook's Writer, a young Man of Capacity & particularly useful in the Business from his knowledge of the Country Languages; Mr. Maunsell had for these reasons appointed him to the Superintendance of the whole Hardly but it was not the less necessary to have a Manager in each Purgunnah (even should the Crops be farmed out) to keep the Accounts, collect the Duties &c. & this was the Office of Coringie who had the interior management of the said Purgunnah.

The other Paper directed all Amildars to repair to Tanjore to prove their right to the Lands appropriated for Enaums, or Charities in the Purgunnah.

In answer to the second paragraph of Captain Lysaghts Letter, Mr. Oakes whom he alludes to has informed Us that Coringie came to his House about half an hour after he had been whipped in the Fort, with a sword in his hand, telling him he had been in search of Captain Lysaght to revenge himself for the disgrace that he had suffered, & that one or the

other should not long survive it, that he upbraided himself for having withdrawn his first Petition, & reflected on the promise of protection made him by the Chief & Council — Mr Oakes thinking it dangerous to let him have a sword, took it from him, & gave him every assurance that reparation should be made to him for the injury he had received; Bourjie in the violence of passion still threatened Captain Lyngh's life, and Mr Oakes knowing his views at Ganjam absolutely required his leaving us. — That same Evening, thought it not prudent to suffer Bourjie to remain secluded, he therefore ordered his Servants to put Bourjie into a Palankeen & have him immediately conveyed to Ganjam — Captain Lyngh has since informed us of the Circumstance he mentions of Bourjie being introduced into Mr Maunsell's Bed Chamber, although it is certain that as soon as Mr Maunsell came out of his room, Bourjie threw himself at his feet & implored once more his protection; Captain Lyngh has also been misinformed in regard to his Petition, which by Mr Maunsell's Order was taken down from the Mr. Clerk Deposition of Bourjie by the Company's Dubash, whose imperfect knowledge of English had made him often unintelligible in two or three places, — these parts were corrected, but no new matter was introduced into the Petition, which now was too much defaced to lay before the Board, & it was therefore copied fair by Mr Macampbell Writer.

Your Honr &c. were obtained by our Consultation of the 24th Ultimo which we lately transmitted to you, & our having resolved to call upon Mr Morton to

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refund the amount of his Hospital Bill for November which had been paid him through inadvertency, and under the particular circumstances stated in the Paymasters Letter; we accordingly addrest Captain Lysaght on the Subject, & required him to order Mr Martin to refund, which Captain Lysaght has refused to comply with. We have no other alternative than to enclose to your Honor & the Letter he has written Us on the occasion, & submit to your Judgement the reason he has assigned for such refusal.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedt
humble Servants

R.t Maunsell
R.t Hughes
P. Cobes
Geo: Forster

Ganjam
9th Janr 1770

To Robert Maunsell Esqr
& Council
Ganjam

Gentlemen

Having been informd that my not replying particularly to that part of your Letter of the 28th Ultimo, wherein you say that you have the fullest proof that I well knew Carroo was appointed by Mr Maunsell to collect the Revenues of the ark a Purgunnah, has been look'd upon as a tacit acknowlegement of my being acquainted with this

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Circumstance, I now beg leave to inform you that my
Silence upon that Subject proceeded from a point of delicacy
to a Gentleman at Ganjam, whose Name I might be apt
publickly mentioning upon the occasion, & I am much
concerned to find myself now under the necessity of doing
it, in justification of my own Conduct — It is true that in a
Conversation I had with Mr Farmer at Ganjam the day
after my return from the Presidency, he mentioned to
me that Mr Maunsell either has made, or did intend
making Carroo manager of Aska, but after what I had
informed Mr Maunsell relative to the Mars, I gave
little Credit to what I then heard, for I could not believe
that he would have been entrusted any Goods,
(considering the terms which I flatter myself I was
then upon with Mr Maunsell) that Aska should have
been pitched on for him, when Mr Maunsell had an
opportunity of employing him in so many other places.
Almost confirmed in this belief, I made enquiries into
the matter upon my arrival at Len & was pleased to find
what I considered as a sufficient proof of my having
been misinformed, for the accompanying Copies of
two Papers, taken from others posted in the Bazar were
brought Me which made me conclude that Mr Farmer
was manager of the Aska Purgunnah, in the same
manner that he is publickly known to be of all the
others in the District.

I do not mean to insinuate that
any of the Gentlemen who compose your Board have
already been prejudiced in this affair of Carroo's, but
if what I have been told is true, I submit to your whether

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the Conduct of one Gentleman does not wear that ap-
pearance; I have been informed that immediately after
the affair happened, the Gentleman Dalluded to had Caroo
in his house here, that he advised him to go immediately
to Ganjam & lodge his Complaint, that he followed him
from hence that evening & knocks up Mr Maunsell next
morning before day light to introduce Caroo into his Bed
Chamber, that he drew out the Petition for Caroo (the stile of
which is so ingeniously disguised), & that he got Mr Maun-
sells Servant to Copy the Petition which was afterwards
delivered in by Caroo.

As this is the last time which I pro-
pose intruding upon the patience of your Board with
this disagreable subject, I shall conclude with requesting
that all the Correspondence relative to it may be trans-
mitted to the Honble Board as soon as possible.

I remain with much respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) A. Lysaght

Askd
2d Jan.y 1770

A true Copy
T. Oakes Secry

To Robert Maunsell Esqr
&ca Council of
Ganjam
Gentlemen

I am favored with your Letter
of the 5th Inst. communicates to Mr Martin that

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part of it, which relates to him, but as the whole has
a claim between that Gentleman & the Paymaster,
happened while he was under the Command of another
Officer, I do not think myself authorised to order him
to refund the Money he received, You, Gentlemen have
submitted the propriety of Mr Martins Charge, to the
Board, the President & Council & any Orders they may
be pleased to give in consequence thereof, must undoubtedly
be obeyed by him.

The Extracts from the General Letter
dated 11th June 1777 were received near a Month ago &
duely published

I am with respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
(signed) A. Lysaght

Ask'd
6th Janry 1778

A true Copy
To Oakes Secy

The President & Council not having had time enough to inform themselves of all
the Circumstances relating to the Affair alluded to in
the above Letter, the Consideration of them is deferd.

Read the following Letter from
the Import Warehouse Keeper.

To Mr Duncan Andrew Baird
Depy Military Secretary
Sir,

In consequence of your Letter to me

From the Import Warehousekeeper re-
garding the deficiency
of Cloth issued to the

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of Yesterdays Date accompanying an Extract of a Letter to the Honble the President & Council from the Sepoy Agent complaining of the deficiency in the Length & Breadth of the Pieces of Cloth delivered to him for the Sepoys Cloathing, You will be pleased to inform the Honble Board that I have made every Enquiry in my power & find that this is the first time any Complaint of that nature has been reported to the Import Warehousekeeper — As the Breadth of the Cloth is never mark'd either in the Invoice or upon the Piece & as the Coarse Cloth is always delivered either in Bales or Pieces unopened it is impossible for the Import Warehousekeeper to ascertain the deficiency — the only method in my Opinion to be adopted in this case would be to have the Length & Breadth of each Piece mark'd in the Invoice & upon the Piece.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
G. Firth
Inspt Wks

Fort St. George
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Ordered that the Sepoy Agent be directed to report the deficiency of the several Pieces of Cloth received by him from the Import Warehousekeeper & that the Import Warehousekeeper be desired to open a dozen pieces from different Bales of the Cloth now in the Ware-house & report their measurements to the Board.

Report on the Subject to be desired in by the Warehousekeeper & Agent

the

Read the following Letter from

Colonel Laing

Fort St. George 13th Febry 1770.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieut. Thomas Moseley Adjutant

Colonel Laing recommends Ensign Jas Turing's being appointed Adjutant to the 2d Coast Battn

to the second Coast Battalion, having requested permission to resign the Office of Adjutant; I beg leave to recommend that Ensign James Turing, of the seventeenth Carnatic Battalion be removed to the second Coast Battalion, & appointed Adjutant in his room.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient Servant

Ross Laing

Fort St. George

20th Jany 1770

Colonel Laing's recommendation ap-

approved

proved.

Read the following Letter from

Viragapatam.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Honor & Hon. Letter of the 13th Instant acquainting us with your appointment of Captain Collins to the Command at Cuda, in the room of Captain Lysaght who is ordered by you to take charge of his Battalion at Viragapatam. The former has been accordingly acquainted with his appointment & directed to inform Captain Murphy &

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your pleasure respecting him

We have also received Mr Secretary Oakeley's Letter of the 1st Ultimo previous to the receipt of the said Letter Lt Sutcliff returned from the Southward & Lieut. Davis was then immediately recalled from the Detachment on their march to Arkot.

We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

M. Williams

H.J. Crawford

N. Barlow

Vizagapatam
25th January 1770.

Read the following Letter from

Vizagapatam.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Virayapatam requesting directions concerning the Artillery employed in that District

We have received your Letter of the 14th Inst. directing Us to send up to the Presidency the whole or as many of the Troops as We possibly can by the first Sea conveyance, or in case none should offer to march them overland to Masulipatam; in answer to which We are to acquaint your Honor &c. that We daily expect a Vessel will touch here, when we shall endeavour as many of them, as she can possibly accommodate; but as you have desired Us to give the Artillery the preference, We imagine you did not advert to your former Orders which

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were to keep 25 of them at Viriamagrom, & to send above 20 more on the expedition against Goomsur, otherwise you would have given Directions for recalling those Stationed at Viriamagrom, as well as those employed against Goomsur when the Service, on which they were sent, was over. We therefore should be glad to know fully your intention respecting this Corps, as We shall detain the Vessell till We receive your answer, which We hope will be speedily.

We are most respect
Honble Sirs &c
Your most Obedt
humble Servants
H. Williams
N. Barlow

Virdapatam
28th Jany 1770

The Artillery to be withdrawn from Vizianagrom.

The Board being of Opinion that the Artillery Men now at Vizianagrom may be withdrawn without inconvenience, Agreed that Directions be sent accordingly, that they may be embarked for the Presidency

Read Letter from Colonel Laing as follows

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

Honble Sirs

Herewith you have a Letter from Captain Pearce of the Invalids.

Though he has not therein referr'd you to my Opinion, I think it incumbent on me to advise

Letter from Colonel Laing with Letter from Capt Pearce. presenting Grievances Expecting Friendly Aid for Just Duty

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to such of his Allegations as have come under my Person
al knowledge. I am therefore to acquaint You that I
know he was for a long time a Prisoner with Hyder
ally, & that I believe him by Character & Constitution
qualified to fill a more active part in the Service.

I also appeal to your superior
Judgment whether it cannot a palpable abuse of a very
laudable institution, that any Person, not an Invalid
or duly certified as such, should be enrolled on the Invalid
Returns.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient Servant
Ross Lang

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to lay before
You thro' Colonel Lang, the Commander in Chief on
humble representation of my Grievances. You have,
Sirs, knowledge to distinguish & hearts to feel for the
afflictions of an injured Soldier. I am dishonored
in my profession, & in a manner the most humiliating
as I was fully restored to my Rank
in the Service by the Court of Directors in their Letter
of the 13th April 1774. It would be improper for me
Honble Sirs, to take up your time by entering on any
thing previous to that date, either in recounting the

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Memories Suffered in a close imprisonment of Twenty one Months with Hyder Ally, or in apologizing for the only act of my Life that ever submitted me to censure and for which, Gos knows I have severely suffered Therefore I will take the liberty to come to the point.

At the time it came to my turn to be promoted to the Rank of Captain, the Line to ment was engaged in matters of great importance, & by some inadvertency, or misinformation appointed Due to the Invalids, I represented my situation to the General & had the strongest hopes of preferment when the Government was changed: Hector Munro, I would Sain confident had he remained at the head of the Army, have taken proper measures for obtaining Me relief.

I can, Honble Sirs venture to affirm that at the age of fifty & thirty (& I am now no more) I am as able a Man for Service at any in the Country, & that I have never been accused of Want of Courage, Abilities, Attention or sobriety in my Duty. Lt Col. Cosby has had opportunities of judging of the truth of this assertion, & to him I beg leave to appeal. I can further add that I am most firmly attached to the Service of my Honble Masters, as well from Principle, as from any close Family connections with some who have been Directors, & with many considerable Proprietors.

I submit myself Honble Sirs & Sirs to your Justice, & humanity, & have the honor to be with the most profound Duty & respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

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3d Jany. 1770.

Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
J. B. Evance
Captain of Invalids

Ordered to lie on the Table for
further Consideration

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read a Letter from Lt. Col: Horne
Fortaine as follows.

To Charles Cakeley Esqr
Military Secretary
Sir

I have received your Letter of the
19th Instant directing me by the Orders of the Honble
the President & Council to order a prudent Officer & a
party of Sepoys to the Annacutt with directions to assist
& support the Workmen that are to be employed in the
repairs to prevent as much as possible any interference
or disputes between the Rabobs People & those of Tanjore

From Col: Horne
Lt. Brand sent to
support the Work-
men at the An-
nacutt.

I have appointed Lieut. Brand
a steady sensible Man to this Service & by the Agent
desire I shall accompany one of his principal people
to morrow to the Annacutt, who is to inspect into
the present State of the Bank, & examine what
Repairs are necessary, when I shall give the necessary
Orders for Mr. Brand's information & guidance.

I have to request you to inform the
Honble Board that I have received their Commands
of the 26th Instant, directing me to make such use
of the Troops as will prevent such Disturbances as are

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committed to be prejudice of the Natives.

On some Complaints having been made to me some time Ago from aiding of the Country in the Neighbourhood of the Rabobs of Tondemans of some Rob. Dacoities, And also of some disputes among the Inhabitants Conc. near the respective Boundaries; I gave such directions as I thot put an end to these depredations since; but enquiring into particulars of these Complaints I found them trifling & the Faults nearly equal on all sides, the truth is the Rajahs Ma. nagers formerly used to change a considerable number of Peons Watchers &c. to prevent these kind of depredations which have ever subsisted in that part of the Country; And as those Peons are not now allowed the Rabobs encourage these depredations with view to obtain the usual number of People under them; Notwithstanding they have sufficient Number of the Company's Sepoys to answer every good purpose; I shall do all in my power to prevent any further Cause of complaint of the same kind.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Fort St George
30th Jany 1770

humble Servant

H. Horne

Read the following Letter from Lt Flint at Trichinopoly

To Charles Oakeley
Military Secretary

Sir

Your Letter of the 25th Instant

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From Colonel Flint gives Major Burghall per. mission to come to Madras.

came to hand Yesterday Evening acquainting me with Major Burghalls appointment to this Garrison & that he has received directions from the President & Council to proceed, That Gentleman was here some time ago, on his arrival told me that he was come to speculate this place he having been sent up for that purpose, Accordingly gave him permission, after having done what Madras, as I had not received any advice concerning him from the Board or others, could not have any, of course he sett off.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
W. Flint

Trichinopoly
Jany 30th 1770

Major Burghall to be ordered to his Station

Major Burghall being now here agreed that he be ordered to repair immediately to his Station.

Read the following Letter from Ganjam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Ganjam wt Copy of their Consultations.

Herewith you will receive Copy of our Consultation of the 15th Instant which We have thought it proper & necessary to transmit to Your Honor &c. & submit its contents to your Consideration

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We have the honor to convey respectfully
to Honble Ser.y Fors
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
R.t Maunsell
R.t Hughes
Tho.s Oakes
Geo. Forster

Ganjam
25th Janry 1778

At a Consultation present

Monday
19th Janry
1778

Robert Maunsell provisional Offr
Robert Hughes Tho.s Oakes
George Forster

Read the following Letter from Capt.
Lyon dated the 17th Instant with Papers annexed of
the same Date.

To Robert Maunsell Esq.r
Gun.l Council
Ganjam
Gentlemen

from Capt. Lyon dated the 17th Instant with Papers annexed of the same Date.

Upon receipt of your favor of the 10th Instant a Company was detached agreable to your Desire to Pittaro to meet Lachuma Bunge, who arrived safe in Camp the day before Yesterday, but after mature deliberation Captain Cheptoye & Trent being of Opinion with me that in his present Character he cannot be of Utility in forwarding the Operations of the Troops, but that on the contrary he may rather impede them

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I have determined to send him back to Arka with a Guard equal to that which accompanied him here.

As I can assure ye Gentlemen that I have been actuated to this measure by no other Motive than what I judge to be for the good of the Service I hope it will meet with your approbation.

As the inward Fort or Pollam of Virnachuckram is now put into a tolerable state of defence, I propose advancing to-morrow morning with the Troops to old Goomsur, leaving Lieut. Meath with about two Companies of Sepoys in Virnachuckram.

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your most humble and
Obedient Servant
A. Lysaght

Camp between
Virnachuram
& Goomsur 17th Jany. 1778.

We are of Opinion that Lachma Bunge accompanying the Operations of the Troops will be attended with many disadvantages & not one advantage for the following reasons.

Lachmanna for so doing.

That in his present situation that is, as private Person, it is certain, fear of the future resentment of the present Rajah will prevent any one from joining Us on his Account, at the same time that it will confirm Vickram Bunge in the idea he has entertained, that no composition he can make will prevent the Company from absolutely depriving him of his Country — consequently his defence will be more desperate, & cost perhaps more lives in the Conquest.

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The excessive & known timidity of Lachema Bunge, prevents him from giving Us such depredations of the Roads & Country, as are consistent with truth, at the same time, his presence prevents his People from giving daily proofs of it — so that there is great reason to fear his talking Sanscrit clearly in his Tent before all his People indiscriminately of the Questions put to him by the Commanding Officer relative to Situations, which may be attended with the worst of Consequences.

A large guard being necessary for his Person, his presence keeps a number of Troops unemployed.

For these Reasons We are of Opinion that it will be for the good of the Service that Lachema Bunge should be sent back if there remains until the pleasure of the Chief & Council shall be known

Arthur Lysaght
Robt Kelsall
Thos Trent

Camp Cetiwan
Visanachuchram
8 Coomsee 17th Jany 1770

Mr Maunsell informs the Board that Lachema Bunge is just arrived here from Camp & proposes that he should be called before Us to explain the cause of his return, which is agreed to. & Lachema

Lachema Bunge being called before the Board explains the reasons why he was sent

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Bunge having waited upon us agreably to our Desire, he delivers himself to the following purport, That upon his arrival in Camp on thursday Morning, Captain Lysaght received & carried him to his Tent, & after the usual Compliments asked him his Opinion in regard to taking Sourerah Dowaraum, a Tat near Vizzeachuckram, that he replied there were two roads, one through the Jungle which he Lachema Bunge had seen, & was willing to shew him, the other by the River side which his People, who were acquainted with it, should lead him to, or that he himself would go that way if Captain Lysaght desired it, Captain Lysaght further desired him to speak freely his Sentiments on this Point, & that he should be guided by them or not as he might afterwards think proper, that he Lachema Bunge thanked & as his Opinion, that it would be proper first to take the Tat of Sourerum Davaraich before he proceeded to the Tat of Goomsur, as it would greatly facilitate the taking of that place, that very little more past on Business before Captain Lysaght told him he might retire, that the next morning Captain Lysaght's Servant Mahomed Ghose came to him from his Master, & said it would be much better for him to go to Aska than remain in Camp where there was so much Danger, that he replied he was the Son of a Rajah & feared no danger whilst he enjoyed the Company's protection, that it was not the first time he had been in Camp, as a wound of a ball through his thigh, which he then discovered, would testify that it would be a great disgrace to him to be forced from Camp after the favor that had been conferred upon him in its being proposed to him by the Chief & Council that

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he should attend the Troops — that Mahomed Yousse came three different times to his Tent on that Day & in very long Conversations endeavored to persuade him to go back to Aska which he Lachenna Bunge as often argued against, that the next Morning Mahomd Yousse came to him & urged the Subject of the preceding Day until about 12 o Clock, & Lachenna Bunge finding there was no end to these Solicitations, thought it would be best to go & express his desire to Captain Lysaght that he might undisturbedly be permitted to remain in Camp, or if that could not be granted, that he might take his Leave; but about 4 o Clock in the afternoon Mahomed Yousse came again to his Tent & informed him that Captain Lysaght had risen from Dinner & that now he might have a Conference with him; that he accordingly waited on Captain Lysaght at his Tent, & Captain Lysaght began the conversation by telling him it would be better for him to go back to Aska, as there was great Danger in the Field, that he Lachenna Bunge begg'd very earnestly to be permitted to remain in Camp but it would be a disgrace to him if it was to appear necessary for him to leave the Camp that at all Events he entreated he might not be sent out of the Country, & that if he could not be suffered to continue in Camp, that he might at least be permitted to remain in Vizianagrum, but that Capt. Lysaght told him he must go back to Aska, & that if it was necessary, he could be sent for; that Capt. Lysaght then conducted him to his Palankeen, & that he was afraid to refuse complying with Capt Lysaghts Order, lest he might

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mour the displeasure of the Chief & Council. Lachenna Bunge was then asked what Conversations he had had with Captain Chesshyre & Trent, to which he replied that he had not seen Captain Chesshyre, that he went to his Tent the day of his arrival, but did not find him at home, that on his return he met Captain Trent by accident & upon telling him that he understood Captain Lysaght intended sending back from Camp, that Captain Trent replied, that Captain Lysaght was Commanding Officer & that he would not be proper to disobey him.

Lachenna Bunge being desired to retire he entreated our Attentions to the Circumstance of his having been sent from Camp which would be a great disgrace to him in the Eyes of all the Zemindars & lead them to conclude that he had forfeited the Com. pany's favor, & as he hoped that no such mis fortune either had, or would be laid to him, he begg'd us in the most earnest manner to give him leave to join the Troops.

The Board having taken the fore. going Subject into their serious Consideration, proceed to deliver their Sentiments, on the paper of Reasons for sending back Lachenna Bunge from Camp, as also the Deposition of Lachenna Bunge as before recited.

The Board of Ganjam's reasoning on the Subject

Captain Lysaght has we conceive no right to judge as to the Policy of sending Lachenna Bunge in a private Capacity to Camp, it remained with Us who were fully empowered to carry into execution the Orders of the Hon'ble Board regarding Coomar

to determine on the propriety of the measure, The Board having invariably been of Opinion, that it would be a very proper step to get Lachenna Bunge to attend the Troops whenever they might proceed against Goomsur: and it was particularly wished by the late Commanding Officer who had a perfect knowledge of Lachenna Bunge, & one who was confirmed in this Opinion from its having been approved of by the Honble Board, who in their Letter under date 27th August 1774 leave us at Liberty to employ his Services in any manner we think advisable, & further add, that they are of Opinion it might be allowable to promise him the Goomsur Zemindary on the terms therein expressed, if he has a party in the Country considerable enough for in the reduction of the Goomsur Rajah & to prove that such was our opinion at this time, & that his knowledge of the Country might facilitate the Operations of the Troops, we need only refer to our Letter to the Honble Board under date the 10th Instant, but admitting that Captain Lyaght might be allowed to form an Opinion on the Policy of such a measure, the one he has given, appears extremely futile & erroneous — The Cruelty & perfidy which the Company have for the last three Years shewn to the Goomsur Rajah notwithstanding his reprobate Conduct will not only convince the Rajah, but the whole Country also, that as the Troops have at length proceeded against him, it is the intentions of the Company to reduce him to obedience, & deprive him of a part at least of his Possessions, & nothing can tend more effectually towards establishing such a belief, than shewing them that Lachenna Bunge the lawful Heir to the Zemindary is under our

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immediate Protection, Seven assisting the operations of the Troops, From whence they will naturally conclude he is to put in possession of a part, if not the whole of the Country & if it will not are persuaded prove ample encouragement to the Adherents of Lachema Bunge to come over to him, & to wean others from their former attachment to the Rajah; regardless of the future Resentment of a Man, about to lose his possessions, & already in part deprived of them.

To refute the 2d & 3d Articles of the Paper before us, & to set the Affair in its true point of view, We shall only observe that neither Capt.n Clephyre nor Captain Trent who signed the Paper, had any conversation whatever on Business with Lachema Bunge, who did not even see the former, & spoke with the latter only in the accidental & cursory manner related in his Declaration, & Captain Lysaght has only one interview with him, except the last visit when Lachema Bunge waited on him to urge him against being sent from Camp; From this review of the transaction, & it appearing that Lachema Bunge was permitted to remain in Camp only two days Jan.ry, the earnestness of these Gentlemen in alledging that Lachema Bunge cannot avoid giving daily Proofs of uneasiness & excessive timidity, reflects much on the prejudice of such an Opinion particularly as it does not by any means coincide with his general Character & the knowledge We have been able to obtain of him in the course of many Years.

From the step taken by Capt.n Graght, we cannot promise ourselves the extensive

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vantages We before expected from the presence of
Lachoma Bunge in the Tondiar Tomindary, as we have
reason to apprehend that Captain Lyraght will not now
put it in his power to exert himself by his knowledge of
the Country, but at the pressing solicitations of Lachoma
Bunge, & to convince him as well as the whole District
if possible, that our Orders cannot be set aside at the pleasure
of Captain Lyraght, although the contempt he has recently
shewn for our authority makes it We fear a doubtful
point, We think it indispensably necessary to order Lachoma
Bunge back to Camp, for which purpose it is agreed that a
Letter be written to Captain Lyraght informing him of our
resolution, & that the 4th Article be provided against by re-
quiring, that in case the guard necessary for his protection
should weaken his force in a degree to endanger a mis-
carriage, that he leave it to the option of Lachoma
Bunge to retire to any Fort in the Tondiar Country
he may make choice of for a temporary Residence, leaving
the Officer there commanding to protect his Person.

We cannot avoid remarking the
little Consistency of Captain Lyraghts Proceedings in this af-
fair with the professions he lately made in Person to
this Board, that the former differences which had arisen
should be attended with no detriment to the present Service
& that he should be implicitly guided by our Requisitions
in every respect, & it cannot escape our observation that
at the abovementioned interview with Us he was informed
of it being our intentions that Lachoma Bunge should
attend the Troops in the Field, to which he did not urge

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Agreed that Copy of this Consultation be transmitted to the Honble the President and Board of the whole of its Contents be submitted to their judgment.

A true Copy
Fs Oakes Secry

The foregoing Extracts from the Ganjam Minutes being taken under consideration, the Board remark that the Chief & Council have acted very properly with regard to Lachena Bunge, & that Captain Lyaght on the contrary was highly culpable in sending that Man from the Camp without first representing his opinion concerning him to the Chief & Council & waiting for their directions in consequence.

Their Conduct approved

Ordered that the Purport of this Minute be communicated to the Chief Homiah at Ganjam, & a Copy of it sent by the Secretary to Captain Lyaght for his information.

Letter from Colonel Roy Chief Engineer read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I inclose you a Letter from Major Stevens, on which I am to request your orders as no time should be lost in repairing what has already fallen down, & securing the rest which may

From Lt. Roy enclosing a Letter from Major Stevens, part of the Tanjore wall at Tanjore falls down

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be done in the manner proposed by the Major if you approve of it.

I am with respect

Honble Sirs Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut. Colo. Chief Engineer

Fort St. George

5th Feby. 1770

To Lieut. Colonel Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir

This serves to enclose a sketch of part of the Faussebray Wall of the great Fort at Fort St. George which I am sorry to tell you fell down into the Ditch the 30th January shewing its length to be 90 feet & that 40 feet is so much damaged as to require being pulled down to be rebuilt.

The cause of this breach is owing to the want of a proper Foundation for the Faussebray Wall which has been more than usually strained by having a small quantity of Earth filled in behind it; which is shewn in the Section to be 6½ feet high & 7½ feet below 4 & 5½ feet above.

I take this opportunity of shewing to you that the greatest part of the Faussebray Wall of the great Fort from the East Gate towards the Little Fort is in the same ruinous State, & that other accidents of this Nature may be expected on that Front

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of the S East Angle of the great Fort which is a part that ought to be secured as much as possible by the proposed Reform of the Faurebray before it, I submit to your judgment whether it would not be adviseable instead of merely rebuilding the Breach to continue taking down such part of the Faurebray Wall to the Southward as needs a proper foundation, till the SE Angle be fairly embraced, & use the materials as far as they will go in rebuilding it in such manner as will be substantial.

On this Front there are many Pieces that have of late years been rebuilt to all appearance in a double manner; this piece may probably be intended to the North & South so as not to exceed above 400 or 500 Feet & join to two such rebuilt Patches, which will render a more considerable part secure & out of danger.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) W. Stevens

Dr Engr

Fort St. George
3 Febry 1778.

A true Copy Patrick Ross

Ordered to lie on the Table for con-

sideration

Read the following Letter from

Ensign John Grant

To

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To the Honble the President
and Council
Madras

Gentlemen,

I herewith enclose you my commission, requesting your permission to resign the Command of the Grand & quarter to resign his Commission

Command Service; having obtained Leave from Below. under my Hand for so doing

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Grant

Fort St. George
6th Feby 1770

Resolved that Ensign Grant's Re-
granted quest be complied with

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Col. Home.

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Lt Col Flowe, the Rahobs Brahmins refusing to let their Rajahs Rule take cards to the Annacutta, the Renter of Pannoor and flys to Rajah

I have been posted at the Annacutta, Rahobs of Sepoys & was sent upon the Boundaries country of that of Tanjore in presence of a Brahmin belonging to the Rahob stationed at the Annacutta, and of a Brahmin belonging to the Rajah stationed at Pannoor: The Rank on the Rahobs side the Annacutta

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Damage'd is now very weak & will require considerable repairs; The Rajah's Country near the Bank is only a bed of Sand which is improper for the repairs wanted, and the Rajah's Brammy says he cannot suffer the earth to be carried for this purpose out of his Master's Country without Orders for that purpose.

Yesterday the Rajah informed me that the Renter of the Mamarcoil Soubah having been ordered to Tanjore to adjust his accounts, had instead of obeying those Orders gone to Negapatam; & being there from under the Rajah's authority, had disobeyed those Orders. In consequence of which he had ordered a Letter to be sent to the Governor of Negapatam desiring his Renter Comasapillah might be sent from thence & not be protected there: As he had accounts to settle to a considerable Amount, & reminded the Governor of the agreement that had long subsisted that the Dutch should not protect any of the Subjects belonging to Tanjore, when they flee into their Bounds. Nor that any of the Inhabitants of Negapatam should be protected in the Tanjore Country when they fled from thence; The Governor had written for answer that Comasapillah was not at Negapatam. And that he had put a Tom Tom about ordering none of Comasapillahs people to remain in the Town which was all he could do: some days after this one of the Rajahs People met a Servant of Comasa-pillah's in Negapatam, who he carried before the Gover-nor. This Man was ordered out of the Dutch Bounds And was imprisoned by the Renter at Nagore on his arrival there; One of the Head Inhabitants of Mamercoil

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who was as one of the securities of Conapellah; hearing he was still privately in Negapatan went down there to use him y concert measures with him; on this Pram allowd to repass the Gates again. The relations of this Man having information of his being detained in Negapatan, seizd five Merchants who had been employd in procuring Goods for the Governor, And carried them to Trivalore where they are now detained, immediately upon this the Dutch Governor stopt all intercourse with the Tanjore Country, And ordered a Company of Sepoys to Trivalore.

The three Merchants had been sent & brought to Trivalore without any express Orders from the Rajah to any of his Managers, Intimated to him that it might be proper that he ordered them to be released, & not suffer any Conduct of this kind to take place by any of his People without regular Orders from him; He seemd averse to this, As the Dutch Governor had first detained one of his People and more especially as they had posted a party of Troops at their Boundaries; However this would have an appearance to his People that he releasd these Merchants through apprehensions occasiond by those Troops: And that formally the Dutch Governor did not act so very offensively; However on my therein him that as these Men had been taken & carried to Trivalore without his Orders or knowledge he

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on the contrary the regularity of his Government would appear the more conspicuously by not countenancing any irregularities of any of his People without having first instructions from him; He said he would deliver these Merchants to me if I would send them with a Letter to the Dutch Governor by some of the Company's People, informing him these People were released at my Desire; on my observing that it would be improper for me to take a Step of this kind or enter into a correspondence of such a tenden cy without first informing your Honours of what had happened, he informed me he had wrote the whole of this dispute except the circumstance of the Merchants being detained; & desired I would write also to your Honors; By all accounts here Cornasapillah is still privately in Negapatam; that he is apprehensive if he comes up here some old accounts will be brought against him to be clear'd up, and that his Person would not be safe, except he has the Company's Protection,

I am very respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Matt: Horne

Tanjore 7th Febry 1770.

In regard to repairing the Ar.
cottah the Board request the President will speak
to the Raiah that the difficulties complain'd of may
be removed.

The President to speak w.th the Raiah about the arra. cottah.

With respect to the protection
said to be given by the Dutch at Negapatam to the
Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country, as there is a Letter

The Rajahs Letter on the dutch Behaviour read.

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of Complaint from the Rajah on that subject now
before the Board, the same is read as entered in Country
Correspondence No. 19.

It appears by this Letter that the
Rajah with the view of obtaining satisfaction from
the Dutch on the above Article of compleint, hath re-
solv'd to stop the Communication between the People
of his Country & those of Negapatam, but fearing that
the Dutch may notwithstanding, make some attempts
to enter his Country by force in order to obtain Provisions
& other articles with which they have been usually supplied
that 2 Companies of Sepoys may be stationed near the
limits of the Dutch Factory to prevent the execution
of any such design.

Revolution thereon

As the Company have taken upon
themselves the protection of the whole Tanjore Country
& the Rajah depending upon their support keeps no kind
of armed Force to maintain the authority of his Govern-
ment, the Board are under no doubt with respect to the
Propriety of giving them Assistance on this occasion.
Resolves therefore that the Commandant at Tanjore
be ordered to detach 2 Companies of Sepoys for the Purpose
mentioned by the Rajah, giving it in charge to the Officer
who may go with them, not to enter or commit the least
violence within the Dutch Bounds but merely to confine
himself to the security & protection of the Inhabitants
within the Limits of the Rajah.

Read the following Letter from

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Statement of Ordinance and Military Stores which the Honble the President and Council were pleas'd to resolve on as the quantity necessary for each article for the defence of this Garrison, having been transmitted to the Storekeeper with their instructions in consequence on our Date the 26th April 1775 in conformity to which I have compared the Statement with the present state of Stores under my charge, & find so great a deficiency that I do not suppose it could ever have been compleated, I have therefore drawn up & now forward to your Hono.r &c.a an account which will furnish every information necessary to compleat the Statement & if I may be permitted I would recommend its being done with all possible expedition Remain with the greatest respect

From the Store keeper at Chengalpuk with Statement of Stores there.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Tho.s Polk Store.r

Chengalpuc
18th Feby 1776

Ordered that the account mention'd in the above Letter be refer'd to the Committee of Stores.

refer'd to the Committee of Stores

The Honble Court of Directors having been pleas'd to send a Letter to the Packet & another to the Kajah of Tanjore by the Bellborough, the President is requested to take an early opportunity of asking the Packet when it will be agreable to him to receive the

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Company's Letter, & with respect to that for the Repair
of Tanjore, it is agreed at the next Consl to consider
in what manner it shall be conveyd to him so
as to answer the intentions of the Company who
expres that it is to be delivered with all proper ceremony

Resolved to adjourn till Monday
next on the Business of this Department.

Agreed that Mr. Campbell
2 Cadets appointed Ye Mr Henry Atkinson be appointed Cadet on this
Establishment

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro
B Perring

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Dispatched the following Letter
to Viragapatam

To Mr. Morgan Williams
Gen.l Council at
Viragapatam

Gentlemen

I am directed to the President &
Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter
of the 20th January & to direct that the Artillery Men
station'd at Virien agrum may be withdrawn and
embark'd in the manner desired by the Letter from the
Board dated the 14th January.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Chas Odhelay
Sec.ry

To Viragapatam

Fort St. George
13th Feby. 1778.

Dispatch'd the following Letters

To Lieut: Colonel Matthew Horne
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir,

We have receiv'd your Letters of
the 30th Jan.ry & 7th Instant.

To Lt. Col. Horne to detach two Companies of Sepoys near the bounds of Negapatam.

The Rajah has written to Us a
Letter complaining of the Conduct of the Dutch Gover-
nor at Negapatam in secreting or protecting many of
the Inhabitants of his Country against his Government

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Informing Us that he has in consequence thought
proper to direct that no Communication be held
between his People & those of Negapatam, but being
apprehensive that the Dutch may attempt to enter
his Country by force to obtain Provisions & other ar-
ticles with which they were before supplied, he has re-
quested that two Companies of Sepoys might be
sent to the Bounds of his Country near Negapatam
in order to protect it from any such design

We accordingly direct that you
detach two Companies of Sepoys for that purpose
strictly charging the Officer who may have the
Command of them to keep within the Bounds of the
Rajahs Country, to commit no sort of violence upon
the possessions or People belonging to the Dutch Nation.
& by no means protect the Rajahs People within his
own Limits from any Attempt such as that which
the Rajah speaks of in his Letter abovementioned

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Thos Rumbold &c

Fort St George
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To
Mr Robert Maunsell
&c Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen,

We have received your several
Letters

Sincerely to that of the 25th Ulto

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To Gayjam approving their conduct with respect to Latchema Bunge.

enclosing an Extract of your Minutes, We think it necessary to inform you that We approve the Conduct you observed with respect to Lachema Bunge, & to declare that Captain Sykes ought acted highly improper in sending this Man from Camp without first representing his Sentiments to you & waiting for your directions in consequence. We shall signify our disapprobation of this Proceeding to Captain Sykes

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Fort S.t George
14.th Feby 1770.

Tho.s Rumbold Sen.r

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r
Governor President

John Whitehill M.r Gen.l Munro
Chas Smith Sam.l Johnson
Peter Perring

Monday the 16.th February

Minutes of last Consultation read

The President reports that having waited upon the Nabob to know when it would be agreable to him to receive the Letter from the Company, he said that if it were convenient to the Council, he should be glad it were delivered to him to morrow Morning. Ordered accordingly. As there is a present consisting of some Jewelry which was sent last Year per. Chaud for the Nabob, but not delivered, it is resolved to take this occasion of delivering it in the Company's

The Company's Letter to be delivered to the Nabob with a present.

Name with the Letter.

The President further reports that he mention'd to the Nabob the Difficulties com-plain'd of by the Rajah of Tanjore in respect to the Repairs of the Annacutta, & that the Nabob said he had received information that a Party of Sepoys had been Detach'd by the Commanding Officer at Tanjore to the Annacutta who had employ'd Force & committed some Disturbances amongst his People, that this should be prevented, & that he would send the nec-essary Orders concerning the Repairs of the Bank, so that there might be no further molestation.

The Nabob promises to send the necessary Orders concerning the Annacutta

The Board having agreeably to the last days Consultation considered in what manner the Company's Letter for the Rajah of Tanjore might be conveyed to him so as to answer the intention of the Court of Directors, it is resolv'd that Mr. William Petrie be sent to Tanjore expressly with Directions to deliver the Letter to the Rajah with all proper attention, & that for this Purpose he be ordered to prepare himself to proceed as soon as possible.

The Company's Letter to the Rajah to be delivered by Mr. Wm. Petrie.

A Letter from Colonel Roger Long enclosing one from Captain Samuel Baker Evance (ordered Last Consultation to lye on the Table) was now again read, & the Board having referr'd to the Records & to every other necessary information relative to Captain Evance, they find that he was invalided without any Cause alleged & that he is at this time very capable of serving in the effective Corps of Infantry from which he was re-moved. Ordered therefore that he be again appointed

Capt. Evance ordered to do duty in the Effective Corps of Infantry

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to that Corps & given out in General Orders.

Read the following Letter from

Lieut. Colonel Horne.

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President Governor &ca &ca

Honble Sir

From Lt Col. Horne the Rajah releases the five Merchants belonging to the Dutch

An Harcar arrived here Yesterday from Negapatam with a Letter to the Rajahs Dewan from the Dutch Governor respecting the five Merchants that has been seiz'd at Nagore Grant to Trivadore; I have receiv'd a Copy of this Letter from Bauchanan & also his answer, which I do myself the honor of enclosing for your information; The Rajah has ordered the Merchants to be releas'd; I shall inform you if the Guard is withdrawn from the Dutch Boundaries in consequence of these Men being releas'd; I do not imagine the Rajah would be much hurt if they were to remain. The inter course continued to be stopp'd between his Country of Negapatam; But the Inhabitants of that place must soon be distress'd by such an Event; I am with great regard

Honble Sir

Your most Obedt & humble Servant

Matt: Horne

Tanjore 9th Feb.y 1770.

Read the following Letter from

Captain Arthur Leyngbe

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The Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt. Lysaght delivers over the Command of the Troops to Capt. Cheshyre, complains of the hardship of Curingremaud

Your favor of the 13th Instant reach'd me the night before last, just after I had dispatched Orders for the attack of Collarah, the last place of any consequence in the Coomsoor Country remaining in the Zemindars Possession, & in obedience to your Commands therein contain'd, I deliver'd over the charge of the Troops & expedition to Captain Cheshyre, & sett off for this place immediately.

The thoughts of miscarrying the displeasure of your Honor &c. at any time must give me infinite concern, but its happening just at a time when I was upon the Point of concluding the Service which you did me the honor to entrust to me really affects me so much that I am at a loss for words to express my Feelings upon the occasion. My removal from the District was what I intended praying for whenever the expedition was over, but that the little Credit which I might have gain'd by terminating it to the approbation of my Superiors should be thus snatch'd from me when I had it within my grasp & that I should be thus publickly disgraced in the face of an Enemy is too mortifying for a Soldier, who has faithfully serv'd his King & the Honble Company for twenty two Years.

As to the Man whom I chastis'd being a Renter of the Company's, I most solemnly declare

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Day believe that he is actually one, at this he appears as such upon the Company's Records, for it is notorious throughout the whole District that the name of Arrias has been borrowed by Mr. Hudleston for the Chigatty Country & by Mr. Oakes for the Daracoody. But I confess that I look upon him as the Servant of Mr. Oakes, & that I took the opportunity of punishing him in the presence of that Gentleman because he had frequently treated me with disrespect in my station & had upon every occasion from his being appointed Paymaster to the Troops under my Command made it a point to conduct himself with that haughtiness, & self importance towards me, which Mr. Oakes is so well known to them to every Person except such as have it in their Power to serve him, in which I am sorry to observe he has been too much countenanced by the Gentlemen of Ganjam.

As the important concerns of the Company which at this Juncture engross the attention of your Honor &c. would make it highly improper in me to intrude upon you at present, I shall not just now request for any further investigation of this business, but at a more favorable Juncture, I shall take the Liberty of praying for a revisall of it, when I pledge myself to prove that the whole has proceeded from private Pique & resentment.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen with the greatest respect
Your most Obt. & Hble Servant
A. Lysaght

Rcd
29th Jany 1770

Ent. Fort St. George 16th Feby. 1778

Read the following Letter from
the Chief & Council at Ganjam

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

Hon'ble Sirs &c

Under date the 11th Ult. we acquainted

From Ganjam
Goomsur &c
Capt. Lucas taken with
the Loss of only
one Sepoy: con-
taining Letters
from Mr. Thos.
Dyneley respecting
Conquis

your Honors &c. of our being in Possession of Vizno-
chuckram of Captain Lysaght being of Opinion it
might vacation his Force too much to leave a sufficient
Number of Troops to defend so extensive a Place in its
situation at that Time, he directed the Jungles round the inner Fort or
away the Fruits & Jungles round the inner Fort or
Pollam & strengthen it with Palasades, this being
effected & two Companies of Sepoys under the Comma
of a Lieutenant Left, for the Defence of Viznoochuckram
the Troops march'd towards old Goomsur, the 8th in the
morning, & attack'd about a thousand of the Enemy
who were posted near a strong Redoubt, within a
Mile of the Fort, which they took Possession of, and
thereby so intimidated them, that they abandon'd the
Fort, which fell into our Hands with the Loss of one
Sepoy only.

On receipt of your Orders dated
13th Ultimo We forwarded the Letter to Capt. Lysaght
which your Honor &c. sent under a flying seal for our
perusal, with one from Us requiring him to Deliver
over to Capt. Thelwyre the Senior Officer in the District
such Letters & Papers as were necessary for his guidance

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on the present Service, We also address a Letter to Captain Cheyne on the Subject, who has informd Us of his having received the Command of the Troops from Captain Lysaght.

Yesterday We received a Letter from Captain Cheyne advising of his having taken possession of Collarah the 29th Ultimo in the morning, & that after the Tatts of Goomars are destroyd & the road opened between Collarah & old Goomsur, that he intends sending a Detachment to take possession of Boogaba which he understands is entirely abandond.

We have informd Captain Cheyne of your sentiments on the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held on Lieut. Blacker & Ensign Rice, taking notice of the remark your Honor & Co have made that Lieut. Blacker who commanded the Detachment ought to have given Us a particular detail of his transactions in Coleman-ner as he had done to his Commanding Officer.

In your Letter of the 13th Ultimo your Honor & Co observe that Lysaght hath used some expressions which you have forborne to remark on until you are furnishd with our observations on them; the only passage of any of Captain Lysaghts Letters requiring a Comment, which has not been taken notice of, appears to Us that part where he observes, that two Gentlemen of Council told him they thought Ensign Rice deserved a flogging, in consequence of which We have received Letters from Messrs Dyneley & Hughes whom Captain Lysaght alludes to in that passage of his Letter, Copies of which We herewith transmit to You.

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We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

R. Maunsell

R. Hughes

J. Oakes

Ganjam

D.o Feb.y 1778.

To Robert Maunsell Esq.re

&c.a Council of

Ganjam

Gentlemen

In answer to that part of Capt.n Lysaghts Letter wherein he alleages that two of the Gentlemen of Council to the Northern Circars richly deserved a Flogging, I must beg leave to observe that Captain Lysaght represented the Conduct of Cartwright to me in such a manner as drew from me the reply he has taken notice of in his Letter, but I could never suppose that Captain Lysaght would venture to punish him, nor did I expect that so trifling a Circumstance which had no provocation would have been made a matter of public remark to justify in the least his subsequent Conduct.

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Hble Servant

Original Thomas Dyneley

Ganjam

D.o Feb.y 1778

A true Copy J. Oakes Secy

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To Robert Maunsell Esqr

Ganjam

Gentlemen

For the satisfaction of my Superiors

From Mr. Hughes on the same subject

I am to reply to what Captain Lysaght alledges relative to Corsingis Conduct, which on being represented to Me by Captain Lysaght, appeard to Me in the light, that Deserv'd the punishment I mention'd, but I had no Idea that it would take place, & hoped it was only threatened him with a view to keep him out of Captain Lysaghts way.

I am very respectfully

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient Servant

(signed) Robt. Hughes

A true Copy F. Oakes Secry

Ganjam
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Read the following Letter from

Lieut. George Hodson

Major General Munro

Commander in Chief of the

Forces under the Presidency

of Fort St. George

Sir

From Lt Hodson leaving to resign his Commission

Being desirous of resigning the Company's Service & entering into Business, I request your permission to give in my resignation & your Interest with the Board to obtain me Leave to reside in Madras

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under the protection of their Government, & to Change at my Commanding Officers approbation

I am

Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Fort St. George

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Geo: Hodson

Lieut. of Artillery

Agreed that Lieutenant Hodson

Havegate granted be permitted to resign the Service agreeably to his Request.

Read the following Letter from

Brigadier General Stuart.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President and Governor &c Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs &c &c

Para: 52 & 53d General Letter of Septr

Your Honor &c having been pleased to furnish me with an Extract from the General Letter by the Bellborough, of what concerns me, it makes me happy to find, that the Honble Court of Directors have signified their pleasure to You to order immediately a Court of Enquiry to examine into my Conduct during the late troubles; & that I be tried by a Court Martial, so soon as a Court of Enquiry shall have ascertained the facts & prepared the charges upon which my trial is to be founded.

From Genl Stuart expressing his satisfaction at the Company's Letter explaining several Heads under which he may be tried by Court Martial Calo

In respect to the doubts expressed by the Honble the Court of Directors in the 53d Para: of their Letter

from the nature of my Offence, it comes under any of the Articles of War, or that it can be tried by Martial Law; — I say, Gentlemen, that as the Honble Court have now, for the first time, & towards the end of that Para acquainted me in some sort of my Offence, or at least of what has drawn on me their disapprobation of my Conduct viz.t My arresting & imprisoning the Person of the late Lord Pigot President & Governor, there cannot remain, not the least Doubt of every part of my conduct in that Business, being subject to & triable by Martial Law; — Because, the public records of the Company as well as my own Narrative (upon record) will shew.

That I, the then second in the Military command of the Company's Forces on the establishment, did arrest the late Lord Pigot on the evening of the 24th August 1776.

That, I gave Orders to the Hon.ble Lieutenant General Eidington, & to Captain Lyraght, to stop the late Lord Pigot.

That Captain Lyraght by my Orders, delivered the late Lord Pigot to the then Major Horne (now Lt. Colonel) Commanding the Corps of Artillery at the Mount; and Lastly.

That the then Major Horne (now Lt. Colonel) detained his Lordship at the Mount in consequence of my written Orders & instructions to him, which are also on record.

These Gentlemen, were the acts of a Military Man, & the Orders were given by me, to Military Men, consequently every part of my Conduct

in that respect, is ought to be liable to trial by a Ge-
neral Court Martial.

The Court of Enquiry, to which
my Honble Employers have been pleased to order as
preparatory to my trial by Martial Law, is, as I con-
ceive, from its nature, intended to state facts with
certainty of precision, without entering into any discus-
sion of their tendency, or prejudging in any respect
as to the Legal authority, but only to represent the
matter for the information of the Honble Board in
order to establish the propriety of summoning a
General Court Martial, —

This being in my humble opi-
nion, the proper business of a Court of Enquiry, I hope
me additional pleasure to think, that they will have
no delay or difficulty in pointing out & ascertaining
those Parts of my Conduct which have unfortunately
drawn upon me the disapprobation of the Honble
the Court of Directors

as to what is said in the 53d Para.
of uncertainties in consequence of which directing the
continuing the suspension, & the ordering me to be in
that suspended state, and from this Settlement to
England, I will freely confess, to you Gentlemen, after
what I have already suffered, that nothing but the
respect I owe to a public Body, now my Superiors, pre-
vents my saying, to you, all that I think I have
reason to complain of in such a proposition

But, thus I will say, and with
all respectfull freedom, that, as my Conduct in

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Military capacity, has met with the disapprobation of the Honble the Court of Directors, who have been pleased to shew it in the highest degree, by superceding & suspending me in their service, previous to any trial, or even to any charge againth me, &c. by the known Laws of my Country & the particular Opinion of the Judges in the case of Lord George Sackville, evidently applicable to my situation, I claim it as my right, in the present case, to be tried by a General Court Martial, for the part I took in the arrest of the late Lord Pigot, or, for any other part of my conduct whilst in the Military Service of the Honble Company.

I shall conclude by asserting, that although I assert my right to be tried in this manner by the Justices of my Conduct, yet, it is with no view to evade or defeat any prosecution which the Laws of my Country, or the late Orders or instructions of the Company, may render me liable to, because, it is universally known & acknowledged that the decision of a General Court Martial can only operate to acquit or condemn me according to Military Rules & practice, but does not in any respect, free me from Civil or Criminal prosecutions.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

Jas Stuart

Fort St. George
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The

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The Board having taken into Consideration the foregoing Letter from General Stuart, & having attentively perused the Paragraphs of the Company's Letter concerning him & particularly the 53d Paragraph wherein the Court of Directors have express'd a doubt whether from the Nature of General Stuarts Offence, he can be tried by Martial Law, they think the matter of such consequence that it is necessary they should proceed with great caution, & first that they should avail themselves of the opinion of General Munro as the Commander in Chief, whose knowledge of the subject must in this Case be of great use to the Board in forming their Judgment: General Munro is therefore requested to take this matter into his consideration & to favor the Board with his Opinion in writing as to the mode of proceeding pointed out by the Company's Orders respecting General Stuart.

The Board re-solve to call on Genl Munro for his opinion on the Subject

Resolved that Extracts of the 53d Paragraph of the Company's General Letter be sent to Lieutenant Colonel Flemming, Captain Eddington & Captain Lysaght, & that they be informed they will shortly receive Orders in consequence to come to the Presidency.

The Board having recommended that a Company's Officer might be appointed to command at Fort St George, & the Board having previously to Mr Rumbold's

Lt Gen. Roberts appointed to command Fort St George

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Arrival proposed appointing Lieutenant George
Roberts to that Service, it is now resolved accor-
dingly, and that the same be given out in Or-
ders.

Tho. Rumbold

John Whitehill

Thos Munro

E. B. Irving

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wrote the following Letters

Mr. William Petrie

Sir

I am directed by the President and Council to desire you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed to Tanjore with a Letter which the Company have sent for the Rajah — Before your departure you will receive instructions for your guidance

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt. Hble Servt

Chas C[illegible]

To Mr. Wm Petrie

Fort St. George
17th Feby. 1778.

To Lieut: Colonel Horne
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the President and Council to transmit you the enclosed Extract from the Company's General Letter dated the 4th July last; & to inform you that you will shortly receive Orders in consequence to come to the Presidency.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Chas Oakeley Secry

To Lt. Col: Horne enclosing Extracts of the Company's Gent Letter &c Bussorá

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a Letter the same as the above was also written to Captain Lysaght & to Capt. Livingston Commanding at Palamcottah

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Received the following Letter

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From Mr Easte
brook requesting
permission to go
to Sea for the
recovery of his
health

X

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Being in an ill state of health
& the Faculty judging a Sea Voyage may prove of it,
therefore beg an Order for a Passage to Bombay on board
the Bellborough Captain Montgomery with respect

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Thos. Corny. Eslabrooke
Assistant Surgeon

The foregoing Letter having been

Granted

sent round to the Members of Council the request of Mr.
Eslabrooke is granted.

Dispatched the following Letters

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To the Hon'ble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General & Council
at Fort William

Hon'ble Sirs & Sirs

It has been reported to us that
three Soldiers belonging to your Establishment got on board
the Valentine when she was lately at Bengal & secreted
themselves in the Ship 'till after their departure from the
River. On the Valentine's arrival here they immediately
delivered themselves up to the Town Major, & confessed their
Desertion from the Military at your Settlement.

To Bengal. I
Mullen. T. Houghly
& Wm Black three
Deserters from
there sent back

We have put them on Board the
Nelly Snow, under the charge of Serjeant Robinson
who came out on the Lord North for Bengal, — their names
are John Mullin, Thomas Houghly, & William Black, We

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have thought it proper to mention to You the Circumstance of their delivering themselves up voluntarily to the Town Major Sure as it may operate considerably in extenuation of their offence.

We are

Honble Sirs &c &c

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

Fort St. George
21st Feby 1778.

Tho.s Rumbold &c &c

To Mr. William Petrie

Sir

Agreeably to the intimation given you by the Secretary under date the 17th Instant, we now desire you will proceed to Tanjore with the accompanying Letter from the Honble Court of Directors addressed to the Rajah, which is to be delivered by you with all proper attention. If any thing further occurs to us as necessary to be written to You, we shall add it in a subsequent Letter.

To Wm Petrie to proceed to Tanjore with the Company's Letter.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
21st Feby 1778.

Tho.s Rumbold

Jca Council

Mis Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in Country Correspondence No. 34

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At Fort St George 23d Febry 1770

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
Governor President

John Whitehill — General Munro
Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Monday the 23d Febry

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read the following Letters from Bengal

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

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 10th Ultimo & conformably to your request we enclose a Copy of our Resolution for regulating the Ranks of the Captain Lieutenants of Artillery upon this Establishment.

From Bengal advising of the Rank the Capt Lieut. of Artillery have there

We have lately received seperate addresses from the Officers of that Corps, & the Infantry upon this subject, which will be taken under consideration, when the Commander in Chief of our Forces, who is daily expected in Calcutta, shall arrive, if we find it necessary to make any alteration in our former Order, we shall duly advise

You.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants
Warren Hastings
P. Francis
Edward Wheler

Fort William
26th January 1770

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Extract of Consultation 17th April 1775

Agreed that the present Captain Lieutenants do take rank as Captains in the Army from this day, & that any Officers who may be hereafter appointed Captain Lieutenants, shall take rank as Captains upon this Establishment, from the dates of their Captain Lieutenants Commissions.

A true Extract
W. Browne
Assistant Secretary

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

Gentlemen

From the Gent. Council respecting our Military Arrangement

We have received from the Commanding Officer of your Troops, a general Return of the Forces on your Establishment, on which some observations have occurred to Us, which We think it incumbent on Us to impart to You.

In the Distribution of the Army We remark, that numerous as the Garrisons dependant on your Presidency are, each has its proportion of European Infantry & Artillery, which are thereby so dispersed, that their Constitutional strength; we mean that strength which they derive from their superior discipline; must be greatly diminished; The following Abstract will better amplify this remark, & the conclusion which We have drawn from it than any reasoning on the Subject

Abstract disposition of the Europeans & Artillery

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	Europeans	Artillery
Mount		266
Fort St. George	530	10
Poonamalee	399	— "
Trichinopoly	329	40
Tanjore	243	46
Vellore & Amboor	547	— "
Viragapatam	172	88
Inferior Garrisons	129	55
	2,357	505

Those who when united together will form a most respectable Corps, lose almost their whole apparent consequence, & much of their real substance by such a division & dissipation of them. We believe that the want of accommodation for the whole of your European Establishment may have rendered this in some degree an act of necessity, & we have no doubt but it has been occasioned by some powerful cause, but whatever it may have been, we cannot help recommending it as an object most worthy of your attention to devise the means by which your European Forces may be collected, & kept entire at your Presidency, or within its reach, for in that light we regard the Quarters of Poonamalee & the Mount, that all the other Forts & Passes be garrisoned by Native Troops, & not a Man of the several ranks of European Soldiers & Artillery be detached from their proper Corps, you will agree with Us in Opinion that it is on the European Forces which the Company maintain in India that the present existence of their power, the future safety & duration of their Settlements essentially depend, & that these must lose both their discipline, & strength by being divided.

For the ordinary & more active Military

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Duties in time of Peace the Native Troops may be as useful-
ly employ'd as the Europeans, & therefore ought to be so
employ'd as to save & spare the Latter, the Loss of which
cannot be so easily recruited especially at this time.

These reflections we submit to your
judgment, desiring you to receive them not as intended
to censure your present arrangements, but as occurring
naturally from the apparent inspection of the Returns
unassisted with any explanation.

We request you will favor Us with
a Return of the Nabobs Military Establishment & disposition
in the Carnatic, that we may be better enabled to form
& offer you our Opinion on the plan of Defence, & Operations
to be mutually followed by the several Presidencies in case
of a General War, or any commotion in the Country, which
may require the Troops of the Presidencies to cooperate for
the more effectually quelling them.

In our Letter of the 17.th September last
We requested you would transmit Us a Return of the actual
State of the Forces at your Presidency, with your sentie-
ments on the means of completing your Establishment &
cooperating in the most effectual manner with this Pre-
sidency, & that of Bombay, & mutually assisting each other
in case of an Invasion of either & of the most eligible
plan for making a diversion in favor of your settlement
if an Enemy should appear on that side India.

We shall likewise be glad to re-
ceive an account of the views & connections of the Country
Powers, their Strength & Revenues, together with the Opinion
of such alliances as you would recommend to be formed

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with them in case of any Emergency. To this Letter we have received no answer. We therefore beg leave again to re-peat the subject to you.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Warren Hastings

P. Francis

Edward Wheler

The foregoing Letters from Bengal

Fort William

26th Jan.y 1778

To lie on the Table

are ordered to lye on the Table.

Read the following Letter from

Ganjam

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.

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

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last Address under date

From Ganjam & Forts in the Gumsaar Country taken, recommend Lakshmana Bunjis being put in possession of half the Zemindary

the 2d Instant We have received a Letter from the Command-ing Officer informing Us he was in possession of the four places mentioned in our instructions, & that the only remain-ing Force belonging to the Goomsur Rajah was collected in the Forts of Dulkah & Bokercabaha distant a few Cos from Collarah, which We have required him to take pos-session of without Loss of time.

The Commanding Officer has also given it as his Opinion that the Forts of Vizianagrum & Bagapah should be destroyed as by that means

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the Zemindary would be always open & easy of access to the Company's Troops Circumstances that were they to remain in their present State, it would take a considerable Force to Garrison them; & as in addition to these reasons we were convinced of the propriety of destroying most of the strong holds in the Goomsur Country & particularly such as are in confind situations & surrounded by Jungle, We have ordered them to be destroy'd accordingly.

In our former Letters We have taken the Liberty to recommend it to your Honors Consts post Lachema Bunge in possession of a part of the Goomsur Country, & We beg leave to offer it as our Opinion that one half of the Zemindary is not more than an adequate Proportion, considering the Circumstances of his situation & the reliance We have every reason to place on his good conduct, opposed to the spirit of disobedience, his Brother has long shewn to the Company's Government, & We doubt not but this partition in favor of Lachema Bunge will be attended with material advantage to the Company.

We have hitherto received no overture from Vickeram Bunge who is fled with his Family into the Mahratta Dominions, nor do we expect any for the present, but when he perceives that one half is allotted to Lachema Bunge, if such should be your pleasure, & that he is likely to obtain no part of it unless he submits himself to the mercy of the Company, We think it probable he will then adopt this expedient as his only security against misery & want.

Should your Honors Cons approve of confirming Lachema Bunge in part of the Country, We hope to be favored with your Orders as soon as may

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be convenient, since we shall the sooner be enabled to withdraw a part of the Force which it will be proper to leave in the Country for the present, if it becomes the more necessary, as we are informed by the Commanding Officer that the Troops begin to be sickly; in the mean time we shall make all possible enquiry into the extent & value of the Goomsur Country, & transmit to your Honour &c. our Opinion formed on the Lights we are able to obtain as to the encrease of Tribute the Country will allow.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Hon.ble Sirs &c.s

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

R.t Mainwell
R.t Hughes
Tho.s Oakes
George Forster

Ganjam
9th Feby 1778.

Extract from the Minute thereon

The Board are of Opinion for the Reasons given by the Gentlemen at Ganjam that the destruction of the Forts of Vizmachuckram & Bagadah is a proper measure but they should have waited Orders from hence before they had begun upon it.

The Merit & Services of Lachenna Bunge certainly entitle him to the favor & protection of the Company, & the Plan recommended for rewarding him appears as far as the Board can at present judge very eligible, but before they come to any final resolution upon it, the Gentlemen at Ganjam must order a general Survey to be made of the Country & transmit

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to them the particular State & value of the Country acquaint-
ing them what Pennnabundy may be reasonably expected
from Lachema Bunga should so advantageous a Settlement
as that recommended for him, take place.

With respect to Vickeram Bunga
the Displaced Zemindar, the Board are inclined to shew him
mercy & over to make some provision for his support in
case he is disposed to return & make proper submission,
within such a time as the Chief & Council may judge reasonable
of which they must be directed to inform him & give him such
assurances of safe conduct as may be likely to remove all
apprehensions for the security of his Person.

Until the Board can obtain thenecs-
sary information from the Gentlemen at Ganjam respecting the
State & value of the Goomsur Zemindary, it is resolved that Lach-
ma Bunga or some other proper Person be appointed to
make the collections on behalf of the Company, but as this
possible from the Jealousy subsisting between Lachema
Bunga & his Brother that the latter may be a pain to the
Town, if he perceives Lachema Bunga invested with any
authority in the Country the Chief & Council must be direc-
ted to make choice of any other Person who may be
qualified in preference to this Man & only to employ him
in case no such Person can be found.

Read the following Letter from

Lieut. Colonel Harris

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor & Council
of Fort St. George

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Colonel Horne sends two companies of Sepoys to the Lands of the Rajah's Country.

I have the honor to send you the Monthly Returns for January, of the Troops in this Garrison & its dependancies, and also of the Military Stores.

I have received your Orders of the 14th Instant; & have directed Lieut: White to proceed to the Lands of the Rajah's Country with two Companies of Sepoys, & as the Rajah's desire to station one of the Companies at a village called Chicorle about a mile from the Dutch Bounds on the Tanjore side; & to station the other Company at Ragore; I have given Lieut: White strict orders to keep within the Bounds of the Rajah's Country; & to commit no sort of violence upon the possessions, or People belonging to the Dutch; but merely to secure & protect the Rajah's People within his own limits from any attempts such as the Rajah speaks of in his Letter; which I have explained to Mr. White & have read him the Orders I received from your Honor &c^a. And as the Rajah desired the Company's might be at different Stations I judge it proper to order Lieut: Mc Pherson also on this duty who Lieut: White will leave with the Sepoy's at one of the Stations.

I am with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Matt: Horne

Tanjore
18th Febry. 1770.

Read the following Letter from

Major Burgthall.

To:

Fort St George 23d Feb.y 1778.

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

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

From Major Burghall repre. senting his reasons for not thinking himself appointed to Trichinopoly

I am to acknowledge receipt of the following Letter from your Military Secretary under yesterday's date.

"I am directed by the President & Council "to desire you will repair to your Station at Trichinapoly "without Loss of time."

Had this Letter conveyed your immediate appointment of Major Burghall to Trichinopoly it would have required no other answer than his obedience thereto; but as it seems to imply that I am absent from my Post, & intimates an urgency to my return, I find it an indispensable duty to myself as an Officer to assure you, Gentlemen, I never yet could understand or consider it to be my Post; & as I am very anxious to free myself before You, & the World from any imputation or even suspicion of disobedience or disrespect to my Lawful Superiors, I beg you to suspend your decision on my Conduct, till I can be prepared with a memorial & representation thereof, & of the very extraordinary treatment I have received whilst at this Residency. & I trust, that on your investigation it will be found (considering the critical situation of those times) I demeaned myself with that Loyalty & good Conduct which I conceive to be the Basis of the Commission I bear, & which I hope will appear to your satisfaction & ultimately redound to my own honor & repose.

Tho' I was subjected to injuries and

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indignities during those times of Anarchy, in which I arrived
ych I avoided, even the appearance of Sedition, by tempo-
rizing; by a great sacrifice; & by a quiet Hope Laudable
submission to what I could neither avoid or prevent, and
because I had no power of Appeal.

I waited in silence & concern, the
hour of our relief; & on the arrival of Mr Whitehill, I gave
him a faint outline of my situation intimating at
the same time my desire to explain my Conduct imme-
diately or (as he expressed his early expectation of a full
Government with full Powers) that my injuries might
be then represented; that in the mean I should have his
permission to remain at the Presidency; & not be consi-
dered to be at Trichinapoly: To which he assented.

Within the first week of your Ad-
ministration, Gentlemen, I scarce thought it decent on
my part to address You; however, since in this short
time, I am compelled to it by your Secretary's Letter to
me, I shall hope for your favorable attention & for your
indulgence that I may be first furnished with Copies of
all the Minutes of Consultation, Letters & other Papers that
concern my Station or Conduct since my appointment to
& arrival at this Presidency. I am obliged to make this re-
quest in general terms, because I never was furnished
with any; and (I am sorry to say it) because some transac-
tions were conducted against me by Mr Stratton & his
Associates, at their Board, with less decency & candor than
I might have expected from Gentlemen so experienced in
the mode of public business. Of this truth I can bring
very ample & very honble testimony. If Gentlemen from

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this slight sketch which I seem forced to lay before you, you should be of Opinion that your powers extend to the relief of injuries & wrongs committed in those times, I shall be happy in your leave to prepare myself for such an explanation as will enable you to form an adequate judgment of the line of conduct I have hitherto followed, & to which my own conscience gives me a well founded claim. Or as I am afraid you will not suffer any thing in part (such as consequent mistakes of mine) to be held over me in terrorem, or to be brought in judgment against me hereafter I shall be not only ready but very happy to bury my injuries in Oblivion.

Having paid that tribute to my honor & character as a Soldier & a good Citizen, I have strong hopes your decision on my Conduct will enable me most chearfully as well as with fidelity & diligence to obey any Commands I may receive from this Honble Board as proceeding from the clear uninterrupted channel of a Legal Administration.

I have the honor to be, with the most respect

Gentlemen

Your faithfull and
Obedient Servant
Geo: Burghall
Major

Fort St. George
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To lie on the Table.

A Warrant granted Capt Bilcliffe to hold a Genl Court Martial

Board a Letter to him desiring that a General Court Martial may be

Ordered to lie on the Table

General Munro lays before the from Captain Billcliffe at Cuddr.

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appointed for the trial of a Sepoy of this Battalion for desertion, Ordered that a Warrant be sent to Captain Billcliffe for holding a General Court Martial accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Ensign Henry Boyle Sullivan

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor &ca Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

My Health has been of late so bad, that the Doctors inform me, it is absolutely necessary to go to Europe to reestablish it, your permission therefore to take my passage on the first Ship will exceedingly oblige.

From Ensign Boyle Sullivan applying to go to Europe for the recovery of his health

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
H.y B. Sullivan

Fort St. George
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This is to certify that Ensign Sullivan has had his Constitution much impaired by frequent attacks of bilious illnesses, & as he is at present much reduced & weakened he is advised to a voyage to Europe as the most certain means of obtaining a perfect recovery

Surgeons Certificate

Gilbert Paisley
Surgeon

Fort St. George
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Agreed that Ensign Sullivan's request be complied with & that mention be made of him in the next General Letter to the Company.

his request granted

At Fort St. George 23 Feby 1778.

A Letter from Captain Reginald Cowtick was ordered in Consultation the 13th Feby to lye on the Table is now again read, requesting that he may be appointed Inspector of Stores at Trichinopoly.

Capt. Reginald appointed Inspector of Stores at Trichinopoly

General Munro having made enquiry & being of Opinion that the request is reasonable, agreed that it be complied with, & that the Office on Captain Reginald's quitting the Garrison be conferred on his Successor in the Command of the Artillery there

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No. 35 enclosing a Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry to him & of his proper answer & submitting the propriety of the answer to our approval.

Letter from the Nabob

Agreed to inform the Nabob that the Letter he proposes in answer to that from the Governor of Pondicherry appears every proper.

Read the following Letter from General Munro

To the Honble The President and Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

From Genl Munro applies for some expectance to be given the Bengal & Bombay Cadets

The Gentlemen appointed Cadets to serve in the Settlements of Bengal & Bombay, who came to India on board the Ships The Lord North & Barborough, have represented to me, that they have been subject to a very extraordinary expence for living, since their arrival at Madras; & considering the additional expence they must be at

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living their passage to their proper Stations; have requested that I would represent their situation to the Honble the President & Council, hoping that the Board, would take their case into their consideration, & grant them such assistance, as to them may seem most proper.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Hector Munro

Fort St George
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Ordered to Lye on the Table for consideration

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Stuart.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President and Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Gentlemen

The extreme anxiety of Mind under which I at present Labor, untill I have the means of sending my character & conduct by evidence & regular trial, will, I trust, plead my excuse for troubling your Honor &c with what follows, in addition to my Letter of the 16th Instant.

From Genl Stuart additional reasons why he may be tried by a Genl Court Martial

In that Letter, I think, I have demonstrably proved, that a General Court Martial is competent to try me, & if so, that the Orders of the Honble Company regarding me, may, without difficulty, be carried into immediate execution; I said, moreover, that I

had a right to demand such a trial, with this argument in my favor, that if Lord Geo: Sackville, when divested of all his Military Employments, & no more in his Majesty's Military Service, had a right in the Opinion of the Judges, to be tried by Martial Law upon his so desiring it, how much more ought I to have that right, who am now so anxiously desirous, & who am yet in the Military Service of the Honble Company.

The apprehension of being deprived of immediate trial, through the chance of any shadow of doubt or difficulty remaining upon your minds as to the particular, regular, legal, mode of proceeding, obliges me Gentlemen, in this Stage of the business, to anticipate, in some respect, what perhaps ought more properly first, to have appeared before the Court of Enquiry ordered by the Honble Court of Directors to be summoned.

Para 52 General Letter 8 Feb 1778.

But, as every thing that is dear and valuable to me depends upon my having the means of vindicating myself, I now beg leave to say, that as the Honble Court of Directors have expressly declared, that they disapprove of my Conduct, in arresting & imprisoning the Person of the late Lord Pigot, & have been pleased to shew that disapprobation by public acts, which affecting my public Character & situation, as I think myself regularly entitled, to ask a public trial, here upon the spot, by a General Court Martial, in order to determine, according to Military Law & practice, upon the merits or demerits of my Conduct as a Military Man.

And, lest your Honors &c. should still entertain any doubt or difficulty as to the particular Article of

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War by which I may be tried, I now use the freedom to point it out to you; — it is Article 2 of Section 15th & in these words.

"All Crimes not capital, & all disorders & neglects "which Officers & Soldiers may be guilty of, to the prejudice "of good Order & Military Discipline (though not mentioned "in the above Articles of War) are to be taken cognizance "of by a Court Martial & to be punished at their discretion"

I have directed this Article, at full length, purposely to shew to you Gentlemen, that the Legis-lature hath carefully provided for a trial, in every possible contingency that can affect the Character, or bring the smallest imputation upon the Conduct of an Officer, by expressly ordering a Court Martial to take cognizance of the same, even although the particular description of the act of that Officer is not inserted in the Articles of War, — but, in my case, Gentlemen, of course that the Honble Court of Directors have already pointed out what they are pleased to call my Offence; & the Article of War under which that charge may be tried, is, in my hum-ble Opinion, no less clear.

After saying so much, I shall only add, that if any doubts yet remain with your Honors &c. & that it is your pleasure to take the Opinion of the Board in the Law, I request that this, & my former Letter of the 16th Instant, may at the same time, be laid before Council.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

James Stuart

Fort St. George
16th Feby 1770

In Fort St. George 23d Feby 1778.

General Munro delivers in the following Opinion in consequence of the Desire of the Board at last Consultation,

The Honble the President & Council

Gent. Munro's Opinion on the Subject of Gent. Stuart's trial.

Having desired me to give my Opinion to the Board in writing, relative to the mode of proceeding, pointed out by the Company's Orders respecting Brigadier Gent Stuart.

It is my opinion that it is not the duty of a Court of Enquiry, to prepare a charge against an Officer, from such Circumstances as may appear before them; The intention of ordering such a Court, is to make a previous enquiry, into the Conduct of an Officer, who is supposed to have been guilty of a Breach of some Article of War, & they are therefore to hear & examine every Evidence that may appear; so that from their general examination, a proper judgment may be formed, how far the Case may or may not require the consideration of a General Court Martial.

Hector Munro

The President puts the following questions to the Gent on the Subject

The President in consequence of the above Opinion entered by General Munro desires to put the following Questions to the General.

The Court of Directors having in the 52d Parà of their general Letter of Bedborough directed us to order a Court of Enquiry into the Late Conduct of Brigadier General Stuart & doubting again Parà 53 whether or no a Court of Enquiry could with propriety extraordinary a Case; The President judged it proper in this delicate situation to recommend to the Board to ask as a Military Man the Opinion of General Munro

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but as the Generals opinion tends merely to shew the nature of a Court of Enquiry (in which the President entirely agrees with the General) yet the President thinks it right to again ask the General "Whether or no such an Enquiry "as directed by the Council can prove the nature and "tendency of a Court of Enquiry to be ordered upon Brigr. "Gen.l Stuart —

"Whether or no a charge against a Military Officer "must not be grounded upon the infringement of Mili. "Law Law.

"Whether or no Brigadier General Stuart arresting "the Person of George Lord Pigot then President & Governor "of Fort St George by a special order from Geo: Stratton Evre "Sir Robt. Fletcher, Henry Brooke Chas Floyer Archdale "Palmer, Francis Jourdan & George Mackay then part "of the Council of Fort St George is an offence which comes "under any one article in the Articles of War, or titles Rules "& articles for the better Government &c &c &c

The General requesting that he may have time to consider the above Questions & to deliver his answers in writing, it is agreed that the further consideration of this Business be deferrd till to morrow

The Genl. requires time to send in his Answers

Read the following Letter from Mr Geo: Brudenell & another on the same subject from Mr George Hobson as follows.

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

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Hble Sir & Sirs

I have had the honor of receiving

Letter from Mr Geo: Broademell requesting to be readmitted into the Service

a letter from my over Secretary dated the 27th of January
last in answer to the one I gave into the Board re-
questing a readmission into the Honble Company's
Service; I have now only further to observe to you Gentle-
men, that the reason of my resigning the Service instead
of going home upon leave as many Officers do, proce-
ded from a doubt of its being a matter of indifference
which over of the two methods I pursued as in either
Case I was informed it required the Honble Company's
Leave before I could return to the Country again; this
Honble Sir & Sirs is the general State of my situation
without taking up too much of your time by entering
upon some private disappointments I have experienced,
of which I entreat the Honble Board will reconsider be-
fore they determine finally thereon.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
George Broademell

Fort St George
Feby 13th 1770

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor
of Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Mr Holcroft on the same subject

As I have most sincerely repented
of my requesting of you & the Board my resignation,
& being entirely disappointed in my views, I most earnestly

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beg the favor of you to reinstate me to my Post in the army being the only Line I have to follow in life to maintain my self & Family, & shew myself thankfull to the pains my Father has taken in Europe for me, therefore I earnestly join with my Father in Law in his request begging your Friendship in my Case having been deluded by vain prospects of providing better for my growing Family, than by continuing in the Army, which my Youth led me too easily to believe

I am

Honble Sir,

with the greatest respect

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

George Hodson

Madras
Feby. 20th 1770

The Board wish to grant all reasonable indulgence to these Gentlemen who have too hastily given up their Commissions but as a Compliance with their request would be totally irregular & unprecedented and an injustice to others in the Service, the Board cannot grant it.

Their requests not granted.

The President delivers in the following Minute, which he proposes may be entered on the consideration of the Members of the Board as he means at an early Day to desire their Opinions upon the several matters therein noticed.

The Presidents Minute on the Subject of an Enquiry into the Causes of the late Revolution.

The Gentlemen of the Council having been pleased to waive any proceeding (excepting the Current Business) till the arrival of General Munro & myself, it will now be proper to go into an execution

Proposes an Oath of Secrecy.

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so far as in our power of the late Orders of our Honble Employers & establish that system of Government which the distractions of Party must in some degree have absolish & which must appear evidently necessary to every Member of this Board — Before I enter upon any Questions relative to this Subject I think it my Duty to return thanks to You Gentlemen of the late Government for placing so great a confidence in General Munro & myself as not to move any business of considerable importance till our arrival & for conducting with such uniformity the Current business of the Company — Our Honble Employers sungwith the greatest concern an unhappy & unprecedented Revolution take place in their own Government are desirous to be informed of every transaction however minute which might in any respect lead to so extraordinary an Event, they are the more anxious, that by a strict, impartial, & public enquiry, they may be enabled to distinguish from the Conduct of their different Servants such as may have merited their countenance, on the other hand, such as may have subjected themselves to their future displeasure, seing the Company's Orders in this point of view & referring to that part of the General Letter (dated 11th June 1777 & transmitted by Mr Whitehill) under the Head of "Objects of Enquiry at Fort St. George" & again in the same Letter Parad.s 24. 25. 26. 27 & 28 as also in their Letter by the Berbord dated the 4th July 1777 Par.s 5. I move "that this Board do appoint one day "every week for carrying on the business of enquiry & that "it may not be connected in any respect with the other "proceedings of this Board" I also move "that this Board

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proceed under the head of an Enquiry into the Causes of the Late Revolution the day being fixed I shall move such Questions as more immediately relate to this important Subject — It must be very plain to this Board that it will require Firmness & unanimity on our part to restore the Affairs of the Company to their usual Channel, & bring the Servants of every Department back to that sense of their duty to the Company from which the during the heat of Party disputes & Contests they may be supposed to have swerved, for in all divisions when carried to so alarming a length the general system of Business is thrown into confusion, & the minds of Men being lost to a cool unprejudiced mode of reasoning are more interested in the success of there Parties than the public welfare. The Board will readily conceive that it is merely matter of form which induces me to recommend to them a nice observance of Secrecy in every transaction, it is this alone which gives proper Dignity to our Government & in some Cases ensures the success of our Counsels whilst I thus recommend it to the Board I feel myself authorized in moving "That the Oath of Secrecy be tendered to the different Gentlemen in the various political Departments" for by a letter from the late Lord Pigot to the Court of Directors which was received previous to my departure from England & transmitted to me officially by Mr Secretary Michell, it appears his Lordship even under confinement had sufficient influence over some of the Gentlemen in Office to be guilty of a most flagrant breach of trust in furnishing His Lordship with Copies of the proceedings

of Council & that one Gentleman went so far as to give his Lordship Copies of the Correspondence between the Rajah of Tanjore & the then Council, that the Board may be more particularly informed of this Circumstance & more enabled to judge of a matter which calls for their attention I beg leave to lay before them His Lordships own Letter on that subject — The Company seem to have considered that the many divisions which have so long distracted this Settlement have originated in Individuals carrying on considerable Money Concerns with the Princes, Powers & Nations of India, they have therefore in their Letter by Mr Whitehill dated 11th June 1777. Para. 18th thought proper to put a stop to such Proceedings and to effectually prohibit not only their Servants but every Person under their Protection from having any concern whatever with the Princes or Powers of the Country their Ministers & Servants. I therefore move that this order be carried into immediate execution & that all the Servants be made acquainted with this restriction & that a non attendance to the Company's Orders on this head will subject them to our immediate displeasure & that others not in the Company's Service will by not attending to those regulations which the Company have thought proper to establish for the advantage & benefit of their own Government forfeit the Company's Protection. It appears to me that any Servants of the Company holding Correspondence or Connexion with the Powers of India even seperated from such money concerns as alluded to by the Company is disorderly, & tends to alienate their Minds from the line of their own Duty as Servants of the Company. I therefore move, "That no Servants of the Company excepting the Members of the

Board do hold commixion or Correspondence with any of the Princes, or Powers of India, without first acquainting me with the nature of such intercourse that being thereby enabled to judge of the nature of such intercourse, I may lay it before this Board; and for the more effectually bringing back every Servant of the Company to their duty as Servants of the Company I move That General Munro be desired to make out a List of such Gentlemen in the Company's Service not holding Commands of Troops or Forts in the Nabob's Service but being constantly about the Persons of His Highness or some of his Family that such List being made out, they may be ordered to their Duty & Stations as Servants of the Company. It must be very evident to this Board that Servants of the Company being immediately about the Persons of His Highness & Family are a load to His Highness already too much embarrassed whilst such Gentlemen thus embarrassing His Highness can neither be of use to His Highness or the Company, but perhaps of detriment to the affairs of both. In the 26.th & 27.th Para.s of the Company's Letter p.d Berbora, The Company express much astonishment that His Highness the Nabob has not yet liquidated the Debt of his old private Creditors & request us to repeat to him their wishes on that Subject, Therefore I move, that a Letter be wrote to his Highness intimating to him the Company's concern that such Debt has not yet been discharged & that next to the Interest they feel in acquiring the payment of money due to themselves they beg leave to use their influence in favor of the old Creditors. In reading over the old Consultations of 21.st April 1777. I observe that the Complaints of His Highness the

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Nabob respecting the badness of his finances induced the Gentlemen then in charge of Government to give the Comp.ys security to a loan of a most unwarrantable and extraordinary nature more extraordinary as the Compa.ny have by repeated Orders shewn their disapprobation of their Servants making Loans of Money to the Country Powers. I own I cannot help expressing any astonishment at the late administration adventuring to lend the Company's Security to Messrs. Call, Majendie, & Taylor three of the Com.ys Servants for so considerable a sum as four Lacks of Pagodas at a time too when the Gentlemen then in Government observed "that they are apprehensive they shall be Distress'd even for sufficient to defray their own current charges & supply the Sums absolutely wanting for the Investment. When they had gone such a length as they say to accomplish so desirable an end as the reduction of His Highness's Forces unnecessarily kept up, would it not have been proper they should have seen the Money wholly applied to that purpose but on the contrary we find nothing on the Records but vague uncertain declarations that His Highness has made a considerable progress in the reduction of his Troops, & this large sum becomes a further burthen upon the Revenues & resources of the Carnatic, but as great doubts have been expressed by the Company with regard to the Legality of every transaction of that Administration, I therefore move that the security given by the late Administration to Messrs. Call, Majendie & Taylor for the sum of four Lacks of Pagodas does not require the sanction of our Government but waits to be determined by the Company's own authority.

As I am upon the subject of His Highness the Nabob's Debts

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I cannot pass without notice Articles transmitted by His Highness to this Board of an agreement entered into with the other Creditors as expressed in this Paper bearing date Decr. 17th 1777. & styled Articles proposed & unanimously agreed as preliminaries for consolidating & arranging all his Highness's Debts except the Debt consolidated in the Year 1767 bearing Interest at the rate of 10 Cent. p Annum. The articles run as follows That this Arrangement shall be communicated to the East India Company thro' their Representatives the Governor General & Council at Fort William, & the President & Council of Fort St George, & be carried into execution under the Company's auspices. — These Articles do not mention the amount of the Debt but I understand it is the enormous sum of upwards of 63 Lacks of Pagodas, a circumstance so important to the Carnatic, so big with alarming consequences to His Highness's affairs merits our serious attention, how such a Debt can have been contracted in the course of so short a period, will be the subject of our future consideration, but for the present I think it my Duty as President of this Board to move in behalf of the Company that the Lately consolidated Debt of His Highness the Nabob is not in any respect whatever conducted under the auspices or protection of this Government. — As the Company in their Letter by the Berbora dated the 8th July 1777 Para. 34. 35. 36. 37 & 38 express themselves exceedingly desirous of being made acquainted with every Circumstance relative to the Fortifications, Contracts &c. Entrusted particularly in their 35th Para in which they say "We wish "you with the earliest opportunity on your arrival at the "Coast to enter upon a strict examination of every part of "this great subject, to consider the state of our Fortifications

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with a careful view to the present critical situation of our affairs & to exert ourselves with vigilance & give force the speedy execution of such further Orders as shall be most consistent with the Company's Interest; In consequence of these instructions as well as being enduced by the critical situation of our affairs They leave to move that the Committee of Works be desired to lay before the Board all accounts of Contracts or otherwise respecting the Works of Fort St George that we may be enabled to give the Company not only a clear & just account of what has been done but also inform them what we intend to do for their present & future security, & as the Company complain of the mode of settling the accounts of the Fortifications & the manner of entering them in the Company's Books, Ordered that the Secretary be ordered to give to the Committee of Works a Copy of the 40th Para of the Company's Letter per Bedford dated 4th July 1777 that all accounts in future may be adjusted & transmitted agreable to their own Orders — The Company in their Letter by Bedford dated July 4th 1777 Para 25th wrote as follows, In our Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore you will observe that we have entimated to him our disposition to accept of the Grant of Lands round Dave Cottah & we hereby give you full Power & authority in behalf of the Company to accept & enter upon the possessions of such Lands or Districts as may be consigned over by the Rajah for our use & advantage according to the offer made in his Letter to our President Lord Pigot, & could with the intention of this part of the Company's Letter to be in every respect answered before the dispatch of the first Ship I have given the subject much consideration

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look upon it as giving us an opening very important on
the part of the Company, I shall therefore lay before this
Board at our next meeting my ideas on this matter. That
we may be enabled by the first dispatch to Europe to give
the Company the most compleat information respecting the
situation of their Affairs I move that the Secretary be ordered
to make out a Statement of probable receipts & disbursements
for the year ensuing & that this Board take into their Consider-
tion every resource in case of War.

Such are the Questions on which I shall pre-
sent with to pass the vote of this Board, at a future day I
shall lay before you those measures I may think necessary
in a political point of view, that we may be prepared for
what may probably happen a sudden rupture with France
in the meantime I have only to hope that as this Govern-
ment has for some time past been famed for its divisions
we may become equally famed for unanimity, & that
as this administration is likely to be during a most critical
period we may conduct every measure with decency & firmness.

To the Honble the Court of Directors
For Affairs of the Honble the
United Company of Merchants
of England trading to the
East Indies

Honorable

By the Ranger from Pondicherry

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Lord Pigots Letter to the Court of Directors via Suez

I forwarded you duplicate of my Packet of the 11th January which went via Angengo to Bombay, at the same time abovepd you a few Lines under date the 25th Jany. to advise you of a very indecent Letter received that Day from the Fort by Lieut. Col. Horne, desiring him to intimate to Me that they had resolved to send Me home upon the Ship now under dispatch. Determined as I am never to be taken alive by Force, I am indifferent what Revolutions they may come to respecting myself. I am only uneasy for my Friends whose alarms & apprehensions, which had begun to subside, are again revived by this ambiguous Letter from the Secretary

Being informed that the Gentlemen in the Fort, in order to weaken the Force of the Letter addrest to Mr. Secretary Oakeley by forty three of the Servants & Inhabitants on the 6th January have remarked that not withstanding the populousness of the Settlement, but a very small part has subscribed to it; Justice to the community at Large obliges me to mention to you that I am informed the above Letter was sign'd by all who had an opportunity of seeing it between 7 o Clock in the Evening of the 6th & 12 o Clock next day when it was sent to be delivered, & that many even of their own Friends have openly avowed their regret in not being included in the Number. Nor ought I at the same time to omit mentioning that it is the General Opinion that had an attempt been made to remove Ing the artillery to a Man would not have suffer'd it — The moment of Obedience is over, & the Gentlemen in the Fort do not now find that passive obedience to their will, that they experienced when Mens Minds

were too much heated for reflection — However this shall make no change in my conduct, I shall continue to be studious, as far as my Limited situation will admit, in preserving tranquility & advising my Friends in every Department to go on quietly in the discharge of their duty to the Company.

Mr Willm Ross, one of the Civil Servants who was Mahratta Interpreter, not being thought worthy of confidence by Mr Stratton has by that means had it in his power, without breach of trust, to be very serviceable in procuring me translations of the Correspondence between the Rajah of Tanjore & Mr Stratton, & I beg leave therefore to recommend him to your favorable Notice, I have before transmitted you great part, & now send you what has since come to my hands — on this occasion it may be proper to remark that it is possible your Honor may observe great difference between Mr Ross's Translations & those on the Records kept by the Gentlemen in the Fort, nor is it to be wondered at when you are inform'd that, for want of a proper Interpreter, the Letters are obliged to pass Translations in three different Languages viz.t from the Mahratta into Gentoo, from Gentoo into Malabar & from Malabar into English, & all these made by the Country People. — It is needless for me to trouble you with Comments on this Correspondence, The Rajah's own Letters will speak for themselves — They are the Language of truth & Justice & sufficiently expose his present situation & the hard treatment he has experienced, & which will probably continue until your Orders arrive, merely to serve the purpose of a few interested Individuals & gratify the views & resentment of the Rajah — It may be proper to observe in contempt of your Orders, the Rajah to this hour, retains

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profession of Honourable Duty and Arms which the Gover-
nor General and Council hastily blame me for having
violently dispossessed him of.

In my Letter of the 26th September
I transmitted you Copy of a Letter from Mr. Benfield to
Messrs Stratton &co. Dated 8th September mentioning his
intention of commencing a prosecution against me for
supposed presents, & at the same time Suggested to You that
this was a measure calculated merely for the purpose of
the day. The consequence has confirmed this, for to this hour
nothing more has been heard of the threatened prosecution,
on the contrary having made over his immense concerns
with the Nabob to the other People, I understand he now
gives out that it is his intention to proceed to England
upon the Prince of Wales.

The Event has in like manner proved
that the indemnification pledged by the proclamation
of the 25th August to all that might have suffered op-
pression or disadvantages by the usurped authority of Lord
Pigot & his associates was a Ceire thrown out to mislead
the public at that time & to make an impression abroad

Three Ships of the line are lately
arrived at Pondicherry, on board of one of which, Mr
Bellcombe came to relieve Mr Law in the Govern-
ment. There are a few Men, it is said, come upon
them with a little Silver - one of the Ships has since
sailed for Manilla after taking in Forty Tons and
Military Stores, and it is reported is to wait for Ca-
-pe, on his return, with Mr Law on board.

I have the pleasure to transmit

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to your Honors Copy of a Letter from the Supra Carrigoes at Canton, by which you will be informed of the safe arrival of the Packet sent out on the Triton; I was under the necessity of Dispatching it under the care of Mr Hinchaut by a Danish Ship, as all your China Ships had sailed before the arrival of the Triton at this Place.

By the assistance of one of the young Servants I have this morning seen Copy of the proceedings of the Gentlemen in the Fort of the 4th Instant, and was surprized to find that in some of the Minutes the Gentlemen do not hesitate to assert that their Opinion for sending me home is, among other things equally groundless founded upon my Keeping up an improper Correspondence with Hyder Ally & the Rajah of Tanjore; altho' such an assertion is much beneath my Notice, & can Dawn persuaded, find no Credit with you, I will however aspire your Honors in the fullest manner that no opportunity offering where it could be serviceable to your Interests, I have neither directly nor indirectly corresponded with any of the Country Powers since the 24th August, excepting the Rajah of Tanjore, & copies of all my Letters have already been duly transmitted to you

A Letter addressed to your Honors from Mr George Forster, one of your Civil Servants comes a Number in the Packet, which I forward at his request.

This Packet goes under charge of Messrs Eyles Irwin & Anthony Hammond two of your Civil Servants; The former has fallen a victim

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to the wanton Resentment of the present Administration
& goes by way of Suez to sue for that redress from your
Honors, which the merits of his Cause & his faithfull servi-
ces so much entitle him to

I have the honor to be
Honorable
Your faithfull
humble Servant
Pigot

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John Wastebuly
Hulton Munro

L. Irving