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Agreed that the following allowances be made to General Stuart provided he enter into an obligation to refund the whole or whatever part the Court of Directors may decide to have been improperly issued, Vizt. Firstly the continuance of his pay as Brigadier General, Secondly a Gratuity bearing the same proportion to the gratuity of a Colonel as the pay of Brigadier does to that of Colonel. This allowance the Board estimate & fix at the rate of Ps. 1000 ⅌ annm. – Thirdly House rent at the rate of 80 Pagodas ⅌ month. The allowance of Gratuity to take place from the 8th Febry the day of General Munro's arrival; the house rent from the 1st March last.

This allowances ascertaind

Read letter from Major General Munro

To the Honble The President and Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble the Court of Directors, having sent out to this Presidency, a few rifle Barrel Pieces, by way of Experiment, to know how far they might be considered as usefull in this Country; Captn. Manoury, was desired to make trial of one of them; & you have his report herewith.

From Genl. Munro wt. Report & recommendation of the use of rifled Barrels

A body of men armed with rifles & properly disciplined, would be of the greatest use in time of Service, on various occasions, most of the Powers, on the Continent of Europe are so sensible of

their utility, that they have Corps of light Infantry, arm'd in this manner, constantly in their service.

I would therefore beg leave to propose, that a file, (or three men) of every Company should have rifle Barrel Pieces; which in each European Battalion, consisting of nine Companies would make twenty seven Men; and in every Battalion of Sepoys, consisting of ten Companies, would make thirty Men; and as there are at present in this settlement, according to the Military establishment, four Battalions of Europeans, and twenty nine Battalions of Sepoys. The whole body thus armed would make nine hundred & seventy eight Men.

If the Honble the President and Council should agree with me, that a body of select Men, thus arm'd, might be of infinite Service in this Country, I would beg leave to propose, that it be recommended to the Honble the Court of Directors, to send out to this Presidency fifteen hundred Rifle Barrel Pieces, as there should always be a Number in store, to make good any losses, that may happen on service. I imagine it would also be necessary to recommend, that a proper Person be employ'd by the Directors, to judge whether the sort of rifle, now sent here, or those made, according to Captain Ferguson's directions are the best. Proper Powder horns, with spring Chargers, & Pouches, or bags to hold the Balls, should also be sent with the arms

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I have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

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Your most Obedient
humble Servant
H. Munro

		English Musket	Rifled Barrel Piece
Length of Piece	Inches	54	44 1/2
Length of Barrel	Do	38 1/2	29 1/4
Weight of Piece	H	9 1/2	7.15
Weight of Powder	dots	7 1/2	3
Number of Balls to a H		14 1/2	20

The Point blank range of both the Pieces are nearly equal (about 200 Yards) the small difference being in favor of the musket — The rifled barrel carries much truer than the musket, for at 200 Yards distance, we generally struck within a few inches of the mark, but with the musket not within as many feet. —

Captain Ferguson's rifle Barrel Pieces have long Bayonets fixt to them but those we have are without.

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J. Manoury
Commiss.y of Stores

Agreed that the use of rifled Barrell'd Pieces be recommended to the Company as proposed by General Munro, & that they be requested

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to send out the quantity mentioned in his letter

Read letter from Ganjam

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we transmit to your Honor &c. Translate of a letter received by Mr. Maunsell from Vickeram Bunge, from which it appears that he has made no particular reply to that part of the letter desiring him to come to Ganjam to make the submissions required of him, but refers us to one of his principal men & Hautamaran the Soucar, both of whom are now with him & are expected here in a few days.

From Ganjam with translate of a letter from Vickeram Bunge

In order to shew the displaced Rajah every indulgence in our power, we have desir'd the Chief to write him again recommending him in the strongest manner to proceed to Ganjam as the only means left of regaining your favor & indulgence.

On the arrival of Hautamaran & Vickeram Bunge's Vackeel we shall not fail advising your honor &c. of the result of their Proposals

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Rt. Maunsell

Rt. Hughes

Geo. Forster

Ganjam
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Translate of a letter from Vicheram Bunge
to Robert Maitland Esqr Chief of Ganjam

I received your encouraging fa-
vor advising me to come to Ganjam, & settle the Compa-
nys business, which Letter has given me good sense, & has
remov'd every suspicion.

I was not able to pay the Company
or settle Hautmarans debt but now I have discharg'd Haut-
marans balance, & am endeavouring to make up the Com-
pany's Money.

In a few Days I will send my
principal Man with Hautmaran & you may depend
upon the truth of what they say on my account & I
will consent to every thing they may settle for me.

(Signd) Vicheram Bunge

A true Copy F. W. Barrington Secry.

Read Letter from Capt. Alcock

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the honor to re-
ceive a Letter from the Military Secretary, written by
your directions importing your Desire to be particu-
larly informed, that you may be able to judge of
the practicability of my proposal for making
up the Sepoy Cloathing in which is clearly ex-
plained in one point above — the consumption
of Cloth & Piatoriddi, occasioned by the depen-
dance on Dubashes, Comicopolis and Mastrop

From Captain Alcock regarding the Sepoy Cloathing

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Mr Taylors, not one of them should by me
be confidentially employed — The difference
in the quantity of Cloth and by the Agents
is, as per his account for
one Battalion Pags 910.. 6.. 17½ which for
the 29 Battalions amounts to Pags 26,626.. 12.. 27½
Whereas I shall not have
occasion for more than — 23,763.. 28.. 40
making a Difference of 2,862.. 19.. 67½

The waste in the Materials must
be equally as extravagant, ignorance as much
as knavery in the Cutters out, may have occa-
sioned the great waste of Cloth — nothing
but the closest attention can perfect the under-
taking, & so far am I, from accusing Mr
Mowbray or any other Agent of any suschange
in their accounts, that, to be dependant, as
they have been on the management of a Du-
bash for conducting the business, I could not
accept the Contract for the full amount of
Mr Mowbray's accounts.

If the Honble Board are
pleased to admit this reason; which I declare
on my honor is the only one to induce me
to the proposal; I should be very happy, per-
sonally, to have the honor of laying my propo-
sals at large before this Honble Board.

I remain with consideration
Honble Sir & Sirs

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Your respectfull and
faithfull Hble Servant
H R. Mcock

Ordered that a Copy of the fore-
going Letter also Copy of the former Letter from Capt.
Mcock be sent to the Agent for Sepoy Cloathing &
that he be desired to lay before the Board such
observations as he may think necessary in con-
sequence.

Tho. Pearse Esq
John Whitehill
Hardwick Vines

D. Ewing

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Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble William Hornby Esq.r
President & Governor & Council at
Bombay

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

We are much concern'd to ob-
serve by your letters of the 8th Instant that ours to you of
the 15th January had miscarried & We now transmit
a Duplicate by which you will perceive that from
the Posture of Affairs at that time, we thought our-
selves under the necessity of declining an immedia-
tance with your request for so large a body of
Troops as 250 Europeans & a Battalion of Sepoys to be
assembled at Palamcottah for the purpose of mov-
to your assistance. This miscarriage of our Letter does
us the more concern, as you have been led to send
Vessells to Anjengo in the idea that the Troops h
been collected at Palamcottah as you desired & were
ready to march to Anjengo for imbarkation.

We assure you Gentlemen tha
we paid every Attention to your request, & should
have been happy if the situation of our Affairs here
had permitted us to comply with it in the extent you
wish'd, but circumstances as we then were, the mea
appear'd too unsafe & unprecedent to be adopted, however
upon hearing from the Governor General & Council of
Bengal that their sanction & assistance would be
given to your Proceedings & upon their opening & re-
commending the Design more fully to us, we then de-
termind notwithstanding the incomplete state of our

Letter to Bombay advising that a body of Troops were order'd to be held in readiness for their assistance

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establishment to order the Troops you had before requested to hold themselves in readiness to march, they are now under these Orders, but the Season is too far advanced to send them to Anjengo. We shall keep them in readiness to proceed to your assistance the first opportunity that offers if your absolute want of them should continue & no material change should happen here in the mean time, but we must observe to you that the number of our Europeans fit for duty is so small & disproportionate, that we deem it unsafe even in the most favorable times to detach any part of them upon so distant a Service, & we wish therefore that Sepoys only may be required as we can with much less difficulty replace their Loss.

Private advices from Bengal mention that the Detachment ordered from them were to winter at Korah & afterwards to proceed on their march.

We are

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Thos Rumbold & Co.

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To the Hon'ble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General & Co. Council of

Bengal

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to enclose you a Copy of a letter just received from Bombay with a Copy of an answer for your information.

To the Govr. Genl. & Co. enclosing copy Letter from Bombay

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In consequence of your letter to us of the 4th February, we ordered the number of Troops requested by the Gentlemen at Bombay to be in readiness to march if it should be thought necessary on a further application from them but the season is now so far advanced that it would be impossible for them to reach Anjengo in time to embark before the Monsoon breaks on the Malabar Coast: We propose therefore to hold them still here in readiness to proceed to Bombay the first favorable opportunity should the Gentlemen there continue to be in want of them: & the situation of affairs will enable us to dispense with this force We shall in the meanwhile be obliged to you for such information as you may think proper to afford us regarding the assistance which your proposals of calling from Bengal & the Dangers you may have further found in consequence of the present state of the Government at Poonah

In your Letter of the 4th Febr you acknowledge the receipt of ours dated the 16th January & promise us your sentiments upon it shortly: we hope in consequence that you will be pleased to favor us with them as soon as possible.

We have the Honor to be

Hon'ble Sirs

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants

Tho's Rumbold

Jon Call

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At a Consultation present

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

Monday the 4th May

Minutes of last Consultation read
Read the following Letter from

Mr George Baker

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Geo: Baker on the subject of his Contract

It is with extreme reluctance that I again trouble your Honble Board on the subject of my contract with the Honble Company for furnishing this Factory & Garrison with fresh Water: but the necessity I am under of proceeding to England, or elsewhere by the first opportunity, in hope of bettering my health, will I trust plead an excuse for this my last address.

As my Letter of the 8th November last to your Honble Board, & Mr Secretary Pickeley's Letter of the 15th of the same month in answer thereto, will lead you to a detail of what has passed on this occasion previous to those periods, it will be needless for me to remark on the subject further than to observe,

That the spot of ground round our Wells, meant to be kept clear of such nuisancies as it is now subject to, for the preservation of the

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purity of the water in them, has not yet been put under my care for that purpose.

I pray leave to remind you, that the Reservoirs are not yet constructed.

In the above mentiond address I clearly pointed out to your Honble Board (what you yourselves will on inspection of the Covenant of agreement as clearly see the truth of Vizt) that seventy two hogsheads of Water, is the quantity which I stand engagd to furnish the Honble Company with daily from a Reservoir in the Fort, for the use of the Factory & Garrison (& which is about twice as much good water as they were before furnishd with for the same sum which I have agreed to accept for this service) but, by some mistake I must presume, Mr Secretary Oakeley in his favor of the 15th November last to me, has the following Paragraph.

"With respect to the supplies of "water for the Garrison, Governors Garden house &c "The President & Council would have them furnishd "as they were formerly by the Paymaster."

Permit Honble Sir & Sirs to remark to you, on this Paragraph.

First, that though by a just comparison of what was heretofore done by the Paymaster, with what I have undertaken to do for the same sum the advantages of my Contract to the Company may be made evident. Yet, as my agreement has no direct or immediate reference to what the Paymaster did do, as to furnishing the Garrison &c with water, his conduct can be no rule for the guidance of your very

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respectfull Servant.

Secondly, supposing what the Paymaster did do, were the standard or rule for my conduct, yet your Honble Board would, I may presume in that case be less pleased with the quantity of good water which he did formerly furnish & deliver at certain places in the Fort than with about twice that quantity (viz. seventy two Hogsheads) which I stand engaged to deliver you daily from a Reservoir in the Fort, for the service that he received.

If your Honble Board are desirous of relinquishing about half the seventy two Hogsheads which I am obliged to deliver you daily from a Reservoir in the Fort in consideration of my delivering the quantity that the Paymaster used to do, & in the manner that he did it, I might readily acquiesce in your pleasure.

But then you would I apprehend after the ample supply you have now been so long used to, find inconveniencies from it that you may not perhaps be aware of: and on this occasion I humbly conceive it to be my duty, thus previously to intimate to you, what your Honble Board might not perhaps be otherwise apprized of.

The Soldiery who used to be furnish'd with water for drinking from the North Glacis or Esplanade by Carts or Parties sensible of the change in their favor, are but too tenacious of the priviledge they now enjoy of taking such water from a cock in their quarters even to cook & wash with (tho' they have wells of brackish water in the same Yard sunk for those purposes) as they would heretofore have

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been happy to have had for drinking only, Sirs, as the Soldiery but ill brook being limited to the quantity that we stand engaged to furnish. A regard to this circumstance, has during the late unsettled state of affairs here, made us less rigid as to the quantity delivered, than we should otherwise have been, or may here after be. Your Honble Board will therefore please to consider, whether being furnished with the quantity in the manner that the Paymaster used to do it, be more eligible than being furnished with the seventy two hogsheads which I stand engaged to deliver you daily from a Reservoir in the Fort, but which quantity we must however, if you please, for your convenience, deliver from Cocks at the following Places in the Fort, where the use of steams principally to require it, viz. The Kings Barracks, in which the Sixth of the Garrison is generally quarter'd. The gorge of the new Bastion, where the other part of the Garrison is now Easy'd, & at a place on the South of the Parade near the Town Majors Office. At one two, or all three of those Places but at no other (unless it should be considered as more eligible at the Reservoir) we mean in future to deliver these seventy two hogsheads for the use of the Factory and Garrison. If your Honble Board should require more it must be Delivered on the Terms of the Contract.

As I mean to proceed by the first Ships to England if my health will allow me to undertake the Voyage, or, to go into the Country for the benefit of it, I hope I may have your permission for those purposes, in either case I shall commit

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the care, or transfer the property of my works to some Gen.
tleman whom shall be made known (& who I trust
may be acceptable) to your Honble Board. To you
I owe great difference & respect, & in every relative to
my contract, I shall finally submit to the equitable
determination of the Honble Company themselves.

Pardon I pray you this trouble and
permit me to be with great respect.

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
George Baker

Fort St George
27th April 1770

The Board have only to remark
on the foregoing Letter 1st that with respect to the spot
of ground round the wells intended to be put under
Mr Baker's care, the Proprietors of some part of it re-
main still to be satisfied for which they are to give up
on this occasion, their claims are now under the consi-
deration of the Committee of Works who have Orders
to settle them by granting the Proprietors if possible
an equivalent of ground elsewhere 2.dly with regard to
the Bombproof Reservoirs the Board came to a reso-
lution the 27th Ultimo concerning it, & they hope in
consequence that it will be soon finished. 3.dly in respect
to the mode of supplying the 72 Hogsheads of water
which Mr Baker is obliged by his Contract to fur-
nish daily for the use of the Factory & Garrison,
the Board are of opinion that by the Terms of that
Contract, Mr Baker is only bound to deliver the
said water from a Reservoir in the Fort, such as he
proposes notwithstanding for the convenience of the

Orders in conse-
quence

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Garrison to deliver it at one two or three Cocks in different parts of the Fort, the Board approve of this mode & resolve accordingly that the quantity of water abovementioned be delivered from three Cocks, one in the Kings Barracks, one in the gorge of the new Bastion & one on the Southside of the Parade near the Town Majors Office. It is further ordered that the Officers and Soldiers in Garrison be acquainted with this resolution that they may conform to it.

Read the following letter from Mr. Benjamin Roebuck.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Mr. Roebuck in answer to Mootal Chitty's complaint

I have had the honor of receiving from your Secretary a copy of a Petition of Avela Muttal Chitty — as in one part of the Petition there is an attack on my Character, I am under the necessity of troubling the Honble with an answer to it.

The Committee of works on the 7th of April 1777 transmitted to the Governor & Council Copys of Mootal Chitty's & other Proposals, which they had received for supplying the Honble Company with Bricks & Chunam — a letter from the Committee also accompanied the Proposals, mentioning their reasons for recommending those of Mr. Strange & myself in preference to Mr. Boileau's or any other, & giving as their reasons why they thought Mootal Chitty's proposals should not be accepted, "that he had been formerly a Poor

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"at the Brick Kiln's, was a man of no property required "to be paid in advance for the Bricks, & had not given "in his Proposals, till after the expiration of the time limited "for receiving them". The Honble Board on the 14th of April determind to accept of the Proposals given in by Mr. Strange & me, & ordered a Contract to be drawn out — Mootal Chitty Proposals were not therefore rejected by Mr. Mackay but by the Governor & Council.

After the falsehood of what is insinuated in one part of the Petition is so clearly demonstrated, little credit will be given to what remains, it can never be supposed that I should engage a Man who was not worth a fanam, to serve me as Dubash in a business where some thousand Pagodas must pass monthly thro' his hands — I declare to the Honble Board that I never had any engagements with Mootal Chitty that I should not know him were he brought before me, & that I did not converse with any black man upon the business, prior to my engagement with the Honble Company, except Trevengadiah Braminy who was Mr. Sulivan's Dubash when he held the Contract

Mootal Chitty has by a calculation, grossly false & evidently intended to mislead endeavoured to prove that the Honble Company will be very considerable loosers by not accepting of his Proposals, The Contract in which I am engag'd is not to continue, as he has advanced for five, but for three years, & a supply of one season amounting to about 400 Lac will compleat the Fortifications instead of the quantity on which

he has founded his calculation, his conclusion therefore admitting that he could fulfill his engagement at 83 Pagodas a lac is false, but it is well known to Mr. Whitehill the head of the Committee of Works that Mr. Sulivan was a looser of part of the principal & the interest of a very considerable capital employd in the business, at an average Price of 95 Pagodas a lac & if it will be any satisfaction to the Honble Board I am ready to produce his accounts which are in my possession.

It may be proper here to observe for the information of the Honble Board that a considerable advance on the price paid for firewood by former Contractors has been necessarily made by Mr. Strange & myself owing to the Pollams & Madras being almost entirely outdoor [illegible] for the same reason been under the [illegible] had the honinging considerable quantities of firewood by sea at an expensive rate.

I must take the liberty of remarking, that the petition has been delivered at a time when the only two Gentlemen who composed the Committee of Works, & whom it is expressly meant to attack, had left this Coast, & I have no doubt from the falsehood which has been advanced in the Petition, but the Honble Board will be convinced that under the specious appearance of a calculation envy & Malice instead of the Interest of the Honble Company are the causes which have produced it.

I have

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I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

B. Roebuck

Fort St George
27th April 1770

agreed that the foregoing Letter with the Petition of Avela Mootee Chitty be referred to the Committee of works that they may report whether the case be as Mr Roebuck has stated it ~

The Comme of wks to report upon

agreed also that the Committee be desired to cause the materials provided by the Contractors to be particularly examined from time to time & report whether the quantity & quality of them be conformable to the terms of the Contract & also whether the Inhabitants are supplied with good & proper materials agreeably to the intent & meaning of the said Contract.

Read the following Letter from

Mr Ogilvie at Vellore.

To Charles Oakley Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From Mr Ogilvie with acct charges making Gunpowder

In answer to yours of the 24th Ult. I will be pleased to acquaint the Honble Board, that the Rabob is at no expence by the manufactoring of Gunpowder at Vellore as the Storekeeper does not receive the least assistance from his Manager in procuring the necessary ingredients, which are provided occasionally and

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charged as p the inclosed account, exclusive of Saltpetre, Brimstone & Barrels which are sent from Madras; I can deliver the gunPowder into to the Company's Stores, at the rate of twenty one Pagodas fifteen fanams p Candy, & in consequence of the orders of the Honble Board, I am preparing to make as much as I possibly can over & above the quantity wanted for the use of the Garrison, and agreable to the extract from the minutes of the Committee of Stores, the manner of preparing the Powder for proof shall be strictly attended to.

Part of the walls of Major Hopkins's house being built with mud & Bricks are so much crack'd as to be unable to bear a new proof, to rebuild eleven feet of the wall next to round the house & put on a new roof, including Carpenters & Bricklayers works will cost seven hundred & fifty five Pagodas, if the roof is not taken off before our rains sett in next month, it will be unin habitable, these quarters have been a constant monthly expence owing to the badness of the materials it was originally built with.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Jas. E. Ogilvie

Storekr.

Vellore
4 May 1778

Charges

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Charges of Making One Candy of Gunpowder at Vellore

		P.	P.	Ct.
181 Men Coolies	@ 2.. 10 each	8..	32..	50
132 Women Do.	@ 1.. 20 each	3..	32..	"
Firewood		"	39..	"
Charcoal		"	37..	"
Camphire		"	7..	"
Oil		"	15..	"
Beteelas		"	7..	40
Allum & Stone Chunam		"	15..	"
Baskets Brooms & Country Sives		"	20..	"
Potts & Pans		"	6..	"
Buzar Stuff ~~Ot~~ Salalmoniack Garlick &ca.		"	7..	70
Arrack		5..	6..	"
	Pags.	21..	15..	"

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Ts Ogilvie Stoneker.

The Board wish to know from Mr Ogilvie the price of the gunPowder including SaltPetre, Brimstone, & every other Article which must be provided & paid for by him — SaltPetre will be delivered from the Company's Stores at the usual Price.

With regard to the estimate for repairing Major Hopkins's house the Board think it very high & it is agreed therefore to desire Mr Ogilvie will inquire whether there be any other house in which he can be accommodated —

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Read the following Letter from Captain Barclay

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Captain Barclay with Intelligence. Mahomed Hussain applies for protection

I beg leave to inform you that Mahomed Hussan who had the collecting in the Guntoor Circar the Jointure of the late Beggam, the mother of Basalut Jung; but who on his death was drove by the French interest out of that Country, and came here last June when Captain Duncan Commanded, he wrote to the Honble Board requesting the Company's protection, by Mr. Oakeley's letter to Captain Duncan by order of the President & Council he is directed to afford Mahomed Hussan the protection he requests till he hears further from them & that they intend shortly to take his letter of the 11th of June into consideration. He waited on me this day & told me that a Servant of his that day arrived from Adonie, informd him that the Maharatta Army & the Nizam's under the Command of his General Ibram beg had decampd & taken the road to Poonah, that after marching thirty course, they had halted & that the Generals of both Armies had written a joint letter to the Nizam, requesting that he would permit his Army to go along with the Maharatta Army to support the ministerial interest at Poonah, against Ragobah; He further says

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that now the Rahratta & Nizams Army are marchd
to a greater distance from Adonie that Basalut Jung
is afraid that Hyder Ally intends investing his Capie.
that for that he is putting it in the best posture of de-
fence & is preparing to send his Women to a place
of more strength &c

I am with great respect.
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
P. Barclay

Angole
26th April 1770

The President acquaints the
Board that he has written to Mahommed Hussain
to come to the Presidency of which it is agreed to
inform Captain Barclay

Read the following Letter
from Major Stevens to the Secretary:

To Charles Oakeley
Sir

In answer to your Letter of the
23d of April enclosing a List of Timber for Sale at
Pagapatam, I have now to inform you that the
following part thereof is wanted at Tanjore.

From Major Stevens
re List of Timber
wanted at Tanjore

		Feet long	In Square
160	Timbers	21 to 22	8 to 10
40	Do	21 to 22	7 —
30	Do	21 to 22	5 to 6
15	Do	20	8 to 7
40	Do	20	6 to 7

Captain Dugood writes me
that he has not been able to find out the different

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Prices, but he tells me he understands it is reasonable. I herewith return you the list

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
3d May 1778

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Wm. Stevens
Dr. Engr.

Ordered that the list of Timber wanted at Tanjore be sent to Mr. Jones the Paymaster, that he may enquire & let us know the price of it.

Read the following letter from Mr. James Call.

To Mr. Secretary Oakeley

Sir

From Mr. J. Call wt. acct. of the half mounting

I have recevd your letters of the 9th & 30th Ultimo & should have replied to the former in due time, if I could have obtaind the necessary accounts to lay before the Board conformable to their Orders therein containd. on enquiry I find Mr. McPherson delivered in his accounts for 1776 in July or August that year, as will appear on reference to the Consultations about that period, tho' he sent in his account Current so early, I understand, the Sepoy half-mounting was not issued for some Months after Mr. Mordaunt, I believe recevd no advances of Cash as he held the employ only a few days.

With regard to Captn. McKenzie's letter I have only to observe that the deficiency be

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therein complains of, would I suppose have been notified had he made his application to the former Agent in a proper time, It is hard that the Sepoys should suffer, but it is still more so that I should be responsible for any deficiency or mismanagement that happen'd near 4 Years before I held this employ.

The time for dispatching or issuing out the halfmounting depends on the advances of Cash from the Treasury, which was last year very late, as will appear by the Secretary's receipt Book.

I have recov'd about 19000 Pag.s & have supplied 14 Battalions, the other 7 will be furnish'd with their halfmounting in the course of this month, when I shall deliver in my account Current.

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
3d May 1778.

Your most Obedient Servant
James Call
Agent

The Board are not satisfied with the foregoing letter from Mr. Call, it seems to be implied in the first Paragraph that all the halfmounting for 1776 was delivered & if so, Captain McKenzie's Battalion must have been supplied amongst the rest, of this however Mr. Call may inform himself with more certainty by proper enquiry & it is resolv'd therefore to repeat the order before given him to ascertain whether there has been really that deficiency, which Captain McKenzie complains of in his letter.

The Board not satisfied with his account

Read the following letter from Lt. Colonel McLellan Quarter Master General.

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Honble Sirs & Gentlemen

In obedience to your Commands I have examind the Hospitals & Surgeons Quarters at Poonamalee.

From Lt Colonel McLellan reports upon the Hospitals at Poonamalee

There are three Buildings which have been appropriated for Hospitals, one within the Fort is so situated that no breath of fresh air ever can blow into it, to remove the sick from thence became therefore absolutely necessary.

The principal Hospital without the Fort consists of two Pindalls, under different roofs joining each other in parallel lines. The roofs are of thatch & the walls of mud; where the eaves of the roofs meet it is impossible to prevent some water from soaking thro' in heavy rains, a gutter however made of Cocoa nut tree, carried the whole length of the Hospital & clear of the walls on the outside would greatly remedy the inconvenience of at a most trifling expence, The roofs & mud walls want some small repairs; but what appears immediately necessary to be done is to make wooden shutters for the windows, at present there are only pieces of matts patched up, so that the sick men suffer severely in cold nights.

The other Hospital is also a Pindall in rather better repair than the one I have just spoak of. But it is too narrow for two rows of Bedsteads. There are in it about 25 Men & it is rather crowded.

Having been told that a number of Pindalls which had been built during Lord Pigots Government were unoccupied I examind them

in hopes that some of them might have been converted into Hospitals, but they had been originally built on so slight a plan that they are now all in ruins.

A new Hospital is certainly much wanted at Poonamalee & I should suppose that if your Honor & Co. should approve of it, one might be built large enough to contain sixty Men of Mud & brick walls at a very small expence as the Pinduls which are in so ruinous a state as to be unfit for the quarte-ring of Troops would furnish a great part of the wood that would be requir'd & Bricks are I am informd very cheap; if however the Honble Board think proper I shall prepare & lay an estimate be-fore them.

Should temporary repairs be resol-ved on, I conceive that they would be cheapest done under the directions of the Commanding Officer on the Spot by the People immediately about the Fort.

I examin'd the Surgeons quar-ters, they are much the best at Poonamalee except those occupied by the two Field Officers, perhaps a little fresh thatch & a few new Palmyras Rafters may be wanted before the Rains, to make them perfectly water tight.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Alex.r McLellan

D.y Ad.t Genral

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Resolved that the Quarter Master General be desired to give in an estimate of building an Hospital at Poonamalee agreably to the plan he proposes

Read the following letter from Cuddalore.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Cuddalore with Indent of Stores

We herewith transmit you an Indent of Stores &ca which are wanted for Captain Billcliffs Battalion of Sepoys & therefore request your honor &ca will be pleased to comply with it as soon as possible.

We remain with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Willm Cuming
Js Daniel
E. W. Fallofield
R. Guy

Cuddalore
28th April 1778

Agreed that the Indent enclosed in the above letter be referr'd to the Committee of Stores

The President lays before the Board the following bill presented to him by Captain Tonyn late Commandant of the European Troop.

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The Honble Company Dr

Capt Torryn presents a bill to the Board.

To one horse purchas'd in the month of April 1774 to replace one that by order of George Dawson Esqr Chief of Cuddalore	200.. ..	
To one officers horse purchas'd in the month of December 1774 to replace on grey horse lost on service as P Return	250.. ..	
To one Troopers horse purchas'd in the month of April 1775 to replace one lost on service	200.. ..	
To 6 Lascars at 2 Pag.s each P month not issued by the Cuddalore Paymaster for the Months of August, Septemr. Novemr. and December 1775, Janry. Febry. March May. June. July, August, Septemr. October Novemr & Decemr 1776 – 15 Months	180.. ..	
To 3 Peckallies at 3 Fs. 8 P each for Ditto	143.. 24	
To Camps. colowman at 4 Fs. P diem Do.	43.. 22	
To 4 Coolies cleaning barracks @ 1 Pagoda P Month each for Ditto	60.. ..	
To 6 Lascars at 2 Pags. each P Month not issued by the Cuddalore Paymaster for the Months of Janry. Febry. March, April May. June & July 1777. 7 Months	84.. ..	
To 3 Peckallies @ 3 Fs. 8 P. P. Month each Do	67.. ..	
To 1 Camps. Colowman @ 4 Fs. P Diem for Do 217 Days	20.. ..	
To 4 Coolies cleaning Barracks @ 1 Fs. P month each for Ditto	28.. ..	
	Pags. 1276.. 4	

J. C. Torryn Capt

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Orders of the Board thereon

The Board cannot help expressing some surprise that a bill for charges of so long standing should now be presented for Payment, & that they are not less surprised at some of the Articles in the account particularly the charges for Lascars, Coolies, Puckalies &ca all of which appear contrary to the regulations; however before the Board pass any order upon this bill resolved that Captain Tomyn be desired to explain whether it was presented in due time for Payment, & if it was why the Payment hath been so long delay'd, also by what authority the several Charges were incurr'd.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Thompson

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President & Governor & the rest of the Council
of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Thompson his demand on the Nabob

In compliance with your Orders I think it my duty to inform you of my having a demand of seven thousand, four hundred sixty & six star Pagodas on his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick, due by his bond of the 1st September 1777.

About a Year ago I was concern'd in lending Mr. Thomas Davis a sum of money to that amount, exclusive of his, and as joint security for the payment, I had this bond of his Highness's lodg'd in my hands; since this debt became due, I have frequently demanded payment

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of Mr Davis, but without success, & I have now no resource but his Highness's Bond for the recovery of my property. I therefore hope & entreat the Honble Board will permit me to make my demand accordingly, & not deem me remiss, or negligent of their Orders, by not having inform'd them of this sooner, for till within these eight days I had fatt'ering hopes of being paid by Mr Davis, therefore could not think myself any ways concern'd with the Nabob as a Country Power, more particularly as this business did not originate by any transaction of mine at the Durbar.

I have the Honor to remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

with the most profound respect

Your most Obedient &

most humble Servant

Chas Thompson

Fellore April 27th 1778.

Read the following Letter from

Mr James Lamballais.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs.

In the beginning of the Year

Mr Lamballais applies to be restored to the Service

1775 laboring under a very bad state of health, I did myself the honor to address the Honble the Governor & Council for permission to resign the Honble Company's Service, to go to Europe for recovery of my health, & requesting to be mention'd in such manner to the Honble the Court of Directors, as

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would procure their permission to return to the Coast
with my rank, I had then as I imagin'd secur'd my-
self a passage on the Seahorse, but found my error
just when on the point of her departure, when the
Captain inform'd me he could not accommodate me, other
ways should have undoubtedly gone in full assurance
of my wish being granted, having receiv'd a verbal
answer from the Secretary, that my letter were re-
ceiv'd by the Hon'ble Board, who had accepted my re-
signation, The Secretary in his reply, made no men-
tion of the Hon'ble Board's dissenting to any part
of my request. Before the departure of any other Ship
I found myself recovering, & being recommended change
of air left Madras in hopes of effecting it without
the necessity of going to Europe; my expectations were
answered my health return'd after some time, Being
then to the Northward, at the instigation of some
Friends, accepted the charge of some Troops in the
Service of Rajah Vizeram Rauze at the time, hoping
to have permission to remain with him, & in applica-
tion to return to my station in the Hon'ble Compa-
Service, this application was retarded by the revolt
in Government & its consequences, when there wh
a probability of the Rajah's becoming troublesom
to the Hon'ble Company discoursing with him on
the subject of his fidelity, the Rajah putting the ques-
tion, if I would remain with him, I immediately
gave him the Rajah to understand my indignation
at such a proposal, by delivering up the charge of
his Troops & quitting his Service, when give me
leave Hon'ble Sir & Sirs to say I had a very good

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prospect of fortune. I trust these Considerations will have sufficient weight to restore me to the rank I formerly held in the Service, equally the same as if I had gone to Europe & return'd by permission from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors — I have the honor to subscribe myself with consideration

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most respectfull and very faithfull Servant

Jas. Lamballais

Fort St. George
3d May 1778

Ordered to lye on the Table

Read the following Letter from Messrs Daubignac & Chevreau at Pondicherry

To the Hon'ble Mr. Rumbold & the Gentlemen of Council at Madras

Gentlemen

seven mariners part of the Complement of the Snow Louisa Elizabeth, Captn. Lesongere at present in this Road deserted from on board on the night of the 28th or 29th Instant carrying with them the Ships Boat and at the same time stealing a box which was on Freight the Contents of which we know not. The names of the Deserters are

Julian Evanon Carpenter
Francis Rodrigue Mariner
Charles Mergonée Do
Tanigere Bairee Do
Jean Jaques Bourgois Do
Oliver Lashleh Do

from Messrs Daubignac & Chevreau
[illegible]ring our assis-
[illegible]tance in taking
seven deserters
from the Louisa

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Yeer Bellet Mariner

These Deserters are gone either to Madras or to some other of your Settlements, we doubt not Gentlemen, & we request that you will give the necessary Orders for their being returnd to us wherever they may be found within the limits of your Dependencies. We have the greatest reason to hope you will pay attention to our representation on this head as it is the peculiar interest of the English Nation that Deserters & Robbers, such as we claim should be delivered, that they may not by escaping with impunity introduce a practice so bainfull to the Commerce of a Nation.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

Pondicherry
30th April 1778

Dalbignac Cheureau

Agreed to inform Messrs Dalbignac & Cheureau that the six Seamen mentioned in their letter are not arrived here, nor have we any intelligence concerning them.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Davis to the President advising of the Death of Ensign Thomas Carey.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
Governor and President of
Fort St. George

From Lt. Davis
Ensign Thos. Carey
dies

Honble Sir

Ensign Thomas Carey of Captn Murphy's Battalion received in this Garrison some

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days ago with from Camps, deceased yesterday evening about
five o'clock

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
G. Davis. Lieut. Comm.

Vizagapatam
April the 26. 1770

Agreed that Ensign Salmon be
appointed a Practitioner Engineer to rank the youngest
of that Corps next below Ensign Baltaries.

Read Letter from Hyder Ally
as entered in Country Correspondence Pro. 67 compli-
menting the President on his taking charge of the
Government & expressing his regard & friendship
for the Company

Tho. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro

D. Perring

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Wrote the following letter to Mr. Benfield

To Mr. Paul Benfield

Sir

To Mr. Benfield offering him the Contract for a Bombproof Cistern

The President & Council having [illegible] mind that a bombproof Cistern shall be constructed [illegible] the Fort, sufficient to contain a quantity of water [illegible] to the supply of six thousand men for four months [illegible] quarts p. man for one day & being desirous that [illegible] hindrance as possible should be caused by this [illegible] king, to the necessary works now carrying on [illegible] Fortifications, they have in that view resol[illegible] the most eligible way of executing it will be [illegible] mitting the Contractor for the works, to construct [illegible] building on the same Terms that he executes the [illegible] tifications — I am ordered in consequence to mak[illegible] you the offer of the said building on these Terms a[illegible] to acquaint you at the same time that the [illegible] Board wish to have it begun immediately [illegible] & finish'd with all possible expedition.

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
9th May 1770

Your most Obedient Servant

Charles Oakeley
Secretary

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq
Governor President

Monday 11th May

John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read.

General Munro lays before the Board the following Letter to him from Captain Godfrey

To General Munro
Commander in Chief &c

Sir

In obedience to your order I send you a monthly Return of the 12th Battalion of Sepoys by which you will please to observe I have one Subadar when the first five additional Battalions were raised Recommended three Jemidars to be promoted, & their commissions were sent me, one of them not being so active & diligent on the recruiting Service as the rest. By permission of the Governor & Council his commission was suppressed, should you judge Sir he has sufficiently suffered for his neglect, your permission to give him the Commission will be esteemed a favor done him who is with respect

Sir

your most Obdt Hble Servt
Robert Godfrey

Vagore
May 5th 1778

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Agreed that Captain Godfrey be permitted to give the Commission to the Subadar mention'd in his letter.

Read the following letter from the Chief at Anjengo.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President and Governor of
Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir

Letter from Anjengo enclosing packet from Bombay.

I have the honor to enclose you a Packet from the Hon'ble the President & Council of Bombay, & at the same time to acquaint you that the Ships Revenge, Bombay Grab, Concord are hourly expected & that the Eagle Snow is already arrived here & now waiting for the Troops expected here from Madras, & I take the liberty further to acquaint you that on account the Season being so far advanced, the Ships cannot possibly wait here longer than the 5th of May at farthest, which I thought proper to state to you that you might give such directions for their [illegible] as to you may appear most eligible.

The Rippon Sir Edward Vernon & two other King's Ships are passing Anjengo this moment.

The Bestboro' was met at onore by the Eagle about a week ago, every body well.

I have the honor to subscribe
Hon'ble Sir

Anjengo
26th April 1778.

Your very Obedient and
most humble Servant
Pr Torlesse

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The letter from Bombay enclosed in the above is a Duplicate of that entered in Consultation the The Board having already written to Bombay concerning the Troops, the above letter requires no remark.

Read the following letter from Captain Alcock

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
Governor President & Co. Council
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

On the 27th Ult. I did myself the honor of addressing this Hon'ble Board, on the subject of Sepoy Clothing, in reply to a letter from the Military Secretary on that head. To Major General Munro I delivered a Memorandum, which I find he has communicated to this Hon'ble Board. I now beg leave Hon'ble Sir & Sirs, to lay my address on the subject immediately before you, for your further consideration, observing that I have my Articles of agreement, & Musters of Clothing ready for inspection.

From the following Statement you will be able to form a judgment, how far my proposals will be consistent with the Interest of the Hon'ble Company the good of the Service & the advantage & satisfaction of the 29 Captains

	Pags. Fs. Ct.
The Agents charge for clothing 29 Battns of Sepoys & one Company of Marksmen is	36,058.22.32½
Allowance to 29 Captains for off reckonings	14,500.[illegible]
	50,558.22.32½

From Captain [illegible] wt. Pro[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] Sepoy Clothing

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	Brt over 50.550.. 22.32½
The amount of Stoppages from 29 Battns of Sepoys & one Company of Marksmen is	45.019.. .. ..
Loss sustained by Hon.ble Comp.y	5.539.. 22.32½

From whence it appears, the Interest of the Honble Company will be, in a saving of Pagodas 5.539.. 22.32½. The good of the Service from the clothing being made to fit, having a better & more Soldier like appearance, & being delivered in good time; & the Captains being satisfied, with regularly receiving their full allowance. As for the amount of the full Stoppages, for the establishment of Sepoys, in the Honble Company's Service on this Coast, I will furnish a complete set of clothing annually, agreable the musters, I will now produce, & pay the Sepoy Captains their full allowance of 500 Pagodas; provided this Honble Board will secure the same to me, for & during a term of Years, to be regulated by articles to be made for the purpose of better conducting the business. The only Article (as I have formerly observed) which I desire the Honble Company to be at an expence for, is an allowance for House & Godown Rent.

I have only further to request of this Honble Board, that I may be permitted in Person to deliver my Proposals, to explain them in a particular manner; which would be trespassing too much on their time to commit to Paper, also, instantly to reply to any observations thereon, & rectify any objections.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
8th May 1778

Your most respectfull and most obedient Servant
H. Robt. Alcock

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Ordered that a copy of the above
Letter be sent to the Sejoy Agent
Read the following Letter from
Major Stevens

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your commands
thro' the first Secretary Oakeley of the 24th Ultimo I now
do myself the honor to lay before you an estimate
of the ——— & the Repairs and additions wanted
at the Admiralty & Governors Garden house.

I have been entirely to my own
Estimate I applied to the Contractor for Repairs &c
for an Estimate of such additions as are wanted
at the Governors Garden house & having received
from him in answer thereto a letter under date
the 6th Instant I beg leave to enclose a Copy for
your perusal, He offers to execute them for four
teen thousand Pagodas in my Estimate thereof
is fourteen thousand three hundred and thirty
forty one fanams thirty Cash.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Stevens
Dr Engr.

Fort St George
6th May 1778

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Estimate of Repairs and Additions at the Admiralty & Honble Company's Garden House

Admiralty

66 Squares of fine Chunam @ 7 Ps.		462.- .-
12	Cutting 12	144.- .-
5 Doors @ 30 Pagodas each		150.- .-
2 Windows @ 25		50
100 Square Yards of white Painting in Ceiling Doors & @ 3 fans P Sq. Yd		12. 36.-
35 Sqr Yards of wood Ceiling @ 2 fans P Square Yard		2. 24.-
11 Square of paving @ 7 Ps. P Square		77.- .-
White washing & cleaning throughout		150.- .-

Garden House

Additional rooms as P particular Estimate

120 1/2 Squares of Chunaming @ 7 Pagodas P Square		899.21.-
842 Feet of Common Chunaming @ 6 1/2 Fanams		130. 13.-
366 Sqr Yards of white Painting in ceiling @ 3 fans Pr Sqr Yard		26. 6.-
83 Squar Yards of white Paint in Doors and Windows @ 3 fans P Sqr Yard		6. 3.-
216 D. Wood ceiling @ 2 1/2 fanams	12. 36.-	1074.37.-

Pagodas 1614. 12. 30

Ft. St. George
5th May 1770.

William Stevens
Dy Engineer

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Estimate of the Expence of building Additional rooms at the Hon'ble Company's Garden house

80342 Cubic Feet of Brick work in Clay @ 1.60 ℘ Cubic foot		3347.24.40
11195 Cubic feet of brick work in Chunam @ 2.60 ℘ Cubic foot		732.27.30
376 Square of Chunaming @ 7 Pos ℘ Sqr		2633.31.40
177 Paving	5½	973.21.–
96 Cuting	11	1056.–
108 Terras	11	1188.–
Finishing & putting up about 4186 Cubic feet of Timber & Plank in roofs Lintels Floors of Rooms & Galleries, & Stair cases @ 3/4 Pag. ℘ Cub foot		3139.21.–
42 Doors Compleat @ 30 Pag. each		1260.–
	Pagodas	14330.41.30

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Entered in the general Estimate

Williams Stevens
Dr. Engr.

Major Stevens
Chief Engineer

Sir,

I have made an Estimate of the expence of the buildings designd for the Governor's Gardens & will execute them agreable to the Plan laid down for fourteen thousand Pagodas Ps. 14000 / the necessary advances being made me for providing of Materials.

As I have many Artificers who at this time have but little to do, as soon as I receive an

Mr. Barrow's Ho. [illegible] for the above

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order for this business, I could employ them in getting in readiness the doors Timbers &c

I am

Sir

Fort St George
6th May 1778

Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(sign'd) Edn^d Garrow

A true Copy
Wm Stevens Dr Engr

The President in consequence of [illegible] the above Letter & Estimates desires to enter the following Minute

President's Minute on the subject

The very bad condition of the Gov[illegible]vernment Houses both in Town & at the Garden's ind[illegible] me to request that they might be put in pro[illegible] repa[illegible] fitted up conveniently for my residence! The Gar[illegible] house in particular is so small & exceedingly in[illegible] for the [illegible]nient that I wish'd an addition might be ma[illegible] two or three rooms to it as the great encrease of [illegible] ment & the Company I am as Governor under the [illegible] ty of entertaining cannot be accommodated in [illegible] of the houses, allotted to the Governor & with diff[illegible] hold his Family, — but considering the Estimate [illegible] in by Major Stevens of upwards of sixteen th[illegible] Pagodas of which sum fourteen thousand will [illegible] quir'd for the additional rooms, I do not think [illegible] authoriz'd to desire the expenditure of so large a [illegible] the Company's Money without their permission [illegible] I may be distress'd for accommodation — I sha[illegible] their directions & shall at present only request th[illegible] will make a proper representation in our next [illegible]

[illegible] ecessi[illegible] ther [illegible] ully [illegible] gover [illegible] usand [illegible] bere. [illegible] myself [illegible] um of [illegible] however [illegible] wait [illegible] Board [illegible] general

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Letter to the Company of the necessity of some addition being made to the Houses for the accommodation of the Governor, & that they write direct the Admiral, & Gardens to be put in the repair agreeable to the estimate, without the additional rooms, & also direct to order payment of such sums as may have been laid out for necessary Plate & Furniture an account of which I shall lay before them.

"

Resolved that the Presidents several requests be complied with & that Orders be immediately issued for the necessary Repairs to the admiralty & Gardon-house.

Read the following Letter from Lieut Colonel Fitzgerald commanding at Tanjore.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 29th April, & shall send Michael Myers under a guard of Sepoys to morrow for the Presidency

I must also acquaint you that there is another Man that deserted with the Prisoner now at Negapatam, his name is Lawrence Dirselemon & goes now by the name of Ladowick Thorne.

Lieut Colonel Fitz Gerald Lawrence Dirselemans deserts to Negapatam

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient & humble Servant

I. Fitz Gerald

Tanjore
2d May 1778

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Agreed that Laurence Driseleman who is supposed to have gone to Negapatam be demanded of the Dutch conformably to the Terms of the Cartel.

Read the following Letter from Mr. James Call to the Secretary

To Mr. Secretary Oakeley

Sir

From Mr. Call
Capt. McKenzie's
receipt for half
mounting for
1776

In consequence of your Letter of the 8th Instant, I made application to Mr. McKenzie's Attornies for an examination of his accounts relating to the Sepoy half mounting for the Year 1776 have obtain'd their permission, I was very particular in my investigation of his accounts from the time he took charge of the employ to the time of his removal & had the satisfaction to find them very clear & regular & the receipts from the different Captains corresponding exactly with his annual account current, a Copy of Captain McKenzie's receipt, for 1776 comes enclosed & I request you will lay before the Honble President & Council, hoping it will remove every doubt they entertain'd

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
10th May 1776.

Your most Obedient Servant
James Call

Agent

Sir

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Sir

Received by your Conveyance Bonds for the 6th Battalion of Sepoys sent & agreeable to your Return, which this receipt for it.

I am

Sir

Your humble and most obedient Servant

(signed) C. Mackenzie

Fort St George
9th March 1770

Resolved that a Copy of the above Letter & receipt be sent to Captain Mackenzie.

Read the following Letter from

Ganjam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we transmit your Honor &c a Copy of a letter received from Mr. Hughes respecting the manufacturing of Gunpowder. We are of Opinion that the Terms proposed by Mr Hughes are advantageous to the Company, & we beg Leave to recommend to your Honor &c that they be accepted of.

We have the honor to be very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
R. Maunsell
R. Hughes
Geo: Forster

Ganjam
24th April 1770

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To Robert Maunsell Esqr

Gen. Council of

Ganjam

Gentlemen

In consequence of the
the Hon'ble Board respecting the manufacture
powder at this place, I think it necessary to
on the subject that the matter may on accoun
lateness of the Season be brought to a determ
as soon as possible.

I will supply the Compan
this article agreable with the Terms mentioned in
Stevens's memorandum. But I hope the Hon'
Board will excuse my entering into a Penalty
performance until I have had a thorough knowle
the quality & quantity, that can be made in the
of a twelvemonth, being sensible I shall suffer suf
in case of a Failure, from the heavy expence
necessarily be put to before I can make a beginning
Fifty candy of Salt Petre is as much as will be
for the first Year, which I will pay for at are
ble, Rate, & take out of Store as I may have
sion for.

I am
Gentlemen

Ganjam
22d April 1778

very respectfully
Your very Obedient Servt
(signed) Robert Hughes

A true Copy
of Wm Barrington
Act. Secty

The Board are of Opinion that

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Mr Hughes's Proposals are reasonable, & it is agreed that he be excused from entering into any Penalty until a trial shall have been made of the quantity of Gunpowder that can be manufactured in the course of a twelve month.

His proposals accepted

Read the following letter from the Civil Storekeeper

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to lay before you an extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works & to request your Orders thereon.

I am, respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Wm Maitland
Storekr

Fort St George
30th April 1770

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

Upon enquiry the Committee find there is a considerable quantity of Timber belonging to the Company, in charge of the Storekeeper, great part of which is unserviceable — Agreed to acquaint the Storekeeper, that as we do not apprehend any part of this Timber will be wanted by the Committee, they recommend to him to represent the matter to the Board, in order to have it sold &c

A true Extract
John Balfour
Sec Com. Works

A true Copy
Wm Maitland Storekr

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Resolved that the Storekeeper be directed to sell the Timber unfit for use.

Genl. Munro's Minute respecting Ensign Atwood & Lieut. David Wilson

General Munro acquain[illegible] the Board that Lieut: John Pokely Atwood was rem[illegible] to the Invalids when an Ensign, that on his p[illegible] to the Rank of Lieutenant 30th May 1777 he w[illegible] ted to do duty with the Invalids till further O[illegible] that he is now returned in that Corps tho' he fil[illegible] in the list of Lieutenants of effective Infantry [illegible]

Ordered that the [illegible] write to Lieut: Atwood to know whether or not his [illegible] of health will permit him to do duty with the eff[illegible] Infantry that the Board may dispose of him a[illegible] dingly.

General Munro also [illegible] Lieut: David Wilson has been absent on Lea[illegible] England since August 1774, & that there is [illegible] bility of his returning to this Country again.

Ordered that he be struck of[illegible] the list of the Army.

Read the following letter [illegible]

Masulipatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam

We have had the hono[illegible] ceive of our Commands from the Military Depar[illegible] of the 13th Ultimo.

Enclosed we transmit you [illegible]

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present state of the Detachment of Europeans which arrived here yesterday from Vizagapatam, under command of Captain Edward Collins, all possible care has been taken to provide them with good Quarters.

We are with great respect

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Anth.y Sadleir

James Hodges

John P. Boileau

Thomas Barnard

Alex.r Pringle

Madrelipatam

[illegible] May 1778.

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Paul Benfield.

Mr. Charles Oakeley

Secretary

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 9th Instant — The proposed Bomb proof Cistern I will execute on the Terms, the Board have been pleas'd to mention which are the same as are already ex-press'd in my present Contract which includes that work — upon my being furnish'd with the Plan I shall commence the building & be careful to com-pleat it with all possible expedition, and if I am able to encrease the number of Coolies it will be performed with less impediment to the Fortifi-cations now in hand.

From Mr. Benfield accepts the Contract for building a Bomb proof Cistern

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I am

Sir

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Your obedient Servant
Paul Benfield

Ordered that Mr Benfield be furnish'd with a Plan of the Bomb proof Cistern that he may begin upon it as soon as possible.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Stuart.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esq.
President & Governor &ca Council of
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

My reason for having [illegible] dress'd your Honor &ca, under date the 18th of [illegible] was to express my wish that you would [illegible] any alteration of the appointments in [illegible] untill the Company's ultimate Orders [illegible] me should arrive; & I thought myself in [illegible] warranted to make the request, not only as the [illegible] Court of Directors, so far as I know, had not [illegible] any particular Orders, on that subject, but also [illegible] I there engaged to refund any sum which the [illegible] might hereafter adjudge to have been [illegible] to me more than was agreeable to them.

From Genl Stuart wt remarks on the Board's resolutions respecting his Allowances

I have since received [illegible] Mr Secretary Oakeley, in date the 1st May [illegible] Copy of resolutions concerning my allowances, where I see your Honor &ca have thought proper to make alterations in what I have hitherto been in the

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use of receiving.

The House I occupy at present, is the same in which the Late Sir Robert Fletcher lived, the proprietor, or his Attorney, have constantly in my time received in Varon, as rent, whatever it has been the pleasure of the Board to allow, & I believe that rent is more than the sum your Honor &c.a have now resolved upon.

As to proportion of allowance upon the Revenues which your Honor &c.a have been pleased to resolve shall be issued to me as usual, untill the day of General Munros arrival in the Settlement, I think myself oblig'd to your Honor &c.a for it, & yet I humbly conceive the same to be my right.

In regard to the diminution in that allowance (in future to be issued to me) untill the determination of the Company respecting me is known, without pretending to enter into any discussion with your Honor &c.a on that subject or upon the calculation on which your have been pleased to fix it, I shall with your Honor &c.a permission grant my receipt, or sign any name as upon account, for whatever Money may be issued to me in that way.

I have no difficulty to enter into an obligation to refund to the amount, or to pay back whatever part the Court of Direc-tors may decide to have been improperly issued to me

I have

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I have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George
2d May 1778.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
James Stuart

The Board having made General Stuarts' allowance as ample as they could wi[illegible] propriety, they cannot admit of his signing Receipts for them as so much on account of which the Secre[illegible] is directed to acquaint him, & to desire he wi[illegible] grant full and proper receipts for the money [illegible] may be paid to him.

Read the following letter fr[illegible] Colonel Lang to General Munro.

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief

Sir

Letter from Col: Lang representing his not having receiv'd any allowances as Commander in Chief

I beg leave thro you [illegible] the following case before the Hon'ble the Bo[illegible]

On the first of September last I was directed to proceed to the Presidency and to take the command of the Troops, in [illegible] room of General Stuart, ordered under su[illegible]sion, I immediately therefore set out from Vellore where I then commanded, and repaired to Madras, where I remaind as Commanding Officer of the Troops untill your Arrival, from the date of my said appointment I humbly

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conceive that every honor & profit annexed to the Station of Commanding Officer of the Troops belonged solely to me, but, Sir, I am to acquaint you that in the accomptants arrangement for last year I have not the usual allowance, on the contrary, as the dividend is made, I find that General Stuart who was not Commanding Officer from the first, is, notwithstanding, considered and paid as such to the twenty fifth day of September.

With due Submission to your better judgment, & that of the Honble the Board, I beg leave to ask, whether, if there be any allowance for an Officer occasionally commanding, that allowance can be the property of any Person but mine, and, whether I was not to all intents & purposes Commanding officer of the Troops from the day of General Stuarts suspension until your arrival.

I am

Sir,

Your very Obedient Servant

Ross Lang

Fort S.t George
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Ordered to Lye on the Table

Read the following Letters

from the Nabob Viz.t

Country Correspondence No.64 accompanying 4000 Pagodas on account of Peonnales

Country Correspondence No. 65 acknowledging the receipt of Colonel Barnes's account Current

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and advising that he has ordered it to be examined promising to send Coolies for the Fortifications, agreeably to our desire.

Country Correspondence No. 66 with Intelligence from the Nizam's Camp.

Read also Letter from the Nizam entered in Country Correspondence No. 8, in answer to the President's Letter advising him of his arrival, & accession to the Government.

The style of this Letter from the Nizam being very improper & disrespectfull to [illegible] the Company's Government, the President is [illegible] to prepare an answer expressing the Board [illegible] sentiments upon it.

Thos. Rumbold

John Whitehill

Hector Munro

[illegible]

D. Perring

Friday the 15th May.

Recvd to 1st the Compas per. other Cours rela. time to Col: Horne Captn Lysaght Eidingtoun

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
Governor President.
John Whitehill — General Munro
Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read

Lieut Colonel Horne, Captain Lysaght & Captain Eidingtoun having been directed to repair to the Presidency in consequence of the Comps Orders concerning them by the Bridgwater, the Board proceed to take into consideration the said orders & have unanimously agreed in opinion after maturely deliberating upon them that the above Gentlemen stand nearly in the same predicament with Brigadier General Stuart, & that neither a Court of Enquiry nor a Court Martial can at present be held on their conduct for the part they severally took in the Arrest & imprisonment of the late Lord Pigot, it is resolved therefore to wait the further Orders of the Company on their case & the Secretary is directed to signify this resolution to them, & to transmit to them respectively a copy of the minute pass'd on the Orders relative to Brigadier General Stuart.

Read the following Letter from

Lieut. Colonel Nixon.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I cannot without some degree of doubt & hesitation submit the very unusual &

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From Lt. Colonel Nixon complaining of not being included in the Promotion of full Lt. Colo. together with Lieut. Cols. Fitzgerald and Baillie

painfull predicament I stand in to your consideration, because I would not be thought to repine at an arrangement, in which I am confident that as far as Circumstances would allow you have consulted the good of the Service standing precisely in the same predicament & having been one of the same nomination in Orders with the Lieuts Colonels Fitz Gerald & Baillie, I was encouraged to hope, that I should have experienced the favor & attention of Government at the same time & in the same degree with those Gentlemen

The Court of Directors having so long delayed to give specific instructions upon this Head, seem to have intended that the power of appointing should devolve upon you; as it does not however appear that there were any actual vacancies by resignation when the last promotion took place, & as it may be presumed that Colonel Braithwaite by having been restored to this establishment with a rank superior to that he held before he left this Country, has thereby vacated the commission of Lieut. Colonel, with all possible respect & deference I beg Leave to submit to your justice & consideration my humble claim to supply that vacancy.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sirs
Your most faithfull
and Obedient Servant
Eccles Nixon

Fort St George
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As Lieut. Colonel Nixon was given out in Orders in Decemr 1775 together with

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Lieut. Colonels Fitzgerald & Baillie to act in the
room of the Lieut. Colonels who were absent with
leave, & as he has done the duty of Lieut. Colonel
Grants thereon nearly the same time as those Gentlemen, the Board
are of Opinion that it would be hard to exclude
him from the same advantages which they have
thought proper to allow to them, tho' his situation be
not precisely the same with theirs — Agreed therefore
that Lieut. Colonel Wilson be promoted to the full
rank of Lieut. Colonel on the like footing & with
the like advantages that have been given to the
other two Gentlemen

Read the following Letter &
Protest from the Governor & Council of Negapatam

Translate

Madraspatnam

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor of Fort St George
& the Coast Commanded, on behalf of the
English
Royal, East India Company & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Negapatam pra. testing against our taking possession of Nagore

We lek this chiefly serve for ac-
companying the inclosed Protest, wherein we for the
reasons mentioned in it at large, earnestly protest against
the taking in possession the Town of Nagore, in which
we have an exclusive prerogative

And this we do not doubt

but you will by the contents of the said Protest, to which refer ourselves, perfectly be convinc'd of the lawfulness, upon which our right is grounded, yet we have thought necessary to remark by these presents, that when in the year 1773, we had according to the Bills of Sale granted by his Highness, lawfully purchased the Sea Town Nagore & some other Districts of the Rajah of Tanjore, that Town & the said Districts have been by Force, & with the assistance of English Company's Troops, reclaim'd by his Excellency the Nabob Mahomed ally Cawn, under the pretence that the Rajah of Tanjore, being tributary to the Nabob, had no power to sell or alienate any of his Towns, & that upon it we for avoiding of differences have delivered up again to his Excellency that Sea Town & the other Districts yet with the Express condition, as we have alledg'd in the enclos'd Protest, that in the Sea Towns Nagore & Topatovey no other Flags should be set up but those of his Excellency.

This having been done then, it seems strange to us, that that argument (which then so strongly was made use of) concerning the Rajah's having no power to sell his Districts and Sea Towns to the Dutch Company, so soon has been forgotten. It surprises us also much, that the Rajah of Tanjore, who then according to the Sentiments of the former Madraspatnam Government & the Nabob, had not the least power to give or sell his Districts to us, now has got so much Power as to give the Sea Town Nagore to the English East Indian Company. — What there we say with regard to this

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Gentlemen. — We may justly name this various behaviour of yours an indirect dealing that is contrary to the friendship & Alliance not only, but also to good faith; wherefore we leave also all the prejudicious consequences, which can result of it, to your account. — We have mean while the honor to remain with very much respect

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

Your humble and
Obedient Servants

Reynier van Vlissingen
P. T. Dormieux
J. E. G. Haselman
Ms. Koning
Ss. Mosel
W. Duynevelt
J. D. Simons
Apengh
M. Stofferberg

Negapatam
14th April 1778

Translate
Reynier van Vlissingen
Governor & Director on behalf of the
General Octroyed Netherlands East
India Company at the Coast Cormandel
& ca Council at Negapatam. To
The Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor of Fort St. George
& the Coast Cormandel, on behalf of the
Royal English East India Company & ca
Council at Madraspatnam.

Protest from Negapatam

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Honble Sirs & Sirs,

Your humble and
Obedient Servants.

Reynier van Vlissingen
P.J. Dormieux
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President & Governor of Fort St George
& the Coast Cormandel, on behalf of the
Royal English East India Company &c

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"As on Monday the 13th of Instant, the Flag of his Majesty the King of Great Britain, has been planted on the Seashore Village Nagore, situated near this City, & belonging to the Territory of the Rajah of Tanjore, the undersritten Governor & Council, who on behalf of the State of the free united Netherlands & the Netherlands East India Company, are entrusted & charged with the Command over & the care of the establishments, Privileges & Prerogatives of the said Company at this Coast, cannot let pass unremarked this encroachment upon the privileges of the said Netherlands Company. because it cannot be unknown to you Honble Sir & Sirs, at least you could long ago have been informed, that the Father of the present Rajah of Tanjore, Maharajah Rajasri Pratapa Singaji Rajah Sahib, by Letter of the 25th of March 1750, to the then Governor of Negapatam, the Honble Librecht Hoorneman, formly has assured & promised, "That the Dewans Village Nagore never should be "sold or alienated, or if it should happen, that it was "to be sold or alienated, this to be done to nobody else "but to the Dutch Company"; an ascertaining, which the present Rajah of Tanjore Tolaja Raja, at his coming to the Throne in the year 1764 has confirmed & corroborated along with all other Privileges that have been granted by his reigning Ancestors to the Dutch Company; because though you might be ignorant of this promise, it is yet well known to you that by the Contract between the Soubah of the Carnatic Mahomed Ally Cawn, & the Netherlands East India

Company, concluded the 23d of November 1773, at
Nagore, it was conditioned from our side, & promised
& assured by the said Soubah, that at the Sea Towns
Nagore & Tapstory, belonging to the Country of Tanjore,
his Highness's own flag always should be set up,
to which you do now contravene, & because these
your transactions or the setting up an English King's
flag at Nagore, is very prejudicious, & at once will
mortify not only the prerogative granted by the
late Rajah of Tanjore to our Company, & confirmed
by the present Rajah, but also the most principal
article for our Company, comprehended in the Con-
tract between the Soubah of the Carnatica & them,
so do we, who are here the Body of the Government,
protest in the name & on behalf of the high & mighty
Lord & States General of the Free united Netherlands,
the Honble Court of Directors of our Company, & the
Honble High Government of India & Batavia,
by these Presents in the most expressive manner,
against the planting the said English Royal Flag
at Nagore, Friend & neighbourly requesting, that
it may be taken off again; Leaving otherwise
all the detriments & prejudices with the consequen-
ces & accessories of them, which by refusing this
our just & equitable request might possibly arise
by this your dealing, which above all is above
repugnant to the Treaties of Peace & friendship
subsisting between the both Sovereign Powers
in Europe, all & entirely upon your account to
answer for it, as being the only cause of it. For
we declare before God & the whole World, ourselves

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& in Us the whole Netherlands Nation; free & innocent of having given you any reason to proceed in such a manner.

Further we request & claim, by grounding ourselves upon the aforemention'd Prerogatives & Contract, the present Rajah of Tanjore, Tolaza Rajah, & the Soubah of the Carnatic, to employ for the maintaining of the priviledges granted by them to our Company, their good Offices with the English Ministry at Madras, in order to effectuate thereby that the said Royal Flag at Nagore be taken away.

Done in the Castle at Negapatam on the Coast Coromandel in East India the 14th of April 1778.

Roynier Van Vlissingen
P. J. Dorrleux
J. E. G. Haselman
M. Koning
J. Mosel
W. Duynevelt
J. D. Simons
Grengh
M. Stoffenberg.

The following Draft of an answer to the Protest from the Governor & Council at Negapatam having been prepared, is now read & approved.

To the Honble Roynier Van Vlissingen Esqr

Counsellor Extraordinary & Director for affairs of the Dutch Company on the Coast of Coromandel & to the rest of the Council thereof at

Negapatam

Answer to the above Protest

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Honble Sir and Sirs

We have had the honor to re-
-ceive your Letter of the 14th Ultimo accompanied by
a Protest on the part of your Government against
us for causing the English Flag to be hoisted at Na-
-gore.

An act so formal as that of a
public Protest is apt however slightly founded to car-
-ry some weight amongst those who are not minute-
-ly informed of all the Circumstances that lead to,
or are connected with it. It is for this reason We
think it incumbent upon us to make a few remarks
by way of reply to your Protest not doubting that
they will be amply sufficient to remove the objec-
-tions you have formed against the abovemen-
-tioned Proceeding.

You say that the hoisting of
our Flag at Nagore is an encroachment upon your
privileges, "because it cannot be unknown to us
"or at least we might have been long ago inform'd
"that the Father of the present Rajah of Tanjore by
"by a letter dated the 25th March 1750 to the then Go-
-vernor of Negapatam, firmly assured & promised
"that the Dewans Village Nagore never should be
"sold or alienated, or if it should happen to be sold
"or alienated, it should be done to no other than
"the Dutch Company that these assurances were con-
-firm'd by the present Rajah with other privileges
"formerly granted to the Dutch Company, & that
"though we might have been ignorant of this, yet
"it is well known to us that by the agreement

"between the Soubah of the Carnatic Mahomed "Ally Cawn & the Netherlands East India Company "concluded the 23d November 1773 at Nagore it was "conditioned on your side & promised & assurd by the said "Soubah that at the Sea Town Nagore & Taptorey "belonging to the Country of Tanjore his Highness "own Flag always should be sett up."

These are the only grounds on which you have formed your Protest, we shall therefore proceed first to observe that whatever assurances might have been given to you by the Father of the present Rajah, we apprehend they cannot now with the least propriety be pleaded in support of any pretensions you may have formed respecting Nagore. It appears by the Treaty above quoted between the Nabob of the Carnatic & your Government that the Town of Nagore was sold to you by the present Rajah of Tanjore & that after the Capture of Tanjore by the Nabob's Arms you resold the said Town with other Districts to the Nabob declaring as appears in the words of the agreement, that you had from thenceforth not the least claim on the Prince's Country.

In another instrument under your hands dated the same day as the Treaty, you declare "that having received from the Circar the "amount of the said Purchase (Nagore & other Districts), you have delivered all those Districts to "the Circar, & give this engagement that you have no "demand, or concern with the said Country.

Having thus Gentlemen

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by deeds of the most public & sacred Nature renounced in the strongest Terms, all future claim or pretension to the Town of Nagore with other Districts of the Tanjore Country formerly in your possession, it seems to us very extraordinary that you should now contradict these express declarations & revive a claim of privilege founded upon the words of a Letter from the Father of the present Rajah dated upwards of twenty years before that Formal act of renunciation took place.

The ground of this Claim appearing too tender to be mentioned you seem yourselves not to lay much stress upon it, but suddenly shift it by saying that altho' we might have been ignorant of the assurances contained in the Letter from the present Rajah's Father, Yet it is well known to us that by the Treaty between the Soubah of the Carnatic Mahomed ally Cawn and the Dutch Company concluded 23d November 1773. it was mutually agreed that the Sea Towns of Nagore and Portonovo belonging to the Country of Tanjore his Highness's own Flag should always be set up.

These words in their obvious and natural construction can signify no more than this — that whereas you had purchased the Towns above mentioned from the Government of Tanjore and had in consequence hoisted the Dutch Flag in them, it became a very necessary

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Article in the Nabob's Agreement for purchasing them again of you to stipulate that his own Flag should in future be set up, instead of yours, the words standing as they do, without any explanation whatever, could mean no more than to convey the right forever from yourselves to the Nabob, and instead of answering the purpose for which you have quoted them they only serve to exclude you more strongly from those Claims which you are now pleased to advance.

Upon the whole Gentlemen we beg you to be assured that in the proceeding of which you complain, we have only acted in compliance with the trust reposed in Us, & think nothing is further from our intention than to encroach upon any of your just rights or priveledges.

We have the Honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants

Thomas Rumbold

for Council

Fort St. George
15th May 1770

As it is probable that the Gentlemen at Negapatam may have written to the Rajah of Tanjore on the subject of their Protest, agreed that a Copy of our answer to it be sent to Mr. Petrie to be communicated by him to the Rajah, as some of the Aspersions contain'd in it, may be of use to him in

A Copy of the above letter to Negapatam sent to Mr. Petrie

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replying to any representation which may have been made to him made to him by the Dutch relative to Nagore.

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro

D. Perring

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Wrote the following Letters.

To Mr William Pebrie

Sir

As the Gentlemen at Negapatam have protested against us for causing the English flag to be hoisted at Nagore, & as we have reason to believe they have written on this subject to the Rajah of Tanjore, we think it necessary to inclose a copy of our answer to the Protest which we desire you to communicate to the Rajah, as some of the Circumstances contain'd in it may be useful to him in replying to any remonstrance he may have receiv'd from the Dutch.

Letter to Mr Pe. brie with copy of the Letter in answer to the Protest.

We are

Sir

Fort St George
15th May 1770

Your affectionate friends
Thos Rumbold & Coun.

To Messieurs Dalbignac
Lieut: Colonel of the Regiment of
Pondichery Commandant and
Chevreau Commissary
General of the Marine Ordonateur at
Pondicherry

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, acquainting us with the desertion of seven Seamen belonging to the Snow Louisa Elizabeth at present in your road and

To Messrs. Dalbignac & Chevreau respecting 7 Deserters

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advising that they carried with them the Boat belonging to the Vessel, & a buoy which she had upon freight.

As you suppose that these Deserters are either come to this place or gone to some other of our Settlements & in consequence apply to have them delivered up, we beg Leave to assure you that we have no intelligence whatever concerning them either here or from any of our Settlements

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servts

Thomas Rumbold
&c

Fort St George
15th May 1770

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
Governor President
John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Monday the 16th

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Draft of a letter to Peram Ally Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence Pc. 71 is read & approved - also a letter to Hyder Ally Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence Pc. 72.

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence 69 &c. presenting several circumstances regarding the proposed grant of Tanjore &c. to the Company - the Balance

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due on account of his annual Engagements & the deposits he has promised to make this Year in the Company's Treasury.

As the Rajah in this Letter has expressed himself with regard to the grant of Pagoras &c. in a manner very different from his former sentiments, the Board think it necessary to select here the particular passages of his Letter which have given occasion to this remark. The Rajah after enumerating the heavy charges of his Government & complaining of the state of his Finances says, "Thus circumstanced, I am obliged to grant Jaghires to the Company." In another Place he says "the Company expect no advantage or Lucre from "me, they sought for reputation & reestablishment (which "was a fallen structure) with no partial views, I am "willing to grant the Company Jaghires without their "soliciting me from them &c.

Minute thereon

These & other expressions of the same kind in his Letter convey sentiments so different from those with which he seemed to be impressed when the grant of Pagoras &c. was first suggested to him thro' Mr. Petrie, that the Board cannot account for the alteration otherwise than by supposing it to be adopted from the influence of bad Advisors.

However this may be the Board think it necessary that the President in his answer to the Letter should express in strong Terms the sense which the Board entertain of this difference of Sentiments as well as of the Objections raised by him concerning the nature of the proposed Grant & the President is desired further to request of the Rajah to send

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his Duan to the Presidency with full power to conclude the business of the grant without delay.

Read the following letter from Negapatam.

Translate

Madraspatnam

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.

President & Governor of Fort St George & the Coast Cormandel, on behalf of the Royal English East India Company & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The 20th Instant we had the honor to receive your much esteemed letter of the 15th of D^o accompanying by the extracts therein enclosed.

Letter from Negapatam denying their having protected Camagea Sawee Pooly

Though the contents of your letter does by no means give the satisfaction, which we desired you, yet without making any remarks about it, we proceed with the same moderation with which all our former letters are stiled, to the answering to them.

Concerning the protection which the Rajah of Tanjore thinks to have been given by the underwritten Governor to Cannagsawea Pooly, the Governor as well as we, who have been assured of it by the Governor, declare to you, Sirs, to be entirely ignorant of it, & therefore keep ourselves perfectly assured, that the underwritten Governor has not

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acted otherwise in this Affair, than according to former Samples, to which the name of protection never has been given.

It is, Sirs, sufficiently known to the world, that the underwritten Governor, so soon as he had received the Rajah's letter of the 24th of January (in which letter the Rajah had given him notice that many of his Inhabitants were gone away) immediately has given order three days together to intimate by Tom Tom beating to all the Inhabitants of the Rajah that had made away, to remove without delay from this Town & the bounds of it; upon which all of them, & thus also Carnaga Sawea Pooly, have left this Town & the Districts belonging to it, as is nearer come to be known by the contents of the Extract, that has been sent to us of the Rajah's letter of the 4th of January.

We can therefore not comprehend upon what ground the Rajah of Tanjore can request to deliver up a Man, who upon the first public intimation has left this Town & our Territory, & when also the Rajah knowes very well, that this Affair has been transacted in the customary manner that has in such like cases been usual here from old time; because we have never bound or obliged ourselves to take up & deliver up Inhabitants of the Rajah that were run away from their home.

We agree thus willingly with you, that the aforesaid transaction is not conform to the contents of any Treaties or Contracts, as in them nothing is to be found nor for it nor against it.

But concerning your remarks

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that such a dealing viz.t the supposed protection did clearly tend to weaken the power of the Rajah over his own Peo-ple, we willingly avow it, yet we ask, whereby does it appear, that such a protection has been given? Can the Tom Tom, whereby all the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country have been charged to remove from this Town & Juris-diction, be consistent with it; certainly it can't, & farther we are not oblig'd. What reasons, Sirs, should the underwritten Governor have moved to go farther in this affair than he was oblig'd to go? No consideration of Services could have mov'd him, done by the Rajah of Tanjore to our Company after his restoration.

Thus much we think necessary to advance in answer to what you have said with regard to the fugitive Havildars Camraja Sawar Pooly; & we hope that you will most clearly see by it, that on the one side we are not in the least bound to arrest & deliver up mis-content Inhabitants of Tanjore, as the Rajah seems to think, & that thus on the other side the Rajah of Tanjore has in an unbecoming & quite unlawful manner forbidden the driving of all Trade to his sub-jects, with us, & our Subjects.

Therefore we insist again and friend neighbourly depre you, not to assist henceforth longer the Tanjore Rajah in such like unreasonable dealings against us with English Company's Troops, as thereby a great prejudice is done as well to our Com-pany as the Inhabitants of this place.

Further we thank you very friendly for your readings shewn to anstoy your good offices, that the Rajah may desist from the means

he has used to shut up the Communication which always has been between the Countries of the Rajah & the Territory of this Town, which we trust, will cease shortly, assoon as you shall please to let us really see the effect of your Promise.

As well by the aforesaid Letter of your Honor & Co.rs, as by that of the 25th of March, it has sufficiently appeared to us, to what end your Sepoys have been sent to the Rajah of Tanjore. It was to be wished they were not employ'd to any other Business by the Havildars of the Rajah, under whose immediate Command they seem to be as long they are in the Country, because then the least irregularities with regard to Effects of the Company & their Inhabitants could not be committed, so as now according to your own supposition, without your knowledge & without the knowledge of the Rajah, can happen, notwithstanding the strict Orders given against it, concerning to which you allodge to a convincing proof the contents of an Extract of a Letter written to you by a Commanding Officer of Tanjore; on the other side it has appeared to us by the same Extract, that indeed sufficient Orders have been sent, such that they have not been dispatched but detained by the Servants of the Rajah, as the said Commanding Officer expresses himself with regard to it in his said Letters in the following plain words.

"These Letters have been sent with the Sepoys
"of the Rajah, but the Subadars deny to have
"received them, & I am persuaded that they have
"been detained by the Minister of the Rajah."

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This plain Testimony of an Officer who has the Chief command over the Troops of Sepoys lent to the Rajah of Tanjore, sheweth most clearly, Sirs, with was irreverency the Orders were treated which are given by you, or the Rajah, or the Commandant of Tanjore, as the Rajah's Ministers dare to detain in an arbitrary manner the Orders sent by the Rajah through the Tappies, & thus to hinder them to be executed; these are truly very fargoing extremities, causing that we as little as you, can trust, that the Subidars & their Sepoys will act according to Orders given; at least we are sufficiently persuaded by these Circumstances, that you are perfectly convinced, that without your notice & contrary to your Orders given, irregularities may be committed by the Subidars & private Sepoys, against Lands & Folks, whereto they are incited & encouraged by malicious Ministers of the Rajah, under whose order & obedience they have been placed by you.

This being so, it has, extremely surprised us, that though by our former Letter of the 4th of Instant we did perfectly prove that the Subidar & the four Sepoys that were arrested here, have upon the interrogatories made to them, spoken very alien from the Truth, yet your honor &c. against the ascertaining of a respectable Assembly, justify that so called Officer of Rank (who being upon duty under the Command of a European under Officer, & out of duty, is often less esteem'd than a Cooly) & thus in your own cause far prefer the witness of five Persons who (nota bene) are not Christians to the ascertainings given to you by Persons of a respectable Council, who deserved to be treated with

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much greater esteem, & thus the more as we are have assured you for your nearer conviction, that the Military Captain & Commanding Officer of our Sepoys Gysbertus Zegalaar, can give witness of the hostilities committed by the aforesaid Sepoys in our Village Waddecoody. As all this seems not to have sufficiently convinced you, we send hereby to you a deposition made at our request by the said Captain Zegalaar under offer of an Oath; accompanied by a second & third Deposition made by the Serjeant, & Drill master, & by the Adjutant of our Sepoys (who all have been present, when the Inhabitants of the said Village have complaind of your Subedar to the said Captain Commandant (under offer of corroborating them by their Oaths; by which we trust that you now perfectly will be satisfied.

Yet it grieves us mean while very much, Sirs, that we, because of the Credit which you been pleased to give to fine Natives, have been oblig'd to be so large for the defension of the reasonable behaviour of the underwritten Governor; which could well have been avoided by giving in the beginning a soft correction to the said Subedar & Sepoys, under threatening of a harder punishment if such like Complaints should come in an other time, as by the underwritten Governor with justice has been desired.

Mean while we willingly allow that you with regard to the differences that have been ventured to be made, have perfectly acted to the fulfilling of your Engagements with the Rajah of Tanjore, as they oblige you to protect & defend the bounds & the People of the Rajah against

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all disputs & invasions from Abroad. But we may here ask you, whether it is well done to make such engagements with an Inland Rajah, which direct by must tend to the prejudice & Detriment of the Countries & Inhabetants belonging to a Nation, with which you yourselves desire to live in the greatest Harmony; the more as such engagements directly oblige you to defend the Rajah's Countries against all disputs & invasions from abroad, without difference against whom or why. Because of your behaviour with regard to us, we cannot find, that any limitations have been made about it.

About the said Contrarieties we shall not further utter our Minds, but rather do as You, Let our Superiors judge over our respective manner of dealing, & principally over your engagement with the Rajah of Tanjore so prejudicial to us, with whom we have so many Years before lived in a good Harmony & Friendship.

Though we never so large have answered hereby your said Letter of the 15th of Instant, we yet beg Leave before we conclude these presents, to make one single remark on the Extracts sent to us, out of the Letter of the Rajah of Tanjore, written the 4th of last January to the Honble John Whitehill Esqr. The Rajah, Sirs, relates by it to him, not only what he had written already to the first underwritten of these presents, but also what by him upon the Rajah's complaints has been done & answered. As the Rajah's Letter has not been received here before the 24th of that month, & not been answerd

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by the underwritten Governor before the 29th, this is a thing which with regard to the difference of time has seemed very strange to us; because it can by no reasons of the world be made good, that the Rajah should already the 4th of January have known things, which the 24th & 29th of that month, & no sooner came to happen; How this is to be understood by us, is to us a dark riddle. Out of the said Extract of letter it is also incomprehensible to Us to see that so great an assurance has been used as to lead the Rajah of Tanjore into the mistake, like it has been done, to make him believe & relate, that here to Cannagea Sawea Pooly for his protection a guard of two Company's Sepoys had been given, which we assure to you to be a downright untruth, & whereof we desire to inform the Rajah, who perhaps shortly shall be nearer ascertaind of the wrong reports given him concerning the reputed protection that had been granted here to Cannagea Sawea Pooly.

Having thus perfectly discuss'd all what we at present thought necessary & serviceable for confuting of what has been advanced by you with regard to Cannaga Sawea Pooly & for defending the Governor's behaviour in arresting the said Subedar & four Sepoys, we do, in order to prevent all difference, pass with silence over all what is relative to the Correspondence between him & the Commanding Officer of the English Company's Troops in Tanjore, to which you have very improperly, as it seems to us, given the name of a violent one, & conclude this letter, sincerely assuring that one desire

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nothing else but to may Live with you in such
Harmony & friendship, as may be agreeing with Jus-
tice, & with the Esteem due to the good understan-
ding & friendship which subsisteth between both
the Powers in Europe.

We have for the rest the honor
to remain with the perfectest Esteem.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient and
very Humble Servants

Reynier Van Vlissingen
Ph. J. Dormieux
J. C. G. Kaselman
M. Koning
L. Mosel
Duymovelt
Simons
Lyongh
M. Hoffenberg

Translate.

Today being the 21st of April

Deposition of Capt. Gysbertus Tegelaar complaining of some outrages committed by English Depos in the Village of Wadelady.

1770 the Military Captain & Commandant, Mr. Gysbertus Tegelaar appeared before me, Johannes Abraham Bronsfield, sworn Clerk of Police & Secretary to the Court of Justice of this Place, being present the witnesses here below to be named, who by order of the Honble Reynier Van Vlissingen Governor & Director of this Court Commandel &c. &c. of the Court of Police of this Castle, deposited to be true and certain.

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That he, by order of his Honor the 4th of last February in the afternoon between 3 & 4 o'Clock sent one Serjeant two Corporals & twenty five private Sepoys to the Village Waddehaddy, by reason that the Governor had got Notice, that some English Sepoys the night before had done many molestations to the Inhabitants of that village. & therefore such thing was necessary for to prevent all further such like hostilities.

That he, the Captain, for the greater a Security, had sent along with those Men, one European Drill Master & the Adjutant of the Sepoys, for to place them in a due manner at the said Waddehaddy.

That when he, the Captain, having that afternoon taken a ride on horseback, was come so far as Papanchurry, the said Drill Master & the Adjutant of Sepoys, came the same moment thither & having made Report of the placing of the said Men, gave notice to him, that by those Men at Waddehaddy one Officer & four private Sepoys of the English, provided of Arms & Cartridges, & arrived there the same time, had been arrested, because they were among them, according to the Testimony of the Inhabitants there, the Officer, & one or two Sepoys, of the number of those who had that Midday carried away the Company's Merchants of Porto Nova from Nagoor, & the other two belonged to the Pilot, which the night before had committed the said violences in their Villages.

That he, the Captain, being

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out of curiosity gone to Waddekoody also, along with that Drill Master & the Adjutant, a great deal of Inhabitants of that Village appeared there before them with Complaints, relating in a lamentable manner, how the night before by some of those Sepoys now arrested there, & more others of their Plot had been ill treated by blows, abusive words, violent tugging of their Cloths laying hold on their paddy, & forcing them & their Wives to carry it to Nagore, & detaining them there till that Morning.

That the Inhabitants of Waddekoody making these Complaints, did shew to him the Captain not only the marks of the blows received, but also the bloody Cloths for a conviction of the truth of their complaint.

The he, the Captain, did then send the said English Sepoys Officer & four privates, along with three or four Coolies which carried a Dooly to the Governor, & hearing afterwards that the Governor was at Papanchery, did go thither, where soon after the said arrested were brought to, & then upon the Governor's Order were carried by a corporal & six private Sepoys to the Main Guard in the Castle.

The Captain deposited that after this case happened, still many times in divers Villages of the Company by some English Sepoys coming now & then, violences have been committed of which the Inhabitants had made Complaint to the Governor, & that now some few Sepoys had been placed on the necessary Places

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for to prevent all further molestations, & to keep the Inhabitants of the Villages somewhat tranquil.

The Captain finishing his Deposition, declared it to be the upright truth, & offered if need, to corroborate the Premises with an Oath.

Thus done & deposited in the Castle at Pegapatam on the above day, in the presence of Joachim Hartts & Johan Leonhard Beigle, sworn Clerks.

Attested by
I. Bronsfield
E. G. Clerk

Translate

Deposition of Johannes Matthys Vanden Echin Drill Master on the subject

To day, being the 22 of April 1778 the Drill master of the Sepoys of this Colonies Matthys Vanden Echin, appeared before me, Johannes Abraham Bronsfield, first sworn Clerk &c. who by Orders of the Hon'ble Reynier Van Vlissingen, Governor & Director of the Coast Commander &c. of the Council, deposited to be true & certain.

That to his last remembrance the 3d or 4th of last February, he was ordered by the Commandant of Sepoys to go with the assistant of Sepoys & with one Serjeant, two Corporals & twenty five private Sepoys to the Village Madocktoory, for to put those Troops in a Chowltry & that for some work to be to do, could not get clear to go with them, but followed them a half an hour after with the Cartridges.

That he, the Drill master, and the assistant of Sepoys

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Sepoys, the Military Captain Gysbertus Zegalaar, & that the said Adjutant related to him, the Drill Master that at Waddekooddy they had arrested one Officer & four private Sepoys, & three Coolies & one Peon.

That he, the Drill Master, immediately along with the Adjutant went to Papancherry, having been told by the Orderly, that the Commandant was there, & that after the Adjutant had related to the Commandant what had happened at Waddekoody, he, the Drill Master, went along with the Commandant to Waddekooddy.

That after coming there, many of the Inhabitants of that Village made complaint to the Commandant concerning the violence done to them the night before, & carrying People to Nagore, & shewed to him the marks of blows & the bloody Cloths which they had still with them.

That then Captain Zegalaar sent the said arrested Officer & four private Sepoys, & the three Coolies & one Peon, under the escorte of one Corporal & six Sepoys to the Governor but hearing the Governor was at Papancherry, went there to him, whither also the arrested Persons were brought, & from thence they were brought to China Town, where the Governor was gone to.

That the arrested Persons upon Order from the Governor were carried then from China Town to the Castle & kept there in the Main Guard some days in Arrest, till they were upon the Governor's Order released.

The Drill Master finishing herewith his Deposition

&c. &c.

Attested by
J. A. Bronsveld
E. G. Clerk.

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Today, being the 22d of April 1778, Kamamayken, Adjutant of Sepoys appeared before me, Johannes Abraham Bronsfield, first sworn Clerk of Police & Secretary of the Court of Justice of this Government, being present witnesses here below to be named, who by order of the Honble Reynier Van Vlissingen, Governor & Director of this Coast Cormandel &c. & the Court of Police, deposited to be true & certain.

Deposition of Kamamayken adjutant of Sepoys on the same subject

That to his best remembrance the 3d or 4th of February he was ordered by the Military Captain & Commandant of Sepoys, Mr. Gysbertus Zeagalaer to detach one Serjeant, two Corporals & twenty five private men to the Village Waddekooddy, in order to take post there in a Choultry, for to hinder all molestations which by one or other might be committed to the Inhabitants.

That, he, the adjutant, accordingly did bring those Troops to Waddekooddy, & posted them there in a Choultry situated in the common road to Nagore, Tanjore, & Trichinopoly.

That then some Inhabitants of that Village, coming near, had told him lamentably, that if he with those Sepoys were come three hours before, he could have set free the Company's Merchants of Portonovo, which by some English Sepoys were carried through that road to Kuvalore.

That during this talk one Officer & four private Sepoys of the English, item a low dooly carried by three Coolies & followed by a Peon, came there the way from Kuvalore, for to go to Nagore.

That soon as these Inhabitants

saw the said Officer & four private Sepoys of the English, they said to him, the Adjutant, that the said Officer & two or three of the Sepoys among them, were of the number of those, who that Midday had carried the Company's Merchants of Portonovo away, & that the other Sepoys were of the plot of those who had been the night before in their Village, & molested the People & carried them to Nagore.

That he, the Adjutant, upon it immediately got surrounded the said Officer, Sepoys, Coor, & Coolies, & because they made some resistance, got the arms & Bayonets taken from them, & arrested them.

That he, the Adjutant, going from thence towards this Town for to make report to the aforementioned Commandant, the Drill Master of the Sepoys coming with some Cartridges for the Sepoys at Nadderoody met him, & after he had told to the said Drillmaster, what had been done, he went along with him to Papanchery, for to make Report of it to Captain Legaalar, who agreably to Notice received was there.

That then the said Commandant of Sepoys coming along with the Drill Master & with him, the Adjutant, to Cuddelore a great many of the Inhabitants made Complaint to the Commandant concerning violence committed the night before by some Sepoys of the English, & shewed him the marks of blows & the bloody Cloths which they had still with them, desiring to protect them from such like Assaults in the Village.

That then the said Commandant of Sepoys did send the arrested English Sepoys-Officer

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private Sepoys, Coolies & Peons to the Governor, & hearing afterwards that the Governor was at Papancherry, went thither, whither also the arrested Persons were brought, & from thence to China Town, to which Place the Governor mean while was gone.

That from thence the arrested upon Order from the Governor were brought to the Main Guard in the Castle, & remained there some time in arrest till they were upon his further Orders let Loose

The Adjutant finishing herewith his Deposition &c &c.

Attested by

J. A. Bronsveld

E. G. Clerk

Minute on the above Depositions

The Board are of Opinion that the foregoing letter from Negapatam requires no answer at present, but as the Governor & Council there have stated the Case of Caumiau Suba Pilla in a light very different from that in which it was represented to us by the Rajah of Tanjore; — it is resolved that a Copy of such parts of their letter as relate to it be sent to the Rajah that he may furnish us with his observations upon them or transmit any Proof which he may think proper in support of his own Representations.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Extract from a letter from Bengal to the Civil Department.

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Extract from General Letter from Fort William dated 9th March 1770.

Captain John Maordaunt having been appointed by the Nabob of Oude to the Command of his Body guard & being now in possession of that Post at the Nabobs Court, We are given that you will be allowed to extend the Leave of Absence which you formerly granted to him.

A true Extract
Tho.s Lewin
Secry

Agreed that Captain Maordaunts Leave of absence be continued as long as the Governor General & Council of Bengal may have occasion for his Services.

Read the following Letter from Captain Repsell.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Repsell commanding at Madura complaining of the insufficiency of Barracks there

Several complaints having been to me by the Officers of the insufficiency of the Barracks in this Place, I thought it my duty to examine very narrowly into the State & Condition of them, & for that purpose carried a Bricklayer and Carpenter along with me, & now beg Leave to report the same to the Honble Board.

This row of Barracks consisting

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of twelve rooms was built by Captain Macleane, about thirteen Years ago, & as I am informed done up in a hurry with green Wood, which is now so much decay'd, that some of the Rooms are not habitable, I do not think any repair but a new roof could be of the least use, & this I'm told might be done for about five hundred Pagodas - & should the Honble Board be pleased to give Orders for those repairs being set about, the sooner it is done, the better, for I am apprehensive that some parts of the Terrass will not stand the approaching monsoon.

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
William Russell

Madura
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Resolved in consequence of Captain Russell's Report of the State of the Officers Barracks, that 500 Pagodas but no more be laid out in giving them a new roof.

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Madura.

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

Honble Sir

I have the honor of forwarding the Report of Captain Donald Mackay Inspector of Stones of the State of the Stones in this Garrison

Letter from Asst Engrs

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Ironmonger

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

William Light

Storr.

Madura

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To Captain Rupsell

Commanding

Madura

Sir

Having finish'd my Survey of the Stores in this Garrison I beg leave to trouble you, with my Report, of the State & Condition of them.

Report

There is two 18 Pounders, on your Returns serviceable, that wants two foot each in Length, of the Muzle, & Chase, in their present state, they are barely fit for Garrison use, I could cast Brass Muzzles to them, at a very moderate expence, but I suppose the Storekeeper could not depray the Charges attending it, without a particular Order from the Presidency.

The whole of your Gun Carriages are old, Decay'd, & unfit for any real Service, they were made up by Captain Macleane in the Year 1765, when I belong'd to this Garrison, out of common Country Timber; of course, a constant use of thirteen Years, exposed to the weather on the works, as they have been, easily accounts for their present State, I therefore think a new sett of Gun Carriages, are absolutely wanted for this Garrison.

The rest of your Stores, many of them small in quantity, are in General, in as good

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Condition as can be expected.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
D. Mackay

Madura
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Read the following letter from Viragapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have been honored with your Commands of the 13th Ultimo, & we also have received Mr Secretary Oakeley's letter of the 9th by Mr Cranstoun Conductor.

Letter from Viragapatam with replies to the Questions sent them wherein to the Embarkation of the Troops on the Tenby

Mr Barlow our Storekeeper before the receipt of your honor &ca Council's letter, had address'd us on the subject of the victualling the Tenby. We enclose a Copy of his letter for your information.

We address'd Mr Williams the late acting Chief to know of him whether any Seaconveyance had offered by which he might have sent the European Detachment to the Presidency before the Departure of the Tenby. He has not only replied to that question, but he has also treated the subject of the embarkation of the Troops at some length. We therefore have sent you a Copy of his Letter, what Mr Williams has said in the last Paragraph of his letter concerning the embarkation of the Troops so late

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as the 3d of March appears to Us to be material.

Extracts from the Hobble the Presidents & Councils Letter.

How came the Troops to be embarked on the 3 of March after the Orders we had given, that if no Conveyance offered before the 20th February they were to be march'd overland to Pondicherry

Did not any Conveyance offer to bring them to Madras before the Departure of the Tenby.

To whom does the Tenby belong.

Reply of the Chief & Council

We consider our having sent the Troops by a Sea Conveyance after the time limited as a breach of Orders & We are sensible of our Error; We beg leave to assure You that in future We shall be more attentive & observant of your Commands.

Mr Williams on the 31st Jany did apply to Captain Prosper who Commanded a French Ship of a thousand Tons Burden called the Elizabeth to carry the Detachment, but the Captain being obliged to touch at several Southern Ports declined Mr Williams's proposal no other Conveyance offered.

The Tenby was when she sailed the 3d of March last & is at present the sole property of Mr Nathaniel Barlow.

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What burthen is
She.

Who supplied the
Provisions for the Voyage
Were those Provi-
sions reasonably sufficient for
the subsistance of the Troops
to Madras at that Season.

Upwards of two hun-
dred Tons

The Company's Store-
keeper Mr Barlow.

The Board trusted
to Mr Williams the acting
Chief, & to Mr Barlow the Store-
keeper for the ascertaining
of the Fact.

Your honor & Co.
will please to observe by
Mr Barlow's Letter that he &
Captain Grandy made a cal-
culate of Provisions which
they imagined would subsist
the Detachment two Months,
Mr Barlow has informed the
Chief that the list of Provi-
sions was shewn to Captain
Collins the Commanding
Officer of the Troops who
seemed to think there were
sufficient.

It appears to Us
that there were not a suffi-
cient quantity of Sheep, bis-
cuits, & other fresh provisions
put on board; but that
there was sufficient quan-
tity of Rice, We are informed
that some of the Provisions

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were embarked after the 9th on board particularly part of the thousand salted Sear Fish; which were afterwards retailed privately to the Men by the Lascars as their own property. We are informed also that there was not any regularity or propriety observed in the Stewardship and delivery of the Provisions.

After examining with attention the enclosed account of Provisions shipped on the Tonby; We are of Opinion that tho' there was not a proper proportion of fresh provisions supplied the Detachment for two Months, yet had not the Salt Beef proved putrid from the want of skill in the Soldiers & Natives to cure it; & had not a sickness prevailed among the Live stock, there would have been provisions sufficient to have subsisted the Detachment during a Passage at that Season.

In what State were the Provisions when put on Board.

Several Bags of the Rice have been examined since the return of

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the Tenty by the Chief & Council & it appeared to them to be wholesome Cargo Rice; some of the Bags of Rice which were opened on board the Vessell were reported by the Officers to have been in a bad Condition, & that it was black & clotted. As the Rice was all purchased at the same time this damage must have arisen from some of the Bags having got wet in the Boats.

The Sheep, Paddy Biscuits & other articles were the best that could be purchased.

Ten Bullocks were killd & Salted for the Detachment, this was the only article of Provisions we were fearful might turn out bad, which it accordingly did, & proved so spoilt, that the Master was oblig'd to throw almost the whole over Board.

As the Captain of the Vessell mentions in his Letter that he was in Latitude 13. 32 No. & M. Dist. 8. 30,

The Master of the Vessell who is a sensible young Man, & esteem'd a good Seamen asserts, he would in all probab

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on what time could he reasonably have expected to reach this Port in that Situation.

Were the Troops reclamorous as the Chief & Council represent, & did the Vessell put back on account of the Provisions falling short or being in a bad State.

have reached Madras in eight days or perhaps sooner from the 20th March

The Men in a Body told the Master of the Vessell they had no fresh Provisions nor Salt Meat, nor Victuals proper for to support Europeans that they were ready to face any danger becoming brave Men but they could not endure being starved; they insisted therefore on the Vessell being put about & on the Captains making the first Port he could reach.

Captain Collins having marched about the 10th Ultimo for Masulipatam & the Honble Board's Letter not arriving till the 24th, we have it not in our power to enquire of him & his Officers nor to take their written Declarations respecting the behaviour of the Troops & the State of the provisions.

Our Storekeeper will Indent for ten Casks of Europe Salt Beef, & Six Casks of Pork to be kept in Store for any extraordinary occasion, if it be not wanted for the Company's use in the course of the Year, it may be sold off annually to the Inhabitants or to the Captains of Country Ships.

We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

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Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Alexr Davidson
Henry Crawford
Nath. Barlow
Chas Maxlone

Viragapatam
5th May 1770

Copy of a Letter from Mr Barlow Storekr
To Alexander Davidson Esqr
Chief & the Council of
Viragapatam

Gentlemen

An opinion having prevailed that the Troops who embarkd on the Snow Tenby were not properly victuall'd; I beg leave to enclose you an account particulars of the Provisions & the quantity of Water put on board of her for their use, & to inform you that thirty seven bags & an half of Rice of the sixty bags first shipp'd, were Landed on the return of the Vessell. Before the Provisions were sent on board, calculates were made, & the quantity deem'd by the Master as well as myself to be sufficient for a two Months Voyage; the Rice was bought at the Market Price, & was good wholsome Country Rice, as appears by an examination of some of the bags shewn to the Chief & Council since the Return of the Tenby

I am likewise to inform you, that several Days before the Departure of the Tenby, Captain Collins the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, was requested by Mr Williams to go on board of her in order to ascertain not only the state of the Vessell, but to report likewise, how many Men

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she could conveniently accommodate, which he accordingly did, & declared that she could convey with care, not only the effective of the Detachment, but likewise those in Hospital.

I am, with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Virdagapatam
16th April 1778 (signed) Vath. Barlow

A true Copy Chas. Mastone Secry.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Morgan Williams
To Alexander Davidson Esqr
Chief & Council of
Virdagapatam

Gentlemen

From Mr. Wl. claims on the same Subject

Conformably to your desire communicated to me by Mr. Secretary Mastone in his Letter of this days date, I now acquaint You that prior to the arrival of the Snow Tenby from Madras, which was hourly expected here, I did offer on the 3d January last to push the Honble Company's Troops on board the Ship Elizabeth Captain Crozet, who declined my proposal from his being under the necessity of touching at different Ports, & that consequently it would be attended with great inconvenience both to him & the Troops; Capt. Crozet made this declaration to me in presence of Mr Bringle the Surgeon of this Settlement; & if I might judge from the character given of Capt. Crozet to me by Mr. Whitehill, & from the knowledge I had of him during his short stay here, I dare say he will not deny this to be a fact.

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In consequence of the Boards Orders for the Troops to march overland to Masulipatam in case no Sea conveyance offered by the 20th of February, I repeatedly desired Captain Collins, the Commanding Officer of the Madras Detachment, to prepare himself & his Men for marching as we could not with propriety detain them longer than that period; especially as it was very uncertain when the Tonby would arrive; his answer was, that notwithstanding the Boards Orders seemd to be positive with regard to the day of the Detachments Departure, he declard that if it had occurrd to the Governor & Council the risque the Company would run by marching the Men overland by sickness & Desertion, they would certainly have preferd a Sea conveyance to a Land march even if their Departure did exceed the limitted time by For 10 Days, as it was well known that Dispatches in the month of March, seldom or ever exceeded 15 or 20 days in going up to Madras from hence, or from Ganjam, this I know to be true from experience; having during my ten Years residence at this Settlement, sent many Dispatches from the Northward much later than the Tonby's Departure, & I always found they were never longer than the time abovementioned; Tho' the Tonby did lose her passage, it was owing more to misfortune than to the conduct of the Master & no fault can justly be imputed to me, as I am conscious within myself the Council as well as I acted with a good intention, & I can assure you Gentlemen with the strictest veracity, that I had no Lucrative view in freighting the Troops on the Tonby, having some time before the embarkation of the Troops, disposed

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of my property on her.

Before I conclude, it is necessary that I should make this remark; that I desired Captain Collins to go on board the Tenby, & examine particularly the condition of this Vessell, & to acquaint me whether it was his Opinion she could accommodate so many Artillery & Infantry as he was about to take charge of; in compliance with my request he went on board with the Storekeeper & Ensign Halcott, & examining the condition & State of the Vessell, having some knowledge of these matters from his being formerly bred up to the Sea, he returnd & reported to me, that she was a very good Vessell & was well found in every respect, & could conveniently accommodate them all, even the sick in hospital; after receiving this report from Captain Collins, I had not the least Idea, that any inconvenience would arise from the number of Men put on board the Tenby, surely he was the best judge, & ought to be answerable for his conduct, & not one, who ever will prefer the Company's Interest to any private Consideration.

The Honble Board in their Secretary's Letter of the 13th February gave us orders to withdraw the whole of the Artillery doing duty in the Garrison of Vizianagrum, that they might be embarked with the rest of the Troops; This Letter did not reach us before the 22d, which was two days after the limitted time, after which, we immediately desired Captain Murphy to order the Artillery from Vizianagrum to join the Troops in Cantonments at Walteir in order to embark

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on the shortest notice. The artillery in consequence of Captain Murphy's Orders left Vizianagrum the 25th & arrived at Waltair the 28th February, & on the 2d March in the evening they all embarked on the Tonby excepting the sick in the Hospital, so that there was one time Cast in their embarkation.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
M. Williams

Vizagapatam
21st April 1770

(signed)

A true Copy Chas Maxtone Secry.

Account of Provisions taken on the Snow Tonby George Greenley Master for the use of the Madras Detachment

Rice	60 Bags
Biscuits	20 Maunds
Ghee	1 Candy
Paddy	15 Ditto
Tamarinds	3 Ditto
Turmarick	5 Maunds
Pepper	4 Ditto
Garlick	9 Ditto
Cheelies	30 Chunchums
Onions	30 Maunds
Salt Fish	1000
Beef & Bullocks salted	
Sheep	40
Salt	30 Chunchums
Grass	for the Ship
Fire-wood	

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26 Jans an 18 leagers of Water

A true Copy

Chas. Maxtone
Secry.

As the Troops embark'd on the Tenby are now arrived at Masulipatam, & no material inconvenience hath happen'd from the distress which they suffer'd in that Vessell, it is resolved without further notice to pass over the inattention shewn to our Orders & the want of care which appears in the embarkation excepting that upon any similar occasion in future effectual means will be taken to prevent the like distress to which these Troops were exposed by being sent on board ship at so late a season of the year without a sufficient quantity of good provisions for their Voyage.

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from Lieut: Colonel Fitz Gerald Commanding at Tanjore.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit to you, the Monthly Returns of the Troops doing duty in this Garrison, & its Dependencies, also a Monthly Return of the 1st Battn. 1st Regt. in this Garrison & Trichinopoly, for the Month of April.

From Lt. Colonel Fitz Gerald with the returns of the Garrison of Tanjore advising that the Rajah had withdrawn the Lascars usually allow'd

I am to inform you that it has been usual for the Rajah to allow one hundred of his Lascars, to be employ'd on the Company's Service for the use of this Garrison, a few days since he gave

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Orders for the whole of them being discharged.

I am further to acquaint you that yesterday, I obtained the Rajah's permission to bring from Pondamalore such Guns as are unserviceable to this Garrison.

I am, with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Tanjore
6th May 1770

humble Servant
J. Fitz Gerald

Resolved that Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald be desired to acquaint the Board what number of Lascars are absolutely wanted for the necessary duty of the Garrison at Tanjore.

Memo. thereon

Read the following Letter from Captain Charles Clifton, accompanying a Memorial for the Court of Directors.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt. Clifton with Memorial to the Court of Directors

In consequence of Captains Kennedy & De Morgan's having sent Memorials by the Grenville in 1776, & their having now addressed you, & thro' you, the Honble Court of Directors. The Memorial I have present, I beg leave may be transmitted to them, by the same opportunity: & further more, permit me to remark; that Captains Kennedy & De Morgans have in their Memorials asserted Matters, groundless & full of Errors; with evident intention to depreciate my character; as

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an Officer. I therefore esteem it a duty I owe my-
self, that you should be made acquainted there-
with, as neither with this Presidency, or the Honble
Court of Directors, would I have my conduct as an
Officer, the least sullied, by any misrepresentation,
I therefore entreat you will be pleased to notice
such improp[riety]

I am
Hon[ble] Sirs
with due respect
Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Clifton

To the Honble Court of Directors
for the affairs of the United
East India Company

Honble Sirs

Captains Kennedy & Demor
gan having sent you Memorials tendering to refer
you to past Records, such as my readmittance into
your Service, & the nature of the Commission given
me; This Honble Sirs I fully set forth in my Me-
morial of 1773. I there expressly told you the na-
ture of my commission the necessity of my
the Port of Madras to Bengal, from th
season, & the unadvoidable impossibility
able to get to Fort St. George sooner
January; that the inconveniences
expences through a Voyage
were ill suited to my circumst

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Consideration
which Memorial
on as an Officer
Commission /

Commissioned

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had by not arriving at the Settlement, through
your not having expressd me next to any one, both
that Rank I flattered myself you had honored me
with; There are the particulars which Captains
Kennedy & De Morgan now tell you, for which you
I hope totally removd by the favor you have done
me, in the con[illegible] given my Memorial of
1773, in wh[illegible] Gates pointed out to my
prior a[illegible]ficer in your Service, the date
of my C[illegible]mission being at the siege of Pon-
dichery, at which place I Served as a Cadet & Officer
Fir[illegible]mission'd as Lieutenant Fireworker in Sep-
tember 1760, Lieut: Fireworkers Kennedy & De-
Morgan Commissions were not till February 1762, as
may be proved by the List of the Army, & their Com-
missions are antidated, as sometime after this Date,
they were only Cadets.

In September 1763 [illegible]ent as
second Lieutenant to Bengal with a Detachment
of Artillery having that Promotion gi[illegible]en me
in consequence of my going on that Command
I remain'd there in the Services of the Ve[illegible]or, against
Oosun: als at the request of Pet Vans[illegible]tart, First
on the lucrative Motive, Captains Kenn[illegible]edy and
De Morgan, are so obligingly kind to in[illegible]timate for
me.

alt.

There same Gentlem[illegible]en apart
that I quitted the service at a time General Smith
was observing the Motions of an Enemy in 1765.
— that whole year I was engag'd in a severe Cam-
—, so far ignorantly, there Gentlemen have
—— acquainted with my situation [illegible]d Instruct

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been acquainted/

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of the Error; & on the 1st of May 1766 I was ordered to Calcutta with ten more Officers, who having all been in the same predicament with myself of desiring to resign by seperate Letter, nevertheless tendering our Services 'till our places could be dispenced with, all those Gentlemen are restored to the Service again, as well as myself, & I apprehend if the Assertion of an Enemy's being near had been Fact, this would never have been the Case; & surely an imagination to this day, I never heard of our Enemy's appearing such an accusation injuriously laid to the charge of Officers was imprudently given out, but the Officers whom it was aimd to reflect on, feeling themselves hurt, at so unmerited an aspersion gave it in a Letter, a flat & public denial, as ungenerous, injurious & unjust to which Letter my Name is affixd, & is extant in a Narrative of the Resignation by Henry Stracey Esq.r)

The ungenerous revival of this aspersion after 12 Years are elapsed, can only aim to depreciate a Character, who is so far coincides the point of honor in an Officer, that he would have disdaind to have felt justly underish, as much as he now despises those who would set themselves up the Calumniators.

Captains Kennedy & Desmongan Honble Sirs, endeavor to recommend themselves by their long services commencing from the first enlisting Br. dichony, sorry am I that necessity so urges me in preservation of my Rank, which I hold most dear, to point out this Error, with the degredation of those Circumstances, I would have wished in all its point, not to have remarkd, did not the uncandid attacks on me demand that I should stand forth with every exertion in my own behalf, thus any they have been in all

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the various Services since the first investing Pondi-
-cherry well known to the Hon'ble Members of Council
here, at the time of the Seige of Pondicherry, Captain
Kennedy was private in the Corps in that capacity he acted,
& I believe entitled to some merit as he was afterwards a
Non Commissioned Officer in the Company I did duty
in at Bandepollam as an Officer, & I believe could
be scarcely known to any of the Members of this Presi-
-dency; he did not obtain a Commission till 1762, and
De Morgan commenc'd Cadet some time after the seige
of Vellore also in 1762, Now Hon'ble Sirs I served as a
Cadet at the first investing Pondicherry, was an Officer
there in September 1760 also in 1764 at the seige of
Vellore, & at neither of those places where these Gentle-
-men as Officers how is it possible they can date their
Services from the investing Pondicherry

I have ever done my duty in
your Service am at all times ready to exert myself
in it whenever occasion requires, & mean to offer no
self praise, tho', I can by no means allow preeminence
or superiority to the irreproachable spent vigorous part
of the lives of Captain's Kennedy & De Morgan who
presumptuously would pretend to call themselves super-
-ceded by my representation only, which they complain
they had no knowledge of; Was I to have ask'd
these Gentlemen liberty to request your Sirs to honor
me with that right you have granted, it would
have been to acknowledge a precedence, or an equa-
-lity, which would have been a condescention, I could
not be expected to have been reconcild to, or a con-
-dor, founded on astonishing simplicity, folly &
ignorance.

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At this late period of time, when unsolicited of your right Honble President & Council confirmd the sense of your Orders which are fully, distinct & clear; shall any other colour be thrown on them, but by Men partial to themselves, from the clear positive distinct spirit of their meaning, I must confess, I am reduced to the necessity of being irksome to you, in defence of that right I am entitled to, but Honble Sirs, to be silent on the occasion would imply to you perhaps that any representations I had not been founded on the facts I originally stated them in, I am therefore drawn into a repetition of my former representations against insinuations that would deprive me of my right, of which bear a depreciating turn.

I now Honble Sirs beg leave to refer you to your Orders per Ship Grenville which arrivd in December 1773, leaving the unanswer'd parts of Captains Kennoy's & Debrorgan's Memorials as groundless & immaterial to the matter, intending only to complicate certain facts under a veil of obscurity, as it was from this period of the arrival of the Ship Grenville only, I propos'd that which was my right, of which till then I thought myself in an unfortunate situation, tho obliged to submit to it, till the time of obtaining your Orders, which are as follows

Extract from Company's General Letter &c.
Dated 13th April 1774.

Upon considering the request of Captain Charles Clifton, enter'd on your consideration of the twenty second of June 1773, we have to remark, that whatever doubts, you might have been under respecting

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the rank, we intended he should hold, when we appointed him youngest Captain of Artillery without expressing him next to any one Person, there must have been who by removed by our Orders of the 27th Novemr. 1771, in which we annulled the full Commissions you had given the Captains Lieutenants &c as by those Ones Mesrs Stoud, Kennedy, DeMorgan, Oates & Mackay became Captains by Brevet only nine Months after we had appointed Captain Clifton a full Captain, we direct that he have the Company commanded by Captain Stoud, to which in consequence of the Commission We gave him in 1771, he would have succeeded had he been present when it became Vacant

Since Extract

(signed) R. J. Sullivan
Secry

By these Orders you have been fully to consider the request of my Memorial 1773, directing that I shall command Captain Stouts Company, who by that Promotion pointed out as a Junior Officer to me in your service, & who stood when you appointed me a full Captain, only Captain Lieutenant on your list, at the India House tho' he had then succeeded to a company, but this Gentleman is now deceas'd out of the Question, your Orders are therefore clear as to my succeeding in Rank before Captains Kennedy & DeMorgan as you say; I shall succeed by your appointment, in March & by the Commission you gave me in consequence the same as if I had been present when the Companys became vacant, this fully implies Honble Sirs, you were unable Ignorant

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present when the Vacancies fell, & that your Orders regarding me, where the effect of mature Consideration, deliberating fully on the matter, & not inadvertently, as is artfully surmised, & endeavord to be insinuated by those who are not my Friends or well wishers. Now Honble Sirs as your Commission is dated in April 1771, & the Vacancies fell not till by the decease of Colonel Nutter the 17th of November, & by the Decease of Captain Little on the 8th of December as by your Register from the Secretary's Office, therefore the matter is perfectly clear as to your intention how I should Rank, for had these Vacancies fell only one Day after your appointing me by your Commission in April 1771, instead of eight & nine Months, Your Orders had clearly, entitled me to them.

Also by the Journal of the Ship Lord Holland which I have now in my possession I past the Port of Madras on the 12th of November at noon, by account being in 13° 46' North Latitude some Miles over that Meridian, might not been said to have been more than arrived; & from the 12th of Novemr. I was allowd to draw Pay in your service, from that day I became subject to all Military authority & Penalties, of course should at all succession in your service, but your Orders have clearly constituted me in my rank in consequence of which The Right Honble President & Council in full agreement issued on the 19th of Decemr. the following Orders & granted me a Commission to command in Corps.

The 19th December 1775

That the Court of Directors

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Some Days pleased to order that Captain Charles Clifton do rank as eldest Captain of Artillery next below Major Horne, considering that the Determination of your Right Honble President and Council, from your Orders, if not only as I am an Officer of prior standing in your service before those Gentlemen, who think themselves aggrieved, but in Dignity to yourselves, be ever prevailed on to reverse from them.

I therefore know of no alternative but removing me with my rank to Bengal, immediately before William Ansley Baillee now Major of Artillery, if the next Officer below me, when on that Establishment, let me thank you most gratefully for that Rank, I am entitled to here, for which I have enjoy, the Captains Kennedy & Debourgan are sending you Memorials by the Ships of the season, of the nature of those sent you by the Grenville 1776 during the imprisonment of Lord Pigot, if my absence from the settlement, to supplant me in that Rank, I hold from Honble & prior services, & the Orders you have been pleased to direct concerning me

I am
Honble Sirs,
with respect, fidelity & attachment
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Charles Clifton
Captain of Artillery

St Thomas's Mount
May 6th 1778

Ordered that the Paymas

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Read the following Letter from

Mr. Thomas Ogilvie Paymaster at Vellore.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From Mr. Ogilvie Paymaster at Vellore to the Secretary on his Contract for Gunpowder.

I receivd yours of the 11th. Last night, wherein you acquaint me, "the account of "the expence of making Gun Powder, transmitted "to you in my Letter of the first Instant, does not "include those Articles provided by the Company's— In answer to which I beg leave to remind you, that in your Letter Dated the 26th. March, you desire, "that "I will make up the quantity of Gun Powder wanted "for the Garrison of Vellore, in the same manner, & "on the same Terms it was formerly manufactured "in that Garrison" — The account sent you in my Letter of the first Instant is exactly on the same terms & in the same manner it was formerly manufactur'd.

You further acquaint me, "that "it is the Orders of the Honble Board that I furnish "them with another account specifying the whole "cost of the Gun Powder which I am ordered to pro- "vide, as it is their intention that the Saltpetre and "Brimstone supplied from the Company's Stores shall "be paid for by me.

It is impossible for me to furnish the Board with that account, being entirely ignorant of the price of these ingredients & the Charges attending the bringing of them to Vellore, whatever the Company Charges me for Cash

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the same will I charge in making the Powder; it requires 100lb Brimstone & 500lb Salt Petre to make one Candy of Gun Powder

In your letter of the 24th Ultto. you desire "that I will make as much Powder as I "possibly can over & above the quantity wanted for this "Garrison". In consequence of which I have made some little addition to the Mills, that I may be able to perform my engagement in my letter of the 5th Ultimo.

You will be pleased to acquaint the Board, that I applied to the Commanding Officer for another house for Major Hopkins, who in-form'd me, there was not a quarter in Garrison empty.

I am

Sir

Vellore
13th May 1778

Your most Obedient Servt.
Thos. E. Ogilvie Storker

Ordered that a calculate be made of the expence of Salt Petre & Brimstone delivered at Vellore.

With respect to Major Hopkins's Quarters the President is desired to obtain the Nabob's Consent for making such repairs as may be deem'd absolutely necessary.

Ensign Stephen Swain is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the room of Lieut. David Wilson struck off the list of the Army.

General Munro lays before the Board a letter which he has received from

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Captain Rusell at Madura accompanying the following Report of the Arms of the 3d Carnatic Battalion, & requesting that a new set may be sent to Madura & Kept in Store there to be used only upon emergency.

Report of a Survey of the Arms of the 3d Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys, held at Madura 16th April 1770, agreable to the General Orders of the 27th October 1775.

That the above Arms have been in constant use in the said Battalion, since the Year sixty Nine when they were delivered to them at Trichinopoly; & that even then they were old Arms; & are now rendered so bad, by long use that they are only fit for Garrison duty.

D. Mackay
Insp.r Stores

William Rusell
Command.g Madura

Ordered that a complete set of arms & accoutrements be sent to Madura & kept in Store there for Service upon any emergency.

General Burrows acquaints the Board that he has received an application from Lieut. Rogers in charge of Captain Kelly's Battalion at Coimbetoor for a warrant to try the following Crimes by a General Court Martial.

Crime — Hussain Saheb Subadar in the 9th Battalion put under an arrest by me, on complaint of Jemadar Hawldar for having

abused him, & pull'd his Wiskers in front of the Company he belong'd to, & for falsely & insolently accusing the Members of a late Court Martial in conjunction with Lieut. Vigors, of acquitting a guilty Prisoner who he had confin'd.

U. Vigors
9th Battn.

Crime — Changalos Jemidar in the 9th Battalion put under an Arrest by me, for employing two Sepoys of the Company he belong'd to about his own private business, the one as his Cook the other to take care of his Flacole, & in consideration of which, excused them all duties except that of going on guard with him for many Months.

Conjeveram
9th May 1778.

U. Vigors
9th Battn.

Resolved that a Warrant be sent for the trial of Hussan Saheb Subadar, but with respect to the other Man the Commanding Officer, must be desired only to admonish him in such Terms as may be most likely to prevent a Repetition of the same conduct

General Munro lays before the Board the following letter from Ensign Williams to him

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief
Sir,

Having been honored with your permission to address you on the subject of my

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Letter from Ensign Williams complaining of his having received no additional pay as Commanding the Marksmen.

situation with the Marksmen; I now beg leave to state the Inconveniences & disadvantages which I have labord under by commanding that Corps requesting when a convenient opportunity offers that you would be pleased to lay my case before the Board. — I shall not intrude upon your time with a minute Detail; but confine myself to such facts only as may be necessary to justify the intention as well as to apologise for the liberty of this address.

In July 1775 I was at the recommendation of Sir Robert Fletcher appointed to the command of the Company of Marksmen, but without any pay or emolument whatever in addition to what I received as Ensign on the establishment. Under these Circumstances I accepted of the Appointment, with a view solely of recommending myself to the Commander in Chief, & in this expectation I flatter myself I was not disappointed, Sir Robert Fletcher & General Stuart have both successively assured me that some consideration should be made for the Trouble & expence peculiar to my situation.

My extraordinary trouble beyond the common duty of a Subaltern, I should not presume to mention, was it not usual in the Service for those who act in a double Capacity to receive a suitable consideration; — permit me therefore Sir to observe that I command a Corps with which at the same time I act as Adjutant, that as there is no other European Officer in it, my appointment may be considered as one of singular responsibility

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I have hitherto been fixt at Madras, without any prospect of being removed to a Batta Garrison, or even to a less expensive Station.

I have now commanded the Marksmen near two Years, during which time I have notwithstanding the strictest Oeconomy been considerably out of pocket by the appointment; for besides the extraordinary expence of living at Madras I have been under the necessity of Keeping a Horse for the purpose of attending my duty.

I have thus Sir as briefly as possible acquainted you with the nature of my Situation; the circumstances of which are obvious; & will when presented to the Board, I make no doubt induce them to make me a compensation adequate to my trouble & Expence

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

Madras
9th May 1770

Thos Williams

Minute thereon

The Board are of Opinion that the case of Ensign Williams is peculiar, & that he is entitled to some extraordinary allowance for the trouble he has been put to in acting as Adjutant as well as Commanding Officer to the Corps of Marksmen; Resolved therefore that he be allowed Adjutant's pay from the time he has so acted, & that it be continued to him as long as he shall continue to do that duty.

Captain James Edmonstone having

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that the Commander in Chief requested Leave of absence for three Months to bring his Family in proper Season from Pallamcottah — Agreed that Leave be given to him accordingly

General Munro lays before the Board the following Letter.

To Major General Hector Munro

The Memorial of Lieutenant Murray of the Nabob's Service

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorial has been so unfortunate from being in his Highness's Service as to be oblig'd to run in debt for which his Creditors have seiz'd him, & as there is such very little prospect of his arrears being paid or indeed at all, the Nabob's Your Memorialist requests to be admitted a Cadet in the Company's. For further particulars of your Memorialists connections, Character & Situation he begs Leave to refer you to Captain Geils of the Artillery.

And your Memorialist shall ever pray.

Rob.t Murray

Memorial from Lieut. Murray requesting the appointment of Cadet

Madras Goal 13th 1770.

Agreed that Lieut. Murray be informed that the Board cannot comply with his request.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Stuart.

To

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To Charles Oakeley Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th May & in answer desire you will acquaint the Honble the President & Council that I shall grant my receipts for the full amount of the allowances they think proper to give to me, untill the farther pleasure of the Company concerning me can be known.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

James Stuart

Fort St George
16th May 1770

From Genl Stuart to the Secretary agreeing to grant receipts for his allowances.

The Secretary lays before the Board a draught of the obligation to be entered into by General Stuart in consequence of their resolutions concerning his allowances pass'd in consultation the Ultimo — The draught is approv'd & the blanks for the penalty ordered to be filled up with the sum of 12,000 Pagodas.

The General lays before the Board the following Petition to him from Ramsing Subidar.

To Major General Robert Munro

Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Forces employ'd in the East Indies on the Coast of Choromandel.

Petition of Ramsing Subidar representing his long Services & requesting to be appointed to Garrison duty.

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The Humble Petition of Ram Sing Subedar

Sheweth

That your Petitioner was pen-
sioned in the Honble Company's 9th Battalion of Sepoys
commanded by Captain Robert Kelly in the year 1773.
by reason of the different wounds he has received in
the service of the Honble Company, but now finding
himself fit for Garrison duty, most humbly begs he
may be appointed to it, as he has served the Honble
Company 21 Years, 11 of which Subedar, has had his
three brothers all killed in the Service of the Honble Com-
pany, & having a large Family of his own, as well
as the Families of his three Brothers all dependant
on him for subsistance, & his present Pay, being too
small for the maintaining of them all, humbly re-
quests, your Honor will please to consider the particulars
of your Petitioners Circumstances & grant his request,
who will always be attentive to his duty as heretofore
& as in duty bound.

Pray for your Honors prosperity

Ram Sing
Subedar

Madras
1st May 1778

The above is a true State
of Ram Sing's case to the
best of my knowledge

Robert Kelly
Capt. 9th Batt.

The above Petition having
been laid before the Committee of Invalids

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and Pensioners, and the Committee having in consequence recommended the Petitioner to be put on the Invalid Establishment on the first Vacancy as a Subedar — it is resolved accordingly.

The General also delivers in the following Petition from Peer Mahomed Soubidar

To Major General Hector Munro

Commanding the Honble Company's Forces.

The humble Petition of Peer Mahomed Soubidar in the Honble Company's Service

Sheweth

That through some dispute with the Commandant of the Battalion your Petitioner did belong to, your Petitioner was ordered to join the Invalid Corps, but having had no proper Certificate has not been received into that Corps.

Petition of Peer Mahomed Subedar to be put on the Invalid List as Subedar.

Your Petitioner applied to Mr. Whitehill who was so condescending as to promise your Petitioners being appointed to some Corps.

Your Petitioner humbly implores that your Honor will have compassion on him who has faithfully served the Honble Company for the space of thirty Years faithfully & has received many wounds on the Service, therefore if now neglected by these Honble Masters must be reduced

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to beggary in his old age. — By your Honors con-
descending to peruse this Petition & to order your
Petitioner to join a Battalion will lay your
Petitioner under the greatest restraint to acquit
himself by his merit, & as in duty bound with
the most fervent Zeal shall ever pray.

The Petitioners Case being
strongly recommended by the Committee of
Invalids, resolved that he be put on the Inva-
lid List as a Subedar

Tho: Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro

B. Perring

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

Governor President

Wednesday 20th Inst. John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read.

The President acquaints the Board that in consequence of their late Orders to the Committee of Works to lay before them an estimate of the expence of fixing the Palisadoes round the Fortifications, the Chief Engineer hath represented to him that he conceives the Board had some intention of placing him under the Orders of the Committee of Works as he only is the proper Person to form Estimates and the Committee could not procure the Estimates required otherwise than by application to him. He requested therefore that the President would mention this matter to the Board, and obtain their explanation upon the subject.

Mode to be observed in carrying on the Fortifications

The Board are of Opinion that the Chief Engineer is not nor ought to be subject to the Orders of the Committee of Works if they had no intention of placing him under their authority by the Orders above alluded to. Resolved that the proper mode to be observed in carrying on the Fortifications is, that whenever any Works appears necessary to be executed the Chief Engineer be immediately ordered by

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the Board, to form the proper Estimates & if the work be determined on, the order for executing this to go immediately from the Board to the Chief Engineer & a copy of the same Order is to be sent to the Committee of Works that they may give all necessary Assistance of Materials & Workmen, & the Engineer is to apply to them, whenever such assistance becomes requisite, all expences for work done are to be paid by the Committee of Works upon regular certificate from the Engineer, & no extraordinary expence that is to say contingent Charges of Doors Gateways, Palisadoes &c. for Fortifications, are to be incurred without express authority from the Board.

Read the following Letter from Ensign Brudenell.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

As the future provision of my Daughter who has had the misfortune to lose her Mother, & also Family Affairs of the greatest consequence to my interest, require my embarking for England speedily; I humbly request your permission for this purpose, & beg leave to assure you, that I shall not fail of returning to my duty on one of the Ships which may sail for this Coast the season after my arrival in England.

From Ensign Brudenell requesting leave to go to England

My particular situation will I humbly hope entitle me to this indulgence

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which shall ever be most gratefully acknowledged by

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant

Madras
May 18th: 1778

Geo: Brudenell

Agreed that Ensign Brudenell be permitted to go home agreably to his request.

Proceedings of a Committee on Invalids & Pensioners held the 11th & 12th Instant read & approved.

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro

P. Perrin

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Dispatch'd a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in Country Correspondence No. 70 on the subject of his finances the low estimate of his Revenues & great amount of his expences

Also letter to the Nizam entered in Country Correspondence No. 71 representing his want of respect to the Company in his last letter to the President.

Wrote letter to the Rajah of Tanjore Country Correspondence No. 73 on the subject of his dispute with the Board.

Dispatch'd the following letters

To Mr. Morgan Williams
Chief &ca Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen

To Ganjam

We have received your letter of the 24th April enclosing a Copy of Mr. Hughes's Proposals for making Gun Powder. We approve of the Terms & consent for the reasons he has assign'd that Mr. Hughes be excused from entering into any penalty until he has had an opportunity of trying the quantity that can be made in the course of a Year.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends
Thomas Rumbold
&ca Council

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To

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To Lt. Colonel James Fitz-Gerald

Commanding at

Tanjore

Sir,

In consequence of the information you have given us concerning Laurence Drigloman who deserted to Negapatam, we have written a letter to the Governor & Council there, to request he may be delivered up. This Letter we have enclosed, that it may be forwarded by you. If you desire you will order a Guard to escort the Man to Tanjore, & afterwards send him to the Fort.

I am

Sir

We are

Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Rumbold

For Council

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20th May 1778

To Lt Col. Fitz Gerald

To the Honble Reynier Van Vlissingen Esqr

Councellor Extraordinary & Director for affairs of the Dutch Company on the Coast of Choromandel and to the rest of the Council thereof at

Negapatam

Letter to Negapatam requesting they will deliver up Drigleman

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having received information that one of our Soldiers named Laurence Drigloman hath Lately deserted to Negapatam, We request you will deliver him up to us agreeably to the Cartel. We are informed he has since his Desertion, assumed the name of Ladowick Thorne.

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We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&ca Council

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Dispatch'd the following letters

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Agreeably to the request made to us in your letter of the 9th March last, We have resolved to extend the leave of absence formerly granted to Captain John Mordaunt of this establishment which We beg you will be pleased to signify to him, & when you shall have no further occasion for his Services, we request that he may be directed to return to his Corps.

Letter to Bengal
at leave of absence
to Capt. Mordaunt

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&ca Council

To Mr Alexander Davidson
Chief &ca Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have received your letters of the 5th Instant with the Papers enclosed.

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Letter to Vizagapatam on the subject of the Provisions on the Tenby

As it has fortunately happened that the Troops embark'd on the Tenby have suffered no material inconvenience from the return of that Vessell to Vizagapatam in the manner which has been represented to us, we are disposed without further Notice to pass over the great inattention to our Orders & the want of care which appears in the embarkation of the Troops, expecting that upon any similar occasion in future, the most effectual means will be taken to prevent that Distress to which these Troops were exposed by being embark'd at so late a season of the Year without a sufficient quantity of good Provisions for the Voyage.

We are

Gentlemen

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Your Affectionate friends
Thomas Rumbold
&c.

At a Consultation present

The Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
Governor President

Monday the 25th May

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
General Munro
Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read the following letter from Anjengo.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President & Governor & ac Council of
Fort St. George

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Anjengo advising the departure of the Cruisers from that Port.

It is with the greatest concern that we acquaint your Honor &c. of the Departure of the Cruizers from this Port for Bombay, who left it Yesterday on account of the advanced Season & the imminent Danger consequent thereon; especially as no advice had been recivid of the expected Troops even being upon their march.

The President &c. John Torlesse on the 17th Ultimo forwarded a Packet from our Presidency to your Board; Also another the 26th with a Letter from himself to Governor Rumbold, which we hope have been duly recived, remaining with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Anjengo
7th May 1778.

J. Torlesse
Arthur King
J. Hutchinson

Read the following Letters from

Mr Petrie.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Petrie on the subject of the Complaints of the Gentlemen at Pegapatam &c. Letters enclosed

The Letter which you did me the Honor to write under Date the 25th March, directing me to examine into the state of the dispute with the Governor of Pegapatam, relative to the conduct of our Sepoys in the Tanjore Country, should have been replied to long before now but the nature of the subject having obliged

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me to make application to the Rajah for information upon certain points, he has almost daily since that time promised me, what he termd full proofs of the hostilities of the Dutch Governor, his breach of Treaty with this Government, & his false accusations of the Rajah's subjects & our Sepoys. There were nearly his expressions. But as I do not find there is a likelihood of my receiving, at present, any further lights upon this subject, than I have already procured, I have thought it my duty to transmit to you, a Copy of my correspondence with Lieutenant White, who then commanded at Negore, & the purport of the conference I had with the Rajah soon after the receipt of your said Orders, which contain every thing material that I have been able to collect relative to the Late disputes with the Dutch.

Lieutenant White's correspondence is enclosed, & the substance of the Rajah's information as follows.

That from the earliest settling of the Dutch at Negapatam, an agreement has subsisted between them & the Rajahs of Tanjore, by which the Dutch are bound not to afford protection to any of the subjects of the Rajah who might seek for it in their Countrys, but immediately to deliver them up, that this agreement was mutual & has always been faithfully observed on the part of the Rajah; That the French & Danes entered into the same engagements with the Rajahs of Tanjore, that the Original Treaties were lost in the Capture of this Fort, but Copies of some of them are still preserved, Notwithstanding this, I am mindful of the many favors

which the Rajah of this Country have conferr'd upon the
Dutch, the present Governor Mr. Van Vlysingen, pro-
tects & keeps in the Fort of Negapatam, Condaya Subba
Pillah the Late Renter of Manoar Gooty Subah upon
whom the Rajah has considerable demands for the
Arrears of his former collections; that he has repeatedly
sent in an amicable manner to demand this Man
of Mr. Van Vlysingen, who sometimes insulted his Mes-
sengers; at other times sent back evasive answers. He
complains that the Dutch Governor did not congratu-
late him upon his restoration, as the other European
Colonies in his Country did, & even refused to receive a
Letter which he sent to him, on the subject of the
Peischash, with the usual Compliments; That he has
since sent to Demand the arrears of Peischash,
which the Governor agreed to pay, upon the Rajahs
sending him a receipt, a discharge for the same, which
he did, but the Governor keeps the receipt, & refuses to
pay the Money. Irritated by these, & many other of-
fences, which he says, he can prove against Mr.
Van Vlysingen, he gave positive Orders to his subjects
not to carry any Provisions into the Town of Negapa-
tam, in consequence of which the Dutch Sepoys
had forcibly entered his Country, ill treated the In-
habitants, & carried off Provisions. This conduct
he says, he considered in the light of actual War, &
was accordingly obliged to apply to the English for
their assistance, which they granted by sending
two Companies of Sepoys for the protection of his
Country, which however had prov'd insufficient for
the purpose of preventing the Communication between

his Subjects & the Dutch. The Rajah related with many aggravating Circumstances the violent ack committed by the Orders of the Dutch Governor, against the English Sepoys, & the disgracefull, injurious treatment of our Embador. He appeard much exasperated, complaind bitterly of the insults he had received from Mr Van Vlisingen, for which, he said, he should long ago have chastisd him in his Fort, had he possessd his former Power, but added, that he hoped his Protectors, the English Company, would not allow the Dutch to injure him with impunity, some other accusations against the Governor of Negapatam, relative to many Transactions, being of a private nature, & foreign to the intention of your enquiry, would be improper for me to introduce here.

The Rajah expressd a desire to transmit his Complaints to the Governor General of Batavia by the way of Madras, & said he intended consulting the Hon'ble the President upon it, he likewise told me, that he understood Mr Van Vlisingen was about to leave Negapatam, but he proposed writing to the Council of that place, not to permit him to depart, untill he had made answer to the Charges, which he would exhibit against him.

When I was at Nagore Gov. endeavord to ascertain the truth of the Rajah's complaints against the Dutch, His Managers & their People gave the same account of the violences committed by the Dutch Sepoys, & I believe there is no doubt of their having forcibly seized Provisions which belongd to the subjects of the Rajah, when they found that

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he had interdicted all intercourse with Negapatam. The imprisonment of our Sirdar & Sepoys, has already been before the Honble Board.

I could not find from all my enquiries, that the conduct of our Sepoys, had been in any respect irregular, except in the seizure or detention of the Boats, where single guards acted under the orders of the Amildar, but on the contrary, that those stationed on the boundaries of the Rajahs Country, had paid the strictest attention to the Orders of their Officers, & confined themselves solely to the protection of the Rajahs Villages & Inhabitants.

The Person mentioned under the name of Appaa was a Hircarrah who was recommended to me for getting intelligence from Negapatam. The last time he went there, he was sent under the pretence of owing Money to some of the Inhabitants, & has been kept in confinement ever since.

I have the honor to remain with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithfull and
most Obedient Hble Servt
William Petrie

Tanjore
16th May 1770

To Lieutenant White
Commanding a Detachment from
the 2d Battalion of Sepoys
at
Nagore

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Sir

Being authorisd by the President & Council of Madras, to commence an Enquiry into the state of the Dispute with the Governor of Negapatam relative to the Conduct of our Sepoys in the Tanjore Country, in order to transmit full information upon this subject to the Board, I have to desire that with all convenient expedition, you will furnish me with a particular account of the measures which have been pursued by you since your arrival at Nagore for the protection of their Districts, the conduct of the Sepoys under your Command, & an explanation of any disputes or interference, which may have occurd between you & the Dutch, in the execution of your Orders. - Mr. Van Vlissingen complains of the seizure & detention of some of their boats by the Rajahs People assisted by our Sepoys, I beg you will inform me of the grounds of this Complaint.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) William Petrie

Tanjore
30th March 1770

To William Petrie Esqr

Tanjore

Sir

I have now the pleasure to answer your favor of the 30th March, desiring by authority from the Honble the Board of Madras

1st

An account of the measures that I have pursued, since my arrival here, for the

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protection of these Districts

2d The conduct of the Sepoys under my command.

3d & 5th An explanation of any Disputes, which may have arisen between the Dutch & me, in the execution of my Orders.

4th An information of the grounds of Mr Van Vlysingens Complaints of the Dutch Boats being seiz'd & detain'd by the Rajah's People, assisted by our Sepoys.

To justify the measures that have been pursued by me, I will furnish you with a copy of the Orders, I have receiv'd from Colonel Horne, at my departure from Tanjore.

Copy.

To Lieutenant While

Sir,

You will please to march the two Companys of Sepoys under your command, to the bounds of the Tanjore Country near Negapatame, & station one Company at a Village called Chical with the other Company to you will please to proceed to Nagore — For your better guidance & instructions, I furnish you with a Paragraph of the Orders I have received from the Honble the Governor & Council under Date the 14th February 1778.

The Rajah Saith written to us a letter complaining of the Dutch Governor of Negapatam, in secreting & protecting many of the Inhabitants of his Country against his Government, & informing us that he has in consequence thought proper to direct

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that no communication be held between his People &
those of Negapatam, but being apprehensive that the
Dutch may attempt to enter his Country by force,
to obtain Provisions & other Articles, with which
they were before supplied, he has requested that two
Company's of Sepoys may be sent to the bounds of his
Country near Negapatam to protect it from such
Design.

We direct accordingly that you
detach two Company's of Sepoys for that purpose, strictly
charging the Officer, who may have the Command of
them, to keep within the bounds of the Rajah's Country,
to commit no sort of violence upon the possessions
or People belonging to the Dutch; but merely to secure
& protect the Rajah's People within his Limits from
any attempt such as the Rajah speaks of in his letter
abovementioned.

In consequence of the above
Orders to me the Rajah has signified his desire that
one Company may be sent to Nagore, & we will therefore conform ourselves to the
Directions to the Officer Commanding the Company
stationed at Chicul to observe the same; & you will
inform me of every occurrence that may happen, or in
my absence the Commanding Officer at Tanjore.

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) M. Horne

Tanjore
17th Feby 1778

Colonel Horne sent Orders to the
Jemidars Commanding the Sepoys at Trivalore to receive

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his Orders relative to the Dutch from me, & that I would upon my approach to the Dutch bounds, communicate to the Officer Commanding the Dutch Troops upon duty, the motives of my coming, which I did from Kiveloor in the following terms, & sent it by a Havildar to Negapatam.

To the Officer Commanding
the Dutch Troops upon Duty

Sir

I am directed by the Commanding Officer of the Company's Troops at Tanjore to inform you, upon my arrival at the Boundaries which seperate, the possessions of the Rajah of Tanjore & those of the Dutch Company, that I am ordered not to molest or disturb the Dutch, or any People belonging to them in their Possessions, but sent here merely to protect the Rajah's Country; - which Orders I have now the honor of communicating to you, & remain,

Sir

Kivelore
20th Febry. 1778

Your Obedient Servant
(signed) E. White, L.E.C. Service

At Kivelore I gave Lieutenant McPherson a Copy of my instructions from Colonel Horne, adding that he should conform to them, and Detach'd him with one Company to Chicul, with the other I proceeded to Nagore, & here received the answer written by the Dutch Governor to my fore-mention'd letter - of which this is a Copy

To

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To Lieut. Edn. White
in the E. I. Co's Service

Sir

Notwithstanding your letter of this day, was Directed to the Commanding Officer of the Dutch Company's Troops, I shall answer the same, by answering that I am very much oblig'd, for the Communication of your arrival upon the Boundaries of the Rajah of Tanjore's Country — & for the Communication of the Orders you have received from your Commander at Tanjore, but how strange it may appear to me, your arrival at certainly with some and Troops of the English Company's & by consequence belonging to the Allies of the States of Holland, to posted the Rajahs Country, just as if it was attacked in a hostile manner, I shall expect from you that the Order given by your Commander at Tanjore be exactly observed, & that you will take care that your English Company's Troops of which you say to be sent commit no hostilities in our Villages or to the Inhabitants of our District.

I remain
Sir
Your most humble
Obedt Servant
(signd) Van Olfsingen

Negapatam
20th Febry 1770

After being acquainted with the Face of the Country I inform'd Colonel Stuart that I thought, that it would be more for the protection of the District to keep the two Companies in their Station respectively, without making Detachments from

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them, as they would be more formidable, & readier to oppose any Enemy that might enter the Country, & had his approbation for so doing.

The 3d of March I ordered a Jemidar & forty Sepoys to take post in the Rajah's Country at Vangara-manry opposite & near Parsaram Chitty in the Dutch bounds, where the Dutch have a guard of Sepoys; I had frequent complaints that the Dutch Arm'd Sepoys from this place used to compell the Rajah's Subjects who were bringing Grain in the high road to this place, for to carry it to to Negapatam; consequently I was oblig'd to post this guard for the protection of the Road. — This Jemidar's guard took the first night that they were posted three Dutch Sepoys, who were passing from Pararam Chitty in the Dutch Country, thro' Vangaramany in the Rajah's to go to a Village called Moutam, belonging to the Dutch to the Northward of the Nagore River.

The Jemidar sent one of these Sepoys to me, who had with him a Cascar belonging to the English Company which the Dutch Sepoy had taken Prisoner — I immediately return'd this Sepoy & sent Orders to return the two Others, this properly speaking was only, detaining three Arm'd Men, 'till Liberty was obtain'd for them to pass, which was directly given without their suffering in their Persons or Effects.

The Passage to Moutam since has never been stopp'd by Sepoys, nor the Dutch Comers, or goers molested by any People, altho' the

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Rajah's People solicited much. These Sir have been the measures that I have taken for the defence of these Districts, & from time to time have inform'd the Routers & Amuldars that it was their business to carry the Rajah's Orders into execution amongst his subjects & that whatever assistance they requir'd to do so, this I would give them, but that they were not to think that I would allow my Sepoys to blockade Negapatam altho' at different times they solicited me to it, which I refused.

2dly That the conduct of the Sepoys in Nagore, Vangaramany & Chicul, has been perfectly regular

3dly No disputes of any kind have arisen between the Dutch & me, in the execution of my Orders, nor have I had any intercourse, or connection with them.

4th As Mr. Van Vlissingins complaints are explained in my Letters to Colonel Horne, in my Letters of the 9th & 11th Present — I send you Copies of them

To Colonel Horne
Commanding
Tanjore

Sir

I am favoured with yours of the 8th Instant enclosing the Copy of the Dutch Governor's Letters, containing his Complaints, & of them there is only, the stopping the Tappals, detaining the Peons, & intercepting the Sepoys between Mootoom & the Negapatam Country that can relate to me — In answer to which, Sir, I am to inform you, that I have never given Orders for stopping the Tappals to or from Negapatam, or for stopping any of the Tappals or Peons, whatever, nor has any such

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People ever made me acquainted of their being stopped, or detained, nor has any such People ever applied to me for to pass; As to the Sepoys that were intercepted between Pontoom & Negapatam, they were only three the Circumstances that follow here are before related.

As to the Complaint about the boat coming from Colombo, I have only to observe to you that if she is taken by Sepoys, it is not by any of mine, by Sepoys given to the Renter before my arrival, for who are dispersed about the Country for the Collection of the Revenues.

As Subadar is gone to Toptoree to make the necessary enquiries, when he returns I will report to you the result — Toptoree is said to be about 14 Coses from hence to the Southward, therefore the Dutch Governors information of such things being done by consent of Officers, is very erroneous, I will be obliged to you to justify me on those heads to the Honble Board.

The Renter is this morning in the Country when he returns, I will observe that part of your Letter, relative to the Dutch Governor — if any station near Vangaramany &c. for the Rajah's Country will answer equally well for the protection of the Rajah's subjects, I will place the Peonidars guard there.

None of my People have as yet gone into the Dutch Bounds, for fear that they should I will repeat my Orders.

The communication between Negapatam & Pontoom has been so open, that the

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Dutch Flags relieved their guards at the Cutter this day.

I remain with respect

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Negore
9th March 1778

(signed) Ed: White

To Colonel Horne
Commanding
Tanjore

Sir,

Subidar Annagurra who proceeded to Toptoree agreable to your Orders to enquire into the foundation of the Complaints made by the Dutch Governor, relative to the boat being stopp'd at Seafra by the Company's Sepoys, returned & reports the following circumstances to Lieutenant M.cPherson who has written them to me.

The Subidar found at Toptoree Caracarry Three Sepoys

The three Sepoys at Caracarry have been within these forty days past, by order of the Amildar of Caracarry whose name is Binnapillay.

1st One Boat Laden with Betle, Cocoa Nutts, from Columbo, to Karrical which after being detained some days, the Owner ordered the Cargo to be disposed of at Concarry which was done.

2d One empty Adrapatam, returned soon after being brought to Caracary.

3d A Boat with Tamarinds, which

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was detained two or three Days, then restored by Bima
pillay's Orders. this Boat returnd, but they neither know
from whence it came, nor to whence bound, at least
they would not tell

thy 46 6 A Boat Laden with Liquors from
Colombo, to Karrical, it was returnd after being detaind
some Days by Bomiapillay's Orders.

The Sepoys receivd from the
People who had Beeld 5 Cocoa Nutts five Fanams
worth of Rice, as they had receivd no pay for near
two Months. These Sepoys belong to Shaick Ismails
Company of the 15th Battalion. I made these seizures by
the Amildar Bimapillay's Orders.

I have upon the foregoing to
observe to you that the Sepoys that were thus employd
was Sepoys given to the Renter for the collection of
the Revenues before my arrival, & not any of my
People.

I have sent Orders to all the
Sepoys along the Coast not to undertake any thing
against the Dutch without my Leave, under penalty
of a General Court Martial.

I am, with respect

Sir

Your Obedient Servant
(signd) E. Wilde

Vagore
11th March 1778.

The foregoing Sir will give you
an Idea, of the general Tenor of my Conduct & what I
observe to you that as Colonel Stuart directed me
in his Letters to protect the Rajah's Country, but
not to Blockade Negapatam, I have conformd to

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his instructions, the Rajah's People are much dissatis-
fied, as the communication with Trantam being
open, they have almost daily applied to me to stop it,
which I have always refused, they daily solicit the
Dutch comers & goers, as much as they can, & a few
Days ago took two Dutch Sepoys & brought them here
Prisoners; the moment I got information of it, I caused
them to be released; they likewise seized a boat
laden with various Articles, from Tranquebar to
Negapatam, kept the Boat Men Prisoners & detained
the Boat here, of this I wrote to Colonel Horne, &
the Rajah has ordered the boat to be returned,
any thing that requires explana-
tion, in the foregoing, upon your remarking it
to me, I will give with pleasure, but as Colonel
Horne has my Letter, & is upon the spot, he can clear
up any thing to you that may require it, I am
now, Sir, to request that you will excuse the paper
I write on, as I have no other, & to believe that I
remain with respect
Sir
Your Obedient humble Servant
(sign'd) E. Wallis

Nagore
31st March 1770

No 3 To Mr Petrie
Tanjore

Sir

I received your Letter of the 31st
March, last night by Appoo, & will observe the con-
tents of it; he went immediately to Negapatam, I
have desired him to apply to me, for any assistance

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that is in my power to give him.

I forgot to observe to you Yesterday, the position the Sepoys are in Nagore, in which there is one Company, is to the Northward of Negapatam — Chicul in which there is another Company bears nearly, from S. W. to W. of Negapatam, Vangara manry, where the Jemidars guard is posted, is about two or three Ghauries from hence in the high road to Trivalore.

The Renter has Sepoys placed up & down the Country, but have my Orders no to meddle with the Dutch, so that the Rajah's Orders are executed by his own People, & mine only serve to protect them from violence in their own Country.

I remain

Sir

Your obedient humble Servant
(Sign'd) Edward White

Nagore
7th April 1778

No. 4

Lieut: Edward White
Commanding a Detachment from
the 2d Battalion

Nagore

Sir

I have been favored with your letters of the 31st Ultimo & 1st Instant, informing me of the subjects of dispute with the Dutch Government of Negapatam, & the present position of the Sepoys under your Command I should have acknowledg'd the receipt of these letters before now, but I have been for several days past in the hourly

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expectation of setting off for Nagore, in the execution of some public Business — I now apprehend I shall not leave this place for some Days yet; In the mean time I request that you will give me the earliest intelligence of any new subject which may occur in the matters I wrote to you upon, & that you will inform me, if you have any accounts from Pego. Patam, or ought to put us more particularly upon our guard, in your Districts. It will be necessary for you to keep yourself well informd of what is passing in those places, at the same time carefully to conceal your apprehensions of them, that they may have no cause to charge us with the most distant tendency to any act which may interrupt National harmony & good understanding — I need not recommend Secrecy to you, as I am well convinced you are perfectly sensible of the necessity of it.

I am

Sir

Tanjore
8th April 1770

Your most Obedient humble Servt
(signd) William Petrie

105.

William Petrie Esqr
Tanjore

Sir

I am this morning favord with your Letter of the 8th Instant, I will punctually comply with the contents of it, & at the same time must inform you that I find a great difficulty in procuring intelligence from Negapatam, The Rajahs Vackeel there, who has his Orders to inform me of

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what passes, has never once thought proper to comply with their instructions, he paid me a visit upon the receipt of the Rajah's letter, which he has thought fully sufficient, I have sometimes sent & two days ago wrote to him requesting to be inform'd of what was passing, he return'd for answer that he would, & there the matter ended.

There some days past a great ferment has subsisted amongst the Black People at Negapatam where the Government have Orders from Batavia to establish a Tax upon ground & houses similar to that paid at Madras, The attempting to carry there Orders into execution, & demanding prompt payment has induced all the Black People to quit Negapatam, which they have done, some openly & others under pretence of going to the grand Trivalore Feast, The Fishermen, Boatmen, Pallankeen Boys, Cooks, & even the Barbers, have gone off, with most of the other Classes — The Dutch first attempted to intimidate them, publishing by beat of Tom, Toms that those People that absconded would have their houses confiscated & sold, but this not answering their expectation they have since offered conciliating measures & to forbear imposing the Tax untill fresh Orders from Batavia.

I understand that the Rajah's head Renter of the Mamercoil Souba Ship, whose name is Chinnapillay, & who resides at Trivalore has had some conferences with the Chiefs of these People, amongst whom is one Cunjam Chitty now at Trivalore, whom they promise to be guided

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by. It is said that Chinnapillay has offered them esta-
blishments at Chiciel, Nagore &c. &c. — I have written
private letters to Colonel Horne, as these Circumstances
have happen'd, & pointed out the advantages that I thought
might be drawn from them — As I have now your
directions to inform you of what passes, I will accor-
dingly take the earliest opportunity of doing it, & will
also keep an eye over the transactions at Negapatam
& Karrical, but in the manner you desire. — I will
likewise observe in the strictest manner your hint
about secrecy.

I remain

Sir

Nagore

9th April 1778.

Your Obed. & humble Servant
(sign'd) Edward White

Your Man Appoo was here some
days ago, at the time I receiv'd Colonel Horne's letter, ac-
quainting me that you would pass this way, this
information induced him to return to Negapatam,
where the disturbances that have since arisen have caus'd
him to remain. He sent a Confident of his to Tanjore
two days ago; from whom I understood that the
Rajah's subjects were all ordered to quit the Fort by
beat of Tom, Tom's, about the 4th Instant.

Since writing the foregoing
letter, I have been inform'd that the Soldiers in Nega-
patam, have mutin'd this Morning & laid down
their Arms, they accus'd the Governor of being the cause
of their present distress, for want of Victuals, meat &c.,
he promis'd to relieve them in four or five days, if they
would remain quiet, they answered it was out of his

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former, & that they would come no longer, twelve of them have deserted this day, but not to one nor do I hear where they are gone.

I formerly represented to Colonel Wynne, & he was of the same opinion, that any force divided is too weak, & was in hopes of getting one reinforcement with two Companies; you must be sensible Sir, that the Governor may now take some desperate step, & that it would be expedient to draw the Pagoree & Choul Companies to a centrical position & to reinforce them, not only to enable them to protect themselves with Credit, but also the whole Country; should such a measure take place I flatter myself you will interest yourself with Colonel Fitzgerald for my retaining the Command, as I have had all the trouble hitherto.

The Governor Yesterday in his passion Stigg'd Fenning Chitty the Dutch Company's Head Soucar, having accused him of being the cause of the black People's absconding. It is reported that Cunjam Chitty will be here to morrow from Trivalore with an intention of increasing the Disturbances in Negapatam.

I remain with respect

Sir

Your Obedient humble Servant

(signd) Edwd White.

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No 6

To William Petrie Esqr

Sir

I understand that the Gates of Negapatam Fort were not opened untill past seven

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o'Clock this Morning, & there only the poorer sort of People allow'd to go out The Sowcars, Head Merchants & Head Farmers were all detain'd inside — An Army of Women of all Casts arrived here this day.

The Dutch have this day Drawn 1000 Colums of Paddy, to beat into Rice & Sold from their Garrison Stores, this denotes great scarcity.

Every thing is in Confusion, & no knowing how, or where it will end at present.

I remain with respect

Sir

Your Obedient Hble Servant

Nagore
18th April 1770

(signd) Edwd. White

To William Petrie Esqr.
Tanjore

Sir

I have been informed that the Dutch Governor has told some of the Head People at Negapatam, that he would supply those who chose to go away from Negapatam, but that such People as chose to remain under the Dutch Government might do it.

I am further informed that the Burrows that were shut, have been opened, & People dependant, or connected with the Dutch Company appointed to them in the room of the Absentees.

Two Company Shiltys with a most amazing train of followers, are just arrived in great state — one of these was a Negapatam Inhabitant, the other of Amapoom, to the Westward of Trivadore

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in the road to Tanjore - These two Men are the heads of Casts, & the Negapatam People have bound themselves to be guided by them - They & their followers have taken up their residence at a large Choultry & Tank near the Dutch bounds towards Negapatam.

They are now writing to the People that have as yet remained in Negapatam as follows Fishermen, Boat Men, Cooks, Merchants & Farmers, to assemble them at this Choultry where they are to hold their Councils - what steps the Dutch will take or how they will relish these Assemblies, almost within their call I cannot at present say.

I remain with respect

Sir,

Your Obedient humble Servant.

Nagore
11th April 1778

(Signd) Edwd. While

A true Copy from the Original Letters
Walter Petrie

The Board have no remarks to make on the above Letter at present, they have written to the Rajah of Tanjore for further information regarding the Disputes & wait his answer.

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

Honble Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that I have been informed through Colonel Fitzgerald, that a Frenchman came the other day opposite to the Island at Nagore, & ordered the black Officer on the

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commanded in that Post to remove the Sepoys & Bell Tent, as they stood upon French property. This information came to me officially, & I have the honor to transmit you a Copy of the Paragraph I have written to Captain Godfrey upon this subject — I have before informd you that the Rajah & his Ministers positively deny the right which the French claim to a part of this Island, for they allow that the spot where our Flag is hoisted, & a small space around it, is not theirs & only claim the Swamp, Some, Four or Five Trees & the ground between our Post & the River, a distinction which must appear ridiculous to every one who has viewd the place.

When I first acquainted the Rajah with the Report of the pretensions of the French to this Island, he appeard greatly inquisitive, & told me, that if the French should hoist their Flag there, or pretend to rise upon that, or any other part of his Country, he would instantly make a public application to the Board at Madras, to disalloge them.

I have the honor to be, very respectively

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

William Petrie

Tanjore
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Copy of a Paragraph to Capt. Godfrey Dated 16th May

As the French have incontestably no just claim to any part of the Island, from the positive & repeated declarations of the Rajah of Tanjore in whose Country the said Island is, & as that Island is part of a grant or Jaghire now making over to the

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Honble the English East India Company by the Rajah, our possession of it, must not be relinquished without an Order from the President & Council of Madras

(Sign'd) William Petrie

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

Honble Sir

I have the honor to transmit you a Copy of a Letter I this morning received from Captain Godfrey at Nagore. & shall only beg leave to trouble you with one remark, upon the definition which the French from Karreical have thought proper to give of their part or share, in the Island. Must it not appear incredible, & their assertion stand self refuted, when it is understood, that, I totally am unacquainted with the line of Division between their Property & the Rajahs, on this small space of ground, not exceeding three Quarters of a Mile in circumference, should by mere chance, have erected our Flag; & posted one Company of Sepoys, upon that part which apertains to the Rajah, according to the French account, & that Captain Godfrey, from the contingency of a Shower of rain, being obliged to shift the Position of the Sepoys a few Paces, should accidentally crop this secret line of Division, & post his Sepoys upon French ground. The first part of my question must appear still more in point, when I assure you, that Saint. White & myself pitched upon

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two other spots of ground for the Flag staff before we Determined to plant it on that part where it now stands. But the French have shifted the ground of their argument for one of their number from Karrical, who came to Lieut. White a few days ago after I left Nagore, said that our Flag stood upon the Rajahs ground, but that I had posted the Sepoys on theirs.

I have examined the Door, as the Rajah cannot be seen so early in the day, on account of his Ceremonies, with the assistance of Capt. Godfrey's Letter. He says that the Date of the French pretensions is in the time of the Rajahs Grandfather, that Tarmaja Pillay, whose authority they quote, was then only eight or nine years old & of course his declaration deserves no credit, that the Rajah totally denies the right which the French claim to any part of the Island & seems extremely apprehensive Least they intend some thing more against his Country than merely to obtain a footing in a small corner of a middle Island.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedient &
most humble Servt.
William Petrie

Tanjore
the
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To William Petrie Esqr.
Tanjore

Sir

The Governor of Karrical with
four Gentlemen came to the Quarters, when the Governo.

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sent two of them the one a Councellor the other a Pagon to Pagone, who waited on me about their Lands on the Island. They say the Old Fort & Centry were on their Lands, & desird I would remove them to where they were before when Mr White was here. Since I have been here a very heavy rain obligd my People on the Island, guard to move the Tents some small Distance upon a dryer spot which they call an encroachment.

The Councellor desired I would restore him, whether the Troops under my Command here, belongd to the Rajah, or to the Company, as it might occasion a National dispute. I requested he would address the Commanding Officer of Tanjore for the answer.

On their return to the Governor, who I understood was at a Choultry the other side of the Water, I desird Ensign Godfrey to go with them to the Governor; in going the Councellor shewd him the Lands & that in the Year 1735 a grant was made to them & Commissary Lally was present at the settling of them

The Governor desird him to acquaint me, if the Centries were movd off their Lands it was all he desird / which if I was to do would acknowledge them having a right to part of the Island) that if I did not remove them he would write to the Governor of Pondichery.

When the Manager found these Gentlemen had been with me, he came & informd me he had received a letter from the French Company's Embark, to know of him by whose Orders the Colours were hoisted upon the Island, & whether the Troops

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belonged to the Rajah or to the English Company

He said he received the Letter

Yesterday morning but never came, or sent to me, till

he found the Gentlemen had been with me.

I am

Sir

Your most obed.t humble Servant

Sadore

May 18th. 1770

(sign'd) Robert Godfrey

A true Copy

William Petrie

If the French have a just

claim to any part of the ground, we have taken pos-

session of, they will no doubt be able to produce the

grant or Perwannah, on which it is founded, till then

We can do nothing in this affair.

Read the following Letter

from Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint

From Lt Colonel Fitzgerald Govr of Karrical inclos. Letters wt one grant of Sadore

You that last night, I received a letter from Captain Godfrey Commanding at Sadore.

I herewith transcribe two Parts of his Letter, for the information of the Honble Board, Viz.t "This Morning a French Gentleman, from his "attendance, & the consequence he took on himself I "conclude it was the Governor of Carricol. — About six "o'Clock he came to the Waterside, & desired, or order'd

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"I know not which the Dorrivar to move both the
"Bell Tent & Century, that it was on French ground
"this he desired him to report to his Commanding Officer.

I have laid the whole of this
Business before Mr Petrie.

I am likewise, at the request
of Captain Godfrey, to mention that the Quarters for
his Officers are exceedingly bad, & that he wishes to know
whether or not he may be permitted to repair them
at the expence of the Company.

I wait the Directions of the Honble
Board before I give any answer on that head.

I am also to acquaint you that
the Sepoys on the Island at Pagore are without any
kind of Shed, either to cover them or their Arms,
their duty there is for the protection of the Island.

I think it necessary to observe
that on the Island there is neither redoubt, nor any
place of defence.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
R. Fitz-Gerald

Tanjore
18th May 1770.

Agreed that Mr Petrie at Tanjore
be desired to make a Shed for the Sepoys at Pagore
but that nothing be done to the Officer's Quarters
at Present.

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Malcolm

To

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor & in Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint
you, that I took upon me the Command of the Fort
& Garrison of Permacoil the 19th Instant.

I take the liberty to assure the
From Lieut Malcolm Honble Board that my utmost care & attention shall be exerted to execute the Duties of the trust reposed in Me.

I have the honor to enclose a present state of the Troops in this Garrison: & I am informd that the Military Stores requiring being examind, shall delay sending a list of them to your Honor &c until I can dispatch the serviceable from the unserviceable.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Henry Malcolm

Permacoil
20th May 1770

Comm.g

Read the following Letter from
Captain Mauvary Commissary of Stores to the Secretary.

Sir

From Capt. Mauvary Commissary of Stores, to the Secretary

The quantity of Salt Petre & Brimstone required to make a Candy of Powder depends on their quality, Condition & also the manner of refining them, however with reg.d to the Salt Petre

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I Sulphur Lately sent to Vellore, I here enclose you, what I believe, is the real quantity required

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient
humble Servant
J. Manoury
Commiss.y Stores

Fort St George
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For a Candy of Powder — Fo Fs Ch
Salt Petre — 510 lb — 15. 22. 54
Brimstone — 97 — 1. 39. 10
Gunny Bags, Mutts. Cart hire to Vellore — 4. 0. 44
Total Pags — 21. 20. 20

J. Manoury
Com.y Stores

In consequence of the above estimate it is agreed that the Gun Powder made at Vellore be received from the Storekeeper there at the rate of Pags 43. 1. 20 p Candy he paying all the charges of Ingredients & manufacture.

Read the following Letter

from Mr Jones Paymaster at Tanjore

Mr Charles Oakeley
Secretary to the Military Department
at Fort St George

Sir

I am favord with your Letter of the 14th Instant containing the directions of the Honble the Presi. Dent & Council, in consequence I now forward to you a

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From Mr Jones to the Secretary Statement of the Prices of Timber at Negapatam

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Statement of the Prices which such Timbers can be purchased for at Negapatam.

I am

Sir

Tanjore
18th May 1778

Your Obedient humble Servant
C. E. Jones
Storekr.

Statement of Teak Timbers now for Sale at Negapatam with Prices demanded for each

Number of Timbers	Length in feet	Square in Inch	P. N. Pags	R. V. Ps
160	20 to 22	8 to 10	at 11	1760 " "
40	20 to 22	7 "	at 8	320 " "
30	21 to 22	5 to 6	at 6½	195 " "
15	20 "	8 "	@ 9¾	146¼ " "
40	20 "	6 to 7	@ 6	240 " "
			Porto Nova Pags	2661¼

C. E. Jones Storkr.

Ordered to lye on the Table.

Resolved that the allowances of Lieut: Colonel Maclellan who was lately appointed Quarter Master General to the Army be the same with respect to pay as those of the Adjutant General, & that he be further allowed in Garrison 20 Pags a Month for Writers & in the Field 40 Ps a Month on the same account.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board a letter from Ensign Tabbiner desiring leave of absence for 4 Months to go to Ceylon on account of his health & Family Affairs — Granted.

Read a letter from Colonel Lang dated the 11th Instant & entered in Consultation of that

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date setting forth his Claim to the allowances of Commander in Chief from the time of General Stuart's suspension from the service (31st August) till the arrival of General Munro (8th Febry.) & requesting that the same may be paid to him.

As the allowances of Commander in Chief were regularly paid to General Stuart for the Period mentioned by Colonel Lang, without any objection on his part, & as Colonel Lang omitted to make any Representation on the Subject during the time he had the Command of the Army, the Board cannot do no more than mention his Claim to the Court of Directors.

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro

D. Perring

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The following Letter having been
communicated to the Members of Council, Ensign Brisbane
is granted the permission he desires.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having for some time past
labourd under a disorder which I have not the least prospect
of being cured of in this Climate, & as Doctor Pasley whose
Certificate I enclose, under whose care I am, thinks my
going to Europe necessary.

Ensign Brisbane permitted to go to England on account of his health

I therefore solicit the permission
of the Honble Board to proceed to England by the
return of China for the recovery of my health, & re-
-quest of the Honble the Court of Directors their
for returning with my rank to the Coast as soon as my
health is established

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honors most devoted
most humble Servant

Fort St George
26th May 1770

Thos Brisbane
Ensign 1st Batt 2d Regt

This is to certify that Ensign Brisbane
has for some time past labourd under consumptive com-
-plaints, & as they now encrease by the heat of the weather
he is advisd to proceed to Europe without Loss of time

Certificate

Madras
26th May 1770

Gilbert Pasley
Surgeon

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To Matthew Raper Junr. Esqr.

Chief &c. Supra Cargoes at

Canton

Gentlemen

Ensign Thomas Brisbane of this Establishment being oblig'd to proceed to England on account of his ill state of health, We have at this desire permitted him to go by the way of China, & were-

To Canton

quest you will accommodate him with a Passage from thence by one of the returning Ships of this Year.

William Dixon a Soldier having served his contracted Time at this Settlement, & in consequence obtain'd his discharge, We have given him Permission to go to China with Mr. Brisbane, & request you will order him on Board one of the Company's Ships as a Charter Party Passenger for England.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Fort St. George
29th May 1778.

Thos. Rumbold
&c. &c.

At a Consultation present

John Whitehill Esqr. President.

Monday the 8th June

General Munro Charles Smith
Samuel Johnson Peter Perring

Mr. Rumbold indispos'd

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Report from

800 Fort St. George 4th June 1778.

The Import Warehousekeeper in consequence of an Order of Consultation the

Account of the Length & Breadth of the Honble Company's broad Cloth taken by the Import Warehousekeeper by Order of the Honble the President & Council

Report of the Importwarehousekeeper

Broad Cloth Superfine Scarlet thin Imported in

			yds	yds	
the Year	2 Piece	Length	17	Breadth	1.23
1771, 1 Bale	1 Do	Do	17½	Do	1.21
	2 Pieces containing Yards		34½		2.44 the average of which
	turns out per piece		17¼		1.22

Broad Cloth Superfine Green Imported in

the Year				
1775	1 Piece		17½	1.20
1 Bale	1 Do		17½	1.21
	2 Pieces containing Yards		35	2.41 the average of which
	turns out p piece		17½	1.20½

Broad Cloth Superfine Yellow Imported in

the Year				
1776	1 Piece		17½	1.20
1 Bale	1 Do		17½	1.23
	2 Pieces containing Yards		35	2.43 the average of which
	turns out p piece		17½	1.21½

Broad Cloth Superfine Blue thin Imported in

the Year				
1776	1 Piece		17½	1.20
1 Bale	1 Do		17½	1.21
	2 Pieces containing Yards		35	2.41 the average of which
	turns out p piece		17½	1.20½

Broad Cloth fine Scarlet Imported in

				yds	
the Year	1 Piece	Length		18 p Breadth	1.21
1775 1 Bale	1 Do	Do		18½ Do	1.21
1 Do	1 Do	Do		18½ Do	1.22
1776 12	1 Do	Do		18½ Do	1.22
	1 Do	Do		19 Do	1.23
	1 Do	Do		18 Do	1.22
1771, 1 Do	1 Do	Do		15½ Do	1.22
	1 Do	Do		16 Do	1.175 the average of which
	8 Pieces containing Yards				1.20½
	turns out p piece		17 3/16		

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Broad cloth fine Yellow Imported in

the year 1775	1 Bale	1 Piece	length	17½	Breadth	1.21.
		1 Do	Do	18½	Do	1.22.
		1 Do	Do	18	Do	1.24
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	18¾	Do	1.22.
		1 Do	Do	18½	Do	1.22.
1776.	1 Do	1 Do	Do	17½	Do	1.22
		1 Do	Do			
		6 Pieces Cont. 3 yds		108¾		6.132. the Average which
		turns out 18 Piece		18⅛		1.22.

Broad cloth fine Blue Imported in

the year 1775	1 Bale	1 Piece	length	17½	Breadth	1.22.
		1 Do	Do	18	Do	1.22.
1777.	1 Do	1 Do	Do	19½	Do	1.21.
		1 Do	Do	18½	Do	1.20.
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	17½	Do	1.21.
		1 Do	Do	17	Do	1.20
		6 Pieces Cont. 3 yds.		108		6.126 the Ave: which
		turns out 18 Piece		18		1.21.

Broad cloth fine Green Imported in

the year 1777	1 Bale	1 Piece	length	18½	Breadth	1.22.
		1 Do	Do	18½	Do	1.22.
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	18	Do	1.20
		1 Do	Do	18	Do	1.20.
		4 pieces Cont. 2 yds		73		4.84 the Ave: which
		turns out 18 Piece		18¼		1.21.

Broad cloth fine Straw Colour Imported in

the year 1775	1 Bale	1 Piece	length	17	Breadth	1.24
		1 Do	Do	17	Do	1.19
		2 pieces Cont. 3 yds		34		2.43 the Ave: which
		turns out 17 Piece		17		1.21½

Broad cloth Aurora Imported in

the year 1773.	1 Bale	1 piece	Length	22½	Breadth	1.18
		1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.22
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	20½	Do	1.16¼
		1 Do	Do	22	Do	1.18.
1774	1 Do	1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.17
		1 Do	Do	23	Do	1.18.
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	23	Do	1.18
		1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.18.
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	19¾	Do	1.17
		1 Do	Do	20½	Do	1.18.
		10 pieces Cont. 19 yds		218¾		10.181¼ the Ave: which
		turns out 21⅞ Piece		21⅞		1.18⅛.

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Broad Cloth Ordinary Green Imported in

the Year		1 Piece	Length	21½	Breadth	1.17
1775	1 Bale	1 Do	Do	21½	Do	1.23
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	23	Do	1.19
		1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.20
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	19	Do	1.17
		1 Do	Do	21½	Do	1.19
1776	1 Do	1 Do	Do	23½	Do	1.14½
		1 Do	Do	23	Do	1.18
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	21½	Do	1.17
		1 Do	Do	23	Do	1.18
		10 Pieces containing Yards		220		10.18½ the amount
		turns out P. Piece		22		1.18¾

Broad Cloth Ordinary French Green Imported in

the Year		1 Piece	Length	22½	breadth	1.10
1774	1 Bale	1 Do	Do	23	Do	1.20
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	22	Do	1.19
		1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.18
		4 Pieces containing Yds		90		4.75 the amount
		turns out P. Piece		22½		1.18¾

Broad Cloth Ordinary Blue Imported in

the Year		1 Piece	Length	22½	breadth	1.17
1775	1 Bale	1 Do	Do	22	Do	1.20
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.19
		1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.15½
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	23	Do	1.16
		1 Do	Do	21½	Do	1.19
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	22¼	Do	1.20
		1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.18
	1 Do	1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.16
		1 Do	Do	22½	Do	1.16
		10 Pieces containing Yards		223¼		10.176 the amount
		turns out P. Piece		22⅜		1.17⅝

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Broad Cloth Ordinary Yellow Imported in

The Year	1 Piece	—	Length	21½	Breadth	1.14½
1776	1 Bale 1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.19
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	22	Do	1.10
	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.16
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	22	Do	1.21
	1 Do	—	Do	22½	Do	1.18
1777 1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	20½	Do	1.16
	1 Do	—	Do	21	Do	1.16
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.16
	1 Do	—	Do	22	Do	1.17
10 Pieces containing Yards				215½	Do	10.17¼ the average which
turns out per Piece				21. 9/16		1.17/20

Broad Cloth Ordinary Popenjay Imported in

The Year	1 Piece	—	Length	21½	Breadth	1.18
1772 1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	21	Do	1.16
	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.18
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.19
1774	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.19
4 Pieces containing Yds				85½		4.7 the average which
turns out P Piece				21.3/8		1.17¾

Broad Cloth Ordinary Red Imported in

The Year	1 Piece	—	Length	22⅜	Breadth	1.16
1777 1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	22	Do	1.18
	1 Do	—	Do	22	Do	1.18
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.17
	1 Do	—	Do	22	Do	1.15
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.18
	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.19
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	22½	Do	1.14
	1 Do	—	Do	22½	Do	1.14
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	22½	Do	1.17
	1 Do	—	Do	21	Do	1.14
1Bale	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.17
	1 Do	—	Do	21½	Do	1.16
14 Pieces containing Yds				305⅜		14.23 the average which
turns out P Piece				21 3/16		1.16½

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Broad Cloth ordinary Green Imported in

the Year 1774 1 Bale	1 Piece	Length	22½	breadth 1.18
	1 Do	Do	22½	1.23
	2 Pieces containing Yds		45	2..41th ans of [illegible]
	turns out Pr Piece		22½	1..20½

Broad Cloth Ordinary Buff Imported in

the Year 1777 1 Bale	1 Piece	Length	23	breadth 1.15
	1 Do	Do	22	Do 1.18
	2 Pieces containing Yards		45	1.16½th ans [illegible]
	turns out pr Piece		22½	1.16½

Gideon Firth

Import Warehr.

Ordered that a Copy of the above Report from the Importwarehousekeeper be sent to the Hon'ble Court of Directors for their information.

Read the following Letter from Ganjam

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

In our address of the 13th Ultimo

From Ganjam Vickeram Bunge consents to go to that Settlement

We inform'd your honor &c. that Vickeram Bunge, the displaced Rajah of Goomsur had refor'd us on the subject of his coming to Ganjam to his Vackeel & Hautmarder the Soucar to whom the Zemindar had given full Powers to negociate for him & would dispatch them hither in a few days.

We have now the pleasure to

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advise you of the arrival of these two Persons, who, on their being called before us have declared on the part of Ruckeram Bunge, — that he is willing to come to Ganjam & entirely submit himself to your Clemency & that he only requests we would indulge him so far as to permit Balle Kistna the Company's Dubash and Hantamaren to accompany him hither. As we are of Opinion that the Tranquility & welfare of the Goomsur Zemindary depends much on both the Brothers being under your immediate protection, We have judg'd it expedient to comply with Ruckeram Bunge's request & accordingly have given directions to Balle-Kistna & Hantmanan to proceed into the Rangoa Zemindary where Ruckeram Bunge now resides & We have the honor to be very respect-fully

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
M. Williams
R.t Maunsell
R.t Hughes
Geo. Forster.

Ganjam
19th May 1778

Read the following Letter from

Lt Colonel Fitz Gerald.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor in Council
of
Fort St George

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Honble Sir & Sirs

The 23d Instant Despatches arrivd with a Letter from the Honble Board for the Governor of Negapatam, & one I wrote to him a copy of which I enclose the Honble Board.

The Governor detain'd the Dist. carrier two days at Negapatam, & then ordered him to return, without any answer to the Letter, or the Deserter Laurence Dribbleman

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Tanjore
30th May 1770

J. Fitz Gerald

To the Honble Reiner Van Vlissingen Esq.

Chief & Extraordinary & Director for affairs of the Dutch Company on the Coast of Choromandel & to the Ld of the Council thereof at

Negapatam

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to transmit to you a Letter from the Honble the Governor & Council of Fort St. George.

From Lt. Fitzgerald

Agreeable to the request of the Honble Board you will be pleased to order the Deserter Laurence Dribleman to be conducted to Trinquebar, where he will be received by the Commanding Officer there

I am

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I am with the greatest respect

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

Tanjore
23d May 1778

a true Copy

J. Fitz Gerald
Lt. Col.

Agreed that a letter be written to the Gentlemen at Negapatam desiring to know the reason of their not having delivered up the Deserter agreably to the terms of the Cartel

To Charles Oakeley Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Orders of the 23d Instant, concerning the Lascars for the use of this Garrison, & am of Opinion that less than two hundred will not be sufficient for when the Engineer has done with the Ramparts, forty or fifty will find full employment to keep them clean & water the trees, which circumstances I think very necessary.

From Lt. Colonel relative to the Lascars wanted at Tanjore

I am also of Opinion that the Stores in the Out Garrisons ought to be considered, as there is five, & each Serjeant ought to have four or five constantly with him, which will encrease the number to about two hundred & twenty five, or 230.

After the Works is finish'd, in case the Hon'ble Board should think the number too great they can easily be dismiss'd.

You will be pleased to acquaint

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the Honble Board that there is many of the Lascars which the Rajah has discharg'd here, & has offered to entertain if the Honble Board approves of it. I will send an Order to Mr Jones for that purpose.

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

L. Fitz Gerald

Tanjore
26th May 1770

Ordered to lye on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are sorry to have occasion to trouble you again so soon upon the subject of Labourers; but the Engineer has represented to us that only 190 Men remain of those lately sent in by means of the Rahat & in consequence that the Fortifications are now impeded for want of Coolies.

Letter from the Committee of Works on the Lascars mounted to carry on the Fortifications

In Tanjore there are above 3000 Villages, two Men from each would supply more than are wanted, if proper Orders were given to the Amildars or Renters of each District to require the Head Men of the Villages to be responsible for the appearance & continuance of the Poor furnished respectively, we apprehend it would be an effectual & easy method of obtaining Labourers; a list of the People should be taken as they arrive specifying the

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Names & places of abode, afterwards by being daily mustred & regularly paid, we hope they would be induced to remain during the three or four Months their services are wanted.

Experience has proved that the usual Method of the Nabobs sending in Cooties does not answer; we do not conceive the present proposed mode can be considered or even felt as a Grievance, & some such exertion seems necessary in order to supply & push on the Works with vigour; but we submit the matter to your better judgment, & have the honor to remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

John Whitehill
Willm Stevens
John Turing
C. B. Dent

Fort St George
28th May 1770

Agreed that the President be desired to speak to the Nabob agreably to what the Committee have proposed.

Letter from Ensign Stuart read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Some time since I had the misfortune to lose my Father whose Affairs were

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From Engr Stewart requesting leave to go to England to settle his Affairs

left in a very unsettled state, at that time I was not in a situation to take charge of & arrange them, & they fell into the hands of People from whose management, & my Family, may be much annoyed, as it is very urgent for me to be on the Spot in order to get them settled: I am to request the favor of your permission to proceed to Europe on the Valentine, & that your Honor &c will be pleased to make favorable mention of me to the Court of Directors, that I may return without prejudice to my rank & standing in the Service.

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Simon Stewart

Fort St George
May 20th 1770

Agreed that Engr Stewart be permitted to proceed to England agreeably to his request.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We think it incumbent upon us to transmit you the inclosed Copy & Letter lately received from our Engineer relative to the present State of the defences of the Fort together with some Plans & Estimates that accompanied it which from their Importance to the Fortifications of this place

From Masulipatam with Copies of Letters from the Engineer to the Comm of Works there & to the Chief & Council relative to the ornamentation of the Fort

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we apprehend will be deemed worthy of your serious consideration.

Their appearing a great impropriety in having the Pettah Gate remain open from its situation in the reintrant angle of a Bastion, & the West Gate having been made some Years ago at a considerable expence on purpose that the other might be shut up, & the Bastion compleated, we are induced to recommend to your honor &c. that we may have permission to begin upon this Work as soon as possible.

It gave us great concern to observe that so heavy an expence was likely to be incurr'd in clearing the Ditch, amounting to no less a sum by the Engineer's Estimate than Pr. Pags. 11.191, and as the chief cause assigned by him for its being so much fill'd up with Sand, was the taking up the Sluice Gates, & not replacing them with others, we judged it necessary considering the care, & inspection of the Fortifications as more immediately his province, to write him a Letter desiring to know by whose order, & about what time the Sluice Gates were taken up, & whether he had ever represented to the Board or the Committee of Works the great prejudice it would be of to the Ditch letting them remain so, & we herewith forward You a Copy of his reply.

We are of opinion that the defences of the Sea Gate considering the situation in which it is described by the Engineer to be at present, will be much improved by the alterations propos'd & that there is even a necessity for some Work of the kind, we therefore submit the Plans & Estimate

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of the expence of what Captn Mitchell proposes to have done for your determination

As the repairing the Scarp where it has given way, & finishing the Contrescarp opposite to the Pettah Bastion appears to us to be works indispensably necessary, & which cannot be undertaken at a better time than that recommended by Captn Mitchell, we also beg leave to submit them to your Consideration.

We likewise beg leave to acquaint you that the Committee of Stores have reported to us a Number of Gun Carriages of several sorts & sizes as described in the accompanying List No 8 to be entirely unserviceable condition, & to submit to you whether it would not be proper to have them immediately broken for the value of the Iron & written off the Storekeepers books, accordingly upon recurring to your Orders under date 20th April 1775, in which you have regulated the quantity of Garrison & Military Stores to be kept up at this place we have thought it necessary to make out a Return of what is there ordered specifying the present deficiency, which we herewith forward to you, in order that your Commands may be obtained, if it is then your pleasure such Stores be compleated where the deficiency shall be supplied from the Stores at the Residency, or You give the preference to its being compleated here, in which Latter case the Estimate & contract price of such Made as your prefer may be hereafter transmitted You.

The Article of Timbers we beg leave particularly recommend to your attention as it appears there are nineteen new Field Carriages and no

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Lumbers to them, without which they cannot be made use of.

Conformable to your Commands of the 30th Ultimo, we now transmit you Returns of all the Military Stores in this place, and its Dependencies.

We are with great respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Anthy. Sadleir

Masulipatam James Hodges

19th May 1778. J. P. Boileau

Thos. Barnard

Alexr. Pringle

To James Hodges Esqr.

&c Members of the Committee of Works.

Gentlemen

As Engineer of this place I find myself under the necessity of laying before my sentiments with regard to the condition of the defences of the Fort.

I have on former occasions represented to the Committee the striking impropriety of having a Gate at the Saliant Angle of a Bastion which is the case of the present Pettah Gate & have recommended strongly the filling up & compleating that Bastion, & closing the Saliant Angle of the Counter-scarp now unfinish'd —

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Give me Leave further to represent to you that the Ditch is so filled with Mud as at Low Water to be quite dry in some places & fordable about all round, on which account I beg Leave to recommend its being cleaned & as our Sluice Gates are so rotten as to be entirely useless that they may be immediately renewed & those Gates constantly kept shut so as to prevent the future ingress of the Tides which at new & full Moon are very strong & which from the narrowness of the passage into the Ditch causes such a Current as brings a great deal of Mud with it which remains in the Ditch.

Likewise would propose that two Cunetts one on each side of the Sea Gate be introduced from the Ditch close to the Font Wall & a small Ditch of 12 feet from one Cunette to the other along the Foot of the Wall across the Gate in order to prevent a petard or any other sudden surprise of this. I have already delivered a Plan & Estimate to the Committee of Works.

I am likewise to observe that the scarp Wall as far as Madras Bastion is in a very ruinous situation it having from the Loose of the Foundation given way in many places, & if the Ditch is cleaned out, it will be an excellent opportunity of getting it repaired, as also of completing the Pettah Bastion as it would be necessary to take a large part of it dry for both these Purposes.

As it is requisite that we should insure a certain quantity of Bricks to be ready on any emergency, & as the Canal leading to Madapollam

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where those Locks are made is shoald up so as to becom impossible for boats, I have delivered the Committee of Works a draught of that canal specifying the particular places where it is most fillo together with an Estimate of the expence of cutting to a depth sufficient to render it Navagable for the Boats that may be employed bringing bricks for the use of the Works here & which I could wish was immediately carried into execution, as, if delay'd, the approaching rains will put it out of my power to do it soon.

I have only one thing more to recommend to the Board which is the having a sufficient quantity of Gabions & Fascines always in Store as our Parapets and Embrasieurs are very much Rent & would not bear two hours constant fire.

There are the most necessary things that now occur to me & which I think it my Duty to recommend to your Notice.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Alex^r Mitchell

Engineer

Masulipatam

18th April 1778

(signed)

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr

Chief & Council of

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have already communicated

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my Sentiments in regard to the necessary excavation of the Ditch, to the Committee of Works & therein mentioned by whose Order the Sluice Gates were taken up from which has proceeded the present necessity of that excavation; It was by the direct verbal order of John Whitehill Esqr then Chief.

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Masulipatam

9th May 1778 (signd) Mexr Mitchell

A true Copy Mexr Pringle Secy Engr

Resolved that a copy of so much of the Letter from Masulipatam as regards the Fortifications be sent to Major Stevens that the Board may be furnish'd with his Opinion thereon. Ordered also that a Copy of that part which relates to the Stores be sent to the Committee of Stores.

Minute thereon

The Chief & Council having observ'd that a considerable expence is likely to be incurr'd in cleansing the Ditch & that the Chief cause assign'd by the Engineer for its being so much fill'd up with Mud, is the taking up the Sluice Gates & not replacing them with Others, & it appearing from the Engineers letter on this occasion that the Order for taking up these Gates was given by Mr Whitehill in his Chiefship, Mr Whitehill who is present desires to remark to the Board that he should be concern'd were the Company to incur such expence as the Chief & Council mention in consequence of any improper or unnecessary Order that he might have given relative to the Sluice Gates — that he has not

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the smallest recollection of the Circumstance, tho' he cannot doubt it as the Engineer has so positively asserted it in his Letter. all he can say on the subject is, that being himself no judge of the propriety or impropriety of taking up the Sluice Gates at that time, if such an Order were really given by him, it must have been in consequence of some Representation from the Engineer himself, & with his approval. — Mr. Whitehill observes however that the Engineer has mentioned the Circumstance in so vague a manner that it is impossible for the Board at present to determine with precision at what time & for what reason the Sluice Gates were taken up, & why they have not since been replaced if necessary. He requests therefore that the Board will ascertain these particulars from Masulipatam after which they will be able to judge more properly of the measure. Agreed accordingly.

Read the following Letters from Lieut. Malcolm Commanding at Permacoil.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the honor to address You on the 27th Instant, since which it has occurred to me to write to the Nabobs Manager in the Arcot province who is likewise obeyed as the superior Officer of his Highness in these parts, expressing my wish that he would instruct the Amildars & Head Men of the

From Lt. Malcolm desiring that the Nabobs Amildars may be ordered to correspond with him.

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different Villages / in particular those situated on or near the road Leading between Pondichary and the Mysore Country / to give me intelligence of every occurrence that might tend to the information of the Honble Board, or otherways serve to guide my conduct in this Station - If the Honble Board see a propriety in this step, I take the Liberty to observe, that the purposes intended would the more readily be effected, were this Nabob also to recommend such communication with me, to his Managers in the Districts round Pernacoil; - Should it be understood by your Honors &c. that Orders to this effect, from the Nabob to his Managers, are at all times in force, I beg leave to say that the natural inattention & indolence of the Black People seems to require their being frequently put in mind of their duty - It may also be particularly necessary in this Quarter where I am told the Natives are very much attached to the French Government - one good purpose will I believe, in all events be answered by such a measure, I mean that by comparing the intelligence thus received with what may be furnished by my own Harcarahs, I shall be able to ascertain with more precision, every information communicated by me to the Honble Board.

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Honble Sir & Sirs

with the greatest respect

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

H. Malcolm comm.d

Pernacoil

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To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Malcolm relative to the Tappals

I think it my duty to represent to your honor &c. that, at present, there is no regular Tappal establish'd, on this side of Chingleput, to this Station from the Presidency; the Letters are conveyd from Chingleput, to this place by means of Sepoys belonging to this Garrison; & even, could they be spared conveniently, it will I presume, appear to the Hon'ble Board, that their being so employ'd, constantly must render them very unfit for their duty as Soldiers. The Tappal from the Presidency to Cuddalore goes, at present close by the boundhedge of Pondicherry & never arrives at Cuddalore untill the second Morning after it is dispatch'd from Madras. I believe it will be found that the Letters sent by the way of Chingleput and Permacoil, may reach Cuddalore within two or three hours at most, of the time they are now received there, as the difference of distance is not more than twelve or fifteen Miles.

I have judge it proper to signify to the Inhabitants of the Pettah belonging to this Fort & to those of the Villages immediately at the bottom of the hill, that, they are to acquaint me previous to the performing any of their noisy Ceremonies, such as are generally used at their Feasts & Marriages, & of which great advantage might be taken, especially during the night (the usual time of performing them) were the Garrison not to be apprisd

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for this reason it appears to me proper that I should be advised of the particular hours on which they are to happen, I now therefore take the liberty of mentioning the circumstance to your Honor &ca. for your approbation; & likewise because I know that it has not hitherto been the custom of the place to give such intimation to the Commanding Officer, & that therefore it may perhaps be represented by the Nabob, to the Hon'ble Board ~ All that I propose from this step is, to have this necessary, previous information, at the same time without meaning to interfere with, or to prevent the customs & usages of the Inhabitants unless, on any emergency, the service should positively require it.

The Hon'ble Board will I presume see the necessity of a particular conduct & caution at all times, in a Frontier Garrison, the more so, when it is considered that this Station is within less than a five hours well conducted March of Pondicherry, & that should the intelligence of a war be earlier in that Quarter than with your honor &ca., there is good reason to believe that the first movement of the French, will be towards this place.

I have the honor to remain

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most respectfull & most

Obedient humble Servant

H. Malcolm

Comm.g

Permacoil

3d June 1778

Agreed that the President be desired to speak to the Nabob on the subject of Mr.

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Mr Malcolm's letter of the 29th May.

The Board are of Opinion that the communication with Permacoil should be rendered as expeditious as possible, & the President is desir'd to inform himself whether this may not be done by having two or three Peons stationd on the Road between Permacoil & Allamparva thro' which place the Southern Tappies past daily.

What Lieut. Malcolm proposes regarding the religious Ceremonies is very proper.

Read the following letter from Bengal.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President & Co. Council of
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 29th April, enclosing copy of one addressd to you by the President & Council of Bombay with your reply to it.

Duplicate

From Bengal advising the Departure of the Detachment for the Bombay service

We desire to make to our acknowledgements to you, for the very usefull informations which are containd in your letter of the 16th January last, respecting the State, Exigencies, & Resources of your Presidency. To the Representation therein repeated, of the necessity of your being provided with a fund of money to answer any extraordinary calls in a time of War, or other public distress, we can only return the same answer, that we made in our letter of the 19th January, to a similar Requisition, containd in yours

of the 30th December. We consider the aid of the Company's Revenues, wheresoever they may exist, as due to the exigencies of all their Settlements. On this principle, we shall always be ready to contribute every means in our power to the relief of yours whenever they shall indispensably require it, if we can afford it without subjecting the Interest of our common Employers to a greater inconvenience in one place than that which we should attempt to avert in another. The Distance between the two Presidencies is not so great, nor even the means of remittance, but we hope to be so difficult in any season of Emergency, as to prevent our supplying you with Money when there shall be an absolute call for it, on the contrary We are of Opinion that if ever the Carnatic should be threatened with a War, it will be the Interest of every wealthy Individual at Madras to transfer his Property to Bengal thro' the Channel of your Treasury, & the Merchants of Bengal, who have property at Fort St. George will certainly be glad to avail themselves of the same means to withdraw it on such an occasion. At present no such necessity exists to require extraordinary Aid from us, nor is the prospect so alarming as to justify us in providing against it in future, for whenever we grant you pecuniary supplies from Bengal, it must be attended with one bad effect, which under any circumstances will afford us regret namely it will tend to impoverish this Country by draining it of the Specie necessary for circulation.

To these Considerations We must add, that we shall not think ourselves warranted even under the most pressing situation of your Affairs to offer

our relief, if it shall appear to us, that you have the means of it, left in your hands unapplied. The Protection of the Carnatic while it depends on the Company requires that no private Claims ought to be suffered to interfere with their right to the Shares of its Revenues, which may be indispensably necessary for its safety and Defence.

We are sorry that you should have thought it necessary on the slight grounds of Private information, to intimate to the President and Council of Bombay, that the Detachment ordered by Us, was to winter at Corah, & afterwards proceed on their march. Such an intimation, however qualified, must have the effect of authority, & we see great reason to apprehend, that it will tend to discourage those Adherents, & to retard if not discredit their operations by throwing a damp upon their undertakings. To this end their disappointment in the hope of assistance from your Presidency, this Latterly unavoidable, will naturally have contributed, We now think it proper to inform you, that the Detachment which we have formed for the Service of the Presidency of Bombay, began its march from Corah to Calpee, on the 4th Instant, & unless the future advices which we may receive from Bombay shall assure Us, that its assistance will not be wanted, it is our intention to prosecute the undertaking without any delay or intermission. This force consists of 6 Battalions of Sepoys, one Company of Native Artillery, & a small Body of Cavalry. The Command of it, has been assigned to Colonel Leslie, an active & experienced

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Officer. Its route to Bombay will be through Bundalcund, and the Dominions of Moodagee Roosla, by his permission which has been obtain'd with a promise of Supplies of Provisions & every other assistance that may be requir'd in the course of its march.

We rely on your promise to cooperate with us on this important occasion, should the state of affairs on the side of India require it, at the season of the Year when you will be able to send the President & Council of Bombay the reinforcement of Men intended for their Service, & from the latest advices we have received, We apprehend that their presence there may be essential.

We request that you will attend to the motions of Hyder Ally, & the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn, & advise us if they shall take any steps which may affect our concerns with the Mahratta State.

If you see a prospect of the continuance of troubles at Poonah, We beg leave to recommend that you cause a part of your Forces to be assembled near the Northern Frontier of the Carnatic, for the purpose of affording either direct assistance to the Presidency of Bombay, or a diversion in their favor, in any way that you may judge most adviseable.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

W. Hastings

R. Barwell

P. Francis

E. Wheler

Fort William

19th May 1778

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Ordered to Lye on the table

Read the following Letter from

Lieut. Atwood to the Secretary.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir

I was Yesterday favoured with your Official Letter of the 15th Instant.

I beg leave to request the President & Council may be made acquainted, I have been doing the Duty of this Garrison, with the effective Officers were stationd here, & am extremely happy to find myself taken notice of by the Honble Board, shall with all cheerfulness readily join my effective Corps, they will be pleased to appoint me to, & remain Sir, with all due respect

From Lieut. Atwood

Your obedient

humble Servant

J. P. Atwood

Masulipatam

May 20th 1770.

Read the following Letter from

Mr Duffin to the Secretary.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir

In consequence of your Letter informing me of the Honble Board's permission for demanding payment of the Money due me by Nataraw Renter of the Pradwra Country, I obtaind Leave from Colonel Flint for a few days to proceed thither. On my arrival I found the Frontage which had been

From Mr Duffin requesting the Board's interference with the Rabob in his favor

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granted me, in a precarious State, I have reason to fear, unless the Honble Board will condescend to favor me with their countenance that my property will be taken away by Force, & given to other Creditors, in this alarming situation, I can think of no other resource than begging their mediation with the Nabob to send Orders respecting my right to the Grain most justly claimed, which has ever been held inviolable. As I have already made known to the Honble Board the legality of my claim, which I should have settled satisfactorily had I been a Resident of the place, situated as I am, I hope to stand excused for giving this trouble on requesting their speedy interference for the security of my Property without which I have no possible means to recover it.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm Duffin

Madurd

May 20th 1770

The Board cannot use their influence in favor of Mr Duffin's demand. The Company's Orders leave him at Liberty to recover his property in any manner he may think proper.

General Munro lays before the Board a recommendation of 2 Havildars to be promoted to the Rank of Jemidars in the 13th Battalion of Sepoys, which is approved.

General Munro reports to the Board that he is informed by Captain Kelly that in consequence of their Order concerning Changada Jemidar of his Battalion who was put under an arrest

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for employing Sepoys on his own private Business, he had written to Lieut. Vigors, who has at present the charge of the Battalion, to admonish him upon his improper Conduct & afterwards to release him, that he received in consequence a Letter from Lieut. Vigors, acquainting him that the Man had refused to come out of arrest, & was determined to stand to the consequences of a Court Martial.

Ordered that a Warrant be made out for the trial of Changalos by a General Court Martial.

General Munro lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Mackenzie to the Adjutant General.

To Lieut: Colonel H. D. Cosby
Adjutant General
Sir,

From Captain Mackenzie representing the deficiency of the Half-mounting to his Battn

In consequence of having received a Letter from the Board, as well as a copy of a Letter sent to the Board from the Agent (Mr. Call) acquainting the Board that the half-mounting for 1776 was sent to my Battalion at Coveram, & sent a copy of my receipt dated 9th March 1776, which receipt was very right, but it was for the Half-mounting for 1775, which is very clear, as I am now two Years two Months in this Country & have never received any Half-mounting, if I had received it for 1776 it must have been in February or March 1777.

I beg Sir, you will explain

to the General that the half Mounting is paid always
in arrears, therefore how could I receive the half-mount-
ing for 1776 at Conjeveram, when I left it the 23d
March 1776 & never have received any half-mounting since,
this Sir is as clear as I can explain it, I hope Sir, this may
be just to right

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
A. McKenzie Capt.

Chandangry
26th Nov. 1778

Enclosed I beg leave to send a Chit signed
by the Commandant & head Conicopoly of the
Battalion that no half Mounting for 1776
has been received now for 1777.

Ordered that a Copy of the fore-
going Letter be sent to Mr. Call the Agent for Sepoy
half-mounting that he may reply to it

General Munro acquaints
the Board that he has received an application from
Captain Kelly requesting leave to go to Sea on account
of his health — Granted.

General Munro delivers to the
Board a Bill for the Rent of the House which he at
present occupies as Commander in Chief, from the
1st March to 31st May — at the rate of 120 Pags per Month —
Ordered to be paid.

Read the following Letters entered
in Country Correspondence as follows.
No. 75 — From the Nabob — advising of Hyder's intention
to conquer Tinnevelly, communicating intelligence

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of the proceedings of the contending parties at Poonah. Intelligence from Pondicherry that the French had procur'd a Jaghire from Hyder, — also letter from the Soubah's Camp & News of Mr. Belcombe's arrival at Carrical. — No. 77 — From the Nabob with Pag. 4,350, account of Poonamalee. — No. 78 From the Nabob, representing the low state of his finances — the steps he has taken to lessen his expences — the reduction of his Troops, & the provision made for payment of their arrears. No. 79. From Mhode Row, complimenting the President on his accession to the Government.

~~Thos. Rumbold~~

John Whitehill

Hector Munro

D. Perring

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At a Consultation present

John Whitehill Esqr President
General Munro Charles Smith
Samuel Johnson Peter Perring

Monday the 15th June

The Governor indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read

The Honble Company's Ships Lathom Governor & Osterly having arrived from Eng. Land, the undermention'd Letters received by them, which relate partly to Military Subjects, are now read. Vizt

General Letter dated 23d December 1777
Dc — 30th January } 1778.
Seperate Letter — 30th January }

Agreed that the consideration of the above Letters be deferr'd till the Governor is able to attend the Board.

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Military Storekeeper to Saltpetre & Brimstone sent to Vellore wt copy of Dpt Ogilvie's Letter to him &c

In consequence of your Orders I lately sent to the Storekeeper at Vellore a quantity of Salt Petre & Brimstone & after deducting the usual allowance for Tare charged the amount of the Nett weights

Per Agitvie informs me he finds a Deficiency of

in the Salt Petre of 5. 10 @ 15 Pagodas p Candy — 82. 18. —

and Brimstone — — 7. 23 @ 10 1/2 Pagodas 4. 5. 55

Pagodas 86. 23. 55

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In order to explain the matter I beg leave to refer to the enclosures No. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 and agreable to Mr Ogilvie's desire have to request the determination of the Board

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

John Turing

Mil. Storek.

Fort St George
13th June 1770

To John Turing Esqr

Military Storekeeper

Sir

I have received your of the 30th Ultimo accompanying Sals Petre & Brimstone for the Powder Manufacture at Vellore Viz.

			Md lb
Salt Petre	200 Bags	Candy	38. 14. 13
Brimstone	30 Bags	Do	11. 3. 24

Upon weighing the above Articles there is a deficiency of Salt Petre — Candy 1. 10. —

& of Brimstone — — — 3. 3. 24

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Thos E. Ogilvie

Storek.

Vellore
10th May 1770

To Mr William Webb

Military Storekeepr Assistant

Sir

I have received of ours acquainty

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One of your Fawns Dispatched by Fifty three Carts

Salt Petre — 172 bags = Candys 50.18.12

Brimstone — 30 Do — Candy 10.13.7

on which is arrived Fweight, there is a deficiency of one

Candy & twelve Maund of Salt Petre & of Brimstone two

Maund.

Sam

Sir.

Your most Obedient Servant

Vellore Thos E. Ogilvie

18th May 1770 Copy Store Kr.

To Mr William Welt

Mily Storekr. & Assistant

Sir

I received yours of the 15th accom-

panied by Fifty one Carts with the following Articles

for the Pewah Manufactory Viz.t

Salt Petre - 172 bags — Candys 50.9.7

Brimstone 24 Do — — 8.2.19 —

Of Salt Petre there is a deficiency of two

Candys, of Brimstone one Maund, & twenty four pound,

so much I have received in all

Salt Petre — Candys 154.12.7

Brimstone — 29.12.2

I also received 20 Cots for those which

were damag'd, & have returned the Damag'd Cy the Lasc

ers who accompanied the Carts.

Sam

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Vellore Thos E. Ogilvie Store

26th May 1770. Cr

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To John Turing Esqr.

Military Storekeeper

Sir,

I have receiv'd yours of the 31st Ultimo, inclosing me Certificates for the weight of the Salt Petre & Brimstone at Madras & that you expect I will be accountable for the same quantity allowing six pound tare for every bag, that being the Terms on which you are oblig'd to receive it for the Powder manufactory there.

In the first place I receive it in the very same terms, it has ever been receiv'd at Vellore, by weighing the Salt Petre seperate from the bags, In the next place I can only be made accountable for what is delivered to me, it would be very hard to make me pay for what I never receiv'd.

You are allow'd six pound tare each bag for what is not carried a Mile, & you will only make me the same allowance for what is carried a hundred at the mercy of every black fellow who drives a Cart, & not a responsible person to attend it on the Journey.

After what I have said if you insist upon it, the matter must be left to the determination of the Board, as I cannot possibly admit of such a loss

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Thos. E. Ogilvie

Storekr.

Vellore

4th June 1778

Copy

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To Mr Ogilvie

Storekeeper at

Vellore

Sir

I have receivd yours of the 10th 8th

I believe the deficiency in the Salt Petre & Brimstone arises from having taken the Salt Petre & Sulphur out of the Bags when you weighd them. It is always customary to receive at Cuy gross weight, Fifty pound Tare is allowd for each bag, & when I receive Salt Petre for the Powder Manufacture, I am obligd to take it in this manner - enclosed are Certificates from the Persons who weighd it Viz.t

Mr. Simon Hammer Conductor
Mariapah Warehouse Concipoly
Tavangadum Mr. Casamajors Concipoly
Tadermony Military Storehouse Do.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

John Turing

Fort St George 30th April 1770

Salt Petre weighd Sent to Vellore bags 200

Gross weight Candys 61. 2. 13

Tare @ 6 lb per bag 2. 0. 1

Net Candy 58. 14. 13

Simon Hammer
Con.r

Brimstone 30 bags Gross weight Candys 11. 9. 4

Tare — 5. 5

Net Candy 2 11. 3. 24

J. H. Con.r

Fort St George
31st May 1770

Copy

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May the 8th 1770

Salt Petre 172 bags Gross weight Candys 52.19.19
Tare @ 6lb pr bag —— 2.1.7
Net Candys 50.18.12

S. Hammer
Cont.

Brimstone 30 bags Nett Wt Candys 10.13.7

S. Hammer
Cond.

15th May 1770

Salt Petre bags 172 Gross weight Candys 52.10.14
Tare @ 6lb pr bag — 2.1.7
Net Candys 50.9.7

Brimstone bags 24 Net weight Candys 8.2.19

The Board are of Opinion that Mr Ogilvie should have received the Salt Petre in the same manner that it is received by the Military Storekeeper here, that is to say it should have been weighed in the bags allowing the usual Tare for each bag, had it been so weighed as considerable a deficiency could not have appeared Resolved therefore that Mr Ogilvie be accountable for half the deficiency, but that the other half be charged to the Company, in consideration of the probable loss that may have happened in the carriage from Lovee to Vellore. As by the agreement lately made with Mr Ogilvie respecting the Gunpowder to be manufactured by him Gentlemen is in future to provide all the ingredients that Gentlemen is in future to provide all the ingredients at his own Cost & risk, the Company will have no further allowances to make for accidents or deficiences of any kind.

minute thereon

Read the following Letters

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from Lieut: Colonel Fitz-Gerald, enclosing one from the Gover.
nor & Council of Pegapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to transmit to
you the enclosed Letters, which I recieved Last night from
the Governor & Council of Pegapatam, concerning the
Deserter Laurence Driskeman

I remain with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
I Fitz Gerald

Tanjore
4th June 1770

Translate
Madraspatnam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favor of the 20th Instant we
have recd but as to the request contain'd therein, concern-
ing the delivering up the Deserter Laurence Driskeman,
who has taken Service with Us by the name of Edwards
Dove, & as one coming out of the Moormans Country
is at present not in our power to comply with it, for
reason that a month ago he was sent by us to
another Garrison of ours, however we shall recall him
from them as immediately, in order to be delivered up

From Colonel
Fitzgerald to Letter
from Gov.r & Council
of Pegapatam
requiring some
Deserters should
be delivered up
to them

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up to you, which shall be directly done, as soon as your Honor &ca on your side, shall please to order the following Deserters to be delivered up to us, who sometime ago have run away from our Garrison Vizt.

Johan Christoffel
Michiel Moor
Benedictus Stubaar
Cornelis Jansz
Johannes de Selva
Jacob Paulus
Anthony de Rosayro
Jurgen Hendrick Scholts
Adam Lindeman and
Casper Ertman Flik.

and whom We reclaim hereby from you agreably to the Cartel, for We have with certainty been informed, that the said Men, or at least 5 or 6 of them, were brought the 23d April last, under an Escort of English Sepoys from Nagoor, and Kivalore to Tanjour, where they certainly will be still

We have the honor to be
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your humble & obedt Servants
Reinier Van Wissingen
Ph: J. Dormieux
Haselman
Koning
Ser. Mossel

Negapatam in the Castle
30th May 1778.

Daynevelt
J. Simons
Apengh
M. Stoffenberg

Ordered that Enquiry be made after the Persons mentioned in the above Letter

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Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam

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

Hontble Sir and Sirs

We enclose an Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Bucat, Commanding at Vizianagrum with our Reply, and We beg leave to acquaint you that tho We do not wish to interfere in any of the Customs, or Ceremonies of the Natives, particularly in the Rajahs Country, yet that appears to us so much cruelty and inhumanity in permitting the Wives of the Natives to burn themselves with their deceased Husbands, that We shall continue our Order in force unless We receive your Honor &c Commands to countermand it.

From Vizagapatam Extract of Letter from Capt. Rowles & Lieut. Bucat

By the late sudden Death of Captain Murphy, the Command of this District having devolved upon Captain Rowles, We in justice to that Gentleman, who is an active good Officer send You the following Extract of a Letter received from him

Extract from a Letter of Captain Rowles's to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam Dated 26th May 1773

From the unfortunate death of Capt. Murphy, I hope I may have your countenance and support for being entrusted the Senior Officer in this District, unless Capt. Lyraght should be appointed

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appointed to the Command. If upwards of three years service in this Circar, and having suffered considerably by the unhealthiness of the Climate both in my Fortune and Health can add any Weight to my request, I hope it will be granted"

We are, respectfully
Hon'ble Sir, and Sirs
Your most obedient
and humble Servants
Alex.r Davidson
Henry Crawford
Nathaniel Barlow
Charles Maxtone

Vizagapatam
4th June 1778

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant George Muat Commanding at Vizenagrum dated 27th May 1778.

It does not, I believe, belong to my Duty as Commanding Officer of Vizinagrum, nor is it connected with the Intentions of the Honorable Company, the intermeddling with Vizianamrauzis People, or their Customs, any further than is necessary for the Security of this Place now committed to my Charge; Yet as the following Business has made me uneasy I cannot help troubling you with the mention of it, as there is a possibility tho' not a probability, that you may authorize me in some measure to interfere. The Gentoo Institution of Wives burning voluntarily with their dead Husbands, is, I find, very frequently complied with here, Instances of it happening almost every Month, and sometimes oftener. There has been one to day – Last Night, a Man

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a man of the Gentoo tribe named Ramoo who was the Cutwals head Peon, died suddenly & early this morning permission was demanded for the widow to burn herself with the Corps, seconded by a letter from Narna the acting Manager, telling me that it was the invariable practise in the Rajah's Territories & never opposed — I have accordingly given my consent (tho' in fact a matter out of my province at present) with this proviso, that it was the Woman's own free will; to be satisfied of which I sent a message to her, signifying that if she chused to claim my protection she should be safe, to which she replied, that it was her own desire & that if prevented she would soon find other means for destroying herself.

A true Extract

Chas. Maxtone

Secry.

Copy of a Letter to Lieut. Muat

Commanding at

Vizienagrum

Sir

We have received your letter of the 27th May

The ancient Gentoo Ceremony of Wives burning themselves with their deceased husbands not being permitted at any of the Company's Settlements, we think such a barbarous & inhuman Custom, should not be allowed at Vizenagrum or in your neighbourhood.

We therefore authorise you to prevent so savage a ceremony & to signify to the

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Rajah's Representative & to the Natives that it is the orders of this Government that the Custom for the present be discontinued

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Vizagapatam
4th June 1778

Strue Copy

Chas Maxtone
Secty.

The Board approve of the Orders given by the Chief & Council to Lieut. Monatt.

Read the following letter from Major Stevens.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President & Governor & Co. Council of
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

From Major Stevens with several letters from Lt. Johnstone relative to his dispute with Ensign Boswell

I herewith enclose you a copy of a letter I have receiv'd from Lieut. Johnstone together with copy of Orders to him from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam for superintending the building of some temporary barracks at Ankapillay together with a copy of a letter from him to the Chief & Council acquainting them he had been refused on application the Command of the Garrison from Ensign Boswell & that he seem'd apprehensive that he would be hindered from carrying their Orders into Execution.

As Lieut. Johnstone will be some time Resident at Ankapillay, I have no doubt that on his application to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam they will order him as Senior Officer the Command of the Garrison. But that no doubts may

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anine hereafter, whether an Engineer is to be permitted to carry on any Works he has received Orders to execute in any Fort, Garrison, part, Cantonment &c. though the Commanding Officer may not be publickly acquainted therewith it is necessary that the Board come to a Determination & give public Orders thereon, for this is the third instance of the kind that has to my knowledge happened within a little more than 12 months.

The Engineer when sent on any Ser-
vice will doubtless communicate to the Commanding Officer the Orders he has received but the resolutions of the Board of the 7th March 1771, which regulate in general the conduct of the Engineer & Commanding Officer do not provide for such case further than by specifying that the Engineer when of inferior Rank shall not be under the Orders of the Commanding Officer.

As I have quoted the above mentioned Resolutions I must humbly submit to your consideration whether they be not deficient in the following particulars, Viz.t That if the Engineer so stationed in examining the state of Works at out Garrisons or any necessary Repairs thereon should happen to be the Senior Officer & the place should be attacked, He do assume the Command thereof, & in like manner, if he be the inferior Officer that he put himself under the Orders of the Commanding Officer — And as the Orders of April 5th 1771, in consequence of the above mentioned Resolutions were fixed before the Rank in the army was finally presented to the Corps of Engineers by the General Orders of the 23d Feby 1776, & previous to an interval in which they had

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been deprived thereof. It may perhaps be necessary they be again repeated with such alterations & amendments as may appear proper to the Honble Board.

I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir &c &c

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Wm Stevens

Fort St. George

15th June 1770.

To Major Stevens

Commanding the Corps of Engineers

Sir

Yesterday wrote you of my being directed to erect temporary Barracks in this Fort for a Battalion of Sepoys by the Order of the Chief & Council of this District. I now enclose Copies of two Letters I have from them on that subject.

On receipt of their last Letter by which I am directed to remain here on duty, I shewed it to Ensign Bonnell who commanded here, & required him to deliver over the charge of the Garrison which he by the advice of Captain Bowles refused doing.

I have this day wrote to the Chief & Council & now enclose a Copy of the Letter.

I am with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

James Johnstone

A true Copy

William Stevens

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To Lieutenant James Johnstone
of Engineers

Sir

The Chief & Council having thought necessary the Temporary Barracks sufficient for a Battalion of Sepoys should be at Ankapillay, they desire that you repair thither with all convenient speed and furnish them with a plan of the said Barracks & an Estimate of the expence necessary for executing the same & that you be particularly carefull in choosing the most healthy spot of ground for that purpose.

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

(signed) Chas. Maxlone

Secty

Virdagapatam
25th May 1770.

A true Copy

James Johnstone
Sub: Engr & Lieut.

William Stevens

To Lieutenant James Johnstone
of Engineers

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ult. accompanying the Estimate & plan for the temporary Barracks at Ankapillay & to acquaint you, that they approve of the same, & have accordingly given Orders to the Paymaster of the District for collecting the Artificers & Materials with all expedition & that you are to superintend the building of the said Barracks & be particularly carefull in raising the plan properly executed

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I am

Sir

Vizagapatam
2d June 1778.

Your most Obedt. Sible Servt.
Chas. Maxtone
Secry.

A true Copy
(signed) James Johnstone
Sub-Engr. & Lieut.
Willm. Stevens

To Alexander Davidson Esqr.
Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

I Yesterday acknowledgd the receipt of your letter directing me to superintend the building of the temporary Barracks to be erected at this place.

As being the Senior Officer doing duty in this Garrison I requird Ensign Boswell to deliver me over the Command, which he by the advice & Direction of Captain Rowles has refused.

From the Tenor of my Commission as Sub-Engineer & Lieutenant in the Service of the Honble Company, I thought myself entitled & oblig'd to act as I have done in the discharge of my duty. As it is denied me I can now only remain here, for further Orders in this particular, it shall not however be the means of obstructing the duty requird of me, in erecting the Barracks if I am not prevented by the Officer commanding who I understand has no other intimation of your Orders to me than what I have shewn them which according

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to his & Captain Rawlet's declared opinion is insuf-
ficient authority

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
humble Servant

Ankapilly
14th June 1778

(sign'd) James Johnstone

A true Copy
Wm. Stevens

Ordered to lye on the Table.

Read the following Letters from
Lieut. Malcolm at Pennacail.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to enclose
herewith a Return of the Troops & Military Stores
for last Month.

From Lt. Malcolm

I do not find that the French
are making any preparations either in regard to their
Fortifications, or in their Arsenaries at Pondicherry.

I have the honor to be most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient and
very humble Servant
H. Malcolm
Commanding

Pennacoil
6th June 1778

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The Hon'ble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.

President & Governor &ca Council

of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir Sirs

From Lt. Malcolm advising the Embarkation of 500 Men from Pondicherry for the Guntoor Circar

I am just now advised by a Man from Pondichery that on the 11th at night between four & five hundred men with their Arms & accoutrements embarkd from thence, & their destination said to be the Guntoor Circar. My Hircarrah says that this party is Commanded by the French Officer stationd at Gingee, while that place was in their possession, but does not recollect his Name; This intelligence should have been sooner communicated to your honor &ca, but unluckily, one of the two Men employed with the Hircarrah in bringing me letters, was taken sick, & the other had been dispatchd to this place the day before, & my Orders to him, were to remain at Pondicherry unless something immediate, in regard to this station, should require his setting off directly. I take the liberty of being thus particular because your Honor &ca might have had this intelligence from me on the same night that the above detachment embarkd from Pondicherry, I now lose no time in forwarding it, but I believe your honor &ca will find that this letter will reach Madras later, by one day, than it would were a regular Tappal establishd between this & Chingleput.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. & most hble Servant

Henry Malcolm Commy.

Permacoil
5 o'clock P.M.
13th June 1778

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Resolved that a letter be immediately written to Captain Barclay at Ongole, desiring him to give us the earliest Intelligence should any vessell arrive at the Port of the Guntoor Circar & land men there, & to send the best account he can obtain of their number — how accoutred with the quantity & kinds of Military Stores they may carry with them, Resolved also to direct Captain Barclay to watch particularly the motions of the French in the Service of Basalut Jung, & send us intelligence from time to time regarding them

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from Colonel Flint.

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief

Sir

The accompanying Address to me I have taken the liberty of forwarding to you in hopes Sir you will take it into Consideration, as he has been at a considerable expence in repairing a house that is neither Publick Quarters nor his own having no other place allotted him, Quarters being so scarce & in general very bad — I have the honor to be

From Colonel Flint w.t copy of a letter from Capt. Hart

Sir

Trichinopoly
May 25th 1778

Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
W. Flint

To Colonel William Flint

Sir

The difficulties & Expences

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I have labored under since my appointment to this Garrison March 1777 for want of Quarters, lay me under the necessity of addressing You.

I have been silent thus far, in expectation, from the various reports, that Quarters would soon be completed, as that is not the case, I now request, you will be pleased to represent my case to the Commander in Chief, that an allowance may be made me for the time past, & a Monthly stipend for the time to come, which will oblige

Sir

Trichinopoly
24th May 1778

Your most Obedient Servant
John Shortt

As General Munro proposes as soon as he can to visit the Out Garrisons in the Carnatic, Resolved that no Repairs or additions be made to Quarters or allowances given on that account, untill he shall have had an opportunity of reporting his opinion upon them to the Board.

Read the following Letters from Captain Geils of the Artillery

Major General Munro
Sir

Letter from Captn Geils requesting leave to go to England for his health, at certificate & character from Colt James

I have the honor to transmitting you a letter to the Board, which will come to your hands thro' the Channel of my Commanding Officer, of whom I have requird a Character, & must request you Sir to have it entered in the Para. of the General Letter, that mentions my going to Europe to prevent any Obstacle that might arise to hinder

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my immediate return to the Country again, and which I propose doing overland

I have the honor to be

Sir

St Thomas's Mount
27th May 1778.

Your Obedient Hble Servant
Thomas Geils

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to enclose You a Certificate from the Surgeon, & to request of the Honble Board a leave of absence to return to Europe for the reestablishment of my health.

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Obedient
humble Servant
T. Geils

St Thomas's Mount
May 27th 1778

This is to certify that Captain Geils of the Corps of Artillery having for a considerable time been under my care for a hectic complaint – a voyage to the Cape, or Europe, is by me recommended for the reestablishment of his health

the 27th May
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H. Mallet
Surgeon

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief

Sir

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Sir

Captain Gells informs me you want for a Character from Me before you lay his address to the Honble Board to obtain their Leave for his going to Europe for the benefit of his health

I shall say but little of his merits as I cannot express it sufficiently in his favor. He has been under my Command since the Year 1768 during which time he has given me every satisfaction, as an active experienced, good Artillery Officer.

With due respect

I am, Sir

Your very Obedient and

most humble Servant

Edwd James

St Thomas's Mount

31st May 1770.

Agreed that Captain Gells be permitted to go to England agreeably to his request & that proper mention be made of him to the Company in order that he may return with his Rank.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Roberts Commanding at Tegnor to the Agitant General.

To Lieutenant Colonel Cosby

Sir

From Lt Roberts

Inclosed I have the pleasure of transmitting you a Return of the strength of this Garrison.

As I am situated very near a pass into Hyders Country & am quite a Stranger in this part I should be very glad to make myself acquainted

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with the Roads &c. about this Place, particularly as I find the Officer Commanding Permacoil is recommended to it in his instructions, but as I have none, will be much oblig'd to you Sir, to mention it to the General, if you think there is no impropriety in the request.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Geo. Roberts

Tiagar
June 1st 1778

The Board think it very proper that Lieut. Roberts should be acquainted with the roads & Passes leading to Hyder's Country, or near the Place of his Command, agreed that directions be given him accordingly.

General Munro lays before the Board the following Extract of a letter to him from Captain Lane.

Extract of letter from Captain Thos Lane to General Munro

I must beg leave Sir to observe to you that the draughts from the 1st & 3d Captains Hopkins & Russell's Battalions of Sepoys, which ajusted in the forming mine, the latter end of the Year 1776, have for that year received no half mounting, In consequence of their representing this to me as I grievance, I some time ago address'd Mr. James Call the present Agent for that business. Mr Call inform'd me that Mr. McPherson, who was

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return'd to Europe had the Contract for that Year, & that he himself had no concern with it, which appears to be the case. I have no Doubt, Sir, you will readily afford your Assistance in the recovering what these People so justly esteem to be their right or some Consideration in lieu of it,

I have the honor to remain with respect

Trichinopoly June 2d 1778

P.S. Since writing, I have learnt that the draught from the 8th (Captain Gibbings's) is under the same Circumstances with those from the 5th & 3d.

Ordered that a Copy be sent to the agent for Sepoy half-Mounting

General Munro lays before the Board the following letter from Lieut. Muratt of the 9th Battalion of Sepoys to Captain Kelly the Commanding Officer of that Battalion, & informs them that Captain Kelly sent to him only a day or two before he left Madras for his health (5th Inst) altho' the Black Officers complaind of in it have been upwards of 6 Months in arrest

To Captain Robert Kelly

Commanding the 9th Battalion of Sepoys.

Sir,

From Lt. Muratt to Capt. Kelly complaining of the behaviour of a Subidar & a Jemidar

As you have desir'd me to make a representation to you in writing, of what I have already done verbally, the behaviour of Zenkana Subadar of my Company (the 1st Grenadiers) & of Kunge Jemidar doing duty with it, at the attack of Kistnama

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Naicks Pollam. — I now set down the following facts relative to that Cussing's.

Early on the morning of the 22d Ult.o the day of the attack, I had, by your permission, the 1st & 2d Grenadier Company's drawn out in the Front of the Lines, each of them told off into four Platoons, & drill'd for half an hour by Moonlight, to the street-firing &c. it being what I intended to make use of if practicable in the attack of the Main roadway, of which you gave me the charge. To each Platoon a Black Officer or Serjeant was stationed, with the strictest Orders, not to quit their Posts, nor to pay attention to any thing but the Men appointed they were to command, & to be answerable that each of their particular Platoons should be in readiness, when either myself or Lieut.t B. Vigors (who Commanded the 2d Company) should call upon them. After the Grenadiers broke into the Road from the Main Road, as you had upon finding it quite choaked up with Bushes, changed my attack to a flanking one, & during three hours Laboring in penetrating, I myself was Sabredar notwithstanding he had been posted to the Front Platoon, & I was continually in front of the Company myself exhorting & endeavoring the People to persevere in advancing quick & close & calling upon him to second me in so doing; but when at any time, in more open places of the Thickets, I did get eyes upon him, it was never but at the distance of ten or twelve Men deep in my rear, as we could only get on one abreast, & he did not exert himself to get nearer, nor to give me the proper assistance. At last after a severe execution from some breast works of the Enemy, which took us at once in

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front, & upon both Flanks, & after repeatedly collecting & firing his Plattoon myself, we were put to a stand, as much by the obstinate thickness of the wood as from the heavy fire of those Breast works which we could not see, & I then, partly by threats, partly by entreaties, got him up at length; but whilst I was speaking to him, a shot stricking his arm, he called out that he was wounded, run back with precipitation carrying several of his Plattoon along with him, two or three being intimidated by his Panick, & the others oversett by his Flight. It is needless to insist here on the fatal consequences, that might have attended such a shamefull example, had not fortune been propitious, & that a Moment, when the fate of my People, and probably of the whole enterprise might have depended upon it to say, that Mr Vigors, who with his Company, I was then oblig'd to call up, & to whom, with the brave Men of my own who stood by me, I was indebted for not being repulsed, knows the circumstance well, & can inform you, as can Messrs Foulis, Dalrymple & Thompson, the Cadets who were with me, & also my own Serjeant. I have only to observe further with respect to the Subidar, that tho' his wound was so slight, that he was able still to carry his Fusee over the same Arm & to keep in the rear of his Company, yet I could never prevail with him to keep his Post in front of it, from that time till we carried the gateway of the Pollam; & once, on taking a breastwork when I did get him up, the moment my back was to him, he immediately slunk behind again.

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With respect to the Jemidar Range, I have only to observe in general that his behaviour was backward, & particularly at the time we were at a halt; as tho' I called him up amongst others, to animate the men, he sat down in the rear, notwithstanding Lieutenant Vigors, who saw him in that inactive situation reproached him severely, and even threatened to kick him, if he did not advance up to me.

Thus, Sir, have I given you a single recapitulation, & I think without aggravation, of this disagreable Affair, & sorry I am, that a Subidar, and a Jemindar of Grenadiers, should in such a recital, be the subject; — the needful remains with You.

I am respectfully

Sir,

Camp at Pollour
13th Novemr 1778

Your most Obedt Hble Servant
George Muat
Lieut. 9th Carnc Battn of Sepoys

The Board remark on the foregoing Letter that there seems to have been great irregularity in suffering the two black Officers therein mentiond, to remain so long in Confinement without a Trial. Resolved that a Warrant be immediately granted to try them by a general Court Martial, & when the Proceedings of the Court are before the Board, they will then be able to judge of this matter with more propriety than they can do at Present.

Warrant orderd to be issued

Read the following Extract

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of a Letter from Ingeram to the Civil Department

Extract from General Letter from Ingeram
Dated 27th May 1778

I humbly request that you may
be pleased to order an Engineer to be sent from Ma-
sulipatam, or from Visagapatam for a few days,
to assist me to form an Estimate of the expence of
the intended Buildings, & to make a Plan for Go-
downs, that may be at the same time cheap &
commodious; I am induced the more to make this
request, because the Buildings of Maddapollam are
in so ruinous a State that Mr. Duff declares him-
self unable to judge whether it would be more ex-
pedient to repair them, or to pull them Down

A true Extract
Thomas Lovin
Secy

Resolved that Lieut. Johnstone be
ordered to proceed from Visagapatam to Ingeram, to
make the prepared Estimates & afterwards to proceed to
Masulipatam

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17th Dispatch'd the following Letters

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir

Chief &co Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 19th Ultimo, to which we shall reply so soon as we have obtain'd the Opinion of our Chief Engineer, relative to the Works proposed for the improvement of the Fortifications.

To Masulipatam on the subject of the taking the Sluice Gates.

In the mean time we think it necessary to make a few observations upon that part of your Letter & of the Letters from Captain Mitchell which respects the taking up the Sluice Gates, belonging to the Ditch, whereby according to your Engineers Representation the Company are likely to sustain an Expence of more than 11,000 Pags which might have been avoided had the Sluice Gates remain'd.

We are not at all satisfied with the Engineers account of the manner in which the Gates were taken up, nor do we think you have been at sufficient pains to obtain that information which might naturally be expected on the subject. You ask the Engineer, at what time & by whose Order the Sluice Gates were taken up & whether he had ever represented the inconveniences of the measure to your Board or the Committee of Works. The Engineer in reply says "I have "already communicated my Sentiments in regard to the "necessary excavation of the Ditch to the Committee of

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"Works, & thereinmentiond by whose Order the Sluice Gates "were taken up; from which has proceeded the present neces-"sity of that excavation, It was by the Direct verbal "Order of John Whitehill Esqr. then Chief."

We think a reply so general should have induced you to make further enquiry. The only answer returnd by the Engineer to your last question is that he had already communicated his Sentiments to the Committee of Works, in regard to the necessary excavation of the Ditch. These Sentiments we find are containd in his letter to the Committee dated the 18th April only two Months ago, & we do not perceive that any Representation was made previous to that time, if there were we suppose he would have mentiond it. He says also that the Order was given him verbally by Mr Whitehill then Chief without specifying the particular time, a Circumstance, which was certainly material.

Upon this reply of the Engineer it appears to us very natural to have ask'd him whether no written or verbal Representation were previous to the Order, made by him to the Chief or Chief and Council touching the necessity of taking up the Sluice Gates. why he did not at the time or afterwards publickly represent the impropriety of the Orders, if he saw any, as was his duty? & why the Sluice Gates which now appear to be so necessary were not replaced, at least after the Person who is said to have Ordered them to be taken up quitted the Chief-ship.

Had you enquir'd into these

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Particulars we should have been able to ascertain whether any & what degree of blame be imputable to any Person on account of the Act by which the Company are likely to be involved in so much expence, at present We cannot judge with sufficient Precision, & we desire therefore that you make more particular enquiry for our information

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St George
17th June 1778.

Tho: Rumbold
Wm Ford

To Captain Barclay
Commanding at
Ongole

Sir

Having received intelligence from Pondicherry that on the 11th Instant at night between four & five hundred Men with Arms & accoutrements were embarked there, destined as 'tis said for the Guntoor Circar, We desire you will send proper People immediately to observe whether any Vessel or Vessells are arrived at the Port of Mootapillee, whether they have brought any Men & for what purpose, & to collect such other information as they may be able to obtain regarding their Number, the principal Officers with them & the quantity of Stores which may be Landed. Should no Vessell have arrived at Mootapillee, You will nevertheless keep a watchfull Eye upon that place & advise us timely of any extraordinary occurrences that may happen relating to the motions of the French in the Guntoor Circar.

Lt. Pt. Barclay desiring he will procure intelligence of this from Pondicherry

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We are

Sir

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17th June 1778.

Your most humble Servants
Thos. Rumbold
& Co. Council

Despatched the following letter

To Lieut: Colonel Fitz Gerald
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 4th Instant.

To Col. Fitz Gerald

The Governor & Council at Negapatam having inform'd Us, that several of their Men have deserted, We enclose you a Copy of their letter to Us on the occasion, & desire you will acquaint Us whether any of the Persons therein nam'd are at present in your Garrison.

We are

Sir,

Fort St. George
18th June 1778.

Your most humble Servants
Thos. Rumbold & Co.

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
Governor President

Monday 22d June

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
General Munro
Sam Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read.

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Read Letter from the Rajah of Tan-
jore entered in Country Correspondence N.o 80. reply-
ing to the President's Letter of the 18th Ultimo, & maintain-
ing the truth of his former Representation respecting his
Receipts, Disbursements & the value of the Sagueer intended
by him for the Company, the Port of Nagore, & Districts
around producing Rs 250.000.

Read the following Letter from
Mr Petrie.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r
President and Governor of
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir

From Mr Petrie enclosing the Grant from Nagore

I have now the honor to transmit
you the Rajah of Tanjore's Sunnud to the Honble
Company for a Sagheer comprehending the Town of
Nagore, & Island the District of Keevalore &.c to the
annual amount of two Lacks & fifty thousand Rupees

The tedious, delatory forms of this
Durbar, & the various delays I have experienced during
my Negociations for the Sunnud, will I hope account
to the Honble Board, for the length of time it hasre-
quir'd, to bring this Business to a conclusion, & flatter
myself Sir, that you & them, will do me the honor
to believe that I have acted to the best of my judgment
& with Zeal & assiduity, in executing the Commission
with which I was charg'd.

I beg leave to congratulate you
upon this valuable acquisition of Commerce and
Territory to the Honble Company's

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I remain most respectfully

Honble Sir

Your most faithfull and
most Obed.t Hble Servant
William Petrie

Tanjore
19th June 1770

The President enters the following

Minute

Minute of the President thereon

It is with much pleasure I have now an opportunity of acquainting the Board with the Success of our Negotiation for Nagore, the acquisition will I hope prove a valuable one to the East India Company. Having treated this subject in so full a manner in my Minute of the 2d March, I have little left to add upon the Occasion. The Grants I understand will amount to two Lacks & one half of Rupees or thirty thousand Pounds, I might I believe have prevailed upon the Rajah to have encreased the value of the amount, but I did not wish to receive the grant in any manner but as proceeding from his own free will, without stipulating for Conditions that might have occasion'd any controversy.

I cannot avoid expressing to the Board the great satisfaction I feel on obtaining this Jaghire, the key to the Tanjore Districts, from whence we may be able to draw Resources, or a spirit that Country of so much consequence to our possessions at a time too when we are in hourly expectation of a War.

Resolved that a Letter be written to the Rajah to express the Board's acknowledgments for the grant of Nagore &c. which is now perfected

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to their satisfaction, & the Board also take this occasion of thanking the President for the attention he has shewn to the Company's Interest & the trouble he has taken in this Business

Mr Petrie who has been employed on negotiating the Grand de Tanjore having acquitted himself very much to the satisfaction of the Board and with great assiduity & attention surmounted the various Delays & difficulties which opposed the final execution of the Summons, The Board think him deserving of some mark of their approbation & it is consequence resolved that he be appointed Resident at Nagore & to have the care & management of the new Districts granted by the Rajah — Agreed also that Messrs Lind & Dram be appointed his Assistants

Mr Petrie appointed Resident at Nagore

Messrs Lind & Dram appointed Assists to

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered in Country Correspondence No. 81 accompanying Bills for Ps 23,000 balance of the March Kist on account of the Annual Subsidy.

Read also Letter from the same Country Correspondence No. 82, congratulating the President on the recovery of his health.

Read Letter from Mr Gabriel Mallet.

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

Honble Sir,

Gabriel Mallet's Letter from Mr requesting the interference of the Board with the Rajah of Tanjore in his favour

It is with much concern that I am once more under the necessity of intruding myself upon to You to represent the unremitting hardships which

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I continue to experience from the Dewan of the Rajah who persists in withholding my Property.

In the Month of March last I had the honor to lay before you a humble representation of my case, to which you were pleased to pay the most humane attention & to give me a letter to Mr. Petrie to obtain me justice & redress, after having provd to the satisfaction of that Gentleman, the justness of my claims, I flattered myself, that I should not have had any further occasion to trouble you on this subject, but to my misfortune, Mr. Petrie has not been more successfull than myself, & the last time I spoke to him he told me, that he had done every thing in his power without effect & that he could do nothing more until he received further Orders from You.

Was my distress tolerable I would suffer some time longer in Silence, than to break in upon your Leisure, at a time when I have been informd you are much indisposed, for which alone me to express my sincerest concern. But my situation is such that unless I soon recover my property, I have nothing before my Eyes, but irretrivable ruin. I am now oblig'd to support myself with borrowd Money, for which I am compelld to pay an exorbitant Interest. I have been positively ordered to return to my station at Bombay, where I have the honor to hold a Commission in the Honble Company's Military, & the consequences of my delay, may be fatal to all my future prospects in their service, but without the recovery of my Property illegally arrested from me by the Orders of the Rajah of Tanjore it is

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impossible for me to leave the Coast without doing injustice to my Creditors, & bringing infamy upon myself. In this accumulated distress to whom can I apply but to you, Honble Sir.

Let these Circumstances Honble Sir, excuse me for troubling You, with this representation, & let these plead with your Honors Humanity & Justice, to interpose once more in my behalf, that my property may be made good to me, & I thereby enabled to obey the Orders of my Honble Masters at Bombay.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & most Oblig.d humble Servant

Gabriel Muller

Tanjore
19.th June 1778

The President is requested to write to the Rajah to do justice to Mr. Muller, if his demands be just & legal, — if otherwise to represent the Circumstances here.

Read the following Letter from Captain Kelly.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r
President & Council of
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt.n Kelly enclosing his Acc.ts as Commanding the Detachment at Bombay &c.

I have at length the honor of laying before you my accounts, as Commanding Officer & Paymaster of the Detachment on duty at Bombay, in the Year 1775 & 1776, Revised & corrected

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according to the Orders of the Hon.ble the Governor who presides in Madras, in September 1776, before whom my DD accounts were laid, but could not be passd. it seems without the deductions now made. Which reduce a balance, then in my favor 42,743. Bombay Rupees, for part of which I only received Pagodas 5,000, to Pay.t

61.11.6.

The deduction made from my account No.1, are first, 2 M.th exchange from all the Pay & batta the Battalions recievd for 18 months.

2.dly all the Batta they had received for the time they were on Sea or Land, between Anjengo & Bombay; and 3.dly all the Batta they had received for the Voyage from Bombay to Madras. By which Stoppages, that account is diminish'd about 7,000 Pags. The other deductions will be seen in my List No.2, — Aming to Bombay Rupees 32 62.3.86, which is brought to the credit of my account. No.1. The balance of which, being Pagodas 10,190.21.66 in my favor, is carried to the Debit side of my account Ballance & opposed by the Cash advanced in Trichinopoly, for the support of the Sepoys Families, during their absence on the expedition, amounting to Pag.s 9,687.39.8.

The rest of this account, Honble Sir & Sirs, consists of my charges, as Commanding Officer of the Detachment for eleven Months, one of which, I believe there may be no precedent for, on this Coast, for many Years back — But, as the expedition was altogether unprecedented, & attended with many difficulties, & extraordinary expences, to me in particular, I humbly hope the Honble Board will

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be pleased to consider them, as neither immodest or unreasonable.

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull
& most Obedient
humble Servant
R. Kelly

Madras
22 June 1770.

Ordered that the account mentioned in the foregoing Letter be referrd to the Commissary General who must examine & make a Report to the Board.

Read the following Letter from the Sepoy Agent.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor &c Council

Honble Sirs

Letter from the Sepoy Agent

In consequence of Proposals made by Captain Alcock for furnishing the Sepoy Cloathing by Contract at a cheaper rate than has hitherto been charg'd by the Agent, Your Honr & Con were pleased to favor me with Copies of his two Addresses to you upon that subject, under dates the 27th April & 8th Instant containing two different sorts of Proposals, on which you desire to have my Remarks.

This I would have done without delay, but finding that you had ordered the Sepoy Warehousekeeper to measure 50 Bales of Linen Cloth

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in order to ascertain more exactly, what, as a Medium was the Deficiency in the Breadth of the Cloth imported last Year — I therefore postpon'd the Delivery of this address, 'till that measurement was made, in hopes that it would thereby have appeared, that the waste of Cloth, which by Captain Alcock's estimate amounts to the value of Pag.s 2862.19.67½ is not owing, as he supposes, to the unskilfulness or Knavery of the Cutters, but that it was otherwise clearly accounted for, by the unusual deficiency in the Breadth of the Cloth. However, I have been disappointed of this trial, as no Cloth of that Kind (Broad Cloth ordinary red) of a former Years importation is left, to be compar'd with such of last Years importation as was delivered to me, except the two Bales imported in 75, the Measurement of which has already been reported by the Import Warehousekeeper, & it thereby appears that there is above 7½ ℔ Cent deficient in the Breadth of the Cloth imported in 1777. Had the whole quantity been measur'd, I have good reason to believe, that the Deficiency would have proved much greater, as I found upon measuring such Pieces as were not cut up before I received your Orders to measure what remain'd, that some of them wanted no Less than ten Inches (or 18 ℔ Cent) of the usual Breadth.

There appear to me, to be the Causes which have occasion'd the using a greater Number of Pieces than would otherwise have been necessary. However it is possible that I may have been deceived, the Business being new to me, I was oblig'd to rely in a greater measure on the honesty

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of the People whom I employ'd, as they were from many Years experience perfectly acquainted with the business, & were recommended to me, by the former Agent

From Trials, which I have caused to be made since I delivered in the Accounts, which accompanied my Address to your Honor & Co. of the 27th March, I find that if the Cloth had been of the usual & proper breadth the expence would have been nearly as Captain Alcock reckons it (about 2800 Pags.) less than it appears by my Estimate.

With respect to the Charges for Lace Tape & making the Coats Sharp in my Estimate for the Black Officers Jackets, are the same that have been paid for several Years past & were I understand so settled by a Committee appointed by the Board for examining into, with a view of reducing the expence of the Clothing. However by careful enquiry I have found that by contracting with different People for those Articles, there will be a saving, as also in the Materials used in making up the Sepoy Jackets which together with that, on the Cloth as above explain'd, will reduce the expence nearly to the sum mention'd in Captain Alcocks Proposals of the 27th April, & thus the whole amount (after paying 500 Pags to each of the 29 Captains, also the Agents Commission & Godown Rent) will not exceed 47,000 Pagodas And if from this advance on the Company's Cloth be deducted, which amounts to 2000 Pags, then the full Stoppages will be sufficient to defray the expence of the Clothing without putting the Hon'ble Company to