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to the expence of House or Godown Rent as mentioned
in Captain Meocks's Proposals, or to any other Charge
I have the honor to be

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

and humble Servant

Jac. Moultray

Sejourn Agent

Fort S. George
3^d May 1770

The Board are of Opinion that

the most eligible way of providing the Sejourn Clothing
in future will be to make an agreement with the
Agent to deliver it, on the terms of the estimates
which have been given in, that is to say to engage
with him that he shall deliver the Clothing for the
amount of Stoppages paying to the Captains of the Bat-
talions 500^l each of the Company consenting in that
Condition to deduct the usual Advance upon the Cloth
Agreed that an offer be made to the Agent accordingly.

Resolved that the advances from
the Company's Cash to the Agent for Sejourn Cloth
amounting, be regulated by the annual amount of
the Stoppages which they are not to exceed.

Read Letter from the Commis-

sion of Stores.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President of Governor of a Council

of Fort S. George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Herewith we have the honor

to lay before you our Proceedings of the 13th Instant

minute thereon

the

Age

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Letter from the
Committee of Stores
with return of
Gun Carriages
wanting.

also Return of Gun Carriages wanting to complete the
several Garrisons. the Return of Stones to be removed
from Viragapatam, Plan & Estimate of the proposed
additions at the new Powder Mill - Letter from the
Company of Stores, & Report of the proof of Indian
Powder at the Mount.

We are

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

Hector Munro
John Suring
Edward James
William Stevens

Fort S. George
18th June 1770.

Fort S. George 13th June 1770.

At a Committee of Stores present
Major General Hector Munro
W^r John Suring
Lieutenant Colonel Edward James
and Major William Stevens

Minutes of the Committee	Orders of the Board
The Company of Stores lays before the Committee a Return of Gun Carriages wanting to complete the several Garrisons - Agreed to lay the same before the President	Ordered that the Committee of Stores do advertise for the different kinds of Gun Carriages wanting & for all the other articles mentioned by the Committee of Stores. The articles

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of Council, & as the Board
are now furnished with a
list of Gun Carriages,
Transporting Carriages,
Platforms, Guns, Frontlets
& Bolinos, wanting to complete
the Fort establishment, the
Committee agree to submit
to their Determination whe.
their Advertisement shall be
immediately published, for
making up, by Contract, the
full Complement of the dif.
ferent Articles.

2 The Company
of Stores Lays before the
Committee a Return of
Stores to be removed from
Vizagapatam to Fort St. George
& Manipatam, the same
is ordered to be laid before
the Board.

3 The Committee observe
that in the Manipatam
Return for April last, the
Capital Stones only are in-
serted - Agreed to recommend
to the Board to direct com-
pliance with the standing
Orders, to insert Columns
specifying deficiencies and

Orders of the Board
for Madras, Bellone, and
Tanjore to be first provided

The Gentlemen at Vi-
Zagapatam found the Stones
specified in the account to
Manipatam of Madras.

3485 - Ordered that a
Copy of these Papers be sent
to Manipatam; & that the
Gentlemen there be again
directed to remove the 2
24 P^{ers} from Samuelcottah.

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Orders of the Board

surplus of the first Statement.

It is also observable in the State-

ment No. 8. of the Gun Carriages

in that Garrison 7-24 Poin.^{ts}

2, 10 Poin.^{ts} - 7-12 Poin.^{ts} &

3-5 Poin.^{ts} new Field Carriages

are mentioned as useless, because

they have no Limbers - however

as they are certainly fit for Gar-

risson Use, the Committee think

proper to include them in the

account. Remains.

4

The Committee observe that in the return of

Stores in the Garrisons of Samuel-

cottah Condapilla & Viragapam

the deficiencies & Surpluses

are omitted.

5

By the Returns for April last there appear to

be in the Garrison of Condapilla

only 22 Barrels of Gun Powder,

& in the Garrison of Samuelcot-

tah 54 Barrels. - The Com-

mittee also remark that the

2-24 Poin.^{ts} ordered three years

ago to be sent from Samuelcot-

tah to Manipalatom have not

yet been removed.

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Major Stevens

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Minutes of the Committee
lays before the Committee a
Plan & Estimate of the proposed
additions at the new Powder
Mill - Agreed to lay the
same before the Board.

Orders of the Board.

The additions to be

made.

th
7. Lieut. Colonel James
reports to the Committee that
agreeable to the order of the
Honble Board, he has proved
one of the new 10 Inch Mortar
Beds, by firing fifty Rounds
in an hour, allowing the
Mortar two pounds of Powder.
He informs the Committee
that had the experiment been
made on a regular laid Plat-
form, in all probability the
Bed would not have been so
much shattered, but as the
moss which he followed has
been always practised against
Forts in India, with mortars
of a higher nature, & a greater
proportion of Powder without
suffering any Damage. He
therefore cannot help prom-
ising the best result, & that the
Bed is insufficient - The defect
is more in the Iron Work than
in the Wood.

Approved

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th Minutes of the Committee

Orders of the Board.

8 The Committee on
examining the above mentioned
Mortar Cannon of Opinion that
the Damage which it has sus-
sained may have arisen from
accident & therefore agree to
recommend that Lieut. Colonel
James be requested to make a
further trial by proving another
10 Inch, & also one of the new
13 Inch Mortar Cannons.

Approved

th 9 Read a Letter from
the Cominsary of Stores / as
entitled hereafter / The Committee
have already represented the
want of proper Magazines in
the Garrison, it now becomes
necessary that some place should
be provided for the immediate
deposition of 1500 Barrels of Gun-
powder - and about 1500 more
in four Months. - Agreed to
recommend this matter to the
consideration of the Board.

The Engineer to report
whether any place in the
Fort can be immediately
fitted up for Powder, also to
consider whether another
Magazine can be built & to
acquaint the Board whe-
ther the great Magazine
be full.

th 10

On examining the
Pouch Belts received from the Store
keeper, at Vellore, the Committee
are of Opinion that they are
fit for use and direct them
to be returned.

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Remarks of the Committee
 11th
 Orders of the Board

The Committee now take into consideration the Indent of Ordnance & Carriages for Fort Moultrie on which they make the following Remarks.

Agreed that a Letter be written to Fort Moultrie on the subject of this Paragraph.

Indent

Remarks

Brass Field Pieces long		None in Store
with Carriages 3 Pairs	2	Not wanted as the Guns are
Spare Carriages for Do	2	not sent out.
Do for a brass Field	2	The Carriages cannot be
Piece 6 Pounder		furnished till the following
Do for Do Long 3	2	dimensions are sent vizt
Do for Do short 3	2	Length from Center of Trunnion
Do for Iron six Pound	10	to hind part of base Ring diam.
Saluting Cannon		Center of Gun at the 2d Reinforce
		Ring. - Diameter of Gun at
		base Ring - Diameter of Trunnions
		near the Gun feet the end - Length
		of the Trunnion.

12th
 The Commander in Chief reports to the Committee that Colonel Flint has complained of the badness of the Flints, great Masters, which are now produced - The Committee having so often represented this matter, have only to observe that the present complaints seem to conform the justice of their

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Minutes of the Committee Orders of the Board
Remarks, if they agree to re-
quest the Board will be pleased
again to recommend to the
Court of Directors to pay par-
ticular attention to this subject
which is of the greatest impor-
tance from the probability of
procuring Supplies of Flint
only from Europe.

13 The Clerk lays
before the Committee Report
of the proof of Madras Pow-
der at the Mount which
is ordered to be laid before the
Board.

14 There being but a
small quantity of Gun Pow-
der in Store at Manipatum,
Agreed to recommend to the Board
that a Supply of 500 Barrels
be sent there by the first proper
opportunity.

10 The Company
of Stones lays before the Committee
Report of Quarters of Stones made
up in the Month of April which
are ordered to be received

Hector Munro
Edw. James John Turing
William Stevens

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To General Munro
& Gentlemen of the Committee of Stores
Gentlemen

All the Magazines but one are
full of Powder, & that will contain only about two
hundred Barrels more, as we daily expect to receive a thousand
Barrels by the Ships of this Season / one hundred & fifteen
being already arrived / & shall also have ready for proof by
the end of the month seven hundred Barrels, I beg leave
to represent that a Magazine is wanted for 1500 or 600
Barrels of Powder.

I beg leave to lay before you for
your inspection, twenty Europe Pouch Belts which Mr.
Agidvie returned from Bellora as unserviceable
I am

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
June the 13th 1770

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
S. Manoury

Committee of Stores
Read Letter from Colonel Flint.

To Charles Oakeley Esq^r
Military Secretary
Sir

You will be p^{le}as^d to make
known to the Hon^{ble} the President of Council that
Ensign Livingston Callendar of the 8th Battalion of
Lepers, died in this Garrison this day

I am
Sir

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Trichinopoly
June 15th 1778.

Your very obedient servant
Will^m Flint

Read Letter from the Paymaster.

at Tanjore.

Charles Cakelley Esq^r
Secretary to the Military Department
Sir

From Mr
Jones.

The five Companies of Sepoys of
the 12th Battalion, station'd at Nagore, have hitherto
been paid full Batt^a, as I am inform'd, there contain
ance there is uncertain, I request to have the Orders of
the Honble Board, on this subject. If any extraordinary
Allowances are to be continued to them, of the European
Officers station'd with them.

I am

Sir

Tanjore
15th June 1778.

Your Obedient Hble. Servant
C. E. Jones

Paymaster

Minute taken.

Agreed that the Paymaster
at Tanjore be acquainted that the full Batt^a to the
Sepoys at Nagore is to cease as soon as Mr. Petrie
arrives there, if the Officers are to have the same al-
lowances they had at Tanjore.

Read Letter from the Patriot Company
Correspondence No. 85 applying for Lt. Colonel Corby to com-
mand his Cavalry.

Agreed that the Consideration of
his request be deferred

Read also letters from the same

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Country Correspondence No. 86 & 87. - advising of having sent Coolies for the Service of the Works.

Read a Note from Mr. Gourdon with Bills for pay & gratuity of Capt. Blake Esq.

Ordered that the Bills be paid

Mr. Blakely
Main app. Assistant
Surgeons -

Mr. Lachader & Mr. Nicu being recommended by Mr. Pasley the principal Surgeon as Persons well qualified in their profession, agreed that they be appointed Assistant Surgeons, & that the latter have leave of absence to go to Bengal

Read letter from the Quarter -

Master-General.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to lay before

you a plan of an Hospital for Paumotuales.

If the walls are built of brick,

the Hospital, Kitchen & necessary Houses tiled, the expenses will amount to 1913 Pags to complete the whole - The Hospital will contain conveniently sixty more, at each end there will be a room of 14 feet square, the one for Medicines, the other for Attendants. The Kitchen & necessary Houses will be commodious, & the walls to prevent the Soldiers from getting out will be upwards of 6 feet high.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most

humble Servant

N. Maclellan

V. Master Genl.

Ordered to be on the Table

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From the Colonel
Maclellan w.
plan of the Hospital
for Paumotu
see.

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General Munro delivers in a Paper which he has received from the Commandant at Chingleput representing that the Officers there are in great distress for Quarters, & that some are oblig'd to hire Houses at a considerable expence.

Agreed for the present that those Officers who are not or cannot be provided with Quarters be at a pound 5 P^{ts} per month each on that account.

Read Letter from Muzum Ally Cawn entered in Country Correspondence No 83, expostulating against the assistance which the English are about to afford to Ragobah his professed Enemy, & intimating his intention to support of the pundit purchase. Read also copy of a Letter from him to another Pundit upon the same subject & to the same Effect.

Ordered that the draft of a Letter the Governor General of Bengal be immediately prepared to accompany Copies of the above mentioned Letters from the Presidency to request their Sentiments of the manner in which this Presidency can best cooperate with them to promote their interests in view from the Engagements with Ragobah.

Thos. Munro
John Whitehill
Nicol Munro

B. Penning

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Conformably to the Minutes of Consultation
this day, dispatched the following Letter to the Governor
General & Council.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have had the honor to receive

your Letter of the 19th Ult^o, to which we shall reply in a

short time, we now write purposely to enclose a copy of a

Letter received yesterday from the Subah Nizam Ally,

Law, with a Copy of a Letter received at the same time

by the Nabob.

The subject of these Letters will

sufficiently open to you, the disposition of Nizam Ally

in regard to the assistance afforded to Ragobant now, by

the English Army. As you are already possess^d of the

Treaty to which Nizam Ally refers in his Letters, we

have only to request that you will favor us with your

sentiments as speedily as possible, upon his design in favor

of Mauderow, & acquaint us in what manner we can

best cooperate with you to promote the Interests you

have in view from the Engagements with Ragobant now.

nambrav.

We have the honor to be.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & faithful

Humble Servants

Thos. Rumbold & Co.

Fort St. George

22^d June 1778

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Arrived the Honble Company's ship
Morning Star with the following advices from Bombay

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

Gentlemen

We dispatch the Company's

From Bombay
a copy of a letter
from Mr
Baldwin with
intelligence of a
war

The Morning Star express to convey to you copy of a
this day received from Mr George Baldwin at Grand
containing intelligence next to a certainty of war being
between France & Great Britain.

The Commander of this Vessel
after landing our Packets for you & Sir Edward Ken
is instructed to proceed instantly to Calcutta with dispatch
of the same import.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Will^m Ho. by

John Carnac

D. Draper

Henry Moore

N. Blackhouse

Wm. Ashburner

A Ramsay

Bombay Castle
12th June 1778.

To the Honble the President & Council
of Bombay.

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Honble Sir & Mrs

In my quality of Agent to the Honble the East India Company it may seem incumbent upon me to communicate to their Presidences in India any intelligence which may affect their Interest or safety; but I am in no doubt in the present Crisis of publick Affairs of its being my duty as an Englishman; - I therefore have the honor to lay before your Honble Board a sequel of the advices arriv'd since the Departure of Captain Threlton on the 7th of April from Sur.

On the 27th following I receiv'd an express from my Agent at Alexandria, dated Alexandria the 25th of April 1770 containing the following advice, Viz. "Last night came to an anchor ^{in this Port} a Venetian Ship, under the Command of Captain Jarrabachee "being only nine days upon his passage from Constantinople, who brings advice that before his departure "from Constantinople a French Tartan came in there with "publick dispatches for the French Consul, intimating the "the Declaration of war with England; & that an English "Squadron had fell in with & taken twenty eight sail of "French Ships, laden with Warlike Stores for America. The French Merchants here receiv'd the same Intelligence at the same time, & I thought it too consonant to the situation of public Affairs not to take proper notice of it. - Captain Puer that day going to Sur. in order to depart, & I thought it right, to present him with the following Letter. Viz.

To Lieutenant Whmead Puer

Sir

I have just received

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"intelligence from Alexandria dated the 25th Instant to the
"following purport (here was inserted the Copy of the be-
"fore mentioned Paragraph) Now Sir, as this Intelligence
"seems more than probable, & a confirmation or contradic-
"tion may arrive in the course of a week, you may think
"it your duty to retard your proposed departure in order
"to convey information of such importance to the Company's
"Affairs into India, it is mine to offer it to your Considera-
"tion. All the latest advices from Europe gave us the
"best founded expectation of such an Event, & the unusual
"delay of some expected Merchant Ships from Marseilles
"gives us room to conjecture that an Embargo may have
"been laid upon all Shipping for the purposes of the
"War; In order to get the best advantage possible of
"the Intelligence brought by the Venetian Captain &
"to gain time if his report should be true. I shall
"immediately detach a Messenger to Alexandria with
"directions to my Agents there to inspect the Venetian
"Captain to make a regular deposition of the advice
"he brings, to affirm it in presence of Witnesses & to
"send it to me immediately. The Messenger will be
"back in seven days. I dare not venture my opinion
"whether the service may be an acceptable one or not
"to the Honble Company, since I met with such a dis-
"appointment in the event of my last meant exertions
"in their service last Year; but all events the publick
"will receive a benefit from it, & the publick good is the
"object which employs me in the present address.

I am

Sir

Your humble servant
Geo. Baldwin

Cairo

27th April 1778

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Mr. Puer answered me that he would postpone his Departure from Luck untill the return of the express from Alexandria, & I dispatched the Messenger the same Moment.

In five days a more important Messenger arrived to the French on the 2^d of May in the Evening, being in conversation at a French house where most of the French Gentlemen assemble, Letters were brought in express from Alexandria, & distributed severally as they were address'd. Monsieur Pour Olive a Young Gentleman was the first that had pour'd the Advice upon being ask'd impartially by the Count d'Hanborough next to whom I sat, what was the news? Mons^r Olive made answer greatly agitated in his Spirits that the Tartar was arriv'd from Marseilles bringing Advice that the War was declar'd at Paris on the 30th of March against England. The Count turn'd to me saying he was extremely sorry, & we mutually acknowledg'd our Wishes that it might not be of long duration; I mention this to prove that I could not have been mistaken in my comprehension of Mons^r Olive's intelligence, it merited notwithstanding some closer enquiry, & I have discover'd from unquestionable authority that the State of Things are really as follows. Viz^t "The Court of France pre-determin'd to break with England, on seeing a War inevitable issued Orders to the Chambers of Commerce at Marseilles to dispatch Tartans to all the Ports in the Mediterranean, directing the Consuls to put all their subjects upon their guard, that on the 26th of March, The Tartan sailed from Marseilles with these Orders, & her progress has since been to Algiers, Tunis,

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Tripoly & Malta, & lastly at Alexandria. The Captain of
the Tartan, reports that being at Malta on the 16th of April
"a Courier arrived there with advice of the declaration of War
at Paris on the 3rd of March." - The French Merchants
of Cairo want to conceal this advice, but the many con-
curring Circumstances make it too strong a presumption
not to give it the most implicit credit. The private ad-
vices obtained by indirect means from the French Mer-
chants themselves confirm all these reports & say more that
the Government at Marseilles had requested two English
Vessels, then in that Port & had made the Crews Prisoners,
but as strong a confirmation as any, is in a private Letter
from the most Capital House of Marseilles to a French Mer-
chant here. it is dated the 25th of March. I read it, it says
thus, by the Courier just come in from Paris we receive
assurances that Lord Stormont has been recalled & that England
declares War against France on the 10th Current, in consequence
of which advice the Mahon Packet Boat must sail im-
mediately for Mahon. This Intelligence &
of that every Circumstance herein recited is the report of the
French themselves, the arrival of the Tartan is made
first to all the world. I add however weight to these
assertions, to give such a degree of authenticity to an in-
telligence which may so deeply affect the Councils of a
State as seems proportionable to, or rather necessary to its
importance. I have entreated the English Gentlemen
fortunately at present in Cairo to subscribe to the following
Opinion: That many of us were present on the 2nd Inst
"may at the conversation when the French Ambassadors arrived
that we have severally heard the above reports con-
firmed from different People: that it is the plain opinion

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"of every one of us that the War is unquestionably declared
"if that it is for the interest of the Nation that the Intelligence
"should be convey'd to India as expeditiously as possible.

Geo. Skipp

John Shaw, who can
affirm to this by Letters from Alex-
andria & Leghorn.

Ja. Home

M. H. Graves

S. Sutherland

Richard Hughes

William Browne

W. Barrington

James Mos

Cairo 4th May 1770

With the above authority I trust Honble Sir & Mrs. you will
justify my Zeal in hastening away this dispatch. I have
only another observation to make which leads to the gene-
ral conclusion: That the Merchant Ships expected from
Marseilles have suspended their Voyages & confirm my con-
jectures of the Embargo, laid upon the Shipping there, this
considered with the other mighty Circumstances have
determined me not to wait the return of the express
from Alexandria. Five Ships are at Sea by whom
any momentous Intelligence can be convey'd if I
should receive Orders, or the exigency should require
it. I entreat the honor of your protection & subscribe
most respectfully

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your devoted and
Obedient servant

Geo. Baldwin

Cairo
4th May 1770.

P.S. While the above dispatches were closing came

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in the return of my express from Alexandria, bringing with him letters, arrived by a French Vessel from Leghorn dated the 7th of April 1778.

The Venetian Captain has wrote me a letter, in which he confirms word for word the intelligence handed me by my Agent as inserted in the first part of this dispatch. My agent further writes me "that upon the arrival of the Tartan at Alexandria the French Consul assembled all the French Subjects there & communicated to them the Orders of his Court, which consisted in informing them, that they are to guard against the English Ships at Sea, who they were thence forward to consider as their open Enemies."

Extract from the Duplicate of a letter dated the 25th of March from Mero, Reynolds & Flegg at Leghorn; the Original is with a Vessel that sailed on the 7th of April but not yet arrived. From our news papers you will "collect our political Situation especially in regard to "America, for which place Commissioners are gone out to "seek if possible an accommodation with them. "at all events, a war with France is expected, if there is "a general uproar on the Continent. Turks & Russians, "Prussia & Austria its doubly expected will come to blows "when follows Alliance &c."

Extract from the same dated the 7th of April 1778.

"War it is imagined is now declared "between us & France, both Ambassadors having ab- "solutely left the respective Courts; - considerable speculations "have been made here, at Marseilles Genoa &c. on this "expectation"

Extract of a letter dated 9th of April 1778 from Mero

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Otto Franck & Co of Leghorn. "Ere this reaches you may probably have heard the French Court have entered into a Treaty (with the 13th United Provinces of America) of Commerce & Friendship, & that having caused it to be notified to the English Court, the King forbid his presence to the French Ambassador, & ordered Lord Stormont to come away from Paris without taking leave, which with Lord Chatham & Earl Shelburne being admitted into the Ministry, imagine a rupture between the two Courts inevitable. War premiums are already paid & the prices of many Articles have advanced by the speculations made in consequence of the ill humour which subsists between the two Courts. The Emperor of Germany & King of Prussia have both large Armies on foot, The Russians & the Porte are in no good understanding together, that Europe is on the eve of being involved in a general War.

True Extracts

quod attulit
Geo. Baldwin

I have taken the liberty to inclose a duplicate of this address to the Hon^{ble} the Governor General & Council of Bengal notwithstanding I was convinced of the little necessity there was for doing it. Having inform'd your Hon^{ble} Board, my view is to recommend my Services to their protection, & at least if I am considered to have rendered my Country a service by it, that my name may appear with the Circumstance upon record. I have the honor to intimate the profound Respect which binds me

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sers

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Your devoted and
Obedient Servant
Geo. Baldwin

A true Copy

Edw. Ravenhill Secy.

In consequence of the foregoing in-
telligence the following letter was immediately written
& dispatched

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.

Governor General & Council

at Fort William

Honble Sirs

The Company's Ship Morning

To Bengal encls.
being the above
intelligence

Star, is just arriv'd from Bombay with a letter from the
President & Council there enclosing intelligence from Mr.
Baldwin the Company's Agent at Cairo which conveys
accounts that we think may be depended upon, that
war, was actually declared by Great Britain against
France on the 10th March last, & by France against
Great Britain on the 30th of that month. The Gentle-
men at Bombay inform us that they have advis'd
you of this intelligence by the Morning Star. We
shall not therefore detain the vessel to send you copies
of what we have receiv'd, but will transmit copies
to you by the Orderly of Grosvenor, which will sail
for Bengal tomorrow.

We are exceedingly pleas'd to
find by a letter from Mr. Hastings to our President
that your Board have come to the Resolution of
sending 10 Lacks of Rupees to us by the Sea Horse Frigate

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such a supply at this critical juncture will be of great service. You may rest assur'd that it shall be secretly reserved for the purpose we desire it.

As you will probably before this time have received the Company's Orders regarding the supplies for China this season, which they have directed to be drawn from your Treasury, we deem it proper to apprise you, that however anxious we may be to give all the aid in our power to the China Trade it would be highly impudent upon the intelligence we have received to part with a rupee from our expected Resources, in which we include the 10 Lacks from your Presidency. It will therefore rest with you, to assist that branch of the Company's concerns with the Money they have desired we shall forward the 20,000 Pags for which we have drawn on you.

We think it highly improbable that Sir Edw^d Vernon will in the present situation of affairs, be able to send one of the Frigates to your Presidency for the purpose of conveying the Treasures which the Company have ordered for China. Should any later intelligence from Europe contradict the advices we have received from Mr. Baldwin, we shall transmit to you the earliest Notice of it, informing you at the same time whether a Frigate can be spared.

We have the honor to be

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

M^{rs} Rumbold & Co.

Fort St. George

25th June 1770.

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

Governor President

John Whitehill General Munro

Charles Smith Samuel Johnson

Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read

Thursday
26th June.

Minutes in con-
sequence of the
above Advice

In consequence of the advice re-
ceived yesterday from Bombay the Board think it neces-
sary immediately to form as large a body of Troops as
can be collected in a convenient place for action. This
measure the Board have for some time had in con-
templation, & the sentiments of the Governor General &
Council at Bengal & of the Court of Directors com-
municated to them by their separate Letter of the 3^d
January last confirm the Board in the resolution
of forming such a body of Troops immediately. For-
everam appears the most proper place for stationing
them, & General Munro is desired to prepare & lay before
the Board as soon as possible an account of the
Troops, Europeans & Sepoys, that can be spared from
the different Garrisons, in the Carnatic, leaving only
such a number as may be sufficient to perform the
necessary duties of those Garrisons - in the mean
time it is resolved that notice be dispatched by this
days Post to the Commandants of Trichinopoly,
Vellore, Ponnammallee, Madurai, Arcot, &
the Mount to hold all the Troops under their re-
spective Commands, in such readiness that the Board
may draw from them any part they may think

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necessary to march at the shortest warning.

The Board being of Opinion that as many of the Invalid Europeans on this Establishment as possible should be drawn to Madras. General Munro is requested to lay before the Board a Return of the Invalids that can be taken away from the other Garrisons.

Resolved, that the Chiefs of Councils of the respective Subordinaries be acquainted with the probability of a French War, & directed to be on their guard against surprise, also to send Returns of what Provisions they have in Store, & what they think necessary. The Captains of the Europe Ships to have caution to be on their guard.

Ordered also that the force in the Masulipatam Circars be drawn together at Ellore leaving a proper Garrison in Masulipatam & in Condapille & Sammetcottah such a Number of Troops as may be absolutely necessary for the duties of these Garrisons - of this General Munro will be the best Judge.

General Munro is desired to give in a Return of the Field Artillery, Camp Equipage, Stones, Lancars & Bullocks necessary for the service of the Body of Men which may be formed at Conjeeram.

Ordered that the Garrison Store Keeper be directed to deliver in as soon as possible a Return of Garrison Provisions in Store, & that the Captains of the Europe Ships here be desired to let us know whether they can spare any & what quantity of Gunpowder & Salt Provisions from their respective Ships.

As the Board understand there

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are about 90 Recruits on the Orderly of Governor for Bengal, & as they are of Opinion, considering the Intelligence they have received that it may be of the highest importance to the Company's Welfare, to make a vigorous exertion of the Company's Force on this Coast where the French possess the only Fortification, they have in India, it is resolved that the Captains of the Orderly of Governor be ordered to land the Recruits for Bengal, & that the Governor General & Council of Bengal be advised of this measure, with the reasons of the Board for adopting it. - Agreed also to inform them, that if they should disapprove the measure, or should have an absolute occasion for these Recruits hereafter we shall forward them to Bengal by some of the latter ships.

A letter having been received a few days ago from Lieut. Colonel F. J. Gerald acquainted the Board that the Rajah of Tanjore proposed making a tour thro' the Country & requested to have 100 Europeans & a Battalion of Sepoys to accompany him, & that the President do write to the Rajah advising him to lay aside his intention for the present, & that a letter be also written to Lieut. Colonel F. J. Gerald, advising him of the probability of a rupture, & to desire him to keep the Troops under his Command as much together as possible, & to draw in as many from the Country as can be spared, without injuring the collections. He must also be directed to send the Board an account of the Provisions in Store & of the Number & State of the Garrison at Tanjore.

As Ponnacail is a strong place & from its vicinity to Pondicherry is of some consequence

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Thos. Rimbold

John Whitwell

Andros Minor

B. B. Ferring

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Dispatched the following Letters

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir
Chief of Council at
Masulipatam
Gentlemen

As we have great reason to think
from advices lately received that a rupture with France
will soon take place, we direct that you be on your
guard against surprise, keeping the intelligence as secret
as possible, you will be pleased also to send us an account
of the Provisions in Store, with what you think further
necessary.

We are
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Your affectionate Friends
Tho: Rumbold & Co

The same to Viragapatam Ganjam & Cuddalore.
27th Wrote the following Letters

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council
of Fort William
(In paper) Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to enclose
you a Duplicate of our last Letter by the Morning Star
To Bengal in forming them to send you by the Governor & thirty Copies of the in-
telligence transmitted to us from Bombay.

We are taking all necessary measures
for collecting a considerable body of Men in a proper situ-
ation to act with vigor the moment we receive a

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confirmation of this intelligence, & if no extraordinary suc-
cess should in the mean time arrive at Pondicherry, We
flatter ourselves that this Place will soon fall into our
hands. The works around it, are we believe in good repair,
& the Garrison we are inform'd consists of, from 1000 to
1500 Europeans, tho' from the best accounts they are defi-
cient in Money & Provisions. You will no doubt agree with
us, that the Conquest of this Place is an object of so
much importance, that the utmost Efforts should be
employ'd to accomplish it. In this view we have judg'd it
our indispensable duty to send the recruits brought out
for your Presidency by the Orderly & Grosvenor, eighty five
or ninety in Number, as we are very deficient in the proper
complement of Europeans & the smallest reinforcement
will greatly assist our Operations. - should you however
not approve this measure, or should there be any absolute
occasion for these Recruits at Bengal, we shall send them
deeper by the latter Ships.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most

Humble Servants

Thos Rumbold

Jo: B:

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To Mr William Petrie

at

Tanjore

Sir,

The President has laid before us

your letter enclosing the Summ'd for Nagore &c

We are very sensible of the great

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To Mr. Potter ap-
proving his con-
duct in regard
to the negotiation
of the Nagore
Grant.

Diligence & assiduity which you have shown in nego-
ciating this business with the Rajah, and as marks
of our approbation, We have judged it proper to appoint
you to be the Company's Resident at Nagore, & to take
under your charge the Districts granted by the Rajah
to the Company. We have appointed Messrs. Linds
& Crann to be your Assistants.

A few days ago we received a letter
from Colonel Fitch Gerald advising us of the Rajah's
design to make a short visit into the Country. Our
Resident has written to him to laid aside his intention
for the present & referred him to you, for an explanation
of the motive which is founded on intelligence just re-
ceived that there is the greatest probability of a rupture
with France, in which case it would be independent
for the Rajah to leave his Capital on any account &
indeed at this juncture, we consider the Affairs of Tanjore
in a light so interesting & important, that we have
judged it proper, to recommend to Colonel Fitch Gerald
to keep the Troops under his Command as much toge-
ther as he can, & to draw in much of those employed
in the Country duty, as are not absolutely necessary
to enforce the Collections. In this measure we desire
you to second his endeavours with the Rajah, by repre-
senting in strong terms the necessity of our em-
ploying the Sepoys at this time in the proper duties
of their profession & restoring them to a stricter Dis-
cipline than they have lately been accustomed to.

As we do not think it prudent
to make public the nature of the Advices we have
received, we rely on your discreet Conduct for such a

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Communication to the Rajah as may produce the Effect
we desire, without creating any unnecessary alarm
We are

Sir
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Your affectionate Friends
Thos. Rumbold
Jenke

To Lieut. Colonel Fitz Gerald
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

We have received your letter of the

To Lieut. Col. Fitz
Gerald desiring
to be on his
guard against
the French

Instant, informing us of the Rajah's Desire of visiting
different Parts of his Country & his wish to be accompanied
by some Europeans & Sepoys. Our President has written
to the Rajah requesting him to lay aside his intention
for the present, & indeed the advices we have received from
Europe which give us great reason to believe that a
rupture with France will soon happen, make it neces-
sary that we should recommend it to you to keep the
Troops under your Command as much together as you
can & to draw as many of the Sepoys from the Country
duty as may be possible without injury to the Collections.
We must caution you also to be very much on
your guard, & to give us the earliest intelligence of
every thing that may concern the safety of the im-
portant Garrison under your Command.

We desire you will transmit
to us a State of the Provisions & Stores, & the num-
ber & state of the Cannon at Tanjore.

(We

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We are

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Your most humble servants
Tho: Rumbold

At a Consultation present

Monday
the 29th June.

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
Governor President

John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read.

General Munro lays before the
Board the following State of the Troops shewing the
number that may be assembled in the field, & the
strength of each Garrison, both in the Carnatic and
Coast, when the necessary draughts are made

State of the Troops
with the strength
of each Garrison
both in the Car-
natic & Coast

A present State of the Commissioned Rank and
File of the Troops intended to take the field.

Europeans	Non Commissioned Rank & File	Total
The 4 European Grenadier Companies	400	
The 2 Batt ^{ies} 1 Reg ^t at Pondicherry	309	
The 2 ^d 3 ^d 4 th B ^{att} at Bellone	341	
The artillery	300	
Spy Servants to the undermentioned Battalions	90	1440

Sepoys

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Sepoys	Non Commissioned Rank and File	Total
The 2 ^d Battalion at Tanjore	750	
3 rd Co at Vellum & Trichinopoly	750	
4 th Co at Coimbatore	750	
10 th Co at Amboor	750	
13 th Co at Madras	750	
17 th Co at Chingleput	750	
18 th Co at Vellore	750	
19 th Co at Ludlow exclusive of the three Companies at Permacul	525	5745

Grenadier Sepoys

The Grenadier Companies from the 1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 11 th , 12 th , 14 th , 15 th , 16 th , 20 th , & 21 st Battalions	2080
The 16 Grenadier Companies from the Licars	1280
Total Europeans & Sepoys	3360
	10,553

Troops to remain in the several Garrisons

In Fort St. George	The 1 st Batt ⁿ of the 2 ^d Regiment consisting of fit for field duty Non Commissioned Rank & File 393, of the 1 st & 11 th Batt ⁿ s of Sepoys.
Vellore & Amboor	The 5 th & 14 th Battalions of Sepoys & some European Invalids to be sent from Madras
Trichinopoly	Two Companies of the 1 st Batt ⁿ 1 st Regiment consisting of fit for field duty Non Commissioned Rank & File 100, half a Company of Artillery, & the 16 & 20 th Battalions of Sepoys.
Tanjore	Six Companies of the 1 st Batt ⁿ of the 1 st Regt. con- sisting of fit for field duty Non Commissioned Rank & File 304, half a Company of Artillery & the 6 th , 12 th , 15 th , 21 st Batt ⁿ s of Sepoys

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Madura — one Battalion of Sepoys
Salemcothah — one Battalion of Sepoys
Ongole — one Battalion of Sepoys

In order to complete the Garrison of
Tanjore to 6 Battalion Companies of Euro-
peans, four must be ordered to march from
Tenchinapally.

Over & above, the above, there are twenty
four Recruits in the Garrison landed from the
Hillsborough, 800 to be landed from the
Bengal Ships, not yet disposed of, total 104

Distribution of the Troops in the Circars
Masulipatam Circar

Captain Rowles's Battalion to return
to the Masulipatam Circar of the following distribution
of the four Battalions (that will then be in that Circar)
to take place. Two Battalions & a half for the Garrison of
Masulipatam — half a Battalion at Ellore, half a Bat-
talion at Condapalle, & half a Battalion at Salemcothah
unless the situation of Rajamundry which commands the
passage of the Godavari, be nearer to Masulipatam,
& from many Circumstances, appears a Fort of more con-
sequence than Salemcothah, shall induce the Honble
Board to give it the preference.

The Chicacole Circar

Three Companies of Sepoys to be at Vizagapatam, the
remainder of that Battalion at Visimayam, & there
remaining Battalion of Sepoys in the District to be at
Chicacole.

For the Ganjam District

Four Companies of Sepoys, & the Coffee

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Companies to be at Ganjam, a Battalion to be at Aska
& half a Battalion at Gurnsore.

The Board approve of the General's
Plan, & it is resolved in consequence that the Army shall
be assembled with all expedition.

Resolved that Mr. John Huttleston
be appointed Comptroller & Mr. Joseph Baker Paymaster
to the Army, & that the following Orders for collecting
the Troops & appointing the different Garrisons in the
Sircars be issued.

G. O.

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The Honble the President & Council
are pleased to direct that the following Troops do march
with as much expedition as possible to Conjevaram.

Troops ordered
to Conjevaram

The 4 Grenadier Companies of
the two Regiments of Europeans.

The 2^d Battⁿ & Reg^t from Poonamallee

The 2^d Battⁿ & Reg^t from Vellore

The whole of the Artillery from the Mount

The 2^d Battⁿ of Sepoys from Tanjore

The 8th Battⁿ from Vellore & Trichinopoly

The 9th Battⁿ already at Conjevaram.

The 10th Battⁿ from Ambore - to be replaced
by half a Battⁿ to be sent from Vellore.

The 13th Battⁿ from Madras

The 17th Battⁿ from Chingleput.

The 18th Battⁿ from Vellore

That part of the 19th Battalion
which is at Laddalone, excepting two Companies which
are to remain there.

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The Grenadier Companies from
the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th and 21st Battalions.

The 16 Grenadier Companies from
the Circars such of the Sepoy Battalions as have
Field Pieces, to take them with them.

Four Europeans to march
from Trichinopoly to Tanjore.

Captain Ruel's Battalions
to return to the Masulipatam Circar as soon as
possible, & the following distribution of the
Battalions which will then be in that Circar
to take place. Two Battalions & a half for the
Garrison of Masulipatam. Half a Battalion
at Ellore. Half a Battalion at Pondicherry, &
half a Battalion at Semmencottah.

For the Chicaole Circar

Three Companies of Sepoys to
be at Masulipatam the remainder of that Battal-
ion at Visenagrum & the remaining Battal-
ion in that District at Chicaole.

For the Ganjam District

Four Companies of Sepoys
& the Coffee Company to be at Ganjam, a Battal-
ion to be at Aska & half a Battalion at
Goonsur.

The Grenadiers from Pallam.
cottah & Madura to march by the way of Trich-
inopoly.

The Troops directed to march
from Tanjore are to proceed first to Trichinopoly

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there to be ready to move with the Troops ordered from Trichinopoly as an Escort for the Artillery whenever it is directed to be moved from thence.

The Battering Train at Trichinopoly with every thing belonging to it to be in readiness to move.

The Paymasters of the different Garrisons from whence Troops are ordered to march are to furnish them with every thing necessary within their respective Departments.

The Commanding Officers of the different Corps to give in proper Indents for Camp Equipage, Arms, Shirts &c. & such of the Battalions as have no sets of Arms & accoutrements in store are to be furnished with them.

The President & Council are pleased to direct that 20 Men be added to each of the Battalion Companies of the 13 Carnatic & Corcar Battalions who are not under marching Orders for Convoys making an augmentation of 3360 Men, this addition of Sepoys to be raised by the respective Captains with all expedition.

The Honble the President and Council have been pleased to appoint Mr. John Huddleston to be Commissary & Mr. Joseph Baker Paymaster to the Army now ordered to be assembled.

By Order of the President and Council.

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The President lays before the Board the following Note which he has just received from Amur ul Omrah, the Nabob's second Son

The Nabob Amur ul Omrah presents his Compliments to the Governor, & wishes to have acquainted him this morning that two of the Regiments of Cavalry, will proceed immediately to join the Army, & a third will soon be ready to follow. The Amur at the same time begs leave to remind the Governor, that as it is absolutely necessary, these Regiments should be put under the Command of one Officer he wishes that Colonel Cosby should be appointed as he has been recommended in the last Letter from the Nabob. He hopes therefore that it will be taken into Consideration to day, as the sooner the Colonel is ordered to join them the better, & the Nabob now only waits for that to give the necessary Orders.

The President acquaints the Board that he has at several times & particularly since the arrival of the late intelligence of a Rupture with France been over & earnest with the Nabob to put his Cavalry on such a footing that they might join & become useful in the Service of the Company that the Nabob has in consequence taken measures for paying off part of their arrears & is now endeavoring to raise money to clear the remainder, & that he promises

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also to provide Funds for the more regular pay-
ment of them in future

The Board are exceedingly
pleased to see the Nabob so much disposed to make
his Savagry useful to the Company & that he has
given Orders for them to join the Army, with
respect to his Application for Colonel Cosby to
command them, the Board are desirous of com-
plying with it, but as Colonel Cosby at present holds
the Office of Adjutant General & is perfectly acquain-
ted with that duty, General Munro thinks there
will be for some time an absolute necessity for
his services with the Army, nevertheless the Board
wishing to oblige the Nabob in this instance will
agree with pleasure to lend Colonel Cosby to him
as soon as the service can possibly admit.

The necessity of completing the
Works on the N. E. & S. E. Angles & on the East
Front, becoming more urgent from the Advice we
have received, it is Resolved with the view of for-
warding them as much as possible in regard
to Materials, that the Committee of Works be
desired to use proper discretion in regulating the
supplies of Bricks to the Inhabitants so that
the Company may find no want, & with respect
to the Article of Churnam, as the Company will
require all that can be procured, no Person is to
be supplied with any for private use without
an express authority from the Board, the same also
with regard to Bricklayers who are much want-
ed for the Works.

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The Contractors for Bricks
& Churnam being called to the Board, & asked
whether they shall be able to fulfill their Con-
tract or what quantity of Bricks they shall pro-
vide by the month of September. they promise to
give an answer in writing to morrow or next
day - they are then inform'd of the great want
of Churnam & desir'd to enquire whether it can
be procured from any other Places than those
from which it is now brought.

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Forcke.

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

Lieut^t Forcke
requests to go to
England for his
health

I beg leave to enclose you
a copy of the Surgeon's Certificate of the state of
my health, recommending that I should proceed
to Europe to reestablish it; I have to request the
favor of you to permit me to take my passage
on the Valentine, now under dispatch for Europe,
& that you will please to represent my situation
to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors, that my Rank
may be continued, it being my intention to re-
turn as soon as my health will permit.

I am with respect
Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

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Madras
24th June 1770

Your most Obedient
Humble servant
H. J. Fowke
Lieut.

This is to certify that Lieut.
Fowke has been long in a very bad state of
health which has reduced him to great weak-
ness, & as his Complaints are of that nature that
his illness must gain ground on him here, he is
advised to proceed to Europe by the speediest
Conveyance.

(signed) Gilbert Pasley
Surgeon

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A true Copy
H. J. Fowke
Lieut.

Resolved that Lieutenant
Fowke be permitted to go to England and
recommended to return with his Rank.

As the Army which is or.

ordered to be assembled will require a great
number of Draft & Luggage Bullocks

& the Board understanding that Mr George
Westcott the Paymaster at Ellora, has a

number of Bullocks (his own property) the
Secretary is directed to write him that if he
will send them to the Army the Board will
engage that they shall be taken into the
service on the usual terms

The President delivers
the following Minutes.

Application to
Mr Geo. Westcott
for Draft Bullocks
&c

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Permits of
the President

The President informs the Board that on application to Captains Rogers & Cason of the Orderly & Governor, they have agreed to spare us a quantity of Provision, of each of them 20 Barrels of Powder on the express condition, for which the Board are to be answerable, that the same quantity of the latter Article shall be replaced by the Governor General & Council of Bengal on their Ships arrival there.

Agreed to receive the Gun Powder & Salt Provisions, & that a Letter be written to Bengal to desire that the Gun Powder may be replaced there.

In order to carry into execution the arrangement of the Troops in the Mousam District the Chief & Council must be directed to order Captain Rowless Battalion & half of Capt. Bridges into Masulipatam, & half of Captain Rowless Battalion to Garrison Ellore, Resolved also that they be directed to order Captain Collins with the European Infantry & Artillery to march over land, as soon as possible in Company with the Grenadier Sepoys, ordered from their District for Conjeerawm, & to caution him to be particularly careful on his march to prevent any of his People deserting into the Districts of Barabur Jung, & to be on his guard against any attempt that may be made from that Quarter by the Troops under Monsieur Lally.

Captain Trent is appointed to take the Command of the Grenadier Companies of Sepoys from the Districts of Ganjam and

prevent /

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Vizagapatam, Ordered that the Chiefs & Councils at those Places be advised accordingly.

Resolved that the undermentioned Stores be ordered to Madras

From Manipatam ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Turnbills 10

Ellore ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Do. 3

Vizagapatam ~ as many Turnbills as can be spared

Ganjam ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Do. 50

Oragole ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Turnbills 2

Vellore ~ the artillery Guns in store there

Cuddalore ~ all the Stores & accoutrements belonging to the Late European Troop of Cavalry with the Persons who are in charge of them.

Ordered that the Company of Stores be directed to deliver the Rifled Barrelled Pieces in store to L^t Williams for the use of the Marksmen.

The Persian Translator having represented the inconvenience he labours under from the want of a Moschey with a proper appointment from the Company the Board at the recommendation of the President agree to entertain Mohi' a Dein in that capacity with an allowance of ten Pagodas per month.

Thos. Burrbold

John Wretchill

Anders Munnis

D. Perring

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Wrote the following Letters

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

Honble Sirs

To Bengal.

Since closing our Dispatches
by the Asterby & Grosvenor, the Captains of those Ships
respectively have agreed to spare us each 20 Barrels
of Gun Powder from their Owners stock, upon our
engaging that the same shall be replaced by you on
their Arrival at Bengal. As this quantity however
small is acceptable to Us at this time, we have
received into our stores, & we request agreeably
to our promise to Captains Copon & Rogers that you
will order the same quantity to be delivered to them
at Bengal.

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sirs

Fort St. George
29th June 1778.

Your most Obedient and
most humble servants
Tho: Rumbold
J. C. C.

To Mr William Cuming
Chief & Council at
Cuddalore
Gentlemen

We desire you will send up
immediately to the Presidency by Sea all the

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Wth Cuddalore the Invalids & Prisoners at Cuddalore. You must give
Directions that the Vessels or Boats by which they
are sent may pass Pondicherry at a distance & in
the Night

You are to observe the same
caution with respect to the Vessels on which the
Company Cloth may be sent, You should be glad
that the Invalids & Prisoners were put on the
same Vessels with the Cloth if it can be done
with convenience

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
29 June 1770

Your Affectionate friend
Tho^s Rumbold

J^{ca} Co

At a Consultation present

The Hon^{ble} Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
Governor President

Thursday
2 July

John Whitehill General Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perrin

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from

Lieut. Henry Malcolm Commanding at Permacoil.

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

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Honble Sirs

From L^d Malabar
desiring that the
Garrison of
Pondicherry
be increased

I have this moment received
your Secretary's Letter of the 26th Instant, advising
me of the probability of a rupture with France
in order that I may be on my guard against sur-
prise. Your Honor & Garrison may depend upon the utmost
Circumspection & attention in my power, & that I
shall constantly endeavor to obtain & forward to
you intelligence relative to the Operations of the
French at Pondicherry.

I presume that your Honor & Garrison
will see it necessary to increase this Garrison, as at
present I have barely three reliefs for its common
duties; & on this subject I beg leave to refer you to
my official address to the Commander in Chief
dated 30th May. Your Honor & Garrison will judge what
further increase of Garrison may be required for
the purpose of intercepting Couriers &c in the event
of a War with France. I take the liberty at the
same time to represent to the Honble Board that
my indent for Gun Carriages & other Military Stores
on the 27th of last Month has not yet been com-
plied with, & that the Amildar here is very back-
ward in giving me the Assistance to be expected
on his part. In consequence of a private Letter which
I received last night, I wrote to the Amildar of this
Province advising him of the expected rupture
with France & recommending to him to direct
the Inhabitants of the Nabolis Country between
Pondicherry & Permaucoil to be speedy in moving
their Grain & Cattle &c as near to this Fort as

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Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

H. J. Malcolm

Commanding

Honble Sirs

I am induced at this Crisis

From Mr. Malcolm
on the delays of
the Amudars,
with information
of Men & Guns
being secreted on
board a ship
in the Roads of
Wondicherry.

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The Dutch's Manager at Arcot is the Superior of the Amildar in the Provinces of Permacail & Tripoor & Trindivannam, so that when this Amildar is applied to for Supplies, of what ever kind, if unwilling to give them from interested Motives or otherwise, he represents that he will write to his Superior at Arcot, & act according to his Orders, as Arcot is about fifty Miles from hence this occasions a delay of five days, at least, in the beginning, & after in the event of any real or wilful misconstruction of Orders (as happened when this Amildar proposed to provide the Garrison with the Lar Crop, instead of the Sambha Crop) it becomes necessary to wait five or six days longer before the matter can be cleared up by the Manager at Arcot; & I have this Morning a clear proof of what is here represented for the Amildar of these Provinces, who resides at present about ten Miles from hence, writes me, that his Orders from Arcot are, to provide me with very little more than one fourth of the Sambha Paddy, & the rest to be of the Lar Grain, and this last it is impossible for me to receive, because the Sepoys never eat it excepting in cases of great necessity, & before this can happen, the Lar Grain must be useless, as it will not keep; And for this last reason, I believe your Honor you will find that it is never put in Magazines. I take the liberty, at the same time, to observe that it is now very near one Month since the Dutch ordered Grain to be placed in store here, & that, although I have hourly urged the Amildar on the necessity of

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a speedy compliance, he now tells me that it will take a month more before he can furnish the quantity necessary for such a small Garrison as this.

ed representation to your Honble Board in a case of this nature, & of such consequence at all times, appears to me very essentially my duty at this period, & in this Station which perhaps may be look'd upon as safe & convenient for supplying in case of emergency, any Army that may be ordered to act in its neighbourhood.

About three or four weeks ago I mentioned to the Commander in Chief in a private letter, (because the intelligence seemed so very vague & incredible at that time) information received from Pondicherry concerning Men & Guns being secreted on board a Ship which had been in the roads there for upwards of a month, & was said to have come from Europe; and I am this day inform'd that the same Ship was preparing to sail from Pondicherry this morning, and reported to be bound for France. About one hundred & fifty hogs were then put on board. The man who originally gave me this intelligence continues to say, that besides the Crew, this Ship has Men & Guns on board (between six & seven hundred Men) & I accordingly forward the intelligence to your Honor, I am on my guard lest it should be intended to land these Men at a part of the Coast nearer to Ponnacul than Pondicherry. I leave to represent to your

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Honor ^{you} that I am not furnished with any Orders to guide my conduct in cases similar to that reported in my letter of the 24th Instant, Orders in this respect, may be now, more particularly necessary in consequence of the instructions of the 20th Inst. sent me by the Governor & received last night, relative to preventing Supplies of Provisions being carried into Pondicherry. I have to observe, that in driving the Cattle ^{you} to the Northwest from the Natchals Country bordering on the limits of the French, & even from parts of the Country much nearer to this place, there is a strong probability that Cattle ^{you} claimed by them may be included. In the event of Claims of this kind being preferred, my information, as mentioned in my letter of the 24th Instant leads me to believe that they will not be for a small number of Cattle, & therefore, if admitted the intention of the Order will be frustrated. On this account I am desirous to be informed, whether or not I am to allow such Claims in case they are represented to me by the Amildar, or if I am to protect him as far as in my power, in the execution of the Order in its fullest latitude, and without weakening this Station by sending out detachments of Sepoys for the purpose.

I hope that your Honor ^{you} will admit the propriety of my request on this occasion, as the Governor's instructions are "not to act openly" & I am trust that you will at the same time, believe, that attention & assiduity on my part, shall be exerted to forward your wishes

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Y^{rs} to a punctual execution of your Orders.

I, last night, forwarded to the Amildar the letter of the Nahoo to his Manager, (which came enclosed to me by order of the Governor) as it was directed to the Man at Arcot it was accompanied by a letter from me to the Amildar signifying its contents, & the intention of its being sent, - this I thought a necessary precaution, least the delay mentioned in the first part of this address should occur, & no time is lost by sending the Nahoo's letter to the Amildar, although directed to the Manager, because he now resides about ten miles from hence in the direct road to Arcot. - however although he is thus near, I have not yet been favoured with an answer. I have this day wrote to him again, to know what has been done, as the business requires dispatch.

I have just now learned from a private letter that all the Sepoy Grenadiers are ordered to Conjiveram. As one Company of the 29 Battalion is now here which may not have been known when the above Order was given, I think I cannot, in justice to the importance of this station, and considering its nearness to a supposed Enemy, part with so large a part of the Garrison, especially as it can at any time march with safety to Conjiveram; - & I trust that this conduct will have your approbation.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully Sir & Sirs

with the greatest respect

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Permacoil

30th June 1778

10 o'clock at night

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Henry Malcolm
Commandt

P.S. I have requested of Captain Duncan to
forward this letter with Dispatch. H.M.

The President
desires to speak
to the Natives on
the subject of the
Amidars.

The Board request the President
will speak to the Natives of the delay in sending
letters to his Manager of the Permacoil District
thro' the Channel of the Amidar at Arcot

Agreed that Lieut. Malcolm
be directed to keep the Grenadier Company until it
be relieved, & with regard to the Natives Order for
preventing Supplies of Provisions from being
carried into Pondicherry that he be directed to leave
the execution of it entirely to the Natives Manager
& not to appear openly or take any part otherwise
than by such private recommendations to the Man-
ager as may best answer the purpose of the
Order.

Ordered that Mr. Malcolm's
Indent for Stones for Permacoil be complied with
as far as the several Articles can be spared.

Read letter from Captain
Duncan.

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

of
Fort St. George

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain
Duncan represent-
ing the weakness
of his Garrison
after the Draft
is made.

I had the honor this day
of receiving the General Orders of the 24th Ultimo
& immediately issued Orders for their being complied
with, so far as relates to the Troops in this Garrison.

I humbly beg leave to observe
to your honor &c. that upon the march of the 1st
Battalion of Sepoys, twenty five, poor Invalids
are the only troops left for duty, - that will be left
in this Garrison; a number not nearly sufficient
to furnish the Continents necessary for the care of
the Inner Fort alone, in times of the greatest
urgency. As my situation, in that case, must
be extremely particular, I entreat to be furnished
with your instructions concerning it.

I have the honor herewith to
transmit you, a Return of the Troops, & of the
arms &c. in use, in this Garrison for the month
of June & I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Devoted and
most Obedient &c. servant

Alex^r Duncan

Herewith that the 3 Companies

of Captain Billcliff's Battalion from Cuddalore
be ordered to Chingleput, & 3 Companies of Captain
Edmond's Battalion, to remain there till relieved.

Three Companies of Sepoys
to be ordered from Captain Barclay's Battalion
at Ongole to Madras.

Ensign William Grant

agent

Chingleput
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Practitioner Engineers at Chicacole, to be ordered to march.
read.

The Board being determined to reduce every expence that is not absolutely necessary and being of Opinion that there is very little use for Surveyors or Commissarys Assistants for mustering Troops, Resolved that they be all struck off from the 1st Instant also the following Paymasters as almost all the Troops are withdrawn from the Garrisons they now pay. Viz. Mr. Freese from Vellam, Mr. Gardiner from Ongole and Mr. Munnis from Chingleput.

Read Letter from the Nabob entered in Country Correspondence N^o 91, on the Report of a War with France, proposing an inviolable friendship & attachment to the English Nation, & promising every exertion on his part in case of War.

Resolved that a letter be written to the Nabob expressing our acknowledgments for the assurances he has given, & observing to him in particular that the greatest proof he can afford of his attachment will be in sending to us as large supplies of Money as possible.

Read Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Harper.

To Charles Oakeley Esq^r
Secretary.

Sir

From Col. Harper
reporting the deficiency of
Tents
& want of
Sergeons Assistants

I have received yours dated the 26th Instant, communicating to me the Honble Board's

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Orders, in consequence thereof have given the necessary directions to have the Troops in readiness. The Paymaster informs me that he will have the Bullocks ready about the eighth of the ensuing month or sooner if possible. He at the same time signified to me that it will be absolutely necessary to have the Seventy five Lascars, belonging to this Garrison, doing duty at the Mount, sent up, as he will have use for them all, to prepare the stores for immediate service. I beg leave to mention, that we have very few Tents in store, which Returns will show; & when the last Award was made, it was ordered that no Tents should be in store here, by a resolution of the Board. I take the liberty also to inform you, that there is no Surgeon's Assistant in this Garrison, probably it may be thought expedient to have one sent.

Vellore
28th June 1770

For

I am

Your most Obedient Servant
H. Harper

Transmit to the same

Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint Colonel Harper that the Artillery under marching Orders will require all the Lascars at the Mount & that the Board are of Opinion the Lascars now at Vellore & Ambur are sufficient to put the Troops & Stores ordered from those Garrisons in Motion.

Ordered that the Committee of Stores be directed to give in a Return of Tents in store at Madras & the Out Garrisons.

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Read letter from the Contractors
for Chumam & Bricks.

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

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Messrs
Strange & Roebuck

In compliance with your Com-
mands, We have now the honor to inform you, that
our Supplies of Bricks & Chumam for the remainder
of the Season will be in the following Proportions.
In the present Month we will deliver 40 Lack of
Bricks, & 20,000 Parrabs Chumam In August
40 Lacks of Bricks, & 20,000 Parrabs Chumam In
September 30 Lacks of Bricks, & 16,000 Parrabs
Chumam. In October 20 Lacks of Bricks, and
14,000 Parrabs Chumam. In the Months of No-
vember and December 15,000 Parrabs Chumam.

We are with respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient

Humble Servants

James Strange

Benj. Roebuck

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The Board are of Opinion that
the supplies promised by the Contractors will be
very ample, provided their engagements be duly
performed.

Read letter from Mr
Lahagan.

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Letter from
Mr Gahagan
desires to be
employ'd in the
Field

Being now returned to this
Establishment as Surgeon by permission of the
Honble the Court of Directors, I beg leave to inform
you that I wish much to be employ'd. and as an
Army is now under Orders to take the field, the
principal part of which I am inform'd will be
composed of the Grenadiers, which I apprehend will re-
quire Surgeons exclusive of those who may accom-
pany the different Regiments from their respective
Garrisons, I therefore most humbly solicit your per-
mission to be included in the appointments of Surgeons
for that Corps.

I have the honor to subscribe myself
with the utmost respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient and
devoted humble servant
Terence Gahagan

Madras
July 2. 1770.

When the Board make the ap-
pointment of Surgeons to the Army in the Field they
will consider of Mr Gahagan's application.

General Muro reports that
Captain Gills who has had leave to go home now
expresses an intimation to remain here on account
of the probability of service.

Agreed that he have permission
to remain.

Resolved that the Troops con-
posing the Detachment for Bombay be no longer

inclinatio

m

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considered for that Service but ordered to join their
respective Corps.

Read Memorial of Mr. Mulock

To the Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq^r

Governor & President of Council

The humble Memorial of John Mulock
Sheweth

Memorial of
Mr. Mulock re-
questing to be
reappointed in
the Service

That your Memorialist was ap-
pointed an Ensign in the Honble Company's Service on the
15th day of November 1770 by Josias Duple Esq^r the then Go-
vernor & did serve in that Rank during the two Sieges of
Tanjore of 1771 & 1773 under General Joseph Smith.

That your Memorialist's conduct during
each Siege was such as to deserve the note of General Joseph
Smith & also of Captain Robert Kelly, & the late Capt. Povey
under whom respectively your Memorialist served during
each Siege, & from whom your Memorialist has received
written Testimonies in his behalf.

That your Memorialist being in an
ill state of health, & being desirous to see his Father from
whom he had reason to expect an ample provision did
solicit the permission of the Governor & Council in September
1774 to return to Europe, hoping at the same time to
retain his Rank in the Service, in answer to which ap-
plication your Memorialist received the permission of the
Honble Board to resign the Service & embark for Europe.

That your Memorialist did in a
short time after & before he had an opportunity of embarking
for Europe receive information of the Death of his Father on which

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account your Memorialist thought it prudent to decline all thoughts of returning to Europe & your Memorialist has ever since that period been in so indifferent a State of health as to prevent him from applying to the Honble Board to be re-appointed in the Service & reinstated in his Rank.

Your Memorialist therefore most humbly prays this Honble Board to take the merits of this memorial into consideration & that they may be pleased to reinstate your Memorialist in that Rank in the Company's Service which your Memorialist would have held had not his ill health & other Reasons as herein before set forth made it necessary at the time for your Memorialist to resign the Service.

And your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table

General Munro acquaints the Board that Captain Pettaville, who belongs to the Fort Maitre Establishment, has applied for leave to be employed in case of Service & agreed that he have permission to serve as youngest Captain, but not to be considered on the Establishment.

Thos. Ramsbold
John Whitehill

Nicol Munro

B. Perrin

Marlboro

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

Governor President

John Whitehill General Munro

Charles Smith Samuel Johnson

Peter Perring.

Saturday
4th July.

Minutes of last Consultation read.

The President having desired the
Chief Engineer to lay before the Board an account
of what is further wanting to be done to the Fortifica-
tions, & also of such temporary works as might be re-
quired for the security of the Place in case of emer-
gency, Major Stevens has in consequence prepared
two Papers of Memorandums on this subject which
the Board now take under consideration, the Major
being present to assist them occasionally with his
Opinion.

Memorandums
of the Chief Engineer
of what remains to be done
to the Fortifica-
tions at orders of
the Board thereon

Memorandums what to be done
Fort St George June 28th 1770

Par. 1. The excavation for the N.E.
Counter guard to be carried on
as fast as possible & that works
raised with the utmost expedition
It may be hoped to be begun
on the 10th or 15th July & it may be
carried up as high as the spring
ing of the Arches higher than
which I would not wish to carry
it unless it be absolutely necessary.

Orders & Remarks
of the Board

Par. 1. & 9. What
Major Stevens recommends
in these several
Paragraphs appears very
proper. The Board
however considering the
superior strength of the
Company's Forces on this
Coast, & the great impro-
bability

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1^o The Counterscarp before the Counterguard should also be laid as soon as possible however the covered way be. For it should be found in Earth with the utmost expedition & a temporary Pallisade be got ready to be placed therein at the shortest notice & to be prolonged into the Sea as far as it can.

improbability that any attack will be formed against this Fort as suddenly, that temporary works may not on an emergency be raised in time to secure it, and being of Opinion that such works in this case ought not to be commenced immediately as

2^o The place of arms between the Counterguard & North Ravelin, should be cleared with all expedition & a redoubt built with clay therein with a dry ditch and Pallisade as well in the Ditch as against the Glacis.

it might be an obstacle & expense to the Company & an hindrance to the permanent and more material works now carrying on, they think it proper to know from Major Stairs whether the temporary works recommended

3^o In like manner I would have a redoubt built in the place of arms to the Westward of the North Ravelin & the Pallisade placed against the Glacis Wall in a proper manner if sufficient Redwood can be procured for it. If not a temporary Pallisade should be put there.

in these Memorandums may not upon any emergency be raised in a very short time & the Major expressing himself of this opinion provided certain parts of the works be cleared & such materials as cannot

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The	Memorandums	Remarks of the Board
5	I have the above no other precautions seems necessary to the Northward till the place is or likely to be invested when a Redoubt must be made on the sea Beach to protect the N.E. Blind of this must be well secured with Pallisadoes & Piles.	be suddenly procured, laid up immediately by the Board in conse- quence resolve that Major Stevens be de- signed to go on with the permanent works as expeditiously as pos- sible agreeably to his own Plan, clearing away
6	On the westward it does not occur to me that any thing need be done but to complete the Pallisadoeing from Wallenfaw Gate to the Southward however I would recommend that the Gallies doors be mended & put up & that the Bridges of communication be laid with convenient expe- dition.	such Parts as may be required occasionally to form temporary works upon, and that the Committee of works be desired to provide those Articles which the Major recommends to be immediately laid up for the con- struction of such works
7	To the Southward the Glacis Wall is prin- cipally done & the Counters- carp & covered way will be finished in a few days except the Traverses, & then I would have this Front pallisaded either in a temporary or permanent manner & a Mock battery	

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into the sea, but I have not
the least hopes that ~~wood~~
can be obtained for this or
even the remainder of the
West Front, I would have
a Redoubt formed in earth
in the large place of arms
constructed there & the Glacis
put into the best order the
other works will admit of.
Nothing further can I think
be done on this Front but
to carry on the repairs with
all diligence, till it be ab-
solutely necessary to breach
down the Pains of which
the Redoubt must be
made to protect the A.B. S.E.
Barricade & well secured with
Wallinabeers & Piles, however
I hope to have this Work
out of the water in Brick
& Churn & secured with
a wet ditch in a month
or six weeks when the super-
structure may be raised
thereon either permanently
or temporarily in a very short
time.

P.

The wall against

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the Sea I suppose to be
likewise carrying on, to be
raised at the Salient Angles
to its full height & in other
parts to four foot above its
base & sincerely lament
that it will in all proba-
bility be out of our power
to do more to it this year.

9th The North Esplanade
should be cleared of
all buildings and Lumber
as far as the Coir Godown

Ordered that the
Committee of Works do ad-
vertise that all the buildings
& Lumber upon the North
Esplanade as far as the Coir
Godown are to be removed
within 6 weeks on pain
of confiscation or such other
penalty as the Board may
think proper to exact.

10th The Black Town
Wall from the end of the
Kottah bridge to the corner
of the Hospital wall should
be pulled down.

The Board are
sensible of the propriety of this
recommendation which is
ordered to be carried into
effect.

11th The buildings on
Hoy Hill are only from 230
to 250 Yards or thereabout from
the foot of the Glacis of the
N. W. Works. The houses
ought I think to be cleared

The Board think
upon an emergency this
necessary space might
soon be cleared, but in
order to judge of the ex-
pense that would in such

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Remarks of the Board

to 400 Yards from the foot
of the Glacier & the ground
so far levelled as not to ad-
mit of cover.

case be incurred by com-
pensation to the Inhabi-
tants - it is ordered that
some proper Person be
employed to make a par-
ticular Plan of the tracts
with a measurement and
valuation of the houses &
ground within the space
necessary to be taken in
on that side of the Fort.

12th

The huts, houses

The huts, Sheds,

& Horse Stables at the foot
of the Island bridge to be re-
moved & every thing on the
Island as far back as the
burying ground. The play-
house & powder platform
should be demolished.

Horse Stables & Play house
may at any time be de-
molished in a day or two.
The only two Brick built
things which seem neces-
sary to be immediately
destroyed, are the Powder
Platform on the Island
& a Choultry or Dettos
house standing in the
Sea Beach midway be-
tween the Fort & the
Nabob's Gardens - this
last building may be de-
stroyed immediately. As to
the powder Platform, it
will be necessary to enquire
whether it can be disposed

house

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with immediately or not
of which the Committee
of Works are to inform
themselves.

13th

The building on
the South beach should be
levelled & all cover on that
Front removed. We have
in store

400 Gabions

5625 Pickets

1020 Fascines of 12 foot

1307 2^d 9^d

1029 2^d 6^d which

ought to be considerably en-
creased in number, & as the
Mastery informed me yester-
day that it would require
12 Months to procure a thou-

sand Gabions & fifteen thousand
Fascines without taking the
People arms which supply
best wood for the Brick Kilns
for 12 months with them I
think the Board should
order all Purfull's Cooties
which are not employed at the
Brick Kilns to make as ma-
ny Gabions as they can, as at
all events they cannot be

Ordered accord-

dingly - Ordered also
that the Committee of
Works do employ as
many People as possi-
ble for making Fas-
cines and Gabions in
the Proportion Major
Stevens may think
necessary.

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procured in such haste as
Fascines may on emer gen.

14^{cy}

Hurdles 2 or

Ordered according

300 should also be procured

by

15 Besides Pallisades

The number of

does to be placed as before
mentioned on the North
West & South Fronts there
should be 5 or 6000 spare
made of the stoutest pal
mire or other stuff as can
be procured with 12 or 15
thousand Spike Nails be
sides what are necessary
for the platforms.

Walrus recommended
to be procured if possible, also
the number of Spike Nails
necessary, if there be not
already sufficient in store
of which enquiry must
be made.

16 There should also
be a store of wicker Baskets
10, or 15 thousand } there are
Sleepers for Platforms } included
battering Blank spikes } in the store
Nails to lay them } ment of store
for the Gar.
river but whe
ther many
other Articles as

Ordered that the
Paymaster be directed to
make up the number
of wicker baskets required
to complete the number
mentioned by Major Stany
The other Articles specified
in this Paragraph to be
examined into by the Com
mittee of Stores.

Entrenching
Miners
Carpenters
Smiths } Tools

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Sand bags

Crosses feet

Spare timber for stow

ations of Gallies &c

be included or whether

there be sufficient

in store must be

examined into.

17th

A Calculate of
provisions, firewood, straw
Watts &c articles should be
attended to where they are
to be lodged.

This subject to
be considered by the
Board on Monday next.

18th

I have directed
the measurements of all the
Bunches pro off under the works
to be taken, & a Return of them
shall be made for the inspec-
tion of the Board.

18 & 19 require no
Remarks.

19th

I will also in-
form the Board as soon as
possible how much Powder
the expence Magazines will
hold, & where a further quan-
tity can be best lodged. I will
also inform them as soon
as possible what means
can be taken for pro-
curing a quantity of
Water.

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Reminders of the Board

1st Water Cisterns

The Bomb proof

Cistern under the Bulwarks

Bastion will contain

when filled 36,001 Gallons

The Bomb proof

Cistern in Charters Bastion 27,797 &

The Cistern under the

Treasury & 20,097 &

The Cisterns lie

longing to the Gov.

tractor on the works

will hold about 45,000 &

128,095 Gallons

equal to an allowance of 3

quarts a day for 6000 Men

between 28 & 29 days, but no

thing allowed for waste, all

the small Tanks, Casks, and

Jars, that are in the place

may be filled with water.

2^d

The Cistern under

the Point Bastion which

has a crack athwart it, &

has been useless on that

account for some time

may perhaps if repaired

hold Water, but this cannot

1st 7th The Board are
of Opinion & according
ly resolve that most of
the Bomb proof Cisterns
as are in want of Repair
or not water tight, be re-
paired, & such experiments
made as Major Stevens
thinks necessary to enable
them to contain Water.
Resolved further that some
of the other Cisterns pro-
posed by the Major be
constructed until the ne-
cessity of those experiments
be determined.

these

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be depended upon for I am
informed it is built across
an old Foundation, which
has been the cause of its
having constantly given way
This as it will be attended
with no expence I have
directed to be repaired if the
Board may order it to be
filled or not as they may
think best, it will contain
about 69,000 Gallons or an
allowance in the above pro-
portion for 13 1/2 Days.

The Bombproofs
under the Ambros Bastion
which were lately converted
into Water Cisterns, have
not answered the purpose
at all; they are now quite
dry, & Mr Baker informs
me when they had 3 foot
water in them that they
leak'd at the rate of about
65 Tons per day which is near
6 Inches in height, I have
examined them & cannot
find any crack or cause
for the above, The great
quantity of water they

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Remarks of the Board

would contain if they could
be made high recommendations
any experiment to be tried,
but the uncertainty of the
other use that may be made
of them may perhaps over-
balance the argument if
they could be water Cisterns
every foot of water they
could be made to hold with
some 6000 Men for 7 days
at 3 Quarts; the Crown of
the arch is about $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet
high or equal to about 7
feet on a square upon this
base allowing $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet to
be filled with Water and
retained, it would be an ad-
vantage as above for 43 days.
The experiments I would
propose if any be made,
are to divide the parts of the
Bombproofs & fill them
successively in order to ascer-
tain whether the whole or
any part thereof leaks if
the whole should prove leaky
I would not be very anxious
in doing any thing further,
but should it be only a part

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I would then try to make
it tight by building a half
brick wall round such part
in cement Churnam as high
as the Arches would permit
which might possibly prevent
stop throats. The Leak must
doubtless be lower as it leaked
much when it had only 3
foot water. But I have my
ears that it is general.

4th A temporary
Cistern may be made on the
Barricade before the East retired
flank of the Royal Barrion
projecting as far as the Brit. Barrion
then the space is about 30 foot
by 80 ft. deep made about 4 1/2 foot
high will contain about 126,000
Gallons which will be an ad-
vance of 3 Quarts a day
to 6000 men for 20 days.

5th From the Sea
Gate Toramba to the N. end
of the Fort Square is 146 3/4
here may be made an open
Cistern of 142 foot long by
15 foot broad & 4 1/2 high will
hold the above proportion
for near 15 days.

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6 From the Low
Gate Veranda to the S. End of
the Fort Square is 124.6 ft. if
made 15 foot broad & 4 1/2 feet
high will contain the same
proportion for 12 1/2 days both
these Cisterns might be made
wider viz. to 30 feet if necessary
when they would contain wa-
ter for 55 days in the above
mentioned proportion. whether
these situations be so eligible
as the Coms to the Westward
leave us to the Board to determine

7 Had the arches
of the bombproofs under the
Nabob's Bastion been dry
they would have lodged 3192
Barrels of Powder with ease
but I think they are too damp
however if they be not attempt-
ed to make Cisterns will con-
tain a quantity of such arti-
cles as will not spoil with

J. O. J. G. Ordered
that Colonels James, and
Horne, the Commandant
of the Garrison, Majors
Stevens & Bingham be ap-
pointed a Committee to
examine and report how
the Powder can be best
lodged in the Fort.

8 The expense Mag-
azines in the Outworks to the
Westward will contain 1236
Barrels I think with ease perhaps
1648 however I would not advise

best

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them to be used for this purpose.
pose but reserved merely for
the ammunition belonging
to these works I am almost
assuredly say if they be fitted
that every one who has any
thing to do with the works
will heartily repeat the steps
when they are wanted for
service. I have thought it my
duty to say so much & wish
the Board will order Colonel
James, Horne the Commandant
of the Garrison Major
Burghall & myself to meet
& determine how the powder
can be best lodged in the
Fort, for as proper Magazines
are not ready it is a difficult
task for one man to say how
so serious a matter is to be dis-
posed off.

9th The Grand Maga-
zine I am informed by the
Commissary of Stores is full.

10 I have only a few
remarks to make in addition
to what I have already said
on the subject of what is to be
done to the Fort

10th and 11th Arched
that the two Batteries re-
commended by Major
Stewart for the defence

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I think a Battery of 6 Guns on the bench each side of the Sea Gate furnish'd with good platforms should be immediately made for the defence of the road & when done the Guns should be mounted thereon & their ammunition ready. In the meantime a few Guns should be kept ready on the saluting Battery for service at so a few on the East curtain to the Northward or in the N.E. Bastion or East face of the blind.

12 I would also have the embrasures opened in the flanks of the St Georges and Malak's Bastions, three others in the faces of the Bastions to defend the Ditches of the Lunettes before them three more in each extremity of the two West curtains to defend the faces of the Ravelins & two in each face of the S.W. and N.W. Ravelins to defend the other faces of the Lunettes. If any danger be apprehended the Guns for them should be mounted

Remarks of the Board.

of the road be constructed agreeably to his recommendation, also that a few Guns be kept in the meantime in the Saluting Battery, & in such other Places as the Major shall approve.

Ordered that the Embrasures recommended be opened & such Guns mounted as Major Steney shall think necessary

guns

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as also the following 3
in the South face of St. Thom's
Lantern guard 3 in the West
flank of D^o 3 on the North
face of the Royal Bastion.
3 on the East flank of D^o.
3 on the West flank of the
Denny Bastion. 3 on the North
face ~ 2 on each face of the
North Pavilion ~ all these
in the North face of the
N. E. Blind & four on each
of the Lunettes to the
Southward.

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13 As the provi-
sion of Gabions and Fos-
siles will be tedious un-
less more than ordinary
means be used - It should
be considered whether an
Officer with a guard of
proper Orders must not
be sent into the Petlains
to the Westward to collect
a working Party and to
make up the number
that may be required for
Fort St. George.

Approved & ordered
accordingly

14 If the Place
be invested I would by
all means recommend

Approved

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that the Quaints which
project into the Town
should be taken down and
the pavements &c removed
out of the streets and thrown
up in heaps where they
can be best out of the

way.
15th

I am very desi-
rous that no time should
be lost in clearing the
North Esplanade, the Pal-
miras of light beams with
the Calmer Plank might
I think be all taken into
the Fort, on that account
might remain longer
than any thing else. The
Merchants should land their
Goods to the Northward of
the Fair Godown and have
their Grain Gornes &c.
there

Wm Stevens

Ordered that
in the advertisement
to be made respecting
the Lumber on the
North Esplanade it be
expressed that the Pal-
miras and Light beams
with the Calmer Plank
may remain their
some time longer than
the rest, or if the Own-
ers chuse may have
a plan allotted for
them in the Fort.

Ordered also that all
the Grain Gornes
be in the Advertisi-
ment directed to be
moved to the North-
ward of the Fair
Godown and the

place

Godown

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Remarks of the Board:

Merchants desired to
land their Goods there

Read the following letter from
Colonel Lang to General Muenro.

To Major General Hector Muenro
Commander in Chief
Sir

From Colonel
Lang desires to
join his Regiment.

By the General Orders of the
29th inst I find that the greatest part of the Troops
on the Coast are ordered to take the Field - I must
therefore request you will be pleased to acquaint
the Honble the President & Council that it is my
desire to be relieved from the Command of this
Garrison in order to join the part of my Regi-
ment ordered on Service.

I am with all due Respect
Sir

Vellore
23 July 1770

Your very Obedient and
Humble Servant
Robt Lang

As Vellore is a Garrison of
great importance, the Board are of Opinion that
Colonel Lang should continue in the Command
for the present & it is resolved that all the Officers
Commanding Forts do remain in their respective
Commands till further Orders.

General Muenro reports the
death of Captain Laurence Murphy of the 1st

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Circar Battalion of Sepoys in consequence of which the following Promotions are made.

Lieutenant James Phillips to be a Captain
date of Rank 4th July 1770. Ensign J. Dabynsple to be a
Lieut. 2^o do

Lieut. George Davis of Anna-
lis is appointed a Captain in that Corps and to
command the Annalis Company of Artillery.

Captain Richard Nelson is
appointed to command the 1st Circar Battalion
vacant by the Death of Captain Murphy.

A letter having been received
from Mr. J. J. Stevens as entered in Consultation
the 15th Ult. respecting a dispute that lately hap-
pend between Lieut. Johnston of Engineers and
Ensign Baswell of Infantry relative to the Com-
mand of the Fort of Ankoapilla in the Chicacole
Circar & the President having received a letter
from the Chief of Viragapatam on the same
subject - the Board now proceed to consider the
Circumstances of the Dispute.

It appears from the Papers
transmitted on this occasion that Lieut. Johnston
was sent by the Chief of Council of Viragapa-
tam to Ankoapilla purposely to form a Plan &
Estimates of Barracks wanted there. On his arri-
val, having a Commission superior to that of En-
sign Baswell who commanded there, he required
that the Command should be delivered over to
him, which Ensign Baswell refused, the Dispute
was referred to the Chief Council who gave it

Consideration of
the dispute of
Lieut. Johnston
& Ensign Baswell.

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in favor of Lieut. Johnston, & directed that he should have the Command.

The Board are of Opinion that altho the Court of Directors have ordered that Engineers should have rank in the Army agreeable to the dates of their Commissions in like manner as the Engineers in his Majesty's Service, it could never be their intention, nor do they conceive it to be the practise of his Majesty's Service, that when an Engineer is ordered particularly to any Garrison to form Plans or construct Works that he should of the superior Officer, take the Command upon himself & enter into the detail of that duty which must necessarily draw his attention from the Service on which he is employed. Another Circumstance which makes the Conduct of Lieut. Johnston irregular is, that he had no order to take the Command, nor had Ensign Barwell any order to resign it. The Board are of Opinion also that the Chief of Council ought not in this particular Case to have ordered the Command to be given to Lieut. Johnston upon a reference of the dispute to their Board.

The President desires to enter the following Minute.

In consequence of the complimentary letters that passed between the Nabob Hyder Ally, & myself on my arrival, he referred me to his Vackel to explain fully to me some particular circumstances not mentioned in his letters. His Vackel has accordingly communicated

Minute of the
President on the
proposals made
by Hyder Ally's
Vackel

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to me the following Proposals, which he has been directed to make to this Government by his Master.

1st That he will accompany any Troops we may send to assist the placing of Ragouant Row in the Government of Poonah, & to negotiate for such assistance this a brother in law of Ragouant Row's, who has the Command of 4000 Horse in Hyder's Service.

2nd He has desired his Vackul to propose to this Government the supplying of him with Military Stores, Artillery, & small arms, for which he will pay the Company in any manner the Board may approve.

3rd He is desirous of receiving the assistance of a body of our Troops, the expences of which he will agree to defray & satisfy the Company either by paying them in specie, or a grant of Lands.

4th He has desired his Vackul to assure this Government, that his wishes ever have been to cultivate a friendship with the English, but that he has been debarred from success there is no necessity for him to point out, but that he is now ready to negotiate in any manner this Government shall desire, & to conclude that Treaty of Alliance & Friendship which must be binding upon both, & replete with advantages to the English East India Company, & to himself.

It appears from the Records that the advantages of a Treaty with Hyder who from the situation of his Country should be considered

desired

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desired

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as our natural ally, & from his strength & resources almost the only one who could prove of real service to Us, has been approved, & wished for, almost by every successive Government for some years, but some ruling influence has always thrown obstacles in the way of every attempt to bring about so desirable an union, of this Hyder seems fully sensible, & his Viceroy has taken occasion to hint at the disappointments his Master has been subject to, whenever he has shown a disposition to cultivate the friendship of the English, this probably has made him on all occasions more attentive to the French than he otherwise would have been, had he met with proper encouragement from Us. Before my arrival the Board fully gave their sentiments on the advantages likely to result from a firm connection with Hyder ally in their letter to the supreme Council and date 16th January.

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I entirely on that point coincide with them in opinion, & the present situation of affairs add weight to every Argument in favor of such an Union, for should we neglect on our part to oblige him to side with the French, & enter into a closer alliance with them, I am persuaded it would be a circumstance of fatal tendency & almost the only event that would endanger the Success of the success of our possessions on this Coast.

I therefore submit to the consideration of the Board, whether such a letter should not be wrote to Hyder in answer to the representations made by his Viceroy as may be the means of falling on some one that, either by proposing a

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meeting with him, or in whatever other manner
may appear eligible, to see if any engagements for
the mutual benefit of the Company, & himself, can
be entered into, that may not too much embarrass
us with respect to the disposition of our Forces, & the
steps we shall be obliged to take in case of a rup-
ture with France. And I also submit to the Board
whether it will not be expedient to address the
Supreme Council on the occasion, & acquaint
them with the Proposals made by Hyder, & the
Letter we have wrote to him in consequence.

The Board approves of the
President's Propositions & it is resolved that Letters
be prepared accordingly

Thos. Pembold
John Whitehill
Andos Munnis

D. Perreir

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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
Governor President

Monday
6th July.

John Whitehill General. Munro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perrin

Minutes of last Consultation read
Read the following letter from

Lieutenant Fowke

To Major General Hector. Munro
Commander in Chief of the

Sir

From L^t Fowke
on Captⁿ Ogilvie's
refusal to accom-
modate him
at his Table.

In consequence of the Order by
which the Board were pleased to direct Captain Ogilvie
and to give me a passage in his Ship now under dispatch.
I waited upon him & requested that he would inform
me what accommodations I was to have & whether I
was to have a seat at his Table; - he told me that as
I did not come on Board with his consent both these
points must depend upon the future Orders given
him by the President & Council.

As my health in the passage
must greatly depend upon my diet & the manner in
which I am accommodated, I hope the Honble the
President & Council will be pleased to give the necessary
Orders concerning me. As Captain Ogilvie from his
engagements with Mr. Bonfield does not seem inclined
to determine any thing of his own accord, I shall

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willingly pay him for my passage any sum which
the Board thinks reasonable.

I have the honor to be with the greatest
respect

Sir

Fort St. George
5th July 1778

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Henry Fowke

Ordered, that Captain Ogilvie
do receive Lieut. Jacobs, allot him a part of the great
Cabin & diet him at his own Table on the terms specified
by the Company.

Ordered, that Colonel Brath-
waite do proceed to Conjeeveram & take the Command
of the Troops assembling there, & that he be accompanied
by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Ordered that Captain Jones
now at Bellare do join the Artillery at the Mount.
Read Letter from Lt. Colonel
Maclean Quarter Master General.

X
Honorable Sir & Gentlemen

In obedience to the Orders
which I received from the General, I have examined
the ground near Conjeeveram, & I have marked out an
encampment for sixteen Battalions near Sanfolam
Pagoda four miles South of Conjeeveram. The ground
is high & very dry, the Palarie runs immediately in
the rear of the proposed Encampment, there is plenty
of water on each flank, Sanfolam Pagoda is on
the right. It is immediately on the road to Vandervash

From the Lt. Col.
Genl.

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from whence it is twenty one Miles distant ~ Between
Wandewash & Jannellam there are various grounds
where an Army may encamp; the roads will want
some repairs before a train of Artillery can pass over them
with expedition; near the Fort of Wandewash / which seems
very loosely guarded / there are very extensive plains with
abundance of good water.

I have the honor to be with the most
perfect Respect

Fort St. George
July 6th 1770.

Honble Sirs Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

Alex^r. Maclellan
D^y W^m. Gen^l.

Resolved that the Troops be en-
camped at the place recommended by the Quarter Master
General

Draughts of Letters to the Durian
the Nizam of Hyderabad as entered in Country Com-
pendium & read & approved.

Read the following Letter from
Sir Edward Vernon.

Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President of Council of

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

From Sir Edward

Verma enclosing

Copy of a Letter

I herewith inclose you the copy

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inform me whether you have any objection, in the
present situation of Affairs, to my complying with the
request contained in their said letter.

I have the honor to be, with
much respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble servant

Edward Vernon

Coverstry,

Madras road

6th July 1770

To Sir Edward Vernon Knt.

Commodore & Commander
in Chief of his Majesty's Ships
in the East Indies

Sir

We now transmit by the Drake
Snow, a Duplicate of our letter of the 12th Inst. and of
Mr Baldwin's Letter.

This Vessel is dispatched to convey
to you, in the most expeditious manner, our request that
you will immediately come round to Bombay, by the
Southern Passage with his Majesty's Squadron under your
Command. The presence of your Squadron at the ap-
pointed place you could give us, might be our preservation
in case of an attack from the French on this the
only place in India they can attempt with any pro-
bability of success, whereas the Settlements on the
other side of India are in so respectable a situation,
that we are not in a measure secured on this side.

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at this place.

If you sail from Madras by the 15th July there is every reasonable prospect that you will arrive here in all August.

We are with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

William Hornby

John Carnac

Daniel Draper

Henry Moore

Nathaniel Slackhouse

William Ashburner

Andrew Ramsay

A true Copy

Edw. Vernon

To which it is agreed to return

the following reply

To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander

in Chief of his Majesty's Ships

in India.

Sir

Answer to Sir

Edw. Vernon's letter

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 6th Instant, enclosing a copy of one from the President & Council of Bombay to you, requesting you to proceed with his Majesty's Squadron to that side of India.

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consequence of this application, to desire we will acquaint you whether We have any objection in the present situation of Affairs, to your complying with the request of the Gentlemen at Bombay. We shall be glad to offer you our sentiments on the subject, after which it will remain with you to determine in what manner your Ships can be most effectually employed for the benefit of the Station of the Company.

As the advices from Europe received by the way of Sur, leave little doubt on our minds that a rupture with France has actually taken place before this period. We are making all the preparations in our power for the Event, & we hope in a very short time to have such a Force in the Field as will enable Us to act with proper vigor the moment we receive a confirmation of the Intelligence.

It seems very probable in case of a War that an attempt may be early formed by the French to surprise Bombay, the Company have expressed their apprehensions on this head & have commanded us to adopt every measure which may contrain & render abortive any designs of this nature.

Under these circumstances we are most heartily disposed to assist that Settlement to the utmost of our ability, but whether the appearance of your Squadron at present on that side could tend in any degree to prevent a powerful attack, or be useful in repelling it, are Questions which require serious consideration, for as on the one hand We sincerely wish that every prudent endeavour

very
disposed

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other We should be concerned to approve or concur in any measure which might unnecessarily endanger the safety of his Majesty's Ships under your Command.

We should suppose if the French have form'd any design upon Bombay, that it will be executed by a strong Fleet of Ships with a considerable Land Force. Your conjecture is founded on what We conceive to be their main object in case of war - a powerful attack on the Company's Possessions here or in Bengal, which would certainly be rendered much more difficult & hazardous by proceeding with respect to Bombay upon any other Plan. Having suggested this Idea to you, Sir, your own judgment will determine how far the Squadron of your command without any reinforcement may be useful in preventing or repelling any such attempt on Bombay.

In regard to the services which may be performed by having the Squadron on this Coast, we would observe that as the French have now in the road of Pondicherry only a 68 Gun Ship a Frigate of 36 Guns & we believe a Ship of War which is all their Force at Sea that we know of, there is very probable ground to think your Ships would prove an overmatch for them. in which case our Military Operations if directed as we intend against Pondicherry, would be greatly facilitated. We think the reduction of that place of the utmost consequence to the safety of the Company's Possessions in India.

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have Ships of War at Pondicherry it seems highly necessary that there should be an sufficient Force to counteract them, to protect our Shipping, several of the Company's Ships being now here & more expected or occasionally to defend any of our Subordinate Settlements on the Coast from Surprise, another remark we wish to add is that care, His Majesty should send more Ships of War to India, it seems probable that they will expect to join you on this Coast. These being our Sentiments on the subject of the application made to you from Bombay We think it our duty to lay them before you in full confidence, that you will on this & every other occasion apply the Force under your Command in such manner as may best tend to the safety & protection of the Company's valuable Possessions.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Fort S. George
8th July 1778.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Tho: Rumbold

Recd Letter from Puiraga.

patam.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq:
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort S. George
Honble Sir & Sirs,
In our letters of the 16th Nov^r

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From Viragapatam representing
the utility of a
Storehouse & advising
the removal
of African Battalions
from Letchampet
to Ankapiyttay

necessity of erecting a proper Storehouse or small
Arsenal for the accommodation of our Military
Stores, & recently having been received to either of
our Letters, we again beg leave to recommend the
great utility of such a building. We have no cover
for our transport Carriages, nor rooms to put in or
out our small Stores, neither have we a place to
arrange our new stands of Arms, they therefore are
kept in Chests where notwithstanding the utmost
care of the Inspector & Conductor, the arms suffer
great damage. In two Garbours where our Military
Stores are at present, they are from necessity
heaped on each other to the great detriment of the
Stores & loss to the Honble Company. By the enclosed
Calculation made by our Paymaster we find that
a Brick & Churnam Tiled building twenty four
feet broad & fifty feet long with Teak Sinters & an
enclosure about one hundred & fifty feet square to
surround the Store room & for the purpose of a Fire
ier Yard would amount to eight hundred and
sixty Star Pagodas.

By the recommendation of
Captain & Murphy & the approval of the Chief
Council, the eighth Circar Battalion has been re-
moved from Letchampet to Ankapiyttay since Nov^r
last. Letchampet is forty Coss Northward of Vira-
gapatam & considered as an unhealthy situation;
& Ankapiyttay is only ten or twelve Coss Southward of
Viragapatam. Captain & Murphy in a letter to this
Board of the 4th October 1777 gives the following

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"Letchempet is too remote, and
"as the Rajah has disbanded all his Troops he must
"now rely entirely on the Company for protection;
"none of their Troops in my Opinion, should now
"be stationed further North than Chicacole. The Mon-
"soon being near over the Sepoys will receive no in-
"jury from living in Tents, until proper Barracks
"are made. There were no Barracks at Letchempet
"except a few temporary Pundalls which Captain
"Rowles built at his own expence. I think Ank-
"pillay far preferable to Maday, as Ankpillay
"must be a more healthy situation from being
"fifteen miles nearer the Sea, & within a march
"of Madiguel, where a Company or two may be oc-
"casionaly detach'd. This Battalion being thus
"station'd will check all the incursions & incursions
"of the Gulconda People, & on any emergency march
"in a few hours to support Viragapatam."

Captain Rowles the present
Commanding Officer coincides in Opinion with
Captain Murphy, & recommends the Barracks
being built within the Fort as being a more
proper place than any situation near Ank-
pillay.

In a Letter from Captain
Rowles of the 10th Regt. he observes to us "I cannot
"omit the present occasion to represent the necessity
"of some temporary Barracks here to guard
"the People from the approaching Rains; at pre-
"sent there is not a place water & roofed or large enough

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The Battalion has lately suffered greatly from the intense heats for want of proper accommodations; we therefore in consequence of Captain Rowles's solicitation, & from a conviction of the necessity of immediately building a complete set of temporary Barracks, have ordered Lieutenant Johnston Engineer to survey the Fort & to make a Plan & Estimate of Barracks for a complete Battalion. We have the honor of enclosing the Plan & Estimate for your approval & Orders.

We are respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Viragapatam Alex. Davidson
20th June 1770 Henry Crawford
Nathl Barton
Charles Maxtone

As most of the Stores are ordered away from Viragapatam & Captain Rowles's Battalion removed from Ankapillay the Storehouses & Quarters proposed become no longer necessary.

Read Letter from Lt Col James.

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief
Sir

From Lt Col James representing his want of Quarters.

As my duty frequently calls me to Fort St. George; I beg leave to represent to you that it is

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of forty Pagodas, for the house I live in at the Mount
for these ten months past, when every other Com-
manding Officer is allowed the best Quarters in
Garrison or Cantonment at the Company's expence;
I hope for your Interest with the Honble Board
in being reimburs'd tho above, & that you will
be pleas'd to order me either a house in the Fort
or a continuance of the allowance I am oblig'd
to pay here, which will enable me to supply my-
self.

I am

Sir

S. Thomas's Mount
15th June 1770

Your very respectful
and most Obedt. Servant
Edw^d James

Colonel James's request cannot
be granted, as no such Allowance has hitherto
been made but in case he return from the Field
to the Mount the Board will find him Quarters.

Ordered that Directions be
sent to Trichinopoly & Bellore to make up at each
place 250,000 Musket Cartridges.

Read the following Letters

from Cuddalore

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your

From Cuddalore
respecting the stores
& provisions, &c.

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That we may form an exact Estimate of the quantity of Provisions that will be necessary for the service of this Garrison for one month & of which We have none at present in store We have privately advised with Captain Bitchiff on the subject & will endeavour to send your Honor ~~you~~ a particular list by tomorrow's Tappab.

We have sent your Honor ~~you~~ a list of Stones that are absolutely necessary for the defence of this Garrison for which we privately made application to Captain Bitchiff & beg they may be forwarded to us as soon as possible.

Respecting the Sea-Line of Suddalore which was surveyed last year by an Engineer sent hither for that purpose, We must request your Speediest instructions, as in its present condition the Fort will not be tenable whenever an Enemy may appear before it, because it has long been level with the ground, & entirely open from one end of the Fort to the other.

Every precaution that can possibly be taken against any surprise we shall be careful to adopt, & in case the repairs of the East Side of the Fort should take up too much time We beg you will permit us to get some fascines & fascines from the Southward to be immediately to place in any part of the Garrison where they may be most wanted.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs

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Cuddalore
29th June 1770

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Will^m Cuming
James Daniell
E^d W. Fallofield

To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Bumbold Esq^r
President of Governor & Council,
at Fort S. George
Hon^{ble} Sirs

Agreeable to the purport of your
Letter yesterday, We herewith transmit your Honor
Your Estimates of provision necessary for the Troops and
Inhabitants in this Garrison for one month, & beg you
will favor us with your Commands relative to the
quantity you would have us purchase, & lay in
store for the abovementioned purposes.

We are, very respectfully
Hon^{ble} Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Will^m Cuming
James Daniell
E^d W. Fallofield

Cuddalore
30th June 1770

Resolved that the Chief of Council
at Cuddalore be directed not to lay in a quantity
of Provisions & Stores as in case of an attack the settle-
ment not being tenable must be withdrawn.

Read Letter from Lieutenant
Colonel Pitt-Rivers

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

From Colonel
Fitzgerald respect-
ing the Deserters
at Trivatoor

I am favored with your Com-
mands of the 10th Instant, in compliance to which I
send you the accompanying List of Deserters from
Negapatnam, who have been some time at Trivatoor
under the charge of the Rajah's People. I know of
others in or about Tanjore. The List I received just
themselves.

The Deserter Michael Impey
is now at Madras can inform the Honble Board
whether any of these Men ever belonged to the Honble
Company's Service or not.

Trivatoor is about forty miles from
Hence

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Tanjore
21 June 1770

Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
J^s Fitz Gerald

Ordered, that the Governor of
Council at Negapatnam be informed that there are no
such Persons in our Service as those named by the
as Deserters.

Extract of a
Letter from Bengal
The President reports that he has
received a letter from Mr. Hastings at Bengal acquaint-
ing him that the Detachment proceeding towards Bom-
bay under the Command of Colonel Leslie, had captured
some Deserters from the

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to hasten their march & that they were in consequence going on with all expedition. As Mr. Hastings in this letter seems anxious to learn, in what manner we can if necessary afford assistance to the design of replacing Ragouantow, it may be proper to declare here that at present we do not see a probability of being able to afford assistance unless any opposition should be made to the Bengal Detachment in their march in which case, we may with our Troops to the Northward be able to give some aid

Read the following letters from
Captain Barclay

To the Honble Thomas Pumbold Esq.
President of Governor Genl Council

Honble Sirs

From Captain
Barclay advi-
sing that the
Lemindars are
in arms

I beg leave to inform you that I have received your letter of the 17th Instant on the receipt of it, I immediately dispatched a Sepoy Officer for whose discretion I can depend to meet apillie with some Sepoys & Huricarrats to the other parts belonging to the Guntow Circle with instructions on every part pointed out to me by your Honor's letter, I shall be careful to communicate all such intelligence as may come to my knowledge, for three fine or six days the five Lemindars have been collecting their Troops three of them Tapsada Rammarie of Chintapillie hundred of Immenda of Vinnatation of Chintampur are with the Rajah Bahader within a few Coss of Chintampur & the other two are at the

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Other two Zemindars Sangana Rao & Tripaty Rao Brothers are likewise armed but in their own Country, & I am just informed expect to be assisted by Uparais Troops from the Muddipatam Circar. The reason assigned for the Zemindars being in arms is six different Customs which ought to be paid out of Nagasavi Rammanna's Country to the two Brothers Sangana and Tripaty Rao, Nagasavi Rammanna has refused to pay for that pretence both Parties have armed their Dependents, this is what is reported, for what I believe to be the case, & it is further reported that through the mediation of the Rajah Bahader the dispute is on the point of being settled. I have just sent a Bravery to Tambicunda to see what number of Troops may be with the Rajah Bahader & the three Zemindars that are with him. I believe Monsieur Lally & his Corps are not nearer to the Circar than Adonis. The reason I did not acquaint the Board with the Zemindars collecting Troops I had very imperfect information but was told it was entirely a quarrel amongst themselves that would be immediately settled by the Rajah Bahader their being no French Troops in the Country confirmed me in that belief.

I am with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble servant
P. Barclay
Captain

Engole
20th June 1770.

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

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

From Captain
Barclay cannot
gain any infor-
mation about
Vessels sailed
from Pondicherry

I have just received a letter
from Lieut. Mucke Commanding at Vantapottam
to whom I wrote as soon as I received your honors
letter - he says there is not any vessel or vessels
arrived there, nor is there from any observation he
can make any reasons to expect the arrival of
vessels with Stores or Troops.

On all the enquiries I have
been able to make, I am more & more convinced
that the Zemindars are in Arms for the reasons I
mentioned in my letter to the Board yesterday. I
have letters from some of the Zemindars almost every
day some of my People constantly with some of them
from all I can judge they are not in expectation
of the arrival of any French from Pondicherry. & I
believe the Zemindars are at this time in two Parties.
I shall be careful to transmit every intelligence I
may be able to obtain

I am with great respect
Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

T. Barclay

Captain

Recd letter from Messieurs

Bellocmbi & Choucreau.

Engole
21 June 1770^o

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Translation

To the Honble. Mr. Bumbold
Governor, President, and to the
Gentlemen of Council at
Madras
Gentlemen.

From Messrs.
Bellcombe &
Chevreau com-
plaining of a
misunderstanding
between the French
Kings Agents at
Karrical & our
Commanding
Officer at Nagore.

The Chevalier de Boistelle, and
Mr. Delata Salazar, Agents for the King of France
at Karrical, have acquainted us with some misunder-
standings, which have lately happened between them & the
English Officer Commanding at Nagore, in consequence
of his having placed a sentinell on the Island in the
River of Nagore, whose limits immediately join to the
District of Tanjore & constitute a part of the Territory
belonging to our King at Karrical. These Gentlemen
on the 19th of this month sent a Protest to the English
Officer declaring him, as well as any other Person,
responsible for any Loss or Damage, which might
result from an act of authority absolutely re-
pugnant to the rights & privileges of our Nation,
but the Officer refused to receive it, alleging, that
he had been sent there by his Superiors to protect
the English Flag, & that he had Orders not to in-
terfere in any other business whatever.

You are without doubt Gen-
tlemen, informed of every thing, which has passed at Nagore
since you took possession of it. You cannot doubt, but
that you will disapprove of the Conduct of the Offi-
cer, who Commands there, when you are convinced, as

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our Territory strikes at our Privileges, & must in-
evitably disturb in their trade, all the Inhabitants, whe-
ther Europeans or Natives, who live in that District
under the protection of the French flag. We desire
Gentlemen, in consequence, that you will be pleased
to give the necessary Orders, that the Fortinell be
forthwith removed from our Territory upon the be-
forementioned Island. We think also, in order to
avoid in future all disputes, that it will be expedient
to name Commissioners on the part of both Nations,
who may repair to the spot, & ascertain our limits,
as well as the limits belonging to the District of
Mazore, bordering upon that of Tanjore. By
these means We shall avoid every thing, which
might in future affect the tranquillity, subsis-
ting between our two Nations. We shall only
observe, Gentlemen, that as you have not been
pleased to communicate ~~any thing~~ to us re-
specting your new acquisition at Mazore, you
have not in this instance paid us the attention
which we think is respectfully due to the part
of two Nations, who are in good friendship with
each other, & who are both particularly interested
in preserving it.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most humble and
most Obedient Servants

Belcombe
(signed) Cheveau

Ordered at the draught of

at Pondicherry
the 22nd May 1770.

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a letter be immediately prepared in reply to the foregoing.

Read Letter from the Mahob entered in Country Correspondence & enclosing an Indent of Stores & ammunition for his Cavalry.

Ordered that this Indent be carried into effect.

Read Letter from Mr Morris Paymaster & Storekeeper at Trichinopoly.

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

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Morris
reporting the De-
ficiency of Stores

at Trichinopoly

Colonel F. East having com-
municated to me your honorable Order, to hold the
Traps in this Garrison in readiness to march upon
short notice, you consequently as any other Person
responsible for any loss or Damage, which might
result from an want of authority absolutely re-
sult to the rights & privileges of our Nation
but the Officer refused to receive it, alleging, that
he had been sent there by his Superiors to protect
the English Flag, & that he had Obedience not to in-
terfere in any other business whatever.

You are without doubt Gen-
men, informed of every thing, which has passed at Trichinopoly
since you took possession of it, & we cannot doubt, but
that you will disapprove of the Conduct of the Officer
who Commands there when you are convinced, as

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to furnish the number required for the Troops now
under Orders for marching, unless those at Tanjore
are returned, or receive your honor's Orders to en-
ertain severity in their stead.

I have the honor to remain with
great respect.

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
H. J. Norris
Storekeeper

Trichinopoly
4th July 1778

Colonel Flint to be informed
that the stores necessary for the Garrison shall be sent
soon & that when the Troops are ordered to march, he
will be informed what Artillery & Stores are to accom-
pany them.

Read Letter from Colonel Lang.

To Charles Cakeloy Esq^r
Secretary
Sir

From Colonel
Lang with Indent
of Medicines,
applies for Tents

Inclosed is an Indent for Medicines
from Doctor Lucas for the use of the Troops under
marching Orders, which you will be pleased to present
to the Honible the President & Council. you will also
be pleased to acquaint them that there will be no delay
here in the Troops marching to Conjiveram but the
want of the stores indented for by the Storekeeper
yesterday, in particular the Tents.

I am

Sir

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to furnish the number required for the Troops now
under Orders for marching, unless those at Tanjore
are returned, or receive your honor's Orders to
certify for them in their stead.

I have the honor to remain with
great respect.

Respectfully Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Loyal Servant
H. J. Norris
Storekeeper

Trichinopoly
4th July 1770

Colonel Pitt to be informed
that the stores necessary for the Garrison shall be sent
soon & that when the Troops are ordered to march, he
will be informed what Artillery & Stores are to accom-
pany them.

Read Letter from Colonel Lang.

To Charles Cokerly Esq^r
Secretary
Sir

From Colonel
Lang with Indent
of Medicines,
applies for Tents

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from Doctor Lucas for the use of the Troops under
marching Orders, which you will be pleased to present
to the Honble the President of Council. you will also
be pleased to acquaint them that there will be no delay
here in the Troops marching to Conjiveram but the
want of the stores indented for by the Storekeeper
yesterday, in particular the Tents.

I am

Sir

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Vellore
4th July 1770.

Your Obedient & L^{ble} Servant
Robt Lang

Ordered that the Indent of
Medicines be complied with.

Read Letter from Mr. Ogil.

vice.

To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Rumbold Esq^r
President & Governor of the

Hon^{ble} Sir

I beg leave to enclose you
an Indent for Stores wanted to complete the Troops
in the Garrison of Vellore and Ambour, ordered to
assemble at Conjiveram, there being none of these
things in store here.

In consequence of the Orders
for the Troops to march from hence, I applied as
usual to the Superintendent of the Nabob's accounts
with the Company, for a supply of five thousand
Pagodas for that purpose, last night I received a
letter from him informing me he could not comply
with my demand till the Hon^{ble} Board determined
whether the Nabob or the Company were to be
charged with this present equipment. I hope your
honor will be pleased to order that sum to be sent
as soon as possible every thing at present being at a
stand for want of money. Also my Indent made
last month to the Military Paymaster for ten

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The first of this month to the Troops in Garrison is
not received which obliges me to borrow from different
People enough to pay the now Commissioned & private
Europeans their first payment to prevent their grow-
ing, in four days more they will demand their second
Payment, if the money is not arrived by that time I
shall be in a very disagreeable Situation.

By the General Orders of yesterday
there are a hundred & fifty Lascars ordered to attend the
Troops from Bellor & Amboro, their not being so many
in both Garrisons at present, I hope your honor will
be pleased to order the Lascars doing duty at the Mount
to join as soon as possible, being much distressed at
present for want of so many of the Complement, they
being the only People I can trust to attend the different
guards of Sepoys in preparing the Coeties & Butlocks, the
Nabob's Manager here having not given me the least
assistance altho I have repeatedly demanded of him.

Having taken every precaution
possible to engage the Coeties of the People who have
Butlocks in the service to stay in Camp without going
watched, by keeping a Register of their Names, giving
them Tickets, & promising they shall have their pay
& Batta regularly paid. If the Honble Board should
think proper I will attend the Detachment myself
to Soujournam & see them properly paid on the march
to prevent imposition by Soujournam (the constant
cause of desertion) & then deliver them over to the
Commissionary or any Person he may order to re-
ceive them.

I am

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I am
Honble Sir

Vellore
3^d July 1778

with the greatest respect
Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant

J. E. Ogilvie

Payr

N.B. I am happy to inform you
that I have this instant received ten
thousand Pagodas from the Miltia.

Friday 1 o'clock P.M. my Paymaster.

Return of Tents being delivered
in by Captain Manoury Commissary of Stores.

Ordered that he be directed to re-
port what Tents may be drawn from the different Su-
bordinancies of Out Garrisons. In the mean time he must
send as many Tents as will serve for the Troops from
Vellore to Soujeeram, & Colonel Lang to be informed
that the Troops are to march only with such a quanti-
ty of Stores as will be necessary for them to Soujeeram
the rest may be sent after.

Thos. Burrbold
John Mitchell
H. delor M. 11. 11. 11

B. Berrington

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9th

Dispatched the following letters

To Mr. Alexander Davidson

Chief of Council at

Viragapatam

Gentlemen

The President having laid before

us your Chief letter to him concerning the appointment of Lieut. Johnston of Engineers to the Command of Annapillai, We enclose you a Copy of our minute on this subject for your guidance upon any similar occasion in future.

To Viragapatam
with Minutes.
pecting Lieut.
Johnstone

Captain Rawles's Battalion being now ordered into the Masulipatam District the Quarters you propose to have built at Annapillai &c. become unnecessary.

In like manner, as the greater part of the Stores at your Settlement are ordered to be Masulipatam & this place, we conceive it will be unnecessary to erect such a Storehouse as that you propose in your letter of the 20th Ult^o.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
9th July 1770.

Your affectionate friends
Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

To Mr. William Cuming

Chief of Council at

Cuddalore

Sir

24th July 1770. Dismissed several

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To Ludlow

letters together with the Estimates you sent us of Stores
of Provisions necessary for Ludlow.

As we think upon mature con-
sideration, that in the present State of your Fort it
will be prudent to withdraw the Garrison & Eff
in case there should appear a probability of attac-
would not have any further quantity of Stores or Pro-
visions laid in for the present.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
9th July 1770

Your affectionate friend
Thomas Rumbold

Yours

To the Honble. Mr. Bellicombe

Major General of his most Christian
Majesty's Forces Governor & Commandant
General over all the French Settlements in
the East Indies and Mr. Chureau In-
sident and General Commissioner of the

Pondicherry

Gentlemen

To Messrs. Bellicombe
& Chureau in
answer to their
complaint of a
Centinel being
placed on the
French Kings
Territory.

We have now the honor to re-
ply to the letter we received from you dated the 23rd May.

We beg you to be assured that
We shall at all times be disposed to pay the most
sacred regard to the rights & privileges of your Nation
as far as our own knowledge of them extends, or as
they appear to be warranted by just & proper authori-
ty - if our Officers at Nagore have placed a Centinel
upon any part of the Territory belonging to his most

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proceeded from his being ignorant that you had any
Claim to that part, & we confess ourselves, that having
received no intimation from the Rajah of Tanjore or
any of his People to that Effect, we were not aware
that a Claim of this nature would be set up at the
time we instructed our Officer to take possession of
the District.

The readings we have express'd
to manifest every attention to your just privileges,
we flatter ourselves will produce an equal desire
on your part to show the authority on which they
rest, whenever that shall appear to us weak or doubtful.
In the present Case We declare to your Gen.
Hemen, We had not even a suspicion that you
possess'd the smallest right to any part of the Island
of Nagore, & you will allow this ignorance not to
be improbable, when the Rajah of Tanjore knew
nothing of your right, & granted to our Company
the very spot to which you lay claim.

In a state of uncertainty so
well founded, & which we confess is not sufficiently
removed by your mere assertion that the ground on
which our Officer has placed a sentinell, constitutes
a part of the Territory of Narrical, permit us Gen.
Hemen to request the favor of you to inform us
further by what authority you claim this Ground,
& if you have any Land in which it is express'd that
you will be pleas'd to permit Us with a copy of it.
In the mean time we expect to receive particular in-
formation from the Rajah of Tanjore, to whom
we have written on the subject, & when we have all

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the necessary materials before us, we shall be enabled to send you a more explicit answer to the letter we have had the honor to receive from you.

In the latter part of your letter you are pleased to observe, that we have not communicated any thing to you relative to our new acquisition, & in this instance have been deficient in that attention which you think respectively due on the part of the two Nations.

We are obliged to your Gentlemen for putting us in mind of this piece of civility which however we meant not to omit at the proper time, but it is only within these few days that the Grant of the District of Nagore has been completed, of which we have now the honor to inform you, making our observation which naturally occurs to us on the subject, that as your Gentlemen have been so obliging as to acquaint us with what you conceived to be an omission of duty on our part you are no doubt perfectly sensible of the propriety of showing in similar Circumstances a due attention on your part & in that case, we are satisfied you will communicate to us the particulars of any Grant of Territory or privileges that you may have lately obtained on the Malabar Coast concerning which we are at present but very imperfectly informed.

We have the honor to be

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Fort St. George
9th July 1770

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold

At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq
Governor President
John Whitcomb General. Murro
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last consultation read

The President acquaints the

Board that Amier ul Omrah the Nabob's second son
came to him this morning & informed him that he
understood a bill of complaint had been filed against
him in the Mayors Court by one Mr. Allison who
was formerly in the Nabob's service, & whose account
of pay &c. having been rejected by reason that he
had greatly overcharged the Nabob in several articles
he had taken this method of proceeding to recover the
amount of his demand, which appeared the more
extraordinary as it is not from him / Amier ul Om-
rah / but the Nabob from whom he ought to seek
redress if he thought himself aggrieved - that as he
/ Amier ul Omrah / understood the Mayors Court had
issued a Summons in consequence of Mr Allison's
bill, he requested the President would take much
notice of this proceeding as that the Nabob's family
might be protected agreeably to the Orders of the Compa-
ny - Resolved that such Orders as the Company

The Amier ul
desires he may
be protected by
the Company's
Orders against
a bill filed agt
him in the
Mayors Court.

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have at different times sent on this Subject to search
for, & laid before the Board.

Read the following Letter from
Major Stevens.

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

From the Chief
Engineer

I have the honor to acquaint you
that since my absence of the 15th Instant, L. Johnson
has informed me the Chief of Council of Viragapattam
has ordered Captain Rawles to appoint him to the
Command of Andrapittay.

I am with the greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
22nd June 1770

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Wm Stevens

D^o Eng^r

Read the following Letter from
Captain Collet.

To Charles Oakeley Esq^r
Sir

Letter from Capt
Collet who offers
of some provisions
for

You will be pleased to acquaint
the President & Council, that I am sorry it is not in
my Power to spare any of my Salt Provisions from
the Stores on board as I find only a sufficiency for
my Voyage. But if agreeable can be

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Five Barrels of Gunpowder

I am

For
Fort St. George
30th June 1770.

Your most Obedient Servant
Pitt Collet

Ordered that the Gunpowder
mentioned in Captain Collet's Letter be received into the
Company's Stores.

Recd the following Letter from
Negapatam.

Translation

Madraspatnam

x To the Honble Thomas Bumbold Esq^r

President & Governor of
Fort St. George on the Coast
of Chormandel, & Council
for managing the Affairs
of the Royal English East
India Company.

From Negapatam
repenting their
rights of protesting
against our taking
possession of Nagore.

Honble Sirs

We had the honor of receiving
on the 20th of May your Letter dated the 15th of the same
Month in which among other things you mention
the receipt of yours dated the 14th of April of the enclosed
Protest against your taking possession of Nagore.

As you were pleased in the
said Letter to make some objections to our Protest
notwithstanding you did not think proper to answer
our remarks contained in our Letter of the 14th April.

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Although it is easy to guess the reason of it, We have thought it necessary circumstantially to answer, & to refute the propositions you made against the contents of our Protest however repugnant they were to all Equity & common sense, the we may be able at last to convince you of the right We have of protesting against you.

To render our Protest if it were possible groundless you remarked in the first place that whatever assurances We might have received from the Father of the present Rajah, you were of Opinion they could not with the least propriety be applied towards backing our pretensions to Nagore, as the privilege was obtained from that Prince was of 20 Years earlier date than the act of our renouncing Nagore.

In the second place you asserted that in the Treaty concluded between the Saibah of the Carnatic & Us in the year 1773, nothing more appeared than that the South Port Town of Nagore was sold by the present Rajah of Tanjore to Us, & was resold by us to the Nubab of Tanjore after the Conquest of that place by his Troops, & that in consequence of the agreement We had no further pretensions to that Princes Lands; postponing till some further proof of this proposition which was created by the Foundation by another means on the same day the consideration was made on the same day the the Prince the Prince was selling from the Sale of Nagore to the Nubab. We have delivered all those Districts over to the Nubab, by which Cejion you are pleased to infer We have to understand We had no further claim for from the above.

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have desisted from all such Claims, To Persons, Gentle,
more unacquainted with what happened in the King-
dom of Tanjore in the Year 1773, the above arguments
might appear plausible enough, but We trust that
every Person properly informed of the State of affairs
at that period must judge you in the wrong for the
misinterpretation you have been pleased to put upon
the words contained in the Treaty subsisting between
the Nabob & Us.

For it is well known that nobody
Gentlemen can be better informed of the Affair than
yourself relative to his Highness the Nabob's having
laid Claim / after the conquest of Tanjore / for Letters
dated in the Month of September to all the Lords
& Territories that had been lawfully purchased by Us
of the Rajah of Tanjore, containing his Claim with
this far-fetched pretext, "that he could not acknowledge
the sale as lawful because the Rajah had no right
"to sell or dispose of any of his Lands to any Person
"whatever."

It is likewise well known to every
body but particularly to you that we answered him
by Letter dated the 16th of October that we thought
the Rajah as formerly Lord, & Master of his own
Territories had full right & power / without any persons
interposing / to sell & dispose of all such Lands & Places
as he thought proper, & that therefore the sale was
purchase as lawful, the money being paid, & the
Contract of Sale received by us confirmed with the
Rajah's seal & that we therefore could not part with

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Although it is easy to guess the reason of it / We have thought it necessary circumstantially to answer, & to refute the propositions you made against the contents of our Protest however repugnant they were to all Equity & common sense, the we may be able at last to convince you of the right We have of protesting against you.

To render our Protest if it were possible groundless you remarked in the first place that whatever assurances We might have received from the Father of the present Rajah, you were of Opinion they could not with the least propriety be applied to us. backing our pretensions to Nagore, as the privilege We obtained from that Prince was of 20 Years earlier date than the act of our renouncing Nagore.

In the second place you observed that in the Treaty concluded between the Saubah of the Carnatic & Us in the year 1773, nothing more appeared than that the Sea Port Town of Nagore was sold by the present Rajah of Tanjore to us, & resold by us to the Nubet of Tanjore after the Conquest of that place by his Troops, & that in consequence of the agreement We had no further pretensions to that Princes Lands; postponing till some further proof of this proposition which was declared by us with foundation by another made on the same day the concluded Treaty was signed, that having received from the Prince the sums arising from the Sale of Nagore & other Lands We had delivered all those Districts over to the Prince, by which again you are pleased to infer that We gave to understand We had no further claim for from the aforesaid Lands.

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dom of Tanjore in the Year 1773, the above arguments
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Gentlemen can be better informed of the Affair than
yourself relative to his Highness the Nabob's having
laid Claim / after the conquest of Tanjore / for Letter
dated in the Month of September to all the Lords
& Territories that had been lawfully purchased by Us
of the Rajah of Tanjore, colouring his Claim with
this far-fetched pretext, "that he could not acknowledge
the sale as lawful because the Rajah had no right
to sell or dispose of any of his Lands to any Person
"whatever."

It is likewise well known to every
body but particularly to you that we answered him
by Letter dated the 16th of October that we thought
the Rajah as formerly Lord, & Master of his own
Territories had full right & power / without any persons
interposing / to sell & dispose of all such Lands & Places
as he thought proper, & that therefore We held our
purchase as lawful, the Money being paid, & the
Contract of Sale received by us confirmed with the
Rajah's seal & that we therefore could not part with
the same without his consent & agreement.

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That then instead of acknowledging
this our Lawfull right, his Highness supported a pro-
testation against this our just, universal & the most
sacred right that there is in the human Society namely
"the right of Lawful Possessions" in a letter of the 21st October
conceiv'd in very menacing terms "That if we did not
"deliver voluntarily to him these Lands he had ordered
"his Son to take them by force" & without waiting for
our answer the young Nabob Madras & Molk marched
"with the Troops he had in readiness into the province
of Kivatoor, which had been purchased by us, & so
"where assisted by the East India Company's Forces un-
der the Command of General Smith he march'd to
Kagore where he (though we solemnly protested
against this sudden eviption in a letter to his
Highness, & in another to General Smith) immedi-
ately ordered our Colours to be struck; & in this man-
ner assisted by the English Company's Forces the
young Nabob took possession of that which he
knew according to all right belong'd to us.

From these accounts Gentlemen
which are grounded on truth, it clearly appears that
your too far fetch'd objections / as if we had
"voluntarily & un-compell'd sold all those Lands & Places
to the Nabob & thus had given up all pretensions
are too weak to demonstrate, when the Decision is
left to reason, & we are surpris'd that you could
thus use such a mistaken argument.

An Argument, which rather
strengthens our cause, than weakens it, as you think.

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proofs that these Lands were forced from Us by the Violence, of your Troops under the Command of General Smith, & several other Officers.

And We repeat it again with great energy that We never sold those Lands. But We thought it best to avoid all further disputes with the Natives to renounce them again, on such conditions as are comprehended in the treaty with the Natives, & we are rather induced to do so because he offered to refund the money We had paid to the Rajah of Tanjore.

This cannot be called a free renunciation, since these Lands are forced from Us in a manner never in hand.

It is true that by this conception We have no further right to the aforesaid Lands relative to lawfull Possession. But it is no less true that We immediately after signing the Treaty, receded in our old right on those Lands, according to the Privileges granted Us by the Father of the present Rajah of Tanjore which can never be supposed to have lost its vigor or to have been annihilated by the purchase of the aforesaid Lands of the present Rajah of Tanjore, as you suppose; though We are ignorant upon what grounds; as if by that purchase the main point of that Prerogative was accomplished.

Should that purchase not be allowed, however lawfull it is, or should the higher Power take it in that light, We have even in that case lost nothing for the Natives, as Conquerors of Tanjore, was obliged to protect, & to assure every Person in their Privileges & consequently your Company

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from whence it follows that We were always able
easily to reclaim the Privileges granted Us by the
Father of the present Rajah of Tanjore in the year
1753.

By these Demonstrations,
Gentlemen, We imagine fully to have proved the valid-
ity of our Pretensions above those of all other Na-
tions to Nagore, according to the Privileges from
the present Rajah's of Tanjore's Father, as likewise
the contrariety of your Surmises.

We shall now make a Digression
in order to convince You that besides all this, We have
a right to demand the continuance of what was
contracted for with the Natch by a Treaty in the
Year 1773. which you have also endeavored to an-
nihilate.

By observing in the third Place
the words which occurred in the aforesaid Treaty
namely "that his Highness's own flag should always
"be set up at the Sea Port Towns of Nagore and
"Tanjore, which could only import in their true &
"natural constructions that We had purchased the
"above mentioned Places of the Tanjore Government
"if in consequence had hoisted the Dutch Colours there.
"It was a very necessary Article in the agreement with
"the Natch to stipulate that when he purchased
"again those Canoes of Us, his own Flag instead of
"ours should be hoisted there; as the before mentioned
"words were left without any further explanation
"in the express Treaty, they could mean no more than
"that We had conveyed over our right to the Natch

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"so that this Article instead of answering the purpose
We quoted it for, on the contrary served strenuously
to exclude the Claimers We were first now pleased
to advance.

Surprised at the wrong explana-
tion you have been pleased to put upon an Article
in the Treaty between Us & the Natives, the right
of explaining those words belonging to nobody
but to the Natives of Us, We will now give you
their true sense, & consequently We assure that the
Natives stipulated the abovementioned
Article in the Treaty to prevent those Lands from
ever being ceded to any other Nation, & particularly
to any European one, so that those words denote
according to the real signification & meaning of
the Treaty, that the Natives never should be able
to sell nor part with those Sea Ports to any other
Nation, but that he should always keep possession
of the same, & this We have expressly mentioned,
by the particular desire of the young Natives, who
would give nobody any reason of offence, in the
Treaty, in these words. That his Highness's own
Flag should always be hoisted in the Sea Port Towns
of Nagore & Topstorie.

That this is the true sense
& meaning of the beforementioned Article, We firmly
believe, that not only the Natives but every other
unpartial Person must own after a moment's
consideration, that no difference of Flags was
thought of in the above Article it would have
been needless to have made any mention of it in

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the Treaty, for as soon as He had ceded the above mentioned Fort Towns to the Native, although His Concessions were not obtained by the Native with that Title it ought to have been that Prince naturally had liberty to raise his own Flag without any Persons Leave.

And now we imagine Gentle men fully to have refuted the misinterpretation you were pleased to put upon the aforesaid Article of the Treaty.

At least we trust that the objections you made in your abovementioned Letter of the 15th of last Month against our privileges would not be able to stand a fair trial, if judged with Candour & generosity by any Nation on Earth.

And consequently We cannot but the most deeply interested in the Affair consider your objections as equitable, but on the contrary of no value, & incapable of rendering dubious our just Claims upon Nagore.

To that We still allude therein by the contents of our Protest & expressly declare that We consider the grounds on which it is founded as very valid & forcible as likewise the privileges granted our Company by the present Rajah of Tanjore's Father, and his Highness the Native Mahomud Ally Cawn relative to the Fort Town of Nagore, not appearing to have lost the least part of our Claims to the abovementioned Place.

And though We think We

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have fully refuted and answered your letter dated the 15th May, nevertheless We lay leave before We finish to make a single remark towards the further defence of our lawful right.

You have endeavored to weaken the foundations of our Demand founded on the privilege obtained of the Rajah of Tanjore you have likewise thought proper to remark that those Grounds were too weak to be maintained, & We did not appear to lay much stress upon it, as We so suddenly shifted to our second prerogative, a fine interference Gentlemen indeed, from the brevity, or the contents of our writing; this We own to be quite new to Us, & We trust cannot be construed to our prejudice, as the sole reason which made Us not produce an our Protest of the privileges granted by the present Rajah of Tanjore's Father to our Company consists simply in the trust we place in the lawfulness of our right founded on the contents of that privilege, of which We always shall consider as much. We pass over in silence remarks of less importance, which could be urg'd. finishing this letter with assuring you that We shall always endeavor to avoid all proceedings which might destroy the friendship, & good intelligence, that the harmony which now subsists between the two Nations, may instead of diminishing grow more & more and continue for ever & ever

We

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sirs

Your most humble and

Obedient Servants

R. V. Vlijsingen

P. J. Pormicus

J. C. J. Haselmann

H. Koning

L. Hessel

W. Purmerelt

J. D. Simons

J. W. Wengh

M. Stofferburg.

Recd the following Letters

from Mr. Petrie and L. Colonel Fitch Gerald

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold

President of Governor's Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

I have been honored with your

Letter of the 27th Ult. & beg leave to return my

warmest acknowledgements for the honor you

have done me, in appointing me Resident at Nagore

The approbation you have been pleased to bestow

upon my conduct, most honorably rewards my

endeavours to merit your favor, & must upon every

future occasion call forth my utmost exertions, to

a faithful & zealous discharge of my duty.

In obedience to your commands

I am Sir, your Obedient Servant
Quince of the Rajah, & Friend

From Mr. Petrie
returning his
thanks for the
nomination of
Resident at Nagore

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him as I suspected much. went upon the intended tour into his Country; preparations had been made in all the Districts thro' which he was to pass, and part of his Luggage had sett off the day before I had the honor to receive your Orders. However by repeatedly representing to him the absolute expediency of postponing his Journey for some time, & by attempting to convince him that your request proceeded only from friendship to him & attention to the security of his Country, I prevailed upon him to consent to lay aside his intention, untill I could receive further instructions from the Honble Board. He desired me to say, that he was perfectly satisfied with the propriety of your advice, & that it would be very imprudent, at this juncture, to be absent for any time from his Capital, but that he still wished to go a day's journey, or two at most merely to shew himself to his People, & only with such an escort as you should think proper to order for him. As the present purpose was answered by this delay, I thought it unnecessary to press the subject further, & accordingly proceeded to represent the expediency of calling in a considerable part of the Sepoys, who are now dispersed upon the Country duty. He immediately consented to the recall of the five hundred which were lately detached from this Garrison & as many more, he at least said, as could be spared from the actual collection of the Revenues. This has been signified to Colonel Fitzgerald, who will consequently issue the necessary Orders immediately. I observed with due attention

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Your directions, to avoid such a Communication
of the purport of your late edicts, as might create
unnecessary alarms in the mind of the Rajah but
your Honor you will be pleased to observe, that in or-
der to dissuade the Rajah from setting out immediately
it became necessary, to inform him of the proba-
bility of an approaching rupture with France,
but very far from being alarmed, he received these ac-
counts without emotion, & declared his resolution
to risk his life in the service of the Company,
whenever such a step should become requisite.

I have the honor to be with
much respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tanjore
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Your most Obedient and
most faithful & able Servant
Wm Petrie

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

I have had the honor to re-
ceive your Commands of the 27th Ult^o, which shall
be strictly adher'd to.

From Fort St. George
The Rajah consents
to lay aside his in-
tended journey re-
presenting the
want of Magazines
at Tanjore. The
Rajah desires he
may have an

The Rajah has consented to lay
aside his intended Journey into the Country, but
he still requests the same number of Troops to
escort him as far as Combaconum & Trivulore for
about eight days; he has agreed to the recall of the five
Companies of Sepoys which were granted him the

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Except to accom-
pany him to
Combaromun.

month of April last, besides all those which are not
absolutely necessary for the immediate collection of
the Revenues; He has also promised to give me a
return of all the provisions & Stores belonging to him
in this Garrison.

I beg leave to represent to the
Honble Board, that except small expence Magazines
there is not one in the Small Fort, all the large Mag-
azines being in the great Fort; Major Stevens can
give your honor ^{you} full information upon this sub-
ject.

Herewith I have the honor
to transmit the returns containing the State and
Number of Cannon & Stores in Tanjore, & I have
also taken the liberty to enclose a Duplicate of the
Indent of Stores sent from hence in the Month of
May last, which has not yet been complied with.

I must beg leave to observe
to the Honble Board that there was a Master and
from Madras, to take the directions of the Guns
without Carriages, in August last, who returned
with it, & is now at Fort St. George.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your obedient and
most humble Servant

J^s Fitz Gerald

Tanjore
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Agreed that the President do
inform the Rajah of Tanjore, that the Board have
not any objection to his going to Combaromun and
Tiravalore for a few days, & that they will order

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Colonel Fitzgerald to prepare a proper Escort to accompany him.

Ordered that a letter be sent to Colonel Fitzgerald in consequence of that he has desired to prepare an Escort for the Rajah, having at the same time a proper regard to the strength of his Garrison.

The Indent for Stores mentioned in Colonel Fitzgerald's letter must be referred to the Committee of Stores.

Read the following letter from Lieut. Vigers at Conjeeraram, enclosing the proceedings of a General Court Martial.

To Charles Oakeley Esq^r

Sr. Advocate General.

Sir

From Lieut. Vigers

Herewith you will receive the General Sepoy Court Martial which sat on Tuesday 1st July 1770, at Conjeeraram, Rajah's Serindar and Changanasur.

and am

Sir

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

Mr. Vigers

Conjeeraram
4th July 1770

As the Proceedings of the Court Martial transmitted by Lieut. Vigers appear to be irregular. Resolved that another Warrant be granted if the Prisoners tried again for the offences they are charged with.

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Resolved that no sentence of a General Court Martial, held by virtue of a warrant from the President & Council be put in Execution, untill the Proceedings have been transmitted to the Board, & their Order obtained for it, except when the Commander in Chief himself be in the Field, or when upon actual service necessity may require an immediate example.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of the Native Disbursements.

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

From the Superintendent to the President drawing Lewis ablye Synagat's Drafts to discharge the remainder of a bill

The difficulty that I apprehended I might be under in explaining to your Honor in Person the business that will be the subject of this address, in so clear a point of view as might leave your Honor fully informed of all the circumstances thereof, hath induced me to adopt in preference the Channel of a Letter. Comaroa Dubash drew a Bill of Exchange here the 29th March last on his agent Synagiat Naick at Trichinopoly, in favor of Mr. Davis the Paymaster there, for the sum of two thousand Star Pagodas payable at five days sight, being intended as a remittance for the Disbursements on account of the Native at that Garrison, which he delivered to Naick the head Conicopoy in the Superintendants Office, and the

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amount thereof was immediately charge in the Super-
intendants Cash Book. The bill was sent by me to
Mr. Norris the 30th March & was accepted by Syngwich
the 4th April. Upon the Death of Maachiah the
15th of April Comarac sent to acquaint me that he had
only received from Maachiah the sum of one thousand
Pagas on account of that Bill & therefore desire that
I would send him the other thousand that was due
upon it, but as I did not conceive that he had any
Claim whatsoever upon me for any balance that
might remain due on that bill, but on Maachiah only,
since it was at his own risk if he parted with his
bill to Maachiah without having received from him
the full value of it, I did not think myself authorized
to satisfy his Demand. Comarac thereupon recom-
mends to Syngwich Maach to stop one thousand Pagas
from the Payment of the bill & although the bill
must have been due a considerable time before Comar-
ac's Orders could have arrived at Trichinopoly, yet no
part of it had at that time been paid, nor did I re-
ceive any advice whatsoever from Mr. Norris respec-
ting that bill till he wrote me on the subject the
23rd of May. One thousand Pagas was paid the
27th of April on account of the bill which Mr. Norris
has returned me protested for the thousand Pagas
that still remains due upon it. As Syngwich Maach
has by his acceptance of the bill bound himself by
the Laws of England & by the Custom of Merchants
in all Nations to pay the amount of it, but as he is
without the Jurisdiction of the Mayors Court here &
has no property to my knowledge within it, I have

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the Liberty to request that your Honor will be pleased to
write to the Commandant at Trichinopoly, or to take
such other measures as may appear to you most ef-
fectual to oblige Syngueat Naick or Comaroo who
I understand is at present at Tanjore, to pay the sum of
one thousand Pagodas that remains due on the bill.

I am with respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

George Proctor

Fort St George
2^d July 1770

Agreed that Colonel Flint be de-
sired to call upon Syngueat Naick at Trichinopoly,
to require him to discharge what remains due of the
bill mentioned in the Superintendants Letter.

Read the following Letter from

Bombay.

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

Gentlemen

We now dispatch the Drake Shoon
with a Duplicate of our Dispatches of the 12th Instant
to request to Sir Edward Vernon to bring round the
Squadron to Bombay where there Presence may be of
service in case of an attack from the French as this
is the only port of India on which an impression may
be made or where the Squadron can be of any ma-
terial use. We also think it might be exposed to dan-
ger from a superior Fleet by remaining on your

From Bombay
repeating their
desire that Sir
Edward Vernon might
go round with the
Squadron

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Expecting Sir Edward Vernon will come to Madras by the middle of July he may in reason expect to be here in all August before any Enemy could make their appearance.

We have been favoured with your letter of the 29th April, & beg your care of the enclosed Packet for the Governor General & Council.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants

Will^m Hornby
J^r. Carnac
D. Draper
H. Moore
V. Stackhouse
W. Ashburner
A. Ramsay

Bombay Castle
10th June 1778

Ordered that the Gentlemen at Bombay be informed, that in consequence of their application, Sir Edward Vernon has directed a letter to us & that Copies of Sir Edward Vernon's letter, as well as of our answer be transmitted to them.

Read the following letter from

Mr Swarth.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President & Governor of Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

Some time ago when the

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From Mr.
Wants desiring
the Board's inter-
position in favor
of Col. Woods
Widow respect-
ing Money
owed her by
the Rajah of
Tanjore

The Board published an Order that every one who
had Money concerns with any Country Powers should
send in a faithfull account of the matter. In obedience
to that Order, as Executor to Colonel Woods Estate, thought
it incumbent on me to lay before the Honble Board
a clear & full account of the sum of Money the King
of Tanjore owed Colonel Wood - The substance of which
is as followeth.

Above 15 Years ago when Colonel
Wood commanded a Detachment of the Honble Com-
pany's Troops against Hyder, some Tanjorian Horse
sent by the King of Tanjore to the assistance of the
Honble Company's Troops joined Colonel Woods De-
tachment, being daily surrounded by Hyder's Forces,
the Communication with Tanjore became very dif-
ficult, so that they could get neither Pay nor any
other assistance from thence. In these distressed circum-
stances the King of Tanjore wrote to Colonel Wood &
begged to advance a sufficient sum of Money to his
Troops, then being in pressing want, promising to
repay him his Money with high Interest. Colonel
Wood advanced at three different times 14,500 Pagodas
received a Note of hand from the Tanjorian General.

As soon as the war with Hyder
was finished Colonel Wood personally addressed the
Rajah of Tanjore begging to pay him the Money
advanced for the support of his Troops, adding at
the same time that he desired no more than lawful
Interest; that is 10 p Cent. The Rajah thanked the Colonel
for the reasonable assistance given to his Troops, &
promised to pay off the Capital & Interest in two

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Months.

The Colonel proceeded to Madras repeated his application to the Rajah but without a desired Effect. Some years after the Fort of Tanjore & the whole Country fell into the hands of the Nabal. Soon after that Revolution Colonel Wood died. His Highness the Nabal was informed of the Debt the Rajah owed to Colonel Wood's Estate, & intreated to pay off the Debt. He promised to do so & appointed a time for it. but before the expiration of that time the King of Tanjore was reinstated.

Considering the impropriety of troubling the Nabal any longer on that account, the Executors attested the Rajah, begging to fulfill his Promise by a speedy discharge of the Debt he owed to Colonel Wood's Estate. He desired us to wait a little with patience till he could search & arrange his Papers. But when he was given to understand that the Notes of hand were in our hands, that the General who received the Money was upon the spot, that the Transactors of that business were still alive. He then told us, that he was not convinced of the propriety of our demand or his obligation to pay off that Debt, being contracted for the support of his Troops who were then acting for the benefit of the Nabal. That he had sustained heavy losses by the double siege. That he had many Claims on the Nabal for the money he had lent him. That Colonel Wood had lent the money to him the Rajah & not the Nabal. That he engaged his word to pay the Colonel in two months time. That private Property was sacred

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That a Widow & Orphans were the heirs of ^{an}. He re-
peated his above mentioned Applications & desired Us to
apply to Superior Judges.

Private Representations and
Arguments being found ineffectual thereby implore
the kind interposition of the Honble Board in favour
of Colonel Wood's Widow & Orphans, that by these
means they may get their private Property restored.

Remain respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient and

Humble Servant

C. F. Swarth

Madras
July 2^d 1770.

Read the following Letter from

Colonel Flint, enclosing a Certificate from two Surgeons
of his bad state of health, & requesting leave of ab-
sence to go home.

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief.
Sir

From Colonel
Flint, requesting
leave of absence
to England on
acct of his bad
health.

I beg leave to address you in conse-
quence of the bad state of health I have lately laboured
under; for which for these several years past I have
been attacked with during the hot seasons, my con-
stitution is thereby so much relaxed & enervated that it
is the Opinion of the Surgeons at Trichinopoly I
shall not be able to undergo another trial without
eminent risque of my life, they have therefore ad-
vised my Proceeding to Europe as the only means
left for the Establishment of my health & recovery.

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in consequence given me the accompanying Certificate
My length of Service encourages
me to hope for the Honble Boards indulgence for leave
of absence to proceed to Europe in January & flatter
myself it will also meet with your Sanction. I have
the honor to be with the greatest respect.

Sir

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July 1770.

Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
Wm Flint

This is to certify that Colonel
Flint having for many Months past been attacked
with various Complaints, & his habit in general
being greatly relaxed & enervated, it is our Opinion he
ought to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health.

Wm Duffin

Trichinopoly
June 10th 1770

Surgeon
Rich^d Wilson

Granted

relative

Minute thereon

Surgeon
The Board are satisfied of the
necessity there is of Colonel Flint going to England, &
it is agreed that he be permitted accordingly, but as by
the Company's Orders relate to persons in his situation
there will be a vacancy occasioned, which cannot be
filled up, & as from the near prospect of Service there
will be a great want of Field Officers, the Secretary
is directed to desire that Colonel Flint will inform
the Board whether it be his intention to return to
this Establishment, that they may proceed either to
fill up the vacancy or keep it open untill his
return.

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Recd the following Letter, from
Masulipatam.

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

From Masu-
lipatam with
several Letters
relative to the
opening of the
Munice Gates

We have been favored with
your Commandes under date the 1st June from the Mi-
litary Department of our Leg Leave to reply thereto. We
conceivd we had in Eff^t put the same Questions to Captⁿ
Mitchell as are pointed out by your Honor &c^o in the
Letter to which We are now replying tho' not in so par-
ticular a manner, & if We neglected to call on him
for a further explanation than what was contained
in his Letter which We had the honor of transmitting
you it was because we were well assured that it could
not by being more circumstantial prove in the most
best Degree more satisfactory. Nevertheless We have
thought it incumbent on Us to write Captⁿ Mitchell
again on the Subject of the Ditch putting the Questions
you were pleas'd to suggest exactly in the manner
stated by your Honor &c^o & requiring his answer
to each & We herewith transmit you Copies of both.
We think it will be sufficient to remark in general
on Captⁿ Mitchell's answers to the several Questions
that it appears to Us the Ditch if it had been proper-
ly attended to, would not have requir'd either an an-
nual or even a present cleansing.

Captⁿ Mitchell has address'd
Us a Letter a copy of which we have the honor to

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transmits you reporting himself from Illness & infirmities
and incapable of the Duties of his Station & wishing to
be permitted to go to Viragapatam. We have reason to
believe this representation of his ill Health & infirmities
to be true in every respect, & seeing no Prospect
from the inveteracy & increasing violence of his dis-
orders that he can ever become effective again, We can
not but take the liberty of suggesting to your Consider-
ation whether it will not be for the good of the
Service that he be invalided. We must further take
leave to observe on the above address of Capt. Mitchell
that altho' he appears to wish to get removed to Viraga-
patam, we do not choose by an improper recommenda-
tion to take on ourselves a responsibility for what may
ensue should he ever hereafter be put into employment
again, & therefore think it incumbent on Us to mark
our disinclination in any Shape to second this appli-
cation considering him on account of his ill state
of health as totally incapable of any place of trust
at present, & very unlikely to be freed from this inca-
pacity at any time hereafter. Captain Mitchell's re-
presentation being of a nature which sufficiently
points out the necessity of the choice of some other
Officer of the Corps of Engineers to fill the impor-
tant Post which he has thus in a manner vac-
ated, we have no doubt but that nomination of
some proper Person for that purpose will engage
the early attention of your Honor & in the mean
time we have judged it proper to request Captain
Lt. Koller of the Artillery & our Inspector of Stores to
charge himself with all the duties of the Engineer

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of this Garrison

The Committee of Stores have represented to Us that the quantity of Powder now in the Garrison does not exceed 2300 Barrels altho according to the regulations established by your Honor 5000 Barrels of Powder are ordered to be kept up for the use of this Garrison alone whereby it appears we are deficient in the quantity laid down 1700 Barrels it is further to be considered that when ever by any service going forward in the Service of this Dependency there are demands for this Article such Demands can be supplied only from hence, Your Committee of Stores are of Opinion, that a quantity not less than 1000 Barrels is requisite for this purpose, a great deal then to this Calculation the deficiency of this Article of Stores amounts to 2700 Barrels; & Altho we are aware that the full regulated quantity of Powder has never been completed at this Garrison notwithstanding the regulations concerning it, we conceive it particularly our Duty in the present juncture to point out this Deficiency to your Observation, We have further on this Subject to remark to you that the size of the Powder Magazine in this Garrison will not admit of its containing more than 2000 Barrels - the surplus of that quantity is necessarily lodged in Bombproofs destined in case of an attack to other Purposes. We think therefore considering the importance of this Article of Military Stores & the manifest necessity of laying it securely that you will approve our suggesting to your consideration whether it will not be proper to build an additional

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We had the foregoing Subjects under dispatch when we had the honor to receive your Command of the 26th. We can only reply to them for the present that the Contents shall be duly observed & that they shall be acknowledged as speedily as possible.

We are with respect,

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Anth^y Sadleir
Jas Hedges
Tho^s Barnard

Nasutipalam
1st July 1778.

To Anth^y Sadleir Esq^r
Chief of Council of

Nasutipalam

Gentlemen

I have received a letter addressed to me by your Secretary putting some Questions which have appeared necessary upon the subject of taking up the Slave Gates, I am extremely concerned that the matter has been so insufficiently explained as to have brought upon me the disapprobation of the Governor & Council, or that I should be the cause of giving you Gentlemen any further trouble.

I now proceed to reply.

To the 1st Question. That when I mentioned Mr Whitehill's name, I meant that I had taken up the Slave Gates by the direct Order of the Chief, & as I could not then nor can I now ascertain the exact time when

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these Gates were taken up, I conceived it to be about the
close of Mr Whitehill's Chiefship.

To the second Question — I took up the sluice Gates by
order of the then Chief, but the Order was given upon
my own representation that they were in very bad condi-
tion. To this representation I was induced by a desire to
have them repaired, which upon examination appeared
impossible.

To the 3^d & 4th Question — To the best of my recollection I
do verbally mention, & have frequently spoke of the neces-
sity of having new Sluice Gates put down, but not being
aware at that time of the ditch filling in the manner
it has done since, & it having been the practice for a length
of time for Brick Boats & Boats with other Materials for
the use of the works to enter the Ditch, for to convey
these Materials to the different Parts of the Fortifications,
tho' that passage, & the trade of the Port, having been
carried on, most of the Goods imported & exported, par-
ticular Grain being lodged in the Bunn before the
Sea Gate, was the cause that I did not make a publick
representation in writing either to the Chief Council or
the Committee of Works.

Tho' it is certain that the filling
of the Ditch has been principally owing to the want
of Sluice Gates, yet there is another cause that I should
have represented at the same time which is, That the
high winds that blow here some Months of the Year
carry a very great Quantity of earth from the Cylinders
(if it may be so termed) round the Fort into the Ditch,
& this inconvenience is irremediable, The great expense
of cleansing the Ditch at any time arises by the

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bauling of the water from it so that whether it is done annually or at any particular period the charge will be nearly the same to the Company.

It will appear from my first answer that I was rather premature in fixing the order for taking up the Sluice Gates particularly upon Mr. Whitcomb & on confession I have been so.

And if the 2^d & 3^d answers are not thought ample enough for my justification I hope they will at least appear sufficient for excusing me, & I must entreat of you Gentlemen, to urge in my behalf to the Honble Board such Analogy as you may have of the Circumstances, I have therein set forth.

I am very respectfully,
Gentlemen

Nasulipatam

29th June 1770

Your most Obedient

humble servant

signed/ Alex^r. Mitchell

Lt. D^r Engineer,

A true Copy J. Barnard Junr.

To Captain Alexander Mitchell
of Engineers.

Nasulipatam

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you, that the Honble the President & Council have been pleased to express themselves very much dissatisfied with the manner in which you account for the Sluice Gates having been taken up, in your Letter to the Chief and

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Council dated The Chief Council therefore judge it necessary to call upon you further to inform them. First, at what time was it, that you received the direct Order of Mr. Whitehill when Chief of this Settlement, for taking up the sluice Gates.

Secondly — Whether in written or verbal representation in previous to the Order, made by you to the Chief or Chief Council touching the necessity of taking up the Sluice Gates.

Thirdly — Why did not you at the time, or afterwards publicly represent the impropriety of the Order, if you saw any, as was your duty to have done.

Fourthly — Why were not the sluice Gates, which now appear to be necessary replaced, at least after Mr. Whitehill, who you say ordered them to be taken up, quitted the Chiefship.

That from being more acquainted with these Particulars they may be the better qualified to ascertain, whether any, or 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 expense.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

(signed) Alex^r Pringle
Jr.

(To

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To Anthony Sadleir Esq^r
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam
Gentlemen

It is with infinite concern that I find myself at last compelled to make a representation to you of my ill state of health. For these last two or three years I have been at different times confined to my bed, & at every Season when the Rains set in I am attacked with a Distemper (not uncommon in this place) termed the Barbers, which deprives me of the use of my limbs & of course renders me incapable of attending to the Duties of my Station for some Months in the Year. At present I labor under a Complaint of this kind & tho' not very severe upon me, yet I daily fear its increase at this particular period. The Doctors here have repeatedly recommended to me a change of air, & I am now led to believe that it is the only thing I have left for a chance of perfectly recovering, & as the Services of this Settlement in my particular Line are multiplying & that I find myself from the aforementioned Circumstances unequal to the Task, I request Gentl. men that you will be pleased to prefer my application to the Honble the President & Council, that I may be removed from hence to Masulipatam.

It will appear evident to every Man of feeling that it must have cost me much anxiety to send you this address, & that nothing but the pain of a long illness & the hope of a recovery by a change of air could induce me to leave this Station to go to Masulipatam where little or nothing

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is to be done in the way of my profession & I may
further add my apprehension that the Governor and
Council would think it highly improper conside-
ring the precariousness of the times & the importance
of this place to keep it without an Engineer so that
I had little hopes to obtain, & less reason to apply to
go thither upon leave when my complaint is of
such a nature as I cannot expect to recover from
it but in a length of time.

I am very respectfully
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble servant

Alex^r Mitchell

J^r Dr Eng^r

Nasulipatam

26th June 1770

(signed)

True Copy

J^r Barnard Secy

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our address under date the

1st Instant to your Honor & c^{rs} in your Military De-
partment we acknowledg'd the receipt of your Commands
of the 26th June intending to reply to them more fully
as soon as we were able to communicate what We
might judge material relative to the subject of them.
We now therefore proceed to acquaint your Honor
& c^{rs} that as early after the receipt of the above Dis-
patch of the 26th June as was possible our Chiefs command
a meeting of the following Officers, viz^t the Commanding

From Manuscript
steps taken
towards keeping
the Garrison in
a proper state
of Defence

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Officer of the Troops the Commanding Officer of Artillery, & the Officer acting as Engineer, & after intimating to them the expediency at all times of keeping the Garrison in such a state of defence as might prevent a surprise, by having a proper force of Artillery mounted, by removing all obstructions in the way of the Defences, & taking care for the Establishment of proper Guards in the fullest extent, the number of the Garrison would admit, he acquainted them that he had a particular reason at this juncture for calling up their attention to these objects of their Duty, & requested they would not neglect to communicate to him as often as such occurred, any, & all circumstances in the forwarding of which he could in any shape cooperate with them for the good of the Service. The above Officers accordingly in their respective Departments, & We in all matters of our trust are busily employed in providing against the Danger you have commanded us to guard against.

With respect to the Provisions in store of which you desire to have a report, & to be informed what further quantity we judge will be necessary, we have to acquaint your Honor that there are no other provisions than of Arrack 49 Leaguers. The Grain usually kept in store has been very lately sold off as has been customarily done after it became of a certain age. We are at a loss to furnish your Honor with the further information you desire on this Subject, & We beg leave to state to you the causes of the Difficulty we find therein. In the first place We are uncertain in what number of Troops you mean to continue in Garrison at this place, all the effective

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Europeans we are told to consider as a Detachment only here on their way, to the place of their Destination, in the next place we have to observe to your honor ^{you} that exclusive of the Troops there are not less than 20,000 Persons Inhabitants within the Fort. We may not be quite exact, but the Number cannot be much less: By far the greater part of them without property of any kind, & their huts in most parts of the Fort filling up the Neighbourhood of the Defences in such a manner as must exceedingly distress any service carrying on upon these Defences. We wish therefore to have the Opinion of your honor ^{you} whether in case we have at anytime hereafter reason to apprehend an immediate attack it would not be advisable to compel all such Persons as have no property at stake and whose habitations are situated as above described to quit the Fort, but at the same time that We offer this subject to the consideration of your honor ^{you}. We hope it will be understood that We mean the measure we recommend should be carried into execution with all the lenity & charitable attention to the Persons concerned which can possibly be observed upon such occasions; As soon as we are honored with your answers to the above Doubts we shall be able to acquaint your honor ^{you} with the quantity of Provisions that may be necessary to lay in for the Defence of the Place in the mean time we shall not neglect to collect together all that We are able of such Provisions as are most essential for the Subsistence of a Garrison.

The Number of Troops at present

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in Garrison appearing to the insufficient Forts Defence
in case, We should be suddenly attacked, The Chief was
requested to summon a meeting of Officers to consider
that point; a Copy of this proceeding signed by the Gentle-
men who attended, accompanies this letter, & we have
resolved in consequence thereof to require Captain
Bridges & five Companies of his Battalion now sta-
tioned at Pondicherry to proceed further to reinforce this
Garrison.

We are with respect

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble servants,

Wm. Sadler
Sa. Hedges
Tho. Bernard

Nasulipatam
2^d July 1770

The Chief has thought proper
in order that the intention of the Honble the Presi-
dent & Council, might be better accomplished, &
the best Counsel adopted, that if to be had in our
present situation, to assemble this day the follow-
ing Officers viz. Captains Johnstone, Collins, and
Kedley of the Artillery, & having read to them a
Minute of Consultation, the substance of which
is contained towards the beginning of the accompa-
nying letter; & stated to them the purpose for which
he had called them together, viz. that by taking
into their consideration the state of the Garrison
with respect to Numbers, the Order of Discipline of
the Troops, the extent of the Fortifications, & the num-
ber of Guards & Centinels necessary for the purpose

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of keeping up a communication round them, they might be able to give their opinion thereon; after weighing the above matter, with all due attention, they replied to the Chief in answer to his Question, whether they would take on themselves to pronounce the safety of the settlement in case to be free of danger from surprise, from a National Enemy, supposing such Enemy to be the French.

Captain Rodler of Opinion that Danger, even loss of the Garrison in its present weak state as to numbers might ensue from a sudden surprise.

Captain Collins of the same opinion

Captain Johnston of the same opinion

And they unanimously recommend an immediate augmentation of Artillery & Infantry, if they can be had without manifest inconvenience to the Service.

Manulipatam
2 July 1770.

Signed

Sas Johnston

E. Collins

George Rodler

Resolved that Captain Mitchell be appointed to the Invalid Corps, & that another Engineer be sent to Manulipatam in his room.

The Board are of opinion that the Quantity of Gun Powder which is in Store at Manulipatam is insufficient for the present, however as soon as they are able to supply them from the Presidency, a further quantity shall be sent.

With regard to the provisions necessary to be laid in at Manulipatam, this is resolved that a stock not more than sufficient for 5000 Men for two Months be provided agreeably to an Estimate

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which must be forwarded to the Gentlemen there. With respect to the proposal of the Chief of Council of obliging certain of the black Inhabitants to quit the Fort in case there should be reason to apprehend an immediate attack, the Board think it unnecessary to give any further Directions at this time, than that nothing should be attempted at present, which might create any alarm amongst the Inhabitants, & that all the Natives, whether of Property or not, must be allowed every Security, which the Chief of Council can give them.

Agreed that the Gentlemen of Masulipatam be desired not to make any addition to these Fortifications without the positive Orders of the Board.

Read the following Letter from Cuddalore.

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

From Cuddalore
advising that
part of the 1st
Battalion will proceed
immediately to
Cingora

We have received your honor
your Letter of the 29th June & shall observe the Directions
contained therein regarding the Regt that carries up
the Invalids & Pensioners of the Honble Company's
Cloth. A Regt We hope will be able to sail
with them to-morrow or the day after.

We have also received a Letter
from Mr Sub-Secretary Baine of the same date en-
closing an Extract from the General Orders of the

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day, in consequence thereof, that part of the 19th Batta-
lion ordered to proceed to Conjevaram will march this
Evening.

A letter from Mr. Secretary
Oakeley of the 30th Regt have also received the princi-
pal part of the Stores & accoutrements belonging to
the late European Troop of Cavalry were sent last year
to Tanjore, the remainder we will send up by the first
Sea Conveyance.

We are very respectfully

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Will^m Cumming

J^s Daniel

Will^m Maitland

E^d W. Fallofield

Cuddalore

1st July 1770

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President of Governors & Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Invalids
& Prisoners pro-
ceeds to Madras

The Invalids & Prisoners un-
der the Command of Lieut. Moore will proceed to the
Presidency to morrow Evening in the Ship *Lauree*,
Hadjie Ismael; 8 ten days provisions will be em-
barked with them; they will likewise be provided
with Arms & twelve rounds of Ammunition. The
Cavalry Stores which remain here will likewise
be forwarded to you by the same opportunity.
The *Traguard* has directions to proceed to the Eastward.

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as far as twenty or thirty fathom Water before he
directs his course to the Northward, & to hoist a red &
white Pendant on his fore top Gallant Mast Head
when he gets in sight of Matras that you honor
you may order Boats to be sent on board to land
the People.

When the vessel sails We shall
advise you of her departure the next Tappal.

We are very respectfully,

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Wm^m Cuming
J^s Daniel

Wm^m Mailland
C^m W. Fallofield

The President informing the Board

that the Inhabitants at Cuddalore are under great alarm
from the news of war & that some of them have left
their habitations, in consequence of which it is agreed
that a letter be written to the Chief of Council acquaint-
ing them that there is not any cause for apprehension
& that the moment there is an appearance of danger
they will be advised from hence.

Read the following letter from

Lieut Colonel Horne.

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

Fort St. George

Cuddalore
5th July 1770.

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Honible Sir & Sirs

Letter from
Colonel Howe
wth application
to be employ'd
in the Field.

Preparations being now making
for the Army to take the Field, & from the late advices
from Europe it appears very probable that service of
the utmost importance may soon take place. I take
the liberty to address your Honor & you at this juncture
on the intricate situation I now find myself involved
in.

I shall not enter into a discussion
at this time of the Reasons assign'd in your Secretary's
letter to me of the 15th of May for not then carrying the
Orders contain'd in the 53^d Par^a of the Company's Gene-
ral Letter of the 4th July 1777 respecting me into
execution. And shall only observe that I should
have been happy to have had an opportunity such
as that Paragraph points out to have answer'd to any
charge whatever that could have been brought a-
gainst me; and of clearing up such parts of my
conduct, which had brought on the displeasure of
the Company & occasion'd that Paragraph. As that
opportunity for the reasons assign'd in your Secre-
tary's Letter was not given me; permit me to ap-
peal to your Honor & you that I am not conscious of hav-
ing given any just cause for the displeasure of
the Company on any occasion; That the part I
had respecting the restraint which Lord Pigot was
laid under at the Mount when fully known to them
I persuade myself will meet their approbation; & so
far from suspecting censure or punishment on that
account, I expected the reverse; for I can truly say
my conduct was actuated on principles of duty to

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the Company; & of honor & respect to the Person & Character of the Noble Lord who was put under my charge; & with confidence as to that his Lordship was fully sensible of the truth of this assertion.

Having said thus much I shall only trouble your honor yet further at this time with observing that during the time I have been in this Service now upwards of twenty years I have never once remained in Garrison when any material service has been carrying on in the Field: that I have without had the good the fortune to give satisfaction to my Superiors; often have obtained their warmest approbation; and although I cannot help being hurt at being recalled from the Command of Tanjore, which I obtained on the fairest & most honorable grounds; yet at such a juncture as now is likely to take place I beg leave to say that I shall be happy to render every service in my power if it is thought proper to employ me, either in the field or otherwise; I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Miss

Your most Obedient
Loyal servant

Wm. Horne

Agreed that Colonel Horne

be permitted to go into the Field agreeably to his request.

Read the following Letter from

Captain Duncan

To

Fort St. George
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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President of Governor of Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain
Duncan on the
subject of his
Tappals, requests
that his indent
for Stores may
be complied with
& Reports that
the Bridge over
one of the
ditches is broken
down

With the greatest Deference,
I beg leave to represent to you that in the present situa-
tion of Affairs, a few Hircarrabs suppose four are
in some measure necessary in this Garrison, & might be
employ'd with advantage to the Service. Likewise,
that if there are no material objections to it, the
ordering of the Tappal, between Madras & Cuddalore
to go by this place, of Ponnacail, would render the
Communication between Madras & Ponnacail
much easier & quicker, & all Letters to & from Cuddalore
arrive equally soon, as by the present road. There are
number of Tappal Boats as at present, to be con-
tinued from hence to Madras, for the purpose of
Extra Dispatches. I am frequently desir'd by Lieut.
Malcolm to forward his Letters with all possible
expedition. Beside its being too long a Stage from
hence to Madras for one Man, the strength of this
Garrison is now so much reduced, as to make it a
hardship on the Sepoys, to be employ'd in that way,
which is the only one, I have to forward Letters by,
other than the Common Tappal.

Allow me, to take this oppor-
tunity of requesting, that the Indent for some
Stores, for this Garrison, which was transmitted the
15th of last Month, may be order'd, to be complied
with, as soon as possible, they being absolutely re-
quisite. I must beg leave also to represent, that

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the bridge of communication over the Ditch from the Sally Port of the Inner Fort, to the outer Fort is broke down, so as to be almost impassable, without great danger, which makes it very convenient to the Garrison - it might be repaired at a very small expence - I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

Chingleput
7th July 1770

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very devoted and
most Obedt servant

Alex. Duncan

Agreed that Captain Duncan be allowed Hircanahs, & that the Incident for Stores be computed with - The bridge which Capt. Duncan mentions to be broken, he may repair.

Resolved that the Troops from the Presidency to Subadars shall in future go by the way of Chingleput & Ponnacott a great thanks to Captain Duncan's Recommendation.

Read the following letter from Mr. Brudenell.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr Brudenell desires he may be allowed to stay in India
Having obtained the Honble Board's leave to proceed to England on my private Affairs I must now from the appearance there is of immediate service, request permission to dispose with this indulgence, & take some future opportunity

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for soliciting it, & as there is also a report of favouring
being to be raised, that I may be honored with my
appointment again in that Corps.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sirs

Your most Dearest servant

G. Brudenell

Agreed that Mr Brudenell be

allowed to stay in India, agreeably to his request.

Read the following letter from

Pondicherry.

Translation

To the Honble Mr. Rumbold

Governor, & President and
to the Gentlemen of Council at

Madras

Gentlemen

Upon the arrival of the letter

which you have lately received by the way of Sur,
the news of a war was circulated, but this at

first appearing to us to be only a popular report,

we hesitated in giving credit to it, & thought

it unnecessary to address you on the subject; But

every thing, which has lately passed around us

does not allow us to doubt of your considering

the news as authentic. The preparations of all

sorts which you make on every side, the seizure

of Provisions destined for Pondicherry, the Effects of

our Inhabitants stopped, Letters opened & intercepted, &

lastly the motions of your Troops, who appear to

advance near our Capital; all these things indicate

From Messrs
Chevreau &
Bellicombe de-
siring to be
informed what
are the motives
of our prepara-
tions

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approaching hostilities, which are absolute certainty
of a War could only authorize. Your actions Gentle-
men makes us imagine that you believe the War
declared & if you still entertain a doubt on this
account, it is, because there is among civilised Nations
even in a state of war, a certain conduct & bond
in which they are more deficient & that when
the rights & the Interests of Kings unfortunately
require, that their Subjects take arms, it is usual
for them to preadvise reciprocally each other. We
do not believe, that you mean to act contrary to this
established Custom, but your silence, at the very time
when you are making the greatest preparations, for
an attack, appears to us so extraordinary, that
We think ourselves obliged to demand, formally from
you Gentlemen, what are the Motives of these last acts
& Preparations. If it be true, that there is a rupture
between our two Nations, We are justified in flatter-
ing ourselves, that the jealousy in which we rise, from
the interest We bear for your Nation, will not expose
Us to hostilities on your part, until we have been
told you forward of them.

We have the honour to be
Gentlemen

at Pondicherry
the 6th July 1778

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
Bellissime
Charreau

Resolved that an answer to this
Letter be prepared & laid before the Board
Read the following Letter

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from Major Stevens

To the Honble Thomas Humbold Esq^r

President of Governor's Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Chief
Engineer reporting
the great wants
of Chinnam

I have with me myself the honor
to lay before you three Bills from the Export Ware-
housekeeper for redwood received from him for the use
of the Fortifications since the middle of the year
1776 amounting to Pagodas 5671.12. which
the Committee of works cannot pass without your
sanction. I have therefore to request of you with order
the same, & that I may have such other redwood
as can be found belonging to the Honble Company
fit for the service of the works.

I am informed that Chinnam
may be procured from the Southward at such places
as the present Contractors do not bring any from,
if as this article will be much wanted before the
month of October, I have also to request you will
be pleased to order means to be taken either by con-
tracting with other People or such as the Com-
mittee may see will answer the purpose of procuring
all that is possible before that period.

I remain with the greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble servant

Wm Stevens

J. Esq^r

Fort St George
3rd July 1770

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Ordered that the bills enclosed in
Major Stenius's Letter be paid.

As Major Stenius is apprehen-
sive there will be a want of Churnam & is of opinion
that some may be procured from the Southward, it is
agreed that a Letter be written to Cuddalore, desiring
the Gentlemen there to inform the Board whether
they can provide any, & upon what terms. It is also
agreed to desire the Committee of Works to procure
as much Churnam as they possibly can.

Read the following Letter from

Bengal.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq^r

President of Council

at Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter
of the 20th Ult^o by the Seahorse Captain Panton.

By the enclosed Duplicate of a
Letter, which we wrote to you on the 29th Instant, you
will observe the Motives that prevailed with us to
decline granting you the supply of Money which
you applied for in your Letter of the 16th January
last; But as you have again urged the necessity of
being furnished with a fund, on which you may
depend for relief in case of any sudden alarm or the
danger of a foreign invasion, & as your confidence
in our affording you this aid has induced you to apply
to Commander Venn for the use of one of his Ma-
jesty's Ships to convey Treasure to Fort St George, which

From Bengal
advising that
they had taken
20 lacks of Rs
for this Presiden-
cy on board
the Seahorse.

possibly

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Ship the Seahorse, commanded by John Alexander Panton Esq^r is actually arrived for that purpose, we have again taken into consideration the state of our Revenues, & finding that we might spare you ten Lacks of Rupees without subjecting ourselves to any immediate distress, We have agreed to take the sum in Gold Moons on board the Seahorse, We enclose an Invoice & bill of Lading for the same amounting with Charges to Current Rupees 10,00,000. & you have left the freight to be settled & paid by you.

As we have consented to grant you this supply merely on the ground of your urgent & repeated representations of the immediate danger to which your Settlement might be exposed from the want of a certain fund to enable you to make instant preparations against any sudden attack from an European Force, We trust that you will reserve it as a Deposit in your Treasury, or in some other secure place, separate from your current resources for that purpose, & that you will allow us to restrict you in the application of it to such extraordinary emergencies only.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Warren Hastings

Rich^d Barwell

J^r Francis

Edw^d Wheler

The President lays before the

Fort William

1st June 1778

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Minutes of the
President on the
influence of the
French with
Baradut Jung.

Board the following Minute for their Consideration.

On referring back to these.

records of 1770, I find the attention of the Board at that time very much employed in endeavoring to remove an Evil, which has for some years past threatened no small danger to the Interests of the Company in the Circars. The Board will be at no loss to understand that I mean the growing power, & influence, acquired by the French in the Guntoor Circar, an object of so much importance at this juncture when we expect a War with France, that I cannot too strongly recommend it to their attention. I shall beg leave after stating briefly what has pass'd on the subject, to propose to them such measures as appear to me immediately necessary to be pursued on this occasion.

The Guntoor Circar was by the Moguls Phirmaund granted with the other Northern Circars to the Company in 1765, but by the Treaty concluded between them & Nizam Ally Cawn in 1766 & 1768, they consented that Baradut Jung should hold the Guntoor Circar during his life on certain conditions, by which he was restrained from disturbing their Affairs, at his Death this Circar reverts to the Company.

Baradut Jung holding on the above tenure, a Country in which the Company have an immediate & powerful Interest, should certainly have been at some pains to cultivate their friendship, or at least have been cautious of disobliging them, instead of observing a conduct so prudent, & necessary in his situation, he has ventured to provoke

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their displeasure, & even to insult them by converting this same Country which in fact belongs to them, into a nursery for French, & other Foreign Troops, who have been paid with its Revenues, supplied with all sorts of Military stores, thro' the only Sea Port that opens to it, & who to crown all are to every appearance supported by the Government of Pondicherry evidently with the view of securing that province to themselves, or of attacking the Company in that Quarter, in case of a rupture with France, for this purpose it must be confess'd they are conveniently situated, & might give much disturbance to our Northern possessions, which are the only sure source of Revenue to the Company on this Coast.

These circumstances were represented to the Governor General & Council of Bengal, in a letter dated the 17th 1770 the danger appear'd to them in the same light that it did to this Government, & they came to a Resolution that no time was to be lost in endeavoring to remove the French from the Guntoor Circar, the mode they recommended was to assemble a body of Troops near the Guntoor Circar, & to insist on all foreigners being immediately discharged from Baradut Jung's service, otherwise to take possession of the Country & to negotiate with Miram for the immediate cession of it to the Company.

The Board at that time imagin'd this mode of application directly to Baradut Jung would be improper, & not agreeable to the Treaty with Miram Ally Cawn, they therefore resolv'd first to write a letter to Miram Ally Cawn, complaining

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of his Brother's Conduct, & desiring news from him, this was accordingly done, & a Letter being received from him in answer it was resolved to send a copy of it to Bengal & to wait the sentiments of the Governor General and Council, before any farther Steps were taken. The Letter from Hiram Ally Cawn was couched in very friendly terms. He promises therein to use his influence with Baradut Jung to remove every cause of Jealousy from the English, & says he had then sent a Person to him expressly for that purpose, the Governor General & Council of Bengal very justly looking upon this as a slight security continued the Latitude before given to this Government to employ such further measures as might be effectual.

Their Letter on the subject is dated the 11th Decem^r. 1775 & was received soon after Lord Pigot arrived in the Country, the Government being then changed the Letter was ordered to lie on the table for consideration, & the subsequent disputes at the Board left the matter in that State in which it has since remained. The instances aid by Hiram Ally Cawn with his Brother have had very little, if any effect, it is well known that a considerable Party of Troops commanded by Mr. Lally were lately in the Guntoor Circar, & approached very near to our Possessions, & even since my arrival here, some Europeans with Passports from the Governor of Pondicherry, have been taken up by the Commanding Officer at Ongolo, on their way to the Guntoor Circar, which clearly shews that the Foreign Troops with Baradut Jung are not composed of mere

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adventurers, but are recruited by the authority of the French Government & kept up for the purposes before explained.

For these Reasons I am of opinion, & accordingly recommend to the Board the preparations be made as soon as possible for executing the former design of this Government relative to the Foreign Troops with Baralut Jung. We have the fullest Latitude from the Governor General & Council of Bengal to effect it, in any manner we may think proper; and that as little delay as possible may happen I think a letter should be written to Nizam Ally Saun, acquainting him that our desire of continuing on the best Terms with him, induc'd us to represent the Behaviour of his Brother Baralut Jung, in the first instance to his Highness expecting that the evils we complain'd of, would by his authority be redress'd, but finding no good Effect from the endeavours he had employ'd with his Brother on this occasion, We propose applying to Baralut Jung himself in such a manner as we hope will be more effectual, that our views are not to acquire Territory for the Company, but to take care of their Interests, & secure their reversionary right to the Guntoor Circar neither of which can be done without checking at least if not entirely eradicating the power established by the influence of the French with Baralut Jung, & supported thro' the channel of that Circar. That for this purpose we are desirous of possessing the Port of Masapillee by which they are supplied with Warlike Stores, but if that

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Port be not immediately put into our hands and
sufficient assurances given us that the Foreign
Troops shall not be permitted on any pretence to
enter the Guntoor Circar, the Company may
in that case for their own security put themselves
under the necessity of taking the whole Circar into
their own hands.

The Board concurring entirely
in Opinion with the President relative to the state
of the French Force in the Guntoor Circar & the
necessity of taking measures for securing the Compa-
ny's Interests from Danger. Resolved that a letter
be written to Miran Ally Khan on this subject
as entered in Country Correspondence N^o 101. Resolved
also that Captain Barclay the Commandant at
Orango be directed to stop all Europeans going
into the Guntoor Circar, send them to the Presi-
dency.

A letter having been received
from Captain Lyaght as entered in Consultation
the relative to the disputes between the Chief
& Council of Ganjam & him & between him and
Mr Oakes one of the Council there, & Mr Oakes
reply to that part of Captain Lyaght's letter which
concerns him, & Captain Lyaght's answer to
that reply are now read.

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

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Honorable Sirs

Letters from
Mr. Oakes &
Capt. Lysaght on
the subject of
their Disputes
with the opinion
of the Gentlemen
in Council at
Gangam

Having been indulged with
Captain Lysaght's Narrative I now beg leave to enclose
to your honor for answer to such parts as have
personal reference to me.

Apprehensive with the utmost anxiety
lest the accusations which Captain Lysaght had
brought against me in his Letter to the Council of
Gangam under date the 28th January last, might in-
jure me in the opinion of the Hon^{ble} Board, I
hesitated not a moment in applying for leave to visit
the Presidency, although to the great Detriment of
my private Concerns, because I judged that by a
personal attendance I might be enabled more fully
to exculpate myself from the charge which Captain
Lysaght had pledg'd himself to prove against me,
& because I could not reconcile it to my feelings to
be absent from Madras when a subject so interesting
to me might be brought to a discussion.

In order to save your honor &c.
the trouble of referring to Captain Lysaght's general
charge against me I shall take the liberty to trans-
cribe the Paragraph of his Letter above mentioned: I
"confess to your Gentlemen that I look'd upon this same
"Corree as the private Servant of Mr. Oakes, & for
"that acknowledge that I punished him intentionally
"in that Gentlemen's presence with a view that he
"should personally take notice of it, but according to
"the present aspect of things he seems to have acted
"the more prudent part, however you may rest assur'd
"Gentlemen that this Affair shall be revis'd at a

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"more convenient opportunity, when I pledge myself
"to the world to make it appear that the whole has
"arisen from private pique & resentment; I cannot
"conclude without observing that it has all along
"appeared to me that Mr. Oakes has been at the best
"born of every difference which has arisen between
"the Gentlemen of your Settlement & me, & that he has
"most carefully endeavored to widen the breach upon
"every occasion."

In answer to so heavy a Charge
I beg leave to enclose to your Honor for the separate
Testimony of every Gentleman of the Council at
Gajam during the time Captain Lysaght commanded
in that District, together with my answers to such
Parts of his Narrative as relate to me personally, sub-
mitting to your consideration whether Captain Lysaght
has made good in the smallest Degree what he has
pledged himself to the world to prove, & whether anything
he has preposed against me in his Narrative can
warrant the assertions contained in the foregoing
Extract or the illiberal reflections he has elsewhere
loaded me with - if upon a perusal of these Papers
your Honor you shall think me answering the
Charges which Captain Lysaght has exhibited
against me, I trust it will not be deemed too pre-
sumptuous to express my hope that your Honor
you will be pleased to let it appear on the public
Records that I stand exculpated from Captain
Lysaght's accusations

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect.

