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Honble Sir & Mrs

Madras

10<sup>th</sup> May 1770

Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servant  
J<sup>s</sup> Oakes

As Captain Lyaght has insinuated that the Duties of my Employ as Paymaster were not properly attended to whilst the preparations for taking the Field were going forward, it might have been expected that he would have illustrated his Charge by some further Proof than the bare Circumstance of my being absent about twenty days from Arka - there was little else to do there than to make up a small quantity of muzzles, ammunition, & receive the several Articles that might from time to time be sent into Store from Ganjam; my presence therefore could more easily be dispensed with at Arka than at Ganjam where my time was much engaged in attending to the various duties of the Paymaster's Employ in making out the Accounts, providing the necessary Articles for victualling the Troops, & otherwise hastening the preparations, besides that my other avocations at Ganjam rendered my stay there for some time indispensably necessary. For it is to be remarked that during the time of my absence from Arka which Captain Lyaght speaks of I only acted as Paymaster, having previously been appointed a Member of the Council & Secretary of the business then upon hand with easily account for my not remaining longer at Arka than was absolutely necessary, but I can assure that no delay was occasioned there by my absence, & that the Troops could not have taken the Field so soon had I divided my time in any



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other manner, besides that the business of the employ at Ashta was transacted by a Person who during the course of many Years had given the greatest Satisfaction by his Diligence & Ability. Captain Lyaght observes that the Troops were under Orders to march on the shortest Notice. Part of that time I was absent from Ashta, meaning I must suppose that some Detriment would have arisen to the Service in case he had received Orders for marching before the Preparations were Completed, but as I was at the same time a Member of the Council, how can Captain Lyaght suppose I could be ignorant when the Troops would take the Field, & how little consistent is it with the influence over the Council which he has elsewhere in so flattering a manner attributed to me.

I perfectly well know that my arrival at Ashta would be immediately reported to the Commanding Officer & I flatter myself it will not be thought extraordinary that I should not wait on Captain Lyaght, with whom I was not even on speaking Terms, except when business should require it, but he cannot alledge that the Service was suffered on my part owing to the differences which subsisted between us, on the contrary he must acknowledge that a very few days after he had permitted Corrugia to call upon him to talk on matters regarding the expedition & should every where to cooperate with for the publick Service.

My Note to Captain Lyaght was written by the order of the Gentlemen of Council in Ganjam in order if possible to get the Paymaster's funds by the 31<sup>st</sup> December, in which case it was hoped that the Troops might march about the 2<sup>d</sup> of



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January, but several unexpected Circumstances conspired to occasion a further delay. With respect to the charge of my not beginning the Payments until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month Captain Lysaght had informed the Board that the M<sup>rs</sup>. Ar Roles &c<sup>rs</sup> would be ready by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, I have only to reply that knowing the delay could be productive of no bad consequences, the Payments were deferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month; the 1<sup>st</sup> of January being a day on which business is seldom transacted. In regard to the stile of my note I declare I meant not the smallest disrespect to Captain Lysaght, & I readily submit to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Board if it contains any expression that could reasonably give offence, or was deserving the abrupt answer he returned to it. I am at a loss to conceive upon what footing Captain Lysaght expected a compliment of the hat from me when we were not as I have before had occasion to observe, even on speaking Terms. The moment I entered the Gateway of the Fort with Carrage I saw Captain Lysaght standing near his Door with a horse whip in his hand, & it is certain that had I gone a different way to the Storehouse it might have saved me the distance of a few Yards, but it was not the road I had usually gone, & as Circumstances were situated between us I should have been sorry to have given him reason to believe that I had intentionally avoided him, & this Captain Lysaght is pleased to call "parading with Carrage close under his Nose".

It were an invidious task to follow him through the various conjectures & frivolous Charges contained in this Paragraph, such as that I



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meant to insult him by not going the shortest way to the Storehouse, that Carrigie was my Servant, that I had written Carrigie's Petition under the disguise of broken English, & that I knocked up Mr Innesmull in order to introduce Carrigie into his bed chamber, all which I declare to be totally without foundation, what Captain Lysaght has said in regard to my procuring a Palanquin to convey Carrigie to Gondar the same Evening he was flogg'd is literally true, and Captain Lysaght perhaps has reason to thank me for it, as Carrigie had already gone out with Pistols in quest of Captain Lysaght to revenge himself for the Disgrace he had suffered; I also must explicitly avow my having pointed out to Carrigie the proper mode of obtaining redress of the injurious treatment he had received, & should have consider'd it my duty to have done so had any Person the most indifferent to me been in a similar situation; how much more incumbent therefore was it on me to act in the manner I did when the means he would otherwise have fallen into sought his revenge, & just as in his passion he frequently threaten'd, might have been productive of unhappy consequences as well to Captain Lysaght as to himself. The Honble Board were advised more fully of these Circumstances under oath & I beg leave to submit to their judgment how far I merit Captain Lysaght's Reproaches on this head.

I have already declar'd that my only Connection with Carrigie was in the Saracato agreement as mention'd in a Letter to the Honble



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Board dated 31<sup>st</sup> December last, but had Carrigie really been my Servant & I had known that Capt. Lysaght had forbidden his entering the Fort under that Name, I should most certainly have ordered him thither, that a point so interesting to me as whether Capt. Lysaght would have presumed to have turned out my Servant by force, might specially have been determined; but as Captain Lysaght has avowed, that he considered Carrigie as my Servant, & that he had forbidden him from entering the Fort, I would most humbly submit to the Honble Board as a Question very interesting to every Paymaster in the Service whether Captain Lysaght possessed any right or authority by virtue of which he might to gratify his resentment or Caprice deprive me of the use of my own Servants.

Captain Lysaght has upbraided me with observing a morose & sullen countenance, & being perfectly silent whilst he was flogging Carrigie, to which I shall reply that I had little reason to believe that Captain Lysaght's Resentment against Carrigie could be diverted by the mediation of a Person who was obnoxious to him; & as it was well known that Carrigie was a Company's Rentier, a circumstance I could not doubt but Captain Lysaght must have been apprised of, as his own Servant had been Carrigie's Competitor for the Paracaste Rent, & knowing that Captain Lysaght had been particularly cautioned by the late Chief not to molest him whilst he continued in that capacity, I could only conclude that Captain Lysaght had desperately resolv'd to gratify his revenge in defiance of the protection which Carrigie had



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been declared entitled to as a Servant of Government,  
I considering therefore the consequences to which an  
outrageous interference on my part might have exposed  
me, inflamed as Captain Lysaght was by the bitterest  
resentment, I invested with full power to execute  
whatever that resentment might suggest to him, I  
cannot but regard it as a fortunate Circumstance,  
that I was so far able to restrain myself as to observe  
the neutral Conduct with which Captain Lysaght  
has thought proper to reproach me.

10<sup>th</sup> May 1770

J. Oakes

Mr. Oakes having in consequence  
of reflections publicly thrown out against him by  
Captain Lysaght, requested my Opinion & Testimony  
as to his Conduct during the late differences between  
the Chief & Council of Ganjam, & the Commanding  
Officer, I hereby declare in justice to Mr. Oakes, that  
I never to the best of my knowledge interfered in  
those Differences, or endeavored to injure Captain  
Lysaght in my Opinion, & I further add that I be-  
lieve Mr. Oakes altogether incapable of the conduct  
imputed to him by Captain Lysaght.

C. Smith

Mr. Oakes having called upon  
me for my Opinion relative to what is imputed  
to him by Captain Lysaght; I do declare in justice  
to Mr. Oakes that he has never to my knowledge  
interfered directly or indirectly in any of the Differences  
that have happened between the Chief & Council of  
Ganjam & Captain Lysaght and that he has not at  
any time mentioned or insinuated to me the least



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circumstance which could in any degree tend to prejudice Captain Lysaght in my Opinion

R.<sup>d</sup> Maunsell

Having been called upon by Mr Oakes for my Opinion whether he has acted the part imputed to him by Captain Lysaght who says it has all along appeared to him that Mr Oakes has been at the bottom of every difference that has arisen between him & the Board, I do declare in justice to Mr Oakes, that I have never known him to interfere in the least in these Disputes nor has he on any occasion directly or indirectly mentioned or intimated the smallest Circumstance that could tend to prejudice Captain Lysaght in my Opinion

J. Lyncey

Being called upon by Mr Oakes for my opinion relative to what is imputed to him by Captain Lysaght - I do declare in justice to Mr Oakes, that I know not of his having any way interfered in the disputes that have happened between Captain Lysaght & this Board, & that he has never endeavor'd directly or indirectly to prejudice him in my Opinion.

R.<sup>d</sup> Hughes

Mr Oakes having desired my Opinion & Testimony relative to his conduct during the differences which happened between the Chief & Council of Ganjam and Captain Lysaght, while I sat at that Board, I therefore declare, that I never knew Mr Oakes interfere directly, or indirectly in any of those Differences, & that he has not on



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any occasion endeavor'd to prejudice Captain Lyaght  
in my opinion.

Viragapatam

J. Hudleston

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

At the time I did myself the  
honor of addressing you last, I little imagin'd that I  
should have had further occasion to trouble you on  
so disagreeable a subject, but finding that Mr. Oakes  
has during my absence, thought proper to endeavor  
to refute what I had set forth, I am now under the  
necessity of intruding once more upon the patience  
of your honor &c.

In the Papers which accompanied  
my last letter I confin'd myself to a plain narrative  
of facts relative to the affair of Corroo hoping that  
your honor &c. seeing the injustice which had been  
done me by the misrepresentations of the Council at  
Gonyam in that affair, would have pleas'd to  
give me that redress which a consciousness of my  
own innocence made me flatter myself I was  
entitled to; I then purposely avoided mentioning  
some circumstances which I thought might tend  
to reflect upon others, but I now find myself in-  
dispensably oblig'd to be more explicit.

Mr. Oakes in his letter to your  
honorable Board has either mistaken or perverted  
my meaning in that part of my letter to the Council



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of Ganjam which he quotes, for he takes the whole to allude to himself, whereas I have in no part of that Letter pledg'd myself to prove the opinion I thought of his Conduct, but call'd upon as I now am by Mr Oakes, I beg leave to lay before your Honor &c. the reasons I had for mentioning what I did concerning that Gentleman.

I declare, that I did it from undoubted authority, that it was in consequence of Mr Oakes's representations that Carras's Petition was forwarded by the Council of Ganjam to the Honble Board without any having had an opportunity given me of saying any thing in reply to it, may that he argued strongly, that it might be recommended to the Honble Board to remove me immediately from the Command, which would have been done, had not one of the Members pointed out the impropriety of dictating to their Superiors.

That, in making out my instructions for taking the field, a Member of the Council propos'd concluding with the usual and common compliment of wishing me success, in which he was strenuously oppos'd by Mr Oakes.

That when the Honble Board's Orders for my removal, which was sent under a flying Seal to the Chief of Council, was received by them & they had determin'd to write Letters of requisition to me to deliver up the Command, & to Captain Chepynne to take it upon him, those Letters written by Mr Oakes as Secretary were thought by the other Members of the Board



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to be drawn up in so harsh & peremptory stile, that they seem'd them to be altered, which Mr. Cakes readily oppos'd & when he found that the other Members were determined on having the alteration made, he got up & declar'd that he would not act any longer as Secretary, & he did not officiate again untill call'd on to do so, some days after, by the other three Members of Council. These Circumstances having come to my knowledge before I had written the letter quoted by Mr. Bakes, add'd to the general tenor of that Gentleman's conduct towards me, & being join'd in opinion by a Member of the Council of Ganjam whose name I am ready to make known if call'd upon, that a difference which had happen'd between Mr. Mansell & myself entirely caus'd by the ill Offices of Mr. Cakes, I return to your Honble Sir & Sirs, whether I had not reason to believe him actuated by private pique & resentment, & whether he could have had any other motive for this conduct, but to keep up the differences which unhappily had subsisted between us; I also appeal to your Honor for whether some Members of the Ganjam Council could with justice grant Mr. Cakes the Certificate he has produc'd after being witness to the foregoing Circumstances.

As it was not my design to bring any charge against Mr. Cakes for neglect of duty in his employ I shall not intrude upon the time of your Honble Board by entering into the reputation of all that has said upon that subject, but I cannot help observing that Mr. Cakes makes rather too slight of his absence



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from Arkha during the time that the preparations for taking the Field were going forward, & I submit to the Honble Board whether there was not more to be done when near three Battalions of Sepoys, the Copper Company, & a proportional number of Artillery were to take the Field, than merely to make up a small quantity of Musquet ammunition, & whether Mr Oakes would not have been better employ'd at his Station for it is time to be remarked that Mr Oakes left Arkha early in the Month, & did not take his seat at the Ganjam Board untill about the 20<sup>th</sup> when all incidents ought to have been made out & complied with, & when the Lascars, Coolies, Bullocks and Provisions were collecting for so considerable a Detachment than at Ganjam, where agreeable to Company's Regulations no incident could be made out by him, & when there was a Storekeeper & a Conductor to prepare & forward every thing that was wanted at Arkha.

I shall beg leave to conclude with declaring to your Honor &c that after an attentive perusal of what Mr Oakes has set forth in his answer respecting Carrao, I have not the smallest reason from any conviction to be found there to alter my sentiments regarding that Gentleman, & I submit to your Honble Sir & Sirs, supposing, as allidg'd by him, I had thro' resentment or caprice forbid his servants access to the Fort, whether it was not his duty rather to have applied to our Superiors for redress,



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than to presume to take it upon himself in open defiance  
of my authority as Commanding Officer.

Humbly repeating my solici-  
tations for redress to the injury that has been done  
Mr. Freeman with the greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble and

Obedient Servant

Arthur Lysaght

Fort St George  
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Minute taken

Before the Board proceed finally  
to determine upon the disputes that have happened  
between Capt. Lysaght & Mr. Cakes, resolved that Capt.  
Lysaght be desired to give in to the Board, the name of  
the Person, who he says inform'd him of the Proceedings  
of the Council at Gajjam & of Mr. Cakes's particular  
conduct at that Board, after which a copy of his letter  
must be sent to Gajjam & the Chief Council desired  
to reply to it.

Read a letter from the Nabob  
dated the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant as entered in Country Correspondence  
No. 99, in reply to the President's letter of the  
1<sup>st</sup> Instant - also another letter from him No. 100 dated  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant enclosing a copy of a letter to him from  
the Governor of Pondicherry, complaining of his Council  
having stopp'd all kinds of Provisions, Grain, &c.  
going into Pondicherry, & desiring to know the  
reasons for it. Enclosing also a representation from  
Mr. Belcombes's Vacket on the same subject. In  
consequence of these Complaints the Nabob requests to  
know what answer he shall send to Mr. Belcombes.

The Board are of opinion that

these



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The Colonel should acquaint Mr. Bellecour with that understanding from the Reports lately circulated that there is some probability of a war breaking out between the English & French, he has thought it prudent to give Directions to his Amundars to lay in his Garrisons a proper Store of Provisions that the Inhabitants may suffer as little as possible in case the Country should be disturbed by troubles that by those Orders he does not intend to disturb the French or the People within their Bounds who may be supplied with provisions sufficient for their Subsistence, but only to prevent such a quantity from going into Pondicherry as might defeat his purpose of buying an ample Stock in his several Garrisons.

Read the following Letter from  
Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald, Commanding at Tan-  
jore.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President of Governor General's Council  
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from  
Col: Fitzgerald

I beg leave to acquaint you that this morning marched from hence the Company of Grenadiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment & the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Sepoys under the Command of Captain Calverne for Trichinopoly, & as soon as the Grenadiers of the sixth, twelfth, fifteenth & twenty fifth Battalions arrive from the different parts of the Country, they shall be completed



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I proceed to join them at Trichinopoly.

I am informed Captain Gublings with the Sepoys of his Battalion at Vellum marches tomorrow, as we have our Hospital there I shall order a Subaltern Officer with some Sepoys to take charge of the Sick until I receive your further instructions on that head.

I must beg leave to acquaint you, We have no Hospital in either of the Forts of Tanjore, which is much wanting if there is any trouble in the Country.

I am with the greatest respect  
Honble Sir & Mrs

Tanjore  
6<sup>th</sup> July 1778

Your very Obedient  
Humble Servant  
J. Pitts Gerald

Agreed to request the Rajah of Tanjore will permit one of his buildings within the Fort to be appropriated to the purpose of an Hospital.

Read the following Letter from  
Brigadier General Stuart.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President & Governor for Council  
of Fort St George  
Honble Sir & Mrs

From Genl Stuart  
offering his services  
in case of alder -  
a copy of his letter to  
the Chairman of the  
Court of Directors  
a copy of his conversation

I took occasion some time ago  
on hearing a report of the differences with France  
to visit upon your Honor & separately, & to re-  
quest your attention to a passage towards the



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Mr Whitehill  
on his coming  
to the Govern.  
ment.

One of the letters now sent to the Chairman  
of the Honble Court of Directors immediately after  
their Orders concerning me were known in this Pre-  
sidency.

Without entering into any farther  
description concerning the very singular harshness  
of my case, aggravated now, almost beyond measure,  
by a most unexpected temporary influence upon some  
situation in his Majesty's Service, so as to be upon  
the whole, as I believe, unparalleled in the life of  
any British Officer. — I say notwithstanding these cir-  
cumstances & all the support with confidence, I am ready  
to prove, that such Conduct towards me, has neither  
been warranted by Military practice nor justified  
by my own conduct in any respect: yet I must take  
occasion to inform your Honor for officially of  
"that Call" which for the present troubles in my  
mind, every sort of personal injury & which leads  
me to assure you, in the event of those last reports  
from Europe proving true, or in case of an ap-  
proaching War in the Carnation, that your  
Honor for will ever find me ready to serve against  
the Enemy in any manner you shall see most  
proper for the publick Welfare. During the  
continuance of Hostilities." Adding with all  
due respect, at the same time, that in my pre-  
sent view of things, no earthly consideration  
will ever, "in quiet times" induce me of my own  
accord, to leave the Honble Company in any  
station inferior to that, to which I had regular  
ly succeeded by their former Orders, & in consequence



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of agreement before I left England

I have the honor to remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and

much humble servant

James Stuart

Fort St George

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To John Whitcomb Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir

I have been writing as you  
desired the substance of my Conversation the first time  
I had the honor of talking on business.

That I could not help expressing  
"to you as Mr Whitcomb, my great surprise upon  
"seeing myself not only suspended but superseded in  
"the service without any Offence or Crime alleged  
"against me; — That, the reason why I mentioned  
"it to you as a private Man, was that, I thought it  
"the duty of a good subject of the British Government  
"as well as that of a faithful Servant of the East  
"India Company, on the present occasion, to conceal  
"my private feelings, & to acquiesce without mur-  
"mur, in whatever is clearly & positively ordered  
"by my Superiors; — But at the same time I told  
"you that I could not live under the silent imputa-  
"tion of any thing deserving such suspension or dis-  
"perception. My firm determination therefore, was  
"soon as the Government was ordered by the last  
"dispatch was established, to apply to them to fix upon



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"whole of my Conduct either as second in Command, as ac-  
"ting Commander in Chief or as the Commander in Chief  
"of the Army under the Orders of this Presidency."

I assure you at the same time  
that as on the first day of your taking possession of  
Government, you had found me ready to attend you  
in all future Situations I was ready to support the  
Company's Representatives to the best of my power  
and abilities.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

James Stuart

Copy

Fort St. George

2<sup>d</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1778

To George Wombwell Esq<sup>r</sup>

Chairman of the Honble  
the East India Company

Sir

I take the liberty to transmit  
to you for your information, & for that of the Honble  
Court of Directors the copy of the letter, which I sent  
to Mr. Whitehill, as the subject of the first conversa-  
tion I had with him after taking possession of this  
Government.

For with excuse I hope may  
freedom in adding here, that as to the part I took in  
the change of Government the 24<sup>th</sup> August 1776 &c.  
that is the cause of the Paragraph of the General letter  
affecting me, I shall most readily & cheerfully sub-  
mit my conduct to be enquired & judg'd to pass



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upon it, by any number of Gentlemen, under any form, the Honble Court of Directors shall think proper to appoint; - & that as to the other parts of my Conduct since the day I arrived in this Settlement, I wish to be judged by yourself Sir, & the Honble Court, by the Company's Publick Records.

If it shall be found that in anything I have failed in my duty, or fidelity to the Company; but on the contrary, have done every service in my power. In that case I will not suffer myself to doubt of their justice in restoring me, with additional honors, to that station, which was my object in coming to this Country. In fact I was assured to me on the good faith of a Paragraph of the Company's General Letter by the Royal Commissioner Captain Ross dated the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1775.

Although I am scarcely recovered from a long & dangerous sickness, & have impaired my Constitution greatly, yet my firm determination is to remain here, not only to stand every trial & Enquiry which the Honble Court may judge necessary, but also to wait the return of the Disputes now sent, believing as I do, that when the whole of my Conduct has been dispassionately reviewed, I shall meet with that return, which it has been my earnest wish to deserve of my Employers.

With the utmost respect, however, to yourself Sir, & to the Honble the Court of Directors, I trust it is not expected, that I can serve, in any station, under that which I lately held, and will therefore forgive the sensibility of a man in



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any present Case, when he declares with honest Freedom that no consideration on Earth but for the Minute of Publick necessity or hostile Attack upon this Settlement, will ever make me submit to Degradation.

Were I capable of such meaness it would show me unworthy of your friendship, & of that of the other Gentlemen in the Direction to whom I am indebted for the appointment; & not less unworthy of the Rank I hold in his Majesty's Service

I have the honor to remain with the utmost respect & Esteem.

Sir,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

signed/ James Stuart

Ordered to be on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Agent for Sepoy half mounting

Fort St George  
14<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1777

To Mr Secretary Crokeley  
Sir

I have received your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant, enclosing a Copy of Captain McKensies relative to the Sepoy half mounting for his Battalion. I also Mr Baines Letter enclosing an Extract of one from Captain Lane regarding Deficiencies in his Battalion for the Year 1776.

In my Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> April 78<sup>th</sup> of my last I endeavour'd to set this matter in

From the Agent for Sepoy half mounting in reply to Capt. McKensies Letter relative to the deficiency in his Battalion



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the clearest light, from the intelligence I could then obtain, however as the Honble Board have again called upon me for further information, I have carefully examined the Consultations from the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1770 to the Year 1776. I have also made enquiries of several Captains & do not find their Battalions in arrears, & I am convinced they are not from the Products of Receipts sent me, since I have been agent.

When Mr John Sullivan first obtained this Contract or Agency, the Sepoys were put under immediate stoppages for the Provision of the Holy-mounting, but that they should not suffer any distress or inconvenience, the Board was pleased to direct that Cash should be forthwith issued from the Treasury & replaced by the Stoppages to be made during the course of the Year & in this manner the business has been conducted ever since, so that it is not probable they should afterwards fall in arrears, as has been attempted to make it appear without any particular cause being assigned on Record.

Mr McPherson succeeded Mr Sullivan in this employ in 1773 & altho' he Mr McPherson was absent from Madras the latter end of that Year yet the business was still carried on by his attorney as appears by the Receipt Book signed by Messrs Whitehill & Sullivan. In January 1776 Mr McPherson delivers in his account Current particularly specifying it to be for the Year 1775, & on August following his account for that Year is entered in Consultation. all these Circumstances I am



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persuaded will sufficiently prove the Dr. sciences  
complained of are erroneous.

Captain Lane complains  
that the draughts he received from the 3<sup>d</sup> Batta.  
tions to form the 16<sup>th</sup> received no half mounting for  
1776 - by a letter I have lately received from Captain  
Russell now Commanding the 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion  
he informs me, viz. The last half mounting the 3<sup>d</sup>  
Comatic Battalion had, was received in Madras  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1776, as appears by the Quarter  
Master Serjeant's Book. The half mounting hav-  
ing been delivered so early by the agent, it is proba-  
ble they were issued to the men long before the  
drafts were made, if not they must still be in store  
with the old Battalions or the Captains must be  
responsible for them. Captain Lane should there-  
fore make his application accordingly; tho I can-  
not help observing it would have been more re-  
gular to have done it then, if it appears extraordi-  
nary the Sepoys should quit the Battalions  
without receiving what was their due.

This is all the information  
I can at present lay before the Board, should any  
thing more satisfactory occur I shall not fail  
to communicate the same without delay.

I have the honor to be

For  
Fort St. George  
29<sup>th</sup> June 1776.

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant  
James Call

Agent

As the Board are not yet



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able to ascertain whether the claustrum has been actually delivered to Captain McKensie's Battalion for 1776: Resolved that the Agent be desired to examine all Captain McKensie's Receipts for every Year from the time the half Mounting was provided by Agency, by which means the Board may judge whether Captain McKensie's Battalion has or has not been regularly supplied.

Ordered that a copy of that part of the Agent's letter which is in reply to Captain Louis's Representation, be forwarded to that Officer.

Read the following letter from Captain Alexander Patterson.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President of Governor's Council  
of Fort St. George  
Honble Sirs

From Capt  
Patterson

I should not take the liberty to intrude on you the following application, were I not impelled to it from being wearied out by nine months attendance at the Durbar; from the time I was informed that my services were not wanted: My demand is only Pay & Batta amounting to - Pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1774 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1777, being 35 months at 120 Rs per month 4200. - Batta for 35 months at 1. 25. 10 pany 875. 25. 10

1705. 25. 10  
Pay 5905. 25. 10

Let me entreat of you G. Honour



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To use your influence to recover for me the above sum,  
it is a settled account at the Durbar.

I am

with the greatest respect

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & faithful  
Humble Servant

A. C. Patterson

Captain

Agreed to write a letter to the  
Nabob in behalf of Captain Patterson whose De-  
mand appears to have arisen entirely on account of  
Wage during the time he has been in the Service  
of the Nabob.

Thos. Pembold

John Whitely

Andor Munn

Obeying

Fort St. George  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1778.



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At a Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.

Governor President

General. Munro John Whitehill  
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson  
Peter Serring

Minutes of last Consultation read

and it is now become necessary

to resolve in what manner the Troops ordered to go  
to the field shall be furnished with Provisions,  
Draughts, Carriage Bullocks &c. the Board refer to  
the records with the view of tracing the different measures  
which have been pursued in former times & finding  
upon examination that the mode of contracting  
for these supplies was observed until towards the  
conclusion of the war with Hyder Ally & then discontinued  
on account of the various Complaints brought  
against the Contractors for abuse or mismanagement.  
After the Contract was abolished the Pres-  
ident & Council determined that an Agent should  
be appointed to furnish on behalf of the Com-  
pany that part of the supplies for the Army which  
had been before provided by Contract. This mode  
has since been followed whenever the Army has  
taken the field & no inconvenience or objection ap-  
pearing anywhere to have arisen from the obser-  
vance of it, the Board are of Opinion that it should  
be continued on the present occasion, & come to that  
Resolution accordingly.

Resolved that George Paulson

Monday  
13<sup>th</sup> July.

Resolutions  
of the Board  
relative to the  
furnishing the  
troops.



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for appointed Deputy Agent for the purpose of transac-  
ting the business of the supplies in Camp, under the  
Regulations formed by the Board in Consultation the  
12<sup>th</sup> August 1777.

Recd the following letter from  
the Committee of Works enclosing their Minutes of 22<sup>o</sup>  
May 2<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>o</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July & several accounts relative to the Con-  
tracts with Mr Benfield

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President of Governor & Council  
of Fort St. George  
Honble Sir & Mrs

Letter from the  
Committee of  
Works with  
their Proceedings

We have the honor to lay  
before you an Extract of our Minutes of the 22<sup>o</sup> May  
particular accounts of work done on the West Front  
by the Company & by Mr Benfield, with an Estimate  
of what is still wanted to complete it & a Extract of the  
whole similar accounts of the Black Town Wall, &  
an account of the works of the East Line for con-  
tracted for with Mr Benfield, with the Estimate  
Cost of them, also an account of redwood and iron  
Palisades with Mr Garrison's bill for fixing them,  
an Estimate of what Redwood may be farther want-  
ed for the Fortifications, & of the Expence of putting  
it up, & copy of our Minutes of the 2<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>o</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Instant  
on which we request that you will be pleased  
to favor us with your Determination

We have the honor to be  
Honble Sir & Mrs



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Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servants  
John Whitehill  
John Suring  
Wm. Stevens  
C. B. Dent

Extract of the Minutes of the Committee  
of Works the 2<sup>d</sup> May 1770.

The Committee are fully sensible  
that the reasons for rejecting the Proposals of Abner Dwyer  
Chilley were good, & as set forth in the Minutes of the Committee  
& in Mr. Ricketts's Letter to the Board. Agreed to report  
accordingly to the President of Council.

In order to prevent any Materials  
of an inferior quality being used in the Fortification  
the Committee resolve that Bricks of Humm of the first  
sort only shall be delivered upon the Works, & greatly to  
the honor of Contract; this regulation being observed with in  
great measure obviate complaints from the Inhabitants  
by leaving them a supply of bricks fit to be  
used in their buildings; for it is the resolution of the  
Committee to second the intentions of the Board, by  
attending to the wants of individuals as far as is con-  
sistent with the publick Service.

I have Extract

J. Balfour

Clerk to the Comm. of Works

St



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At a Committee of Works held 2<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July 1778

Present

John Whitehill Esq<sup>r</sup> Mr J Turing  
Major Stevens Mr Dent

The Minutes of last Committee

were approved.

The Clerk lays before the Com.

mitted the accounts of the Expence of work done on the Black Tower Wall & West Front, exclusive of the Cost of what has been done thereon by Mr Benfield. Ordered that they be laid before the Board together with the accounts of work done by Mr Benfield, as also Major Stevens, Estimate & Abstracts of the whole, & that they be entered after these Minutes.

The Clerk lays before the Com.

mitted the accounts of Lascar Cloathing made up and delivered out for the Year 1777. Ordered that they be entered hereafter.

Mr Maxwells bill for May is laid before the Committee & paid.

Major Stevens being much afraid that the Supplies of Materials will fall short of what the Committee expect, lays before them the following Statement of Materials wanted from the 2<sup>d</sup> June, founded on Calculations made with some trouble & correctness, dispensing with such works as are least necessary.

|                                            |                     |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------|
| To finish the South Counterescarp          | Bricks Paid Chapman | 458000  | 2748  |
| Repair of St Lunette of St Marks to Gordon |                     | 727000  | 4362  |
| South Bastion to Gordon                    |                     | 1853000 | 11118 |
| Repair & Enlarge St Marks to Gordon        |                     | 1073000 | 6438  |



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South Caponier to Carion 64000 3240

South Escarp 528000 3168

South Curtain before the reverse of the  
Caponier to B<sup>th</sup> on Edge Level } 460000 2760

J.C. Bannet to Carion 624000 3764

N.C. Counter guard 2785000 16710

Counter guard before 671000 4026

Gloria Wall before the Counter guard  
& place d'armes } 350000 2100

Sea Wall to 4 feet high where its  
full height is not immediately  
necessary } 2003000 10752

Rebuilt before the Sea line

Exterior facing of the South Curtain  
to the height of the Carion } 1412000 8472

Detachment the Works 27<sup>th</sup> June 4700000 10000

Remains to be supplied by the Contractors  
before the Garrison to finish the above Works } 40169000 20676

Builds the above which cannot be  
dispensed with, there is wanted to com-  
plete the exterior of Bomb-proofs of the  
South Curtain } 2110000 12700

To complete the South Curtain 2375000 14250

Wanted to complete the works  
ordered by the Board, exclusive of  
the South Curtain } 14662000 107634

The Works before will require 30  
loads of gunpowder, & a proportionable quantity of Cannon  
even should we be engaged to meet with.

To complete the



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the Sea to its full height, which had it been practicable  
Major Stevens would have wished for the security of  
Fort St George, will require 2,600,000 Bricks.

Major Stevens thinks, in order  
that the Committee may be as certain as possible of  
having a sufficient supply of Materials, & as some  
Brick Kilns have failed from a want of sufficient fire-  
wood, that it is necessary a proper person be appointed  
on behalf of the Committee to superintend the provision  
of these Articles: particularly to see that a sufficient  
quantity of wood be put into the Brick Kilns, & that  
the Bricks of an inferior Sort be not disposed of  
at the discretion of the Superintendent or Committee  
of Works, till they can ascertain the quantity that  
can be hereafter procured of the first Sort, the Superin-  
tendant to direct that all the means possible be used  
in collecting Churnam; & that an additional quan-  
tity of Churnam be procured by such means as can  
be found.

To make the Committee fully  
acquainted with the Subject of the Churnam Business  
the Contractors have been desired to give particular  
information of the means & measures they have  
taken to procure Supplies; upon which they ad-  
dressed the following Letters to the Committee

To John Whitehill Esqr

Secy to the Committee of Works

Gentlemen

In conformity to your

orders we now send you an account

Resolutions of the Committee

The Committee

are of Opinion that at



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of the People employ'd in pro. Nellore there ought to be con-  
serving Churnam at Nellore and instantly in store 13,000 Parrats  
the Place adjacent to it. of Shells, these Shells when washed  
at Nellore & the other of clean'd will only yield about  
130 People are employ'd in dig. 9000 Parrats of clean Shells  
giving Shells; 15 at Cavelong in which will produce about  
digging Shells for 27 at Churn. 16,000 Parrats Churnam which  
gauram, 200 People are con. The Committee think may  
employ'd at Mandapancum, Shells. be supplied monthly, to dig  
pancum, Cavelong pancum wash & burn these Shells will  
K. Kidaculloo, in digging Shells require 200 Coolies employ'd  
of collecting Bratties for the 10 Months in the year - the  
above mentioned places of Nellore Charcoal requires to burn  
of Waterdy, 25 People are con. the above quantity of Churn  
employ'd And in case in burning man will be about 3000  
Shells, 10 People at Churn. Parrats Monthly, of this kind  
pancum, 50 are employ'd employ 200 Men in the  
at Chingapancum in digging loads of 160 Bullocks  
of burning Shells. convey the Charcoal to  
170 Coolies are Nellore.

employ'd in cutting wood and There ought to be  
burning Charcoal 10 Carts Shells for at least 2000 Parrats  
of 119 Bullocks are employ'd rats of Charcoal at Nellore  
in carrying Charcoal. Cavelong Chingapancum  
The Shells now Jacobson may supply  
Laying at Nellore amount 3000 Parrats Monthly,  
to 7000 Parrats; at Churn but it is necessary to con-  
gauram there are 2500 ply at least 100 Coolies  
Parrats of Shells. digging & burning Shells  
At Andisoor and 20 Bandies to bring  
and Chingapancum 1500 about 1500 Parrats of



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Barrels of Churnam ready Charcoal from the woods  
to be carried to Madras; to burn these Stones into  
4000 Barrels of Stones are Churnam The 1<sup>st</sup> Villa.  
ready at Madras. The 1<sup>st</sup> Villa. of Madras can easily

120 Large Carts supply 3000 Barrels of  
130 Churnam Carts 150 Bullocks Churnam Monthly; 8 from  
are employed in bringing Churnam and 1<sup>st</sup> Thome  
main to Madras. By good management,

From Trivandrum may be procured at least  
of the neighbourhood of Madras 20,000 Barrels Churnam  
our supply amounts to about Monthly to Madras will  
2000 Barrels Monthly. require to be constantly

We now supply employed.  
and shall continue to supply 120 Madras Carts.  
from Alamparva 150 Bandies and the  
1000 and 5000 Barrels remainder by Country  
Monthly. Bullocks.

We have no doubt but the quantity of Churnam which is required supply of 20,000 Barrels  
will be supplied in the by land Monthly, which can  
course of the Season. be more aid in proportion  
if it is particularly un. to the means & measures  
favorable adopted.

We have the honor  
to be  
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servants

J<sup>r</sup> Strange  
B Roebuck

Fort St George  
29<sup>th</sup> June 1770



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To Mr John Balfour

Clerk to the Committee of Forts.

Sir

We have received your letter, and agreeable to the Commands of the Committee we now acquaint you that We have at the Kilns unpiled 30 Cocks of Bricks. We have a stock of firewood to the amount of 7 Cocks twenty thousand, & 3000 Bundles of brushwood & Puttars.

We have at Chierac nearly 40 Cocks of firewood ready to ship. Twenty seven boats are employed in bringing the same from thence, which will arrive in the course of the month.

We have now at the Kilns 30 Cocks of bricks of the Company's Sort.

We are

Sir

Madras  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1770.

Your most Obedient Servants  
P<sup>r</sup> Strange  
B. Roebuck.

The Committee do therefore most strenuously recommend to the Contractors immediately to increase the number of Laborers, Wheelbarrows and Carts employed in the business, as being the only effectual means to procure sufficient supplies. The Committee are convinced that by an exertion of proper measures the quantity of Churnam may be increased, & as an encouragement to the Contractors the Committee are desirous to give them every possible assistance & therefore expect from them their utmost attention.



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Upon referring to the Books and  
M<sup>rs</sup> Strange & Neeluck's Contract, it appears they  
engaged to supply from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1777 until 30<sup>th</sup>  
June 1778.

|                                                     |       |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
|                                                     | Lacks | Per Chairman |
| Wall bricks                                         | 260   | 100,000      |
| In which time they have supplied                    | 100   | 156,397      |
| There is a deficiency in the<br>quantity stipulated | 160   | 23,603       |

The Engineer's representation now  
before the Committee is of such a nature as to require  
their most serious attention & utmost endeavours to pro-  
cure the largest supplies possible. M<sup>rs</sup> Strange and  
Neeluck the Contractors are therefore now called before  
the Committee, & being interrogated, give the following  
Report of the present state of the Brick Kites and the  
means they have taken, & prospect they have of ob-  
taining supplies of firewood between this & the month  
of October - they say they have now at the Kites 30  
to be delivered upon the Company's Works.

|                                                               |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Burnt Wall bricks                                             | Lacks 30  |
| 7 Lacks of firewood in hand                                   |           |
| 17 Lacks to be received of 40 Laying<br>ready at Chirato      |           |
| 6 Lacks expected from the Southward                           |           |
| 10 Lacks to be received in Lardies from<br>the adjacent woods |           |
| 40 Lacks in all which will burn                               |           |
| 240 Lacks of bricks piled, & they ought to yield              |           |
| of the Company's Sort                                         | Lacks 120 |
|                                                               | Lacks 150 |

Making 150 Lacks which is about



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the quantity required by Major Stevens.

The Contractors are made acquainted with the dependance the Committee have upon their fulfilling their engagements, & that the prosecution of the works being a most serious object of Government they may be assured of every assistance, while the Committee can depend upon their unremitting attention.

From the cautions now giving by the Committee & the assurances of the Contractors to make every possible exertion to increase the supplies of bricks & Churnam, the Committee hope the appointment of a Superintendent will not be found necessary, but they agree to direct the Contractors to deliver in future a Monthly Memo of the Bricks, Tiles & other that Bricks shall not be delivered to the Subalterns without an order countersigned by the President of the Committee.

The Committee adjourn till to morrow at 9 o'clock.

The Committee having met according to the adjournment of Yesterday a Major Stevens acquaints them that he is informed a quantity of Churnam may be procured from the Neighbourhood of Chingleput; he therefore recommends that the Paymaster at that place be written to on this Subject. A quantity of Churnam has lately been imported from the Southward by private hands; a Major Stevens therefore thinks that article may be procured through other Channels than by the Contractors without interfering with them. Agreed that the following Letter be written by the Clerk to Mr Munnis at Chingleput



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To Robert Duncan Munro Esq<sup>r</sup>

Paymaster at Chingleput

Sir

The Committee of Works having been informed that a quantity of Chinnam may be procured in the neighbourhood of Chingleput, I am ordered to request that you will take the trouble of making a particular enquiry, if that you will acquaint them what quantity can be obtained monthly till the Monsoon, if at what price, if whether you can forward the same to them at Madras.

I am Y<sup>rs</sup>

Major Stevens lays before the Committee Colonel Ross's Plan of a Water Cistern which he computes will hold 400,000 Gallons or 1906 Tons of 160 Gallons, or for 6000 Men at 3 quarts a day for about 3 1/2 Months; if supposing that the other Cisterns in the Fort will make the above allowance up to 4 Months, he thinks it is far from sufficient for the quantity that should be kept in Store. He appears to think that there should be water for 10 or 12000 Men at 1 Gallon at least a day for 3 or 4 Months, if he has no doubt but when the East Line is undertaken, that Reservoirs for wet quantity, better and if better secured, may be made at a very trifling expence, he can venture to say about more than will be attendant on the above Cisterns, but for want of time to digest his Ideas he cannot exactly say how much can be lodged or what may be the additional Expence.

Agreed to acquaint the Board



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with the difference in the price between Colonel Rops Estimate  
of the terms of Mr. Benfield's Contract which is as follows.  
In the Estimate Plain Brick work is calculated @ 1.21 <sup>10 p</sup> per Cubic Yard

In the Contract the same — @ 1.34

In the Estimate Arched work @ 3.11

In the Contract the same — @ 3.10

And to lay before them a Copy of Major Stevens's Pri-  
vates.

Major Stevens further represents  
to the Committee that considering the difficulty in pro-  
curing Coolies, & the probability of being disappointed in  
the quantity of Materials wanting for the Fortifications  
now in hand, which he deems necessary for the defence &  
security of Fort St. George, & the lateness of the season which  
renders it impracticable to make the Cistern order by  
the Board ready to receive Water by the end of the Year, &  
particularly should he meet with Lead foundations, as is to  
be apprehended, he therefore recommends strongly as his  
Opinion, even if the Board should adopt Col. Rops  
Plan, that the execution should be deferred until  
the beginning of next year, when the Cistern will have  
the whole Season to settle & draw.

Major Stevens lays before the  
Committee a letter from Mr. Skinner with a list of  
200 Bricklayers as entered hereafter including about 159  
now employed who are wanted for the Fortifications  
& requests it may be published as formerly desiring the  
Inhabitants will not employ them, & that Peasants  
or other People who are sent to collect them, may  
not be obstructed therein — Ordered accordingly  
Major Stevens is sworn to find



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notwithstanding the Convent measures which are used on the banks, that the Country Coolies absent themselves daily in great numbers; & particularly that the Diabul has represented both publicly & privately that they are ill treated, that they are beat & receive no pay. He is assured that not one of them has been struck, & as for payment, the Committee see what Mr. Plummer says, therefore the Diabul's reasons for the People's going away are entirely groundless; & if it is the Major's opinion that instead of ascribing to himself any merit in supplying vast numbers of People, he himself for want of due directions to the Managers, is the sole cause of their desertion, & unless he will send proper People to keep the Coolies together, it cannot be expected they will stay.

The success of the Plan for procuring Laborers for the works certainly rests chiefly upon the directions sent by the Diabul to the Amildars of the different Countries, who should separate amidst the Villages in their Districts, & send the Coolies so collected to Madras under the charge of Mattaby, Dows, who should deliver them by a list to the Contractors, & remain & be paid as Superintendants; that in case of any man absenting himself, an application might be immediately made to the Amildar of the place from whence he came, who should be required to produce those who may abscond.

The Committee at the same time recommended to the Contractors to give all proper encouragement, & use every possible means to induce People to come from the Country of their own accord to seek



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for employment, where they are sure of being well  
paid & meeting with kind treatment

Mr Garraus bills for repairs  
in March & April & also his bill for brick work  
in Banquettes, are laid before the Committee and  
read.

Mr Garraw delivers in his bill  
for Palisading, & the Committee being of Opinion  
that the Prices are reasonable, Agreed to lay it  
before the Board for their approbation. And as Pali-  
sading is wanted for the other parts of the Fortifi-  
cations, Agreed to request the determination of the  
Board, whether the work shall be done by the  
Contractor for Repairs, upon the same terms with  
what he has already done.

The Committee resume the  
consideration of the following Minute delivered in  
by Major Stevens at a former Committee. As there  
will soon be wanted for the Fortifications now  
carrying on a quantity of Stone work for the mouths  
of Drains, Spouts, Key Stones, Bolt Stones, Ornaments  
& Floors of Gates, & apparatus about the draw bridge,  
Major Stevens requests that the Committee will  
come to a determination how that work is to be  
performed; & he leaves to recommend that the con-  
tractor for the Fortifications be agreed with for  
that purpose, as it will be attended with the greatest  
inconvenience should any other Person be permitted  
to provide the necessary stone work. The Expence  
may be about 5 or 6000 Rupees. As the Contractor



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agrees to provide the Stone work wanted for the East line upon the same terms at which he supplied it for the West Front, which appear to be reasonable; The Committee for the reasons urged by Major Stevens, Agree to recommend to the Board, <sup>that</sup> the Contractor may supply the Stone work upon the former terms.

The want of water Baiters has been represented for upwards of three months & is become now so urgent that Major Stevens desires the number may be levied on the Villages in the bounds of Madras. To enable the Committee to judge upon this matter it is necessary to know the number of Villages within the bounds, the number of Water Baiters they usually supplied, the number they do now supply, & the number they can supply; which will enable the Committee to determine the number they shall supply for the Fortifications. In the mean time the Committee agree to desire the Clerk immediately to send to the head men of the different Villages, if possible to collect the number wanted by the Engineer: & when the above particular information can be obtained, the number may be levied according to the Majors proposal. At the same time the Committee agree again to represent to the Board the want of water Baiters that more may be obtained from the Country by means of the Madras in the manner already proposed. Agreed to send a Copy of the foregoing minute to the Contractor for the works.

There are some Stone cutters employed about Panamallee, & the Major recommends



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That a Letter be written to the Commanding Officer of that place & sent by one of the Mastering Stone Cutters, requesting, that he will permit & assist him to collect them, & that a Letter be written by the Clerk to the above effect.

The want of 50 Churnam heaters & 150 small boys & Girls is very distressing & the Major thinks the behaviour of the Parish Head People ought not any longer to pass unnoted.

Measures have been taken with the Head People which it is hoped will have the desired effect.

As the roof of the Admiralty has on inspection turned out bad & dangerous to remain much longer, though no additional weight should be added thereto. Major Stevens lays before the Committee an Estimate, as entered herewith, which he ordered for their information. It appears by the Estimate that new roofing the Admiralty increases the expence of Repairs one half, making in all about Pagos 20000. It deserves consideration whether the Hall of the Admiralty house, which has been long in a very bad state of repairs, found to be insufficient for public accommodation, may not now be enlarged without much additional expence. Agreed to recommend to the Engineer to make an estimate thereof for the approbation of the Board.

The Board having ordered 600 Lancos to be raised immediately for field Service. The Committee proceed to give the necessary orders in



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In Camp 2 Syrangs & 2 Tindals are  
requisite & have been constantly allowed to every 100  
Lascars, therefore we now want 12 Syrangs & 12 Tindals.

Upon referring to the list of Super-  
numerary Syrangs & Tindals & having enquired into  
their Characters the following out of those, & others  
who have <sup>been</sup> recommended for their former good be-  
haviour, are deemed most deserving promotion, & are  
accordingly now appointed

### Syrangs

1 Patchiapah

2 Shake Mahomed

3 Gundapah

4 Fakierah

5 Adamban

6 Bantjie

7 Causengie at Cuddalore

8 Sub at Tanjore

9 Apengie Ditto

10 Salmor

### Tindals

Shake Darbar

Mevrahs

Mrotiah

Vencatachillum

Cuddalore Chumak

Peer Ramen

### Narrain

Agreed that such Syrangs  
as are absent be immediately informed of their ap-  
pointment, & send to the Presidency & directed to bring  
with them all the good recruits they can procure. The  
other Syrangs are now call'd before the Committee  
& made acquainted with their promotion, & ordred  
to procure what good men they can engage in  
the service, who are to belong to their respective Com-  
panies, & receive pay from the day they are en-  
tertained.

The Syrangs are also informed



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that as their promotion is in reward for former service, The Committee expect they will exert themselves in bringing good Men, for whom they are to be considered answerable.

Major Stevens lays before the Committee an account of what is wanted to complete the West Front with an Estimate of the expence, also an account of Redwood already used, & what will be further required to complete the Palisading with the expence of Palisading already furnished & Estimate of the expence of what remains to be put up. Ordered that they be entered after these Minutes, & that Copies of them be laid before the Board.

Agreed that an Extract from the Minutes of the 22<sup>d</sup> of May in answer to the Extract of the Minutes of Consultation of 4<sup>th</sup> of May & the Proceedings of the 2<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Instant be laid before the President & Council.

A true copy

J. Balfour

Atty to the Comm<sup>y</sup> of Works

Account of the several Works done by Mr. Benfield under his Contracts for the West Front, with their respective costs extracted from the measurements taken the 28<sup>th</sup> February 1775, the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1776 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1777.



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| Royal Bastion                                                        | Cur. Pags. L. Cl. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| N. W. Curtain with Bombproofs & Gateways                             | 8052 41 27        |
| S. George's Bastion with the Bombproofs                              | 60,070 39 3       |
| S. W. Curtain with Bombproofs                                        | 71,792 1 17       |
| N. W. Bastion                                                        | 33,057 20 60      |
| Cunette, Berms, Caponiers, Counterscarp & second way                 | 110,199 19 54     |
| Earth fill'd in against inner Linings                                | 1,119 14 5        |
| Piers to Bridges                                                     | 3,322 12 5        |
| Lunette to the North of N. W. Ravelin with Bombproofs                | 27,320 2 7        |
| North West Ravelin with Bombproofs and Gateways                      | 30,696 18 32      |
| Lunette to the Southward of North West Ravelin with Bombproofs       | 21,967 12 51      |
| Lunette to the Northward of S. W. Ravelin with Bombproofs            | 21,673 36 26      |
| South West Ravelin with Bombproofs and Gateways                      | 30,716 2 36       |
| Lunette to the Southward of S. W. Ravelin with Bombproofs            | 21,977 32 12      |
| Glacis                                                               | 65,171 37 5       |
| Draining Water                                                       | 13,365 5 5        |
| Stone work for the S. West of N. W. Gateways                         | 22,037 30 32      |
| Allowance made for Churneing done to the outside of the two Gateways | 500 5 5           |

Cur. Pags. 603,857 22 47

Fort S. George  
27th March 1770  
Errors Excepted

Co. J. Balfour  
Atk. to the Commr



1882 Fort St. George 13 July 1772

Account of the Expence of the last Front of Fort  
St. George, exclusive of the cost of work done thereon by  
Mr. Boupils.

|      |                   |                     |              |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1772 | Nov <sup>r</sup>  | Workmen & Materials | 171. 8. 3    |
|      | Dec <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto               | 704. 12. 39  |
| 1773 | January           | Ditto               | 2222. . 9    |
|      | February          | Ditto               | 7040. 11. 19 |
|      | March             | Ditto               | 8093. 12. 57 |
|      | April             | Ditto               | 6904. 24. 45 |
|      | May               | Ditto               | 2649. 27. 23 |
|      | June              | Ditto               | 5679. 4. 10  |
|      | July              | Ditto               | 3662. 13. 51 |
|      | August            | Ditto               | 6531. 21. 35 |
|      | Sept <sup>r</sup> | Ditto               | 2931. 31. 69 |
|      | Oct <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto               | 205. 30. 10  |
|      | Nov <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto               | 313. 10. 31  |
|      | Dec <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto               | 311. 30. 43  |
| 1774 | January           | Ditto               | 749. 11. 46  |
|      | February          | Ditto               | 3440. 19. 56 |
|      | March             | Ditto               | 3443. 25. 13 |
|      | April             | Ditto               | 2001. 25. 66 |
|      | May               | Ditto               | 31921. 7. 69 |
|      | June              | Ditto               | 2107. 35. 27 |
|      | July              | Ditto               | 451. . 79    |
|      | August            | Ditto               | 207. 12. 63  |
|      | Sept <sup>r</sup> | Ditto               | 513. 5. 57   |
|      | Oct <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto               | 13. 12. 51   |
|      | Nov <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto               | 19. 33. 72   |
|      | Dec <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto               | 47. 6. 20    |
| 1775 | January           | Ditto               | 22. 20. 0    |



1083 Fort St. George 13<sup>th</sup> July 1778

Paid Mr. Plummer for Iron & traps

Hooks & fixing 2<sup>d</sup> in blue stone of 407.7.20

425.6.36

3.88.8.13

1775  
February

Materials & workmen 43.23.14

Paid Mr. Plummer for reserved

boards made of 347.19.

391.8.14

March

Workmen & Materials 16.13.74

Mr. Plummer's bill for mauls

Piers on the Glacis & Iron work 1054.3.76

1070.17.70

April

Workmen & Materials 17.22.45

Mr. Plummer's bill for iron work

in hooks & fixing them 117.29.66

135.16.40

Deduct the value of Materials delivered 5.485.14.40

to Mr. Bonfield at the commencement  
of his for track & before that charged to  
the head of West Front

2.462.11.60

3.023.2.60

May

Materials & workmen 18.29.69

Mr. Plummer's bill for Piers, hooks

& fixing them in blue stone 130.39.51

157.33.40

June

Materials & workmen 13.28.60

Mr. Plummer's bill for Piers

Mauls Rescued Barracks

Iron hooks &c 249.24.35

263.17.15

Materials & workmen

14.32.23

Ditto

12.32.23

July

Augt

Sept

Ditto

13.34.44

Mr. Plummer's bill for Piers Hooks

& fixing them Copper & Iron gratings

Mauls &c

879.25.70

893.24.34

Octo

Workmen

8.29.60

12.13.2



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1775  
Dec.

Workmen

Book for Page

1358.33.52  
8.31.20

61.040.7.69

Workmen & Materials 10.5.70

Mr Plummer's bill for moulds  
gratings hooks & firing  
in blue stone

172.5.70 102.11.60

Workmen

7.22.30

Mr Plummer's bill for rivets &c

4.25.15 12.11.45

Workmen & Materials

9.5.30

Little

0.4.40

Mr Plummer's bill for Rivets &c

62.3.36

70.4.76

1641.26.51

Workmen

7.27.10

Little

9.10.70

Little

5.30.46

Mr Plummer's bill for moulds

51.34.20

57.20.66

Workmen & Materials

5.20.20

Mr Plummer's bill for iron hoops

hooks & bombproof doors

497.11.70

502.32.10

Workmen

6.5.20

Mr Plummer's bill for iron & brass hooks

firing & moulds & bombproof doors

943.15.44

949.20.64

Workmen & Materials

26.31.40

Mr Plummer's bill for moulds & hooks

Gratings & bombproof doors

534.6.75

561.2.35

Workmen & Materials

24.13.20

Mr Plummer's bill for hooks &c

23.9.60

47.23.0

Workmen & Materials

15.7.67

Mr Plummer's bill for Ironwork

15.30

30.8.25

Workmen & Materials

49.4.76

Mr Plummer's bill for bombproof

doors, Iron hooks &c

461.19.55

510.24.51

Carriage & Page

26.76.34.27

62109.34.10



# 1785 Fort St. George 13 July 1778

1777  
February

Workmen & Materials

Carried forward

2676.34.27

62,689.34.40

Mr Plummer's bill for bondproof

Davis Maunders &c

698.33.68

759.4.15

March

Workmen & Materials

63.12.78

Mr Plummer's bill for fixing hook &c

29.26.20

93.3.18

April

Workmen & Materials

96.21.56

Mr Plummer's bill for bondproof

Davis &c

66.29.13

163.44.69

3,692.20.49

May

Workmen & Materials

326.20.29

Mr Plummer's bill for Davis

Iron work &c

272.36.59

599.21.0

June

Workmen & Materials

211.21.73

July

Ditto

30.2.10

Mr Plummer for Gates, bomb.

proofs, Doors, Bridges, iron &c

Carpenter work &c

3475.3.36

3505.5.40

August

Workmen & Materials

9.12.50

September

Ditto

20.34.22

Mr Plummer's bill for bomb.

proofs, Doors, iron work &c

1604.30.43

1625.20.65

October

Workmen & Materials

33.33.36

Mr Plummer's bill for returned

Doors iron work &c

279.15.30

313.12.66

November

Workmen & Materials

35.11.74

Mr Garraus's bill for railing

to Bridges &c

315.4.6

350.16.5

6,615.10.62

Carried forward Pagodas

66,382.19.9



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December

Workmen & Materials 116.7.56 <sup>13<sup>th</sup> of June 1770</sup> 6615.10.62 6.6382.19.9

1770  
January

Mr. Gammie's bill for bridges  
Boarding of Doors &c 996.34.21 1113.3.77  
Workmen & Materials 14.30.20

February

Mr. Gammie's bill for railing  
Le Bridges, Barricade Gate &c 410.21.61 703.16.1  
Materials 5.11.11

May

Mr. Gammie's bill for Gate posts  
proof. Doors, iron works &c 651.11.72 656.11.79 9.167.32.59  
Materials / Timbers & Plank  
for bridges 13.59.6.40  
Mr. Gammie's bill for filling  
Doors, Iron & Brasswork &c  
in the months of December  
January & February last 1012.4.59 2.371.11.19

Pagoda 7792.7.7  
Fort St. George 1 July 1770  
Errors Excepted J. Balfour  
Cth. Com. of Works

cost

Account of work done by Mr. Benfield on the  
black Town wall, with its cost, extracted from the  
measurements taken the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1770, the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 1771 & the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1777

Brickwork in Curtains, Bastions, Linings, Gateways  
&c cubic Yards 68,490 1/2 at 1 1/3 of Yard 114.150.35.  
Earth filled in P. Roads 61,670 1/2 at 1 1/3 of Yard 11.903.29.40  
Ditto 27,499 1/2 at 8 1/2 of Yard 5565.15.60 174693.20.2

Cur Pagoda 131.619.38.20  
J. Balfour  
Cth. Com. of Works  
Fort St. George 27<sup>th</sup> March 1770  
Errors excepted 8



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Account of the Expence of work done by the Honble  
Company at the Black town wall under the direction of the Engineer

Ditch & Glacis

|                  |                           |             |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1769             |                           |             |
| October          | Workmen & Materials . . . | 888.30.24   |
| Nov <sup>r</sup> | Ditto                     | 1073.3.57   |
| Dec <sup>r</sup> | Ditto                     | 1907.9.54   |
| 1770             |                           | 3869.7.55   |
| January          | Ditto                     | 1684.8.44   |
| February         | Ditto                     | 1.610.18.5  |
| December         | Ditto                     | 4.874.34.79 |
| 1771             |                           | 8169.25.48  |
| January          | Ditto                     | 4.391.6.49  |
| February         | Ditto                     | 5.226.14.39 |
| March            | Ditto                     | 1.732.16.56 |
| April            | Ditto                     | 1.110.28.2  |
|                  |                           | 12460.29.66 |
| 1770             |                           | 24499.27.9  |

Berm

|                     |                               |             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| March               | Workmen & Materials . . . . . | 1916.13.76  |
| April               | Ditto                         | 2009.21.47  |
| May                 | Ditto                         | 2401.2.74   |
| June                | Ditto                         | 2059.24.15  |
| July                | Ditto                         | 1740.12.76  |
| August              | Ditto                         | 1470.31.1   |
| Septem <sup>r</sup> | Ditto                         | 876.30.23   |
| October             | Ditto                         | 1219.31.62  |
| Nov <sup>r</sup>    | Ditto                         | 2392.29.7   |
|                     |                               | 16095.17.61 |

Making Town Gates &c

|        |                           |            |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|
| 1771   |                           |            |
| May    | Workmen & Materials . . . | 1379.34.40 |
| June   | Ditto                     | 882.8.32   |
| July   | Ditto                     | 691.2.77   |
| August | Ditto                     | 585.8.74   |
|        |                           | 3538.10.63 |

Carried over

Carried over 40595.8.76



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Making town Gates Bro't over 3538. 18. 63 Bro't over 40595. 8. 70

|                      |                                |                            |              |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Septemb <sup>r</sup> | Workmen & Materials            | 787. 19. 33                |              |
| Oct <sup>r</sup>     | Ditto                          | 550. 23. 32                |              |
| Nov <sup>r</sup>     | Ditto                          | 280. 12. 60                |              |
| Dec <sup>r</sup>     | Ditto                          | 125. 15. 47                | 5282. 18. 3  |
| 1772<br>January      | Ditto                          | 95. 1. 40                  |              |
| Feb <sup>r</sup>     | Ditto                          | 274. 14. 4                 |              |
| March                | Ditto                          | 174. 10. 20                |              |
| April                | Ditto                          | 127. 13. 67                |              |
| May                  | Ditto                          | 101. 25. 20                |              |
| June                 | Ditto                          | 85. 10. 58                 |              |
| July                 | Ditto                          | 94. 31. 42                 |              |
| August               | Ditto                          | 467. 5. 66                 |              |
| Septemb <sup>r</sup> | Ditto                          | 310. 4. 62                 |              |
| October              | Ditto                          | 406. 7. 77                 | 2136. 33. 56 |
| 1772<br>November     | Black Town Wall & Magazines &c |                            | 7419. 15. 59 |
| December             | Workmen & Materials            | 239. 19. 47                |              |
| 1773<br>January      | Ditto                          | 662. 14. 54                | 9013. 52     |
| February             | Ditto                          | 179. 21. 34                |              |
| March                | Ditto                          | 263. 31. 40                |              |
| April                | Ditto                          | 361. 12. 44                |              |
| May                  | Ditto                          | 310. 29. 1                 |              |
| June                 | Ditto                          | 134. 25. 17                |              |
| July                 | Ditto                          | 96. 22. 43                 |              |
| August               | Ditto                          | 64. 21. 7                  |              |
| September            | Ditto                          | 62. 28. 40                 |              |
| October              | Ditto                          | 60. 10. 1                  |              |
| Nov <sup>r</sup>     | Ditto                          | 65. 2. 40                  |              |
| Decemb <sup>r</sup>  | Ditto                          | 95. 4. 20                  |              |
|                      |                                | 133. 6. 75                 | 2126. 734    |
|                      |                                | Carried over 30225. 55     |              |
|                      |                                | Carried over 40014. 24. 49 |              |



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1774  
January  
February

Black Town Wall Magazines for work over 3020 5.55

Work done by Materials 202 24.54

Ditto

327 19.71 530 8.45 3550 14.20

Pagodas 51573. 2. 69

Fort St George 1<sup>st</sup> June 1778

Errors Excepted

J. Balfour

Clt Com. of Works

An account of work done on the Black Town Wall

Work done by Mr. Benfield as per account No. 1 13169. 30. 20

Expence of Ditch of Glacis, Bomb, Tower Gates,

Magazines for as per account Particulars No. 2. 51573. 2. 69

Expence incurred on account of the Black Town wall Page 103 192. 41. 9

B. The particular Estimate of the work remain-

ing to complete the Black Town wall cannot

be ascertained at present by the Engineer for

want of Plans but he judges the expence at

5066000 Pagodas.

Fort St George 1<sup>st</sup> July 1778

Ex<sup>t</sup> J. Balfour

Errors excepted

Clt Com. of Works

An account of work done & to be done to the Fort Front

Work done by Mr. Benfield as per account particulars No. 1. 603. 037. 22. 47

Work done by the Company as per No. 2. 77. 921. 27. 7

Expence already incurred for the Fort Front Pagodas 681 779. 13. 54

Work to be done according to the Engineers Estimate No. 3. 27. 301. 17. 78

Pagodas 709. 000. 31. 52

Ex<sup>t</sup> J. Balfour

Fort St George 1<sup>st</sup> July 1778

Clt Com. of Works

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Estimate of the Works necessary to complete the  
West Front June 1778.

To making Banquettes in the court way from  
the reentrant Angle before the South Face of the  
Natives Bastion to the reentrant Angle before  
the North Face of the Royal Bastion 4629  
running Feet @ 75 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Pail<sup>ts</sup> 3483. 13. 33  
Forced for the Pallisades <sup>Comp. Feb 16</sup> 2021. 1. 11532. 20. 40  
Deduct for what will be used 487. 16. 19 1341. 15. 16  
1532. 4. 1 Page 10211. 4. 24

To workmen & putting up the Pallisading 2110. 33. 76  
To Iron work for the Pallisades about 500. 5. 7  
To Gallery Doors as by Carpenters Estimate 865. 32. 30  
To Bombproof Doors & Bindages of Communication  
interior facing of the parapets, Banquette, and  
paving of the Expense Magazines as by Estimate 7904. 2. 60  
To paving the Bombproofs not yet determined  
whether necessary or by Estimate 2146. 15. 7

6 Pagodas 27301. 17. 78

A true Copy

J Balfour

Clk to the Com. of Works

Account



1295 Fort St George 13<sup>th</sup> July 1770.

Account of the expense of putting up already  
put up, with the quantity of redwood used therein,  
& estimate of the redwood further required & the  
probable expense of putting up

The quantity of redwood exclusive of the old  
Palisades which has been employed in fix-  
ing the Palisades on the Fortifications is  
Caneers 094. 10. 14 & the cost thereof. 5913. 20. 31

The quantity of redwood further required for the Pal-  
isades of the Fortifications will be set out as follows  
viz nearly as follows.

|                            |                   |                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| To complete the West Front | 638. 6. 14        | 4297. 11. 73         |
| For the South Front        | 512. 17. 13       | 3452. 22. 24         |
| For the North Front        | 494. 12. 21       | 3327. 14. 79         |
| For the Sea Line           | 901. 9. 2         | 6594. 0. 50          |
|                            | <u>2627. 6. 3</u> | <u>17671. 21. 74</u> |

The Expense of the work already done for fixing the  
Palisades exclusive of the cost of Iron work  
which will require some time to extract from  
the accounts but is about 400 Pagodas amounts to 1790. 31. 7

The expense of the work further required for putting  
up the Palisades of the fortifications will be  
nearly as follows.

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| To complete the West Front | 1214. 16. 64 |
| For the South Front        | 085. 11. 11  |
| For the North Front        | 069. 33. 40  |
| For the Sea Line           | 1779. 10. 40 |

Pagds 4740. 10. 72

Attest Cypso J. Balfour Clerk of Courts



1092 Fort St. George 13<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

A Contract has been entered into with M<sup>r</sup> Paul  
Wimpale for the East line &c of the Fort, which com-  
prehends the following works.

Reform of the Tonnellons

Counterscarp & Glacis before the Tonnellons  
Cunette & Berm to the Sea-ward before the City  
of the Place.

South Curtain

East line of advanced Redoubts

Wall to the Sea

Works to the South East of R. East Angles  
Their Counterscarp & facing of the Glacis  
before them.

Bombproof Cisterns within the Fort

The Estimate of the expence of the above  
works as made by Colonel Ross Page 280/630.12

Ex<sup>t</sup> J. Balfour

Clt Com<sup>r</sup> of works.

Resolved that the consideration  
of the Fortification Accounts be deferred till a future day.

Resolved that the Prices & wages  
required for the remaining part of the Fortifications  
be executed by Mr Garraw in the Terms of what hath  
been already done, since the Committee are of opinion  
that the Prices are reasonable.

Resolved also that the Stone work  
required for the mouths of the Drains, Spouts, Key-  
Stones &c be executed by the Contractor for the  
Fortifications upon the Terms of what already done  
upon the West Front.



1793 Fort St. George 13<sup>th</sup> July 1793

Ordered that the Artillery Invalids coming from Palamcottah & Madurai be detained at Trichinopoly till further Orders & that the Artillery Invalids at Trichinopoly & Tanjore do likewise remain in those Garrisons till further Orders.

Part of the Accommodations be-  
longing to the late European Troops being at Tanjore,  
Agreed that Lieut. Colonel Fitch Gerald be desired to send  
them to Mr. Petrie at Nagore in order that they may be  
forwarded from thence to the Presidency by Sea.

General Munro lays before the  
Board the following Letter from Captain Alcock,

To Major General Hector Munro  
Commander in Chief of the Army  
Sir,

From Captain  
Alcock on the  
subject of the  
Arrears

I have the honor to present to you  
on the part of the Sepoy Captains, the Majority of whom  
have commended me placing on the spot this application,  
that the Honble Board will be pleased to give an order  
for payment of the Arrears due to them. I will consider  
how much they have already suffered by delay, especially  
as the Arrears of the Europeans have been paid  
twice, since any of the Sepoy have.

I beg leave to represent, that it  
much past the usual time of delivering the Sepoy or  
Arrears. The which being delayed & the continual  
duty in Madras occasions a bad appearance in point of  
duty in my Battalion, which is unavoidable, as I am  
liable to dismission should I offer to supply them myself.  
or can I consistent with my feelings, punish a Sepoy

since

des

bad



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For not producing, what he has paid for, and never received.

I have the honor to be

Sir  
Camp on the Island  
Fort St George  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1770.

Your most Obedient and  
very humble Servant  
Hugh Mordaunt  
Capt 13<sup>th</sup> Carn Batt<sup>y</sup> Sepoys.

Agrees that Captain Thomas Lane  
be appointed to the Command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Circular Batta-  
lion of Sepoys, & that Captain Nelson be appointed to  
the Command of the 16<sup>th</sup> Carnatic Battalion.

Read the following letter from  
Mr William Petrie to the President.

To the Honble Thomas Burnold

President & Governor of

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Mr Petrie  
with letter from  
Capt Godfrey

I beg leave to enclose for your perusal  
a copy of a letter I have just now received from Captain  
Godfrey at Nagore. I shall spare no pains upon my arrival  
there, to quiet the apprehensions of the Inhabitants & to  
prevail upon them to remain in their Villages, for if they  
ever leave these new acquired Districts, they will not be easily  
prevailed upon to return. If you shall judge it expedient  
to reinforce Captain Godfrey's Party, & at the same time think  
it improper to withdraw any more Sepoys from the Rajah's  
Country, I believe I could undertake to raise two or three  
Companies, towards the Sea Coast in a short time, which  
might for the present be employed upon this service and

these



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afterwards disposed of, as you & the Honble Board, shall judge proper. - Captain Gaspey has frequently mentioned the advantage that two field Pieces might be turned to, on a position, which for a considerable way commands the Passage of the River to the right & left.

I have the honor to be, with much respect,

Respectful Sir

Your most Obedient & most

Humble Servant

Willm. Petrie

Tanjore  
9<sup>th</sup> July 1770

Copy of a letter from Captain Gaspey dated Tanjore July 8<sup>th</sup> 1770.

Sir

I have received your favor. I immediately went to Mr. Capin & before I made him acquainted that there was not a quarrel, I talked to him some time, interpreted by Mr. Gaspey, & find the Merchants of this place have consulted, & determined some to go to Negapatam, some to Tranquebar - he says this place was plundered in the late War of 70 Lacks of Pagodas, he himself lost 32,000 Pagodas when Fort St. David gave up. Madras. they were even afraid of the People at Karical he asked me to bring the Sepoys to the North part of the Village, he would find a place, I told him, that would appear as tho' we were afraid, & that all the People in Karical were not able to do any thing with the few here. I informed him, you had wrote for more Sepoys, he said he was very glad of it. The People in this place, for some days, have been innumerable, they will be gone this Evening I hope. all Customs during these fears were double; our Neighbours are very quiet - they have one Guard between us & Karical & plenty of Soldiers in the night & day, have stopped all Passengers going



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in at the South part of the village. all this they have  
a right to do, & they supply me with good bread.  
I am

Sir

William Pehio Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Seyore.

Your most Obedient Servant,

signed Rob<sup>t</sup> Godfrey

P.S. I wish you would come down to these People before its too  
late, as you are inform'd of their intentions. Mah<sup>d</sup> Casim is the  
Principal & has great weight with the rest.

I am Sir

Your Son

R. G.

A true Copy W. Pehio.

Resolved that Lieut. Colonel FitzGerald  
be directed to send two Battalion Companies of Sepoys to Nagore  
in the room of the Grenadier Sepoys ordered from thence; also two  
Iron R<sup>gs</sup> with Shot & Co of a few Artillery Invalids.

M<sup>r</sup> Macdonough Assistant Surgeon  
being recommended by Mr. Parlow the principal Surgeon as a  
Person experienced in his Profession, Agreed that he be appointed  
to act in his Station at the Factory of Nagore.

Thos. Annabold

John Whitehill

And M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

B. Perring

at

great weight



1097 Fort St. George Saty. 1770.

Received the following Letters

x To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President & Governor & Council of  
Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

I have herewith the honor to en-  
close a return of the Troops & Military Stores in Pernacul  
at intelligence from Pondicherry for last month.

In some of my late Letters to the  
Honble President I have mentioned that no steps have been  
hitherto taken by the Natives People to remove the  
Cattle Y<sup>e</sup> to the North West from the Countries near to  
Pondicherry, although I believe this was part of his  
Highness's Instructions to his Manager & Train is, I am  
told, prevented from being carried into Pondicherry for  
some days past.

My intelligence is, that a Militia  
of about five hundred Europeans is now formed at Pon-  
dicherry, that some of the trading Vessels there have their  
Cargoes taken out & have Guns & Ammunition of every  
kind placed on board - Many of the Inhabitants of the  
Town have removed to Chellambur & to the Tanjore  
Country, not by order of the French Governor as is re-  
ported to me, however I have reason to think that only  
the useless Inhabitants of those likely to be troublesome in  
the event of a Siege are ordered out by Monsieur de Bel-  
combe. The works at Pondicherry on the North  
face of the Fort are carried on with all possible  
despatch, & the Cattle Y<sup>e</sup> within the French Lines  
are collected & counted, so that, in every respect the



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Preparations now making at Pondicherry have the  
appearance of an expected war

I have the honor to remain

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your very respectful and

very obedient Servants

Henry Malcolm

Commandt

Permacoil

9<sup>th</sup> July 1770

To the Honible Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

President of Governor & Council at

Fort St. George

Honible Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to forward

Letter from Cud.  
Dalore

you a Return of the Troops embarked the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant on  
board the Caudre, Hadje Ismael Nague dat, & likewise  
a list of the provisions sent with them, & an inventory  
of two Chests of Cavalry Stores & accoutrements, together  
with 2<sup>d</sup> Bill of lading of Cavalry Stores for Caden and  
consign'd to your honor & on the boat Lacherry Gopal  
Tindal the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant.

We are very respectfully

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble servants

Willm Cuming

J<sup>s</sup> Daniell

Willm Maitland

C<sup>t</sup> W Fallofield

Received the following letter

from Sir Edward Vernon.

Cuddalore

9<sup>th</sup> July 1770

To



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Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

President of Council of

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

From Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>  
Vernon resolves  
to keep the Squadron  
here

I am honored with your letter of the  
5<sup>th</sup> Instant, in answer to mine of the 6<sup>th</sup> & having maturely  
& deliberately taken into consideration, the late letter I re-  
ceived from the Presidency of Bombay, I concur entirely in  
your sentiments set forth in your letter respecting the  
present situation of Affairs; And as much have assigned  
my reasons to the Governor & Council of Bombay, for  
not immediately withdrawing His Majesty's Squadron  
under my command from this place.

I have the honor to be with much respect  
Gentlemen

Rippon Madras road  
12<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Vernon

Dispatched the following letters

To Mr. William Cuming

Chief of Council at

Cuddalore

Gentlemen

Letter to Cuddalore  
the Invalids arrive

We have received your several  
letters - The vessel with the Invalids of the Brown and  
white Cloth is arrived, & we approve the diligence you  
have shown in the execution of our Orders concerning  
them.

As we understand that several  
of the Inhabitants at Cuddalore have quitted the Town



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in consequence of the Reports which have prevailed relative to a war, we would have you by every means in your power, endeavor to remove any groundless apprehensions they may have formed on this subject, assure them there is no real cause to be alarmed and that the moment we see a probability of danger, we shall give them notice of it.

We desire you will enquire & inform us whether any Churnam can be procured at Cuddalore by Contract or otherwise & upon what terms, as we are in want of a supply for the works.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

Your affectionate friends  
J. Rumbold & Co

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir

Chief of Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> Instant.

To Masulipatam  
Capt. Mitchell  
Invalided to lay  
in provisions for  
two months

In consequence of your representations concerning Captain Mitchell of Engineers, we have appointed him to the Invalid Corps, & shall consider of a proper person to be sent to Masulipatam in his room.

We think the quantity of Gun powder in Store may serve for the present. Our stock of this Article will not admit of our sending you any more at this time, but we shall supply you with a further quantity as soon as we are able.



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As to the provisions necessary to be laid in store at Masulipatam, we are of Opinion & accordingly direct that a stock not more than sufficient for 100 Europeans & 5000 Scapags for 2 Months be provided agreeably to the enclosed Estimate. With regard to the proposal of obliging certain of the Inhabitants to quit the Fort in case you should have reason to apprehend an immediate attack, it is not necessary for us to give you any further directions at this time than that nothing should at present be attempted, to create any alarm amongst the Inhabitants either within, or without the Fort & as the Patriots whether of property or not must be allowed every security you can afford them.

As the Papers you lately transmitted regarding the Fortifications are referred to Major Stemons for his Opinion, we would have nothing expensive done until you receive our further Orders.

We are sorry to learn by Reports from Masulipatam, that the Inhabitants in that Quarter are so much alarmed by the Directions, we thought proper to issue to all our Settlements to be on their guard. We desire you to make known to them as publicly as you can, that tho' we deem such a caution necessary, we do not look upon any of the Company's Settlements to be in the least danger at present, or that there is the smallest cause for the Inhabitants to be alarmed. You may assure them that the moment we apprehend danger we shall give you advise of it, that every possible measure may be taken for their security.

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We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1770

Your affectionate friends  
Tho: Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

To Lieut: Colonel Fitz-Gerald  
Commanding at

Tanjore

Sir

We have received of our several  
Letters. As the Rajah expresses so strange an inclination  
to Lt. Col. Fitz-Gerald to proceed as far as Combaconum & Trivatore, We have  
written him, that he shall have a proper Escort for  
that purpose, which we desire you will furnish  
having due regard to the strength of your Garrison.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1770

Your most humble Servants  
Tho: Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

To the Honble Pierre Van Vliet Esq<sup>r</sup>

Counsellor extraordinary & Director  
for Affairs of the Dutch Company for  
the Coast of Chormandel and to the  
rest of the Council thereof at

Negapatam

To Negapatam  
most Devoted

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have had the honor to receive  
your Letters of the 30<sup>th</sup> May & 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
In consequence of the former are  
made enquiries after the People, said therein to have



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resorted from your Settlement, & to have taken Service with  
us at Tanjore, but we do not find that they are at Tanjore  
but we do not find that they are at Tanjore or any place  
within the Company's limits, otherwise we should certainly  
by deliver them to you agreeably to the terms of the Contract.

We beg leave to repeat our former  
request that Laurence Drisdemon who deserted from our  
Service to Negapatam may be delivered up.

We have the honor to be with  
perfect Esteem.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George  
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Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servants

Thos Rumbold & Co

To the Honble Mr Bellecombe

Major General of his most Christian  
Majesty's Forces Governor & Commandant  
General over all the French Settlements  
in the East Indies & to Mr Chevreau  
Intendant General Commissioner of the

Pondicherry

Gentlemen

Letter to on the  
intelligence received  
from us.

We have had the honor to re-  
ceive your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant informing us that  
upon the arrival of the Advices which we lately received  
by the way of Surer the news of a War was circulated  
but this appearing to you to be only a popular report,  
you hesitated in giving credit to it & thought it im-  
proper to assent on the Subject, but that every Thing  
which has lately pass'd around you, does not allow  
you to doubt of our considering the news as true; that



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the preparations of all sorts which formake on every side, the  
Seizure of Provisions destined for Pondicherry - the Effects  
of your Intubulants stopp'd Letters open'd & interrupted  
of lately that the Motions of our Troops who appear to  
advance near your Capital, all indicate approaching hos-  
tilities which an absolute certainty of War could only  
authorize.

After this enumeration of the par-  
ticulars of our Conduct you demand formally to know the  
motives of these acts & preparations & express of our hope  
that the security in which you rest from the esteem you  
bear our Nation will not expose you to hostilities on  
our part until you have been by us forewarn'd of them.

We will not disguise from you  
Gentlemen that we have lately received Advice from such  
which speak of the ill temper that prevailed between the  
the English & French Courts. Letters of the same kind have  
been received by the Individuals of our Nation & some  
have probably reach'd Pondicherry from whence you  
may have learnt the same particulars with ourselves.  
It is true also that in consequence of this intelligence  
we have taken such measures as appear necessary  
for our security, but we deny that any thing has  
been done by us which can be deem'd an infraction  
of those Terms of friendship & good understanding  
which undoubtedly ought & we hope may subsist  
between us, whilst our respective Sovereigns are not  
actually at War.

We positively deny the Charge  
you are pleas'd to insinuate against us of seizing  
provisions destined for Pondicherry, stopping the



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Effects of your Inhabitants, or of opening or intercepting letters. To assure you that none of these things if they have been done at all have been done by our Orders or authority & indeed you speak so generally on the subject that we are yet to learn to what particular Facts you allude, if you will be pleased to point out any instance of improper conduct in Us or in any Persons acting under our authority, we shall be happy to afford you any satisfaction or explanation in our power.

In regard to the hopes you express of not being exposed to hostilities until you have been forwarded of them, we can make no other answer than that you will always find us acting towards you upon every occasion with due attention to those Principles of honor & Justice, which are observed amongst all civilized Nations whether in peace or War.

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Fort St. George  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1778

Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servants  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Rumbold

Your Council

To the Honble William Hornby Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President of Governor's Council at

Bombay

Honble Sirs

We have received your Letter of the

Letter to Bombay 10<sup>th</sup> Ultimo.

Sir Edward Vernon addressed Us a Letter in consequence of your application to him to carry the Squadron round to Bombay. We transmit a copy thereof



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with copy of our answer for your information

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and

most humble servants

T. Rumbold Esq.

Received the following letter

from Mr. Frowde.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.

President of Governor & Council etc.

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of the General Orders of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, Captain Gibbins marched from hence with the Battalion Guns &c. to Trichinopoly.

I shall speedily take the Liberty of discharging all the necessary servants who attended the Garrison, & as we have no lascars, Colonel Frowde has intimated to me the necessity of removing part of the stores to Tanjore, which are now reduced to a small quantity. This small I shall not consider it unworthy my attention till I am relieved from that charge.

As I have not sufficient employ-ment in this place, I now offer you my future services, wherever my ability & diligence may be thought most necessary & usefull.

I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble servant

Edw<sup>d</sup>. Frowde Pay<sup>r</sup>.

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8<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

From Mr. Frowde  
offering his servi-  
ce.



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Received the following letter from  
Lieut. Malcolm.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President of Governor & Council of  
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The following is the purport of the  
intelligence received by me just now from Pondicherry.

From Ponnacott  
the French make  
preparations for  
their defence

That this morning about seven  
of clock 400 European Soldiers with Arms & accoutrements  
were embarked on board a Ship in the roads then  
under sail, that this Ship was intended to intercept an  
English Vessel.

That about half an hour after  
seven a Ship arrived at Pondicherry from France said to  
have treasure on board; & that Monsieur De Belcombe  
had this morning given Orders to raise a new Battal-  
lion of Sepoys.

That the Gate of Pondicherry Fort  
leading to Verdun or Waldour is entirely shut up, the  
bridge over the Ditch from that Gate taken off. & a thick  
wall raised in the inside of the Gate. My hircarrat  
saw the 400 Men as before mentioned embarked this  
morning; The Honble Board will observe that this  
embarkation did not take place in consequence of  
the arrival of the Ship from France.

The works at Pondicherry are  
carried on with dispatch as reported in former Letters  
of their Complement of Guns mounted.

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I have the honor to remain.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Permacoil

Two o'clock P. M.

13<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

Your most respectful and most

Obedient Servant

Henry Malcolm

Commandant.

A Consultation present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

Governor President

John Whitehill

General. Munro

Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson

Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from

Major Stevens

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Being desirous of collecting

as much as possible the several reports that have been

made on the Fortifications & Buildings of Tanjore

showing at one view what has been done towards the

compleating of such Plans as have been formed &c.

I beg leave to trouble you with the following Nar-

ration in which I shall endeavour to be as concise

as possible making references to such parts of your

Records as will give more particular information

From Major  
Stevens with  
report of the

Works of Tanjore



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on the subject

In the beginning of the Year 1776, I was left at Tanjore with orders from Lord Pigot to level all the buildings in the Little Fort except the great Pagoda which was to be preserved to the Brahmins and such other Houses as might be useful in assisting to shelter the Troops of Mares, & on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1776, I forwarded to him agreeable to his Orders a letter accompanying a plan of the Little Fort of Tanjore with a design for a Rampart to secure it against the Town with Gates & Guard rooms for estimated at Pagodas 7405, 3, 40 as also of Barracks for about 200 Europeans and a Battalion of Sepoys with their Officers an Artillery Park, two Powder Magazines & a Laboratory estimated at Pagodas 24094 which Letter & Estimates are entered on your Consultations 17<sup>th</sup> December 1776.

In compliance with Orders of the Chief Engineer I wrote a Letter under date the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> giving an account of all the transactions respecting the works at Tanjore which is entered on your Consultation the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1776 I received Orders from the Chief Engineer to go to Tanjore & was furnished with some instructions from him relative to a reform of the Fortifications copy of which is entered on Consultation 17<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup>. And on the 7<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> I reported to him what had been done at Tanjore which is also entered as above on Consultation 17<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup>.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1776 the Board resolved that I should forthwith be directed to proceed in executing the Buildings within the



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small Fort agreeable to any plan & also with new modelling  
the Town Wall & Rampart & that I should be called upon  
for my opinion touching what was necessary to be done  
in the great Fort at Tanjore. And on the 17<sup>th</sup> December  
the Board repeated the above resolutions, & added their  
instructions relative to what they wished to have done  
& ordered that I should form Estimates of the Expence  
thereof & transmit them as soon as possible for the  
information of the Board.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1777, I reported  
to the Chief Engineer what had been done in consequence  
of the above Orders & other circumstances that had occurred  
till that time which is entered on Consultation with a  
Letter from Colonel Roys of 4<sup>th</sup> April 1777.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March I reported  
to the Chief Engineer what I thought necessary to be  
done to the great Fort of Tanjore & what farther I thought  
wanting to the interior of the Little Fort to make it equal  
in strength at least to any other part of the Works,  
accompanying Estimates thereof, & copies of some pro-  
posals that had been made for executing some of the  
Works that had been ordered to be carried into execu-  
tion by the Board the 16<sup>th</sup> December 76. which  
reports Estimates & Proposals together with a Letter  
from Colonel Roys of the 13<sup>th</sup> April are entered  
on your Consultations 14<sup>th</sup> April 1777, and the  
Board then resolved that I should finish the Bar-  
racks for the Officers & Soldiers as soon as possible  
& that with respect to the other Works, that a sum  
not exceeding 20,000 Pagodas should be expended  
on them in the course of the next three months.



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this also resolved that Mr. Gordon should have a contract  
for such works as he had given in proposals to execute.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May I forwarded  
Proposals which had been made by Mr. Gordon  
under date 29<sup>th</sup> April for performing other parts of  
the Works of the Board for which was laid before the  
Board with a Letter from Colonel Ross under date  
the 12<sup>th</sup> May these are entered in Consultation the  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1777 I reported  
to Colonel Ross the progress of the Works at Tanjore  
that I had for sake of expedition agreed with Mr.  
Gordon for building 3 Expense Magazines at 105 Pags  
each under the Works he was carrying on requesting  
the Board would order the payment thereof when  
completed; that they would give their permission  
for Mr. Gordon to complete such Expense Magazines  
as might be further wanted under the Works he had  
to execute; as also for his finishing the Sally Ports  
of Fort Drains as he proceeded with the Works round  
the Fort. And also reported some transactions respec-  
ting the Manufacture of Bricks, desiring the Board's  
directions thereon. And as the three Months were expired  
in which the Board gave me leave to expend as far  
as 20,000 Pagas on the Fortifications requested  
their Orders for my future conduct, all which with  
a Letter from Colonel Ross dated 11 August 1777 is  
entered in Consultation 10<sup>th</sup> August 1777 when the Board  
ordered that I should continue strengthening Tanjore  
according to the Plan already approved of provided  
the Sum expended in the next three Months did not



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exceed the sum of 20000 Pagodas allotted for the last Quarter, but with regard to my request respecting Mr. Gordon they only observed that I had been already empowered to allow Mr. Gordon or any other Person to contract for any work under my inspection if were satisfied with what had been done about the manufacture of Bricks but directed that such as were made by the Contractors should be, if a sufficient quantity could be supplied at reasonable rates.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November I reported the state of the works at Tanjore to Colonel Ross shewing what had been done in the course of the year & that I wished to undertake for the next, in which I enclosed some proposals from Mr. Gordon for painting & coping the retaining walls of the Ramparts which with a letter from Colonel Ross under date the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1777 should have been laid before the Board but by some accident has been neglected, As I mean to collect under one view the progress that has been made in the works at Tanjore as also to shew what remains to be done towards completing the Plan that has been made it will be unnecessary to trouble your Honor with the contents of the above mentioned Letter further than what relates to the Proposals offered by Mr. Gordon which I have transcribed, & as the terms are very reasonable & the work they propose absolutely necessary to be done for the security of the new Ramparts & parapet I beg leave to recommend them to your immediate Determination & if you do not think proper to accept thereof that you will be pleased to give Orders for having the said work



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done on the Company's account before the next Monsoon  
Mr. Gordons proposals  
To Major Stevens.

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you  
that I will contract to point with Chinnam all the  
retaining wall of the large Fort furnishing every ne-  
cessary of material for scaffolding &c at the rate of  
thirty six Madras Panams for every hundred square  
feet the Exchange forty two Panams the Pagoda.

I will further Contract for coping  
the said wall finding all materials at the rate of  
nine Madras Panams six Cash for every yard in length  
[with this remark] that the breadth does not exceed two  
feet nor the depth seven & half Inches if more or less  
to be attained for accordingly to be executed in any  
reasonable time for the performance of which I will  
enter into such penalty Bonds as may be deemed neces-  
sary.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

signed W. Gordon

Tanjore  
18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777.

Part 15 of Major Stevens's letter to Colonel Ross  
dated Tanjore 7<sup>th</sup> Novem. 1777

Col. Ross's Remarks

I have only one thing  
more to trouble you with respec-  
ting the Quarters of Tanjore which  
are copy of Proposals delivered to

Part 15 In consequence  
of Major Stevens's wish  
that Mr. Gordon is not  
not only undertake the



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me some time ago by Mr. Gordon for pointing & coping the retaining wall of the Ramparts of the great Fort St. George means to have the joints with pick'd & to clear out to the depth of 4 inches such little Bricks as have been put in and to make it good with Churnam & Rubbish I think his proposals reasonable. For the coping of the retaining wall I meant to have it entirely covered with a flat brick laid in Churnam the greatest part of it is 2 foot 7 inches & over this a brick on edge 2 1/2 bricks in breadth. If Mr. Gordon will execute this on the terms he offers, I heartily recommend that part of his proposals also & have only to wish that he would not only undertake the retaining wall of the great Fort but also the parapets making a proportion for the coping which I mean to be in the same manner as the retaining wall but only two bricks in breadth.

retaining wall of the great Fort but also the Parapets making a proportion for the coping & I have applied to that Genl. Hermann who has in answer sent me the accompanying Letter

I am not possess'd of a copy of the abovemention'd Letter from Mr. Gordon to Coloud Ross but remember seeing it & that Mr. Gordon consented to finish the Parapets & make a proportional Price.



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On the 4<sup>th</sup> December I reported the progress of the Works at Tanjore which with a letter from Colonel Ross of the 1<sup>st</sup> January is entered on Consultation 19<sup>th</sup> January 1778.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January 1778 Colonel Ross accorded a letter to the Board, requesting Orders for the payments of sundry bills at Tanjore which had been delay'd to be discharge'd in consequence of Directions that had been issued to the Paymaster there & in compliance with Colonel Ross request Orders were sent under date 2<sup>d</sup> Feby 1778 to pay for the present all bills for work done at Tanjore which might be certified by one & after the Departure of the Ship then under dispatch the Board would consider of the mode which had been observed in carrying on the Works & send their final resolution on that subject.

On the 3<sup>d</sup> Feby 1778 I reported to Colonel Ross that about 30 Yards of the Trause-bray Wall of the great Fort on the East face near the South East Angle had fallen down which said report with Colonel Ross's letter accompanying it dated the 5<sup>th</sup> Feby is entered on Consultation 13 Feby 1778.

Having thus gone through a narrative of the proceedings regarding the works at Tanjore I will now point out what has been executed & what remains yet to be done.

Work done in the little Fort of Tanjore

Upper Rampart.

The Rampart in the Grange

for securing it against the Town has been constructed it is supported in front by a thin revetment



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of brick laid in Chumam on an old Foundation & its interior with masonry laid in Clay. The Ramparts of the East & South Faces have been lowered & levelled & put into good order & supported on the inside with a wall of bricks laid in Clay. The Ramparts of the West & North Faces have been roughly levelled & formed in earth against the old Fort walls.

Work done in the little Fort of Tanjore continued

Gates and Sally ports

The Gate leading thro' the rampart of the Gorge to the Town has been finished with sufficient Guard rooms &c. The Sally ports at M & P have also been completed & near the Sally Port P there are two spacious Bombproof Lodgings likewise executed under the Rampart.

Parapets on the upper

Rampart

The Parapets are put upon part of the East & South Faces of Embasures cut therein all faced with Bricks laid in clay except the cheeks of the Embasures which are chiefly in Chumam. The Parapets on the West & North Faces are roughly formed in Earth only.

Towers

Work of the Towers of the little Fort recommended to be removed are done or in hand & the walls made good where they stood except three Towers on the South Face which I have not determined shall be removed or left standing.

Fauselray

A Rampart has been formed against the Fauselray wall on as much of the East front as is necessary & part of the South front supported with a wall built with bricks laid in clay forming a dry ditch between it & the upper Fort wall & in other necessary parts this Rampart



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has been formed in Earth only. One part of the  
Faushey wall which had fallen down has been  
rebuilt as also another part of it which had given  
way.

## Expence Magazines

Expence Magazines have been  
of Drains formed under the Ramparts in convenient places &  
some drains has also been made for carrying off the  
water.

## Glacis

A very great hollow which was  
on the S.E. Angle of the Little Fort has been filled up.

## Cavaliers

Mounds of earth has been thrown  
up at the S.E. & S.W. Angles for the purpose of making  
Cavaliers detached from the Rampart. All the old Cava-  
liers are removed & cleared away except those at the S.E.  
& S.W. Angles which I mean should stand till  
the new work was constructed on the South front.

## Barracks

Spacious & roomy Barracks  
for one Grenadier & two Battalion Companies of  
Europeans have been completed the walls are bricks  
laid in Chiswick & covered with a kind of thin arch  
much used in the Southern parts of the Carnatic &  
which I believe will prove very lasting the outside  
of the arches are well secured from wet & the  
inside of the Barracks are plastered but the outside  
of the walls are not / neither do I believe it absolutely  
necessary though I would recommend it to be done  
when works of more consequence are out of hand.

## Quarters for Officers

Convenient Quarters with proper  
outhouses have been built for 2 Captains & 6 Subalterns  
on the same construction with the Barracks for the  
Europeans but with this difference that the outside



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of this building is also plastered with Churram.

Artillery Park

This building has been provided for, but on a different plan & situation from that originally designed, a very good shed has been built along the East wall of the great Pagoda from the Gate to the N.E. Angle which contains all the field Train with convenience. And two sheds have been built in the Faunbray between the two Ports which will contain all the Garrison Carriages, one of these sheds is covered only with Bamboo's & may require in two or three years a new roof, but the others are very good & will I hope need no repairs for many years but a few Tiles now & then which all Buildings of the kind must require.

Store-houses

A very good & convenient Store house & Armory has been made from the Osberam marked A in the plan which I believe will contain all the Stores necessary for Tanjore. If on trial it be secure from theft, is a permanent Building & will need no repairs.

Ramparts and

Work done in the great Fort of Tanjore  
Which his Highness the Nabob  
Parapets of the great Fort. Had possession of Tanjore the breach was repaired & a good rampart & parapet was put to that part of the Fort all faced with Walls of Brick laid in Churram & in the course of last year the Rampart was made good & levelled all round the great Fort sustained by a wall built with Bricks & Stones laid in clay except at the North, East & the South Gateways which was left open for the purpose of reforming them & the parapets have been put thereon to join



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those executed by the Nubia with three Embrasures  
pierced in each. Curtains one in the flank of each  
Tower & two in the faces where there was room  
to admit them except the part appert to the Forge  
of the little Fort on which no parapet was intended  
& at six or seven Towers, which I have some thoughts  
of removing. The parapets are faced with Burrs laid in  
clay & the Chais of the Embrasures with Burrs laid  
principally in Churram.

Expence Magazines Drains

& Sally Ports

Under the Rampart of the great

Fort there has been several expence Magazines constructed  
but for want of Materials, not so many as I proposed.  
Four Sally Ports has been made at convenient places thro  
the Rampart into the Faussebray as was recommended  
& the Fort Drains have been completed through the  
Rampart.

Street round the Town

A Street of 36<sup>th</sup> wide has been

cleared round the Town at the foot of the Rampart  
which will admit of easy communication from  
one part of the Quarters to another.

Cavaliers

The Cavaliers of the great Fort

has been removed as was recommended & some Mounds  
of earth are left for forming those proposed at the  
N.E. & S.E. Angles.

Faussebray

Earth has been thrown into

the Faussebray for its reform as was mentioned in my  
letter 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1777, but for want of Burrs it re-  
mains in an unfinished State except a part on the  
N.W. Angle which was put into good order by  
the Nubia.

Powder Magazines

One of the Magazines marked



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marks 21 printed out in my letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 77 is  
fitting up with Standards for lodging powder.

### Ditch & Glacis

Nothing has been done thereto  
since the Nabob had possession of Tanjore, he cleared out  
the Ditch before the breach & deepened it considerably, for  
some distance on each side thereof vizt to the Eastward  
as far as the North Gate & to the Southward as far as  
Wellum Gate & for this extent laid the foundation  
of a counterscarp wall with Brick & Chunnam to re-  
duce the breadth of the Ditch from 100 or 200 feet  
to 100 in front of the Faussebray Towers & raised it  
from 4 to 8 feet above its own base. This part of the  
Ditch has about 12 feet water therein, & the Counters-  
carp Wall is now from 4 to 8 feet under water with  
a rugged irregular bank laying over it & some mounds  
of earth which was meant to make good for far as  
it would go against the wall when it was raised.

### Esplanade

The brick pier as marks for  
the boundaries of the Esplanade on the North and  
East fronts of the Forts of Tanjore has been erected  
at 750 Yards from the Walls, these fronts are only  
those which the Inhabitants seem to be crowding  
with their Houses.

Having thus gone through  
what has been done at Tanjore I will proceed to  
enumerate what is yet wanting to complete the  
plan already formed & give some idea of what  
is further requisite to be considered off.

What is wanting in the Little Fort of Tanjore.

### Upper Rampart.

The retaining walls of the  
Rampart on the West & North faces remain to



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to be built with Bricks laid in clay which should be done immediately by Mr Gordon in the Terms of his Contract the whole remains to be painted with Chumam & coped with Bricks laid in the same.

Gateway & Outwork on the South Face

The Outwork proposed in the Centre of the South front remains to be done & there cannot be a better opportunity than the present for completing it as the river will be full & Tanjore on that account & the Monsoon stands I think tolerably secure till the Month of January next. And tho' I did not formerly intend a Gate thro' this Work into the Country I now wish it. A small alteration in the design secures the Gate in this situation as well as any other. If the Board think proper to order this Work to be carried on I will prepare the plan that has been already pitched upon together with the improvements for their inspection.

Parapets

The Parapets remains to be completed all round the little Fort as soon as the Rampart is finished in the same manner as the parts already executed except on the Large which I think should be made very thin as it will in that state answer all present purposes & can be thickened should an Enemy attack the great Fort, or be easily destroyed if the little Fort should be attacked. The parapets will also require to be painted & coped as above.

Traverse

The reform of the Traverse remains to be completed in the best manner it will admit on part of the South face & on the West face. The Reform is unnecessary on the North



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face farther than to cover the Sally Port & Mound which it is already done. This work should be done by Mr Gordon on the Terms of his Contract.

Expence Magazines

Expence Magazines should be made as the Ramparts are carried on in convenient places agreeable to a plan already executed. If it would be a saving in point of expence & time if Mr Gordon was permitted to finish them on the same terms he has already done.

Ditch

The two Batter decauxes mentioned in my letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> March 1777 remains yet to be done but is one of the last considerations.

Counterscarp coveid way and Glacis

The part of the Counterscarp mentioned in my letter 22<sup>d</sup> March 77 remains to be done, the Glacis is done except what alteration will become necessary for the proposed Outwork. However since my abovementioned letter I have thought it might be proper to clean out the Tank on the West face & raise the Glacis on that front with the Earth therefrom.

Cavaliers

Those at the S.E. & S.W. Angles remain to be removed when the outwork is constructed. Whether it may be necessary to construct others in lieu thereof detached from the Rampart may be hereafter considered.

Barracks

There remains to complete the plan already agreed on Barracks for one Battalion of Sepoys in the little Fort, but this I think cannot be finished with this year. And probably the Board may fix upon the Establishment for the Garrison of Tanjore they can be begun.



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Officers Quarters

There remained to complete the plan already laid upon, Quarters for the Commanding Officer for 2 Captains & 14 Subalterns but I think it is too late in the year to begin any except those for the Commanding Officer which I would more recommend to be built entirely new & in a different situation from the original plan viz. on the North-west part of the Garden leaving the Choultry out of which there were intended to be formed either for an Officer's Quarter or to be destroyed to make room for a regular range of Quarters from the N.E. angle of the great Pagoda Wall to a square with the end of the new Europeans Barracks. The above mentioned Barracks with the new ones already built are to accommodate only the Commanding Officer & Captains & 20 Subalterns which is far from being sufficient for the Officers of the Troops stationed in the little Fort & as none of the old houses now occupied are proper I shall therefore take a short opportunity of adjusting a plan how the number may be increased & in the mean time have to recommend that if the Board wish any part of the Quarters intended in the original plan be now begun that the ground formerly intended for the Artillery Park may now be occupied for that purpose & that they be made to align with the new ones lately built.

Powder Magazines

The two proposed to be built remain to be done, however as their situation may probably be improved & as they cannot be now executed I shall for the present say nothing further about them.



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Laboratory

The intended Laboratory remains yet to build & I have to recommend a different situation than that express'd in the first design. Viz. to have it now built in the suburb to the East of the little Fort & accompanying this have the honor to lay before you a particular design of one adapted to this spot where it will be secure & leave spot first intended for other purposes. This plan will show your honor &c. in what manner the Ramparts in general have been reform'd.

Hospital

The Hospital has hitherto been at Vellum & on that account no notice was taken of such a building in the original design but as it is inconvenient to send sick men so far an Hospital in a nearer situation has from experience become necessary. Should Quarters & Barracks be built in the little Fort for all the troops now station'd there, I think there would not be room for an Hospital without crowding the place too much, & rendering it unhealthy for those that are well & unfit for the recovery of those that are sick & it appears to me equally necessary for in case Tanjore be besiegd, it would be prudent to turn the Bramins out of the great Pagoda, where they will be room enough for an Hospital & many other purposes or some building in the great Fort might be obtained but as it would be improper & unpleasant to the Inhabitants to have the Hospital fixed there I am of Opinion that it should be built without the Fort. And there is a spot about a mile from the Walls which the Surgeons much approved of



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Work to be done in the great Fort

Rampart & Parapet

The Ramparts & Parapets to be

pointed & copied as proposed, should be done immediately.

Expence & Magazines

Some expence Magazines to

be made under the Rampart & the Rampart again

made good then might be done immediately.

Cavaliers

All removed as proposed, part

of that near Tower N. E. & S. is left standing detached from

the Rampart & proposed to be formed into a redoubt. Mounds

of Earth are thrown up at the N. E. & S. E. Angles for

the proposed Cavaliers there which should be faced with

brick work when the Gateways are done. These are

not provided for in the Estimates.

Reforms of the Gateways

The North East & South Gates

remain to be reformed as proposed & as time ought to be

lost in getting the two first done as they are essential to

the Defences. The North Gate must be begun first and

completed before anything can be done to the East

Traverse

As great part of the Traverse

wall is very old & rotten, it will hardly bear the

reform that was intended had there been sufficient

of old materials to have completed it. I think it should

lay in its present state with the Earth thrown up

against the outer Wall with the intended dry ditch

cleared to its proper level, or at least one other part

should be completed except before the N. E. & S. E.

Angles with such works as may be got within a

reasonable distance or can at leisure be carried

thither but that no new materials should be used

therein / even on these two principal points till

the sufficiency of the outer Wall has been tried



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with a great weight of Earth against it. However the Sally ports should be made through it into the Ditch & then walled up. The part of the Faurebray wall which has fallen down should be ordered to be rebuilt & as I apprehended other parts of the Faurebray Walls to the Eastward may occasionally tumble down for want of foundation & through age I wish now to mention it that the Board may not be alarmed at any such report hereafter.

Ditch & Glacis

The whole of what is recommended for the Ditch covered way & Glacis in my letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March remains yet to be done & should be one of the last things undertaken.

Interior buildings of

The work recommended to be done to the Granary is if necessary yet to be undertaken tho' it is a pity that building should not be repaired yet I do not conceive so much of it will be wanted for the service of the Stores as is represented in my letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> March for all or a great part of the dry stores are lodged in the Storehouse made of the Cohoram in the Little Fort. All the Magazines for Powder remains to be filled up except that in hand. The Carpenters should be kept at work on them till they be completed. The spaces marked 10. 19 / Mt / which were the only void spaces proper for the building Sepoy Barracks as mentioned in the Boards Orders of the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1776 have been preserved unoccupied by the Inhabitants for such purpose when thought necessary.

Esplanade.

The Esplanade to the North



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East of the Fort was almost covered with huts which  
I left Tanjore but the Commanding Officer intended as  
soon as the fair weather set in to have them cleared  
away. If this has not been done, it remains now to  
have strict Orders issued for that purpose & that no  
Huts be permitted hereafter to be erected within the  
line of Fort.

As I have now given on account  
of what remains to be done to complete the plan for-  
med for Tanjore, I cannot quit the Subject without  
earnestly recommending that the several Works may  
be contracted for as being well convinced it will be to  
advantage not only in point of Expedition but expense  
& trusting your Honor<sup>ty</sup> will approve of what I say.  
I take the liberty to add such Articles to be advertised  
for as I think will serve for completing the several  
Works to be performed

Plain Brick work in Chinnam for Barracks Hospital.  
Laboratory Magazines Outworks to the S<sup>o</sup> of the Little Fort & many  
other parts of the Fortifications where there is no  
Water including the digging of Foundation Scafs.  
folding & other necessaries of Culical Yard.  
Plain Brick work in Chinnam in the Counters.  
carp of the Ditch of the great Fort Battlement &  
other places where Water must be cauled including  
the Expense thereof of Culical Yard.  
Wall Brick Work including caulking of Water Exca-  
vation & all Charges of Culical Yard.  
Stones or other old Materials laid in Chinnam &c.  
D<sup>o</sup> in Clay of D<sup>o</sup>



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Arched Brick work including setting in & removing of  
Centers & securing the outside from Poles — Plutical sand  
Corniche Brick work such as is executed on the Barracks  
at Tadjors to be reckoned from the inner part of the  
Entablature to the Top of the Corniche.

Arch work for covering of Bricks Laboratory Hospital  
or other Buildings with all Oranges including the  
setting of the Chances making Dwarves & Spouts &  
plastering the Tops to secure them from Ruin in the  
same manner as the new Barracks for the Europeans  
are executed the Measurements to be taken on the In-  
side of the Arch — & square of 100 Superficial feet  
Chimneying of walls within or without of the  
innards of the Arches as in the European Barracks  
p.p.

Do — Do as in the Officers Quarters p.p.

Chimneying the Corniches as in the Officers Quarters p.p.  
Door Frames & Panel Doors including Hooks Hinges  
& Bolts painted as in the Officers Quarters with 8 Inch  
Europe Brass locks each

Do — Do in every respect European locks each.

Window Frames & Shutters including Hooks Hinges Bolts  
& other fastenings as in the Officers Quarters painted — each.

Clearing out ground from the Rampart of the great  
Fort & building Expence Magazines agreeable to the  
muster which will be shown on application to Capt.

Dugood & making good the Ramparts again over  
them including Doors Hooks Hinges & Bolts each

Filling in ground to make good the Ramparts of the  
North East & S. Gates of the great Fort including ram-  
ming & watering — Plutical Road of 64 feet.



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Filling in ground against the Counterscarp of the Ditch from Vellurina Gate to the North Gate & making good the Glacis of Sub Road.

Filling in ground against the Counterscarp of the Ditch from the North Gate to the East Gate & to the Batter d'aux of the S.E. Angle of the great Fort & making good the Glacis with Earth from the clearing of the Ditch or where it can be otherwise obtained to make good the Deficiency of Sub Road.

Filling in the Cut across to the Southward of the little Fort including watering & draining. - Sub Road.

The Brick & Churnam mow at Tanjore to be taken at the prices they have cost the Company & the Proposals to specify whether Materials are to be furnished in future by the Company.

Teak wood to be supplied the proprietors if they choose it from what may be in Store at  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pagoda a Sub. foot if it can be spared but not otherwise.

As the Board have by their last Resolutions on the subject of the Quarters at Tanjore been pleased to say, that after the Departure of the Ship their under Dispatch they would consider of the mode which had been observed in carrying on the Works & give their final Resolutions on the subject, I have to hope the Board will be pleased to examine into the same & declare their Sentiments thereon which will condemn or clear me of the imputation I have labored under since November last of having executed their Orders & as some have gone so far as to say that the Rajah had complained the reform & repairs of the Fortifications had been done



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in such a superficial manner that they could not be expected to stand but a very few years. I therefore trust the Board will either satisfy themselves of the State of the Works of Tanjore from Colonel Horne & other People who have been there or that they will direct a Board of Officers to examine them & to make a Report of the same & give their Opinion, whether they could have been repaired or repaired in the time, & with the Means in a more durable Method than that in which they have been executed.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Dear Sir & Miss

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

Wm Stevens

Dr Engineer

Fort St George  
24 June 1778

Ordered to lay on the Table for

Consideration

Read the following Letter from  
Captain Ogilvie of the Ship Valentine to the Sec.  
cretary.

To Charles Cokerley Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir

I must premise by the State of  
your Letter of this date, which implies my disobe-  
dience to Orders from the Honble Board respecting  
the receiving Lieut. Forster on board the Valen-  
tine as a Passenger to Europe, & from the man-  
ner with which their Commands are signified to



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one upon that Subject, that they must misconceive  
this matter very much & greatly to my prejudice,  
I therefore enclose you a Copy of the former letter,  
& the only letter I had received from the Board on  
the Subject, desiring that it may be laid before  
them, by which they themselves may judge, how  
far it is an order, or was incumbent upon me to  
consider it in that light.

It is very true, that Lieut. Fawke  
is not a Passenger I should think, nor does he come  
on board the Volantier with my consent, neither  
can the necessity of my obedience remove my objections  
to him, I must also observe that it is the first  
time since I have commanded a Ship in the Royal  
Company's Service that any Man has been forced  
to my Table & the first instance I ever knew of the  
kind, & I am hurt at receiving so harsh an Order from  
the Presidency, I have much more than a common  
respect for

Mr. Fawke's behaviour to me  
upon this occasion is such that nothing but the posi-  
tive Orders of the Board would prevent upon me  
even to receive him on to the Ship, & if Mr. Fawke  
had accompanied his letter to the Board with a  
note which I wrote him this morning, in answer  
to one I received from him upon the subject of his  
Apartment, the Board would have easily discovered  
that he has not acted with the propriety in this Ca-  
se, which entitles him to a very welcome reception  
from me, the purpose of which Note I likewise enclose  
for the perusal of the Honble Board.



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I am sorry to be obliged to give  
you so much trouble upon so trifling a business  
which I beg you will excuse & allow me to be  
with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant

J<sup>s</sup> Ogilvie

Fort St George  
9<sup>th</sup> July 1778

To James Ogilvie Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Commander of the Honble  
Company's Ship Valantine  
Sir

You are hereby permitted to receive  
on board Lieut Henry Fowke & accommodate  
him with a Passage to Europe.

By order of the President of Council  
signed D. Baird

Fort St George  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1778

Dy Secy

The Substance of my Note to Mr Fowke and  
the words as near as I can recollect them  
Sir

The last time you conversed with me  
upon the subject of your passage, I represented to  
you the great inconvenience it would be to me  
& to yourself to go in the Valantine & pointed  
out to you a much more eligible method of your  
return to Europe by the way of China. & I un-  
derstood from you, that you did not mean to  
pursue your intentions any farther of going



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with one, you must recollect, that you told me so, & I  
have not any apartments provided for you.

Friday Morning

Samr Jan

S. O.

Agreed that the Secretary does  
guarantee Captain Ogilvie that the Board could never  
suppose that any objection would be made by him  
to grant proper accommodations to a Company's  
servant furnished with the usual Permit to be re-  
ceived on board, but that finding the contrary from  
Lieut. Fawke's letter to them on the subject, they judge  
it necessary to send him a positive Order to receive  
Lieut. Fawke & give him accommodations agreeably  
to the Directions & meaning of the Company in their  
Commands of the Captain Ogilvie ap-  
pearing by his letter not to know there are such  
Orders from the Company. Agreed that the Secretary  
do send him an Extract of them.

Read the following Letter  
from Int. Small Call.

To Mr Secretary Cakeloy  
Sir

Your letter under date of the  
5th Instant which was duly received, gives me reason  
to believe that the Honble the President & Council  
have not rightly understand my complaint. The last  
Orders I received was an Extract of Consultation  
dated 17th Feby 1770. The Survey of the Tashire  
has long since been finished, & the Cunnings I have



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lately been employed in, is nearly the same as that of  
the Committee of Council. The accounts are now  
almost finished, a month would complete them en-  
tirely, provided the Conicopies were sent when re-  
quired. The Business unfinished lies in the Caran-  
goly District about 6 weeks ago I applied to the  
Amudhar for the Conicopies, but they went then  
at Mabar's settling some Accounts with the Palace's  
Manager, My Interpreter, Writer of Conicopies  
will expect I should pay them, as well as the Le-  
veys of Lascars for part of this month it being for  
advanced. The abstract of the Jaghire Accounts  
cannot be finished unless the Village Accounts  
be first taken. I therefore thought it my duty,  
before I removed to represent this to the Board,  
as in all Probability the President of Council would  
wish to have the accounts presented.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient  
humble Servant.

J<sup>o</sup> Call

Trichiconum  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 1778

The Board being of Opinion  
that there is no necessity for continuing the expense  
of employing Mr Call longer in the Jaghire &  
the Secretary is directed to repeat the Order for his  
coming away.

Read the following letter from  
Captain Barclay.

(To



1135 Fort St. George 16<sup>th</sup> July 1778.  
To Charles Cakeley Esq.  
Military Secretary.  
Sir

By the Orders of the President  
& Council of the 26<sup>th</sup> of last Month I am ordered  
to provide Draught & Carriage Bullocks for  
two thirds of the Battalion, in consequence of their  
subsequent Orders for the Grenadiers to march to  
Conjeveram which they did the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant & the  
three Companies ordered to Madras will march to  
Morrow. I beg you will acquaint the President  
& Council that I wish to know if it is their intention  
that the Draught & Carriage Bullocks are to be  
kept agreeable to their Order of the 26<sup>th</sup> of last  
Month in that proportion the Turnbolls were  
sent with the Grenadiers & I ordered the Officer  
commanding the Detachment when he turned off  
for Conjeveram to send them on to Madras with a  
small guard

I am

Sir

Ongole  
7<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
P. Barclay Esq.  
Ordered that Captain Barc.

lay be directed to divide whatever Bullocks  
may have remained after sending away the  
Detachments for Conjeveram & Madras.

Read the following letter  
from Lieut. Colonel James.



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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President of Council of

Fort S. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The prospect of a War obliges me in justice to the Service of the Corps I have the honor to Command to represent to you, how unequal the number of Officers & Men of the Artillery on its present footing are to the Service expected of them in Camp.

The Court of Directors having signified their approbation of an augmentation of the Corps of Artillery, they leave to recommend that it may now be modelled on the plan I have the honor of laying before you; This arrangement will be attended with publick advantages & will admit of a regular & easy augmentation to the Corps as soon as Men can be got to fill up the Company's to that strength the nature of the Service may require which the present Ordinance now ordered to the field will elucidate.

The Estimate of Officers & Men are absolutely necessary for the Ordnances undermentioned

|                                     | Captains | Subalterns | Non-Commissioned Officers | Private | Total Non-Commissioned Officers and Private |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| 4. 12 Pounders                      | 1        | 2          | 6                         | 34      | 40                                          |
| 20. 6 Pounders                      | 3        | 14         | 32                        | 196     | 228                                         |
| 20. 3 Pounders                      | 2        | 10         | 24                        | 140     | 164                                         |
| 5. 8 Inch & 5. 5 1/2 Inch Howitzers | 2        | 5          | 12                        | 70      | 82                                          |
| Total                               | 8        | 31         | 74                        | 440     | 514                                         |



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It has ever been found expedient to have an Officer to two Guns or a Brigade & is particularly so in this Service where single Brigades are so frequently detached, & it cannot be expected the Officers of Artillery can be answerable for the duty of the Corps in Camp when a sufficient number will not be attained.

In the following plan I have endeavored to avoid additional expences by striking off useless ranks to answer the exigencies of the Service by increasing the number of Officers, I have also endeavored to fix it on such a footing that the Artillery Officers may rise nearly in proportion with the Officers of other Corps which will be an encouraging prospect to their future Services & put an end to their just complaints of being constantly superseded.

The Corps of Artillery to consist of eight Companies to be commanded by a Colonel a Lieut. Colonel, & a Major, each Company to consist of

1 Captain  
2 Lieutenants  
2 Lieut. Fireworkers  
5 Sergeants  
6 Corporals  
10 Gunners  
24 Matrosses  
1 Drummer  
2 Fifers  
78 Total



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One Adjutant, one Quarter Master, one Sergeant Major, one  
Quarter Master Sergeant, one Drill Sergeant, one Drill  
Corporal, one Drum Major, one Fife Major, allowed  
to the whole Corps.

To Complement the Corps to the foregoing Es-  
tablishment the following Promotions are necessary

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Lieut. Colonel Edward James | to Colonel     |
| Major Matthew Horne         | to Lt. Colonel |
| Captain Chas. Clifton       | to Major       |
| Lieut. Jacob Henry Hagan    |                |
| Rich <sup>d</sup> Jones     |                |
| Robt. Trott                 |                |
| John Skipper                |                |
| Chas. Webb                  |                |
| And <sup>r</sup> Thompson   |                |

to Lieutenants

Seven Lieut. Furriers are  
wanted to complement the Corps most of whom will  
I hope be Gentlemen of Capacity appointed from  
the list of Cadets.

There are Captains sufficient of the  
Companies will be Commanded as follows.

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Company | Captain Kennedy |
| 2 <sup>d</sup> do       | De Morgan       |
| 3 <sup>d</sup> do       | Mackay          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> do      | Regan           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> do      | Jones           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> do      | Wrenn           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> do      | Geels           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> do      | Kodder          |



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The accompanying Account of the  
pay of 600 Men in six & in eight Companies will shew  
that eight Companies are less expence to the Company Exp  
150 Pagodas per month.

I am

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient &  
Faithfull Servant  
Edm<sup>d</sup> James

St Thomas's Mount  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 1778

### Establishment of a Battalion of Artillery of 600 Men in 6 Companies

|                           |              | Rs  | ps | ch |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----|----|----|
| 1 Colonel                 | Pay of month | 97  | 30 | 40 |
| 1 Lieut. Colonel          | do           | 79  | 7  | 5  |
| 1 Major                   | do           | 60  | 17 | 40 |
| 6 Captains                | do           | 317 | 21 | 00 |
| 6 Captain Lieut.          | do           | 181 | 36 | 00 |
| 14 Lieutenants            | do           | 396 | 28 | 00 |
| 10 Lieut. Furriers        | do           | 337 | 21 | 00 |
| 1 Adjutant                | do           | 10  | 31 | 40 |
| 1 Quarter Master          | do           | 15  | 00 | 00 |
| 1 Sergeant Major          | do           | 4   | 00 | 00 |
| 1 Quarter Master Sergeant | do           | 4   | 00 | 00 |
| 1 Drills Sergeant         | do           | 4   | 00 | 00 |
| 1 Drills Corporal         | do           | 2   | 00 | 00 |
| 1 Drum Major              | do           | 5   | 00 | 00 |
| 1 Fife Major              | do           | 5   | 00 | 00 |



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|                                   |               |           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 36 Sergeants                      | Pay per month | 216 .. "  |
| 36 Corporals                      | do            | 180 .. "  |
| 60 Bombardiers                    | do            | 270 .. "  |
| 120 Gunners                       | do            | 480 .. "  |
| 348 Musketeers                    | do            | 1044 .. " |
| 12 Drummers                       | do            | 40 .. "   |
| 12 Fifers                         | do            | 40 .. "   |
| 626 Total now on duty Rank & File |               | " .. "    |

Total pay of a Battalion of six Com-  
panies per month } 3798.32.40

Total pay of a Battalion of eight  
Companies per month } 3647 38 40

Difference per month in favor of  
a Battn of eight Companies } 150..36

Establishment of a Battalion of Artillery  
of 600 Men in eight Companies.

|                           |               |          |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 1 Colonel                 | Pay per month | 97 38 40 |
| 1 Lieut. Colonel          | do            | 79 7 "   |
| 1 Major                   | do            | 60 17 40 |
| 8 Captains                | do            | 423 14 " |
| 16 Lieutenants            | do            | 453 14 " |
| 16 Lieut. Fireworks       | do            | 300 .. " |
| 1 Adjutant                | do            | 18 31 40 |
| 1 Quarter Master          | do            | 15 .. "  |
| 1 Sergeant Major          | do            | 4 .. "   |
| 1 Quarter Master Sergeant | do            | 4 .. "   |
| 1 Drill Sergeant          | do            | 4 .. "   |



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|                                                                                |             |            |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----|
| 1 Drill Corporal                                                               | Pay p month | 2          | " " |
| 1 Drum Major                                                                   | do          | 5          | " " |
| 1 Fife Major                                                                   | do          | 5          | " " |
| 40 Sergeants                                                                   | do          | 240        | " " |
| 40 Corporals                                                                   | do          | 240        | " " |
| 80 Gunners                                                                     | do          | 320        | " " |
| 432 Matrozes                                                                   | do          | 1296       | " " |
| 8 Drummers                                                                     | do          | 26         | 28  |
| 16 Fifers                                                                      | do          | 53         | 14  |
| 626 Total Non Commissioned Rank & File                                         |             | "          | " " |
| Total pay of a Batt <sup>n</sup> of eight Com <sup>d</sup> }<br>panies p month |             | 3647 30 40 |     |

General Munro approving the  
Alteration recommended by Lieut. Colonel James to  
be made in the Artillery Corps, it is resolved that the  
Battalion of Artillery shall hereafter consist of

1 Lieutenant Colonel  
1 Major  
8 Captains  
16 Lieutenants  
16 Lieut. Fireworkers  
1 Adjutant  
1 Quarter Master  
1 Sergeant Major  
1 Quarter Master Sergeant  
1 Drill Sergeant  
1 Drill Corporal  
1 Drum Major



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1 Life Major  
40 Sergeants  
40 Corporals  
80 Gunners  
432 Matropes  
8 Drummers  
16 Fijers

Each Company will then consist  
of 1 Captain 2 Lieutenants 2 Lieutenant Fireworkers  
5 Sergeants 6 Corporals 10 Gunners 54 Matropes  
1 Drummer 2 Fijers. The Lieutenant Colonel and  
Major are not to have Companies.

Thi the field Officers of Artillery  
have no Companies they are still to receive the same  
Pay as before their Companies were removed from  
them. The Honble Court of Directors having Ordered  
an augmentation of one Company on the late  
Establishment. One Captain more from the Ar.  
tillery <sup>will</sup> be allowed a share of the Offreckonings  
so that on settling those Accounts Annually, 1  
Lieut. Colonel & Major & the four oldest Captains  
will be allowed to share the four youngest Cap-  
tains can have no proportion of this Fund.

Read the following Letter from  
Vizagapatam.

To



1643 Fort St George 16 July 1770.  
To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President & Governor & Council of  
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Mr. Oakley & Mr. Baines letters of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. Our Returns of Military Stores in Advance were transmitted yesterday & in future the Return shall be sent regularly early in every month.

Lieut. Johnston has proceeded to Ingeram, & if he is ordered after he shall have finished the Estimates required of him at that place to proceed to Manipatam. On the removal of Lieut. Johnston we have thought proper to order Mr. Gent of the Engineers to Ankapittay to make preparations for the intended temporary Barracks at that place.

We are, with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Wm. Davidson

H. Crawford

J. Barlow

Chas Maxtone

The Board have already informed

the Gentlemen at Viragapatam that there will now be no occasion for the proposed Barracks at Ankapittay

Viragapatam

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Read the following letter from  
the Paymaster at Tanjore.

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

Sir

I have to request you will be  
pleased to represent to the Honble the President of  
Council that by the General Orders of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June,  
all the Invalid Sergeants of Artillery at Tanjore  
are ordered to proceed to the Presidency without loss  
of time, that Lieut Colonel Fitzgerald includes  
in that Order, Thomas Haggard, who was in Pa-  
rmy last, on the recommendation of Colonel Lang,  
appointed by the Honble Board Store Sergeant  
at Tanjore to act under me; I flatter myself you  
will obtain permission for this mans continuance  
here, in his present station, when the necessity is  
known to the Honble Board of some Persons, ac-  
ting in that capacity, & while he is under me  
in that station, he may not be subject to Military  
Duty.

I am  
Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
C. E. Jones

Tanjore  
9<sup>th</sup> July 1770

Stout



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Agrees that Lieut. Colonel  
FitzGerald be desired not to include the Horse Sergeants  
in any order for the removal of the Artillery &  
Invalids from Tanjore.

Read the following letter from  
Captain Cidington.

To the Honible Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Governor & President of Council  
of Fort St George  
Honible Sir & Sirs

Before I left Madras, whether  
I went immediately upon receiving an order for  
that purpose I received a letter from Mr. Secretary  
Cakely, informing me that as difficulties & doubts  
had arisen in my case, as well as that of Briga-  
dier General Stuart, your Honible Board were  
of Opinion, no Court of Enquiry, or Court Martial,  
as ord<sup>d</sup> by the Company could be held upon me,  
at that time, & for your reasons on this head referd  
me to an Extract of your Consultation concerning  
Brigadier General Stuart, therewith enclosed.

The distress of my family at  
that time demanded my more immediate atten-  
tion, of which you were pleas'd to consider as  
sufficient reason for my returning here pre-  
vented my acknowledging the receipt of that letter  
& from mentioning what occur'd to me as necessary  
to be said on the occasion.



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With the greatest deference to the decision of the Board, I consider their not granting me a Court Martial, conformable to the Company's Orders of Berbonough, as a very great Hardship, especially as I had applied for one, in a letter, I had the honor to address to the Board, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> of March last, & had earnestly solicited it in Person, as which I had an undoubted right to expect, according to the Articles of War, & practice of the Army; it being the only & sure means left of clearing my Character to the Honble Company, the Board, & my Brother Officers.

By the 53<sup>d</sup> Para. of the Company's General Letter, wherein Brigadier General Stuart is only mentioned, it would appear, no forther proceeding was meant against me, should the Board find no cause for, or that my supposed crime was not deemed cognizable by a Court Martial.

I do not mean to take up the time of the Honble Board with a discussion of the Orders, under which I acted during the troubles at Madras, nor of the manner they were executed, that is already well known, but which it seems is the cause of my present feelings, shall only beg their attention whilst I relate a few facts.

As a Subordinate Military Officer, I deem it sufficient to know that I acted by the immediate Orders of my superior Officer, & the



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Commander in Chief of the Troops, & of a Majority of the Members of Council, which from the tenor of my Commission, the Articles of War, as well as the standing Orders of the Company I consider myself bound to obey.

That I acted according to the best of my judgement, & a sense of duty only, independent of every other consideration, I believe no one that knows me will doubt, that I could not possibly have other Motives in view will best appear from my not having availed myself at the juncture or since, either directly or indirectly, to improve my Fortune or situation, by the change in Government; & I defy the bitterest party Man, or my most inveterate Enemies to point out any thing to the contrary, I support the same by facts.

I am aware that it has been alledged, I was rewarded by the Command of Palamcottah, but when my Claims to a Command, partly stated in my former Letter to the Board, are fully known & considered, I am convinced there will not be found the least shadow of ground for such assertion, but on the contrary, I have suffered in my Fortune from the part I was necessitated to take in the unhappy Affair, & that had as much event happened I had every thing to expect from the favorable Opinion entertained of me by the late Lord Pigot, & Gentlemen of Council, in the way of my profession.



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Without solicitation on my part, I was selected by the late Sir Robt Fletcher for the post of Adjutant General, in the discharge of which important station, I had the satisfaction to meet with the entire approbation, of the two late Commanders in Chief, being superseded in that Office by an appointment from England, & being my turn as a Captain of Sepoys to succeed to a Command, having never had one before, the Board were pleased on removing me from the Office of Adjutant General, to appoint me to the Command of Palamcottah, I was nevertheless detained to do duty at Madras, for near two months after, notwithstanding the solicitation of myself & friends to the contrary.

When my Predecessor Capt Russell resigned the Office of Adjutant General, he was promised, & soon after appointed to a Command, where he now is, & were all my other pretensions, now on record, out of the question surely none but the most prejudiced Person could call my appointment partiality, after being indifferently superseded, more than Captain Russell who resigned the Office at his own desire.

As a still more convincing proof of that no favor was ever shewn me, by those Gentlemen who are said to have bid me with a Command, or making application to the Board, to be indemnified from the



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consequences of vexatious lawsuits, it was refused me, & one of the Members told me, that I had done only my duty; if had I refused to obey them, I must have quit the Service.

The hardships I have sustained since my appointment to Patanecottah was recent & well known, & when considered with candor will appear great.

When an Officer goes to a distant Command for a term Years according to the practice of the Service he must necessarily incur heavy expences, especially one with a Family as is my case; I had scarcely arrived at the place of destination, when I was relieved from the Command by the next Senior Officer, in consequence of Orders from the Board, & it became necessary for me immediately to return to Madras, where upon the information of a self created Governor, & his August, I was put under the charge of the Sheriff, along with the Members of the late Government, & the other Officers employ'd in the Arrest of Lord Pigot; I was oblig'd to give bail in a very considerable sum, which considering the excessive bail that had been before given on my account, at the instance of the late Lord Pigot, & Mr. Russell was no easy matter to procure.

On the measure being reprobated by the Supreme Court of Judicature in Bengal, by which I was thus aggrieved, I was orderd



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by the Board to remove my Command, & I then concluded with seeming good reason that I should remain there for a space of time common to one in those stations; nor did the intimation sent me by the Military Secretary, shortly after the arrival of Mr. Rumbold, of the Court of Directors orders respecting me, give me the least cause to alter my Opinion, on the contrary, conscious of having acted on principles, I felt the greatest satisfaction in the prospect of an opportunity of justifying my conduct, in making it appear that I have ever been unconnected either with party, or Politics, & <sup>that</sup> I had no interest or private ends to serve.

Convinced that I should be able to establish those facts beyond a doubt, on being allowed a fair trial, my astonishment was not to be expressed, on finding by the general Orders, which I heard of on my way, as I thought to stand trial, that I was superseded in a Command, I had not been four months in possession of, & to which I succeeded in the course of the Service.

By this premature punishment I stand exposed to a temporary indignity in the Eyes of the Army, & of the publick, which must in a lesser or greater degree tend to establish a prejudice against me, & in some shape to derange, if not defeat, the regular course of that justice, which the meanest Criminal is entitled to by the Laws of great Britain, to go upon Trial on the



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supposition of innocence till the contrary be proved.

On my arrival at the Presidency, I was inform'd of an additional punishment in the charge of my Battalion being given to Captain Burrington, the Gentleman appointed to succeed me at Palamcottah, who had not been one Year on the Coast, since his appointment to the Establishment, whilst I who am accused of a Crime, am not suspended the Service, nor under the sentence of a Court Martial, am returned Captain of it, present fit for duty, yet cannot sign my regimental Returns; I am in this last instance distinguished from Lieut. Colonel Horne, & Captain Lysaght who are mentioned in express terms with myself.

By the above mode of proceeding against me I am punish'd in being deprived of my Command, contrary to the usage of the Service, an Office on the Staff for which I am recommended to the Court of Directors, as appears upon the face of the publick Records, given to another; & lastly I am incapacitated as an Officer by the charge of my Battalion being taken from me & all this without form of Trial, or publick enquiring on my Conduct.

I would not be understood to reflect on any resolution made by the Board for whom as a publick body, & as Individuals, I have every high respect, but merely a piece of justice I humbly conceive due to myself in hopes the



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Honible Board, on a reconsideration of my case, will reappoint me to the Command of Palamcottah, till such time as I can be tried, or that other Orders respecting me are sent from England, & as the regular Channel of conveying my sentiments to my Honorable Employers, confident that they will not allow an Officer, who has ever deserved well of them, & who acts with the best intention for their Service, to fall a sacrifice to the prejudices or misrepresentations, of any party, or set of men whatever.

I have the honor to wish the most profound respect.

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient &  
very humble Servant

J<sup>s</sup> Cidington

Palamcottah

2<sup>d</sup> July 1770.

Resolved to acquaint Captain

Cidington that as he remains at present under the displeasure of the Company, the Board cannot with propriety appoint him to any considerable Command, untill that displeasure be removed or the Company shall have signified their further Orders concerning him.

Read the following Letter  
from Cuddalore.

(To



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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President & Governor & Council  
at Fort St George

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir & Sirs

On the Boat Lacherry Gopal  
Tindal We have laden & consigned to your Honor  
your the Stores and Accoutrements belonging to the  
late Troop of Cavalry - the bill of lading of which  
is inclosed the second bill of Lading shall be for-  
warded to you overland.

We are very respectfully

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient  
Humble Servants

Wm Cuming  
J<sup>r</sup> Daniell

Wm. Mailland

E<sup>d</sup> Wm Fallofield

Read the following letter

from Major Stevens.

Cuddalore  
8<sup>th</sup> July 1770.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President & Governor & Council  
of Fort St George  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir & Sirs

I have received your Com-  
mands from Mr Secretary Oakeley dated the 15<sup>th</sup>  
June with extract of a letter from Marulipattam  
&undry Papers inclosed, relative to the Fortifications



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of that place, on which I have to trouble you with the following Remarks.

The Pettah Gate ought ever doubtless to be shut up, & the Bastion completed without loss of time, as was intended some Years ago.

The Cleaning of the Ditch is an expence that will I fear be necessary from time to time, unless a boat or boats were to be employed, as Lascars could be spared from other business in heaving it, somewhat in the manner that Callant is done; when perhaps the expence will be little, but I cannot say that the scheme is practicable. The taking up of the Sluice Gates I do not apprehend could much affect the filling of the Ditch with mud, but I rather attribute it to other Causes, such as the Dirt washed in by the Drains, & which is also blown in from the Town & Explained from filth which is generated by water; & perhaps from other causes which do not occur to me. The water used to flow freely into the Ditch from the River & without any violence, so that I do not think it can carry much dirt with it, however this must be determined on the spot by the strength of the Current, & by the conveniences & inconveniences that attend the keeping of the Gates generally open or shut. If the Gates be generally shut, the Boats must land their Goods on the Glacis, & I believe they cannot



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approach it except at high water with great inconvenience, & delay, & unless bridges be laid over the Sluices there will be a second inconvenience in getting the goods into the Fort. At any rate I would recommend that now & then the high water should be retained in the Ditch, till the Tide has fallen a foot & a half or two feet, when the Gates should be opened & the Current which sets out will not only deepen the Channel for the boats but work away the loose Mud which would affect the water on its return to the Ditch. If this be done, I think it will be found, that the water flows easily, & as clear as it comes up the River. The Gates should be shut against the Freshes from the Nirmah.

I should not apprehend the Sea Gate to be in danger, however to obviate all objections, I would rather propose a small work to be erected on the Down before it agreeable to a plan, I therein do myself the honor to lay before you, & for a greater security to the Sea line that a Pallisade should be run along it, as the yellow dotted line in the said Plan. The alterations proposed by Capt. Mitchell will be expensive, as I think they cannot be executed without pulling down the Sea Gate & part of the Building there. When the Ditch is dry for cleaning, a small Armette of 10 or 12 feet broad might be made across the pier, which he may either be filled in, & cleared



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and when necessary, or be laid over with Timber

There cannot be a better time to repair the Escarp which has given way and finishing the Counterscarp before the Pettah Bastion, than when the Ditch is drained for clearing it, but I think this work cannot be accomplished this Year. It would be better to begin draining the Ditch in February or March if circumstances admit thereof.

In Captain Mitchell's Estimate for clearing the Ditch, it appears he charges 804 Madras Pag. for broad Planks, Timbers & Calmer Plank which may be taken from Store & returned when the service is over. The charge for Water Bailors appears high, & tho' it will require considerable Bailing before the mud will be reduced to a consistency to take out, yet I should hope this Expence will be found less than Capt. Mitchell has allowed. As Captain Mitchell has not informed me of the nature of the charge of 1675 Pagodas for repairing & plastering the Ditch wall I cannot remark thereon further than that these walls need not to be plastered under water, as Shells or other things form there a crust superior to any plastering whatsoever.

In the Estimate for rebuilding the Escarp wall I think the charge of Bricklayers & Coolies is rather high, that 200 Candy of Chunan is sufficient & that little more than half the quantity



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of I agree if it be good with be sufficient.

The Estimate for the sluice Gates  
appears to be reasonable.

I have not examined the Estimates  
for the alterations at the Sea Gate as I do not approve  
of the plan

I have the honor to be

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Wm Stevens

Fort St George  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1770.

D<sup>r</sup> Engr

Ordered that a copy of Major  
Stevens's Letter be transmitted to the Chief Council  
at Masulipatam, & that they be desired to pay par-  
ticular attention to the Estimates & instructions  
contained in it & with respect to draining the ditch  
the Gentlemen must be directed to postpone the  
execution of that work until February.

Read the following Letter from  
Ensign Charles Grant, enclosing the Surgeon's  
Certificate of his ill state of health

To the Honible Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

President & Governor of Council

of Fort St George

Honible Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to enclose to you  
a Copy of the Surgeon's Certificate of the state of my



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Health recommending I should proceed to Europe to reestablish it; I have to request of you to, permit me to take my passage on the Hillsborough now under dispatch for China, & that you will be pleased to represent my situation to the Honble the Court of Directors that my Rank may not be prejudiced by my absence from India as it is my intention to return to my duty as soon as my Health be reestablished.

I am  
Honble Sir & Sirs  
with great respect

Your most Obedient and  
most humble servant.

Chas Grant

This is to certify that Ensign Charles Grant has a couple of rashes which increase so much by the relaxing heat of this Country that he is advised to a voyage to Europe to prevent the ill Consequences of their increase here.

Fort S. George  
11<sup>th</sup> July 1770.

signed Gilbert Pasley  
Surgeon

Agreed that Ensign Grants request be complied with, & that he be recommended to the Court of Directors to return to India as soon as his Health shall be reestablished.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Flint to the Commander in Chief



1159 Fort St George 16<sup>th</sup> July 1770.  
To Major General Hector Munro  
Commander in Chief  
Sir

In consequence of the Orders received from the Honble Board to get the Troops in readiness to March, I shall not avail myself of the liberty you was so obliging to grant me of going to the Presidency, my principle reason for requesting of you that permission was, to have deliver'd the accompanying Address and Certificate, it having been my fixed resolution for some time past to quit the Country on account of my bad state of health, but in the present juncture of Affairs. I am willing to exert myself as far as my strength will permit till January, at which time should not the publick Service demand my staying any longer, flatter myself I shall be allow'd to proceed to Europe.

I have the honor to be with  
the greatest respect  
Sir

Trichinopoly  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1770

Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servant  
Wm Flint

As Colonel Flint seems desirous of waving his intentions of proceeding to Europe, in consequence of the intelligence lately received, it is agreed that he be permitted to remain till January.



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Resolved that Lieut. Furber  
Hagan be appointed a Lieutenant of Artillery in the  
room of Lieut. Davis promoted.

Read the following letter from  
Lieut. Roberts at Tragar.

To the Honible Thomas Rumbold Esq  
President & Council of  
Fort St George  
Honible Sir & Sirs

I was favored with yours of the  
26<sup>th</sup> June only last Evening & shall in consequence  
take every precaution to prevent a surprise.

I must beg leave to represent to  
you the bad state of the accoutrements of the Sepoys  
which are entirely worn out & particularly the Pouches  
which are not capable of containing a single  
Cartridge, I therefore made the Native acquainted with  
the bad state of them but to no effect.

I have the honor to be  
Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient  
Loyal Servant  
Geo. Roberts

Tragar  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1770

Resolved that a letter be written  
to the Native, & that he be requested to permit some  
of the Company's Sepoys to Garrison his Forts at Tragar,  
Aundernath, Goujer, & Carangah.

Read the following letter from



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Masulipatam

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been duly favored with  
your Commands of the following dates in your  
Military Department vizt the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of June, &  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant all by the Channel of your Militi-  
ary Secretary or his Deputy; before we proceed to  
notice the contents of them we beg leave to commu-  
nicate to your Honor for a measure we judge it  
expedient to adopt in consequence of the present ap-  
pearance of public Affairs; it occurred to us that  
there must be a provision of Goods to a very large  
amount at this time under charge of the Resident  
of Ingeram; that the French Factory of Janam  
is within half a mile thereof. Moreover by an  
intelligence which lately happened to a French vessel  
lost of Coing a point, but from which the Crew  
were lucky enough to escape, that there were thirty  
armed Sailors of that Nation remaining at the  
above Factory. These Circumstances being duly  
considered we esteemed it a duty incumbent on us  
to advise Mr. Hamilton of the news we had re-  
ceived with the same caution of secrets enjoined  
to ourselves, & acquainting him that if he could  
advise any Plan for securing the Honble Company's



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Property under his Charge, in which we could cooperate with him, we only wish to be inform'd thereof: as, saving him whenever there should be such a call on us of every possible exertion - in conformity to these orders we judge it proper, & acquainted Mr Hamilton therewith to write to Captain Powell commanding at Samuelcott the nearest Garrison to Ingeram, requiring the aid, whenever it should be applied for by Mr. Hamilton of such part of his Garrison as could at the time be spared, & that there might the less time be lost in affording this assistance when called for, we further required such part of his Garrison as he conceived might be employed upon such an occasion to be held in readiness for marching at the earliest notice. We hope Honble Sir & Mrs that these measures being dictated solely by a spirit of Zeal & attention, to the Interests of our Honble Employers, will not be disapproved.

We now proceed to reply to your Commands of the 30<sup>th</sup> June, your Orders concerning the Detachment of Captain Collins, the Stations of the four Battalions for the defence of this place, & its Dependencies, & the march of <sup>40</sup> Grenadier Companies have been notified in the usual form to all the above Corps. & we shall exert our endeavours that the arrangements marked out, may take place as speedily as possible. The Caution to Captain Collins to prevent the



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Desire of his People to be on his guard against any attempts of the party under Mr. Lally we shall not fail to urge, & enforce to him.

We have already order'd down the Tumbrils from Ellore, & these when arriv'd, together with those out of our own Store shall be sent, agreeably to your Orders by the first Sea Conveyance.

The Extracts from the Committee of Stores communicated with your Commands of the 1<sup>st</sup> July, shall be strictly attended to.

We have likewise to observe before we conclude this address, that the march of Captain Bridges with the five Companies of his Battalion into this Garrison, interfering with the disposition you have been pleas'd to make of the Troops in those Circars, has been countermanded.

We are with great respect

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir & Sers

Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servants

Inth<sup>y</sup> Sadleir  
Jas. Hodges  
Thos. Barnard

Masulipatam  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1770.

It appearing from intelligence receiv'd from Mr. Cumming at Cuddalore, that a Mr. Aumont has been lately sent from Pondicherry to Jamour. Agreed that Mr. Hamilton be advis'd thereof, & that he be directed to observe his Motions, at the same time he must be desir'd to quiet the



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minutes of the Inhabitants at Ingeram.

The Board understands that Mr. Hamilton has engaged two Vessels to transport Cates to the Presidency, as this measure is unnecessary, Mr. Hamilton must be directed to discharge these Vessels.

Read the following Minutes of the Committee of Stores.

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At a Committee of Stores present  
Major General Hector Munro  
Mr. Bryant Scotney  
Lieut. Colonel James  
Major Wm. Stevens, Lt. Col. Horne  
& Capt. Manoury attending by particular  
desire.

The Company of Stores lays before the Committee an Indent of Stores wanted for the use of the Army on which they make the following Remarks.

That there is a deficiency of Nineteen Tomahawks, & fifteen Mortar Cars, which are wanted immediately, they therefore recommend to the Board, they would please to order them to be made up by the old Contractors, or if not agreeable to them to be made by the Company.

There is also wanted six Mouths  
Nineteen Blinds, Four Mantles, Forty six Plat-  
forms, & one hundred scaling Ladders, which they  
recommend the Board would give Orders to have



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*on use immediately*

Heclor Munro  
Bryant Scotney  
Wm Stevens

Agreed that the Military Storekeeper  
be directed to make up the Stores which are  
wanted as soon as possible, agreeably to the recommen-  
dation of the Committee.

Read the following letter  
from the Military Storekeeper to the Secretary.

To Charles Oakeley Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Military Secretary  
Sir

I beg you will please to lay the  
enclosed Indent for Stores, for use of his Majesty's Ship  
Rippon before the Honble the President of Council.  
I am

Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant

B. Scotney

Military Storekeeper

Fort St George  
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Agreed that the Indent for the  
use of his Majesty's Ship Rippon be complied  
with.

Read the following letter  
from Lieut. Col. Fitzgerald

(To



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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President of Governor & Council  
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to your Orders  
of the 27<sup>th</sup> June last respecting the provisions in this  
Garrison I have the honor to transmit an account  
of the Rajah's provisions Stores &c.

I also take the liberty of en-  
closing the Honble Board an account of provisions  
which will be necessary for the Garrison, to be  
under the care of the Storekeeper, for the use of  
the Honble Company's Troops, it is calculated  
by Mr Jones at my request, for seven hundred  
Europeans & four Battalions of Sepoys for 12 months,  
should it meet with the approbation of the Honble  
Board, it can easily be laid in by the Paymaster,  
& be disposed of as early to advantage, if not wanted.

The Honble Board will be  
pleased to observe there is no calculation made  
for Sarcars, Coolies, or Gentlemen's Servants.

As the Storekeeper has received  
no Orders from the Honble Board to lay in stores  
of any kind, I beg leave to lay the enclosed calcu-  
lation before them for their consideration, there  
may be various other things necessary for the  
use of the Garrison, in which particular I  
beg the advice of the Honble Board.

The four Companies of the



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1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment arrived in Garrison this morning from Trichinopoly.

I have the honor to be with res-

pect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and

very humble Servant

S<sup>t</sup> Petr-Gerald

Tanjore  
16<sup>th</sup> July 1770

Account of the Grain &c. belonging to the Ra-  
jah in his Storehouses

|                 | Cullams | Munsals                        | Mamms                           | Suns | Pollams |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|---------|
| Paddy           | 119553  |                                |                                 |      |         |
| Toll            | 644     | 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  |                                 |      |         |
| Merionmule Seed | 351     | 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  |                                 |      |         |
| Wheat           | 205     | 0                              |                                 |      |         |
| Lamgueto        | 105     | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  |                                 |      |         |
| Green Grain     | 65      | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> |                                 |      |         |
| Horse &c        | 2205    | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  |                                 |      |         |
| Salt            | 503     | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  |                                 |      |         |
| Lamp Oil used   | 10      |                                |                                 |      |         |
| Pepper          |         |                                | 258 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> |      |         |
| Chillies        |         |                                | 650 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> |      |         |
| Tamering        |         |                                | 362                             |      |         |
| Tamering        |         |                                | 376 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> |      |         |
| Mustole         |         |                                | 144                             |      |         |
| Mustard         |         |                                | 54 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  |      |         |



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Cultrons Purches Maunds Tons Bottles

32

|                                   |         |        |       |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|--|
| Luminescent                       |         |        |       |  |
| Cottamilly                        | 77 1/4  |        |       |  |
| Corinnaron                        | 6       | 6      |       |  |
| Oil {Lard<br>Ginger               | 900     |        |       |  |
| Ghee                              | 262     | 3 1/2  |       |  |
| Sagony                            | 587     | 3/8    |       |  |
| Country Sugar                     | 2301    |        |       |  |
| Sugar Candy                       | 134     |        |       |  |
| Monoy                             | 59 3/4  | 3      |       |  |
| Plumb                             | 9       |        |       |  |
| Cusacanash                        | 1 1/2   | 9 3/4  |       |  |
| Almonds                           | 2 1/4   | 1      |       |  |
| Bottle Nuts                       |         | 10 1/2 |       |  |
| Caurita                           | 411 50  | 21     |       |  |
| Condiment                         | 23 1/2  | 6      |       |  |
| Long Pepper                       |         | 17 1/2 |       |  |
| Campfire                          |         | 19 1/4 |       |  |
| Saffron                           |         | 1 1/4  |       |  |
| Chamblwood                        |         | 2 1/4  | 1 1/2 |  |
| Chamble                           | 1 3/4   | 3 1/2  |       |  |
| Cocallum                          |         | 8      |       |  |
| Benjamin                          | 1 1/4   | 8 3/4  |       |  |
| Barry                             | 1 1/2   | 4      | 4/4   |  |
| Tobacco                           | 100 3/4 | 8      |       |  |
| Opium                             |         | 57 3/8 |       |  |
| Different sorts of Country Pepper | 69 3/4  |        |       |  |
| Damon                             | 63 1/2  |        |       |  |
| De White                          |         | 29     |       |  |
| Wax                               | 1 1/4   | 7 1/4  |       |  |



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|                   | Particulars | Amount |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| Tos               | 17 1/4      | 2      |
| Salt Petre        | 155 1/2     | 9      |
| Brimstone         | 137 3/4     | 9 3/4  |
| Sealing wax       | 3/4         | 6 7/8  |
| Quick Silver      | 10 1/4      |        |
| Cotton Seeds      | 522 1/2     | 2      |
| Tiger's Ghee      |             | 3      |
| Bears do          |             | 3 1/2  |
| Carver Ghee       |             | 42     |
| Tallow            |             | 1 6    |
| Allegation Satted |             |        |
| Ironwood          | 400         | 2      |

|                        |        |          |
|------------------------|--------|----------|
| Jonny                  | Pieces | 443      |
| Paper in small Bundles |        | 260      |
| Cotton Coras           | pieces | 112      |
| Dungree                | do     | 136      |
| Cotton rope            | Coils  | 7520     |
| Dungree                | Pags   | 72       |
| Empty                  | Dubers | 58       |
| Cotton                 | pieces | 170      |
| Beetle Nuts            | do     | 370,500  |
| New do do              | do     | 1100,000 |

I beg leave to observe to the Honble Board  
that the above account I received from the Ra-  
jah's Manager

L<sup>d</sup> Fitz Gerald  
L<sup>d</sup> Colonel



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Calculate of Provisions necessary for 1 Regiment  
of Europeans consisting of 600 Men & 1 Company of  
Artillery of 100 Men for six Months also for 4 Ba-  
tations of Sepoys.

For a Month of 30 days  
Mearal Mercal Mearal Mearal  
Rice Sheep Salt Mearal Mearal

Men  
700

Rice

@ 10 Pocka rice each Man per day is  
Pocka rice 21,000 @ 12 Pocka rice

per Mearal Mercal

1750

Sheep

1 for 8 Men per day

2625

Salt

@ 1/16 Measure per each Man is

measures 13 1/2 @ 8 Measures per Mearal is

16 1/2

Firewood

@ 1/4 Measure each Man per day

5250

Arrack

2 drams each Man per day

1050

80 Sergeants of Sepoys

agreeable to the above account

200 300 18 1/4 600 120  
1950 2925 182 1/6 5850 1170

Do Do for 6 Months

11700 17850 1096 1/2 35100 7020

J. F. Gerald



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Calculate of Provisions necessary for 4 Battalions

Men  
4000

|                                                  | for 30 days |              |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Rice @ 1 Pocka rice each man per day for Pocka   | Miscel      |              |
| rice 120000 @ 12 Pocka rice for Madras Miscel    | 10000       | 60000        |
| Dall @ 1/6 Measure each man per day for 15000    | 1875        | 11250        |
| Salt @ 1 Measure for 30 men per day for 4001 1/4 | 500 1/6     | 3000 1/4     |
| Ghee @ 3/4 Pollam each man per day Candies       | 14 1/6      | 84 3/8       |
| Pepper @ 1 lb for 8 men per day Do               | 2 1/4 2/13  | 13 1/2 90    |
| Chellies @ 1 lb for 6 men Do                     | 3 1/8       | 18 3/4       |
| Tamering @ 1 lb for each man Do                  | 18 1/4      | 112 1/2      |
| Currying rice @ 1 lb for 20 men per day Do       | 7 1/8       | 5 1/4        |
| Mantoto @ 1 lb for 20 Do Do                      | 7 1/8       | 5 1/4        |
| Onions @ 1 lb for 20 Do Do                       | 7 1/8       | 5 1/4        |
| Garlic @ 1 lb for 4 Do Do                        | 4 5/8 1/6   | 27 3/4 8 1/8 |
| Tamering @ 1 lb for 15 Do Do                     | 1 7/8       | 11 1/4       |
| Tamering @ 1 lb for 15 Do Do                     | 1 1/4       | 7 1/2        |
| Timurud @ 1/4 Maund each man per day Do          | 1500        | 9000         |
| Leaves to eat with @ 2 each man per day          | 240,000     | 1440000      |
| Tobacco @ Pollam for 3 men per day Do            | 6 1/4       | 37 1/2       |
| Mitts @ 1 lb for 6 Do Do                         | 3 3/8       | 20 1/4       |
| Beetles @ 8 each man per day @ 500 Beetles       |             |              |
| per Bundle                                       | Bundles     | 1920 11520   |

C. E. Jones

J. Fitz Gerald

L Colonel

Storekeeper

Ordered that Colonel Fitz Gerald



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Honble Sirs

We herewith transmit to your honor for your information an Extract of a letter from the Commanding Officer of the District, together with Copy of a letter received by him from



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earnest endeavours to induce the supplant Limindar of  
Goomsur to return to his Allegiance & make due sub-  
mission for his past misconduct. He still remains  
refractory & disobedient, & seems determined to accept  
of no terms from Government. We had statted our-  
selves from his solemn promises to the Company's  
Dabark, & his Letter to the Chief, that he would have  
come to Ganjam within the time limited by the  
Honble the President & Council, but from the  
troubles lately broken out in the Goomsur Country  
which there is every reason to think were occasioned  
at his instigation, We have now no hopes of his  
returning to his duty. As the season for Tillage  
has already far advanced, & as it is most evidently  
for the advantage of the Honble Company that  
the Goomsur Country be put in a state of cul-  
tivation We have conformably to your instruc-  
tions under date the 27<sup>th</sup> February thought it most  
expedient to appoint Lacherna Bunge the Ma-  
nager of that Limindary, untill it may be your  
pleasure, to finally regulate the Affairs of  
the Goomsur Limindary. We would in com-  
pliance with your Orders have rather nomi-  
nated any other Person than Lacherna Bunge  
to this Management, but on making every  
enquiry, are constrained to inform You, that We  
can find no Person either capable of, or in-  
clined to take upon himself that Trust.



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We have the honor to be very  
respectfully

O Honble Sir & Sirs-

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

M. Williams

R.<sup>t</sup> Maunsell

Geo. Forster

Ganjam  
3<sup>rd</sup> July 1770

To Captain William Collins

Commanding

C. Iska

Sir

Having last night receiv'd infor-  
mation from Pauter of Poliparrak, that the head  
men of ten Villages lying between Goomur, and  
Vyanaachuckram, had been with the Rajah Dick-  
ram Bunge & having sworn Allegiance to him  
undertook & promised to burn all the Villages of the  
Purgumak, they lived in, Last night Detach'd six  
Nargies Guard, with Orders to apprehend these Peo-  
ple & bring them before me, & this Evening about  
six o'clock the Guards returned bringing with them  
eights of these head men. The Evidences against  
them are their own Peons whom they summoned to  
attend them in the purson of burning the Villages,  
but the Peons having their Families at stake and  
satisfied with their situation instead of complying



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their intention to the Painter of Polipurnah, a Man  
who has hitherto shewn himself well affected to  
the Company's Government.

Upon examining these People  
some of them acknowledged with is alleged against  
them, & others say that when the Rajah wanted  
them to swear to continue steady to his Interests, they  
made their escape & returned to their respective Villa-  
ges, however as it is at present impossible to inves-  
tigate the truth of these Men, & have them pro-  
perly attended according to their cash till I have the  
Favor of your answers, I remain with respect  
Sir

Old Gommur  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1770

Your very Obedient Servant  
signed / R. Chephye

A true Copy

J. Wm. Barrington

Chet. Scory

Extract of a letter from Capt. Wm Collins  
Commanding the Troops in the Ichapur Dis-  
trict

"The enclosed is a copy of a letter  
"Received from Captain Chephye commanding  
"at Gommur, from which Vickeram Bunge's Con-  
"duct at this juncture appears very different from  
"what might be expected, I have desired Captain  
"Chephye to detain those head Men till he hears  
"further from me



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A true Extract

J. Wms. Barrington

Atty Secy.

Ordered to lye on the Table

Read a Letter from the Rajah of  
Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence  
explaining the nature of Mr Mullers Demands  
upon him & declaring that if Mr Muller, had  
bought or given value to the Ryots for Grain,  
which the Rajah had taken, he would have been  
responsible for it, & that if Mr Mullers Claim  
had been a good one, it should have been at-  
tended to.

Agreed that a Copy of this Letter  
be sent to Mr Muller.

Read a Letter from the Na.  
Sub as entered in Country Correspondence  
respecting a Letter received by his Son Ameer  
ul Omrah from Mr. Dudgey an attorney of  
the Mayors Court desiring the interference of  
Government to prevent any of his Family being  
subject to the jurisdiction of the Mayors Court also  
enclosing Papers of Intelligence from Poonah.

Read the following Letter from  
Captain Belcliffe

To Charles Oakeley Esqr  
Sir



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the President of Council that I am arrived at Conjeeveram  
with five Companies of the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Sepoys under  
my Command agreeable to the last general Order &  
that the Order for three Companies of my Battalion  
to march to Chingleput did not reach me until I arrived  
at this place, if it is the pleasure of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Board  
that I detach, three Companies from the five with me,  
I most humbly request that they will be pleased to  
give me the Command of a Battalion of Grenadier  
Sepoys, until I am so happy as to have my Battalion  
together again, I shall be glad they will permit me  
to take my Adjutant Lieut. Montgomery with me  
also my Commandant, I shall wait here for Orders  
I am

Sir

Cuddalore  
12<sup>th</sup> July 1778

Jayaramust Chichind Somashek  
J. Bilcliffe

Reminds that the three Companies  
of Capt. Bilcliffe's Battalion, which were ordered to Ching-  
leput be directed to remain at Conjeeveram

Agreed that Mr. Gahagan, Surgeon  
be directed to take the Field.

The Commander in Chief says  
before the Board, a List of Military Stores required from  
the several Out Garrisons Ordered that they be all sent  
to Conjeeveram, excepting those from Trichinopoly, which  
must remain there with Bullocks sufficient that they may  
be carried off at a moments warning.

Read the following Letter from



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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq<sup>r</sup>

President of Council

Fort S. George

Gentlemen

The President of Council at Bombay, in a letter dated the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst, have informed us that "from the friendly intercourse which has appeared for some time past to subsist between the French and Hyder Ally Cawn, they think it would be a very proper measure to keep a Resident at his Durbar, to endeavor to penetrate & counteract their schemes, & they request to know if we approve of this measure, to which they presume the Nabob can have no reasonable objection, as they are assured both the French & Dutch maintain Residents at his Court."

In reply we have told them that we have no objection to their making the appointment they propose, if the Nabob of the Carnatic can be brought to give his assent to it, but considering the personal animosity which he has conceived against Hyder Ally we think he might justly take umbrage at the appointment of an English Resident to his Court, without his knowledge & acquiescence, we cannot agree to give our sanction to the execution of any measure that might be disagreeable to him, particularly where the Interests of his Government appear to be so much involved, without consulting him, & endeavoring if possible to obtain his partici-



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will use your endeavours to convince him of the propriety of this appointment & to obviate any jealousy that it might create. When you shall have obtained his consent you will immediately advise the President & Council of Bombay, who will wait for such a notification from you, & as the measure is not indispensably necessary, we have desired them to decline carrying it into execution without such authority.

We are  
Gentlemen

Fort William  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 1770

Your most Obedient Servants  
W. Hastings  
R.<sup>d</sup> Barnell  
J. Francis  
Edw. Wheeler

Read a Letter from the Nabob as  
entered in Country Correspondence No. enclosing in-  
telligence from Pondicherry.

Thos. Pemboldt  
John Whitwell  
Hector Miers

D. Perring



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Dispatched the following Letter to Mr.

Masulipatam

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir

Chief of Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the

6<sup>th</sup> Instant

Enclosed we transmit you a copy of Major Stevens's report concerning the works recommended to be executed at Masulipatam, together with a plan that accompanied it. We would have your commands strictly to Major Stevens's Opinion in the execution of what appears immediately necessary to be done, for correcting the Estimates delivered to you by Captain Mitchell.

The clearing the Ditch must be postponed till the period Major Stevens mentions, if however the Lascars of the Garrison can in the meantime be any way serviceable in forwarding this work you must employ them upon it.

We are

Gentlemen.

Fort St. George  
16<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

Your Affectionate Friends  
J. Rumbold Esq.

Wrote the following letter to

Mr. Hamilton Resident at Ingeram

Stevens's

teby



1181 Fort St. George 17<sup>th</sup> July 1778.  
To Mr. William Hamilton

Resident at  
Ingeram  
Sir,

By intelligence from Pondicherry  
We are informed that one Mr. Arment has been sent  
from thence to Yanam in order as is said to join some  
French Troops recalled from the Service of Chirampally. If  
any such Person should arrive at Yanam, we desire  
you will endeavor to learn his design & communica-  
te to us whatever information you may obtain  
on the subject.

We are sorry to understand by Re-  
port that the Inhabitants residing in & near our  
Northern Factories have taken so much alarm from  
the Advice relative to the Probability of a War with  
France & still were concerned to observe that any steps  
should have been pursued which might in their conse-  
quences tend rather to increase than remove their  
Apprehensions. We desire you will by every means  
in your power endeavor to quiet the minds of the  
People, assuring them there is not at present the  
smallest reason to apprehend Danger or trouble  
& that the moment we perceive a probability of  
any thing likely to affect them, we shall inform  
them & take every necessary measure for the securi-  
ty of their Persons & Effects.

We desire also that you will  
discharge the two Vessels which you have engaged



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for the Troops of the Company's Bales as we see no ne-  
cessity for putting the Company to such an Expence.  
We are

Sir  
Fort St George  
the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1778

Your affectionate Friends  
J. Rumbold Esq

Despatched the following Letters to

Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Governor General & Council  
at Fort William  
Honble Sirs

We have had the honor to receive  
your Letters of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. & beg leave to make our  
acknowledgments to you for the supply of Treasure  
We have received by the Sea Horse

We consider it important and  
particularly at this time when we are on the eve of a  
war with France, that every proper means should be  
aid to strengthen our connection with Hyder Ally by  
such Engagements as may effectually serve him to  
our Interest. Hyder has long solicited & even importu-  
ned this Government to enter into a closer union  
with him but the consideration of temporary incon-  
sistencies arising from the terms of such an Union,  
which could only be founded upon Engagements

supply

formed



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The measure of Hyder has been consequently left in times of difficulty & Distress to seek aid of foreign Nations; particularly the French who have always yielded him supplies of Men & Stores as far as their Ability would permit.

This reluctance on our part to accept the repeated Offers made by Hyder at a time when our assistance might have been useful to him, will no doubt render it more difficult to obtain advantageous terms from him at a juncture, when we shall probably stand in need of assistance, or at least, of a reciprocal conduct on his part, however whilst we continue to preserve so great a superiority in India, it appears to us that the Intents of Hyder will always point out our Nation as the most useful Ally, & from that cause only can we expect that he will enter into new Engagements with us. His Vakeel here lately made some Proposals to our President & we wrote in consequence a friendly Letter to Hyder expressing in general terms our desire, to strengthen the connection between him & the Company, & desiring him to afford us an opportunity of coming to a more particular explanation of the means by which this object might be accomplished to our mutual satisfaction. A Copy of Hyders Proposals & of two Letters written him in consequence are enclosed for your information, & we beg leave to request your sentiments on the subject, & sanction if you approve the



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measure to conclude a fresh Treaty with him upon such Terms as may be advantageous to the Interests of the Company & the Nabob.

We are of Opinion considering the situation of Hyder with respect to the Carnatic & the Company's Possessions on the Coast, that it would be more proper to send an intelligent Person from this Presidency to reside at Hyder's Court than from Bombay, & whatever personal dislike the Nabob may have entertained against Hyder we think he must see the advantage & necessity of a closer union with him at this juncture, if only to detach him from the Interests of the French, & in that case we are persuaded it must be more agreeable to the Nabob to have a Resident sent from hence to Hyder's Court than from any other Settlement. We shall urge the matter to him & acquaint you with his sentiments.

persuaded

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George  
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Your most Obedt & most Affble Servts  
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