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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

Governor President.

John Whitehill General Munro

Charles Smith Samuel Johnson

Peter Terring

Wednesday
the 1st April

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following letter from

Captains Kennedy & DeMorgan of the Artillery

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

Impressed by a sense of your inclination to redress all just grievances; we humbly entreat that you will please to bear with a recital of our case, which we trust, will be found upon the merits of this Presidency, our review of the following heads.

"Captain Clifton's readmittance in the Service.

"The honor of the Commission granted him by the Court of Directors.

"The arguments he deduces for having rank of us;

"The Board's resolution thereon & that Captain

"Clifton had actually got what had been appointed

"him by the Court of Directors in succeeding to

"the first Company vacated after his Arrival.

In April 1771 Capt. Clifton was readmitted into this Service & appointed a Captain of Artillery to take rank next after the youngest Capt.

From Captains
Kennedy & De-
Morgan res.
pecting their
Rank

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The first meeting of Pondicherry Canton No. 1, Honble Sir
Yours if we should seem too solicitous to enumerate our
long Services. Soldiers who have exerted, & irreproachably
spent the vigorous part of their Lives in a service, cannot
but feel a damp upon their Military Avoir to be super-
ceded by one who appears to have obtained it by represent-
ations only, at a time we, having no knowledge of his
endeavors to do so, could not share in time what permit-
us to believe would have prevented the cause of this abridg-
ment, both of us, without the shadow of a doubt,
actually got Companies according to the Establishment
of the Corps; the Year before Captain Clifton's arrival, &
after being upwards of nine years in it without having
been once promoted either before or since.

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We cannot therefore but think
that such Representations to our Honble Masters in the
hurry of their business & the idea they had of giving
Captain Clifton the right of his first appointment only
must have been the cause of the P^{ar}agraph in
their General Letter to Grenville dated 12 April 1797.
By the wording of which, we humbly conceive, they
must have taken it for granted that we were
actually under the denomination of Braced Captains
only when Captain Clifton arrived here with the
appointment of full Captain to rank from the
day of his arrival.

It is all the endeavors of Captain
Clifton with the Board to supersede us, we understand
our knowledge is till so late as the Orders occurred
by the aforesaid General Letter to Grenville, it is an
erring proof that the Orders of Promotions upon

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record alone, & no regard to Persons, must have been their
sole motive to preserve to Us our just rights; & the same
we are persuaded, we should have received from our
Honble Masters, had such essential facts appeared to
them as That Captⁿ Clifton did get what was mani-
festly intended him by his Appointment in April 1771.
That he did get the first vacant Company after his ar-
rival agreeable to the tenor of his Commission,
That we were actually Captains of Companies before his
arrival. [6] - That he could no have had the late Captⁿ
Stout's Company as is urg'd in the 10th Paragraph of Genl^l
Letter of Grenville, because he was not even elected until
the year after Captain Stout got his Company. All
which we set forth in our respective Letters now upon
the Records of your Consultations of 10th March & 10th
May 1776 wherein we entreat the deliberation of the
Honble Board.

5th
We trust it will further appear
that no part of the Orders from England or even Captⁿ
Clifton's claims, imply that he should have a Com-
mission antedated 3 1/2 years before the date of his ar-
rival for him so much to our prejudice as to deprive
Us of our right of precedence in the general duties
of the Army which the administration of the year 1770
had thought expedient to grant Us & which is confirmed
to Us by the Court of Directors [7] Resolutions in
Consultation of 23rd May 1774 & the decision of a
Board of Officers at the second siege of Tanjore.

6th
Having now, as concisely as is
consistent with the poignancy of our situation stated
the train of circumstances that have led to the injury

[6] Minutes of Con-
sultation 23rd June
1772.

7th Genl^l Letter to
Royal Henry 27th
Nov 1776.

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we sustain in our honor & future Prospects - and
having full reason to rely on your impartiality & com-
dor in an investigation of our case, we rest assured
that you will readily render to Officers, who have
for such long series of years supported an untarnished
reputation in the service, the justice to replace them
before Captain Clifton, who had been upwards of
three years doing duty under them by virtue of the
only appointment the Honble the Court of Directors
had thought proper to confer upon him.

We are with due respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful and
Obedt. Humble Servants

John Kennedy
C. Demorgan

Capt^s of Artillery

Agreed that the above Letter be
referred to the Consideration of the Honble Court of Direc-
tors.

Read the following Letter and
Memorial from Captain Durand

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief of the Honble
Company's Forces on the Coast of
Corromandel &c

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing
you a Narrative of the hardship I labor under from
loss of Rank which I presented to Lord Pigot

Letter from Captain
Durand, with a
Memorial of his
services &c &c

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when in the Chair by a Memorial, but on account
of the unhappy dispositions which then subsisted I did
not meet ^{with} relief.

So great loss of Rank at a time
that I had a promise of had every reason to expect a re-
ward for my service to the Honble Company affected
me very sensibly & was a disappointment I cannot at-
tempt to describe: I do should the length of Time which
has elapsed render the restoration of my Rank difficult
to be completed permit me to hope Sir that thro' your
kind support the Honble Board will so far consider
the hardship that they will be graciously pleased to
appoint me to the Command of a Battalion of In-
fants.

Permit me Sir to request that
you will please to lay this Letter before the Honble
the President & Council & that you will endeavor to
obtain me relief.

It shall be my constant care to
keep strictly to my duty in the execution whereof I
hope to meet with your approbation & with the
greatest respect beg leave to subscribe myself
Sir

Fort St. George
the 7th March 1778.

Your most devoted and
most Obedient Servant
J. Durand Capt.

1st Bn. 2nd Regt.

The Case of Captain John Durand who entertained
in the Honble Company's service in July 1765 as
Serjeant.

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Sir

I was appointed 2^d M^r. Sergeant of the Honble Company's Troops in the Month of July 1762 before the departure of the Detachment which proceeded from Madras on the Madras Expedition.

Late Lieut. Meredith was appointed an Ensign in the Sepoys some time before the expedition took place. I was appointed an Ensign of Sepoys the 14th April 1763 by a general order given at Madras the same day.

Late Captain H. H. Mackay was appointed an Ensign in the Company's Service at Madras the 13th day of September 1763.

It appears by the promotion made at Fort St. George by the Honble the President and Council dated the 14th day of November 1765 that the said Ensign Meredith was appointed a Lieutenant in the Honble Company's Service & to take rank from the 1st day of the said month of November 1765 the day of his arrival.

It further appears from the said promotion that the said Captain Mackay was appointed a Lieutenant in the said Service the 13th day of November 1765.

And it further appears from the said promotion that Captain Alex^r McKensie was appointed a Lieutenant in the Honble Company's Service the 13th day of March 1766 the day of my arrival from Madras, so if I had arrived with Ensign Meredith who was one of the same detachment, I would have my rank of Lieutenant next to him, but having been ordered to remain at Solé with Captain Des Plais

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I could not.

From the aforementioned circumstances it will appear that regularly I should have been promoted a Lieutenant & to have taken rank as such by the said Promotion before the said Captain Mackay & ought to have been promoted a Captain & to have taken Rank as such by the said General List prior to the said Captain McKinnie.

Sir

In the Month of July 1761 I proceeded as Quarter Master Sergeant with the Detachment that went from this place to reduce Manila & in April 1763, about 6 Months after it had surrendered I was appointed an Ensign of Sepoys, about which time the Governor & Council of that place thinking it would tend to the Interest of the Honble Company to have a Settlement on the Island of Mindanao, I was ordered by the Governor & Council of Manila to accompany the Ambassador of the Sultan of that Island on the part of the Company with instructions from them to cultivate the Sultans friendship to represent to him the power, Justice & generosity of the English Nation & the success that has always attended their Arms; & further to persuade the Sultan to put one Settlement on the Island of Mindanao.

And in case my conduct should be approved of, it would meet with their particular attention & to be rewarded accordingly: a copy of which instructions is herewith annexed for the inspection

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of the Honble Board, the original left in the hands of Josias Duple Esq. when Governor of this place who neglected to return it.

I further beg leave to set forth that in obedience to the said Orders I proceeded to the Island of Solo, & from thence to the Island of Mindanoo on my arrival there I presented to the Sultan the several matters express'd in the said instructions. So much to his satisfaction that he consented to be a friend & ally to the English, but as he could not reduce Samboanga on account of its strength, by force of arms he attempted to dislodge the Spaniards by famine & for that purpose the Sultan took from them the Port of Caldera situated about twelve miles north of Samboanga & delivered the same up to me; I took possession of it in the name of the Honble Company with the ceremony as directed & as the Spaniards had only at that place a small house & six small Guns mounted the Sultan by my advice & directions built a large oblong Fort, with the Trunks of Trees & a Bastion at each Angle, strong to enough to withstand any efforts the Spaniards could make to dislodge us.

On the 4th of February 1764 a Frigate of 20 Guns, 8 Gallies, 3 Charrpans & several Country boats appeared at the distance of 6 miles to N.E. of the Fort along shore, whereupon I showed English Colours, the Vessels continued to approach nearer without showing theirs, came to an anchor abreast of the Fort, & began firing but without any effect, & understanding that they were Spaniards I sent a flag of truce to the Spanish Commander, desiring

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to know the reason of the insult given to the British
Flag at a time when the two Nations were at peace
& amity with each others & that if he was unacquain-
ted that a suspension of Arms had taken place he
might be convinced of it upon applying to the Governor
of Samboanga to whom I had promulgated the same
in consequence of a letter I had received from Alexander
Dalrymple Esq^r, wherein, I was directed to suspend
all hostilities towards the Spaniards, the Spanish
Commander sent an answer that he could not give
credit to what I asserted, that his Orders were to take the
place by force of Arms, to make me a Prisoner of War,
& the natives to be at his discretion, & that in case of re-
fusal to surrender the Place, he would put all to the
sword, whereupon I replied, that I could not think of
giving up the Fort until I had seen a practicable
breach made & then it would be time enough to de-
termine on the necessary steps to be taken in conse-
quence of his unjustifiable demand. The Fort being
invested by sea & land, the communication to the
watering place cut off & all the ammunition expended
I was under the necessity of setting fire to the new erected
Fortifications on the 27th of the same Month, & to retreat
by sea to Sibuguey, at which place, on the 24th of May
following I received a letter from the Governor and
Council of Manila dated the 14th March in which
they ordered me to give up to the Spaniards the places
that I might have taken from them, with the
Prisoners, Artillery, Ammunition &c. & afterwards to
return to Solo; but it was impossible for me to
execute the said Orders as the Sultan kept every

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thing in his possession & had no notion of giving them
up, therefore I proceeded, as soon as possible to Solo, in a
Præ which I with the greatest difficulty procured from
the Sultan who seemed highly displeased at the English
leaving him without any apology unprotected, after he
had exposed their cause & made the Spaniards his Enemy
& in a few days arrived at Solo, from whence I proce-
ded to Balambangan with Alexander Dalrymple Esq.
& Ensign Meredith in the Ship London, & after remain-
ing there six weeks returned to Solo, from which place
the said Ship sailed for Madras with Ensign Meredith
& about 70 Sepoys I was ordered to remain with Captain
Des Plans who had under his command 400 Sepoys, un-
till Vessels should arrive to carry us from the Island,
but a considerable space of time elapsed, without the
arrival of a single Vessel, & Captain Des Plans
being much distressed for want of money to pay the
Troops under his Command, I was directed to proceed to
Manilla in order to procure a supply of money
from the Spaniards or from the English Merchants
whereupon the 2 day of October 1765 I proceeded
to Manilla in a Præ I had given me by the Sultan
of Solo but through contrary winds did not reach
Manilla until the 12th Decem^r following & on my
arrival there could only procure the sum of \$300
Dollars from Martin Crawford Esq^r for the use of
the Detachment with which supply I immediately
returned to Solo, & arrived there after a passage of 17
days found that Captain Des Plans had sailed with
his Detachment for Madras.

That on finding no prospect

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of getting a passage to the Coast from the Island of
Solo, I was therefore under the necessity of going back
to Manilla & after much difficulty in procuring
a passage arrived at this Presidency on the 13th day of
March 1760, I had great reason to expect the reward
promised me, but to my great surprise I received
a Lieutenant's Commission only, dated from the day
of my arrival at the Presidency, notwithstanding I
had been on actual & very essential service for near
four years after the departure of the Company's troops
from Manilla, & further more at the time I was
made a Lieutenant, the Gentlemen who were Ensigns
of the Regt at & after the reduction of Manilla, & who
had been made Lieutenants on their return to this
Presidency became Captains by promotion & now after
I was made a Lieutenant, & notwithstanding it is al-
most eight years since my return it has not yet
come to my turn to be further promoted in the
service, & been at the time of my arrival from
Manilla a stranger at this place & not very conversant
in the English Language, I therefore did not
know the mode of applying to the Honble Board
to make my case known to them & even after-
wards I was ordered to join the Army in the Field
against Hyder Ally.

My hopes now center in the
Honble Board whose known favourable disposition
to the Gentlemen in the Military Service afford
me the prospect of having my grievances redress'd, I
therefore implore the assistance of the Honble Board
to fulfill the before mentioned Promises & afford

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such relief as to them shall appear proper

Copy of a letter received from the Governor and
Council of Manila bearing date the 1st April 1763

To Mr John Dursand
Sir

We have appointed you to accom-
pany the Ambassador of Mindanao to his Court; ac-
cordingly you are to hold yourself in readiness to
embark on board of the S. Anna & proceed to Solo
where you are to put yourself under Mr Alexander
Dalrymple, the Company's Resident at that place, or
in his absence under Mr Thomas Helms; you are
to observe exactly their Orders for your further pro-
ceedings.

In case that neither one nor
the other of those Gentlemen should be present, you
are in Company with the Ambassador to proceed
to Mindanao where you must endeavor to cultivate
the Sultan his Minister's Friendship, & you must re-
present to him the power, Justice & generosity of
the English Nation, & the success that have always
attended their Arms - you must do all that is possible
for to persuade him to put you in possession of
Lambougue / after having disposed the Spaniards
on any other of their Establishment upon Mindanao
which you must receive with formality in the name
of his Britannick Majesty in favor of the East
India Company, or if he should not be inclined to under-
take the service for the Company you must then
try if possible to induce him to give you a place
convenient for building a Fort or Factory for the

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security of the Company's trade, if you succeed in one or the other, in such case you must hoist the English colours with a declaration according to the enclosed form.

You must employ all your attention to acquire a perfect knowledge of that Country, the quality of the Ports, Rivers, Harbours, & the produce of the Island, as well as the Establishments belonging to the Spaniards, their Forts, Force, connexion &c. & if the Sultan agree to grant us a Territory, you must endeavour that it should be upon, or near a river & if possible upon one navigable for Vessels or if not at least for the great Charrpans.

From the little knowledge we have of that Country & the Situation of Affairs upon that Island, it is impossible for us to give you any positive rule for your direction in consequence, much will depend upon your discretion, for this reason we flatter ourselves that you will pay a particular attention to the opinion upon which we send you, & for your better succeeding therein, you must endeavour to win the esteem of the Ambassador with whom you are to go.

We have wrote to the Sultan and to Gambia's Ambassador we have already given under his care, a present for his Master, & a copy of both Letters are enclosed.

You must seize all opportunities to inform us & the Residents of the Company of all your proceedings as well as of the state of Affairs at Mindanao, & we hope that you will embrace every means in your Power to give us that

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information.

We have agreed to allow you
exclusive of your monthly pay a gratuity of 10 Pagodas
per month & you may depend that if your conduct is ap-
proved it will meet our particular attention & you
may expect to be rewarded according to your merit.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Dawson Drake Govr

Franc: Surdan Serin Smith

Secy

Stevenson

As Captain Durand's claim of

Rank is of so long standing the Board do not think proper
to enter upon it at this time & as to his request of
being promoted to a Battalion of Sepoys the Board can
say nothing further at present than that his Merits will
be considered with those of other Officers when any
promotions are made.

Read the following Memorial
from Lieutenants Bailler, Speedman of Windholt.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

The Memorial of John Bailler,

Robert Speedman of Thomas Windholt,

Lieutenants & Fire-works on the

Fort St. George Establishment

Memorial of Lieut^s
Bailler, Speedman
& Windholt, regard-
ing their rank

The Opinion
of the Board
thereon

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Humbly sheweth

That your Memorialists concerning themselves materially injured in a point which of all others is of the most serious consequence to Officers, as it effects either their honor & advancement. hope the Honble Board from whose authority they originally derived their Commissions will not be offended at their taking this method of laying their case before them, & requesting that redress, which they on a mature consideration of the particulars may think them entitled to.

Your Memorialists beg leave to inform the Honble Board, that in the month of June 1775, they together with Mr Hickey who is secretary of this Establishment, there being then four Members in that Corps, occasioned by the Captains Stuart & Rumbold being involved, & the resignation of Messrs Gateway & Mitchell, the two last of which casualties happened a few weeks before their appointments.

They beg leave further to observe, that in the month of September, the same year Mr Gibson arrived in this Country with a Commission from the Honble Court of Directors as Lieut. Fire-works particularly specifying, that his rank was to commence from the day of his arrival at Madras, which the Honble Board will perceive was about two months after the appointment of your Memorialists in this Country, for this reason the then President & Council were pleased to reject the applications which Mr Gibson at that time made to take rank before them, as appears from his Memorial addressed to the

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Honble the Court of Directors.

Your Memorialists beg leave further to add, that notwithstanding all the Circumstances of the above case, they have lately had the inexpressible mortification to see Mr. Gibson appointed to rank above them, which they humbly presume must have been occasioned by their case having been in some measure misrepresented to the Honble Board.

Your Memorialists are induced to make the above remark, from observing some circumstances in Mr. Gibson's address to the Honble Court of Directors, which are not altogether consistent with a true state of the case; viz. in asserting that at the time of his appointment in England there were four vacancies in the Corps of Artillery, & likewise his applying to your Memorialists case, an order issued by General Sir Robert Fletcher, that no Person not previously appointed by the Honble Court of Directors, should be entitled to a Commission without having first served four Months as a Cadet.

The first of these assertions will appear by the General orderly Books to be void of foundation, as the vacancies to which we alluded happened in the following order.

Capt. Munking etc etc etc
Lt. J. W. Pinetell etc etc etc
Lt. J. W. Galtman etc etc etc

consequently no such vacancies could be known to exist at the time of Mr. Gibson's appointment in England, who was then actually a Supernumerary;

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With respect to the other objection
vizt Sir Robert Fletcher's order, your Memorialists con-
ceive it might with equal propriety, have been urged
against any Officer of even ten or twenty years standing
in the Service, as against them, it not having been
issued till near five Months after they were doing
the duty of Officers, which even was the case before
the appointment of Sir Robert Fletcher to the command
of the Army in this Establishment.

Your Memorialists beg leave
to conclude this address with adding, that on their ar-
rival in this Country, seeing there were the before
mentioned four Vacancies in the Artillery, and
understanding that the Honble Board's appointments
had always been esteemed equally valid with those
made by the Honble Council of Directors, they therefore
embraced that opportunity of entering into the Honble
Company's service, where they have endeavored, (if they
hope with some success) to conduct themselves in such a
manner as to merit the approbation of those, under
whose Command they have had the honor to be, since
that time.

They therefore submit their case
entirely to the Justice of the Honble Board, who they
presume to hope will seriously examine the merit of
it, & your Memorialists, as on duty bound,

Will ever pray
John Baillie B.S.W.
Robert Speediman B.S.W.
Tho. Winboll B.S.W.
L.S.W.

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To be presented to
the Court of
Directors

As the Rank given to Lieut.

Freemantle Gibson of which these Gentlemen complain
was settled by the Board before the President of General
Munro arrived, agreed to refer the consideration of this
Memorial to the Honble Court of Directors.

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Leybourne Lloyd.

To the Honble the President
and Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave with all respect & with
permission of Major General Munro to lay before you
the following annexed Memorial.

That in July 1774 the Memorialist
left by permission of the Honble Board of Madras went
on a sea voyage for recovery of his health & that after
being till the November following at China & his
health very indifferent he went on the Beaufort
Captain Riddle towards the Cape of Good Hope, which
place the Ship passed without seeing & arrived in England
June 1775. The Memorialist having his health
restored did apply for leave to return the season en-
suing & did embark for India Decemr the same year
1775. The Memorialist when he left the Coast
had six Months pay advanced & was given to under-
stand by Mr. Mitchell Secretary to the Court of Direc-
tors when he related his case that the Honble
Board of Madras would order his Arrears to be paid
when he returned. The Memorialist did apply

Letter from L.
Leybourne Lloyd
applying for
Arrears of pay
which amount
in England

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Thro' Sir Robert Fletcher soon after his return, & received
for answer, he should have returned from St Helena, before
the Memorialist could give his reasons or show cause
why he did not return from St Helena, the disputes arose
in Council, after the Cuning of which was over, the
Memorialist applied to the then Colonel Stuart who
commanded the Army, & begged of him to represent
such to the Honble Board to this application he never
received any answer, or does he know whether his Re-
 petition was preferred but believes it was not.

The Memorialist now humbly
prays the consideration of the Honble Board, & begs
leave to observe that had he gone no further than the
Cape of Good Hope his arrears of pay would have been
paid him on his return, the Honble Board having
been pleas'd at all times to grant such to Officers who
have gone by leave from this Coast & returned either from
China or the Cape. That the Memorialist was oblig'd
to go past the Cape, the Ship he was on not touching
there, that it brought on him unforeseen expences
of what could not be avoided. That there was no
Ship for return at St Helena, when he was there,
& had he waited until a Ship came & gone on by
the way of Bencoolen which must have been
the case, he would have been a longer time from
the Coast of his duty, than he was by the more
expeditious method he pursued. Nor would the
Memorialist presume to make such prayer had
he gone from the Cape of Good Hope after putting
into that Port. Therefore humbly hoping
the Honble Board will grant him his arrears

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for the time he was absent, of which seventeen 17/1
full months has not been paid

The Memorialist with all respect and
obedience is Sheweth Sir & Sons

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

W. L. Lloyd

Trichinopoly
Feb. 23. 1778

The Board are of opinion that
the claim of Lieut. Lloyd for arrears of Pay is just.
Agreed that they be discharged

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Colonel Horne.

Major General Munro
Commander in Chief of the Forces
Sir

Captain Godfrey commanding

From Lieut. Horne
For a warrant to
try a Subedar in
Capt. Godfrey's
Barracks

The 12th Battalion of Sepoys has applied to me for a
General Court Martial on one of his Subedars;
The Mans behaviour has been very insolent, & I believe
his wishes were to get discharged from the Service
to get into some employ under the Rajah, I am
sorry this has happened at a time I understand I am
so soon to be recalled from this command, as it is
the only occasion there has been for any Court
Martial since I have had the honor of being ap-
pointed to it, I enclose the Crime, length of Service
&c. of the Subedar, agreeable to the late Orders.
I have the honor to be

Sir

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 Tanjore
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Your most Obedient Servant
 Matthew Herne

Advances
 to be made him

for the trial of Shaikh Ibrahim Lachar, but in considera-
 tion of his long services, the Board are of Opinion that
 his offence should be forgiven provided he will make
 such submission of apology to Captain Godfrey for his
 behaviour as that Gentleman should be satisfied with.

Read the proceedings of a
 General Court Martial held in this Garrison by order
 of the Board.

Prisoners
 John Forrester

Crimes
 Desertion

Sentences

The Court having
 duly considered the matter
 before them are of Opinion
 that the Prisoner John
 Forrester private of the
 Battalion 2 Regiment
 is guilty of Desertion,
 which being a breach
 of the 5 Article of War
 Section of the Articles
 of War they do sentence
 him if he is ready sent
 to receive one thousand
 lashes of a Cat O'Nine
 tails in the usual
 manner

Wm. Bailley Secy
 D. A. Baine Depy. Secy

Proceedings for
 Genl Court Martial
 ready

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Prisoner

Crime

Sentence

Edw^d Walker

Dereliction

The Court after due consideration of the whole of the matter before them are of Opinion that the Prisoner Edw^d Walker Ser-
jeant in the 1st Battalion
2^d Regiment is guilty of
Dereliction which being
a breach of the 1st Article
of the 5th Section of the
Articles of War they do
Sentence him to be de-
graded to the Rank
of a private Centinel,
to receive 12 hundred
Lashes of a Cat o' Nine
Tails in usual man-
ner & they do also
adjudge him & he is
hereby adjudg'd for ever
incapable of promotion
in the Honble Com-
pany's Service.

W. Baillie

Lt Colonel & Pres^{nt}

D. A. Baine

Dep^y J^{ur} Advocate

Agreed that the above sentences

be approv'd

Read the following letter from

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Lieut Colonel Horne.

The Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq^r
President Governor & Council of
Fort S. George
Honible Sirs

From Lieut. Horne
on the Subject of
the Complaints made
by the Nabob's
Managers at
Trichinopoly in
Letter from Mr
Brand on the
same subject

I have made every enquiry
I possibly can concerning the Complaints contained in
Rhemian Baron's Letter to his highness the Nabob; and
can with certainty assure your honor for that they are
exaggerated; if not entirely without any real cause
just complaint.

From every circumstance I can
learn, it appears that the two men who have charge
for inspecting the Banks of the Rivers; one on behalf
of his Highness the Nabob, & the other on behalf
of the Rajah, make a point of sending complaints
to their respective Superiors of the most trivial kind,
And not content with that they keep up a spirit of
jealousy in the Village People in that neighbourhood
who are ready to rise in a body & destroy any
planted by the opposite party, though not the most
lost inconvenience could arise from it, it is suffi-
cient reason for them none had been planted there
for some years before.

The enquiry I have made on
known to Lieut. Brand agreeing in substance with
the account he wrote me in answer to a Letter
sent him informing him of Rhemian Baron's
Complaint; I therefore send your Honor for that
Gentleman's Letter to me; & am persuaded from

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his prudence no such expression could have fell from him, as is mentioned in that letter; on the contrary I am persuaded he has behaved with as much impartiality as he possibly could; had he shown any on either side it would most likely have been in favor of the Natives People. As he has several times complained to me of ill behaviour of the Rajah's Manager to him, & the great difficulty he has to get supplied with any kind of provisions you said that the Natives People had offered to let him have what he wanted.

The Rajah's Manager at Nagore is desirous of some guards being posted between the Dutch Village of Mountam & the French bounds of Kavarical: this Village lays near those bounds, & is surrounded by the Rajah's Country; as they have a communication with this Village the Manager urges that they get privately supplied by that means with necessaries from the French; however Mr White has not complied with the Managers application yet; as the small force he has cannot possibly guard every road. If he was authorized to stop up the communication between the French & Dutch Settlements; I have approved of his not shutting this communication for the present, as the attempt could not answer the end proposed, & might give cause of fresh Complaints to the Dutch Governor, as well as the French who might think themselves aggrieved by it. I have the honor to be with respect

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Tanjore
March 30th 1778.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
W^m Horne

To Colonel Horne
Commanding

Sir

Tanjore

I received your letter of the 21st Inst.
concerning the complaints of his Highness the Nubob's Ma-
nager which is very ill founded indeed. your Orders to me
appoints me here to prevent disputes that might happen
between his & the Rajah's People in repairing the Banks,
& should any happen that I should settle them without
partiality or favor to either side & which I have borne
to the best of my judgement. The only dispute I have
seen among them was at the Head of the Island of
Suringham which I settled both to the satisfaction
of the Nubob's Manager or Renter, & that of the Rajah's

I am just returned from visiting
every part where there has been any grass or orien-
t planted this Year, & from visiting the Achmannar Pag-
da in the district of Archegoody. There is not a single
brick or stone of it remain'd & taken away since it
was first built. It is surrounded with a brick wall
one face of it is carried away, & the Bramins of the
Pagoda told me this happened six years ago, & that
could not have been done by any encroachment of
the Rajah's People, for his Bank there, is natural & no
addition to it; it is owing to this entirely as every paper-
ger will certify. The Nubob's own People have extended

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their Bank into the very middle of the bed of the river, about 200 Yards above the Pagoda, this bank forms a head land. The river when it rose high had no room to pass, the Rajah's artificial Bank on the opposite side resisted its force, of course when the Current passed this head land or point cut in upon the Nabal's own side, by which the wall of the Pagoda was carried off.

The Rajah's People in December & January last did plant Oaks to support their bank opposite to Mellore, but how soon they had come, the Nabal's People pulled up every stake, & since none have been planted, nor is there a single Grasp or omer planted in a mile & a half of Mellour.

The Nabal's People do me very great injustice when they say that would do as I pleased without regard to the Nabal, for I always assur'd them that my business there was as much on his highness the Nabal's account as that of the Rajah, & that my Orders was such. The above is a free state of the Banks of Pagoda.

I am with much respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Wm Brand

Liver near Annacut
25th March 1770

As The Rajah's People have only planted six Cos. of land of gras in support of a very weak place of the Venar, & this they have done near a mile above the Achummar Pagoda, which can't heal the Nabal's Interest in the least degree.

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Agrees to enclose an Extract of Colonel
Harris's Letter & that of Lieut. Brand to the Honble. Co.
inform him that as the representation of his Inven-
turer appears to have been much exaggerated, if not
entirely groundless, We hope he will in future dis-
courage such frivolous complaints.

Read the following letter from
Capt. Clifton to the Commander in Chief

Major General Munro

Commander in Chief of the
Honble Company's Forces on
the Coast of Peromandee

Sir

In November last I recd the Honble.
President & Council requesting the favor of their indulgence
to appoint me a Major with the pay only of Captain,
but at that juncture, they did not think proper to grant
my request: as this step to promotion is of the utmost
importance to me, & is what I have some pretensions to,
from near seventeen years service. You will excuse
Sir my solicitation intreating your influence, with
the Honble President & Council to appoint me to do the duty
of Major.

The propriety of the appointment I
hope will appear from the following particulars, that
as our Corps consists of near an equal strength with
a Battalion of Infantry, the four Battalions of which
from the number in rank of Field Officers have a
proportion of three, might not our Corps be induly'd
with equal numbers, especially as the Lieut. Colonel

From Captain
Clifton applying
to be appointed
a Major with
Memorial on
the 24th

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has other duties to attend in the branch of Artillery besides the discipline & maintenance of it, & at this time the Major of the Corps, having rank of Lieut. Colonel, is employed in the Command of Tanjore; but, Sir, the Proceedings are many throughout the Service, for the appointments I request, In Bengal the Artillery as here consist of five Companies, to which they have a Lieut. Colonel & two Majors in full pay, & the Infantry have Field Officers with the Pay of the rank next below them, & there are recent instances, in this Establishment of the same nature.

Having endeavored to point out the expediency of my request, I have only to hope the indulgent consideration of the Honble Board, through your representation & encouragement to such promotion, in which should I not be so happy as to succeed, in that case only, I propose forwarding the accompanying Memorial, through the Honble President of Council to the Honble Court of Directors, which Memorial I hope you will do me the favor to peruse.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Sir

St Thomas's Mount

March 7th 9th 1770.

Your most Obedient Servant

Chas Clifton

To the Honble Court of Directors

for the Affairs of the United East

India Company.

The Memorial of Captain Charles Clifton

of Artillery

Sheweth

That your Memorialist begs

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leaves to return his most grateful thanks for the con-
sideration given his Memorial of 1773 which in conse-
quence thereof has constituted him by Commission
Lieut. Captain of Artillery; your Memorialist therefore
further hopes of succeeding in his Corps according to
his length of Service next to Lieut. Colonel Horne
Major to the Corps. & that he may not be deprived the
Rank he is entitled to from seventeen Years standing
in the Army of the Honble Company by any supersession
requests the appointment of Major of Artillery with
Captain's Pay only till he succeeds by vacancy to full
pay & allowances, for which favor your Memoria-
list will ever have due remembrance of, & is

Honble Gentlemen

with the greatest respect

St Thomas's Mount

6th March 1778

Your most Obedient Servant

Charles Clifton

As the Board cannot comply with
Captain Clifton's request, - Agreed that his Memo-
rial be forwarded to England.

Thos. Pembold

John Whitehill

Nichols At uno

D. Berrington

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Dispatched the following Letters

To the Hon^{ble} Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council
at Fort William

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs,

Letter to Bengal We have had the pleasure to
receive your Letters of the 26th January & 4th February. Capt.
Mau of the Duke of Kingston also delivered to us the
Cypher which you committed to his care.

Before the receipt of your letter of
the 26th January, we had it in contemplation to collect the
principal part of our Military force in some convenient
position near to the Presidency, & we purpose shortly to
take such steps for the accomplishment of this object as
our situation will admit.

We shall apply to the Native for an
account of the Troops maintained by him, & as soon as we
receive it, a Copy shall be transmitted to you.

We have the honor to be

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
4th April 1770.

Your most obedient and
most humble servants
Thomas Rumbold
for

To Mr Robert Maunsell
Council at
Ganjam
Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of

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the 11th & 10th Ultimo.

To Ganjam the
Govrs Council with
to Vickram
Bunge, to contract
with Mr Hughes
for making Gun
powder

Notwithstanding what we wrote you
in our Letter of the 27th February, we have thought it
necessary that the President should send a Circle of security
from himself to Vickram Bunge the late Zemindar of
Goonsur, as it may be a greater inducement to him to re-
turn back to his Country. We send the Circle enclosed to
you & desire that you will forward it to him without loss
of time. We have allowed him till the end of May
for his return.

We give you permission to destroy
the Port of Lohrabah in the Goonsur Country agreeably
to your Recommendation.

Before we come to any determina-
tion respecting Barracks, We desire you will trans-
mit a plan & estimate of such as are proposed without
allowing for Bombproof.

As we want much to increase our
stock of Gunpowder, & having received thro' Mr
Stevens an offer made by Mr Robert Hughes at your
Factory to provide a quantity at Ganjam, we think
it necessary to enclose a Copy of it for your information
& to desire that you will make a Contract with Mr
Hughes on the most favorable Terms you can procure
with a penalty for non performance. We propose sending
you very shortly a quantity of Saltpetre to be delivered
to Mr Hughes at a reasonable price in case the Con-
tract should be made with him.

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4th April 1770

Gentlemen

We are
your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Burnbold Esq

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To Lieut. Colonel James Fitz Gerald
or officer Commanding at
Tanjore
Sir

We have received two letters from
Lieut. Colonel Horne of the 10th, 24th & 30th March.

To the Commr.
of Tanjore to pay
with 500 Sepoys
to the Rajah's
White's corns
spend with
Mr Petrie

Such part of the Cash Indent of
Stores for Tanjore as hath not yet been completed, with is
referred to the Committee of Stores with directions to com-
plete it as soon as possible.

The Rajah having applied to us
that Mr Petrie for 500 Sepoys in addition to those already
employed on the Country Duty, we desire you will order that
sum for him accordingly.

We enclose you a warrant for
the trial of Shaick Moosien Subabar of Capt. Godfrey's Bat-
talion, which is to be used if necessary, but in considera-
tion of his great length of Service, we recommend
that he be forgiven provided he shall be willing to
make such a confession & apology to Captain Godfrey
for his improper behaviour as that Gentleman may
be satisfied with.

Having desired Mr Petrie to give us
every information in his power relative to the late dis-
putes with the Dutch Governor at Negapatam we desire
that you will send orders to Lieutenant White to cor-
respond with him on this subject.

We are

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4th April 1770.
Sir

Your most obedient Servants
Thos. Kumbold & Co.

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
Governor President

John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring.

Monday
the 6th April.

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from

Mr Petrie at Tanjore.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor & Council of

Honble Sir & Sirs, Fort St George

From Mr
Petrie

I have been honored with your
Commands of the 25th Instant, directing me to examine
into the state of the Dispute with the Governor of Mysa-
patam relative to the Conduct of our Ships in the Tanjore
Country & to transmit to you such lights as I am able to
obtain upon this subject.

I beg leave to assure your Honor
that I will immediately commence the necessary en-
quiries for fulfilling your instructions, & that the utmost
diligence shall be used in transmitting the result of them
to Madras. I have the honor to be, with much res-
pect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tanjore
30th March 1770

Your most faithful and
most obedient Servant
Will. Petrie

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Read the following Letter from
Mr Pasley the Senior Surgeon.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having received an application from Mr Baine Sub Secretary for an Assistant Surgeon to be sent to Lundapillay, I take the liberty to inform the Honble Board that Mr Simpson Assistant at Mantipatam or Mr Main Surgeon of Ingoram can be spared for Lundapillay as another can be sent from this place in his room. I also beg leave to acquaint the Honble Board that some Medicines have been taken into the Stores to supply the wants of this Settlement & comply with Indents from our Garrisons & that some are still required for these purposes. The constant & important business which has occupied the attention of the Honble Board for some time past, has prevented me from giving this information sooner but as Indents for Medicines be uncompleted with I am to request your Orders in consequence, I have the honor to be with much respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble servant
Gilbert Pasley.

Agreed that Mr Nicol Main be appointed Surgeon to the Surgeon at Condapilla, also that Mr Pasley be permitted to purchase Medicines that are wanting.

Read the following Letter from
the Committee of Works.

From Mr
Pasley recom.
mending an Asst
Surgeon to be
sent to Condapilla
& representing the
want of Medicines

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Garrison

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq
President of Governor & Council

Honble Sirs, of Fort St George

From the Com-
mittee of Works
acquitting Mr
Turing of the
Charges exhibited
against him by Col.
Rope

Having received from the Secre-
tary an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the
23rd March, containing your Orders to report to you upon the
Charges exhibited by Colonel Rope against Mr Turing, we
have examined into them & are clearly of Opinion, both from
the Declarations formerly made by Colonel Rope himself
& from what has otherwise come to our Knowledge, that
Mr Turing provided more Materials for the use of the
Fortifications than our had been provided by any Con-
tractor before that period; inasmuch that Colonel Rope
urged him to have renewed his Contract; We must
therefore acquit Mr Turing of having been or that
account the occasion of any impediment to the works
or the cause of their present unfinished State. With respect
to the other Charges against Mr Turing, as Colonel Rope
is now gone to England, it is not in our power fully to
investigate them; & on that account we hope Mr Turing
will let them drop.

We are with respect
Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
John Whitehall

William Stevens
C. B. Dent

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Read the following Letter from
Captain Duncan,

To the Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq^r
President of Governor Gen Council
of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt Duncan
can for leave to
repair the Com-
mandants Quarters
at Chingleput

Captain Barrington having re-
presented to me, that the Commandants Quarters at Chingleput
are in a very bad Condition, & that several small repairs
are exceedingly wanted there; I beg leave to request your
Honor you will permit such repairs to be made, as may
be thought absolutely necessary, the expence of which will
not exceed 150 or at most 200 Pagodas.

I have the honor to be with the most
gratefull Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
6th April 1778.

Your very devoted and
most Obedient Servant

Alex^r Duncan

agreed that the Paymaster at
Chingleput be directed to execute the repairs necessary to
the Commandants Quarters, confining the expence within
200 Pagodas.

The Commander in Chief says
before the Board the following letter from the agent of
Sepoy half-mounting in answer to one from the Asja-
tant General, advising him that Captain Mackenzie's Bat-
talion of Sepoys had not received their half-mounting
for these two years past.

(To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Cosby
Adjutant General,
Sir

Mr. Call's answer
to Capt. McKendree's
letter not having
received their half
mounting for
two years.

I have received your letter of the
one enclosed, in answer thereto I am to inform you that my
appointment as Agent for the Sepoy half-mounting took place
the latter end of the Year 1776. Messrs. M. Johnson or Morrison
my predecessors should be called on for any deficiency in
that Year; as I hold myself only responsible for the half-
mounting for 1777 which shall be sent Captain McKendree
immediately.

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
3^d April 1770.

Your obedient

humble servant

James Call

Mr. Call to ex-
plain how the
deficiency arose

As it appears extraordinary to the
Board that such a deficiency should have happened in
supplying the half-mounting, the Secretary is directed to
write to Mr. Call ordering him to explain how it arose
& the reason of its not having been reported before, that
the Board may determine where the fault of this omission
lies.

Read the following letter from
Masulipatam.

To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Pumbold Esq^r
President & Governor & Council

of
Fort St. George

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Honble Sirs

Letter from
Mamlatam
with Proceedings
of an Enquiry
into the Death
of Sgt Hoare

In consequence of your Com-
mands transmitted to us by Mr Secretary Cakely in
his letter of the 7th Instant, we require of Captain Bridges
to assemble as many of his Officers as he conveniently
could to enquire into the particular circumstances of the
late accident at Condapillee & to send us the result in
writing, but in the meantime to continue Sergeant McBraine
under confinement, conformably to our letter he has sent
us the proceedings which we now have the honor to enclose.

By a letter from Capt. Bridges
of the 25th Instant we learn that in consequence of orders
from the Command in Chief transmitted by the Ad-
jutant General to Captain Bridges he had released
Sergeant McBraine from his confinement it having
appeared to your honor that the death of the late
Sergeant Hoare was owing entirely to accident.

We are very respectfully

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Alex^r Davidson

John P. Boileau

Thos Barnard

Alex^r Pringle

Mamlatam

28th March 1770

Condapillee March 15th 1770.

In examination of witness's
respecting the death of the late Sergeant Hoare,

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Sergeant Hughes says, that on the 5th of February, near eleven o'clock at night, he was sitting on the wall of the Pettah, in company with Sergeants McBrayon & Hoare, drinking some Paruar arrack, in conversation they began disputing, about their different Stations in the Battalion, a great many aggravating words past from Sergeant Hoare to Sergeant McBrayon, which made them get up, & as Sergeant McBrayon was raising his hand, & offering to strike Sergeant Hoare, the latter who was standing on the edge of the wall near the Gateway, fell backwards, & pitched, with the small of his back on the edge of a large stone, by which he received such a blow, that he was senseless & never spoke & died soon after, - but whether Sergeant McBrayon did touch, or strike Sergeant Hoare, he cannot really say. He removed Sergeant Hoare into a house sent for the Black Doctor, when he found it was impossible to recover him, he sent for Cookies (which were very difficult to be got owing to the Moormans Procession) & about 10 o'clock in the morning brought the body to the Fort Gate. He declares that he was himself very sober, that both Sergeants Hoare and McBrayon were in liquor when they quarrelled, that as the quarrel was almost instantaneous he had not time to interpose, but was surprised at the sudden disappearance of Sergeant Hoare, & that when Sergeant McBrayon saw the dismal consequence of their quarrel, he expressed the greatest concern, & readily accompanied him with the body into the Fort, - he likewise says that their reason for sitting on the wall was that the

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deceased earnestly requested it & took the Arrack away in his hand, the Sergeant McBrayon offered to spread Gummies for them in a house near the wall, yet he persisted, it being a fine Moon light night. Sergeant Hughes says that he has since measured the wall, that it is $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, from the bottom to the Stone on which the deceased stood, & at the bottom there are a great many large Stones, which have fallen from the top of the Gateway. He further says that he should have acquainted Captain Briggs of the accident before he took the body to the Fort, but he was left alone with it, as Sergeant McBrayon went to call the Black Doctor.

Sergeant Denham says that on the 8th of February between 8 & 9 of clock at night, he went into the Pettah to see the Moormans Procession, he met with Sergeants McBrayon & Faulkes who came ^{there} with the same intention; soon after Sergeants Hoare & Hughes joined them, the former had been to call the latter, to see the Procession; about a quarter of an hour after Sergeant Hoare, seeing nothing to please him, said to Sergeants McBrayon & Hughes, let us go & get some Pariah Arrack; which was agreed to, but that he & Sergeant Faulkes remained some little time after they went to the Pettah wall, where they found the three former sitting on some Stones, on the wall, they sat some time with them; but not being inclined to drink, they wished them a good night & were in the Garrison before ten of clock, - about one o'clock in the morning he was awakened by a Lepoy, who

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told him that Sergeant Hoare was brought dead to the Gates: Captain Bridges was immediately informed of it, who ordered the Gates to be opened, & the body brought in; Sergeants Hughes & McIntosh were with it. He / Sergeant Denham / asked the former, who appeared to be perfectly sober how it happened, Sergeant Hughes replied that Sergeant McIntosh & the deceased had quarrelled, & that Sergeant McIntosh had struck Sergeant Hoare, who was standing on the edge of the wall; & who in putting himself in a posture of defence, fell backwards, & pitched with the small of his back against the edge of a sharp stone, & never spoke afterwards. Sergeant Denham says that Captain Bridges then called him, & ordered him to send for the Black Doctor to try & bleed Sergeant Hoare, & to see if any signs of life were in him; he sent for the Doctor who declared, that he was dead: Captain Bridges then ordered him & Sergeant Faulkes to examine the body very particularly in presence of the Doctor, & be witness to the marks; he declares he did so, & found them as follows. On his back there about the loins was a desperate blow, as he supposed from the large stone which he fell against, which was to the best of his opinion the occasion of his death; as his back from his rump to his shoulders was all full of congealed blood, he had another small mark on the upper part of his ribs near his shoulder, but a matter of no consequence; he likewise says that Sergeant McIntosh / who was confined in the guard by Captain Bridges / sent for him & said

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that he was very uneasy, & that Sergeant Hoare ^{had} struck him. But Sergeant Hughes who was present, said no, I will tell the truth, Sergeant Hoare did not strike ^{me} open, but open struck him. In the morning on Sergeant Denham's repeating the Circumstances to Sergeant Hughes, the latter replied that it was true, that Sergeant Hoare did not strike Sergeant McBryon; but he could not swear that Sergeant McBryon either touch'd or struck the deceased, tho' he made an offer to strike him.

Sergeant Faulkes says that on the night of the 8th of February about eight o'clock he & Sergeant Hoare were sitting in the front of their Quarters, when Sergeant McBryon came out of his house undress'd & asked him if his Girl was going to see the Moorman's procession, on his replying in the affirmative, Sergeant McBryon said his Wife should go with her, as he proposed going to sleep: Sergeant Hoare then press'd Sergeant McBryon to go, who refused & returned immediately to his Quarters, & laid down upon his bed, soon after Sergeant Hoare call'd Sergeant McBryon to know if he was asleep, & then went into his house & a little time after, they both came out & Sergeant McBryon asked him if he would join them? he consented, & on their getting into the bazaar & seeing nothing worth notice; Sergeant Hoare ask'd Sergeant McBryon to go & get a drink, which they did, & on their returning Sergeant Hoare propos'd that Sergeants McBryon & Faulkes should remain in the bazaar, untill he went & call'd Sergeant Hughes, which they did, but

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thinking that he stay'd too long they were returning to the Fort, when they met with Sergeant Denham soon after Sergeants Hughes & Hoare; they all then returned down the Barrar to see the Prisoner. He then corroborates that part of Sergeant Denham's evidence to their coming into the Fort; before 10 o'clock, & further says that Sergeant Denham came to him about 1 o'clock in the morning & told him that it was the Captain's Orders, that the Black Doctor should try to bleed Sergeant Hoare, & afterwards he came & told him, that they should examine together the marks on the body, that he did & found them as undermentioned Test. On his Loins right over his Back bone, a large mark, & a smaller one on the upper part of his ribs, near the Shoulder, on the left side; the back from the rump to the Shoulders was full of congealed blood, no marks on the front of his body, that on his Loins was, as he imagin'd, the Cause of his death, he also says he was with Sergeant Denham, when the body was brought to the Gate; but cannot say that he heard Sergeants Hughes or McBrayen say that Sergeant McBrayen struck Sergeant Hoare but that he was present at the guard room when Sergeant McBrayen said that the deceased had struck him & when Sergeant Hughes contradicted him, as related in Sergeant Denham's evidence, but that he thinks Sergeant McBrayen was so much frightened, that he did not know what he said at that time.

John Hysair Black Doctor

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of the Battalion says that on the night of the 8th of February, about eleven o'clock he was sent for by Sergeant Hughes of Mctoryon, to a house near the place where the accident happened. He felt the pulse of Sergeant Hoare of all parts of his body, where he imagined any symptoms of life could be found, but could not find any, his pulse had done beating, but as he perceived that Sergeant Mctoryon had been the occasion of the accident, he told him that Sergeant Hoare would be well in the morning, but he told the truth to Sergeant Hughes (that he was dead). He further says that his back bone was broke, & a rib on the left side, & his back full of congealed blood, & that the fall he had on the stone was the occasion of his death, but no mark appeared on the front of his body.

Serrew a Black doctor, says that being sent by Captain Bridges, to examine Sergeant Hoare, when he was brought into the Fort, he tried to bleed him, but he was quite dead. He corroborates that part of Golam Hussain's evidence, with respect to the situation of his body, & the cause of his Death.

Narsoo Havildar says that he was in the bazaar about 10 o'clock at night on the 8th of February, when he saw the People running to the Pettah Gate, on asking what was the matter, they told him that an European, had fallen off the Pettah wall, which made him run there, where he saw Sergeant Hughes endeavoring to keep Sergeant Hoare

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on his legs, & saw the blood coming out of his nose, & mouth, & Sergeant McBrayon pulling his hands, & legs, when he spoke to him in Dutch, & said what signifies pulling him, & told Sergeant Hughes he had better take him away, on which Sergeant Hughes took hold of one arm & one leg, & he of the other, & they carried him into a house where he soon expired.

Sergeants Hughes, Facelles and Denham, say that they believe Sergeant McBrayon has no intention to quarrel with Sergeant Hoare when they left the Fort, & they further say that the Sergeants McBrayon & Hoare, have always lived in the greatest friendship together, ever since they have been in the Battalion, & that they met together, & that Sergeant McBrayon offered to pay for some of the arrack, but Sergeant Hoare said he should not, that as he came out of the Fort for his pleasure he would pay the whole.

Sergeant McBrayon says, that on the 8th of February, in the evening he was repeatedly desired by Sergeant Hoare to go into the Pettah to see the procession; that he refused several times, but at last was persuaded, & the matters happened just as related, that they sat on the Pettah wall, drinking till they were in liquor, that Sergeant Hoare told him that he was the most awkward stupid fellow he ever saw, & that if it had

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not been for a lucky hit, he would never have been
Serjeant Major of the Battalion, more words passed,
till they were both angry, & rose up to fight, when
Serjeant Hoare, by standing close to the edge of the
Wall, in putting himself in a posture of defence,
fell back, & pitched against the Stone, which was
the occasion of his death, & that he only made an
offer but did not strike him.

The above taken in the presence of the
Officers in Garrison

Thomas Bridges

Read the following Letter from

Captain Geils

To Mr Charles Oakeley

Sir

From Capt. Geils
requesting an
answer to an
address from the
Captains of Artillery

I am directed by the Captains
of Artillery who gave in an address some time ago
to the Board about their rank, to request you will
inform them, if you have had any answer yet to
the reference made to Bengal, & whether or not it
is necessary to give in another to the Governor and
Council ~ If not, I beg request you will remind
the Gentlemen of that business, as some of them
may shortly be ordered upon a Service with the
Troops of Bengal, whose Commissions will operate

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to their disadvantage.

I am

Sir
St Thomas's Mount
1st April 1770

Your obedient servant
Thomas Peils

Ordered that the Secretary do
acquaint Captain Geils, with the purport of
the letter from Bengal, concerning the rank
of the Captain Lieutenants of Artillery on that
Establishment.

Read the following letter
from Lieut. Colonel Horne.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President and Governor &c

Honble Sir,

I have received a mes-
sage this morning from the Rajah that the re-
mended repairs of the Annacutta being nearly
finished, the presence of the Officer stationed
there is no longer necessary. - I shall therefore recall
him from that Station.

On Lieut. Colonel Pitt Rivers
arrival here, I shall immediately deliver over the
Command of this Garrison to him, & shall as
soon afterwards as I possibly can proceed to the
Presidency, agreeably to the late General Orders

From Lt Col.
Horne, I should
call from the
Annacutta.

I

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Tanjore
April 4. 1770.

Your most Obedient servant
Matthew Horne

Ordered that the Commanding
Officer at Tanjore be directed to send 3 or 4 Companies
of Sepoys to Nagore, if Mr Petrie should require
it for any purpose relating to the intended Grant
of that Place to the Company.

The Commander in Chief re-
ports that he has received a letter from Colonel Flint
desiring a warrant for the trial of Jellapah
Naick Subadar of the 8th Carnatic Battalion
for "neglect of duty". Ordered that a warrant be
sent accordingly.

Mr. Fort Simpson being recom-
mended by the Senior Soldier of the Settlement to be
admitted into the Company's Service as an Apis-
tant Surgeon. Ordered accordingly, & as Mr
Simpson has requested leave to go to China on the Lord Pembroke it is & having
he be permitted to do so, but Mr Burroughs to Com-
the Coast by the first conveyance to take
his arrival.

Read a letter to deliver over the
as entered in Country Correspondence of this Batt-
paying 4000 Pagodas on account of not having
for Poonamallee due 1 April. A. Cap. the receipt
Receipt of this sum be acknowledged.

Another letter from the Nabob

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also read as entered in Country Correspondence No
52 in reply to the President's letter of the 8th
March.

Agreed that the receipt of the
above letter be acknowledged as the Nabob in one
part of it repeats the sentiments which he expressed
in a former letter, respecting the Correspondence
begun by the Company with the Rajah of
Tanjore, notwithstanding the President's letter to
him of the 8th ultimo; the President is desired
to acquaint him that this point cannot be settled
here, but must be left for the judgment of the
Court of Directors themselves who will be acquainted
with all that has been offered on the subject.

Wm. Turnbull
John Whitehill
Richard Munn

From L^g
Horne, L^g Brand
called from the
Annacott.

B^gerring

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Dispatched the following Letters.

To Lieut. Colonel Fitz Gerald
or Officer Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

In case Mr Petrie should find it

necessary to apply to you for 3 or 4 Companies of Sepoys

to proceed to Nagore, we desire you will order them upon

his requisition & direct the Officer to follow such instructions

as he shall think proper to give him.

We are

To Tanjore, to
send 3 or 4 Companies
of Sepoys to Nagore
should Mr Petrie
apply for them

For
Fort St. George
6th April 1770.

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold

To Captain James Eidington
or Officer Commanding at

Pallamcottah

Sir

The President of Council having been

pleased to appoint Captain George Burrington to Com-

mand the Fort & Garrison of Pallamcottah & to take

charge of the 4th Battalion of Sepoys till further orders

you will be pleased on receipt hereof to deliver over the

said Command of the Garrison & charge of the 4th Bat-
talion accordingly. If Captain Eidington should not have

left Pallamcottah on the arrival of Capt. Burrington

he is to repair to Madras after delivering over the Command

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To Capt Eidington
to deliver over the
Command of the
Pallamcottah to
Capt Burrington
& repair to the
Presidency

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I am

For
Fort St. George
6th April 1770.

Your most Obedient servant
Charles Oakeley
Secy

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir
Chief of Council at

Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Mr. Sadleir
Masulipatam

Mr. Sadleir a French Gentle-
man at Nairpillee near Yantapollam having pre-
sented that a quantity of Lead belonging to him, which
was some time ago stop'd by the officer of our Sepoy sta-
tion at the latter place, is still withheld from him, I am
directed to desire that the same may be restored & that he may
be permitted to carry on unmolested, such Commerce or dealing
as are not expressly prohibited by the Orders of the Board.

I am

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Gentlemen

Your most Obedient servant
Charles Oakeley
Secy

To Mr. William Petrie

Sir,

To Mr. Petrie on
moving letter to
the Rajah regard-
ing Enquiry into
the Lake Revolution

We enclose you a Copy of a
letter from our President to the Rajah with an extract
from the Company's Orders regarding the enquiries to be
made into the Conduct of their servants during the late

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dispositions in this Government, we have desired the Rajah
to communicate with you on the subject of those enquiries
to give you all the information in his Power which when
you have received, must be transmitted

We are

Sir
Fort St George
6th April 1778.

Your affectionate Friends
Thomas Rumbold Esq.

To Captain George Burrington
Commanding at
Chingleput

Sir

Having appointed Capt. Alexander
Duncan to the Command of Chingleput, We direct that on
to deliver over the receipt hereof, you deliver over to him the Command of the
Command of Chingleput said Fort of Garrison together with such Orders & regulations
as may have been from time to time transmitted to you.

We are

Alexander

Sir
Fort St George
9th April 1778.

Your most obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold Esq.

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq
Governor President

Saturday
the 11th April
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Peter Perring
General Munro
Samuel Johnson

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Minutes of last Consultation read.

Letter from the
Rajah of Tanjore
expressing his
willingness to
make a grant of
Mogore & dividing
the Government
to settle that
business

Read a letter from the Rajah of
Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence No 60
representing that he is very willing to make a grant
to the Company of Mogore with some Country ad-
jacent as a Jaghire, but that he cannot properly
conclude this business with any Gentlemen there,
ye requesting therefore in the most pressing manner
that the President will go to Tanjore to see him
& his condition, take a survey of the Country, enquire
into the situation of his affairs, & take the Jaghire
of the Port of Mogore with some Districts in the
Neighbourhood thereof for the Company.

The Board having considered the
foregoing Letter from the Rajah, are of opinion that
the President should go to Tanjore agreeably to the
Rajah's request not only as such a step will tend to
accomplish the Grant of Mogore for without further
trouble or difficulty but as it may be the means of
enabling the Board to obtain some insight into the
present Government of Tanjore & to form some regu-
lations for settling such disputes as exist between the
Rajah & the Company.

Resolved therefore that the Presi-
dent do proceed to Tanjore as soon as the business
of the Settlement will admit, accompanied by
General Munro & Mr Smith, & that instructions
be prepared to guide them in the objects which the
Board are desirous of obtaining by this deputation.
Ordered also that General Munro do take this opportunity

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of visiting some of the Southern Garrisons in the Formative
The President lays before the
Board the following representation made to him by
Lieut. Colonel James.

Honorable Sir

From Lt. Col. James
requesting the
assistance of the
Board in recovering
Money advanced
the Dragoon Cavalry

With great patience since your
arrival, I have waited a time to elapse for the mighty
Business of Government being settled, before I judg'd it
prudent to take up the Pen to address you on a sub-
ject, which in some measure is a publick concern.
I make no doubt on your enquiring into the truth of
particulars of my Conduct, but that you will kindly
take into consideration my long servitude, the labyrinth
I have plung'd myself & family into, which occasions
our being detain'd in the Country, contrary to our ex-
pectations some time ago, But without a further
preamble I beg leave to relate my story as follows.

+ On my appointment to the Com-
of Trichinopoly I had an opportunity of visiting some
of his Highness's Regiments of Cavalry, which was
then in that well disciplin'd state, as to command
applause from every Gentleman who saw them per-
form their exercise of various manœuvres, I can very
safely affirm many encomiums has been paid them
by officers of Cavalry formerly in his Majesty's service,

From their appearance & the
pains that was taken by their Officers to render
them compleat, made me duly consider the very ex-
traordinary

(signed)

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extensive service they would be of to the Carnatick in times of trouble; with these ideas, I was fully determined to give every assistance in my power to relieve their distresses & murthering for want of pay being many months in arrears, I therefore declined sending Money or any application but theirs, & trusting to the promises of Ammiral Omrah. I from time to time borrowed Money from Soucars to serve the Cavalry.

The first dangerous mutiny broke out in the second Regiment in November 1776, as soon as I received intelligence of this going off, I sent parties of Sepoys with Letters wrote in several Languages, to find their rout, making them offers of 5000 Pagodas immediately on returning to their duty as Soldiers, & further promises of 2000 Pagodas a Month, till the Nabob's pleasure was known; for which I received by Letter the thanks & entire approbation of the Hon^{ble} Board dated 4th Decemr 1776. This induced me to make further advance of Cash to Captains Campbell & Burrawess's Regiments till the 1st of April 1777, when a second mutiny broke out in Captain Campbell's, then cantoned at Sepherahud a few Miles from Thyder Allyp Country this had every appearance of fatal consequences ensuing; the Regiment was compleatly equip^d for Service with eight full Pieces & every thing else in proportion. These advances I made with confidence that should the Nabob not pay me the Hon^{ble} Board would from their approving off & thanking me for my former

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conduct. The intelligence of Capt. Campbell of his officers situation, I gained by mere chance, as you will observe by my letter to General Stuart, dated 2 April 1777 to whom I wrote instantly, & before I could receive his instructions, I followed my own reflections considering it my duty from the station I held as Governor & Commandant of Trichinopoly to study the service in general, & act for the publick good. At that period of time I found myself happy in succeeding in all my schemes & proposals, as by them the enraged Mutineers were soon brought to obedience & to their duty; proceeding a few days after to the Trinnevelly Country to reduce some Polygars & collect the Nabob's revenues; this was not nor could not be accomplished till I stood up as their Paymaster, & fulfilled every promise till the 1st of June, when I advanced the last sum, being 6000 Pagodas. I was encouraged to do this by the directions of the Commander in Chief to me to raise more money, & he had full powers from the Honble Board to take every measure he saw necessary to quell the mutiny. After this being by the Honble Board ordered to repair to the Mount, I was obliged to desist advancing any more, & to use my endeavours with the Nabob's Managers to repay what I had lent on this serious & essential Service, but all the satisfaction I could obtain from him was settling my accounts, & by the authority of Ommeur ul Omrah he gave me fresh Booris, with every assurance they would be paid with marks of thanks on my arrival at Madras, my time being limited to August last, I was compelled to leave Trichinopoly and

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Trust to the promise of Ommur ul Omrah, who instead of making me the least returns of gratitude, has waisted many opportunities of listening to my entreaties, till that I have been able to gain from him, was the appearance of a Tanker for 20,000 Pagodas on the Trichinopoly Country (not half the sum I have advanced) I accepted it as I could not doubt from his words, but it would be duly honored by his People; instead of which my Correspondent is laugh'd at & told after keeping him six weeks in suspense, that it is no Tanker nor can they pay any money on it. This bears such an appearance as to leave me without a prospect of recovering my small fortune, I therefore entreat your assistance in my behalf which shall ever be most gratefully acknowledged by
Honorable Sir

19th March 1770

Your respectful and
most obedient servant
Edward James

The Board are satisfied that the circumstances of Colonel James's advances of money on account of the Nabob's Cavalry are just & true & that the influence of Government should be used with the Nabob to procure him the reimbursement of the sums so advanced. Ordered accordingly that a letter be prepared for this purpose.

Thos. Pembroke
John Whitehill
W. Col. M. Lewis

D. Berrington

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.
President Governor
John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Ferring.

Monday
13th April

Minutes of last Consultation read
Read the following Letter from

Negapatam.

Translate

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.
President of Governor of
Fort St George, of the
Coast of Choremandel, on
behalf of the Rajah English
East India Company's Council

Worshipful Sirs

Since the 3rd of January last

From Negapa-
tam complaining
of the Rajah's
treatment of
the part the English
troops have taken

We have with the utmost patience suffered the vexations
done by the Tanjore Troops, & also since the 20th of February
seen with surprise the violences done by Sepoys of the
English Company against the Inhabitants of this City
& the Villages belonging thereto, & thus against the gar-
risons of the Dutch Company.

It certainly seems Sirs, that a
misunderstanding, which has taken place between the
Chief Minister of the Tanjore Court, named Rajah,
& Cannagaseermy Porlynoke lately has been turned out

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of his employ of a Noncommercial Regent, has caused the
forementioned evocations, which go so far, that ^{not} only all
commerce is stop'd to the subjects of the Company into the
Tanjore Country; but also all the roads towards the Compa-
ny's Villages of this City, are shut up by your Sepoys of the
English Company, which are placed upon the limits of the
King's Country, whereby all importing of Merchandise and
Victuals, tho' never so little, is hindered.

This dealing of the Ministers of the
Court of Tanjore is directly contrary to the contents of all
Orders, Contracts or Passanams given by the former Rajah
of Tanjore to our Company, & confirmed by the present
Rajah at the beginning of his Government in the year
1764, & also renewed not long ago vizt. in the year 1773, when
His Excellency the Nabob Mahomed Ali Cawn was become
Conqueror of the Kingdom of Tanjore. Because by these
Orders, divers privileges have been given to the Dutch Compa-
ny in the Country of Tanjore to which chiefly belongs our
privilege of an unimped'd trade thro' the whole Kingdom
of Tanjore at paying the half part of the set customs, the
unbar'd Import buttomwares of all sorts of Merchandise &
Victuals produced in the Country; & the unhindered & free course
of the water from the high Country to this low Country.

Yet it seems that all these privileges,
which without interruption we have enjoy'd longer than
a Siecle, do now not come into consideration with the
Rajah of Tanjore, or his Ministers, at least their present
dealings are entirely repugnant to them, & so they have
particularly been since they have been supported in
their unjust behaviour by the Troops belonging to the
English Company, about which we think we may justly

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remark that this is acting very unreasonably with re-
gard to us, as such a demeanor doth not only run directly
against the good Harmony & Friendship, with which
we think to live in these parts with the whole English
Nation, but is quite repugnant also to the alliances of peace
& friendship made betwixt both the Nations in Europe.

And as we trust you are igno-
rant of the dealing which by the Ministers of Tanjore &
the Troops of the English Company has some time since
been carried on with regard to us, & is still carried on,
we have not only thought necessary to give you notice
of it by this our friendly Letter, but also judge it necessary
to reclaim of you, as is done hereby, the entertaining of
the sacred alliances, to which the English Nation in
their iud as well as the Dutch, from time to time do
refer in Europe.

Further we desire you very ef-
ficiently to procure to us not only a perfect satisfaction
on account of the aforementioned irregular dealings,
by immediately ordering the Commander of the English
Troops at Tanjore to call back the Sepoys that have
taken post round about our houses, but we request also
of you, as Confederates of our State of Tanjore, to
move the Rajah to desist from his aforesaid unrea-
sonable dealings, & to let us henceforth uninterruptedly
enjoy the privileges which by the Contracts that from
old times have been concluded with the Rajahs of Tanjore
justly & lawfully appertain to us.

For this service which we
think we may request of you with right, we shall
be oblig'd, & by it all further enmities & their consequences

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will also be prevented.

In case while we can our self
assure you that we never have acted against the
tenor of the aforementioned Alliances, nor made any
infraction into them, but that we are ready to do all
what can serve for conserving the good Harmony be-
tween both the Nations & the Rajah of Tanjore.

Yet Sir, we have mean time thought
necessary to note down & keep in our Registers the contents
hereof & the contents of the letters which have already
past over this affair between us & the Officer who
calls himself Commander of the English Troops in
Tanjore, & who has been written by Edward White
who calls himself Lieutenant in the service of the
English Company, that in time it may serve as we
shall think necessary for the Interest of ourselves & of
our Company; of which we think proper to give you
this communication.

Where while ever remain with very much esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your humble and

Obedient servants

Van Vliet & Zoon

J. J. Dornius

Hafelman

Koning

Mossell

Durynovell

Simons

Spengh

Stollenburg

Negapatam
in the Castle
the 20th March 1778.

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P.S. Before supatching this to you, & after we had already been inform'd of the detaining & arresting of several Vessels with Dutch Flags, done by Sepoys of the English Company posted at the Sea Port, Places Taptorey & Navor, the Master of one of our Company's Sloops called the Papagoy, gives us Notice of what case he met with in his passage from Japanapatanu further seawards, sailing at the height of Taptorey.

We have the said Master & his People caused to pass concerning it a Declaring under offer of Oath, which we have the honor to present to you along with this Letter.

Translate

To say being the 14th of March 1770 appeared before me Johannes Abraham Brinsfield, First sworn Clerk of the Secretary's Office of the Commandall Government, in the presence of the witnesses to be named below, the Boatsman & Master of the Company's Sloop, the Papagoy, Jacob Vander Helm, together with the Seamen Robert Williams & George De Haan & upon request of the Honble Reinier van Vlespingen Esq^r Governor & Director on behalf of the general Netherlands & East India Company, at this Coast Commandall place said & declared to be true & true.

That in their late passage from Japanapatanu furtherwards, the 9th of Instant in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, being then come to the South of Taptorey, as is called Calla Thony came sailing toward them out of the sea with the full wind, upon which he the Boatsman by one of the Scuras carried

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to ask two English Sepoys, who only shewed themselves above in that Thony (or Boat) crying out toward the Sloop, what they did mean by it.

That then those two English Sepoys did desire they should sail slower, that they could come on board & search the Sloop; but that to it was replied, that she was a Company's Vessel carrying Chinnam from Japanapatan to Negapatan, & that their sailing could not be retarded on any account.

That they, who make this declaration, hoisted the Flag & pursued their course, upon which the Calla Thony endeavored by sailing forward as much as she could, to come up to them, but that by the Sloop running faster, the Calla Thony's endeavour was in vain she remaining behind.

That as long they were at that height, they had seen that Calla Thony coming every morning out of the Bay & cruising & one day detaining a Boat of two Thonies in their passage that were to sail Southwards.

Declaring thus here above mentioned to be the pure Truth, & offering, if requested, to corroborate it with an Oath, they ended their declaring.

Thus done & attested at Nagapatan in the Castle, on the date as above, in the presence of Paulus Josephus Herkenburg & Christian Bernartus Dirks, Clerks of the Secretary's Office, Witnesses.

Protestor
J. S. Bronsfield

To

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Madraspatam

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq
President & Governor of
Fort St George, and Coast of
Choremandel, for the Royal
English East India Company
with the Council thereof.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From my an-
partam on the
subject of this
complaints.

We have had the particular
honor to receive your respected Letters of the 25th March this
year, which came here three days after we had sent off to
you ours of the 20th of the same month.

For the friendly communication
of the arrival of Mr Rumbold Governor at Madras we
remain very much obliged to you, & congratulate him
with this happy event, wishing him a fortunate
& successful Government.

We wish sincerely that the
Commander of the English Troops at Tanjore had not
been beforehand with us with his remonstrations
about the differences which have arose between him &
the undersigned Governor about the here detaining of a
Subadar & four Sepoys belonging to your Company: &
we expect of your reasonable Sentiments that after you
have taken lecture of our Letter of the 20th March, you will
not look on the affair as disagreeable as you have been
pleased to do by your above mentioned Letter, misled by
indirect declarations which may be have been made

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out of fear for punishment by the above said India People
on the to them made enquiry concerning the by them
committed outrages to the Inhabitants of our Villages,
notwithstanding it very evidently appears to us, out of
the said Declarations that they are the very same En-
glish Company's Sepoys who have committed to our
Company's Merchants on the public road the unlawfull
violence, & that by order of one Chippaloo Pale who
was before a servant to the Fiscal of this City & is
fugative from this place to abroad the directly Demand
of his Creditors, for which condemnable actions we
have as yet been troublesome to you, & to which we
have the reasonable reasons before us, but to prevent
all estrangements, & because the Rajah of Tanjore being
convinced of the innocence of those Traders on the first
reclamation made by the undersigned Governor, freed
them of the strict that Affairs has been passed with
silence.

But how much you may have
given Credit to such declarations put by concerned Persons,
without giving any attention to the Complaint made
from here about that Subadar & Sepoys so are con-
vinced of the Lawfull & in all manner just manage-
ment of our Governor in his Proceedings, give trust
that you will not give longer the arresting & detaining
of the above Sepoys, who were kept in arrest in the
main guard but not in a Prison as they have wrongfully
declared, the name of a violent action, when you out of our
former Letter shall have seen the far going hostilities
committed against us by English Company's Sepoys, &
which we have still present suffered suffered with so much

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in consideration; are Gentlemen the Proceedings of the above mentioned Sepoys not in the highest condemnable for their coming armed into the Territory of our Company & there commit against the Inhabitants of our Villages several Hostilities, which are not only already proved by our part in the attestation sent to Tanjore but could if necessary be more confirmed by the Commander of our Sepoys Captain Legalwar who was eye witness of the violences they have committed.

We desire you would kindly take this into consideration & then judge if our Governor in the affair in question, maintaining the honor of his Nation, could have acted otherwise than he has done.

So much Gentlemen we think for the present necessary to serve for answer on your protestations done against the behaviors of the undersigned Governor & past with silence the other remarks pointed by your above mentioned Letter, believing in the surest trust that in short you will give us more satisfaction when out of our former Letter, so convincingly shall appear the unrighteousness which are done us by the Sepoys of your Company who as some will make you believe are not employed to assist the Rajah of Tanjore to do the collection in his Country, but to very different purposes, that is posted round our limits.

One friendly thank you for the Orders given to the Commander of Tanjore against the doing of any irregular actions & we also on our part have given the necessary Orders, as we do not wish to stand at any thing more than to preserve & cultivate

P. S. Dormieux

W. Davenport

L. D. Simons

J. Appender

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to the Conduct of the Company's Sepoys in the Tanjore Country of which they complain, the Board have given you will continue to give strict Orders to prevent as much as possible any irregularities being committed by them but that from the nature of the Service on which they are employ'd (being under the direction of the Rajah's Amildars for the purpose of enforcing the Collections from the Country) some instances of excess may have happened notwithstanding all the care that has been taken but the Board being desirous & ready to punish any such excess upon regular proof & argument can be drawn from the Complaints brought by the Dutch upon that head sufficient to justify the violent measures pursued by their Governor in regard to the Subadar & 4 Sepoys who were seiz'd, disarm'd, & confin'd in the Main Guard at Negapatam in the manner which is already stated on the Resents. That with respect to their proposal of referring the Proceedings on both sides to be examined in Europe, the Board are exceedingly desirous on their part that such a reference should be made as they flatter themselves it will there appear that their Conduct has been moderate & consistent with their public engagements to the Rajah & that the behaviour of the Dutch Governor (for the Council do not appear to have joined him) has been not only unjust, but impudent and intemperate in a very high degree.

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Colonel FitzGerald at Tanjore

To

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To the Honble Thomas Bumbold Esq^r
President & Governor of
Fort St George
Honble Sir,

From H. Cal;
Fort St George in
Extract Letter
from L^d White
concerning the
posture of Affairs
at Negapatam.

I have just received a letter from
Lieut. White commanding two Companies of Sepoys
at Nagore in which is the following

Yesterday the Dutch Governor
flogged Twining Chetty the Dutch Head Sower accusing
him of being the cause of the present Disturbances.

This morning the Europeans
mustered & laid down their Arms refusing to serve
any longer as they had no Provisions for.

The Dutch Governor promised
to supply them in five or six days but they told him it
was out of his power, & twelve of them have actually
deserted this not to me.

Scarcity of provisions has made
their plea & as the Dutch Governor involved in such dif-
ficulties must take some steps he may possibly enter
the Rajah's Country therefore, I think considering the
confusion that now reigns it would not be amiss to
send two Companies more into these parts.

I have wrote unto Lieutenant
White in answer to be upon his guard & would beg
your further instructions on this head. In the mean
time I shall order two Companies of Sepoys to be
in readiness to march at a moments warning.

I am
Honble Sir

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Tanjore
10th April 1770.

Your most Obedient &
Humble Servant
J. Fitz Gerald

Opinion of the
Board.

Agreed to desire Lieut. Colonel
Fitz Gerald to keep the three Companies in readiness to join
Lieut. White but to inform him that they are not to pro-
ceed unless there be an absolute necessity for it.

Agreed also to enclose to Lieut.
Colonel Fitz Gerald a Copy of the Disposition sent from
Negapatam with the Letter from the Government
there of the 20th March that he may enquire into the
Circumstances for our information ~ Agreed also to desire
he will repeat the Orders already given that our
Sloops be on no account employed in stopping any
Boats or Vessels going to Negapatam.

Read the following Letter from
Negapatam.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor & Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs,

It is with the utmost concern

From Negapatam
that the Snow Swanby
has returned back with
the Troops on
account of their
threats with
Letter from the
Captain that they

we are under the necessity of acquainting your Honor
with the return of the Snow Swanby, who left this
Port on the 3^d Instant, with the Honble Company's Troops
on board; owing chiefly to their repeated clamors and
threats to confine Captain Greenly, if he did not imme-
diately return to some Port for fresh provisions, he
has solemnly assured us, that notwithstanding their
distress, which was not so great as they represented

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he would have made the Port of Madras sooner than
he has done this, if the Soldiering had not interfered
& prevented him - we herewith enclose your Honor
your a Copy of Captain Greenly's Letter to us, setting forth
the necessity of his returning Letter which we think
cannot be attributed to any other cause than the obstina-
cy of the Troops, who had not behaved well on this
occasion, considering they were as near their desired Port

We are, with great respect

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

M. Williams
Thos. Crawford
A. Barlow

Veragapatam
29th March 1770

To Morgan Williams Esq
Chief of Council of

Veragapatam
Gentlemen

I am concerned to acquaint
you of my being oblig'd to return to this Port, I just sailed
on the 20th March (in Lat. 13. 32 N & Dist 8. 30 East of
Madras) on account of the want of fresh Provisions
for our salt Beef, turned out very bad, from the extreme
heat of the weather, & the great sickness which pre-
vailed amongst our Sheep & poultry, carried off the
greatest part of our live stock, so that we were in
very great distress, besides the water Casks that I got
from Captain Wilson, entirely leaked out, & being ap-
prehensive of a scarcity of that Article, I thought

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proper for the good of the Troops on board to stand
in for Masulipatam, but unfortunately meeting a
Gale of wind off that Port, was obliged to bear
away for Viragapatam notwithstanding which
I am confident that had it not been for the above
accidents & the repeated Clamors of the Troops threatening
to confine me, I should have been at Masoras this
day or sooner.

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Snow Tonly
off Viragapatam
28th March 1770.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

(signed) George Greenley

At true Copy
J. A. Barlow Secy

The following answer to
the above Letter is now prepared & ordered to be for-
warded.

To Mr. Alexander Davidson
Chief of Council at
Viragapatam
Gentlemen

We have received your Letter
of the 29th Ultimo informing us that the Tonly
had put back with the Troops to Viragapatam,
enclosing a Copy of a Letter from Captain
Greenley to your Board on the occasion.

The distress suffered by the
Troops in this voyage with other circumstances at-
tending the time & manner of putting them on

To Viragapatam
with sundry Quarters
in the above men-
tioned

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Heard the Vespell make it necessary that we should desire of you to ascertain the following particulars for our information.

How came the Troops to be embarked on the 3 March after the Orders we had given that if no conveyance offered before the 20th of Febry they were to be marched overland to Masulipatan. Did not any conveyance offer to bring them hither before the departure of the Teuby, To whom did the Teuby belong, what burthen was she, who supplied the provisions for the voyage? were those provisions reasonably sufficient for the subsistence of the Troops to Madras at that season; & in what state were they when put on board. As the Captain of the Vespell mentions in his letter, that he was on the 20th March in Lat. 13. 32 N. & in Dist. 8. 30 East of Madras, in what time could he have reasonably expected to reach this Port in that situation? Were the Troops as clamorous as the Chief of Council represents, or did the Vespell put back on account of the Provisions falling short or being in a bad state.

These particulars & much others as you think necessary must be ascertained in the fullest manner, & with respect to the behaviour of the Troops, the state of the Provisions &c you must enquire from Capt. Collins & the principal Officers on board belonging to the Troops & transmit their written declarations to us.

We desire that as soon as possible after the receipt of this letter all the

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Europeans may proceed by slow marches overland
to Masulipatam, there to remain for our further
Orders.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
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Your affectionate friends
Thomas Pumbold
Jr

Sundry Gentlemen
appointed Ensigns

The Board having resolved in
consequence of General Munnro's recommendation
to add three more Subaltern Officers to each
Sepoy Battalion, the following Promotions of
Ensigns is now made in consequence.

List of Cadets

Appointed in Europe

Appointed at Fort St George

Names

Names

William Stevens

John Dorsett

Int. J^r Durand

James Lombard

George Smith

Tho^s Meighan

James Burnton

Thomas Poole

James Armstrong

John Bannerman

Thomas Phipps

Robt Strahan

John Cuppage

Meor Boswell

~~James~~ Clarke

Abraham Hughes

Duff

James Fraser

George Balfour

Thomas Dallas

Joachim Sundt

James Marshall

Robt Lang

Lodawick Sundt

Will^m Britt

Chas Griffiths

Coupland

Int^r Allen

Int^r Thompson

Lindsay

Int^r Jones

Int^r Barton

Tho^s Weatherhead

Meor Fowles

Chas Salmon

Peter Dese

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Kames

William Collins

Wilm^{rs} Wolfenden

Chas Malister

Walter Curtis

Keith Macalister

Benf. Hemming

Thos Hazenwood

George Stringer

Powell

Copper

William Bird

George Salmon

Geo. Gordon

Thos Hart

Alex^r Gordon

John Meulke

Will^m Graham

Colin Campbell

William Crook

Henry Atkinson

Wilson

Arch. McLeod

Werners

Thos. Pembroke

John Whitehill

Master Munro

Berring

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Dispatched the following Letter to
Masulipatam.

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir

Chief of Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam

As we have directed the Europeans
at Viragapatam to march overland to your Settlement
we desire you will prepare proper Quarters for their re-
ception if let them remain at Masulipatam till our
further Orders are signified to you.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George

13th April 1778

Your affectionate Friends

Thomas Rumbold

Jr

Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble Pieter van Vlissingen Esq^r

Councillor Extraordinary & Director

for affairs of the Dutch Company

on the Coast of Choromandel and to

the rest of the Councils thereof at

Nagapatam

Honble Sirs

To Nagapatam

reply to the com-

plaints of the

Dutch.

We have had the honor to re-
ceive your Letters of the 20th March & 4th April.

The Original Cause of the dif-
ferences that at present subsist between the Rajah of
Tanjore & your Government, proceeds as we imagine, at

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least on the part of the Rajah, from the protection said to have been given by Mr Van Vlissingen your Governor to Caimnacca Suba Pillai Amildar or Renter of a principal Distict in the Rajah's Country who, as the Rajah informs us is indebted to the Circar near 10 Lacks of Pagodas, & to avoid settling accounts fled to Negapatam, where he received protection, the the Rajah formally demanded that he should be delivered up. The Rajah complains also that the Quatchers, Riots &c of his Country who commit offences are protected in the same manner, all this is forcibly set forth in a letter from the Rajah to us of the 4th January last, of which we enclose an Extract for your information.

Such proceedings cannot as we believe be consistent with any treaty or Engagements which may have been formerly made between you & the Rajah, as they tend evidently to annihilate his authority over his own People & to occasion perpetual loss of Revenue to the Circar, if it could now be supposed that the Rajah could make so great a sacrifice for any consideration he might receive from your Settlement at Negapatam.

You have been pleased in your letter of the 28th March to request that we could use our good Offices with the Rajah to divert from the measures he has taken to shut up the Communication between his Country & the Districts of Negapatam. The Gentlemen we are very ready to do, but as those measures, have as we conceive nothing more for their object than procuring satisfaction for the complaints abovementioned, it is surely in your own Power by

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complying with the Rajah's demands which are very just & reasonable to remove the distress to which you inform us your Settlement is exposed by the present restrictions.

With respect to the Conduct of our Sepoys in the Tanjore Country, we have already informed you in our letter of the 25th Ultimo that they are sent to the Rajah to assist him in making his Collections from the Country & being under the Directions of his Amildars, it is possible some irregularities may be committed by them without our knowledge or even the knowledge of the Rajah, though the most positive Orders have been given both by him & ourselves to prevent them, (of which you will be convinced by the enclosed the Extracts of a letter to us from the Commanding Officer at Tanjore) We shall be ready however at all times as we before advised you to give you all the satisfaction in our power upon a just complaint against any of our Sepoys & our reason for writing in such strong Terms against the measure of seizing & confining our Subadar & Sepoys at Negapatam was principally because no complaint had been first exhibited to the Commanding Officers at Tanjore or to this Government or any regular steps taken to enquire into the charge against them, & because the Subadar in particular was an Officer of Rank & ought not to have been treated with so much indignity.

Upon the whole Gentlemen, as we are conscious of having acted throughout these differences with perfect regard to our engagements with the Rajah of Tanjore by which we are

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bound to protect & defend his Country & People from
foreign trouble & invasion, & also with due attention
towards you with whom we are desirous of living
in the greatest harmony, we shall most cheerfully
agree with you in referring our respective proce-
dings to be judge'd by our Superiors in Europe, where
we think it will appear that our Conduct hath been
guided with propriety & moderation, ^{that} the Conduct of
your Governor as well in his behaviour to our Sepoys
as in his correspondence with the Commanding officer
at Tanjore hath been more violent than is con-
sistent with Justice or the respect due to the friendship
& good understanding subsisting between our respec-
tive States.

We have ordered the complaints
you make of the searching & detention of your
Boats by our Sepoys to be strictly enquired into.

We have the honor to be with perfect esteem

Worthy Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
15th April 1778

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
Thomas Russell
of the

To Lieut: Colonel ^{James} Pitts Gerald
Commanding at

Sir

Tanjore

To Lt. Col. Pitts Gerald
2 Companies of Sepoys
to be ready to join
Lt. White. He en-
quires into the De-
position forwarded

We have received your letter
of the 10th Instant, & would have you keep the two
Companies of Sepoys in readiness to join Lieutenant
White but they are not to proceed unless there be

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from the District an absolute necessity for it.

We send you enclosed a Copy of a Deposition which we have received from Negapatam. We desire you will enquire into the Circumstances therein set forth & let us know the result. In the mean time you will be pleased to give strict Orders that our Sepoys be not employed in stopping any Boats or Vessels proceeding to Negapatam as our intention in sending them to the Rajah is merely to assist his People in collecting the Revenues and protecting the Country from Troubles.

We are

Sir,
Fort St George
15 April 1778

Your most humble servants
Thomas Rumbold
Jr

At a Consultation present
The Honorable Thomas Rumbold Esq:
Governor President
John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Saml Johnson
Peter Perrin
Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved

The President delivers in the following Minute

The President's Minute deferring his visit to Tanjore

That the Rajah of Tanjore has earnestly requested me to pay a visit to his Country & I am of Opinion that any proceeding there in consequence of his pressing invitation together with General Munro

Monday
April

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Mr. Smith would be of essential service in establishing many points for the advantage of the Company & in a manner of fixing the Rajah's Government on a firm & permanent footing. The variety of business of importance that at this time requires my attention at the Presidency renders it almost impossible for me to proceed to Tanjore immediately. The uncertainty of what intelligence we may receive from Europe & the probability of a Ship arriving very soon with dispatches from the Company all confirm me in opinion that it will be highly necessary for General Munnings Mr. Smith & myself to defer our going to Tanjore for some time when if no material advices arrive from Europe & there is no immediate prospect of a war, we may with greater security comply with the Rajah's request to visit his Country & endeavour to extricate his affairs from the embarrassing situation in which he represents them to be, in the mean time I submit to the Board whether it will not be necessary to acquaint him how convenient it will be at this juncture for me to be absent from the Presidency & to recommend to him to fulfil his engagements with the Company as a proof of his reliance on their friendship & readiness to show his attachment to their Interests.

The Board are of Opinion that what the President has said is very proper, & agree that the Journey be deferred & a letter as proposed by the President, written to the Rajah.

The President then delivers in the following Minute.

That we may know in

The Board agree in Opinion with the President.

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The Presidents
Indents, respec-
ting the state
of the Camp equip-
page

what state the Camp Equipage is & what number of
Tents you have in store fit for service in case of
any necessity for our Troops to take the field.
The President moves.

Exact Returns
to be made of
all Tents &c

That an Order be given for exact
returns to be made out of all Tents, & Camp Equipage
now at the Presidency, with Garrisons, & Subordinates
noting what are in use with the different Corps to be
transmitted to the Board as soon as possible, particularly
specifying what are new, or old, fit or unfit for Service, re-
parable or otherwise, to prevent all unnecessary expence in
the article of providing Stores for
The President moves.

No Stores to be
made up without
proper Indents

That no Stores of any kind or
Camp Equipage, be made up till proper Indents are
made out & submitted thro' the Committee of Stores to
the Board for their approbation, & that when such In-
dents are delivered into the Committee of Stores a par-
ticular account be also delivered of the quantity of each
Article indented for, that is remaining at the time
not only in the Garrison of Fort St. George, but
in all other Garrisons depending on the Presidency.
Approved & ordered accordingly.
Read the following Letters from
the Chief Council at Virragasatan.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor & Council of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs
In our address of the 13th Ult^o

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From Virajapatam, Capt. Murphy
informs a party
under Krishna
Boopetty.

We acquainted your Honor ^{you} of our having ordered
Captain Murphy to march from Chacole in order to join
Lieut. Langley with as many of the Sepoys as could be
spared from thence of Virianagrum in hopes of putting
an effectual stop to the ravages of Krishna Boopetty
& his adherents. He has since met with a considerable
body of them & after an engagement of some hours,
they were dispersed; notwithstanding which, the troubles are
not likely to be soon at an end, for the Hill People
continue still their ravages, & have even plundered
& burnt some of the villages near Virianagrum,
which has put the Inhabitants of the whole Count-
ry into the utmost consternation & obliged the Rajah
Virivannarane, to send some of his Troops in or-
der to repel the Invaders with the assistance of our
Troops; He is now at Madagaloo, & proposes to pursue
Krishna Boopetty among the Hills if he does not speedily come
to terms. Enclosed we have sent an Extract of Captain
Murphy's letter to us, likewise one from Lt. Mayne
for your Honor ^{you} Perusal

We are, with great respect,
Your Obedient Servants

Viragapatam
3rd April 1770

Your most obedient
humble servants
Mr. Williams
Hy. Crawford
Nathl. Barlow
Chas. Maxtone

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Extract of a letter from Captain Lawrence Murphy
Dated 25th March 1777

Being joined yesterday evening at 6 o'clock by Lieut. Langley & Ensign Carey, I formed the Detachment in two Divisions, & marched this morning at 10 o'clock, to attack Kistna Boobiooy's People here, it being their principal Haunt at this end of the Hills. Lieut. Langley proceeded up the Valley from Dinnaipilly by a shorter route, with his four Companies; two hours after, I moved with the six Companies of my own, & fourth Arcot Battalion; at Daylight we both fell in with their advanced Parties, altho, we were then three Cops apart; on my coming here, they stood for some time, & fired briskly, but were soon drove from the Village, over different steep rugged precipices into a small river, which they likewise disputed, as well as the opposite Bank, & which being all, all very woody, as well as the whole Valley, & intersected with deep ravens, gave them every advantage they could wish over those unacquainted with the situation of the place; but I have the pleasure to inform you, that they were completely dispersed, & routed about 9 o'clock. Lieut. Langley met with as much resistance in his quarter, as I did, which I could plainly perceive by his fire.

By the best information I could gain, both before & after this affair, Kistna Boobiooy's own People, amounted to five hundred; together with two thousand Village Pious, & Hill fellows who lately joined him, & from the multitude we have all seen, I have no reason to think, their number was exaggerated. The former made off, through a pass that

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leaves S. W. from this to Polar, we had six Sepoys
wounded, but cannot ascertain the loss of the Plunderers.
A true Extract

Nath^l. Barlow
J. C. J.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant. Mayne

By a Hurian that arrived here
early this morning I have received the following intelli-
gence.

That some Villages near Lac-
rapacutta within ten Cos of this place have been
plundered & burnt on the night of the 2^d Ultimo by about
300 of the Hill fellows, & that the People cannot travel
with safety thro that neighbourhood. He further says
that on the night of the 3^d of the same month
near Bomising the Enemy burnt a Village, and
afterwards betook themselves to the Hills. He has
mentioned nothing else worth engaging your attention

A true Extract

Nath^l. Barlow
J. C. J.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President of Governor's Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs,

In our letter of the 29th Ult^o

we acquainted your Honor &c with the return of
the Troops on the Snow-Tenby, which gave us the

From Nagapattam
the European Dr.
Detachment leave
what place for
Munichpattam

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greatest concern - at a Consultation held after land-
ing the Troops, we came to the resolution of marching
them overland to Masulipatam, as the Season is now too
far advanced for sending them by a Sea conveyance;
they accordingly marched from hence this morning, for
that Settlement, which we hope will meet with your
Honour's approbation.

We are, with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble servants
M. Williams

Viragapatam
10th April 1770.

Nathl Barlow
Chas. Maxtone

Ordered that the receipt of the

foregoing Letters be acknowledged.

Read the following Petition

To the Honble Thomas Bumbold Esq^r

President of Governor & Council of

Fort St George

The humble Petition of
Avela Moolal Chetty

Sheweth

That last Year an Advertisement

The Petition of
Avela Moolal

Chetty concerning
the Contract for

Bricks of Chumam

has been put up at the Gates by the Committee Gentl^{men}
of the works to grant the Contract of the Bricks
of Chumam to the highest bidder, when your Petitioner
finding himself much experienced in that business, (as
he has been employed for some Years in that capacity) he

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Delivered in his proposal, sealed in order to supply the bricks, the wall bricks at the rate of Pagodas 83.14.60 & a lack of the other sorts at the rate as Mr. Turing supplied with, so your Petitioner, was agreeable in his proposal to deliver every year 300 lacks of bricks to the Fort & Company & to the use of the Gentlemen of the Inhabitant, 200 lacks besides this four other Proposals were delivered by four different Persons, on perusal of those Proposals, the Gentlemen of the Committee finding your Petitioner to be the highest bidder, was pleased to insert his name in the Committee Book, & also required security for your Petitioner's Person, which was accordingly delivered by your Petitioner, upon which the Gentlemen of the Committee were willing to grant that Contract to your Petitioner the next day, but in the interim Mr. Macbuck who was first engaged with your Petitioner, to be manager under him, but afterwards got that Contract in his hands which he obtained by the Interest of Mr. Mackay then Chief of the Committee. Mr. Macbuck then being winter for him.

The difference of the Prices will appear in the following Articles.

In Mr. Turing's time he supplied Bricks at 95 Pags per lack your Petitioner offered in his proposal to supply at 83.14.60 & the profit that would arise from this amounts to Pagodas 3500 per Year. — In turn of 3 Years amounts to Pag 17500.

As Mr. Macbuck now supplies 300 lacks of bricks for a Year at 105 Pags per lack. The loss that will be sustained

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by this will will amount in the term of 5 Years. - 32500^{Rs}
Your Petitioner having addressed a
Petition to Lord Pigot, when at the Mount, on which his
Lordship told that he would get the Contract in your
Petitioner's hand, but to your Petitioner's misfortune his
Lordship died.

Therefore your Petitioner most
humbly implores that your Honor you will order the
Gentlemen of the Committee to appoint that Contract
to your Petitioner in consequence of which the Hon^{ble}
Company will be gainer as aforesaid.

For which favor, of goodness as your
Petitioner will as in Duty bound

Shall ever pray

Ordered that a Copy of the fore.

going Petition be sent to Mr Rockbuck

Read letter from Mr Ogilvie

Storekeeper at Vellore.

To Charles Cadeley Esq^r
Secretary to the Military Department
Sir

I received yours of the 3rd last night
Desiring I would inform the Hon^{ble} Board, whether I
could provide any further, & what quantity of Gun-
powder over & above the stock which has been thought
necessary for the Garrison of Vellore.

From Mr Ogilvie
with proposals
to supply 1500 par.
rels of Powder.

In answer to which you will
be pleased to inform the Hon^{ble} Board that I can pro-
vide one thousand five hundred to arms, the first year
over & above the quantity wanted to complete the stock

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for this Garrison, for every year afterwards, at the rate
of five thousand Barrels of Ammunition.

I am

Sir

Vellore

6th April 1778

Your most Obedient Servant
Thomas Ogilvie
Permit

The President lays before the
Board the following Letter from Mr Ogilvie.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President and Governor &c.

Honble Sir,

In consequence of a representation
From Mr Ogilvie representing the
bad condition of
Major Hopkins's
Quarters.
From Major Hopkins respecting the situation of his
house here, I examined it this morning, & find the whole
roof entirely decayed, so much so as to render it even dangerous
to live in, great pieces of the ceiling for some days
past, having dropt down.

To prevent the house from be-
coming an entire ruin, it will be absolutely necessary
to give it a new roof before the rains set in which
if your honor approves of, I shall lose no time in
giving it the necessary repair.

I take this opportunity to ac-
quaint your honor, that the quantity of Salt Petre
indentured for, which is necessary for the supply of Gun-
powder wanted to compleat the stock for this Garri-
son, is not yet compleat with.

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I hope your Honor will pardon
my giving you this trouble, but my anxiety to comply
with the Orders of the Honble Board before the rains
set in, will I hope plead my excuse.

I am
Honble Sir

with the greatest respect

Your most Obedient &

very humble servant

Thomas Ogilvie
Capt.

Vellore

16th April 1770.

Ordered that Mr Ogilvie be di-
rected to make as much Gunpowder as he can, that 160
Candies of Salt Petre & 30 Candies of Brimstone be sent
to him, & that he be desired to furnish the Board with
an Estimate of the Repairs necessary to Major Kopskin's
Quarters.

Read Letter from Lt. Colonel Harper
Commanding Officer at Vellore.

x To Charles Cakeloy Esq^r
Military Secretary.
Sir

From Lt. Colonel
Harper detains
one R. Smith
who has no pass

According to orders I yesterday
detained a European who came into this Garrison on horse-
back without a pass, His name is Richard Smith,
I say he is a Traveller by Trade, & has resided at Mad-
ras for some time, that he was sent to Arcote on busi-
ness for Doctor Mallett, whose Horse he rode, & that
he came here by desire of Colonel Lang, to look at a
sick Horse of his. He informs me that he came out

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to Bengal with Captain Dewar in capacity of Servant on
the Ship Speaker in the year 1766 & that he left his Master
& lived with Colonel Peck till he died, & afterwards Colonel
Champion, that he arrived at the Coast two years since, & entered
into the Nabob's Service & was made a Sergeant in the
fourth Regiment of Cavalry; He is about 29 years of age
& seems to be a stout healthy man; I shall keep him here
till I receive an answer and

I am

Sir

Vellore

12 March 1770

Your most Obedient
humble servant

H. Harper

Ordered that Colonel Harper be
directed to set the man at liberty as Colonel Long confirms
the account which he has given of himself

Read Letter from Cap. Edington

To the Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq

Governor & President of Council of

Fort St George

Worshipful Sir & Sirs,

From Captain
Edington with
ing to be brought
to his trial, &
desiring to know
the truth of a
report that his
Rank & Commission
are to be taken
from him.

The peculiarity of my situation
will I hope plead my excuse for addressing you on this
occasion. From the moment I receiv'd a letter by or-
der of the Board, from the Military Secretary enclosing
a Copy of the Paragraph in the Comptrol General
Letter respecting me, I have been in expectation of a
summons, to attend my trial, which as a Military
man laying under censure, I do most earnestly wish
for, & is what I would have publicly applied for &

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before this time, but for the above expectation

A report that has long prevailed, & still seems to gain credit, that my Battalion, & command is to be given to another, whose name is publicly mentioned in letters, not only to me, but the Officers of the Corps, obliges me in justice to myself, humbly to request being informed if the report is with foundation, how I have been so unhappy in my conduct to merit the Board's displeasure, as the paragraph sent me mentions no punishment, unless by Martial Law.

I have too high an idea of the Honourable Board to suppose them capable of depriving me of any advantage my Service to the Company has entitled me to, neither can I believe that an insidious representation of Mr Monckton to the Board, setting forth that I had stained my Command for the Service I performed to the Majority of Council for, although it may still stand upon record unanswered, (as such an illiberal suggestion deserved) could prejudice them against me. I hope it will therefore not be deemed improper, my setting in a true light, & in as few words as possible, my pretensions. The good order my Battalion was in attracted the notice of the Commander in Chief (or had I other influence to his favor) & the mode of Discipline which I had introduced into it, was ordered to be adopted by the army Europeans, as well as Sepoys.

Having brought my Battalion to perfection & after having had the command of it so long, to deprive me of it would be so severe a reflection, as time, or circumstance never could make up. The last general relief of the Troops, there was

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but one Battalion besides my own, (Captain Phillips
excepted, which was at that time at Bombay, & suc-
ceeded to a Command immediately on his return) that
was not either removed from, or to Command. I was
superceded by the Court of Directors in my Office
of Asistant General on which cruel occasion the
Board was pleased to appoint me to the Command
of Palamcottah, on the point of being vacant by the
promotion of Capt. Hopkins, this was injuring me one;
& I hope the above circumstances will appear to the
Honble the President & Council, a very sufficient reason
for my appointment; & on fair & candid principles consider
what our Mr. Munckton has said to the contrary.

I again repeat my readiness to stand
a trial, & untill such time as it is convenient for the Board
to order it, & that I am either condemned or acquitted, I
rely on their justice, & equity, not to deprive me of my
Battalion or Command.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest
respect

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

James Odington
Orders to lie on the Table
Read Letter from Major Stairs.

Palamcottah
March 29th 1770

To the Honble Thomas Burrbold Esq^r

President of Governor & Council

of Fort St George

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Major
Stevens with one
Horn Doctor
Raine representing
the bad condition
of his Quarters.

I do myself the honor to enclose
the Copy of Representation I have received from Mr Raine of
the bad state of his Quarters at Poonamallee & have to re-
quest your Orders thereon.

Mr Raine has also inform'd me
he has in conjunction with the other Surgeon represented
the bad state of the Hospital at Poonam. also therefore should
your honor for think proper to order these buildings to be
survey'd, they may be done together.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Will^m Stevens

Jr Engr

Fort St. George
April 9th 1770

To Major Stevens

Sir

As the rainy Season is approaching
I beg leave to inform you that my Quarters are in a very
bad condition that unless they are repaired, they will scarce
be habitable, I have to request in such case, you will be
pleased to represent the same to the Honble the President
& Council in hopes you may obtain their consent to
make the necessary Reparations.

I am
Sir

Madras
9th April 1770

A Lt W. Stevens

Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) W. Raine

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Ordered that the Quarter Master
General be directed to examine & Report the Conditions
of the Hospital & Surgeons Quarters at Ponnamalce.

Read the following Letter from
the Sepoy Agent & Representation from the Sepoy
Captains of Captain Bloock.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor, & Council

Honble Sirs

From the Sepoy Agent with Estimate of the Sepoy Clothing

The whole of this years
clothing being nearly finished, I have made an Estimate
of the expence as directed by your Honor for the several
accounts of which accompany this address.

Not having received your Orders
with respect to the advance on the Cloth charged by the
Imperial Warehousekeeper, I have therefore made two Esti-
mates, in one, I have allowed the advanced price, in the
other I have reckoned it at prime cost, at which rate,
it has always been delivered to the Agent for clothing
the Military.

It was not in my power to re-
port the exact deficiency of the several pieces of Cloth
received from the Imperial Warehousekeeper as directed
by your Orders of the 13th Ultimo, nearly the whole
quantity having been cut up long before the receipt
of these Orders. But your Honor may judge of
the deficiency by the late Report of the Imperial Ware-
housekeeper of the measurement of two Bales the one

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imported in 1775, & the other in 1777 by which the breadth of the cloth in the latter appears at an average $7\frac{1}{2}$ p. less than that of the former.

The Pattern Jackets of this year being different from those of last have occasioned an increase of the expence, as not only a greater quantity of cloth was requisite, but the expence of making is considerably increased. But of this you will be able to judge by comparing the Muster Jackets of last year with those for the present year which are in readiness for your inspection.

I have the honor to be

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
27th March 1778.

Your faithful humble servant
George Murray
Sey agent

Estimate of the Expence of Cloathing a formatted Battalion of Sepoys with yellow Caps & Cuffs

Super fine Scarlet thin P.	15 $\frac{1}{4}$ @ 2.9 pds	3411.20
Ditto Green	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 2.9 pds	326.13
Fine Scarlet	10 @ 1.10 pds	22.10
Ditto	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 1.40 pds	1350
Aurora	2.16 $\frac{3}{8}$ @ 2322 pds	6524.15
Ordinary Red	36 $\frac{1}{32}$ @ 18.3 pds	651.77 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ditto Green	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 18.3 pds	139.240
		<u>910. 6 17 $\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Charges Making

1 Commandant's Coat with Gold Lace lining &c.	1037
9 Subedars do	2 @ 25.25.40 = 501.940
10 Juniors do	2 @ 1.14.50 = 1320.20
50 Havildars do	@ 9.20 = 11...40
500 Strangers do	9.20 = 11...40
12 Drummers & Fifers Coat	1.12.60 = 1527
Caps 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	@ 11. = 3.16
Shirts 10	@ 5 = 1.0
Things for Drummers & Fifers	23350
660 Sepoys of Puchalles	@ 0.40 = 13324
	<u>253. 0. 30 1171. 14. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Godown Rent & Packing Charges 0. 21.40
Commission on Pays 1171. 24. 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 5 Hent 50. 23. 66 67. 3. 26
Pag^d 1238. 17. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$

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Estimate of the Expence of Cloathing a Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys
with blue Caps and Cuffs

Superfine Scarlet thin	15 1/2 @ 29 7/8	3411 20
Ditto blue	1 1/2 @ 29 7/8	326 13
Fine scarlet	15 @ 1 10 7/8	2210
Ditto blue	1 1/2 @ 1 10 7/8	12350
Aurora	2 16 3/4 @ 23 1/2	652415
Ordinary Red	36 1/2 @ 103 7/8	65177 1/2
Ditto blue	7 14 1/2 @ 103 7/8	139240
		917. 3455 1/2

Charges Making

1 Commandants Coat with silver lace lining	9. 29 10
9 Subidars Coats	Ditto @ 5 1. 70 = 45 16 70
10 Semidars	D. @ 1. 14. 50 = 13 20 20
50 Havildars	D. @ " 9. 20 = 11 " " 40
50 Naigues	D. @ " 9. 20 = 11 " " 40
12 Drummers	D. @ 112 60 = 15 27
Caps 12	@ " 11 = 3. 6
Slings 10	@ " 5 = 1. 0
Wings for Drummers & Fifers	23350
660 Sepoys & Puchalls Coats	@ 0. 40 = 13324
	2463970 = 1164. 32 1/2

Godown Rent & Packing Charges

Commission on 1164. 32. 45 1/2 @ 5 p Cent

21. 40

50. 9. 70 = 66. 31. 30

Pagodas

1231. 22 3/4

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Estimate of the Expence of Cloathing a Carnatick Battalion of Sepoys
with Yellow Caps and Coiffs.

Superfine Scarlet thin	Rs 7 1/2 @ 2.9 p ^{rs}	3411.20
Ditto Yellow	Rs 1 2/32 @ 2.9 p ^{rs}	326 13
Fine Scarlet	Rs 15 @ 1.10 p ^{rs}	22.18
Ditto Yellow	Rs 1 2/32 @ 1.4.40 p ^{rs}	131 6
Surrona	Rs 2.16 3/4 @ 232240 p ^{rs}	652415
Ordinary Red	Rs 36 1/32 @ 10.3 p ^{rs}	651 17 1/2
Ditto Blue	Rs 7.14 1/2 @ 10.3 p ^{rs}	139240
		910. 6 17 1/2

Charges Making

1 Commandants Coat with silver lace lining	Rs 9.29.10	
9 Subidars Coats	Rs @ 5.1.70	451670
10 Serindars	Rs @ 1.14.50	132020
50 Havildars	Rs @ 9.20	11.40
50 Naigues	Rs @ 9.20	11.40
12 Drummers	Rs @ 1.13.60	152 1/2
Caps 12	Rs @ 11	3.6
Stings 10	Rs @ 5	1.0
Wings for Drummers & Pipes		23350
660 Sepoys & Puckalls	Rs @ 0.40	133.24
		<u>264.39.70</u>
		1165.4.7 1/2

Godown Rent & Packing Charges	Rs 21.40	
Commission on 1165.4 7/2 @ 5 p ^{cent}	58.10.56	66.32.16

Pagodas 1231.36.23 1/2

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Estimate of the Expence of Cloathing a Regular Battalion of Sepoys
with Blue Coats and Cuffs

Superfine Scarlet thin	15 @ 2.9 pps	341.20
Ditto Blue	1 1/2 @ 2.9 pps	3.26 1/2
Fine Scarlet	22 1/2 @ 1.10 pps	3327.
Ditto Blue	2 1/2 @ 1.10 pps	2.10
Linens	2.16 3/4 @ 23.22 1/2 pps	6524 1/2
Ordinary Red	36. 1/32 @ 10.3 pps	653.77 1/2
Ditto Blue	7.14 1/2 @ 10.3 pps	139246.
		930 2 5/2

Charges Making

1 Commandant's Coat with Silver Lace lining		92910
9 Subedars D.	D @ 5.1.70	451670
15 Jemindars D with Cotton D	@ 1.14.50	20930
50 Havildars D.	D @ 9.20	11.40
30 Naigues D.	D @ 9.20	11.40
12 Drummers & Fifes D.	D @ 1.12.60	1527.
Caps 12	@ 11.	3.6
Slings 10	@ 5	1.0
Wings for Drummers & Fives		23350
660 Sepoys & Packalls	@ 2.40	13324
		253 29.5
		1103. 31. 5/2

Godown Rent of Packing Charges

Commission on 1103. 31. 5/2 @ 5 p Cent

8. 21. 1/2

59. 7. 70

67. 29. 30

Pagodas 1251. 10. 35 1/2

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Estimate of the Expence of Cloathing one Company of Marksmen
with Yellow Caps, Facing & Cuffs.

Superfine Scarlet thin D ^o 7 1/2 @ 2.9 p ^{rs}	3. 13 40
Ditto Yellow " 9 1/6 @ 2.9 p ^{rs}	1. 9 45
Fine Scarlet " 3 " @ 1.10 p ^{rs}	4 0. "
Ditto Yellow " 9 1/6 @ 1.4 40 p ^{rs}	22 62
Surround " 16 3/8 @ 1.4 40 p ^{rs}	10 15 15
Ordinary Red " 2. 16 1/6 @ 103 p ^{rs}	49 35 75
Ditto Yellow " 20 9/16 @ 10.3 p ^{rs}	17 25 35
	95. 32. 32

Charges. Making

1 Subadars Coat with Silver Lace for	5 17 0
2 Semidars D ^o with Silk Lace for	22 9 20
7 Havildars D ^o with Cotton D ^o @ 13	27. "
7 Naigues D ^o D ^o @ 13	27
54 Sepoys D ^o D ^o @ 11	14. 6
	26. 9. 10
	121. 44 42

Commission on 121. 44. 42 @ 5 p^{cent}

6. 4. 13

Pagodas 120. 3. 55

Abstract of the five preceding Estimate N^o 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5

8 Circular Battalions @ 1251. 10. 35 1/2 p ^{rs} each Battalion	10,011. 21. 44
2 Carnatick Battalions @ 1230. 17. 73 1/2 p ^{rs} Ditto	9907. 17. 20
8 Ditto " Ditto @ 1231. 22. 31 1/2 p ^{rs} Ditto	9832. 0. 20
5 D ^o " D ^o @ 1231. 36. 23 1/2 p ^{rs} Ditto	6159. 13. 3 1/2

Marksmen Cloathing amounting to

120. 3. 55

Pagodas 36050 22. 37 1/2

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Dr } Account of the Expence of Cloathing 29 Battalions of Sepoys
 Price on the Honble Company's Cloth, and 500 Pag^s to each of
 said Battalions as per Estimate received from the Military

To the Estimated amount of the Cloathing as per
 Abstract on other side. 36,058. 22. 32 1/2

To the allowance to 29 Captains reckoned at 500 Pag^s
 for each. 14,500. 00. 00

Pagodas 50,558. 22. 32 1/2

Statement of the above reckoning only Prime Cost

To 8 Circar Battalions @ 1171. 14. 76 each Battalion 9376. 33. 10

To 8 Carnatic Battalions @ 1164. 22. 54 ff D^o 9316. 03. 32

To 8 Ditto ... Ditto @ 1157. 36. 66 ff D^o 9263. 00. 00

To 3 Ditto ... Ditto @ 1157. 28. 60 ff D^o 3789. 26. 20

To 1 Company Mardasmen 119. 36. 75 33,859. 28. 63

To the allowance of 29 Captains reckoned
 @ 500 Pagodas each 14,500

Pagodas 48,359. 28. 63

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and 1 Company Marksmen for the year 1770 allowing the advanced
the Captains and Crediting for the amount of the stoppages of } Or
Paymaster General.

By the amount of the stoppages of 16 Carnatic and 5 Tanjore Battalions at Pag ^{rs} 1539. 6. - for each	32,322. -
By Ditto of 8 Circar Battalions at Pag ^{rs} 1569. 6. for each Battalion	12,553. 6. -
By Ditto of 1 Company of Marksmen	143. 36. -
By balance being the deficiency	5539. 22. 32½
<u>Pagodas</u>	<u>50,558. 22. 32½</u>

for the Honble Company's Cloth

By the amount of the stoppages of 16 Carnatic and 5 Tanjore Battalions at Pag ^{rs} 1539. 6. for each Battalion	32,322. -
By Ditto of 8 Circar Battalions at Pag ^{rs} 1569. 6. for each Battalion	12,553. 6. -
By D ^o of one Company of Marksmen	143. 36. -
By Deficiency	3340. 20. 63
<u>Pagodas</u>	<u>48,359. 20. 63</u>

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E. C.

Geo. Moutray
Sepoy Agent.

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A Meeting of
Sepoy Captains to
consider & report
the means of ma-
king good the
deficiency in
their Allowances.
Messrs Proposals
for making
Sepoy Allowances

At a meeting of Sepoy Captains, as-
sembled by desire of Major General Hector Munro, to
consider of & represent to him by what means & in what
manner, the offreckonings to the Captains of Sepoys, may
be paid for the last year, - as there appears from the Agents
Accounts, to be a deficiency of Pagodas 5539.22.32 $\frac{1}{2}$
to make such payment.

Present
Captains Cotgrave, Hecock, Bruce,
Duncan, and Lucas. Who humbly conceive it
never was the sense of the Honble Company, that the payment
of the offreckonings, should depend on the accounts of the
Agent; as in the Honble Company's Regulations Page
27 under the head of Sepoy Extra Allowances, - of article
the third, - it runs thus, - "In consideration of the trouble
which attends the service of the Sepoys, the Governor and
Council will take care that the offreckonings to each Cap-
tain, shall be at the rate of 500 Pagodas a Year &c"
It would not seem from this that the Honble Board,
meant to deprive the Sepoy Captains of 100 Pagodas
in consideration of extra trouble, but that the original
intention was to increase their allowances. -
The sum for the offreckonings to each Captain being
specified they could receive no advantage from the
management of the Agent, or surplus of Stoppages
hope will appear to the Honble Board they should
not suffer by deficiency in either: Beg leave to re-
mind the General, that during several Years there

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was a considerable redundancy in the stoppages, the Captains received but 500 Pagodas, & the Honble Company had a ballance annually of near 200 Pagodas. — Humbly beg leave to observe that when a profit arose from the Offreckonings Fund, it was considered the property of the Honble Company, now a loss is discovered the property is transferred to the Captains — The Company appointed the agent, to whom he was responsible, which privilege or power the Captains had not.

Understanding there is a considerable ballance, after the payment of Agency, arising from the Stops or half mounting Humbly beg leave to represent, that it may be applied to make up, or in part to make up, the deficiency in the Cloathing for payment of Offreckonings for Cash year.

Beg leave once again to refer to the Honble Company's Regulations, under the head of Sepoy Establishment, Page 22 of article the 5th. "The Officers of Sepoys being now put on a certain advantageous Establishment, by the Captains receiving each 500 Pagodas in lieu of Offreckonings &c. & to observe thereon, that they should be sorry to put their Honble Employers to any further Expence, if the 500 Pagodas, seems with the Cloathing an alternative, which with the stops & half mounting be furnished by them if be paid the stoppages, is their request, to be the mode pursued in future.

Captain Hecock desires to inform General Munro that the deficiency in the fund for payment of the Sepoy Offreckonings, does not arise from a want of Economy or attention in the Agent,

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to induce which a Pension, he offers (if the General thinks proper to propose to the Honble Board) that he will in consideration of the sum of forty six thousand five hundred Pagodas, (to be paid in Cloth & Cash at four stated periods) which is four thousand Pagodas less than Mr Moncreaf's account of expence furnish Cloathing to each of the twenty one Carnatic & Eight Arcar Battalions of Sepoys, consisting of one Commandant nine Jilidars ten Jemidars fifty Hauldars, fifty Naigues, twelve Drummers, and fifty fifers, ten Butchallys, & six hundred & fifty Sepoys, made in the present mode, & pay to each Captain of Sepoys, to the number of twenty nine, the sum of five hundred Pagodas each annually. So material a difference as more than four thousand Pagodas, is almost sufficient to induce the Board to suppose this proposal a mere Chimera - however Captain Alcock desires to assure the General, 'tis not rash or undigested, but the result of consideration & Experience, for instance he has now by him a considerable number of Sackets, he made up by order of Brig. General Stuart some time past, by way of trial also the misters (the Agent has) by which the present Cloathing was made, at his own expence, for which he hopes to receive payment, & as 'tis made for the 13th Battalion to be admitted in his next Cloathing.

Captain Alcock desires to observe that in case this is laid before the Board, & they are pleased to consider it further, he will lay his Proposals at large, specifying, among many other articles, that the sum for the Contract, the prices, breadth &c of the Cloth, times of payment & sums of money, be stipulated.

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Captain Meech desires no further Allowance or Agency from the Company - but their supplying him a house in Fort St George for the better security of the Cash & Materials he would be liable always to have in his hands.

Lastly, he would rather wish that each Captain had the Advantage of providing Stores for his Battalion than himself this Contract, which on the terms he offers is not an object, but undertaken to convince the Honble Board, the reduction of the Captains Allowance is unnecessary.

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Ordered Captain Meech to

Capt. Meech to inform the Board in what manner he has found his Calculates

Desired to inform the Board in what manner he has found his Calculates, that they may be able to judge whether he can execute what he proposes regarding the Store Calculating.

Read Letter from Captain Do-

mond Mackay

x To the Honble Thomas Bumbold Esq;
President of Governor's Council
of Fort St George
Honble Sirs

From Capt. Donald Mackay represent-
ing his right
to Offreckmings

The time drawing near for sharing the offreckmings for the Year 1777, & I conceive my rank in the Army entitles me to share, but as my situation is a particular one, which will make my claim disputed, I am under the necessity of troubling your Honor with a representation of my case, & humbly submit my claim

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to your consideration & decision

I had the honor of being appointed a Captain with several other Captain Lieutenants in August 1770. The Honble the Court of Directors disapproved of the full Commission granted me, as it was an additional expence on the Establishment. They were pleased to confirm my General Rank in the Army, but ordered that I should be subsisted on Lieutenants pay till a vacancy happened on the Establishment.

Altho the Honble the Court of Directors disapproved of the full Commission granted me as a Captain of Artillery, yet as they confirmed my general rank in the Army, I conceive they did not mean I should be deprived of any other advantages such general Rank in the Army might entitle me to, on this supposition I found my claim to share of pensionings as a Captain in the Army.

I further beg leave to point out another claim, I conceive I have in support of the foregoing, which is, that there is near two hundred Artillery Invalids on the Cash, that pensionings arising from them have been shared by Infantry Captains. To the prejudice of the Captains of Artillery in General, I flatter myself that your Honor will allow that I have a right to share from the fund arising from these Men in preference to any Infantry Captain.

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sirs

Your most obedient

Humble servant
D. Hackaday

Tanjore
March 20. 1770

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The Board are of Opinion that
as Captain Mackay has no Company he can have no
claim to offshootings.

Read Letter from Mostyn Resi-
dent at Poona.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq:
President of Governor of Council
at Fort St. George
Honble Sirs

From Mr. Mostyn
Moorabak and
Holkur take
possession of
Poona for
Ragobak

This is purposely to inform you
that Moorabak & Folkur joined by Torkaji Holkar and
the rest of the principal Officers belonging to this Govern-
ment, yesterday took possession of this town in the name
of Ragobak, & Moorabak was immediately invested by
Pinvelty Ghoy, the wife of Subadab, with the Surpaw and
other Insignia of Duan, their Army consisting of thirty
thousand Men, which is to be joined by Saccaram Bapoo
at a Village about six Cos from hence, is now on its
march to Poosder where Panah is encamped with
five thousand men & is endeavouring to raise more.

I beg leave to congratulate
Mr Rumbold on his safe arrival & taking charge
of your Presidency & wish him all imaginable
success.

I am with respect

Honble Sirs Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble servant,

J^s Mostyn

Ordered that a letter be prepared

Poona

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acknowledging the receipt of the foregoing & desiring
to be advised of Ragobah's intentions, & measures in
consequence of the Proceedings at Poonah.

Read Letter from the Chief Council
of Ganjam.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President of Governor & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Ganjam
with one from
Capt. Collins applying
for pay for Ensign
Westropp as Lieut.
& as Major

Enclosed we transmit you Copy
of a letter received from Captain William Collins & request
to be favoured with your Orders thereon.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble servant

R^t. Haunsell
R^t. Hughes
J^r. Forster

Ganjam
5th April 1778

To Robert Haunsell Esq^r
Provisional Chief Council

Gentlemen

Ganjam

Ensign Westropp being appointed
by the Commanding Officer of the District the 20th Decem^r
last to act as Brigade Major to the Troops on the
Gomsoor expedition, & having done that duty during
the Campaign with attention, I have to request that
you will be pleased to represent it to the Honble the

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President of Council, that he may be paid the usual Allowances for his Services as such.

As the employment was a very necessary one, & as there is a late instance of one being paid in the Vergapattam District on a like occasion. I have no doubt, but the Honble Board will (on your representation) order him to be paid

I am
Gentlemen

with respect

Aska

19th March 1770.

Your most Obedient Servant,

(signed) William Collins

A true Copy J. W. Barrington Adj. Geny.

The Board do not perceive the necessity there was for a Brigade Major to act with so small a Detachment, & such an appointment, having been made without their permission no allowance can be given.

Read Letter from L. Col. James

To the Honble Thomas Purnell Esq^r

President of Governor of Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I agreeable to your Orders of the 20th Ultime I have the honor to transmit you an account Current between me & Ummerah Omrah lent on account of his Cavalry, while I was in the Command of Trichinopoly.

I have the honor to remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel James wth his acct current wth the Ummerah

At Fort St George th 20 April 1770.

R Thomas's Mount
April 14th 1770.

Your very respectful and
most Obedient Humble Servant
Edward James

L^r Ummer U Omrah

1776			
September	7 th	To balance for building Barnacks at Trichinopoly	1607
1777			
March	19 th	To Cash lent him on account of the Carabuy	7000
Ditto	19 th	To Ditto	7000
April	1 st	To Ditto	2687
Ditto	3 rd	To Ditto	12000
June	7 th	To Ditto	6000
Ditto	25 th	To Ditto	8200
Pagodas			44494

R Thomas's
14th April

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Per Contra Cr

1777
June

21st By Cash received without Interest 3000

1770
April

14th By Balance 41,494

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Mount

1770

Edward James.

(Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Account be prepared for the Vahob.

Read letter from Mr. Duffin

To Charles Cokerly Esq^r

Military Secretary

Sir

From Mr. Duffin
Duffin is an agent
of money lent
by him to the
Renter of Madras

On the first publication of the Orders respecting money transactions with the Country People, I addressed you if desired you would acquaint the Honble Board with a Concern I had with Matthew Brown Renter of the Madras Country to the amount of Rs. 2400 & requested their countenance for the legal recovery of my money for which I have a Bond bearing date the 6th of February 1777 12p Cont. p. annum, as I had no answer to my letter of the same Order being again made publick here lately, I am to request you will be pleased to favor me with a line acquainting me if the notice I have given is sufficient or if there is any other Channel or Form necessary in laying the business before the Honble Board, without their sanction, I dare not pretend to demand payment therefore hoped for your answer on the occasion.

I remain

Sir

Trichinopoly
April 4th 1770.

Your most humble servant
William Duffin

Ordered that Mr. Duffin be informed, that he may apply for the recovery of such Sums

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as may be lawfully due to him.

Read the following letters

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President of Governor & Council of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

I arrived here yesterday & have re-
ceived the command of the Garrison of Tanjore & Troops
in it & its dependencies from Lieut: Colonel Horne.

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &

most humble servant

J. Filz Gerald

Tanjore
April 9th 1770

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President of Governor & Council of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Orders of the 6th Instant

I was honored with Yesterday; Mr. Petrie applied to me
for three Companies of Sepoys last night, & agreeable to
your Orders I have complied with ^{his} request; they
marched at 4 o'clock this morning for Nagore, to take
possession of the bounds or limits allotted him. I have
given the Officer at Nagore orders to follow such instruc-
tions as Mr. Petrie may think proper to give him; I have
had no further advice from Nagore respecting the Dutch
since yesterday, which I communicated to the Board.

This morning the Rajah applied

Informing that he had
sent 3 Companies
of Sepoys to Nagore
not able to land
the Rajah took had
requested. Captain
Gadney cannot
accept my apology
from Thair
Mudrin

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to me for five hundred Sepoys, to send into the Country
to assist in collecting his Revenue; but as Mr Petrie
has taken three Companies with him, if the Garrison con-
siderably weakened by it, it will not be in my power to
grant the Rajah that number, but I shall supply him
with as many as I can afford, another reason which I
must make the Board acquainted with, is that in case Mr
Petrie should have occasion to request a fresh supply from
me, it is necessary I should have some to be in readiness to
march on the request being made, untill affairs are settled
at Nagore.

I have communicated to Captain
Goofrey that paragraph of your letter of the 4th Instant,
respecting Shait Moaden Subedar of his Battalion but
as his crime is of so gross a nature, Captain Goofrey
cannot accept of any apology from him, I have therefore
ordered a General Court-Martial for the trial of him.

I am with respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Tanjore
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Your most Obedient, and
very humble servant
J. Pitts Gerald

To the Honorable Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President of Governor Genl Council

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Convinced as I am that your
time & attention must at present be most seriously
engaged in matters of the highest public importance

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From Capt. Hysight applying
for redress with the
state of his dispute
with Parros

I have struggled to prevail with myself that I might not be the means of calling off your attention this but for a moment, to the consideration of the injury received by an individual, but the blows that have been aimed at my reputation as a Gentleman, as an Officer, & a servant of the Honble Company are such, as will not permit me to be longer silent.

A common Vagabond Debauch has been permitted, perhaps I shall not go too far if I say encouraged, to accuse me of a falsehood, & to shelter himself from my just resentment under the forged character of one of the Honble Company's Renters, for considering him in that light, I did not think it decent in me to punish him, though I could not therefore bring myself to believe that he was upon that account to escape unpunished, or the contrary knowing that he merited & thinking that he would receive punishment, I applied to the Honble Company's Chief of Ganjam, but was my astonishment to hear from that Gentleman, that this man not being in the service of the Company, he did not see how the Company's Government could give me redress. Thus when I wanted to punish this man for his insolence, the Chief & Council held a protecting hand over him as a servant of the Company's, but when I applied to them to punish him I was told by the Chief that he was not within their reach, or to that effect. I bore this with more patience than I thought myself possessed of, but at last further provocation & insolence on the part of this man drew upon him my resentment, & I punished him. For this, unexamined, uncalled upon to explain the just motives of my conduct have I been disgraced.

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by a public order dismissing me from the Command
of Troops upon actual Service, & that at the moment
when I had by a faithful discharge of my Duty brought
the service committed to my charge to the point of being
effectually accomplished, & in such a manner, no parti-
cular reason being assigned for this Order, as leaving
brother Officers at a distance, may all the Honble
Company's Servants who could not be informed of the
particulars, soon suppose me guilty of Treachery
Perfidy, or some other great Fault, which rendered
it immediately necessary to remove me from the
trust which had been reposed in me, I shattered my-
self that such as knew me would not hastily condemn
me unheard, but many would be acquainted with that
Order who were totally unacquainted with me, I beg
them Honble Sirs to inform what were my feelings at the
moment, & what they must continue to be whilst that
Order remains unrepented or explained; - let me therefore
confess you Honble Sirs by all that is dear to a
Gentleman & a Soldier to bestow a candid attention
on the accompanying narrative of Facts. These Facts
I for you will find them to be literally such, my Cha-
racter of long Services will I make no doubt have
weight with you to remove a stigma which has
unfortunately fallen upon me by too hastily a decision
on the former prejudiced Statement of my Case, I
the more hope that it will, I have the honor to remain
with the greatest respect.

Fort St George
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Honble Sirs
your most humble &
Obedient Servant
J. Lysaght

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On my arrival at Ashta Captain
Trent recommended his Dubash Carror to my protection,
as he was left there to settle some business, he said at the
same time that he was an intelligent Fellow, that he
had been some time in the District, and that he had
Ordered him to give me every information in his power.

I accordingly had several Con-
versations with him, most of which are known to
Mr Smith.

The last I had was in Septemr.
He first mentioned the affair to my Servant who in-
formed me, in the evening he came to my house &
repeated almost word for word what he had told my
Servant in the morning, I could not be mistaken in
any one point, for he speaks exceeding good English
& I was very particular, as the story was somewhat mys-
terious I determined on going to Ganjam.

I accordingly went & told Mr
Smith what had passed between Carror & me the next
morning, Mr Smith informed me that he had sent for
Carror, & that he had denied ever having had the conversa-
tion either with my Servant or me which I had repea-
ted to him the day before.

Astonished at the man's assurance
of heart beyond measure at being accused of a falsehood,
the most detestable thing a Gentleman could be guilty
of, I assured Mr Smith upon my word of honor, nay, I
offered to make Oath, that what I related to him was
literally what Carror had said to me, & the same my
Servant informed me he had commissioned him to
tell me.

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I then told Mr. Smith that he was an infamous Fellow, that if he was in the Company's employ, I should apply to the Chief Council to have him punished, but if he was still a servant of Captain Trent's, or was in the employ of any other Gentleman, I should apply to the Person under whose protection he was for satisfaction, & if I could not obtain it, I should immediately Horse-whip him myself. Mr. Smith replied that Carreo was not in the Company's employ. He therefore could not see what redress they could give me, but that I surely could not be a Stranger to the connections between Mr. Oakes & him. I then told him I was happy to hear that he was not in the Company's Service, that I had for some time suspected the connections between Mr. Oakes & him.

At this time I determined within myself on having redress, & if I could not obtain it in the proper Channel, to take it myself, in doing of which I thought I should stand justified in the Eyes of the world.

A day or two after this conversation had passed, I saw Carreo going down the Steps of Mr. Smith's house, it was the first time I had seen him since his disavowing what I had told Mr. Smith. I asked him how he could have the assurance to deny the conversation I had with him, I told him he deserved to have his ears cut off, & that he might depend on having as good a flogging as ever he received.

He returned up Stairs & went into Mr. Smith's Room - as I walked in the Veranda

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I saw him talking with Mr Smith & Mr Huddleston.

That Evening I was informed that he had been advised to give in a Petition against me to the Chief of Council, which was then drawing out.

Mr Smith called me out of my room next morning, & informed me that a Petition had been given in to the Chief of Council by Caras, setting forth that he was a Company's Renter, that he had the produce of his small Crop to collect, & that he was some time in arrears to the Company, but that having been threatened by me with having his ears cut off, & being otherwise punished, he could not think of returning to Aska unless their Board would protect him.

Mr Smith further added that as he wished to prevent the Petitions going any further, if I would authorize him to tell Caras that I would not put my threats into execution, he would quash it without laying it before the Chief of Council.

I told Mr Smith I was surprised to find Caras acknowledged a Renter after what he had said to me a few days before, however as he now informed me, that he was one that I knew the duty I owed to the Company too well to be guilty of any disrespect to their authority, or to do any thing that would prejudice their interest, he might therefore assure Caras that on returning to Aska to carry on his business & settle his Affairs he should not meet with any ill or molestation from me but that I never could forget his behaviour to me, for which I certainly would take an opportunity of punishing him when he was no longer in the Company's Employ.

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Mr Smith then asked me if Carras should not be contented with what I authorized to be told him, & what was to be done, to which I replied, if he is not, let the Board send me the Petition, I will answer it, but you, Sir, will please to remember your having told me that he was not in the Company's employ, & that you could not see what redress the Chief of Council could give me.

Mr Smith some time after told me that as the Petition was addressed to the Board, he had thought it necessary to show it to different Members in a private way, but he seems to have forgot to tell them at the same time the substance of the two Conversations which had passed between him & me, in the first of which he told me that Carras was not in the Company's employ, & that he could not see what redress the Chief of Council could give me, & in the second, my only authorising him to tell Carras that as long as he continued in the Company's employ I would not molest him, which mischief of Mr Smith's, was, as I am since informed the cause of the Council's accusing me of a breach of promise, at the same time they preferred the Complaint against me for punishing Carras.

Shortly after my return to Ashta in the beginning of October, Carras came up to me at my door, & began to talk to me, I immediately stopped him, telling him that I did not want to have any Conversation with him, that he could have no business in the Fort, as there was not a single Person in it belonging to him, & that I

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therefore ordered him never to put his foot within the Gates again while I commanded there. — He replied that he came to me upon Company's business, I told him that when ever he had business with me he must go to my Servant, that after his assurance in denying what he had once said to me, I had no doubt of his doing the same whenever he found it convenient, & concluded with desiring him to go immediately out of the Fort, & never to let me see his face in it again, upon which he went away, but instead of going to my Servant as I desired, he went home & wrote me a Gentle Letter demanding a Ring of six Sepays to accompany him into the Country upon Company's business as he said; The black Commandant of my Battalion was with me when I received the letter & as soon as the contents was explained, I desired the Commandant to go to Carroo, & tell him that I neither wanted to converse or correspond with him, to return him his letter, & tell him that whenever he had any thing to say to me he must go to my Servant, or in his absence to him, the Commandant.

The Commandant soon after returned & informed me that Carroo refused to take back his letter, upon which I desired him to return, & if he persisted in refusing to take it, to tear it in his presence, at the same time I desired the Commandant to read the Sepays, this last Circumstance relative to Carroo's insolent behaviour to me, I mentioned in a public Company at Ganjam when two of the Members of Ganjam Council, who afterwards forwarded the Petition & signed the letter of Complaint against me declared, that they thought I should have served him right if I had flogged him upon the spot.

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About the middle of October I was called to the Presidency, & returned to Ashta the 19th of Decemr, the 27th of that month Mr. Oakes came up from Ganjam, he had been absent about twenty days, during which the business of the different employes of Paymaster, Storekeeper & Agent for the Contract was managed by a black man altho the height of the preparations for the expedition were then going forward, & the Troops under orders part of the time to march at the shortest warning.

Inaturally expected as Commanding Officer of the place that Mr. Oakes would have had the good manners, even had it not been his duty as Paymaster to the Troops under my Command either to have called upon me, or send one word he was arrived, neither of which he thought proper to do, but some hours after his arrival had been reported to me by the guard, he came into the Fort, passed by my door, & went into one of my Officers Quarters, from whence he wrote me the following note.

To Captain Lysaght

Commanding the District

Sir,

As it will be proper that the payments should be made to the Troops under your Command before the end of the month, I purpose beginning the 2^d Inst in the morning, & request therefore that you will order the Master of Pay Rolls as well as all bills to be made out by that time in order that they may be finished as expeditiously as possible.

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I am

Sir

Asha
26th Dec^r 1777

Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) T^o Oakes

As Mr Oakes had thought proper to treat me with so little respect in my public station, & indeed I thought the stile of his Note very improper, I returned him the following answer.

To Mr Oakes

Paymaster to the Troops in the District

Sir

I have received yours of this date, you must give me leave to be the best judge of the properest time for the payment of the Troops under my Command, & must therefore excuse myself issuing the Order you desire.

I am

Sir

Asha
26th Dec^r 1777

Your most humble Servant
A. Lysaght

After answering Mr Oakes's Note, I gave out an Order for the Pay & Muster Rolls &c. for the Paymaster to be made out by the 1st of the month as usual, & directed the Adjutant to send the order to Mr Oakes (And here I cannot help remarking a Circumstance that happened in consequence of this, which will partly shew the influence which Mr Oakes had over the Board at Ganjam.

The evening after the above order was given out, Mr Oakes without saying a word

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to me sett of for Ganjam, & by the Tappall of the 29th I received a public Letter from the Council of which Mr. Oakes signed himself one, requiring of me to have the Pay and Muster Rolls ready by the day following as the Paymaster had their orders to commence the Payments on that day in the morning.

Notwithstanding I thought it extraordinary that the Council should interfere in a business of this kind, I did not dispute their power of making such a Requisition, altho I thought the Company's instructions authorized me to do so, neither did I point out to them that it was contrary to the Company's Orders that the payments (particularly of batta) should be made before the first of the month, but in answer to their Letter I requested that the payments might not commence before the usual time, as the pay of Muster Rolls could not be made sooner.

Necessity could not be urged for the Council's interfering, for after my informing them that every thing would be ready by the 1st of the month, Mr. Oakes did not make his appearance until 2^d & I did not receive my instructions to march until the 7th.

But to return to what passed at Ashta, in the afternoon of the 27th I was standing at my door, just going to mount my Horse to ride out to Camp, when I perceived Mr. Oakes coming into the Fort accompanied by Carsoo, as I stood they passed within five yards of me, & altho Mr. Oakes looked at me he would not deign to touch his hat, but seemed to be in deep conversation with Carsoo.

Carsoo's former behaviour immediately recurred to me, of which his coming into the

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Fort. after I had positively ordered him not, as I thought, an aggravation & indeed it appeared to me that Mr Oakes bringing him into the Fort & parading with him close under my nose when the way to the storeroom to which they were going was quite a different one, was done with a view to insult me. I therefore could not refrain from giving Carroo the chastisement which I thought he so richly deserved, & which Mr Oakes whom I had looked on as his master ever since the conversation I had had with Mr Smith, seemed to dare me to, accordingly followed them to the storehouse, where finding Carroo talking with his master, I took him by the arm, & gave him from one to two dozen lashes with my Horse whip. Mr Oakes stood by the whole time without interfering or saying a syllable, but I was soon after informed that he had procured a Pallankee for Carroo & was gone off with him to Ganjam where upon his arrival before day break as I have since heard, he knocked up Mr Mansell, introduced Carroo into his bed-chamber & acquainted him with what had passed.

A Petition was immediately made out & when the Board assembled, Carroo gave it in - they forwarded it that night to the Presidency with their remarks upon it, without so much as asking a single question of me or giving me an opportunity of saying any thing in my vindication to the Honble Board.

Soon after I had taken the field another Complaint was made against me by the Governor of Ganjam, the particulars of which I beg leave to lay before your Honor^{ship}.

On the 13th of January three days after we had taken Vikanachrum, I received a letter

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from the Council of Ganjam informing me that as they thought it necessary that Latchema Bunge the brother of the Guntoor Zamindar should accompany the Troopmaster my command during the remainder of the expedition, they desired that I would order a Company of Sepoys to meet & escort him to Camp which I accordingly did & he joined us the 16th in the morning, on the 17th I sent for Captain Chisholm & French to communicate to them my intention of attacking Guntoor next morning for what purpose after we were assembled, & the reasons which induced me to send Latchema Bunge out of Camp they leave to refer your Honble Board to the accompanying No which I hope will demonstrate that I was rather actuated by a spirit of opposition to the Gentlemen at Ganjam or by any interested motive in what I did & I cannot help observing that had the Ganjam Council acted with that spirit of Candor towards me which I had a right to expect from them as a public Body, I should have been spared the pain which the reprehension of your Honour has given me, but the private resentment of those Gentlemen having led them to put the most unfavorable construction on a measure which appeared absolutely necessary to the three Junior Officers in the District, they implicitly credited the declarations of a Black man who is little better than an idiot, & transmitted them with their own remarks & conclusions to your Honble Board without giving me the most distant hint of their intentions or calling upon me for any kind of explanation.

Since my arrival at the Presidency I have learnt that the Debash Carrer has been held forth as the Member of the Sarch Caste of Chigally

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Countries, in answer to which, I declare upon my word & honor that I did look upon him as such, & that if I had, the same reasons which prevented me from chastising him before would still have operated with me.

It is true I had heard that Mr Oakes had given in proposals in Carras's name for the Davah Cote Country; and that Mr Huddleston had done the same for the Chigatty Country, indeed Mr Oakes had told me that he intended bidding for the former, & Carras had told me that he was to lend his name for it, & as for the latter I believe that Mr Huddleston will not deny but that my information with respect to it was true, but even had not either of those circumstances come to my knowledge, & I had known that Carras had actually bid in his own name, I could not have looked upon him as a Renter at the time of my chastising him, as I really did not know that the proposals for either of the Countries had been accepted, or that any member of the Board of Ganjam (Mr Hughes) had a few days before told me that he believed the Company would keep them both in their hands, as the offers had fallen considerably short of what they had left for the year before.

L. Lysaght

A Copy of Questions sent to Camp to Captains Trent and Cheskyre relative to sending the Gurnsoor Rajah's Brother out of Camp, with their Answers thereto.

(Queston)

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Question 5th Answered by Capt. Chesbrey

What was the cause of your assembling in my Tent on the 1st of January in the morning, myself at your Tent was to what passed there before Latchuma Bunge was called in & what was the cause of his being called for next morning, when we were assembled you sent for the Black People belonging to the Rajah (whom you had always before employed) and upon questioning them as to the roads to Gumsort, & situation of the place, you observed they differed very much from the account you had before received from them, & that since Latchuma Bunge's arrival these People were afraid to give you any intelligence but that he, & that in particular the Rajah's Painter, who had always before given you good intelligence, since the Rajah's arrival constantly replied whenever you put any questions to him, he must ask the Rajah & depend upon his making an answer that morning of a similar nature that occasioned the

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Rajah being called in before
us.

By Capt. Trent

You sent for us to
communicate to us your in-
formation of attacking Gannest
that night, before Latchema
Bunge came, you asked
some questions of People
belonging to him, concern-
ing the road & situation of
Places thro which I was to
march to that attack, then
you informed us that Latchema
Bunge's account differed much
from the information these
People had before given you,
& that since his arrival in
Camp they were intimidated,
from advancing any Opinion
different from his, & that one
Man in particular the
Rajah's Painter, who had al-
ways given you very good
intelligence, now constantly
where you questioned him
that he must ask the Rajah,
& thus I believe he said that
very morning before us which
was the cause of the Ra-
jah's being sent for.

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Question 2

Ans^r by Capt. Chesbrey

Did not mention
(when the sending Letchama
Bunge away from Camp was
in agitation) that the Chief
of Council would imagine
it an act of mine in opposition
to them, & did you not upon
this propose signing reasons
signing them,

you made that
remark of Capt. Trent observed
you might consult your offi-
cers, you then desired Capt.
Trent & myself to give our
Opinion on this Subject in
writing, which we accordingly
did.

By Capt. Trent

You did make
that observation & I answered
you might consult your offi-
cers, after a little pause, you
desired Capt. Chesbrey & me
to put the opinions we had
already given upon Paper, which
we did.

Question 3

Ans^r by Capt. Chesbrey

Were there reasons
given (which were signed by
us three) Printed or dictated
by me.

By Capt. Trent
They were not

Question 4

Ans^r by Capt. Chesbrey

Did not mention
writing to the Chief of Council
& having their answer before
Letchama Bunge was
sent out of Camp, & did you
not declare that you thought

you did mention
writing to the Chief of Council
& waiting their answer be-
fore you sent Letchama
Bunge from Camp, but
Capt. Trent & myself were

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it absolutely necessary that he
should be sent away directly,
as we were to march that night
to attack Gumsoor.

of Opinion, as you had determined
to attack Gumsoor the next
morning, it was necessary he
should be sent off immediately,
as his continuance in Camp
might cause great prepara-
tion & confusion in the
accounts the guides should
give of the roads to, and
situation of Gumsoor, that
you might be at a loss to
fix your Plan for the at-
tack of it.

By Capt. Trent

You certainly did
so, & I understood that you
meant to send our joint opini-
on to Garsam, & wait until
the answer of the Chief Coun-
cil returned, before you sent
Letchama Bunge out of
Camp, on which having been
a business that the guides
on whom we must depend on
to show a road round the
woods to come unexpectedly
on the rear of Gumsoor on
which the success of the at-
tack without loss chiefly de-
pendd, & inactivated & were
envisaged in his presence, this

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they had appeared before to
be perfectly well acquainted
with it, & had even given a
description of the route, & woods
upon Paper, I mentioned to
you that, that would be doing
things by Ladies & that I ought
to be persuaded to go away
immediately if the country
thus proved how proper the
steps was, for had we ac-
cording to the Rajah's opinion
marched thro the wood on our
right, we should have found
in the middle of our road, a
large & strong redoubt, & thick
Bamboo Jungle which was
defended by 1200 or more
Peons, who most certainly
have cutt off a number of
our People whilst marching
up the plain in front of it.
Mrs. By Capt. to Chephye

Question 3

After we had unani-
mously agreed that it was
necessary, & for the good of the
Service that Lachema Bunge
should be sent away, was not
your opinion as well as mine
that I ought, first to endeavour
to prevail on him, to make his

By Capt. Trent
It was

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going away appear an act
of his own, but in case of
his refusal was it not your
opinion that he ought to
be sent away.

Rob^t Chesbrough
Signed Thomas Trent

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A Lysaght

Captain Arthur Lysaght
Camp against Colara 20th Jan^y 1770.

Sir

Sensible as we are not only of the
obliging treatment we have experienced from you, during
the Campaign, but of the Credit we have acquired
under your command in this short war, which you have
so successfully almost brought to a period, & the care you
have taken by your good intelligence of the Enemies
motions, & the most judicious arrangements of the different
Parties employ'd, not to expose the Troops to more
than necessary danger, tho' success has always has at-
tended your design, we beg leave to return
you our sincerest thanks for it, & to lament that you
should be snatch'd away from us, when so short a
time would have put an end to the war, so honorably
for yourself, as well as for us, who had the happiness
to serve under you. We say so short a time as having
already taken possession of the strong Fortresses of

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Remains of Gornisar & Bagara being abandoned
one place only (Colara) remaining in the hands of the
Enemy, we hope you will believe us, Sir, when we assure
you that your removal has filled us all with the
deepest concern, We wish you every happiness remain
Sir with the greatest esteem

Your most humble and
Obedient Servants

Robt. Chesbire Thomas Trent
Wm. Blacher Edmund Nelson
Wm. Legrand Thomas Samson
A. Montgomery Willm. Goddard
Arth. Crawford Chas. De Castro
Dan. McNaile Jas. Crisp
Henry Rice Willm. Gent
Tho. Sullist Jas. Armstrong
Lescomte Stretch Lionel Westrop
James Lamballais J. Griffiths
Flor. McCarty J. Lindsay

Ordered that Copies of such parts
of Captain Lynght's Letter as relate to the Orders of the
Chief of Council at Ganjam be sent to them respectively

Read the following Letters

To the Honble Thomas Purnbold Esq^r

Governor & President of the Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Purnbold
an account of
his hunting the
English flag at
Ragore

From the repeated representa-
tions of Lieut. White who commands two Compa-
nies of Sepoys in these Districts from the intelligence
which both Colonel Horne & I have received from

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Negapatam, from the intemperate disposition of the Dutch Governor, & from the late mutiny amongst their Troops, I had not a doubt of the expediency of sending me of the Order, which the Honble Board sent thro' me to Colonel Pitts Gerald; not only the security of our new acquisition appeared in danger, but even the defence of the Rajah's Tanjore's Country, required a larger force to be stationed here, than two Companies, & of these two, more than one half was absent on Detachment. I accordingly procured an order from Colonel Pitts Gerald for three Companies of Sepoys to be in readiness to march at a moments notice. & Having obtained the Rajah's consent that the English Colours should be hoisted on the Island in the river, & in the Town of Nagore, untill the limits of the Toghire could be ascertained & regular Purwarries made out, I marched from Tanjore yesterday morning by three o'clock, & to day at noon, I have the honor to acquaint you that the English Flag, is now flying in this Town & upon the said Island; This ceremony was performed in the presence of Lieut. White, & his Company of Sepoys, Chinna Pillay the Rajah's Manager, myself, & numbers of the Managers People.

I represented this Island as an important post, but I found it were much more so than I imagined. It is in Circumference near $\frac{3}{4}$ of an English, within point blank shot of the junction of the three branches, which forms the mouth of this River, & so situated as to command the two principal Channels. From my want of skill in drawing I fear much of the accompanying rough sketch, will give

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For a clearer idea of what I have tried to describe

I left the three Companies of Sepoys which marched with me from Tanjore at Annam-pettah yesterday forenoon, & proceeded on to Trivulore, or Trivanore, where I halted till three this morning, finding they did not arrive so soon as I expected, I thought it most expedient to push on immediately for Nagore, as I wished to get there before it was known at Negapatam that I had left Tanjore, keeping within the Dutch boundaries, I arrived here without any molestation, & I left a letter at Trivulore for Lieut. Kennedy, who commands the three Companies from Tanjore, to pursue the same route, with Thircarrats to show him the road, & particular instructions to guard against every cause of Complaint upon the march, agreeable to the Orders I had the honor to receive from you. On the arrival of Lieut. Kennedy I propose as Colonel Pitt-Gerald has directed Lieut. White who is the senior Officer to conform to my instructions, to leave one Company of Sepoys stationed on the Island, where Chinna-Palay has promised me to send them a Busar, part of another by the Flag which we have hoisted here, & the remainder for the defence of the Town & Districts as Lieutenant White shall think most advisable. Having done this, & if nothing happens here to require a longer stay, I shall return to Tanjore to receive the further Orders of the Honble Board - I have the honor to be with much respect

Honble Sir

Nagore
12th April 1770.

Your most Obedt^g Son
Faithfull &c Servant
Wm. Pitt

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I. S. I hope the full employment, which the Subject of this Letter has given me of late, will excuse me to the Honble Board, for not having transmitted them the progress of my enquiries into the causes &c. of the present Disputes with the Dutch; many of their Troops I hear, have deserted, but it is said the Governor has found means to pacify them. The black Inhabitants of Amoyote have almost to a man left their Districts & fled to Chicoll, Kevalone & Trivalone. I shall have the honor to forward you a Copy of my written instructions to Lieut. White.

To John Whitehill Esq^r

Provisional President of the Council

at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

We have been favored with your Letters of the 3^d & 15th January.

Upon reference to our Letters of the 3^d Novemb^r & 7th Decemb^r, we are not sensible of any impropriety of Style in them, & at any rate we can assure you, we have not been guilty of any intentional failure in the respect due from one Presidency to another, if we have committed an error, in the address of our Letters, we hope it is now properly rectified.

You will receive this address by Sir Edward Vernon who now returns with his Majesty's Squadron, to the Coast of Chormandel, enclosed is an account of the allowances paid to the Commodore & the Officers of the Squadron during their residence here.

From Boninaw respecting their address to this Presidency. Mr. Gaudin & Banks embark on the Hawk for England, with report of Monsiur Belcombes intention of going there.

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Ensign Francis Vadden of this establishment now proceeds on furlow to Madras, & if he should apply to you, we request you will give him permission to proceed to England, allowing him his pay untill he embarks.

Messrs Goudie & Banks two Officers belonging to your establishment, who came hither in their way to England, took passage on the Hawke, & enclosed is an account of the pay they have received, for which we have debited your Presidency.

We have heard from different Quarters, that Monsiur Belcombie the Governor of Pondicherry, is coming round to this Coast, which may be attended with important Consequences to the Honble Company's Affairs, tho' as we have received no Advice from you, of his intention, we do not know what Degree of Credit to give to this Intelligence.

We are

Gentlemen

Bombay Castle
9th March 1770.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Will^m Hornby
John Carnac
A. Stackhouse
Will^m Ashburnet
A. Ramsay

To the Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq^r

President & Governor of

Fort St. George &c

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Humble Sirs

From Mr. Fabricius
with an account of
money lent to a
Polygar & begging
the assistance of the
Board for the reco-
very of it.

In humble obedience to the order
of the Honble Court of Directors, affixed at the Gates,
I most respectfully do hereby inform the Honble Board,
that upon application made to me by Ponnmarath, a Po-
lygar in the inland Country, I lent to him the 7th of
Septemb^r 1775, twenty thousand Pagodas for his bond,
at the Interest of 12% per annum, & of something
besides in consideration of allowing him two years
term for discharging the bond, & that further, in order
to get made over to me the Revenues of the District of
his Country, called Pallypatoo (till then mortgaged to
other People) I lent him one year after viz on Septemb^r
26th 1776 ten thousand Pagodas more, for the security of
which & of the former sum, he assigned or mortgaged
to me the Revenues of the said District, & promised
to pay off every month two thousand & five hundred
Pagodas. Yet all what has been paid off by the
said Polygar Ponnmarath on account of principal
& Interest, is no more than nine thousand & fifty
Pagodas, His Highness's Troops having last year
occupied his Pollam, & all the Revenues of the said
District, also mortgaged to me, being gathered as
yet for his Highness's account.

Most humbly begging this
Honble Board the benevolence to be pleased to give a
favorable recommendation to his Highness for
granting the permission that the Revenues of the
said District agreeably to the Polygars appanation
may be gathered on mine account.

I

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I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir & Sirs

Keper's Church
7th of April 1770

Your most humble and
most Obedient servant
J. P. Fabricius

To the Honorable Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor of Council

of Fort St. George
Honorable Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint
you of my arrival here, & that in consequence of
your Orders, I have had the Command of this Fort
& Garrison delivered over to me.

From Capt. Duncan
takes the command
of Chingleput

It shall be my constant study, to conduct myself
as to merit your approbation, & that I am with the
greatest respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Chingleput
11th April 1770

Your very devoted & much
obliged Servant
Alex^r Duncan

The Board having judged it
proper that the Detachment requested by the Gen.
Hemen at Bombay should be held in readiness to
proceed in case future Advice from that Presidency
might make it absolutely necessary for the Board
to determine on that measure, Orders have in conse-
quence been issued by the Commander in Chief for
that purpose - the Detachment consists of 50 European

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Infantry from each of the 4 Battalions & 50 Artillery
Men with the 2^d Battalion of Sepoys, & Lieut. Colonel
Baillie to command the whole.

The Staff for the Bombay De-
tachment to consist of the following.

Lieut. Baillie of 2^d Batt. 2 Reg^t to be Quarter Master

Ensign James Campbell to be Adjutant to the European Infantry

Mr Joseph Baker is also appointed

Paymaster to the Detachment.

Resolved that three Battalions
of Sepoys exclusive of the Bombay Detachment be ordered
to hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest
notice, for order that the Company may incur as little
expence as possible by there as well at all future pre-
parations of this kind. Agreed that Field Batta be
allowed the Troops only three days before their march
upon any service for which they may be appointed.

Thos. Dumbold
John Wutshill
Andor Munn

B. Perrin

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

Governor President

John Whitehill General Munro

Charles Smith

Peter Perring

Mr Johnson indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read the following Letter from

L Colonel Fitzgerald Commanding at Tanjore.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President & Governor of

Fort St George

Honble Sirs,

Your Commands of the 15th

Instant I have had the honor to receive, relative to the sending of two Companies of Sepoys to Nagore & to the conduct of our Sepoys in attempting to detain a Dutch boat or Vessel from Gattrepattam.

In consequence of a letter from your Honor of the 11th Instant, delivered to me by Mr Petrie & of his application at the same time, I appointed three Companies of Sepoys to proceed with that Gentleman to Nagore where it appeared to him necessary to leave them till further Orders from the Adjutant General to relieve the Detachments at Nagore, which I have done by five Companies of Captain Gadfrey's Battalion, as I have already informed your Honor & as to the complaint against our

From L Colonel
Fitzgerald's strict
Orders given not
to seize any boats,
and arrival of
Nagore confined
Persuading one.

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Sepoys I have made enquiry of Colonel Horne and Mr. Petrie thereupon, & learn from the former that the subject was fully examined into, & the substance of the examination transmitted by him to the Honble Board, from which it appeared that the matter was very different from the manner in which it is represented by the Dutch. Strict Orders have already been issued to prevent our Sepoys from being employed upon any other Services than that for which they were granted to the Rajah & I shall again repeat the same Orders, agreeable to the pleasure of your Honor &c.

Mr. Petrie informs me that the Rajah has given the most positive Orders to his Managers &c. upon the Sea Coast, not to stir or in any way molest the Dutch Vessels, & that the Sub-Amildar of Nagore is now confined by the Rajah's order, for having caused a Dutch Boat from Haricool or Tranquebar to be stopped by his People, & that the said Boat was immediately released.

Mr. Petrie further informs me, that from the enquiries he is now carrying on, it does not appear to him that the Conduct of our Sepoys on the Dutch boundaries has been at all culpable.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most humble and

Obedient Servant

J. Fitz Gerald

The President lays before the Board

a List of Timber for sale in consequence of information

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from the Engineer that a quantity of that Article was wanted for the Company. Ordered that the List be sent to Major Stevens that he may acquaint the Board what part of it will be useful either here or at Tanjore.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores with their Minutes of the 16th Inst.

To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor General
of Fort St George

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs,

Herewith we have the honor to lay before you our Proceedings of the 16th Instant, with a return of transporting Carriages, Guns, Blunders, Trunkbills, & Platforms wanting to complete the several Garrisons, also Proposals from Mr. Hughes for making Gunpowder at Tanjore.

We are with respect

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
H. Murro
E. James
J. Turing
W. Stevens

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At a Committee of Stores present
Major General Hector Murro
Mr. John Turing
Lieutenant Colonel Edward James
and Major William Stevens.

Letter & Minutes
of the Committee
of Works

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Read Extracts from

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Minutes of Consultation dated
23^d of 30 March - Letter from
the Secretary, dated 7 April.
Indent from the Storekeeper
at Vellore - Extract of a
letter from the Commandant
at Tanjore, of Indent of
Ordnance & Carriages for
Fort Malabar.

requires no Order

2.

agreeable to the

Directions of the Board, the
Committee reconsider their
Proceedings of 12 January
wherein they report that the
Contract of Gun Carriages
wanting for the different
Garrisons, shall be made up
by the old Contractors, or
workmen be put up for a
new Contract, as there is great
reason to think they may be
contracted for on much cheaper
Terms, Read also Minutes
of the Committee held 20th
January of Letter from Lieut.
Colonel Ross containing
his reasons against enter-
ring into a new Contract
for Gun Carriages.

requires no Order

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Upon due Consideration

Orders of the Board

then the Committee apprehend
that Gun Carriages may be made
up on cheaper Terms to the Com-
pany, & equally good - as it is
the particular duty of the Com-
mittee to examine the Carriages
before they are received & paid for,
if it be deemed necessary the
different parts of the Carriage
may also be examined before
it is put together, & such as do
not answer in every respect
must of consequence be rejected.
Wherefore the Committee agree
to recommend to the President
& Council that Advertisements
be published for a new Contract
for the Gun Carriages, Trans-
porting Carriages, Guns, Blinets,
Platforms & Frontlets, wanting
to complete the statement.

Agreeably to the Com-
mittee's Recommendation,
Resolved that Advertisements
be published for a new Con-
tract for Gun Carriages &c
as specified in their minutes.

4

On reconsidering
the 4th Part of the Committee
held the 12th January the Com-
mittee agree to recommend to
the Hon^{ble} Board, that the
Gun Carriages wanting, be
made up, in the following
Order viz^t

Approved.

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- Orders of the Board
- 1st The 6 Pounders for Fort St. George
 - 2nd The short 12 Pounders for do.
 - 3rd The 42 Pounders for do.
 - 4th The Carriages for Ponnacil
 - 5th The Carriages for Chingleput
 - 6th The Carriages for Suddalore
 - 7th The other Carriages wanting for Fort St. George.
 - 8th The Carriages for the Black Town wall.

5th For want of the returns from Manipatam & dependencies the Committee are unable to make out a complete statement of the Carriages wanting for the different Garrisons on the Coast, & as it is of importance that the Committee should be regularly acquainted with the issues, Remains, & state of all Stones — Agreed to recommend to the Board to give particular directions that all Storekeepers whether in our Garrisons or at Chingleput as in future send monthly Returns to the Clerk of the Committee of Stones.

Ordered that the Commanding Officer at Tanjore be directed to send an account of the number & State of the Cannon at Tanjore, with an account of what Guns are further wanting in that Garrison.

Ordered also that the Chief of Council at Manipatam be acquainted with the remarks of the Committee & that the several Storekeepers be directed to forward their returns regularly in future. That they must be enclosed to the President of Council as usual.

6th The Committee agree to recommend to the particular consideration of the Board the subjects of 8th & 9th of January.

On reference to the Minutes of the Committee of Stones of the 12th January it appears that by the 8th

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10th Paragraph of their Report of 8th Paragraph of those Minutes,
12th January.

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the Committee recommend
that a set of arms & accou-
timents for a complete Bat-
talion of Europeans be sent
to Vellore & kept in store at
that place but not issued with-
out order from the Commar-
der in Chief - Resolved accor-
dingly.

On the 9th Part of these
Minutes it is ordered that the
Field Carriages now at the
Munich be kept there for pro-
tection of a shed built to preserve
them from the weather.

On the 10th Para. it is
ordered that the Storekeepers at
the out Garrisons be directed
to mention the 12 lbs 6 Ozs
& 3 O. brass & 3 O. Iron
Field Pieces separately in
their Returns.

4.
7
Resolved that it be
recommended to Colonel James to
prove one of the new 10 Inch
Mortar beds by firing 50 or 60
shells in one day.

10
The Board have
been pleased to determine that
the Storekeeper at Vellore shall

The Gentlemen
at Bengal have been al-
ready applied to for more

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make up the quantity of Gun
powder necessary for that Gar-
rison, & direct the Committee to
enquire whether a greater quantity
can be made there. Mr Ogilvie
in a letter to the Military Store-
keeper informs the Committee
he can employ 24 Stoppers, & sup-
ply 1500 Barrels the first & 2000
Barrels the second Year. The quan-
tity wanting to complete the stock-
ment of Powder for Bellone is 1269
Barrels, this requires 160 Candies
Saltpetre & 30 Candies Brimstone,
which the Committee think may
be supplied. But as by a letter
from the Export warehousekeeper
it appears there is only 553 Can-
dies in stock & after supplying
Mr. Hughes with 50 Candies
only 343 will remain which is
insufficient for the Powder to be
manufactured at Madras, it is agreed
to recommend to the President &
Council to indent to Bengal for a
supply of Salt Petre

The Storekeeper
thinks it proper to inform the Com-
mittee that the Powder made at
Madras is provided every two months
14 or 15 days before the price, the

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Saltpetre, and it is agreed
to repeat the request.

9, 10, 11, a Copy
of these Paragraphs to be
sent to Mr Ogilvie who is to

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Powder is spread upon the plat-
form, made of duck, then put into
Barrels & piled up, thereby before
the Proof, the Commanding Officer
of Artillery sends an Officer to
take out four Barrels promiscuously
from the Pile, which are sent to the

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be desired to ascertain the
Board at what price the
Gun Powder is to be delivered
to the Company, & from
whence the several ingredients
have been usually supplied.

Mouth of the following day, the
Powder from these Barrels is proved
by a 10 Inch Brass Mortar, 25 lb.
of Powder, proof shell 9 lb, the
Medium range 930 Yards, if
the Powder is not received.

10 As there is not a 10
Inch Mortar at Vellore it is requi-
red that the Commanding Officer
of Artillery there should take from
the Powder made the first two
Months, in the same manner as is
practised here, Two, or four bar-
rels & send them to the Mouth, to
be proved, as was done some Years
ago by order of the Committee,
& if Proof, Colonel James can ascer-
tain what will be the proper proof
with any other English Mortar
at Vellore.

11 It is agreed that an
Extract of these Minutes be trans-
mitted to the Storekeeper at
Vellore, who is to be desired to

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sends us a particular account of the Orders of the Board
Charges of making Powder including
the expence incurred by the Patents

12

Read Letter from Mr

12 & 13 the Gentlemen of

Quetch proposing on behalf of Mr Hughes Ganjam to have a Copy of
to make Gun Powder of Ganjam equal then Paragraphs of of that
to the medium of Madras proof, & relating to the manner of
not to put the Company to any proving the Gunpowder
expence for a House, provided he is here, that they may be guided
paid the price of Powder made at by them in making their
Madras, & is supplied with Salt Petre agreement with Mr Hughes,
he paying for the same, or proposing Agreed also to inform them
to contract at 30 Pags of Candy, if the that we had rather contract
Company provides a place proper for with Mr Hughes at 30 Pags
the Powder, agreeing to make the of Candy than be at any extra
first year 500, to 600 barrels of expence for Powder fully
after yearly 1000, The contract Ordered that 50
to cease after six months notice, & Candles of Salt petre be sent
in case of his proposals being ac- to Ganjam to be delivered to
cepted, desiring to be immediately Mr Hughes on his paying
supplied with 50 Candles of Salt Petre for it

13

The Committee are

of Opinion it is most for the Com-
pany's advantage to accept of Mr
Hughes's Proposal to supply Gunpowder
equal to the medium of Madras
proof, which is 930 Yards at 30
Pags of Candy clear of all contin-
gent Charges - Agreed to lay
before the Board Copy of Mr Hughes
Proposals, & that previous to any

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Contract or agreement being made,
it is proper Mr. Hughes should
be made acquainted with the
method of proving Powder at
Madras, which ought to be obtained
as nearly as possible.

Orders of the Board.

14 There are two methods

of manufacturing Gun Powder, one
is by means of a Mill, the other more
simple by Stampers. At Egmore there
are worked by Cogles 11 Stampers
which daily make 30 lbs each or
Barrels of 60 lbs Monthly 180 Barrels.

At the new Mill
there are worked by Bullocks 24
Stampers which daily make 15
lbs each, or Barrels of 60 lbs monthly
100.

As both Places have
been erected & are kept in repair
by the Company, the Powder manu-
facture is equally good & charged
at the same price. The Board
are now anxious to increase the
quantity made at the Presidency
& desire to know in what manner
it can be done & at what ex-
pence. The Storekeeper informs
the Committee that at the new
Powder Mills in the Black Town
there are two Tiled Sheds, 18 ft each

14. 15. 16 Ordered
that the Military Store-
keeper do proceed in the
Manufacture of Powder
as fast as possible & that
Major Stevens be directed
to build on the Company's
account such further con-
veniences as may be want-
ing to enlarge the quan-
tity.

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board of about 100 feet in length Orders of the Board
each, where by the addition of
a sloping Veranda, 10 or 12 feet
wide, there would be convenient
room to fit 10 New Stampers,
which upon the Egyptian con-
struction, would make 370
Barrels of Powder Monthly.
There are 4 New Stampers be-
longing to the Company ready
to be fixed, the charge of doing
this, in adding 14 Stampers &
building the additional Veran-
da which may be done in a
very short time, will show the
expence of finding the means
to make an additional quantity
of 3700 Barrels annually.
In regard to the expence & utility
of constructing another Powder
Mill, the Committee request to
be assisted by the Opinion of
Major Stevens, when from a
Comparison & consideration of
all circumstances they will be
able to determine upon the most
worth for the Company's advan-
tage. Major Stevens concur-
ring in opinion with the Com-
mittee that it is most expedient,
in every point of view, to fix

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the Stoppers in the manner
proposed by the Storekeeper. The
Engineer is now requested to give
in an estimate of the expense
of the additional building and
necessary conveniences & in the
interim that there may be no
delay, the Committee agree to
acquaint the Board with these
particulars.

Order of the Board

15 As the Committee un-
derstand there is a quantity of Sulfur
at Tanjore, where
Gun powder can be manufactured,
Agreed to make further enquiry
what quantity can be made, &
upon what terms.

16 The Committee ask
the Commissary of Stores whether
a considerable saving of Powder
might not be made by stopping
the Salutes, till a further supply
is procured, He replies, that the
quantity of Powder expended in
salutes is very immaterial.

17 The Commissary
of Stores lays before the Com-
mittee Report of the Forts re-
ceived from the different Corps
since last Committee, also re-
port of Musters of Stores received

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from the Military Storekeeper, Orders of the Board
since that time, which are orde-
red to be received.

18 The Company of
of Stones reports to the Committee
that a 10 Inch Mortar has been
broke up at the Mount from
which 85.2.1 of Iron have
been received.

19 The Company of
Stones delivers in a Return of
Platforms, Guns, Transporting
Carriages, Blinds & Frontlets
remaining & wanting in the
several Garrisons - Agreed to
lay the same before the Board.

20 Agree to defer the con-
sideration of the Students from Forth
Maltrie till next Committee.

Hector Munro
Edward James
John Turing
William Stevens

To Major General Hector Munro Esq
of the Committee of Stores.

Gentlemen

I am directed by Mr. Hughes
to lay before you the following Proposals for making

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From Mr. Welch
with Proposals from
Mr. Hughes for
making Gunpowder

Gunpowder at Ganjam.

Mr. Hughes will engage to make
Gunpowder at Ganjam equal to the medium of Madras
Proof, for the price paid at Madras, if you will send down
Salt Petre, which he will pay for, & will put the Company to no
expence for a house if they will take what Powder he provides
& give him six months notice for the Contract to cease, or Mr.
Hughes will, if the Company provide a place proper for the
Powder, make it at 30 Pags. & 1/2 per lb. Mr. Hughes will make
the first year 5 or 600 barrels, & after yearly 1000 Bar-
rels, & requests in case these Proposals are accepted of that
50 Candies of Salt Petre be immediately sent to Ganjam

I am

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
3^d March 1778.

A true Copy
Wm. Webb Secy

Your most Obedient
Lumble Servant
T. Welch

A Return

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A Return of Blinds, Frontlets, Guns and Transporting Carriages, remaining in store & wanting to complete the several Garrisons

Fort St George 4 April 1770	Blinds				Frontlets			Guns		Transport Carriages	
	24 Pounds	10 Pounds	12 Pounds	12 Pounds	24 Pounds	10 Pounds	12 Pounds	Complete	Wanting	Large	Small
Fort St George Complement	150	20	15	20	15	10	15	12	2	4	
In store April 1770	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	4	"	3	"
Wanting	130	20	15	20	15	10	11	8	"	"	3
Masulipatam Complement	"	5	4	7	5	4	7	4	"	1	2
In store June 1777	"	"	"	5	"	"	5	3	"	2	2
Wanting	"	5	4	2	5	4	2	1	"	"	"
Ganjam Complement	"	"	2	3	"	2	3	1	"	"	1
In store February 1776	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"
Wanting	"	"	2	3	"	2	3	"	"	"	1
Chingleput Complement	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1
In store February 1778	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"
Wanting	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Vellore Complement	"	5	"	2	5	"	2	1	"	1	1
In store February 1778	"	"	"	5	8	4	"	1	"	1	1
Wanting	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Trichinopoly Complement	"	4	4	1	4	4	1	1	"	1	1
In store February 1778	"	"	"	12	"	"	"	18	2	"	"
Wanting	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Madura Complement	"	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	"	1	1
In store February 1778	"	2	4	2	7	9	"	2	"	1	"
Wanting	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Tanjore Complement	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
In store February 1778	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	5	"
Wanting	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

J. Manoury
Commissary Stores

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Read the following letter from
Mr. William Petrie

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq
President of Governor & Council

Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr. Petrie
delivers extract
Genl letter to the
Rajah relative
to inquiries &c

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant enclosing a Copy
of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore, with an Extract from
the Company's Orders relative to certain inquiries, into the
Conduct of their Servants.

My absence from Tanjore, from
the 10th to the 14th Instant, upon public business at Nagore,
& the indisposition of the Rajah since my return, preven-
ted my seeing him till yesterday, when I treated upon
the subject of your Commands, & he has promised by to-
morrow to give me every information in his power
relative to the aforesaid inquiries, which I shall lose
no time in transmitting to you.

I have the honor to be, with great respect
Yr Obedt Servt

Your most Obedient &
most faithful S^{vt} & Secy
W. Petrie

Read the following letter from
the Committee of Council.

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

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter of Minutes
of the Committee
of Works with
Sundry Papers
&c.

We have the honor to enclose an
Extract from our Minutes, & request to be favored with your
Determination thereon.

We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
21 April 1770.

Your most Obedient &
most humble servants
J. Whitehill
J. Turing
C. B. Dent

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works
20th April 1770.

To the Gentlemen of the
Committee of Works
Gentlemen

Not finding on your Records
any part of the Transactions respecting the fixing of Pallisades
to the covered way on the west front now executing by Mr
Garnier, I must beg leave to acquaint you with the parti-
culars found in the Engineers Office.

N^o 1 is a list specifying the quan-
tity of Redwood which has been required from the Ware-
housekeeper since the month of October 1776 by the En-
gineer for the use of the fortifications

N^o 2 is an estimate that appears
to have been made the 24th January 1770 of the quantity
of Redwood necessary for completing the Pallisades from
the place of arms before the North Bavelin to the South
Face of the South West Lunette on the South front

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No 3 is a Copy of an Indent made by the Engineer to the Warehousekeeper for 3797 Pieces of Redwood, which by the above Estimate was wanting to complete the Pallisades to the abovementioned Space, out of which said Indent the Engineer has received 561 Pieces, & there remains to be received from the said Indent 3236 Pieces.

No 4 is a Copy of the terms on which the Chief Engineer has agreed with Mr. Garraway for fixing the said Pallisades, which I now beg leave to lay before the Committee, hoping they will approve thereof, & confirm the same.

I am

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
1 April 1770.

Your most Obedient
L humble Servant
Wm^r Stevens

D. Eng.^r

List of Redwood received for the use of the Fortifications, as collected from the Accounts at the Engineers Office.

	Whole pieces received	Small Pieces whole & 1/2 pieces delivered
1776	P Cont 749 56	
October	10 2. 1. 1. 17	
	24 20. 15. 9. 12	
	25 84. 45. 15. 15	
November	4 132. 67. 4. 15	
	6 20. 14. 15. 20	
December	19 68. 37. 3.	
	20 29. 16. 4. 14	
	23 37. 24. 15. 11	

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Whole pieces
received

Small Pieces
whole & 1/2
Pieces delivered.

P. By Mr. H

1776
December

24 24, 15, 19, 1

27 55, 35, 5

28 37, 24, 16, -

30 37, 23, 11, 10

1777
January

2 12, 7, 6, 17

6 40, 26, 16, 4

8 21, 13, 13, 6

14 22, 12, 9, 22

15 29, 10, 9, 24

16 24, 10, 19, 24

23 62, 24, 3, 22

27 34, 12, 10, 13

29 61, 27, 9, 2

August

19 - - - - - 85, 14, 7, 1

20 - - - - - 250, 34, 14, 13

29 - - - - - 210, 30, 2, 7

30 - - - - - 125, 21, 1, 15

September

15 5, 3, 7, 12

16 15, 7, 6, 5

19 10, 5, - 13

20 20, 11, 5, 5

22 22, 12, 15, 9

23 21, 52, 10, 20

25 0, 4, 5, -

26 2, 1, 0, 21

October 2 12, 7, 10, 16

4 15, 7, 17, 7

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	Whole pieces received	Whole pieces delivered	Small Pieces whole & half delivered
October	4 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.	12 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.	7 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.
	5 14. 0. 6. 19		6 06. 10. 0. 5. 11
	6 13. 6. 10. 4		
	7 19. 12. 0. 9		
	9 11. 7. 5. 15		
	13 21. 9. 12. 15		
	14 4. 3. 11. 21		
	15 13. 0. 14. 11		
	16 3. 2. 6. 2		
	17 6. 3. 14. 4		
	18 2. 1. 7. 7		
	20 6. 4. 2. 5		
	21 0. 5. 2. 17		
	22 4. 2. 6. 24		
	23 14. 7. 14. 24		
	24 10. 5. 19. 12		
	25 5. 3. 6. 21		
	27 0. 4. 12. 9		
November	20	45. 10. 3. 14	
	21	90. 36. 15. -	
	22	45. 26. 16. 17	
	23	45. 22. 13. 3	
	28	33. 15. 15. 10	05. 10. 2. 19
	1151. 647. 410	250. 110. 4. 2	771. 110. 0. 5
deduct	250. 110. 4. 2		
		893. 529. 0	as per warrant bill 30 Nov 71 771. 110. 0. 5

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	Whole Pieces received	Whole Pieces Delivered	Small pieces of half caliverts
1770			
January	11 10 10 10 10 7 26, 17, 4, 20 14 16, 7, 10, 19 17 19, 8, 11, 10 18 4, 2, 11, 6 20 20, 12, 9, 10 24 12, 6, 1, 17 26 20, 11, 9, 5 28 30, 17, 6, 23 30 2, 2, 10, 13 31 14, 6, 15, 24		
	132 70 15 3 25 14 13 2 101 64 2 1 as per warehouse title for January	31 14 13 2	
February	3 12, 6, 15, 19 4 5, 7, 12, 9 7 33, 27, 8, 23 14 43, 27, 6, 23 19 44, 27, 10, 6 22 30, 23, 17, 12 23 29, 18, 12, 24 24 161, 24, 6, 0 28 33, 21, 10, 13		
	229, 161, 2, 12 as per warehouse acc. 161, 24, 6, 0		
March	5 33, 22, 9, 16 8 43, 24, 13, 13 14 20, 15, 0, ~ 15 17, 9, 6, 10 18 37, 21, 14, 1 24 100, 59, 1, 5 266, 152, 12, 20		

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Estimate of Redwood wanting for Palisadoes 24
January 1770

From the place of arms before the North bastion to the
right of Wallingford Gate measuring 4276 feet in length @
8 1/4 feet of Setts is 510 Setts

Every Sett { 11 Palisadoes is 5690
2 Nails is 1036
Posts is 519 }

We have now in hand

Palisadoes 2520

Nails 397

Posts 286

Wanting to complete

Palisadoes 3170 or 1589 Redwood whole piece

Nails 639 or 320

Posts 233 or 233

20 Gates or 200 Posts or 110 2252

From the left of Wallingford Gate to the west of
South Lunette measuring 1650 feet in length @ 8 1/4
feet of Setts wanting 200 Setts viz

Palisadoes 2200 or 1100

Nails 400 or 200

Posts 201 or 201

Gates 0 or 44 1545

Redwood whole piece 3797

Copy W. Stevens & Co.

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Indent for 3797 Redwood wanting to complete
the Palisadoes, Posts, Nails for the Middle Company's works.

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25th January 1770

P. Rops
Copy W. Stevens & Co.

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M^{rs} 4 January 1778

Working & putting up old Pallisading with one new
rail fixing the Posts in brick work, making falling
Pallisades new at Page 30 p^{er} running feet.

Working & putting up new Pallisades & fixing the
Posts & Pallisades in brick work at Page 55 p^{er} running

To pay for every long Traverse & passage, putting up
the Pallisading & fixing Posts & Pallisades in brick work at
Pages 70 each Traverse.

For each short Traverse Page 60

Double Retwood Gates Page 3 each

Single D^o 1/2 each

The Company supplying Retwood,
& paying for all iron work at the Contract prices, at
allowing a Lascar for every four Carpenters.

Copy W. Stevens Eng^t

Remarks & Orders of the Board

Para 4 This being the first public
intimation given to the Com-
mittee respecting Pallisades
the irregularity of Colonel Kops
taking upon himself to order
work attended with so much
expense to be undertaken, & to
make any agreement with
a Contractor without the
knowledge or approbation
of the Committee is too
apparent to require any
further remark.

1, 2 & 3 The Board cannot
avoid expressing their surprise
& displeasure at Colonel Kops
conduct in ordering so conside-
rable & expensive a work as
that of fixing Pallisades round
the new Fortifications without
the concurrence of the Board
or even the Committee of Works.
As it appears that Colonel Kops
made the agreement with
Mr Garrison for fixing the
Pallisades. Resolved that

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It appears that in or: Remains & Orders of the Board
to complete the Pallisading Mr. Garraway desired that
from the place of arms before send the Board at next Council
the North Havelin to the East Station to explain in what
face of the South West Lu. manner this agreement was
made exclusive of the old Pallis. executed. In the mean time
saves, it requires 379 Pieces the Chief Engineer must be
or about 2300 Candies of Red. desired to deliver in an agree-
ment which supposed @ 50^{rs} value of old Pallisading
of fairly amounts to Pay 11300 belonging to the former works
Workmanship agreeable to the { 4000 } of inform the Board to which
James proposed by Colonel ^{Red.} _{total} 15300 Extract they have been on-

2 The necessity of being, also what expense
having the Pallisading set up has been already incurred
immediately is evident. As Pal. in fixing the Pallisading ex-
penses will be soon wanted closure of the East of the Red.
to complete the South Front of wood.

For the works in hand to the
North East & South East Angles
of the East Line of the Fort. The
Engineer is now requested to give
in an estimate of the Redwood
necessary that an Indent & a
recommendation may be made
to the Export warehousekeeper
to procure Redwood of the proper
apartment.

3 Major Stevens
informs the Committee that
the Pallisading to complete
the Fort will cost about 1600^{rs}.

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more, & being of Opinion that Remarks & Orders of the Board
the Terms agreed upon by Colonel
Ross with Mr Garrison are reason-
able - agreed to recommend
the same to the Board.

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There is now want-
ing the following People for
the use of the Fortifications
besides what are now employed
thereon.

Viz^t 30 water Baulers

30 Churnam Beaters

350 Small Coolies

And as many Coolies
& Tankdiggers as can be got, Major
Stevens wishes some method to be
adjusted how the People are to be
collected & how they may be
occasionally supplied on any
emergency; for he is sorry to
tell the Committee that the
works have been impeded for
the want of water Baulers, Churn-
am beaters & small Coolies;
& Major Stevens begs leave to
acquaint the Committee when
he first knew the want of small
Coolies, & at the same time under-
stood that the pariahs had
usually supplied 500 or 600
(the quantity wanted) He ordered

445 The Board are oc-
casional of giving them ut-
most support in providing
more Coolies for the works,
for this purpose the Presi-
dent is requested to use his
endeavours to procure a
proportionable number
from the Company's Vil-
lages, if it is agreed to
write to the Nabob agree-
ably to the Committee's
recommendation

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the Head People to settle how many each Village should provide & to take measures for sending them to the works that on their neglecting to do so, he has twice applied to the Governor who has repeatedly sent to them for this purpose but they are yet very remiss in furnishing them. Major Stevens proposes that the Head man may be sent for & caused to work till the sufficient number be completed. In general Major Stevens thinks that it should be ascertained how many workmen the villages in the bounds should on any occasion furnish that when they are called upon they may be sent either wholly or in proportion to the number wanted; this the Major thinks will render it unnecessary to send Peons who he is sorry to find oppress the Indians, & fears that they rather hinder than further the necessary supply of workmen. If the Head People of the Villages were to be negligent on their Part

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some method might be fallen Remarks of Orders of the Board
upon to furnish them.

^{3rd} The Committee en-
tirely agree in Opinion with
Major Stevens & according to direct
the head People of the different
Villages to attend & a List to be
procured of the number of Natives
that they may form a better
judgment how many can be
had for the Fortifications,
In regard to common Cooks,
Water Bailors & Trench diggers,
the Committee are of Opinion
that, since a sufficient Num-
ber cannot be procured within
the Limits of the Presidency &
considering the very great im-
portance of pushing on the
works now in hand, a represen-
tation should be made to the
Board, setting forth that the
Fortifications are impeded
for want of People, & in order
to make an exertion, propose
to the Government to apply to
the Nabob for the assistance of
3000 Cooks of different denom-
inations, which we hope
may be obtained, without dis-
trepping the Country, by fixing

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the number to be supplied from each District; that the People may depend upon being well paid if not detained above three months; in which time it is to be hoped great progress will be made in the Fortifications.

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Mr. John Bull

a Carpenter lately arrived from Europe, has been recommended to the Chief Engineer as a proper person for the Company's Carpenter, of Major Stevens

thinks him a man of capacity. He has been employed on a model for a powder mill which demonstrates the man

to be ingenious, If the Committee think proper to employ him & fix his pay a Major Stevens hopes they will allow him to leave it from the 1st of March, having been employed all or the greatest part of that month.

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Upon Major Ste-

vens's recommendation the Committee agree to request the Board will appoint Mr. John Bull Master Carpenter with the

Remarks & Orders of the Board

By Agreed that John Bull be appointed Master Carpenter with the usual allowance from the 1st of March.

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usual allowances from Remarks & Orders of the Board.

th March.

8 The bound hedge
round the black Town is in
very bad condition, though
an Invalid 2 Puns & 14
Coolies are constantly atten-
ding it. Major Stevens
wishes that an allowance
might be made to one of
the Engineers to enable him
to keep a Palankeen & think
at little or no greater addi-
tional expence the bound
hedge may be put into
some Order, if the Committee
would use their influence
in having the hedges of the
adjacent Gardens thinned
a little to provide a quan-
tity of Nulh Hedge, which
might be done under the
Direction of an Engineer
without any detriment
to the Garden.

9 The Committee are
concerned to hear the bound
hedge of the black town
is in so bad a condition,
which they consider of so
much consequence to the

8 & 9 The Board cannot
consent to any further expence on
account of the bound hedge,
If the Man who now superin-
tends it does not take the pro-
per care, he should be removed
& a better Man sent in his room.

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security of the Place as to Remarks & Orders of the Board
justify their recommending
to the Board to make an al-
lowance of 15 P^g p^m month
to one of the Engineers to attend
to this extraordinary Duty.

True Extract
J. Balfour

Clerk to the Comm^{rs} of Works

Resolutions of
the Board respect-
ing Brigade
Majors Aid du
Camp & of their
allowances

The Board having very lately had
before them an instance of a Brigade Major being appointed
without their authority to act with a small Detachment in
the Ichapour District it is now resolved that in future no
detachment consisting of less than a Battalion & a half
of Sepoys be allowed a Brigade Major or any Person to act
in that capacity with extraordinary pay, but that when any
Detachment is ordered in the Field consisting of that number
or upwards, the commanding Officer be allowed an Aid du Camp
who shall see his Orders put in execution with an extraordi-
nary allowance of 5 Shillings p^m Diem.

L^t Burn appointed
Aid du Camp
to L^t Col. Baillie
Major Simpson of
Assistant Surgeons
to the Detachment

At the recommendation of L^t Baillie
Colonel Baillie who commands the Detachment ordered to
be in readiness for Bombay, L^t Burn is nominated as his
Aid du Camp & M^r Simpson of Addiscombe are nominated
to act as Surgeon & Surgeon's Assistant to the Detachment.

General Munroe lay before the
Board the following letter from Captain Kelly.

To Major General Munroe
Commander in Chief

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Sir,

Letter from Capt.
Helly requesting
to be reimbursed
for repairs of Quar-
ters at Conjiv.
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On the arrival of my Battalion
from Bombay in the beginning of 76, it was ordered to
Canton in this Village; in place of the 6th Battalion,
which had been sent to Tanjore some time before; but
as there never have been any regular Barracks established
here, it has been & still is customary for the Village Peo-
ple whenever a Battalion marches out of these Cantonments
to possess themselves of all the evacuated houses of old Choultries
which they had occupied; by which means the Quarters
soon became transformed, & rendered totally unfit for
Europeans to inhabit; till all the doors & windows are broken
out and every thing put into the state it had been in
before. This disagreeable task fell upon us, Sir, on our
first arrival here, & such was the unhappy situation of
affairs at the Presidency, that no regular application
could then be attended to, so as to procure a thorough re-
pair of them. Besides, it was soon after this in agitation
to form a grand Cantonment here; & we expected General
Stuart up, to take a survey of the place for that purpose.
For these reasons I contented myself with desiring an
Officer to represent our situation to the General & to ask
his advice on the occasion. His reply was that we ought
by all means, to render our Quarters habitable, & that
there was no doubt but that we should be reimbursed.
We accordingly set to work Sir & repaired them in the most
economical manner possible, & just as we had rendered
them a little comfortable, we were ordered to take the
Field against some troublesome Polygars, in this neigh-
bourhood; we kept the field about eight months, & on our
return to Cantonments we found our Quarters very much

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out of repair again, notwithstanding we had left some
guards of Sepoys for their protection. These thatched & tiled
huts, Sir, require daily looking after, for a drop of rain
coming thro' the roof of one of them, soon makes way for
a deluge. Add to this Sir, the familiarity of the monkeys
here, which are so numerous, that it is extremely difficult
to prevent their stripping our houses, even in our presence.
For the Village being chiefly inhabited by Bramins,
your dwellings interspersed amongst theirs, we cannot
without causing much offence shoot Animals which
are objects of their worship, & daily care.

Our expences have thus, necessarily
arisen, Sir, to a sum which in these times when economy
is so very laudable, might appear rather extravagant.
We have therefore determined not to apply for pay-
ment of our account repairs, but to request the favour of
you, Sir, to represent our case in the manner you think
most proper, so as to procure for us the following Sums
which we are willing to accept of for our two years expences

To Capt. Kelly ^{rent} for the repairs of his Quarters in 66 and 67	} 100..0..0
To D ^r for D ^r of the Magazine Storehouse, Hospital & Barracks	} 300..0..0
To the repairs of D ^r Subalterns Quarters the Doctors included at 50 ^{rs} each	} 400..0..0
Total Paid	800..0..0

I am with great respect

Sir

Conjoveram
17 April 1770

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
R. Kelly

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not granted
The Board cannot consent to make any allowance to the officers of Captain Kelly's Battalion for the expences which they have incurred by repairing their Quarters as there does not appear to have been any Estimate laid before the Board, or any regular authority obtained for making such repairs.

The General lays before the Board the following Letter of Memorial from Lieutenant Atwood.

To Brigadier General Murre

Sir

Letter of Memo.
rial from Ensign
J. P. Atwood
I doubt not your natural goodness will lead you to pardon this great presumption, more especially as you are the only Person I can look up to for relief respecting the accompanying Memorial of therein recited matters.

It is with the greatest concern that I find myself obliged to solicit your favour to represent to the Honble Board my hard case, & render me such assistance as may be consistent, to reimburse my purse part of the many enormous expences I must have necessarily been at for. Your kind attention & compliance with this request will confer the greatest favour on Sir,

Your Obedient
Humble Servant,
J. P. Atwood
Lieut.

Madras
April 13th 1770

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

Honble Sir & Mrs

When I reflect on the inferiority
of the Station I am in, the inabilities I labour under of
the respectable body I am addressing, it requires on my
part the extreme of every Talent to aspire for this
memorial & solicit your favor & indulgence & attention.

Happily in the ranguinity of my
wishes that the Gentlemen who I now have the honor of
directing myself to, have by an exemplary attention
to strict Justice & impartiality proves themselves the
advocates of Friends to equity, & not despairing but that
the prayer of my request will be dispensed by adequate
& principles which have shone forth from this Honble
Council.

I therefore rely entirely on their
Opinions resting myself upon the happiness of conse-
lations that it will terminate in the favor of Justice
& myself.

Having on the 17th March 1772
presented to the then Governor & Council, a Certificate
signed "Gilbert Parley & Robt. Scott (Gentlemen) Surgeons"
for the purposes therein mentioned, at the same time
requesting leave to visit a cold & more clement climate
in consequence of which application & certificate, the
President of Council fulfilled my request, by ordering
me a passage on the Ship Deptford Capt. Tryon Com-
manding) then ready to sail, on the arrival of the Ship
at the Cape of Good-hope in the cold season of August

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The Surgeon of the Ship, gave me the pleasing hopes, that the Climate I was then in would with a regular attention to his prescription, reestablish & recover my much injured health & impaired constitution.

After remaining there near nine months found myself much recovered & did return on the Mercury Packet to my duty at Madras.

On my notice of arrival I solicited the Honble Messrs. Whynch Esq. Governor & Council that they would be pleased to order my Pay for the time I had been absent, as was the case when Officers go to Bengal China &c.

Mr. Petrie then Military Secretary acquainted me that my address & application had been received & considered by the Honble Board but my request could not be complied with as it had not been precedented. But if any other Officer in the same predicament should go to the Cape, & the Directors from home, when made acquainted should order & approve of their being paid, I should be also indulg'd in like manner, Mr. Petrie did further inform me that the Governor had ordered 100 Pags should be rendered to my attention.

Unwilling to receive a part till such receipts should be advised by my friends, I desired receiving the favorable honor offered till I had the advice of General Smith, who was pleased the next consultation day to mention my hard case, but was not able to render me more service than what the Governor had before assured me.

I was immediately after this ordered by the General to join my Regiment & proceed

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a second time to Tanjore, in which tour of duty, I unfortunately met with a relapse of my former disorder of Complaints, I was again oblig'd to seek relief from the powers of Medicine, but no virtue in them to be found. Mr Parley & Anderson recommended another voyage to a cold Climate & did assist me with Certificates for that purpose, which was granted me by the Governor & Council, ordering me a Passage on the Harcourt Indiaman to go to the Cape of Good-hope a second time for the benefit of health.

The 17th of March 1774 I embarked on board the above Ship & arriv'd off the Cape May the 30th, but adverse winds prevented the Ship getting in to Anchor, was therefore under the absolute necessity of proceeding to England.

On my recovery & return to Madras July 1776 did then solicit the Hon^{ble} Lord R^{ight} Governor & Councils attention to my last voyage not mentioning the first, nor having then heard that Lieut Montteith, Johnston & others had been at the Cape & return'd, & had received pay for the time they were absent.

Having thus laid impartially a full & true state of my case, I most humbly solicit leave to desire an impartial discussion of the whole & a grant of that relief as seems consistent & compatible, with Justice & equity to the Hon^{ble} Company.

I have the honor to be

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs with the greatest respect

Your Obedient

humble Servant

J. P. Wood

Fort St George

April 13th 1770

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It beg leave to observe that Ensign John Taberner, a brother Officer of Papeneger (on board the Harcourt) in the same predicament, was indulg'd with the pecuniary sum of six Months subsistence, which your Memorialists has not yet received.

The Board are of Opinion & accordingly agree that Mr. Alward's be allowed his pay from the time he first left this place for the Cape untill his return.

General Murre also lays before the Board a Letter from Captn. Johnston of the 3^d Lincen Batt^y applying for a warrant for the trial of Sheikh Ibrahim Subadar for Drunkenness & other crimes, Ordered that a Warrant be sent accordingly.

The President acquaints the Board that the Government houses allotted to his use in the Fort & at the Company's Gardens are in so bad a condition as to be scarcely habitable; & requests the Orders of the Board for putting them into a thorough repair.

The Board being from their own observation, sensible of the justness of the President's representation, Ordered that the Engineer be directed to prepare an estimate of the expence of such repairs as the President may think necessary to be made, that the same may be immediately carried into execution.

Tho. Pembroke
John Whitehill

Andor Murre

B. Perry

Fort St. George. April 1778.

Dispatched the following letters

To Thomas Mostyn Esq^r

Resident at

Poonah

Sir,

We have had the pleasure to receive
your letter of the 27th March informing us that the princi-
pal officers of the Marhatta Government had taken possession
of Poonah in the name of Ragobah.

To Mr Mostyn.

We are obliged to you for this in-
telligence & shall be glad to be further acquainted what steps
may have been taken by Ragobah himself in conse-
quence of this declaration in his favor, with such other
occurrences as you may think necessary for our informa-
tion.

We are,

Sir

Fort St. George
25th April 1778.

Your most Obedient Servants
Tho^s Kumbold Esq^r

To Mr Morgan Williams

Chief Magistrate at

Ganjam

Gentlemen

the 5th Instant

We have received your letter of

As Ensign Westrop was appointed to
act as Brigade Major to the Detachment lately employed in
the Gommur Country without any authority from us, & as
we think such an appointment was unnecessary for so

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To General
Ensign Westrop
not to be allowed
pay as Brigade
Major. Enclosing
Extract of Capt
Lysaght's Letter.
Agreement to
be made with
Mr Hughes for
making Gun-
powder.

small a Detachment, we cannot consent to make him any
allowance for that Duty.

Captain Lysaght having advised
us a letter on the subject of his late differences with your
Board, we enclose you Extracts of such parts as are necessary
for your information.

We also transmit an Extract
from the Minutes of the Committee of works regarding
Mr Hughes's late Proposals for making Gunpowder, you
are to observe in making your agreement with him that
we had rather contract for 30 ^{1st} of a ndy clear of all
charges, than be at any expence whatever on the Compa-
ny's account, you will also observe that the Gunpowder
is to be proved in the manner which the Committee have
pointed out in their Minutes, before it is received.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
25th April 1770

Your affectionate Friends
T. Rumbold Esq

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq
Governor President

John Whitehill
Charles Smith

General Munro
Samuel Johnson

Peter Perring

Monday
the 27 April.

Minutes of last Consultation read

The following Gentlemen belonging
to this Department not having before taken the oath of
Secrecy, the same is now administered to them.

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Mr Duncan Andrew Baine Deputy Secretary

Messrs Strange

Reebuck

Aylmer

Maclure

Assistants

also the following Oath to Mr David Haliburton
the Persian Translator.

I do swear that I will to the best
of my knowledge faithfully translate such letters and
papers as may be delivered to me for that purpose,
if that I will not upon any account whatsoever dis-
close the meaning or purport of any such letters or
papers or any transaction relative to the Company's
affairs that may come to my knowledge as the Per-
sian Translator

So help you God

Mahud Duen the Company's Interpreter
is likewise sworn to secrecy

Read the following Letter from
Bombay

To the Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq^r

President of Governor & Council

at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

From Bombay
and despatches to
Majors, to carry
the Detachment
from thence. The
French mean to
make a settlement
at Chauli, Vallaman
stopped at Poonah

We have received your letter
of the 13th Feby & beg leave to congratulate Mr
Pumbold on his appointment to the Government
of your Presidency.

The Pallamars despatched from
Madras the 1st of March arrived here without any

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Packet from you, but as several of the private Letters which they brought concur in the intelligence that you had ordered a body of Forces to the assistance of this Presidency in consequence of the requisition we made in our Letter of the 12th of Decem^r, we can only impute our not having heard from you to your Packet having been intercepted by the Mahrattas, the Pattaunars having inform'd us the Packet of Letters was stop'd & open'd near Poona.

As the season is so far advanced as not to allow of our waiting for more particular advice from you, we have judg'd it expedient to give immediate Orders for a sufficient number of Vessels proceeding to Anjings to bring up, the Troops, which according to our Accounts consist of 200 Europeans Infantry, 50 Artillery & a Battalion of Sepoys, & we hope We shall not be disappointed in our Expectations that our Vessels will find them at that Place ready for embarkation.

We have thought it necessary to advise the Commanding Officer at Palamcottah of our intention. & we beg leave to enclose a Copy of our Letters to him for your Notice.

M^r Mashyn has advis'd you of the Revolution which has happen'd in the Mahratta Government, & in consequence thereof we have judg'd it necessary to collect all the Force we possibly can to accompany the Regent to Poona.

Sir Edward Vernon in his passage down the Coast having fell in with the Brillante and another French Ship, which from the intelligence We had receiv'd We had before suggested to him were coming with a design to form a Settlement at Chorka Mahratta

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Port close to the mouth of our harbour he has again returned hither in order to prevent their scheme taking effect, & we hope & trust that in consequence of the late revolution We shall be able totally to destroy the French influence at the Court of Ponnah, an object of the utmost importance to the Honble Company.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

Wm Hornby
John Carnac
D. Draper
N. Stackhouse
W. Ashburner
A. Ramsay

Bombay Castle
8th April 1770

To the Officer in Command of the
Troops under Orders for

Bombay at
Palamcottah

Sir,

Having received advice that a body of the Company's Troops belonging to the Presidency of Madras are under Orders for Bombay, & as we conclude are assembled at Palamcottah, we think it necessary to acquaint you that a sufficient number of Vessels will very shortly be at Anjengo to receive them on board & We therefore desire you will march with the utmost expedition to Anjengo, & hold the Troops in readiness for immediate embarkation.

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We are

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

(signed) Will^m Hornby Secy

Bombay Castle
2nd April 1770

A true Copy

Edw^d Baconsoroff Secy

Minute thereon

We are much concerned that the letter from this Presidency of the 16th January miscarried, since the Gentlemen at Bombay mistaking our intentions from report have been induced to send Vessels to Amoy to convey the Detachment they had requested from hence. Resolved that a duplicate of the letter of the 16th January be immediately forwarded to Bombay & the Gentlemen there informed of our Proceedings regarding this Detachment, that the Season is now too late to send Troops to Amoy in time to embark before the Monsoon breaks on the other Coast, but that we shall nevertheless keep the Detachment they desired in readiness to march should it hereafter be necessary & the situation of our affairs will permit.

Agreed that a Copy of the letter from Bombay be sent to the Governor General & Council of Bengal that they be acquainted with our intentions respecting the Detachment, & requested to communicate to us their Designs in consequence of the late Proceedings at Poonah in favor of Nizam's Son.

The Board having long ago resolved that a bomb-proof Canton should be built in the Fort

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in sufficient to contain the quantity of water which Mr Geo. Baker by his Contract with the Company is obliged to keep always in reserve & the building of the said Cistern having been from time to time postponed on account of the Fortifications, it is now resolved that it be immediately contracted in the manner proposed by the Board in Consultation 21 March 1775 that is to say that Mr Baker shall pay Pago-
das as his share of the expence & the Company defray the remainder which is supposed to be the extraordinary expence of making the Cistern bombproof. Agreed also that the Contractor for the fortifications be permitted to construct the Cistern provided he will execute it on the Terms of the Contract for the Fortifications.

Read the following Letter from Major Stevens to the Secretary.

To Charles Oakeley Esq^r
Sir

From Major
Stevens about
reduced Pallisades

I have received your Letter of this date & in answer thereto, be pleased to acquaint the Pres-
ident & Council that there about 4303 old Pallisades
3266 of which are fixed in the extent of 2170 feet along
the Glacis & before Traverses, 825 will serve to fix before
the Traverses remaining to be done 822 are entirely un-
serviceable. The Cost of fixing the old Pallisades
amounts to about Pag^{ts} 653.16.65 & of the new already
executed exclusive of the Cost of redwood about 500
Payaons.

I am

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I am

Sir

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Your most Obedient
humble servant

Will^m Stevens

Eng^r.

N.B. The Palisadoes Old & new already done is near $\frac{1}{3}$ of the whole extent of the Fort including the Sea Line

Minute of the
Board thereon

In order that the Board may have a more view before them the whole expence of fixing the Palisadoes round the Fortifications Resolved that the Committee of Works be desired to inform them of the quantity & expence of the recovered already employed (exclusive of the old Palisadoes) also the quantity of expence of what will be further required with the Cost of fixing the whole.

No work to
be done by the
Contractor without
proper authority

Ordered in future that no work however small that may be attended with expence to the Company shall be begun without an order from the Board or the Committee of Works, Mr Garrison the Contractor for repairs who was directed by Colonel Ross to fix the Palisadoes round the new Works being desired to attend the Board if it appearing that he had no other authority whatever than Colonel Ross's order, he is told of the irregularity & directed to something of this kind in future without proper authority.

case Major Baillie
& FitzGerald ap-
pointed full
Colonels

The Board taking into Consideration the care of the Field Officers now being the duty of those absent in England, it appears by the Commissions of the Decemr 1775 that Major Baillie, Major FitzGerald, & Major Nixon were appointed to

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do the duty of Lieut. Colonels Boujaur, Brathwaite and Billingham then absent with no other advantage whatever than the nominal rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Colonel Brathwaite arrived from England last year but there is no account of Lieutenant Colonel Boujaur or Lieut. Colonel Billingham, and it is very doubtful whether they may return at all, as they have been more absent near three years. In those circumstances the Board are of Opinion and accordingly resolve that Major Baillie and Major Fitz Gerald who are now doing their duty be appointed Full Lieutenant Colonels to rank from the time they were given out in Orders to act as such, that their pay and gratuity as Lieut. Colonels, do commence from the 25th of last month and that it be recommended to the Court of Directors to allow them those advantages for the time they have done the duty.

Resolved also that Major Henry Marcell and Major Samuel Sears who were in December 1775 appointed to rank Majors with the pay of Captains only be now appointed Full Majors with the pay & advantages of that rank to commence from the 25th ultimo.

St. Hearst died at
Cuddalore

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that he has received advice that Lieutenant William Hearst died a few days ago at Cuddalore.

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Woodhouse

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Honble Sirs & Sirs,

L. Woodhouse
applies for the
Command of
Ponnacivil

At the death of Lieutenant
Hearst vacates the command of Ponnacivil, I take
the liberty of offering myself to the Honble Board
for that Command, Nine years Service in the Line
I came out Captain Lieutenant, & having I flatter
myself supported the Character I brought with
me from General Irwin my Commanding Of-
ficer in the Kings Service, a Copy of which I
enclose, will I hope plead some claim to your at-
tention, which if honored with, shall think myself
extremely happy. I have the Honor to be.

Gentlemen

Your most devoted and
most Obedient Servant
H. Woodhouse

Cuddalore
April 25th 1770.

I do hereby certify that Mr. H.
Woodhouse served as an Ensign in His Majesty's
Late 74th Regiment, of which I was Colonel, from
the 23^d of Septemb^r 1761, to the reduction of the
said Regiment at the Peace, that by his behaviour
during that time, he hath a just claim upon me, as
his Commanding Officer, to recommend him, which
I presume to do to the Directors of the East India
Company this 3^d day of January 1770

(signed) J. Irwin

Resolved that Lieut. Henry Mal-
colm be appointed to Command at Ponnacivil in
the room of Lieutenant Hearst.

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The Commander in Chief lays before
the Board the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Fitz-
Gerald to the Adjutant General.

To Lieutenant Colonel Cosby
Adjutant General
Sir,

Lt Col. FitzGerald
applies for a
warrant, to try
Nicola Myers

Agreeable to the general Orders of
the 17th March, I am to request you will apply to the Com-
mander in Chief for a warrant to hold a General Court
Martial for the trial of Michael Myers of Capt. Galbraith's
Company in the 1st Bn. 1st Regt. confined for Desertion.

The Prisoner has been punished for
Theft & guilty of many irregularities, but never deserted
before to my knowledge; he had served his contracted time
when he took his Passport in May 1777, to go to the Pre-
sidency to solicit his Discharge.

On my being inform'd of the
Prisoners being at Trivatore, I gave Orders to have
him brought to this Garrison - The Prisoner ac-
quaints me that when he went to Negapatnam
he was accompanied by Laurence Driglosman
who is now in the Dutch Service at that place,
& where he remained untill a few days ago

I am
Sir

Sansore
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Your most Obedient
and humble servant
J. FitzGerald
Ordered that Colonel

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Colonel FitzGerald be directed to send hither the
Man mentioned in the above letter under a guard

Thos. Rumbold

Andos Munn

D. Berrington

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

Governor President

John Whitehill General Munro.

Charles Smith Samuel Johnson

Peter Perring

Wednesday
the 29th April

Minutes of last Consultation read
The Commander in Chief lays before
the Board the following letter from Captain McKenzie to
the Adjutant General

Lieutenant Colonel H. A. M. Cosby
Adjutant General
Sir,

From Captain
McKenzie repre-
senting the de-
ficiency of his
half-mounting

Having repeatedly wrote for the
half-mounting of 6th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys (Com-
manded by me) for 1776, as well as the deficiencies of 4
white Jackets, 4 short drawers & 2 Corbels for 1774
request you will please to lay my letter before the
General, as a Complaint against for his remissness, &
hope the amount of the whole may allowed.

I am

Sir

Arandangy
20th April 1770

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

A. C. McKenzie Capt^t

Agreed that a Copy of the above
letter be sent to Mr. Call the agent for Sepoy half-mount-
ing & as that Gentlemen has not yet replied to the letter

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written him by order of Consultation the He must be
desired at the same time to answer that Letter & to deliver
in the accounts of his Agency since he was appointed
to it.

Read the following Letter from
the Committee of works.

To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor & Council of
Fort S. George

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

From the Comm^{rs}
of Works, regarding
ground taken
from sundry Persons

Several Petitions are now lying
before us for compensation in lieu of ground taken for the
purpose of erecting thereon the new Powder Mills,
Mr Baker's Wells &c. The nature of the claims is fully
explained in a Report of a Committee, which was entered
in Consultation the 19th July 1776, & as it appears by the
minute of the Board upon that occasion, that the consi-
deration of this subject was then deferred, we beg leave
to recall it to your attention, submitting to your
Honors & the propriety of giving such Orders as may
enable us to satisfy the Persons so petitioning, who
still continue to labor under the grievances of which they
at that time complained.

We have the Honor to be with respect

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servants

John Whitehill
Will^m Stevens
C. B. Dent

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The Board having referred to the report entered in Consultation the 19th July 1776 relative to the ground mentioned by the Committee of works it is ordered that a Copy of that Report be sent to the Committee & that they be desired to satisfy the Claimants if possible with an equivalent of ground elsewhere.

Read the following letter from

Major Stevens

To the Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq^r
President of Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Major
Stevens with report
of the state of the
Works

I take this occasion to trouble you with some particulars of the works carried on since the commencement of the season & the progress we have made to this time on the South Front.

The Bonnet has been raised all round $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet above its base & all its interior walls for the bombproofs &c are raised to the same level; in this state I wish it to stand two or three months.

The outer facing to the Cupello before the South Face of the Nabols Bastion hath been raised 6 feet above its base & continued to join the Counterscarp before the Westermash Cupello of the South Works; from whence the Counterscarp hath been continued before these works, & is laid nearly as far as at right angles with the South West Face of the Bastion; about a third part of which is brought $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet above its base, & the rest about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

Of the Sea line.

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At the S.E. Angle the wall against the Sea for 220 Yards in length is finished which extends from the advanced Angle of the Glacis before the Bonnet till it encompasses the reverse of the proposed blind intended to command the East face of the Bonnet also at the N. East Angle the wall against the Sea hath been raised for the length of 270 Yards on a medium 11 feet above its own base which likewise extends from the advanced Angle of the Glacis before the Louisbourg till it encompasses the reverse of the blind that commands the East face of that work.

At present the Bricklayers are employ'd on the wall against the Sea at the North East Angle, & on the Counterscarp before the South Works. The Cooks & Lascars are employed in excavating for the foundations to the Northward, & the Tankdiggers in excavating for foundations to the Southward & establishing a Dam at the Sea Gate.

Colonel Ross in his letter of the 15th Decemr last to your Honor^y includes in the works immediately necessary as much of the Sea line as is requisite to establish the T. Cantles that are to protect the Angles. He explain'd to me that in this idea he comprehended the wall before the projecting works at the Sea Gate, designed to protect & flank the collateral lines on the East front; Colonel Ross had already given directions for commencing that work, & I have taken a favorable opportunity of establishing a dam twenty five feet farther advanced than could have been expected, which will materially improve the defences & at the same time give more room & make the interior

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of the Sea Gate work more commodious for landing & lodging goods &c on this occasion. They leave strongly to recommend that we embrace the present favorable opportunity not only to establish the wall against the Sea in this part, but likewise to join it to what is already executed at the Northward & Southward; for in the course of the execution of what must be necessarily undertaken, we shall be obliged to open great part of the foundation for the whole. I can therefore venture to assure you that it will not be attended with any material hindrance to the other parts of the Fortifications, & at the same time will greatly secure the place from surprise under any circumstances. I do not mean that the wall against the Sea should in all parts be raised to its full height, but for the present to raise it only 4, 5 or 6 feet above its base in those where its full height is not immediately necessary. We shall then be enabled at any season to complete the sea wall of the East Line within it; however should our supply of Bricks & Churnam be ample We may finish the Sea wall out of hand.

I understand the intentions of the Honble Board were, that about the sum of 12000 Pags^d should be expended monthly on the works; They leave to offer my Opinion, that if the stipulation could be increased it might be done to great advantage, by getting the Fortifications expeditiously out of hand, accomplishing all the heavy & material works in this season, & leaving only the lighter & less difficult parts to be executed the beginning of the next year; by which means the Foundations & Basements may stand a time to

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harden & gain strength, which will the better enable them to receive the superstructure that may be expeditiously run up at any time; & the works would thereby be considerably benefited.

As your honor's order will be applied to by the Committee of Works for an increase of Tankdiggers or Coolies, I shall not say any more than that they are much wanted to get forward the excavation for the foundations.

I have the honor to be

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

W^m Stevens

Fort S^t George

23^d April 1770^d

As the Board place great dependence on the judgment of Major Stevens it is resolved that the works recommended by him be executed in the manner he has pointed out, & altho the Board had before determined to expend only P^{rs} 12000 Monthly on the Fortifications they will now make such ^{large} advances as may be proportioned to the increase of the work.

Read the following letter from
Brigadier General Stuart.

To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Kumbold Esq^r
President & Governor & Council
of Fort S^t George

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

In order to obviate any doubts which may arise, on any risk which your

From Gen^l Stuart
respecting his pay
&c

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Honor^{ble} you may incur in issuing Orders for money on my account from the day the Company's Orders were known regarding my suspension. I take the liberty to communicate to your Honor^{ble}, that I conceive by the word suspension (applied to an Officer) is meant only, his ceasing the exercise of Military duty; but, that unless the Company particularly order otherwise, there ought to be no other change in his situation; & in my own particular case, where trial on the Company's final determination is yet depending any change of circumstances would (as I humbly think) in some measure prejudice the cause.

I have already mentioned to your Honor^{ble} (last paragraph but one of my address 6th March last) why I now receive the public money - I shall only here add, that whatever orders the Hon^{ble} Company may have given in that respect, in regard to the Members of the East Government, your Honor^{ble} will doubtless attend to the palpable difference of my case.

In all events, & although I humbly conceive myself clearly entitled to this distinction, yet, in order to free your Honor^{ble} from any risk or responsibility in money matters, I now take occasion to declare that I hold myself bound to repay to your Honor^{ble} or order whatever sum of money the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors shall on this occasion, direct to have been issued to me, or on my account, more than was agreeable to their intentions.

I have the honor to be

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
10th April 1770.

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
James Stuart