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Diary and Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed by the Honorable the Court of Directors on their Letter dated 10th April 1778 commencing 25th July 1778.

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The Cormorant Sloop arrives here with dispatches

25th. Arrived this Evening His Majesty's Ship Cormorant Captain William Caven Commander from Suez with Captain Richard Matthews charged by the Company with Dispatches for their several Presidencies in India — The Council having been assembled immediately by the Presidents Desire proceed to open the Packets addressed to them which are as follow viz.

Separate Letter from the Court of Directors — dated 19th March 1778

Ditto — Ditto dated 10th April 1778

It appears by the Letter of the 10th April that the Honble the Court of Directors have been pleased to appoint a Select Committee for transacting all Political Negotiations

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& Naval Affairs & likewise all such as may require Secrecy at this Presidency, & to direct the said Committee shall consist of Thomas Rumbold Esq.r John Whitehill Esq.r Major General Hector Munro & Charles Smith Esq.r the other Gentlemen of the Council not — named of the Committee retire, and the Select Committee being formed agreeably to the Orders of the Court of Directors proceed to open the Letters addressed to them which are as follow Viz.t

Two Letters from the Hond.ble the Court of Directors dated 10th April 1778

Letter in Cypher from the Committee of Secrecy dated 15th April 1778 with Transcript

Letters in Cypher to Bengal & Bombay of the same date.

Additional Letters in Cypher dated the 15th April 1778.

These Letters & Papers inclosed in the Packets from the Court of Directors & Committee of Secrecy are found to agree with the respective Lists except the following Viz.t

Packet N.o 6 from the Committee of Secrecy for Bombay

Packet N.o 10 from the Court of Directors for Bombay.

These Packets were delivered by Captain Matthews to Master of a Vessel which he met on his way from

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to Bombay as appears by the Masters Receipt.

The Committee having thus gone thro' the opening of the Packets. The Letters in Cypher are delivered to the Secretary of the Military Department to be decyphered & the Committee then adjourn

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Tho. Rumbold Esq.
President
John Whitehill, Major Gen.l Munro
Chas. Smith.

Wednesday the 22d

The Committee before they proceed to pass any Orders in consequence of their appointment think it proper to read again & enter upon their Minutes an Extract of the Letter from the Court of Directors Directo containing the authority by which they are formed.

To the Honble Tho.s Rumbold Esq
President & Governor of Fort St George
John Whitehill Esq.r Major General
Hector Munro & Chas. Smith Esq.rs
1st Pars. Having appointed George

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Letter from England appointing a Select Committee

William James our Deputy Chairman & William Devayens Esqrs to be a Committee of Secrecy. We hereby direct that all Orders & Instructions which you shall receive from our said Committee of Secrecy, be observed & obeyed with the same punctuality & exactness, as though they had been signed by thirteen or more Members of the Court of Directors

2 And having also thought proper to appoint a Select Committee for transacting all Political, Military & Naval affairs & likewise all such as may require Secrecy at our Settlement of Fort St. George, it is our Order & we hereby Direct that the said Select Committee, do consist of Thomas Rumbold Esq. our President & Governor, or our President & Governor for the time being. John Whitehill Esq. the Second Member of our Council, or the Second Member of our Council for the time being. Major General Hector General Munro, our Military Commander in Chief, or our Military Commander in Chief of the time being. & Charles Smith Esq. the fourth Member of our Council, or the fourth Member of our Council for the time being.

3 If our Military Commander in Chief should at any time absent from the Presidency, then our Order is that

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our President & the Second & Fourth Mem-
-bers of our Council shall be a Select Com-
-mittee for the purpose aforesaid during the
absence of the Commander in Chief from
the Presidency

4 We direct that all Orders &
Instructions which shall be issued by our
said Select Committee, be issued in the
Name of the President & Select Committee
all such orders be implicitly obeyed by every
Person in our Service or Enjoying our Pro-
-tection, Civil or Military, on pain of
Suspension from the Service or of forfeiting
our Licence & protection,

5 If our Select Committee
shall think fit to suspend any Person or
Persons from our Service, such Person
or Persons shall not be restored other-
wise than by the said Committee, except
by order of the Court of Directors -

6 We direct that at every
meeting of our Select Committee when all
the Members shall be present, the Presi
-dent shall have a Casting Vote & that in
all cases when the Committee shall not
be unanimous, the minority shall co-
-operate in carrying into execution the
Resolutions of the Majority

7 In case of a Vacancy by
the death or removal of any of the Member

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of our Select Committee, it is our Order that every such Vacancy be forthwith filled up by the next Member of our Council in Rotation, except in cases where we may think fit to make particular exceptions

We are

Your loving friends

G Wombwell
Wm James
Ben Booth
Wm Mills junior
John Michie
Geo: Fatem.
Tho: Cheap
Rob: Gregory
John Stables
John Roberts
Richd Becher
Chas Boddam
Sam Peach
Rt Hall
L: Sulivan
Wm Geo: Freeman
FB Rouse
John Woodhouse
Wm Dwaynes
Henry Sladden:

London
10th April 1778

Resolved that the Appointment of the Select Committee be this day published

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in General Orders & notified to all the
Company's Servants & other Inhabitants
at the Presidency & Subordinacies —

As the several Matters
now brought under the Cognizance of the
Select Committee are precisely the same
which before came under the Management
of the President & Council in the Military
Department Mr. Charles Bakeley the
Secretary of that Department is appointed
Secretary to the Select Committee & Mr.
Duncan Andrew Baine the Deputy Secre-
tary is also appointed Deputy Secretary
to the Select Committee.

Mr. Charles Bakeley appointed Secretary & Mr Duncan Baine Deputy Secretary to the Select Committee

The Secretary acquaint-
ing the Committee that the Letters from
the Committee of Secrecy will be all de-
cyphered this Evening, it is resolved
to meet again tomorrow Morning &
as it appears from what has been alread-
decyphered that Presence of Sir Edward
Vernon the Commander in Chief of His
Majesty's Ships may be necessary, the
President is desired to request his attendance
accordingly. —

Tho. Rumbold

John Whitehill

Hector Munro

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22d Dispatched the following Letters

To Mr. Antony Sadlier

Chief & Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Ramlejpatam
& Extract of
the Company's
Letter

We think it proper to
transmit you an Extract of a Letter just
received from the Honble the Court of Di-
-rectors, to which you are to give the
strictest attention.

We are

Gentlemen,

Fort St George
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Your affectionate friends
Tho's Rumbold &c.

The same to Vizagapatam, Ganjam,
Injeram & Cuddalore

At a Select Committee, Present
The Honble Tho's Rumbold Esq.
President
Sir Edward Vernon, John Whitehill
Major Gen'l Munro, Cha's Smith

Thursday
the 23d

Sir Edward Vernon attends the committee

Sir Edward Vernon the Com-
-mander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in
Indian having been requested to

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Committee with his Presence, the Letter rec.d from the Committee of Secrecy in England dated the 15th April are read him as follow

Letter from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors to the Select Committee at Fort St. George - written in Cypher

Letter from the Compy. direc.g ting an attack on Pondicherry

You are advised of our appoint-ment as a Select Committee, by the Court of Directors in their Letter dated the 16th Instant We now inform you that Threeteen Sail will be sent to Bombay adjust Alteration of the Ships under Dispatch which will be conveyed in the August Ship of War of 64 Guns - Three Ships of War of the Line will also sail on or before the first of August with twelve Hundred Regular Troops who are intended for Fort St. George — you will take into immediate Consideration the General State of our Military & Naval Force in the East Indies & if you find it so far superior to that of the French as to give Rea-sonable expectance of Success & that from the imperfect State of the Fortifications at Ponde-chery or from the weakness of the Garrison you have good Ground to believe it could be taken, We direct that the most vigorous attempts be made for that purpose without Loss of Time, & in such case you will not fail to Consult the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships If on your Station

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who has Order Administration to act in
with you. We cannot be more positive
in our Instructions because the Expedi-
ency of the Measure if adopted the Execu-
tion must of necessity be left to your Dis-
cretion, but we earnestly hope it will be
found perfectly eligible, At the Foot of this
Letter We write Copy of our Letter to Bengal
Copy of our Orders to You are also sent to
that Council. You will communicate your
Resolution to our Governor General & Council
so soon as possible for their Guidance in Case
of a successful attack on Pondicherry, it will
be expedient as War is not yet declared against
France that every thing should remain in
the State it be at the Time of Capture, so far
as can be consistent with the Security of
the Company's Possessions. But if the
Force of the Company should not be able
to spare a sufficient Garrison for so large
a Town & the security of our Possessions should
require the Demolition of the Fortifications
it will be proper that they should be destroyed
in all Events you will secure that princi-
pal Officers & unconsiderable & dispose of
them so as to prevent future Inconvenience
to the Company on their account.

We are,

London
15 April 1778

Signed Your Loving Friends
G Wombwell
Wm Jones

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Letter from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors To Bengal - written in Cypher

Your advised of our Appointment to be a Secret Committee by the Court of Directors in their Letter dated the Tenth Instant. We now inform you that Threads Lewis will be sent to Bombay about alterat of the Ships under dispatch which will be convoyed to the August Ship of War of Sixty four Guns three Ships of War of the Line will also sail on or before the first of august with twelve Hundred regular Troops who are intended for Fort St George — herewith you will receive Copy of our Letter of this date to Fort St George & Bombay — if you shall be of opinion that the State of our Military & Naval Force in the East Indies can justify the first Commencement of Hostilities, We direct that you take imm mediate possession of Chandernagore & that you seize every Frenchman & French Ship that may be within the reach of your power, But if the General State of our Troops shall in your opinion not warrant such proceedings they must be delayed till Reinforcement arrive from Europe, We rely upon your affording every aid in your power in order to promote Success in Case it shall be resolved at Fort St George to attempt the

Re

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Reduction of Pondichery

We are your loving Friends

(Signed)

G Wombwell

W. James

Wm Dwaynes

London

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Letter from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, To the Select Committee at Bombay written in Cypher

You are advised of our Appointment to be a Secret Committee by the Court of Directors in their Letter dated the Tenth instant. We now inform you that Recruiting Levies will be sent to Bombay adjust after the Ships under Dispatch which will be convoy'd by the Agreed Ship of War of Twenty four Guns three Ships of War of the Line will also sail on or before the first of August with Twelve Hundred Regular Troops who are intended for Fort St George.

We direct that a Shear Hulk be got ready immediately with all convenience for heaving down the first Ship of War that shall arrive at Bombay that the Engage do forthwith examine the Dock to see if that may be rendered capable of receiving large Ships of War than can be received therein

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at present &

We are your loving Friends
G Wombwell
Wm Daines
Wm Devaynes

London.
15th. April 1778.

Letter to Select Committee at Fort St. George
in Cypher.

Lord Weymouth & the Secretary
of Admiralty write by this Opportunity to Sir Edward
Vernon in the Company Clerk - you will therefore
apply to him immediately if on your Station
to make an Offer to decypher Same Letter
which are to be done with all possible

We are
your loving Friends
(Signed) G Wombwell
Wm Daines
Wm Devaynes

London -
15th April 1778.

The President after the above Letters are
Deliberations read, acquaints Sir Edward Vernon briefly
thereon with the present posture of affairs. by
observing to him that on the receipt of the
first Intelligence from them relative to the
Probability of a War with France, the Presi-
dent & Council immediately resolved on col-
lecting a sufficient Force, to enable them
to make a vigorous attempt upon Pon-
dichery the moment they were autho-

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authorized to act — That in Consequence of this Resolution about five thousand Men are already assembled near Conjeveram & that in three Weeks or a Month at farthest the Number will be increased to Ten Thousand of the Company's Troops all well appointed & in good order — That a Train of Artillery & battering Cannon are in readiness to join them with Regiments of the Nabobs Cavalry, the whole composing a very formidable Force — That by the best Information he can obtain from Pondichery, the Garrison consists of about 1200 Soldiers & Seapoys, besides which the Governor there has formed or means to form a Militia consisting of the European Inhabitants which are numerous — That the Works of the Fort are said to be incomplete particularly on the Sea Line, but that since the Rumors of War first spread abroad Monsieur Bellecombe has been very active in putting them in the best State of Defence that they will at present admit of. That as to the Naval Force of the French he understands there are now in Pondichery Road a Ship of War of Sixty four Guns called the Brilliant another Ship of Thirty six Guns (said to be 18 Prs.) called the Bourbonnoise and another Ship (not of War)

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28 or 30 Guns called the Sertaine & besides these there may be some Merchantmen too inconsiderable to be mentioned as Ships of Force — That there is nothing to apprehend at present from the Disposition of the Country Powers who are all either friendly inclined towards the Company or employed at too great a Distance to yield any considerable Succours to the French —

The President upon this detail of the Situation of Affairs requests the opinion of Sir Edward Vernon relative to that part of the Enterprize recommended by the Committee of Secrecy, which must Depend on the application of the naval Force under his Command. Sir Edward Vernon thereupon acquaints the Committee that he has received Orders from His Majesty's Secretary of State to cooperate heartily with the Company's Servants in any Design that may be formed for the Interest of Nation & that his own Inclinations are very strong upon this Point, of which he takes this Occasion to assure the Committee in the warmest manner that from the Information given him by the President he has sanguine Hopes of the Success of the Enterprize now under Consideration & that for the Part which will Depend upon him, he has not the

smallest

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Smallest Doubt that the Force under his
Command with two Indiamen will be
sufficient.

Resolved to at-
tack Pondichery

The Committee express
their acknowledgments to Sir Edward Vernon
for the assurances he has given them of Co
operation. Having obtained so favorable
an opinion from him relative to the ma
-rine Part of the undertaking it is Resolved
unanimously to form the Expedition aga
Pondichery both by Sea & Land with the
utmost Dispatch —

The Committee then
acquaint Sir Edward Vernon that it re
entirely depend upon him to block up
Port of Pondichery with his Ships do as to
prevent the entrance of Succour by Sea
by Sea, whilst the Army continues its
-ations by Land — they also suggest to
the probability of his being able, by a
the French can obtain Notice of the
Design against them, to surprize
Ships now in the Road of Pondichery
which would be of material
to the undertaking — Sir Edward
in the utility of the attempt, but
it most likely that the French have
already secured their Ships against
by drawing them close under the
of their Guns, in which Case it would be

be imprudent with his small Fleet to attack
them, upon this point the Committee inform
Sir Edward that as it will be necessary for him
to stretch to Southward of Pondicherry before
he makes the Road, they will write to
the Chief & Council of Cuddalore to obtain
the best Intelligence he can procure
relative to the Situation of the Ships
in Pondicherry Road & send it on board
to him when his Ships appear off
Cuddalore ——

The Committee then
request to know from Sir Edward Vernon
when his Ships will be ready for Sea, he
informs them that they will be prepared
by Monday or Tuesday next at farthest ——

In Consequence of Sir Edward
Vernons representation it is Resolved that
two of the Company's Ships be got in readi-
ness to put under Sir Edward Vernon's Orders

Resolved that the following
Letters be immediately sent to Bengal
with the Packets received from Europe
for the Governor General & Council of
that Settlement,

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

We informed you in
our Letter of the 25th Ultimo of the mea-

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Letter to Bengal
with the Compa-
ny's Packet

Measures we had taken in consequence of the
orders at that time received from Suez
Having been appointed a
Select Committee for transacting all Political
Military & Naval affairs at this Presidency
in that Capacity We now transmit Packets
from the Court of Directors for your Providing
- We have rec'd a Copy of the Letter addressed to
you: & lest any accident happen to the ori-
-ginal, we shall send a Copy of that we have in our
Possession by another Conveyance - Our
Army to the number of 10,000 Men is already
assembled. & in consequence of the Orders
we have received, we hope in less than
15 Days, that Pondichery will be invested
- The Garrison there being in a dege-
& the Fortifications incomplete, We think
there is great Prospect of Success, but
the undertaking is of much Consequence
& liable to uncertainties from the present
posture of Affairs, it is highly necessary
that we should receive from you every
possible Support of Men & Money, & we
think it would be of the greatest use to
us if you can spare us a Detachment
of Europeans with a Company of Artil-
-lery by the first Sea Conveyance that
may offer - As the Capture of Pondi-
chery is justly esteemed by the Compa
-ny as an object of the first Importance
to the Security of all their Possessions

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We trust to your Compliance with the Request We now make to you

We also most earnestly request that you will send us 1000 Barrels of Gun Powder by the first Opportunity, & a further Supply of Cash.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
Ja. Council

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Adjourned till tomorrow Morning.

Tho. Rumbold

John Whitehill

Hector Munro

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23d. Wrote Letter to the Nabob Country Correspondence
No 111 requesting him to prevent his People
from supplying Pondicherry with provisions
Dispatched the following Letter —

To Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald
Commanding at
Sanore

Sir,

We desire that immediately
on the receipt of this Letter you write
Order three Companies of Seapoys to
march with all Expedition to Cuddalore
Viz.

Sir
Your most humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c Council

Lt Colonel
Fitzgerald

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At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
President
John Whitehill, Major General Munro
Cha.s Smith

Saturday
the 24

Minutes of the two last Committees read &
approved.

In Consequence of the Request
made yesterday by Sir Edward Vernon, that
two of the Indiamen might be ordered
to accompany him, the Committee

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take into Consideration which of the Ships now in the road may with least Inconvenience be appointed to this Service & after maturely deliberating on the Subject it appears to them that the Valentine which has only taken in a small part of her Cargo for England & the Glatton which is the last of the Bengal Ships that arrived, & which has not yet entirely landed her Cargo from England, are the two most proper Ships to be employed Resolved therefore that Captain Ogilvie & Captain Doveton be directed to prepare their Ships for Sea by Monday next. & that the Master attendant have Orders to afford them all possible assistance for that purpose

The Valentine & Glatton to join the Squadron

Captain Ogilvie being sent for, & an Oath of Secrecy administered to him, he is acquainted with the Resolutions of the Committee in which he chearfully acquiesces, but observes that his Ship is very short of her Complement of Seamen, & that he shall want at least 20 Men more to work her — Ordered in consequence that 5 Men from each of the Ships Latham, Hillsborough, Le Heldand, & Royal George be sent on board the Valentine — Captain Doveton of the Glatton being sick on board his

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Ships, the Secretary is directed to write him a Letter requiring him to get his Ship in readiness by Monday next.

European Invalids formed into Companies

At the Recommendation of General Munro Agreed that the European Infantry Invalids be formed into a Battalion consisting of Six Companys & the Artillery Invalids formed into one Company the said arrangements be carried into Execution as soon as possible by General Munro.

Commanded Commander

Serjeant Major Pipped appointed Adjutant

Serjeant Major Pipped having long served the Company & being Recommended as a sober diligent Man Agreed that he be appointed Adjutant to the Battalion of Infantry Invalids.

Major Stevens having represented to the Commander in Chief that the Services of Lieut. Johnson who was lately appointed Engineer at Masulipatam will be required in case the Troops take the Field Agreed that the Chief & Council at Masulipatam be desired to order him to Madras & informed that he will return again to that Settlement as soon as he can be spared.

General Munro lays before the Board a Letter from Col. Flint to him desiring a Warrant to hold a General Seapoy Court Martial for the Trial of Ebram Cawn Jemadar of the 8th Battalion

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for behaving in a most insolent manner to his Officer & breaking his Arrest, Ordered that a Warrant be made out accordingly

Read the following Letters from Captains Lysaught & Edington

To the Honble Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
President & Governor &.a Council

From Captain Lysaught and Edington for leave to serve

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having had the honor to be employed on the public Service since the arrival of the Company's Instructions where my name is mentioned I conclude that your Honors will consider me equally ready for every other Service when you may think proper to employ me — It is not for me to presume to dictate to the Honorable Board by pointing out any particular Station. Thus much I will say that no sort of Duty can be so agreable to me, as that of serving against the Enemies of the Honble Company. It is therefore almost unnecessary for me to add, that I shall be happy to be employed on the present occasion in any way which may be thought conducive to the Interest of the Public.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs, Your most humble Servant

Arth.r Lysaght

Madras 16 July 1778

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Palamcotah July 8th. 1778

Sir.

The very uncommon Situation in which the Board have been pleased to place me, especially in depriving me of the Charge of my Battalion, & thereby laying me under a Suspension from the Service, for it has the same Effect, tho' not publickly Declared to be so, makes me much at a loss how to act, on the prospect there is of actual Service, & as I do not wish to be Idle on such an occasion, if the Board can with propriety employ me, I beg Leave to make offer of my Service, and I should be glad in that case, to have the Command of whatever Corps of Dragoons, the two Companies of my own Battalion may be attached to—

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Respectful
& Obed. Humble Servant
James Eidingtoune

P.S.

From the frequent calls I have had to go to the Presidency, for so short a time, my private affairs suffered proportionably in my absence, I therefore request put that account as well as on act. of Mrs. Eidingtoun, whose present State

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her at Palamcotah, that upon my indulging me with as much time here, as the nature of the Service will admit —

Granted

Agreed that the Request of Captain Lysaght & Lieutenant to be employed in case of Service be complied with —

General Munro informing the Committee that Major Stevens has recommended the Appointment of two Assistant Engineers in the Field Ensigns Durand & Brewe are ordered for that Service —

Minutes of the Committee of Stores of the 22d Instant enclosing Abstracts of Sundry Proposals for providing Gun Carriages & other Articles lately Advertised by order of the Board read as follows —

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At a Committee of Stores Present

Major General Hector Munro &
Mr Bryan Swinton Military Storekeeper
Lieut. Colonel Innes
Major William Stevens
Lieut. Col. Horne & Capt. Mansergh

Minutes of the Committee of Stores

attending by particular Desire

The Military Storekeeper remarked to the Committee that the following Articles have always been made in the Department —

Blocks

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Blinds
Frontlets
&
Gins

As the Committee were not acquainted with the Circumstance at the time the Advertisement was put up, they recommend that the abovementioned articles be made by the Storekeeper as formerly, & that they be not included in such contract as may be entered into.

The Committee proceed to open the various proposals delivered in agreeable to the Advertisement of the 20 Instant & make the following calculations on the several Articles - which appears in the annexed papers N.S.

The whole of Mr Barclays Proposals deducting the Articles usually made by the Storekeeper & now recommend-ed to be made in that Office Amount to Pags 49:4:4

Mr Barclay proposes setting about the Carriages immediately wanted & adds they shall be finished in 12 Months together with Platforms, Transporting Carriages &c - & that the rest with the utmost expedition, but to put-fit this he requests every assistance of the Committee to furnish Artificers —

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Messrs Ram, Garrow & Webb—
Their proposals amounts to £2,543 exclud-
-ing the articles as above, they agree to deli-
ver 60 Gun Carriages within 12 Months —
The Platforms, Transport Carriages to be
made up with all expedition, half of the
Articles contracted for to be delivered in 2
years & the whole in three years — They
offer 20 p Cent advance on the choice of Tim-
-ber the Company may have, & 15 p.c p.d
Cordy for Iron — They require the assistance
of Government to procure such Artificiers as they
have occasion for, & in case a Desertion or
Mortality happen among the Artificiers on
account of a National War, & they obliged
to remove into the Fort they hope allow-
-ances will be made for such inevitable
Events; they request to be permitted the
use of the Company's Transport Carriages
&c at their first setting out & to be furn-
-ished with Lascars when wanted & when
such Lascars are not otherwise employed
by the Company; they also hope for an
advance of Money — They have produced
as a Specimen of their workmanship a
long 12 Pounder Carriage —

Messrs Mowbray and
Balfour, their Proposals (excluding the
aforesaid mentioned Articles) amount to
Pag.s £2,693.22 — They desire an imm-

mediate

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immediate advance of 10,000 Pag.s for the purchase of Materials for which they are willing to give Security — they require also the Anvils, Beak Irons Europe Bellows &c.a formerly sent to Messrs Sourdan & De Souza — They desire also to be supplied with Iron at 15 pag.s p Candy, & their Bills paid on delivery of the Articles, they hope for the assistance of the Committee to procure Artificers & that respecting the Carriages &c.a expressed in the Advertisment to be wanted immediately they will make up & deliver with all expedition & they engage to complete them in Months from the Date of their Contract if with the assistance of the Committee they can procure a sufficient Number of Artificers —

Mr Saunders's Proposals excluding the Articles before mentioned amounts to 42,782 Pag.s He proposes to set about & deliver all the Articles specified in the Estimate to be immediately provided in 18 Months and all the other Carriages in 2 years provided no unforeseen Accident render it impracticable in order to enable him to execute the Business he hopes for a reasonable support from Government & particularly desires to be assisted by the Committee of Works with their

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influence in procuring a sufficient Number of Workmen.— He desires the Company may supply Iron at 15 Pags. pr Candy, & what Tools he may want at a reasonable price— One Quarter part of the Amount to be advanced & the several Articles to be paid for as received— He requires a proper place for a Yard & that a convenient spot be allotted for that purpose in case he should find any difficulty.—

The Committee after considering the Articles that have been advertised are of opinion that if they are well executed, the proposals given in are as low as they can be made to do justice to the Company, & it appears to the Committee after considering them all, that in point of time the proposal of Messrs Bromley & Balfour are preferable, particularly if they mean to complete the whole of the Contract in 6 Months— The Proposals of Messrs Ramsay Garrow & Webb appears to be the lowest as to point of expence, but in respect to Time they require on the whole 6 Months longer than Mr Saunders— with respect to Mr Barclays proposals they remark that he requires less assistance than any of the Proposers— The Committee observe that all who have made Offers

Propose

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require their Assistance in procuring
Artificers which they have not authority
in themselves to grant. They observe
also that the Long 12 Pounr Gun Carriage
brought for their Inspection by Messrs. Ram
Garrow & Webb as a muster of their Work
is well finished & well put together —

Hector Munro
E. James
Bryan Scattery
Wm. Stevens

A Comparative View of the account of their several
Articles proposed as well as the Total Per cent —

				Bamber	M'Pherson	Broadberry	James Read
N° 12	Field Carriages	Pair	2112	1920	1992	2040	
8	2 Trail Carriages	12 Pounr	320	288	325	330	
	1	26 Pounrs					
	2	14 do			520	644	
	3	20 do					
	3	20 do					
	6	18 do			1405	1595	2240
	2	16 do					
	6	14 do	3049	4095		4095	
	33	12 do long					
	12	12 do short			1056	1743	1080
	2	10 do	5170				

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Brought over							
62	9	Pdrs. Short			5762		
3	8	Do				5963	6700
3	7	Do					
53	6	Do		12705		4704	
9	5½	Do			5200		
3	4½	Do				940	
20	4	Do					7040
3	3½	Do				1775	
35	3	Do		6790	4575	2660	
11	2½	Do					
3	2	Do				1036	
4	1½	Do		1530			
24	1	Do					
13	½	Do		2220	3300	2952	5580
8	Iron Carriages 24 Pdrs			440	400	336	480
3	Carriages for Howitzers 5½ Inch			567	474	507	540
12	Ditto	4⅗ Inch		2256	1860	1908	1800
Mortar Beds 1		13 Inch		150	104	105	140
2		10 Inch		190	106	124	160
1		8 Inch			307	387	126
2		8 Inch		90	507	727	
1		5½ Inch			87	107	187
2		4½ Inch		24	105	65	105
Platforms for Guns	50				3750	3300	3528,24	3250
	100				7000	6100	5880,40	6000
Blinds	24	Pdrs	20				
	18	Do	21			1360	1700	714	816
	17	D	27				

Carried over

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Brought over —

Swords	24 Pounr	20	9		
	18 Do	16		182	260 130 156
	12 Do	16	J		
Guns complete	9			603	360 495 540
Transport Carriages	7			1050	840 1050 1190
				515	9 440 630 405 220 [illegible]
Charges					1060 —
Deducted for Blinds Swords & Guns usually made by the Military Storekeeper				2145	2320 1330 1512
The Total amount of each proposal Pags				49404	42543 42693 22782

In order that the Committee may be enabled to judge more clearly of the Proposals which have been given in, Resolved that the Britis any person do make up one of each of the Articles wanted & lay before the Committee an exact account of the Cost,

As the various Branches of Military Political & Naval Affairs under the Directions of the Committee & the first in particular will necessarily introduce a great number of Letters & Papers of little or no consequence after they have been once read at the Committee, but which if entered on the Minutes would swell the Proceedings into Volumes & make it troublesome & difficult to trace any Subject of Importance (as may be sufficiently proved by the Constitutions

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Military Department, for these three years past It is resolved that besides the Proceedings of the Select Committee which will contain their Minutes upon all Transactions deserving the Notice of the Court of Directors with such Letters & Papers as may relate to them, there be kept a Book entitled Miscellaneous Correspondence in which is to be entered all Letters received & sent which may appear to the Committee too trifling & unimportant to be entered in their Proceedings, & that this Book be sent to England in the same manner as the Proceedings themselves in order that the Honble Court if they see proper may occasionally refer to it —

Resolution to divide the business of the Committee

Ord. That Mr Alexander & Mr Bolton Cadets arrived from England are appointed Ensigns, their Rank to be settled on the arrival of the List from England —

Ensign B Saunders 13 Lieut

Bate is appointed Aid de Camp to Colonel Braithwaite the second in Command in the Field.

Mr Revell appointed Resident at Negapatam & Mr Kinchant at Tranquebar

The Select Committee being of opinion that it will be proper to have a Resident on the part of the Company at Negapatam & another at Tranquebar for the same Purposes that Residents were appointed at these

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Settlements in the East Ind. (vide Cons.
Mil. Dept. 7 Nov. 1760) Resolved that Mr.
Richard Kinchant be appointed Resident
at Tranquebar & Mr Joseph Revell Re-
-sident at Negapatam & that Instructions
be prepared for them accordingly with
Letters to the Governors & Councils of the
respective Settlements

Tho. Rumbold

John Whitehill

Hudson Mercer

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At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
President
John Whitehill General Munro
Chas. Smith

Monday the 26th

Minutes of last Committee
read & approved

President's Minute

The President observes
to the Committee that the Draughts
now making of all the Grenadier Sepoys
from the Circar Battalions to join the
Army will reduce the Strength of the
Troops to the Northwards so much that
it will in his opinion to cause an augmen-
tation in the Masulipatam District
which is the most exposed to the Attempts
of the French in the Guntoor Circar - That
by the present Disposition of the Troops
to the Northward there are in the Ganjam
District, two Battalions of Sepoys with
the Coffree Company - two Battalions
in the Vizagapatam District & three
Battalions & a half in the Masulipatam
District that no more can with pro-
priety be drawn from the other Districts
into the Masulipatam Circars than one
Battalion which added to the Troops
now there will make the whole Com-

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four Battalions & a half & three exclu-
-sive of the Grenadier Sepoys will not
be more than ——— men, whereas the
Troops in the Carnatic Circar under Mr
Sally appear by the last account from
Lieut. Meik at Vuntapollam to be
as follows —

150 European Cavalry
300 European Infantry
50 European Artillery
50 Topasses — &c
550 Topasses Infantry
150 Black Cavalry
2000 Seapoys

With this force Mr Sally is certainly
much superior to the strength we can
present bring into the Circar & Pre-
sidency & it may be reasonably sup-
posed that he will form some attempt
upon the Company's Possessions in that
Quarter unless a considerable Reinforce-
ment be added to our Troops Wherefore
President submits it to the consider-
-ation of the Committee whether two
more Battalions of Sepoys ought not
to be raised immediately for that Service
& the Committee entirely concurring in
opinion with him, it is resolved accord-
-ingly & that proper Orders be given
for that purpose. —

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represents that the Number of Lascars is not sufficient for the Service of the Army in the field & that at the least 1000 more will be wanted. Agreed that the Committee of Works be empowered to hasten that Number as expeditiously as possible & send them to the Army as they are collected ——

Read the following Letter from Cuddalore —

To the Honble Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Our Paymaster has re-
presented to us that about two thousand
Parahs of Chunam can be provided —
monthly, in the bounds of Cuddalore;
One thousand (1000) at Devecotah & three
thousand (3000) at Allumparvah, provided
the Nabob, who has forbid the Exportation
of Chunam from thence, will take off
this prohibition, & grant an exclusive
privelege in favour of the Company —

Letter from Cuddalore

As we find it impossible to
procure Boats to the Southward, We hope
your Honr.s &.a will be pleased to send
Vessels to the several places where the
Chunam may be provided to transport
it to Madras.

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Our Payymaster will
engage to deliver the Cuddalore & Deve
Cotah Chunam at those places, at Twenty (20)
Parahs pr Pagoda & at Allumparra at twen-
tytwo (22) Parahs pr Pagoda

In answer to the 2d Para
of your Honble Letter of the 13 Inst. Our
Warehousekeeper has informed us, that
if no impediment arises to the provisions
of the Investment, either by want of
Money or by troubles in this part of the
Country, he believes he shall be able to
provide one hundred & thirty (130) Bales
to be forwarded to Madras by the 20
September next & that the Bales may
not be detained at a Pagoda, due
Money by every Opportunity which
may occur before period.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
William Cumming
I Daniell
Willm Maitland
E^d Fallofield
R Guy

Cuddalore
28 July

Agreed that part of the Letter

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the provision of Chunnam be referred to the Committee of Works for their opinion upon the proposals therein mentioned

Received the following Letters from Masulipatam

To the Honble Thos Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor &c^a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have been favoured with your Commands in your Military Department under date the 13th Inst^t. We shall communicate previous to what we may have to offer in reply thereto Letter from Masulipatam

such particulars as will be in answer to some former Commands, in doing which at this time, we avail ourselves of the first opportunity that has presented. —

The Military Stores shipped by your Honour on the Rochford consigned to us have been duely received

The Grenadier Companies of the 2^d & 5th Battalions are arrived here & we only wait the coming of those of the 9th Battalion to Order the whole to proceed

with

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with the Detachment under Captain Col-
-lins to the place of their destination, —
Having been informed by the Chief & Council
of Vizagapatam that the Europeans ac-
company Captain Rowles's Battalion
into those Districts on their way to
the Southward & considering how much
better it will be for them to march
with the Detachment now here than
to proceed alone — We have intending
they shall do so, required the Officer
commanding them to make haste
to this place, that there may be no
detention of the other Troops on their
account We have likewise required
Captain Rowles to detach his Grenadiers
Companies & send them on before the
rest of the Battalion which being
encumbered with their Guns cannot
move with any Despatch

We now proceed in our
Reply to your late Commands in Dog
which however it will be necessary
to lay before your Honours the
Substance of a Minute from our
Chief on a Consultation of the 1st Inst.
Wherein sets forth that having
examined a Plan of the Fort as laid
down by Major Stevens & other En-
-gineers & compared it with the Fort
in its actual state he was con-

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concerned to find that notwithstand-
ing there appeared a Manifest intention
of keeping open some few principal
communications across the Town
both in Length & Breadth in order that
there might be a free & easy passage
between the distant Works in opposite
parts of the Plain. That these com-
munications had been in a manner
shut up on every side, by which means
in case of Service, great time must
be lost in getting from one defence
to another wherever they happened to
be distantly situated. That he had
likewise found the habitations there
barring the necessary communications
of the different parts of the Fort one
with another, to be almost without
exception temporary huts inhabited
by people who might be equally well
accomodated in the Pettah, who so far
from its being of any necessity or use
on account of their Occupations that
they should continue where they are
that in many Instances it was to be
apprehended the case was quite the
reverse, as he could consider their
abodes in no other light, than that
of Receptacles for Drunkenness & De-
bauchery &. Disorder of all kinds, to

act

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act their various Scenes in; to the ruin almost of Troops & the great annoyance of all other people in the Fort & lastly who in defining themselves as they had done, had been guilty of an encroachment on Spots, which had been marked out for other purposes in the most public manner, things of this kind can be made known but of which encroachments, from neglect no notice had hitherto been taken. That such being the State of the Matter he submitted to the Board, whether it would not be proper, & even necessary, to remove both in two or three of the principal Streets in opposite Directions such Walls as by their Situation barred up the Passage of them, & that a Recompence should be made to indemnify the Owners by a restitution in Money equivalent to the Loss, & by the appointment of other Grounds in the Fort as they might chuse, He conceived there was as much propriety in the measure, & that at this Juncture it became even almost necessary, that it was without hesitation determined to put in hands, He beg leave here to observe to your Honour that it did not, nor does it now appear

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to us, that by this Resolution We are
any shape predetermined what on a
late Dispatch we had submitted to
your Consideration, and coming with
we have now received your Orders,
that respected a Thorough & general
clearance of all unnecessary Black
Inhabitants, This regards only the
removal of Huts or temporary habita-
tions in two or three Streets only
barring up the Passage of those Streets,
& for want of which, the Defence of the
place, must in time of an attack
have been in all parts exceedingly
embarrassed, We have dwelt upon
this Matter longer perhaps than
it merits from an Opinion that it
may in some Degree have been
the cause of the report concerning
the Alarm said to have been spread
in this Neighbourhood, with respect
however We must confess ourselves
totally unacquainted, & We apprehend
that in the same manner this Report
has gained Ground & been conveyed
to your Honor &c. as our conduct in
what relates to this above Measure
might come to be equally misap-
prehended, as we do not conceive
it to be your intentions from any

front

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part of your late Commands to forbid such a measure as that which we have above acquainted you is carried into execution Tho' so much of it as the free passage of two or three principal Streets is nearly finished We mean to compleat them, We could wish for your Permission to do something further towards a Thorough accomplishment of our Views in this Measure, but to remove from ourselves the possibility of any reproach for counteracting however undesignedly your intentions we shall not proceed any further leaving it to the Engineer who may be sent not only to point out what further is necessary but We trust to justify & that in the fullest extent what has already been done.

Lieut Johnstone of the Engineers came here in consequence of a requisition we made to him at the time he received your Orders to be on our guard against surprize & we have since detained him Some work at the Sea Gate for its better defence & the Shutting up of the

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Fort Gate appears so essentially Necessary to enable us to comply with your above mentioned Commands & being as your Honor will perceive by the accompanying Estimate so little expensive, that we apprehend that they do not come within the restriction you have confined us in the Letter to which we are now replying "of doing nothing expensive this further Order", That We have resolved on account of the evident necessity of the thing to put them immediately in hand, as the presence of Lieut Johnstone will be necessary to superintend this Business & to receive charge from Captain Mitchell of his Employ, that whatever he may have had in trust may be properly accounted for, We intend to detain him till we receive your further Orders —

We think it incumbent upon us to observe to your Honor &c that were when Captain Rowdes's Battalion shall have joined the Garrison of this Place will not muster six Seapoys more than 1000 Effectives so many are there Sick in the above Battalion so many have we necessarily

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necessarily detached from hence on
the Service of the Revenue &to
slowly are Recruits picked up—The
Marching of the Detachment under
Captain Collins will leave us entirely
Destitute of Artillery

The Gunners you were
pleased to order from hence We
have as yet had no Opportunity of
sending, the Master of the Snow
Siren not having room to take
them & the Tents together

We have just received your
Commands of the 16th The temporary
Works proposed by Lieut Johnstone
has not been put in hand, We
shall strictly adhere to what you
have recommended in your above
Despatch

We are with Respect
Maſulipatam Honble Sir & Sirs
25th July 1778. Your most Obedt
Humble Servants
Wm Sadleir
James Hodges
Thos Barnard

Read the following
Letter from Mr Williams Late
Resident at Nagore

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you a return of Artificers which I have entertained at this place for the use of the Factory; although they may not all be immediately wanted, yet as they are exceeding good workmen, I would have left the place if I had not employed them. I flatter myself the Board will approve of my having done so, also a return of Sepoys all stationed between this & Cuddalore

From Mr Petrie with list of Artificers Peons &c entertained for Pagoda

I have people now employed in erecting a Flag Staff on the high ground, between the Town & Sea which is the most conspicuous Situation about this place, When I mentioned in my Letter of the 12 Inst. that the Governor & Effective Military had retired from Karical to Pondichery, I committed a mistake through the mis-information of our Havildars. I have since learnt that the Governors departure was countermanded & that he is still at Karical, From that place

Yours

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They give out that War was declared in April last between England and France, a large Merchant Ship is now in the Road of Karical, taking in Grain for Pondichery

They cannot permit any of our people I am informed to pass through their Bounds, Karical is an open defenceless place tho' Redoubts mounted with Cannon constitute I am told the Strength of their Fortifications

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Inhabitants of this place seem perfectly satisfied with their Situation since the public declarations of protection & Security have been explained to them they appear to have no further apprehensions from a French War I have been at the pains to explain to them the many advantages they may expect from the change in their Government, & if I can judge from their unanimous Declarations they are already very sensible of them

As the Detachment of Sepoys under Captain Godfrey has never been fixed by General Orders at this place, & his Officers have

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hitherto lived in Tents for want of Quarters, I conceive they are entitled to full Batta, till such an Order is given out, or until I can provide them with Quarters, If I am mistaken I beg to be set right.

Captain Godfrey having represented to me the bad state of his health, I have been obliged to write to Tanjore for a Surgeon's Assistant to attend him.

The Inhabitants of Negapatam returned yesterday to their habitations, to the amount of some Thousands having settled their differences with the Governor —

I have the honor to remain with much Respect —

Sir

Your most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
William Petrie

Negore,
18 July 1778.

Return of Artificers entertained on account of the Honble Company at the Factory of Negore

Bricklayers

Gordapah, Mastry'd 3 Pag's p Month
Comarapah, Do 3 Do —
10 Bricklayers at 3 Pradras Fanams p Day

Carpenters

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Carpenters Pay

Nagapiah, Master } 3 ℔ Month
9 Carpenters at 3 Madras fanams ℔ Day

Iron Smiths

Sondavaroy, Master at 3 fan.s ℔ Month
5 Smiths at 4 Madras fan.s ℔ Days
5 Hammer Men at 2½ fan.s ℔ Days
5 Bellows Boys at 1 fan.s ℔ Day

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Employed at eight different Stages from Negore to Cuddalore 15 Topaz Men & one Steadsman at 2 Pag.s ℔ Month, each Man —

Negore 14 July 1778.

The Committee appointed of Fort Petries having particularly inspected into the Repairs & Rooms for the use of the Hospital at Negore — with the respective Officers of the Detachment of Sepoys there at present resolved that they be allowed full Batta till the 1st of the Month —

Letter from Act.g Lieut.t Lambert to the Secretary with a Certificate of his Character read as follows: —

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To Charles Oakeley Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir.

The enclosed Certificate I request you will be pleased to lay before the Honble President & Council tomorrow. Your acknowledging the receipt of it, will confer an obligation on

Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
James Lamballis

Fort St George,
19 July 1778.

I do Certify that I have been informed from indubitable authority that Mr Lamballais late Lieutenant of the Company's Service did since Commanded the Troops of Vizam Rauze, from which appointment he drew a very genteel Subsistence. & this I know that when Vizam Rauze was represented to be liable to the Company, & that I was sent to reduce him to obedience the said Mr Lamballais did instantly quit the Service of Vizam Rauze & joined the Army under my Command as a Volunteer, during all the time with me, he was sober diligent & active

on

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Madras,
25 July 1778. †

active in procuring intelligence
& did form schemes to draw off the
Rajah's Disciplined Troops, in case
the Rajah should seriously move
to Hostility to the Company

John Braithwaite
Colonel

Mr. Lamballais having addressed
the President & Council relative to
his Situation in Consultation the
9th Inst. requesting to be readmitted
into the Service, & having now
produced a Certificate in his favor
from Colonel Braithwaite — Resolved
that he be taken again into the
Service & appointed the rank as
Youngest Lieutenant in the Topa
Sautry.

Country

Read the following Letters
received — viz N 107 from the Rajah
of Tanjore — thanking the President
for acquiescing in his proposed Tour
thro' the Country — N 108 from the
Nabob desiring more particular Dir-
-ections relative to the Supplies of
Grain to be allowed for Pondichery —

As the Committee has
now received Orders for commen-
-cing Hostilities against the French

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Agreed to recommend to the Nabob to suffer no supplies of Provisions to enter Pondichery by Land X

No 110 From the Nizam requesting the Presidents assistance in procuring Elephants

No 112 From Ranalet Sing congratulating the President on his accession — & advising that he has sent Coja Fatteh Ally Cawn to whose representation he requests the Presidents attention.

No 113 From the Nizam acknowledging the receipt of the Presidents Letter of 18 May. Excusing himself on the Subject of his first Letter of which the President Com-plains & promising in future to remove all Causes of Exception in his addresses to the President

No 114 From the Na-bob accompanying the Sum of Pag.s 85.854 2/16 in ready Money & four Teeps for 134.326 4/16 some of which he says are payable on Four or Five Days & some in a Week —

The President having shewn these Teeps or Bills to the Sowcars on whom they are Drawn they

† 109 From the Nabob advising of the number of Bullocks he has ordered for the use of the Army.

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they acquainted him that the greater of the Money was payable by Them only conditionaly & depended on their first Recieving certain Revenues which were mortgaged to them for the Payment of these Bills —

The Committee cannot here help remarking a want of Candour in the Nabob for in Letter toward these Bills" as good as ready Money", & says they are all payable within a Week, whereas it appear that exclusive of 30,000 Pag.s payable in four days, the rest does not become Due till 12. 13. 15 and so large a Proportion as 65,000 Pag.s not payable till 30 Days night — but what is still more extraordinary is, that these Bills which the Nabob calls as good as Ready Money, should have such a Condition taped to them as that aforementioned by the Sowcars

As the Company might on this Occasion be deceived by reading the Nabobs Letters, the Committee have judged it proper to explain the Nature of the Bills which he has given in payment of Part of his Balance, & in order to prevent any thing of this kind

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in future it is resolved That the Bills be Returned to the Navob & That he be told, We will not deceive the Company by receiving any more from him in future.

In consequence of the Resolution of the President & Council of the 16th Inst. to alter the Establishment of the Artillery Corps upon General Preston's Recommendation the following Promotions are now made

Captains Donald Mackay, John Rigault Arthur Jones, Isaac Manoury & Thomas Giles are appointed to the Command of Companies of Artillery

1st Lieut. Richard Jones to be a Lieutenant — date of Rank — 24 July 1778
Robert Tutt — Do — Do — 25 — Do
John Sleper — Do — Do — 26 — Do
Charles Webb — Do — Do — 27 — Do
Mr. Dunbar to be 2d Lieut. 24 July
Mr. Geo. Hall Do — Do — 25 — Do
Mr. John Merton Do — Do — 26 — Do
Mr. George Saxon Do — 27 — Do

The Establishment of the Artillery Corps being altered, & the Command of it rendered more important, & Lieut Col. James the

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the present Commandant from his
Merit & long Services being deserving
of the Consideration of the Committee
it is Resolved that he be appointed
a Colonel by Brevet until the
pleasure of the Court of Directors
shall be known —

At the Generals
Recommendation the following
appointments are now made —
Lieut Judson to be Inspector of Stores
at Trichinopoly. Captain Giels to
be Commissary of Artillery at Camp
Serjeant Thomas Francis to be Con-
ductor of Stores.

General Munro repre-
senting the necessity of having
more Field Officers to act in the
Army it is resolved upon his Re-
commendation that Major George
Browne be appointed to act as
Lieut Colonel till further Orders
and that Captains Matthews
Cosby Kelly Short Godfrey &
Nelson do duty as Majors
till further Orders

Resolved also upon
the Generals Recommendation
that

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That Lieutenant Montgomery Mal-
-colm Douglas & Browne be appointed
to act as Majors of Brigade till
further Orders

Wm Rumbold

John Whitehill

Daniel Mcneil

Fp Fort St. George. July. 1778

26 Received the following Letters from Bengal

To the Honble Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
President & Council at
Fort St. George

Gentlemen, Dispatched

from Bengal. We have just received Your Letter of the 25 June by the Morning Star

We have also received by the same conveyance Letters from the President & Council at Bombay and from Mr. G. Boldwin at Grand Cairo informing us War was declared between France & England, as the Intelligence communicated by Mr. Boldwin is too well authenticated to admit of any doubt of the Event Yet, We expect that it will be soon confirmed by Authority on the mean Time however it is our Duty to be active in preparing Measures to guard against the Designs of the French in India The first & most effectual means of preventing the ill Consequences of them are certainly to take immediate possession of Pondicherry. We therefore earnestly recom-

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recommend it to you to March a
proper Force for that Service directly
towards Pondicherry & hold them in
readiness to attack that Place the
moment the War shall be confirmed
The utmost Secrecy should
be observed on this Occasion & We
have no doubt that you will take
every precaution to maintain it.

We understand that the
Nabob Hyder Ally has urgently solicited an
Alliance with the Company by repeated
applications to your President, & do
deem it a point of very great Im-
portance to take the most early
Means of securing the Friendship
of that Chief & to prevent the French
from engaging him in their Interest
We strongly recommend it to you
to negotiate & Conclude such Con-
ditions with Hyder in addition to the
present Treaty subsisting between you
as may seem to cement a good Under-
standing with him & to ensure
his Assistance in case of necessity
carefully avoiding any Engagements
that may draw the Company's
Forces from the immediate Protec-
tion of their own Possessions &
of the Payongaut.

We

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We are with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t

humble Servants

Warren Hastings

Rich.d Barwell

P. Francis

E. Wheler

Fort William
9 July 1778.

27th Wrote the following Letters

To Mr Anthony Sadleir

Chief the Council

at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Masulipa-
tam

We have received your
Letters of the 21st Instant.

When the Secretary
wrote you by Order of the Board the
30th June, to send the European In-
fantry & Artillery overland to the
Presidency with the Grenadier Sepoys
from your District, We imagined that
the Vessels might have been ready
to March by the 15th Inst. at farthest
but we are concerned to find by
Your Letter of the 21st Instant, that

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the Grenadiers of the 8th Batt.n had not then arrived at Masulipatam, I beat you propose d waiting for 64 Europeans who are coming with Capt: Rowles's Battalion, & the Grenadiers of that Battalion.

It was not our Intention that you should have waited for these Europeans or any part of Capt: Rowles's Battalion, & we now positively direct if the Troops are not marched before you receive this Letter, that such as are assembled at Masulipatam may be immediately ordered to proceed to the Presidency without the loss of a Moment— The delay which has happened in the March of these Troops makes it necessary that we should desire in future the strictest & most speedy Compliance with our Orders—

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Servants

Fort St George,
2d July 1778.

Tho.s Rumbold

&c.a Council—

To Capt. James Gibbs

of the Ship Valentine

Sir,

Having judged it necessary

&c.a

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To Captain Ogilvie

for the Service of the Company, to put you under the Orders of Sir Edward Vernon, We now Direct accordingly that you repair on Board your Ship & follow such Directions as Sir Edw: Vernon may give you with respect to attack Defence or any other Service whatsoever.

We are

Sir.

your most Obed.t Servants

Fort St George
2.nd July 1778.

Tho.s Rumbold
&.c Council

To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander in Chief
of His Majestys Ships in
India

Sir.

To Sir Edw.d Vernon

In Consequence of the Representation which you made to us when we were favoured with your presence at the Committee, We have Directed Captain Ogilvie of the Valentine & Capt. Doveton of the Gloucester to put themselves under your Orders.

We hope you will find it unnecessary to put any Officers of the Squadron on board their Ships as

same to capt. Ogilvie
low of the
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as they have promised to exert them-
selves to the utmost in the Execution
of any Orders you may give them &
have engaged in the Service with
great readiness.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t &
most humble Servants

Thos. Rumbold
Hen. Connell

Fort St George,
2d July 1778.

28th Wrote the following Letter to go
to Canton by Ships now under Des-
patch

To Matthew Raper Esq.
Chief & Supra Cargoes of Council
at Canton

Gentlemen,

We think it proper
to communicate to you that we have
received Orders from the Court of Directors
dated the 15th April last acquainting
us with the great probability of an
immediate War with France, & there
is every reason to think that it has
since been actually declared as we
have been authorized by the Company
to commence Hostilities on this Coast
& we are in Consequence making
Preparations

To the Supra
Cargoes at Canton

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Preparations to attack Pondicherry.

We inform you of those Circumstances that you may take every prudent measure for the safety of the Company's Homeward bound shipping from China.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

P Rumbold

&c &c

Fort St George
28th July 1778.

Wrote the following Letter to

Sir Edmd Vernon.

To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander

in Chief of his Majesty's Ships

in India

Sir

Having by our Letter of yesterday

To Sir Edwd Vernon

past two of the Company's Ships under your Orders, it only remains for Us to wish you all possible success in your Operations & to express our acknowledgements again to you for the Chearful & expeditious manner in which you have prepard the Squadron for Sea.

Agreably to what We mentioned to you when you favord Us with your presence at Committee We have directed our President to write to the Chief of Cuddalore to obtain the best

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Intelligence he can procure of the situation of the Ships in the road of Pondichery & send it to you when your Squadron appears off Cuddalore — The Chief will be also directed to provide Bullocks & such other Provisions as he can procure for the use of the Fleet.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
T Rumbold

Fort St George
the 28th July 1778

Council

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Received the following Letters

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

Gentlemen

(In Cypher)

Since we wrote to You on the 5th Instant we have sent a Force to Chandernagore & taken possession of that Place & of all the French Factories in Bengal. But We are sorry to inform You that Monsieur Chevalier has escaped the search of our Officers. We think it probable he may attempt to repair to Pondichery

From Bengal

In our last letter we desired that you would march a proper Force directly towards Pondichery & hold them in readiness to attack that place when the Terms of the Cessation shall be confirmed. We consider this Advice as equivalent to recommending a judicious

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attack upon the place considering your mark of censure receive a confirmation by authority before any operations could be commenced if no previous steps had been taken by you for that Effect which all hope was not the case as the authentick information may be interrupted. We now recommend that you regard the War as certain if the Advices have not been contradicted & proceed to instant Hostilities making the Capture of Pondichery your first object & if make it your second, as from many considerations We now regard this place of great importance in the event of a connection between the French & the Mahrattas or Hyder Ally.

We enclose a copy of a Letter we have written to Bombay & a Letter to Commodore Sir Edwd Vernon which we request that you will seal up & send to him with such information as you think proper of your Proceedings

We are with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
W. Hastings
Rd Barwell
P. Francis
Edwd Wheler

Fort William
11th July 1778.

P.S. We enclose a Letter for the Presidency of Fort Marlbro' to advise them of the Cessation of Hostilities & request that you will forward it

From Bengal to Bombay.

By Fort St. George July 17th 1778

To the Honble William Hornby, Esqr.

President & Council at

Bombay

Gentlemen

We have your Letters of the 31st May & 3d June, & the morning star brought us your advices under Date the 12th June.

Regarding the intelligence of a War between France & England as certain We have taken possession of the French Establishments in Bengal & admonish'd the subjects of their Nation to remain in possession of their Houses upon Parole. We have also earnestly recommended it to the President & Council at Fort St. George to march immediately against their Settlements at Pondicherry & Mahé. In taking possession of the Latter We need not urge you to cooperate with them as far as you can consistently with your own safety, which at this time must be especially attended to.

The weak state of your Military Establishment, in comparison with the Force which they imagine may be fitted out by France against the westside of India makes it necessary for Us to recommend to your consideration the expedience of evacuating the Fort of Surat & demolishing that & any other Fortresses on the Island of Salsette that you may be the better able to collect your Force at the Presidency, as We think that the possession of Salsette will always be secured to you while remain at Bombay even with

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your present strength provided there is no Cogency
there for an Enemy

We enclose for your inform-
tion Copy of a Letter which we have written
on this occasion to the President & Council
at Fort St George.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed Servants
W. Hastings
C. Barwell
Ph: Francis
E. Wheler

Fort William
11th July 1778

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint
you, that one of my Hircarrahs, is returned
with the following intelligence with respect
to Monsieur Lally & his French Party that
are at present at Aroor; & as it agrees with
every other account I have had since I com-
manded here, I have great reason to be-
lieve that you may rely on its being authen-
tick in point of numbers, but at any
rate, I have thought it prudent to advise
your Honor &c of it

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150 European Cavalry formed into three Troops
300 European Infantry 100 of whom are Invalids
50 European Artillery
50 Topasses Do
250 Topasses Infantry
150 Black Cavalry
2000 Sepoys

The above Troops are all armed with Europe Firelocks, but many of them in bad order — Plenty of Ammunition.

His Train consists of as follows

Two	Battering Cannon	18 Pounders
Two	Do	12 Do
Two	Field Pieces	3 Do
Two	Do Do	2 Do
Four	Do Do	1 Do

Badly provided with Shot, plenty of Powder Lead & Bazalut Irons Troops consists of four thousand Black Cavalry & three thousand Sepoys: all the Troops are armed after the manner of the Country

Monsieur Lally seemd to buoy up the drooping Sepoys that I fancy, he has had Orders to augment them. I also learn not only from the Report of his Camp, but likewise from the French, that since at Narsilley, that Monsieur Lally has sent his Italian Parson whom he always keeps in his Service to Goa, & is bringing over Land, fifty Pieces of Ordinance, many of the Guns are brass. As soon as it arrives which is expected to be in about six Weeks Since he threw

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it into Admic & then immediately turns his Route to the Guntoor Circar, with all his Force, in the mean time he has sent down to the Garrisons of Guntoor & Condumer Letter than two hundred Sepoys. Monsieur Harrod is Lally's Agent at Guntoor, & receives the best intelligence of every thing, that is going forward, thro the means of Mr Perichon at Masulipatam, who is constantly sending Pcons to him, with the News, which he immediately forwards to Lally.

I will constantly communicate to your Honor &c whatever else comes to my knowledge. I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most respectfull and most Obedient humble Servant

T. Mack

Vantapollam
the 23 July 1778

Wrote the following Letters

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding the Army
at Camp

Sir

I am directed by the President & Select Committee to desire you will march the Army as soon after your coming to Wandewash as possible towards Pondicherry untile you arrive within a days march of that place where you are to halt till further Orders.

To Colonel Brathwaite

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Sam

Sir

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30th July 1778

Your Obedient Servant
Chas Oakeley
Secry

To Wm Cumming
Chief & Council at
Cuddalore

Gentlemen

We have sent directions to the
Commandt at Tanjore to order Three Companies
To Cuddalore of Sepoys to march as soon as possible to your Settle-
ment where they are to remain with those you al-
ready have for its defence.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
30th July 1778

Your Affectionate Friends
T Rumbold &c &c

Received the following Letter
from Sir Edwd Vernon

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Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Council of
Fort St George

Gentlemen

From Sir Edwd Vernon

The Glatton Indiaman you
have been pleased to order for the reinforcement
of the Squadron under my Command, is so badly
equipped & waits so idle, that it is impossible I can
ever attain the road of Pondicherry with her,

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unless by a fair wind, & knowing the necessity of my getting there so early as possible, I have thought it necessary, to order her returning to Madras, & shall proceed with the rest of the Squadron, & you can send another Ship to reinforce it will certainly be of essential service, so as not to be entirely on a footing with the Ships we proceed against. My rendezvous is between Cuddalore & Pondicherry from 5 to 8 Leagues in the Offing.

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Edwd Vernon

Rippon
31st July 1778
Augt 7

Received the following Letter
from Bengal

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

Lieut Dpt

Gentlemen

In Cypher

We have received your Letter
in this Department by the Grosvenor & Osterly.
We immediately assembled
& caused it to be decyphered in our presence at the
Council Board, waiting with the most anxious
suspense in hope that it would advise us of your
having already received to take possession of Pon-
dicherry; an act which could not fail We think

From Bengal

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to divide the fate of the national War in India, but
we cannot express the concern & disappointment
We felt, when we found that although you began
to make preparations for this measure you only
mention it as an object of contemplation, the execu-
tion of which you defer for regular notification of
the intelligence, on the authority of which we did
hope you would have acted. We shall greatly
lament the loss of such a favourable Opportunity
of annihilating the French influence & power in
India if you have not taken advantage of it. We
therefore earnestly repeat, as we think it our duty
to do, the advice contain'd in our last Letter persua-
ding ourselves however from the spirit of activi-
ty which has ever distinguish'd the acts of your
Government, that you will have seen & taken oc-
casion of the urgent for attacking the French
in the weak & unprovided State in which
they were for accomplishing it as they will em-
bodily use their most effectual & expeditious Efforts
to place their capital Forces in India in a State
of defence against the future attacks of our Forces
if any time be allowed them for that purpose.
& contrary to our expectations you shall not
have begun your operations against the French
We must reclaim the Recruits belonging to this
Government, which you have detain'd for your
Service, & beg that you will take the first op-
portunity of sending them to Bengal.

&c

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We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

W. Hastings
R.o Barwell
P. Francis
Edw Wheler

Fort William
14th July 1770

Sign'd

Wrote the following Letter to

Captain Barclay.

To Captain Patrick Barclay

Commanding at

Ongole

Sir

We desire you will obtain the best intelligence you can relative to the motions of Mr Lally, & should you think there is any probability of his attempting any thing against our Troops coming from Pranulipatam you will give proper notice to the Commanding Officer & if necessary march your Sepoys at Ongole to his assistance

To Captain Barclay

We are

Sir

Your most humble Servants

T.o Rumbold
Sec.r to Co.n

Fort St George
7 Aug.t 1770

Recieved the following Letter from Lt. Preston.

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.

Governor & President & Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint
you & my having received certain information that
the Governor of Pondicherry has sent Commissions
from the French King to Monsieur Lally & all his
Officers, Monsieur Bellcombe says he received those
last year but from Political motives, did not dis-
tribute them. Lally has got the Commission of Colonel
together with five Captains Commissions ten
Lieutenants, & five Ensigns, which he is desird to
to fill up, in favor of the most deserving, en-
tirely at his own discretion. I hope in a few days, to be
able to give your Honor &c. the names of those Offi-
cers, on whom the respective Commissions are confer'd
I am also well informd that Monsieur Bellcombe
has confer'd Commissions in the name of the French
King, on twelve French Gentlemen, now in the
Service of Hyder. I further learn, that he has, the
strongest assurances from Hyder, that he will assist
him, with ten thousand Men, on the first rupture
with the English. A few days ago, Lally's Agent
at Pondicherry, applied to Monsieur Bellcombe, for
a few Europeans, who replied he could not afford
it, at present, not untill he had a supply from
the Mauritius, as he was under promises to Hyder
to spare him as many, as he possibly could. I am
prime in the belief your Honor &c. may depend on

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this intelligence, being true; In the meane time

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most respectfull and

most Obedient Hble Servt

F. Meek

Vantapollam
2d July 1770

Wrote the following Letters

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c Council

at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the honor to

receive your letters of the 7th & 11th Instant.

To Bengal in reply to their letters on the Subject of Pondichery.

You were informd in our letter of the 2d June, that upon the receipt of the advices from Sir Eyre Coote, we last not a moment in taking measures for expediting our Army & completing the necessary preparations for the attack of Pondicherry & your letter of the 7th Instant found us so far advanced that in consequence of the Orders We had just then received from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors the Squadron & the Army were on the point of moving towards Pondicherry & before the receipt of your letter of the 11th both had actually moved. the Design however notwithstanding the preparations for it, was kept so profound a secret, that no one on board

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on the Coast suspected its object, & we were in hopes by this secrecy that Sir Edward Vernon would be able to surprize the Ships of War & other Vessels in the road of Pondicherry. He sailed the 29th & on the 30th Ultimo, the day after We received the account from you of your having taken possession of Chandernagore & the other French Factories in Bengal, which was also mentioned in several private Letters from Bengal & of course circulated immediately. The the French at Pondicherry will no doubt hear of this act of hostility before the Squadron arrives, We hope that the Circumstance will be of no detriment to our operations.

The Ships of War Sir Edward Vernon carried with him were the Princess, Coventry Frigate, Sea-horse & Cormorant Sloop, & at his particular desire We spared the Valentine & Glatton Indiamen, but the latter being a very bad Sailer was sent back by Sir Edward Vernon the day after he left Madras, & We have supplied her place by the Bridgewater which arrived two days ago from Bombay.

Such part of our Army as were assembled on the 31st Ultimo to block up Pondicherry by land, they will be joined in about a Fortnight by a large Detachment collected at Trichinopoly to escort the Battering Cannon & Stores from thence, & Questionless

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expect the greater part of the Troops coming from the Northern Circars, the whole with the addition of the Bombay Cavalry will be upwards of 10000 Men.

We expect that this place will be defended to the last extremity, & as we understand that every necessary precaution has been taken by the Governor, it may probably be a work of time & difficulty to subdue it. Due mention this Post you may give us all the support we have requested of you as the importance of the conquest requires every exertion to secure it.

We had written thus far when we had the honor to receive your Letter of the 14 Instant, you are pleased therein to express very strong terms the concern & disappointment you felt, when you found by ours of the 27 June that we had not proceeded to hostility against the French upon the receipt of the first intelligence communicated by Mr. Bazwyn you observe that the loss of so favorable an opportunity of annihilating the French Power if we have not already taken advantage of it will be greatly to be lamented & that you hope we have seen & taken occasion of the urgent necessity for attacking the French in their weak & unprovided state as they will undoubtedly be the most effectual means to place them capitulate Pondichery in a state of defence against the future attacks of

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our Forces

We confess to you Gentlemen the concern & Disappointment We were first at receiving a letter from you which seems to reproach Us with unnecessary delay in a point of so much importance, particularly as we are conscious of Events hence proved of, that from the receipt of the first intelligence from Mr. Baldwyn We have acted with all possible diligence in our preparations, at the same time that We have shewn as We hope a due regard to that intelligence which coming from a private Person was not in our opinion to be considered as sufficiently authentic however qualified by circumstances to authorize any act of hostility on our parts, indeed you will have since learnt from the advices which came afterwards by the Better Capt. Barrington from Surat if by authentic Advices from the Company that not one circumstance of Mr. Baldwyns intelligence was in fact true, except the declarations made by the French Court relative to their Treaty with the Americans & that instead of War being proclaimed by Great Britain on the 10th March & by France on the 30th War was not declared on either side the 20th April, when the Company's Advices left England.

Restrictions as we are by act of Parliament relative to Peace & War

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with the Country Powers, having before Us the information of a private Merchant collected from no authority further than that of hearing or the Report of Individuals, We appeal to your candid & mature Consideration, whether We were authorized under these Circumstances to have begun Hostilities, tho' our Arrows had been before the Walls of Pondicherry & whether We might not have been subjected to very heavy & ruinous penalties, had We by our Conduct upon such grounds precipitated our Country into a War.

After all We think We may safely affirm that had Mr Bodeyn's intelligence been accompanied by positive Orders from the Court of Directors to commence Hostilities, We could not have given greater Forwardness than we are at present.

You seem to think too lightly of the Capture of Pondicherry & speak of our taking possession of it as tho it were an open & defenceless Town like Chandernagore whereas the Fact is that Pondicherry is so well fortified as not to be approached but by a regular Siege. The Town is 3 Miles in Circuit & cannot be properly invested with less than ten or twelve Thousand Men. The Garrison consists of from twelve to fifteen hundred European Regulars besides Topas & the French Inhabitants are very numerous. Add to this that there have been six the road

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of Pondicherry for several Months a Ship of War of 64 Guns, another Ship of 36 Guns & a third Ship of 28 or Guns, all which might occasionally afford a reinforcement of more than one thousand Men to the Garrison. These Circumstances considered We humbly conceive it would have been to the highest Degree rash & imprudent to attack Pondicherry otherwise than by a very formidable Force properly equipp'd for a regular Seige, & to collect such a Force together with all the Artillery & Stores requisite & to convey them to Pondicherry is not easy to be done in one or even two Months in a Country where there is the greatest difficulty in procuring the proper number of Bullocks & every other Article necessary for such a Service.

In the last War we had before Pondichery a Squadron of Thirteen or Fourteen Sail of the Line with an Army of three thousand Europeans & 6 thousand black Troops The Garrison consisted of no more than 1500 Europeans, & about 1000 Topoys besides the European Inhabitants & yet under every discouraging Circumstance that could arise from proving ill success in the Field, from want of Money & Provisions, they held out a close blockade of 4 Months & would probably have sustained a Seige of a Month longer had not their provisions been all expended.

We mention not these

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Circumstances by way of enhancing the difficul-
ty of the undertaking at this time, but merely
to shew that it will require the exertion of all
our strength to accomplish it. If that the prepa-
rations | We began upon | the receipt of Mr.
Baldwyn's intelligence were absolutely necessary
if Love not been delayed a Moment. The Ho-
ble the Governor gave Orders very early to
his People not to suffer any kind of Provisions
to be carried into Pondicherry from his Country.

In your Letter of the 7th Ult.
you recommend it to Us to negotiate & conclude
such Conditions with Hyder Ally in addition
to the present Treaty as may serve to cement
a good understanding with him & to ensure
his assistance in case of necessity "carefully
"avoiding any engagements with him that
"may draw the Company's Forces from the
"immediate protection of their own Possessions
"& the Payenghaut."

We acquainted you in
our Letter of the 19th Ult. that We did not
imagine it would be possible to conclude any
engagements with him, but on terms of
mutual assistance & it is certain that this
has been his only motive for seeking a closer
connection with Us for some Years past. In-
deed the Treaty concluded with him in 1769
appears to Us fully to express the Conditions

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& if that Treaty had not been evaded by the former Government here, We do not believe that Hyder would desire any new Engagements at this time, or that it would be necessary for us to conclude any with him.

We have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Fort St George
2d August 1778

T. Rumbold

J. Graham

D.

To Mr William Petrie

Resident at

Vagore

Sir

Having sent over Army to besiege Pondicherry, We think it proper that a sufficient force be sent without loss of time to take possession of Karrical, We desire in consequence that you will consult with Captain Godfrey relative to the Force necessary for this purpose & We shall direct the Commandant at Tanjore to supply you with any addition of Troops Ammunition Stores &c. that may required upon your application.

When every thing is prepared you are to direct Captain Godfrey to march against Karrical & summon the Governor or Commanding Officer to surrender

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If he refuse, Captain Godfrey is to get possession of it in the best manner he can, but you are to charge him strictly to injure no private Property & with respect to the Stores public & Buildings &c belonging to the King of France a particular accounts of them is to be taken by you & one part of them any days or remained with, and our directions, After you are in possession of Karrical, Captain Godfrey must be desired to appoint a sufficient number of Men to take charge of the Stores & such Prisoners as may fall into his hands & when We have notice of the Capture, we will give you such further instructions as may appear necessary.

As it would be of consequence during the seige of Pondicherry to prevent as much as possible any supplies of Provisions from being thrown into the Town, We desire you will station two or three armed Boats off Nagore, & when you are possession of Karrical two or three more a little to the Northward of that place to stop all Boats or Skillys which may be going along shore to the Northward with Grain and We would have you detain such as may be so stopt till further Orders.

We are

Sir

Your

Challenger

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Your Affectionate friends
J. Rumbold Wm Fullerton

To Captain Godfrey
Commanding at
Tagore

Sir

We have desired Mr Petrie to consult with you upon the Measures necessary to take possession of Karrical & as you are to follow such Orders as he shall give in the execution of this measure concerning which We have sent him our instructions.

We are

Sir

Fort St George
2d August 1778

Your most Obedient Servants
J. Rumbold & Com.

To Lieut: Colonel Fitzgerald
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

Having authorised Mr Petrie to consult with Captain Godfrey on the Measures necessary to take Possession of Karrical, & to carry that measure into execution, We desire you will upon his application supply him from Tanjore with whatever Troops & Stores he may require in addition to those now with him at Nagore

&c

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We are

Sir,

Fort St George
2d August 1778.

Your most Obedient Servants
J.s Rumbold &c.a Com.rs

On the 24th Ultimo the follow-
ing Letter was dispatch'd to the Chief & Council of
Masulipatam.

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir
Chief &c.a Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

We direct that immediately on
receipt of this Letter you send directions to Capt.n
Powell to march a sufficient force to take pos-
session of the French Factory at Janam with
all the Europeans of that Nation, that may
be found there, also such part of the property as
may belong to the French King or Company
but not to touch the property or Effects of any
Individual whatever, & in general you will
Direct him to execute our Orders with as much
moderation as possible shewing every attention to
the Prisoners that the nature of their Situation
will admit.

The public property which
we have ordered to be seized, must remain at our
Disposal.

The same Orders that we

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executed by you in regard to the French Factory at Vrundipatam & you must seize on every French Vessell that may be in the Ports of Vrundipatam or Yanaon, or such as may hereafter come there.

We hope no delay has happened in the march of the Troops from Vrundipatam as it is of the utmost consequence that they should be with us as soon as possible.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

F. Rumbold & Co.

Fort St George
24th July 1778

At a Select Committee present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Major Gen. Munro

Monday
the 3 August

Minutes of last Committee

read & approved.

The President acquaints the

Ship St Helena
Frigate taken up
for the Service

Committee that it will be necessary to send a great part of the Stores required for the Siege of Pondichery by Sea as all the Bullocks which could be procured have been already dispatchd overland with as many as they could carry, that as the only two Indiamen which could be spared without distressing the China

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Trade, have been ordered to join the Squadron, & none of the Coast & Bay Ships so long expected are yet arrived, he is of opinion a Vessel should be hired immediately to carry the remainder of the Stores to the Army at Pondicherry. That the St. Helena a Country Ship now in the road is in every respect proper for this Service, but the Owner of her will not let her for less than a Year & asks 65,000 Rupees for that term.

The Committee being of Opinion that not a Moment should be lost in conveying the Remainder of the Stores to Camp that the arrival of the Bengal Ships is too precarious to be depended upon, & that the Storms usual for the S.E. Coast are upon the whole as reasonable as could be expected, it is agreed that She be taken up on those terms for one Year, & that for the present she be employed in Carrying the Stores ready to be embarked for the Seige of Pondicherry.

Minute of the President on the Rajah of Tanjore's Affairs

The President acquaints the Committee that notwithstanding the several Letters that have been written to the Rajah of Tanjore on the Subject of his Rents & the frequent applications to his Vackeel here to press the payment of what is due from him, he (the President) is sorry to remark that not one half of the Sum which the Rajah engaged to pay into the Company's Treasury before the end of June last has yet been received & must be considered as the

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Situation of the Tanjore Country from the ill management of Buchanah the Diwan who has the whole power in his hands, that the Rajah at this time has hardly a Pagoda in his Treasury, or even Credit to raise any thing from the Sowcars, that in these Circumstances he (the President) is of Opinion something must be done by this Government to regulate the Affairs of Tanjore in such a manner that the Company may have all the benefit from it which they stipulated for when they restored the Rajah to his Government, that this cannot be effected whilst Buchanah who has the entire Ascendancy over the Rajah continues in the management of the Country & misapplies or squanders the Revenues, & as it will probably be necessary for the Committee to exert their authority with the Rajah for the removal of this Man from his Office he wishes before any steps be taken by them to that Effect, that they will send for Mr Petrie who was lately employed at Tanjore in transacting the Company's Business & who is now here & desire his Sentiments on the Conduct & Character of Buchanah from his own Observations whilst at Tanjore.

Mr Petrie called before the Committee

Mr Petrie being accordingly called in & questioned, he acquaints the Committee that the general reports (& to the best of his information it is well founded) is, that the Diwan mismanages the Country, that many opulent

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Annuldars have been displaced & others of no proper-
ty, his Dependants, substituted in their room.
That he cannot say the Revenues are embarrassed
and that the Rajah receives very little, & even
the nominal Settlement of the Rents or Jam-
mabundy falls short yearly of what it was during
the former Government of the Rajah & that of
the Nabob, that it is generally reported & he
believes it to be fact, that Buchanah is ignor-
rant of the Country Language & that he had
an opportunity himself of seeing an instance
of this in the management of the District
of Trivadore, which appeared to him very
Striking — that it is also said & he believes it,
from his own Observations that Bertolomeh
has no attachment to the English, or united
to any Europeans whatever, & that he tries
all in his power to obstruct every thing that
comes recommended from this Government.
Mr. Petrie being asked whether the Dubbeer (the
Rajah's former Duan) is esteemed in the
Country, He says he believes he is, being asked
whether the Dubbeer's great age has not dis-
-qualified him for Business, he says that the
Dubbeer tho old is said to have his faculties
nearly as strong as ever, & to be very equal
to the management of the Country Business.
Mr. Petrie then offers to

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some Years past, which the Committee approve &
having no further business with Mr. Petrie he is
desired to withdraw.

The President then goes on
to observe to the Committee that the backwardness
of the Rajah's payments from the Causes above
recited. The difficulty & uncertainty of obtaining
Money from the Nabob whose debt is daily in-
creasing, & the State of the Balances owing by
the Northern Zemindars which are not likely
to be received till the end of the year all con-
tribute to withhold those supplies of Money
from the Company's Treasury of which it stands
at this time so much in need, & threaten us
with alarming deficiences if some measures be
not speedily taken to ensure the certain pay-
ment of what is owing to the Company by the
Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore. The President
therefore takes this opportunity before General
Munro proceeds to Camp to desire the Senti-
ments of the Committee on this Subject,
whereupon the General delivers in the follow-
ing Letter to the Committee which he had
previously written for the occasion

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
Governor and the Gentlemen
of the Select Committee
Gentlemen

As this is probably

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Letter from General Munro on the nature of our connection with the Rajah of Tanjore

The last time I shall take my place at this Committee before my departure for the Army I mean by this address to discharge a duty which I think I owe to myself & to my Employers & to testify my regard for this Board of which I have the honor to be a member.

As I have the honor to Command the Expedition against Pondicherry my reputation is more at Stake then that of any other Man & convinced as I am that every Member of this Board is equally ambitious to promote the success of the enterprise I beg leave to call your attention to some points that immediately relate to the important Service on which I am about to be employed.

From the nature of our connection with the Rajah of Tanjore it were unmeaning not unreasonable to expect from them at a Crisis like this every assistance their Countries could afford. From the Rajah we might expect ample Supplies of Cattle for every purpose, & the utmost attention to the wants of our Army in the field, but might I think too without encroaching upon his gratitude expect from him in some degree such pecuniary assistance as he received from the Company when they were his only resource. But nothing gratitude & all sense of obligation aside we have a right to require both from him & the

of those Rents at least which were stipulated for the payment of Troops employed in the protection of their Countries & for the Rent of the Company's Lands.

Such indeed is the Conduct that might be expected from Persons who stile themselves the Friends & Allies of the Company & of the English Nation, but far from expressions & testimonies of Friendship & attachment scarcely a day has past'd since the Army began to assemble at Conjeveram that Complaints have not been received respecting the difficulty of obtaining the smallest assistance from the Officers of the Nabob.

In consequence of these Complaints, Representations & Remonstrances have been made to him, but I am sorry to say to little Effect. He has it is true been profuse in his profession of Friendship & promises of assistance nevertheless the Troops of the Company have been treated within their own Dominions rather as Enemies who had made a hostile invasion into the Country than as an Army of Allies.

The District of Conjeveram has been in some degree desolated. The Sheep that would serve for the subsistance of the Troops, & the Bullocks that would have been a most acceptable Supply for the Services of the field have been driven away from the Neighbourhood of the Encampment. Corn there have

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been for some days almost without Print

With respect to pecuniary assis-
tance the Nabob far from making any advances
to the Company in the present exigency of their
Affairs, withholds from them what they have a
right to demand. His own Troops are in Arrears
his private Creditors unpaid & his Ballance to the
Company is considerable, nevertheless although he
receives the Revenues of the Carnatick & pays
nobody he answers all demands by pleading
Poverty: that one should advance such a plea
I do not think a matter of Astonishment
but I should wonder much if it were admitted
as sufficient by any Member of this Board.

I well know that the Governor
has left no endeavour unessayed to bring the
Nabob to a just sense of his own Interest. It is
long since the Board joined with him in wishing
that the Nabob would take some means to
put his Troops on a proper footing. Argument
has failed to persuade if he seems deaf to every
salutary advice. The present times are too crit-
ical to be wasted in ceremony, we are now
about to invest the Fortress of Pondichery
his Troops he says are to act with those of
the Company under my Command, but
what assistance can we expect from Soldiers
who receive no pay. One Regiment of his
Cavalry is at this hour in actual mutiny
& it is impossible to say how soon the others

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may continue in a State of obedience; melancholy experience has taught me to know the eminent danger of be-
-ing connected with such Troops, Mutiny is an infection that spreads insensibly & if the Rabob is throughout the Year to be the Sovereign Lord of our resources, if our Troops depending for a precarious Subsistance on his will & pleasure, should continue destitute as they are for provisions, with such an example before them, I shudder to think of the possible consequences, Disgrace to the British Arms and destruction to the Company.

It is needless to account for the behaviour of the Rabob by forming conjectures of his views & motives. The uniform Tenor of his Conduct & the exigency of the times do in any opinion sufficiently convince the necessity & Justify the measure of taking immediate steps to convince the Company that assistance from the Carnatick which they have a right to expect. To effect this desireable end I would wish to employ Arguments & Representations only but if these means prove ineffectual others must be applied, for in my opinion it would be an ill timed delicacy to delay for any time the execution of so salutary a purpose.

Having thus far explained myself I beg leave to submit the following Proposals to your Consideration.

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1st That the Troops of the Nabob shall be Commanded by the Company's Officers & paid by their Paymasters & that so Commanded & paid they shall be employd to Garrison the different Forts in the Carnatick.

2d That the Nabob shall assign Revenues of certain Districts for the payment of his Troops, his different Visits to the Company & for the discharge of his present debt to them

3d That the Company's Sayhire shall be ascertained to be let for five or seven Years under such Regulations as may best answer the purpose of ensuring to this Settlement all the benefit that might be derived from the Neighbourhood of the most fertile part of the Carnatick

The two first of the foregoing Proposals speak for themselves; of them I shall say nothing further; but with respect to the third some explanation may be necessary. The Nabob as I understand expressd a strong desire to be continued in the Management of the Sayhire, & far be it from me thereby his inclinations provided they can be gratified without detriment to the interest of any Employers, but upon the footing on which the Nabob holds the Sayhire at present he exercises the authority of Sovereign rather than Renter of the Country. In prejudice of this oper-

our Troops at Conjeuram, had any other Man been Renter of that Country than he have driven away the Cattle on the approach of the Troops, it would not then necessity's have been instantly returned by an Order to him but as the Rajah is Renter we must forsooth entreat & be thankfule for that assistance which we have a right to Command.

With a frankness becoming the Station I have the honor to fill I have given my sentiments respecting the Nabob, & with the same freedom I shall beg leave to mention what occurs to me on the Subject of our connection with the Rajah of Tanjore.

The Rajah for some time after his restoration continued punctual in the discharge of his Kists to the Company, but he has lately been remiss in all his payments. The Deposite with which he pramised to assist the Company has not been made, & even the Kists on account of his annual subsidy are much in Arrears from these Circumstances as well as from the information of Mr Petrie there cannot be a doubt that the Revenues of the Country are misapplied. To interfere with the internal Government of the Rajahs Country is contrary to the Orders of the Company, but I conceive those Orders allude to compulsive interference only; As it is surely the duty of the President in the light of a Friend to

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shew the Rajah his Errors & point out to him
upon his power the malpractices of his People
I am therefore clearly of Opinion that it would
be for the mutual advantage of the Rajah &
the Company if the Government to Tanjore
immediately, but if that cannot be done
I beg leave to propose that the President be
urged to take the first favorable opportunity
for that purpose & that he be invested by the
Committee with such powers to make such
settlement with the Rajah as may in future
effectually ensure punctual payment of his
Visits & any engagements he may enter into
with the Company

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect & esteem
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
H. Munro

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3d August 1798

The President & Members of Council
declare their entire approbation of the Sentiments expressed by General Munro & the President enters the following Minute

Minute of the President

In my particular situation as President of this Committee, I cannot pass without notice the Letter which General Munro has done Us the Honor to address Us.

No means in our power for

of the Army, those which are most likely to form a bar to our success, arise from the backwardness of the Nabob of Arcot on the one hand, & the Rajah of Tanjore on the other, in paying their Kists, & balances to the Company. General Munro's sentiments on these subjects, are similar to my own, but I beg leave to draw the attention of the Committee to my embarrassing situation; for I do declare that since I have had the honor of setting in the Chair of this Government, I have not been able to get from the Nabob, two thousand Pagodas without an absolute quarrel, this I am subject to as President, by being obliged to negotiate with him for the payment of the Company's Money. Whilst the Nabob continues thus disposed any task is of all others, the most irksome & disagreeable. It would ease me of much trouble, & pretty often, if I could prevail upon this Committee from their anxiety, in short it would be the means of placing our Government upon a firm basis, could we prevail upon the Nabob to allot certain Countries for the maintenance of the Army, we should not then be waiting at his door for those supplies on which depend the safety of this Government, the honor & Credit of British Troops. I am so tired and with promises, I have been so long amused with professions, instead of actions, that I can no longer remain silent, I therefore hope the Committee will concur with me in Opinion, of the necessity there is for urging the

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Arbab to place in our hands some security for the
payment of those Troops, whose bravery first put
him in possession of the Carnatic, whose Cou-
rage has for years preserved him in that possession
& on whose joint Efforts, at this critical period
rests the security of his Country, the safety of his
Person & family, & the preservation of the Compa-
ny's possessions on this Coast.

With regard to the Govern-
ment of Tanjore, & thereabouts we had a right
to expect from that Country, the Company
would justly feel their disappointment. The Raja
who owes his all of gratitude should bind to the
Company, & who at this time should have par-
ticularly exerted himself in their support, seems
last to every sense but those of his pleasures
he commits nothing but his ease, & the means
of supporting a most luxurious, & voluptuous
Life, addicted to those mean vices which even they
possess the mind sacrifice to them every manly
& political obligation, he leaves the manage-
ment of his Government to a Dewan whose
disaffection to their Government is betrayed in
every part of his Conduct. Letters from Tanjore
say that there is great mismanagement, Revenues
misapplied, & a total neglect of the Country's
Government. In the unhappy predicament
in which we stand, as well with respect to the
Nabob, as the Rajah of Tanjore, it behoves us

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to render our situation less dependent, & more se-
-cure, as the very Being of the East India Company
depends in some measure upon the issue of the
present War

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Mr Smith delivers in the
following Minute

Minute of Mr Smith

At this critical time disap-
-pointment in those Supplies, which are expect from
the Nabab, would no doubt greatly embarrass the
Company's Affairs, & therefore such an event
to be apprehended, the means of preventing it are
worthy the most serious consideration of the
Committee, & I shall at all Times readily join
my endeavours to produce that Effect. But while
I feel & acknowledge the general Tardiness of the
Nabob, I cannot forget that he has never yet
failed us in the end, Remonstrances & expostu-
-lations are the only means the Company have
authorised Us to employ. These have hitherto
succeeded with him on various occasions, &
the present is of a Nature so interesting to
him & his Family, that in withholding Assis-
-tances from the Company, he evidently hazards
his own safety. This being the case I cannot
suppose that a Crisis is likely to arrive on
which this Government would be justified in
adopting more violent measures than those
which have hitherto proved effectual.

With respect to the Proposals

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which the General has submitted to the considera-
tion of the Committee I am of Opinion, that the
third on the Subject of the Seaforne merits our
Serious attention. The first & second Proposals
would doubtless offend the Company would Sattis-
faction, The first is what they themselves have
often suggested, but have never authorized this
Government to carry into Execution; however
anxiously we may wish for such arrangements
I confess I do not see how they might be brought
about, if the Rajah should think proper to oppose
his Concurrence.

As to the Rajah of Tanjore
the Generals Observations are perfectly just, if
I agree with him in Opinion that it is to be
wished the President would make a Journey
thither the first favorable Opportunity

The following Instructions for
General Munro who proceeds to Madura for
Camp are read & approved.

To Major General Munro
Commander in Chief
of the Company's Troops
on the Coast
Sir

We desire you will proceed
with all possible expedition to take the Command

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Letter to General Munro instructions for the attack of Pondicherry

of the army & march it to Pondicherry without loss of time. You are acquainted with the orders we have received relative to the attacke of that place & we shall here observe to you that Sir Edwd Vernon having sailed with the Squadron to block up the Port, it will remain with you to carry on the operations by Land in Concert with him & we recommend it to you to keep up a constant communication, so that the fleet & Army may act in conjunction for the good of the Service.

When you arrive before the walls of Pondichery you will be pleased to acquaint the Governor there that you have received Orders from the President & Superior Council of Madras to make yourself Master of the place & summon him to surrender at discretion in the usual form, which if he refuse you are to proceed in the most effectual manner that the Force under your Command will permit, to acquire possession of the place, & for your guidance in case of success, we enclose you a Copy of the Company's Orders concerning the Capture, to which we recommend your strict attention, until you shall receive our further instructions on the Subject

We need not point out to you for how absolutely necessary it is that the Seige should be push'd on with the greatest

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Major that only on account of the possibility that
Succours may shortly arrive at Pondicherry from
France or the Islands, but also on account of
the heavy expences of keeping so large an Army
in the field, which one main endeavor by every
means to lessen as soon the Service will possibly
admit.

The Nabob has appointed
Sujy Cawn to accompany you for the purpose of
facilitating the supplies of Provisions for the Army
I have requested your attention to him as a Man
of Character & consequence, & recommend it
to you in the strongest manner to be attentive
to the preservation of the Country & to give all
possible encouragement to the Inhabitants who
may bring Provisions to Camp.

We request that you will keep
us regularly advised of your proceedings & you
may be assured that nothing shall be wanting
on our part to contribute to the success of the
expedition, in which however we trust in no
small degree to your able & spirited Conduct.
We beg to offer you our warmest wishes on the
occasion & to subscribe ourselves

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
J. Rumbold &c &c
The Committee having resolved

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Duplicate

Ships Lalham, Aldborough, Royal George & Lord Holland which are ready to sail for China shall keep Company till they come past the Streights of Malacca, the following Orders are approved in Consequence & directed to be sent to the Commodore of those Ships

To Captain Prince
of the Lalham
Sir

As Senior Captain of the Company's Ships now under dispatch for China We direct that you will act as Commodore. The Commanders of the Hillsboro' Lord Holland & Royal George are directed to put themselves under your Orders, & you will accordingly agree with them upon such signals as may be necessary to prevent your parting Company until you get clear of the Streights & into the China Sea. & you will on no account without absolute necessity touch at any Port in the Streights of Malacca but prosecute your Voyage with the utmost dispatch. If you should happen to fall in with any French Ship or Ships you are to act on the defensive only offering no hostility to those by whom you are not attacked.

We are

Fort St George Sir
3d August 1770

Your most Obedt Servants
T. Rumbold &c &c

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My Lord that only one account of the hostility that
Incaniers may have arrived at Pondicherry from
France or the Islands, Embarks on account of
the heavy expences of keeping so large an Army
in the field which are much enhanced by every
means to lessen as soon the Service will possibly
admitt.

The Nabob has appointed
Raja Cauw to accompany you for the purpose of
facilitating the supplies of Provisions for the Army
I have requested your attention to him as a Man
of Character & consequence, & recommend it
to you in the strongest manner to be attentive
to the preservation of the Country & to give all
possible encouragement to the Inhabitants who
may bring Provisions to Camp.

We request that you will keep
us regularly advised of your proceedings & you
may be assured that nothing shall be wanting
on our part to contribute to the success of the
expedition, in which however we trust in no
small degree to your able & spirited Conduct.

We beg to offer you our warmest wishes on the
occasion & to subscribe ourselves

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
J. Rumbold &c
The Committee having resided

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Ships Ina Thirsk Latham, & Edsborough, Royal George & Lord Holland which are ready to sail for China shall keep Company till they have past the Streights of Malacca, the following Orders are approved in Consequence & directed to be sent to the Commanders of those Ships

To Captain Prince
of the Latham
Sir

As Senior Captain of the Company's Ships now under dispatch for China We direct that you will act as Commodore. The Commanders of the Hillsborough Lord Holland & Royal George are directed to put themselves under your Orders, & you will accordingly agree with them upon such signals as may be necessary to prevent your parting Company until you are clear of the Streights & into the China Sea. You will on no account without absolute necessity touch at any Port in the Streights of Malacca but prosecute your Voyage with the utmost dispatch. If you should happen to fall in with any French Ship or Ships you are to act on the defensive only offering no hostility to those by whom you are not molested.

We are

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Sir
Your most Obedt Servants
To Rumbold &c &c

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Present as Sundries

Read the following Letter from

General Munro

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble the Court of Directors having made me an offer of a Sum to be paid yearly as Commander in Chief upon the Coast which I did not accept; I must request the favor, that the Board may be pleased to give directions for providing & keeping a Table for myself & the Officers in Camp who will expect to be asked to it in turn.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

H. Munro.

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Agreed that the General be allowed to draw twelve Hundred & fifty Pagodas a Month to be in full for Batta & all other Allowances so long as he shall be employed with the Army in the Field,

The following Appointments and Promotions are now made,

J. C. Captain Thomas Bruce to command the 6th Circar Battalion in the room of Captain Collins,

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Captain Duncan to take
charge of Captain Burrington's Company
in the 2d Battalion 2d Regiment & Captain
Calvert to Command the 11th Battalion of &c.
Except in the room of Captain Duncan
Captain Burrington appointed
to the 10th Battalion of Sepoys in the room of
Captain Bruce
Captain Charles Fraser
St George Garrison, to command two Battalions
to be recommended to be raised to the Coromandel
Coast Dated 3d July 70
Lieut Parell to be appointed Captain Do 4th Do 70
Lieut Cockburn to be Captain Do 29th July 70
Ensign Jno Packenham to be Lieut Do 30th July 70
Mr Fraser Do Do 31st Do Do
Mr Reid Do Do 1st Augt Do
Thomas Stafford Do Do 2d Do Do
John Sweedenham Do Do 3d Do Do
George Baker Do Do 4th Do Do
David McNeal Do Do 5th Do Do
Mr James Lamballais Jun.
formerly in the Military permitted to return
to the Service as Youngest Lieutenant to rank
from the 3d August 1770
The following Gentlemen to
be Ensigns — their ranks to be settled hereafter
Sibbald
William Powell
Knights
Adams

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John Goodsman

Mullock

Hy Smith Cosby

Donald Macrae

Barclay

Dennys

Macgregor

Captain Manwaring to be Commissary

of Stores for the Army

Tho: Rumbold

Hector Munro

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Dispatch the following Letter

to the Supra Cargoes at Canton

To Matthew Raper Esqr

Chief & the Supra Cargoes of Council

at Canton

Gentlemen

Enclosed you will receive a

List of Military who have received their Discharges

To the Supra Cargoes at Canton

& are embarked as Cantonment Party passengers for

England. As the above mentioned Persons are fit

for Service & their valuable addition to our strength

is at present acceptable, We request that you will be

encouraged them to reenlist & advance the Comp.

Hangs Bounty to such as consent to receive it.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Fort St George

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J. Rumbold & Council

Wrote the following Letter of

Instructions to Mr Kinchant & Mr Revell.

To Mr Richard Kinchant

Sir

We have appointed you to re-

side at Trangubar for the purposes hereinafter

mentioned, herewith you will receive a Letter

to the Governor & Council of Trangubar recommend-

you to their protection.

You are in general to com-
municate to Us & the to the Commanders in Chief
of the Army & of the Fleet all material Intelli-
gence that may come to your Knowledge con-
cerning the Enemy

Instructions for his Conduct at Tranquebar

We recommend to you very particularly to inform yourself whether any & what provisions are providing for the Enemy at Tranquebar, & should you Learn that any are so providing you are to deliver in a remonstrance to the Governor & Council & require them to desist from giving any assistance to the Enemies of the English & communicate their answer to Us.

Upon receiving any notice from Mr. Revell at Negapatam of any boats dispatched or dispatching from thence or upon information of any departing from Tranquebar you are to send Orders immediately to the Boats at Cuddalore to keep a good look out & give notice thereof to the Chief & Council that they may do no Likewise & dispatch advice to the Ships.

Over & above your salary & diet Money to be paid as usual at this Settlement we allow you for your extraordinary expences ten Shillings & six Pagas Food & you are Conde to make a Monthly Change of Lascarent

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Sir

Whatever you may necessarily expend in procuring intelligence dispatching Advices, & other duties that the Service may require in which we recommend to you, as much Frugality & Oeconomy as the nature of the case will allow

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate friends

Fort St George

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J. Rumbold & Con.

To Mr Joseph Revell

Sir

We have appointed you to reside at Tranquebar for the purposes herein mentioned, herewith you will receive a letter to the Governor & Council of Tranquebar recommending you to their protection.

Instructions to Mr Revell

You are in general to Communicate to Us & to the Commanders in Chief of the Army & of the Fleet all Material intelligence that may come to your Knowledge concerning the Enemy.

We recommend to you diligently particularly to inform yourself whether any Warlike provisions are providing for the Enemy at Pegu. Pattani, & should you Learn that any are so providing you are to deliver in a memorandum to the Governor & Council, & require them to desist

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from giving any assistance to the Enemies of the English & Communicate their answer to us

Upon receiving any Notice of Boats being dispatch'd or about to be dispatch'd from Negapatam, you will immediately communicate the Intelligence to Mr. Petrie at Nayore who will take means to intercept them on their passage to Pondicherry.

Over & above your Salary and Diet Money to be paid as usual at this Settlement we allow you for your extraordinary expences two Shillings & six Rupees pony. & you are hereby to make a Monthly Charge of House Rent, and whatever you may necessarily expend in procuring intelligence dispatching advices, & other duties that the Service may require in which we recommend to you, as much frugality & Oeconomy as the nature of the case will admit.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

T. Rumbold &c.

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&c. Also the following Letters to the Governors & Council at Negapatam and Tranquebar.

To

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To the Honble Rainier Van Vlissingen Esqr

Councellor Extraordinary & Director

for Affairs of the Dutch Company

on the Coast of Choromandel & to

the rest of the Council thereof at

Negapatam

Honble Sir & Sirs

The situation of Affairs in

Europe & the Orders we have received to commence

hostilities against the French making it incum-

bent upon us to have a President at Negapatam

to Negapatam

, we think we should have a President at Negapatam

& We have appointed Mr. Joseph Revett to reside

with your permission in your Fort & depend

upon your friendly assistance in furnishing him

with a house & a boat or Catamaran as occasion

may require as well as in such other respects

as he shall have occasion to make applica-

tion for.

We have the honor to be with

the most perfect Esteem.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &

most humble Servants

Fort St. George

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T. Rumbold Jeyte

(The same for Mr. Pinchard)

To David Braune Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

Tranquebar

Wrote the following Letter to the Day-

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To Mr George Day

Sir,

We have appointed you to reside at Sadras & have written a Letter to the Chief recommending you to his Protection.

To Mr Geo. Day at Sadras

You are in general to communicate to Us & to the Commanders in Chief of the Army & of the Fleet all material intelligence that may come to your knowledge concerning the Enemy.

We allow you for your expenses ten Shillings & six Pence Pday & you are besides to make a Monthly charge for house rent & whatever you may necessarily expend in procuring intelligence dispatching advices & other duties that the Service may require in which we recommend to you as much frugality & Oeconomy as the nature of the case will allow.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

J Rumbold & Com.

Wrote & dispatch'd the following letters

Fort St. George
3d August 1770

To

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To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander

in Chief of his Majesty's Ships

in India

Sir

We had the Honor to receive

your Letter of the 3d Ulto, & were concern'd to find

the Glatton in so bad a condition as not to be

able to Keep up with the Squadron. To supply her

place we have used all possible expedition in get-

ting the Berbond ready & she now proceeds to join

you. — We have informed Captain Montgome-

ry of the place of Rendezvous & directed him to

put himself under your Orders

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient &

most humble Servants

T. Rumbold & Co.

To Sir Edward Vernon with the Berbond

Fort St George
1st August 1778

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To Captain Montgomery

Commanding the

Berborough

Sir

We desire you will repair on

board & proceed with all possible expedition to

join Sir Edward Vernon's Squadron on their way

to Pondicherry. The place of Rendezvous fixed

by Sir Edward is between Cuddalore and

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Pondichery from 8 to 8 Leagues in the Offing
on joining the Squadron You are put yourself
under the Orders of Sir Edward Vernon
to
We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
4th August 1778

J Rumbold & Com.s

To Mr William Cuming
Chief & Council at
Cuddalore

Gentlemen

Having sent our Army
to besiege Pondichery it will be of material
consequence to prevent as much as possible any
Supplies of Provisions from being thrown into
the Town, For this purpose We desire you
will station two or three Armed Boats off
Cuddalore with directions to stop all Boats
or Catmarans which may be going along shore
to the Northward with Grain & use wou'd have
you detain such as may be stop't till Further
Orders.

Mr Kinchant whom We
have appointed to reside at Tranquebar is
instructed to give you intelligence of any boats
dispatch'd from thence to the relief of Pondi-
chery.

We are

J° Cuddalore w.h
Instructions

be

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To Mr. John Tortese
Chief &c. Factors at
Anjengo

To Anjengo

Fort St. George
1th August 1770

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate friends
Fs. Rumbold &c. Com.

Having in consequence of Orders from the Company sent our Troops to attack Pondichery, We think it proper to give you this notice that you may guard yourselves against surprize. The Governor General & Council of Bengal have already commenced hostilities by taking possession of all the French Factories in that Quarter

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Servants
Fs. Rumbold &c. Com.

To Mr. Richard Church
Resident at
Tellicherry

Sir

Fort St. George
1th August 1770

Having in consequence of Orders from the Company sent our Troops to attack Pondichery, We think it proper to give you this Notice that you may guard against surprize. The Governor

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General Council of Bengal have already commenced Hostilities by taking possession of Chandernagore Jaser the French Factories in that Quarter.

We request that you will without Loss of time transmit to Us in the most expeditious manner particular information respecting the Settlement of Peace making the State of the Fortifications & Strength of the Garrison the principle Objects of your Enquiry.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

P. Rumbold Secr.

Fort St George
19th August 1770
5th

Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr

President &c Select Committee at

Bombay

Gentlemen

We herewith transmit you a Packet received from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors by the way of Suez — Captain Matthews who brought it informs Us that he sent a Duplicate of it by a Vessell which he met in his way from Suez bound for Bombay, also a Packet for the President & Council of your Settlement, the Vessell was commanded by a Captain Sutherland.

To Bombay with advice of the Siege of Pondicherry

In consequence of the Orders

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"We received by the way of Suez from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, We have sent our Troops against Pondichery properly equipp'd for the Seige of that important Place & We have sanguine hopes that it will fall into our hands before any succours can arrive there from Europe; Sir Edward Vernon with his Majesty's Ships proceeded on the 29th Ultimo to block up the Port & We have spared him two Indiamen to assist in this Service, the Calastrie & Bellamonagh. We shall advise you in time to time of the success of our Operations & should any opportunities offer from your vicinity of writing to England, We request you will give the necessary advices to the Coast &c.

"We have received a letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal advising us that they have taken possession of Chandernagore & the other French Factories in Bengal.

"We are with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Servants

Fort St George

14th August 1779

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servants

T Rumbold J. Hon.

To

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To Major General Munro

Commander in Chief of the Troops

on the Coast

Sir

We have the pleasure to ac-
quaint you that a considerable part of the heavy
Artillery & Stores are dispatch'd this day to you by
land.

To General Munro with the Nabob's Orders for the admittance of Company's Troops into his Forts

Cuddalore is the Presidies Bound to Rajah Boee Boe at Arcot with orders to the Killedars of Gingee Carangoly & Trugar to admit Company's Troops into those respective Forts. We have got also an order to the Killedar of Wandewash which We shall ourselves deliver to Captain Alex.r Patterson who is appointed to that Command. Lieut.t Roberts is already at Trugar, & We leave it to you to send such Persons as you may think proper to Gingee & Carangoly, but We request you will give strict Orders to them not to interfere in any shape with Killedars or to have any dealings with the Country People but to confine themselves solely to the proper duty of the Garrisons.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
5th August 1770

P.s Bourchier Wynch.e

To

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To Captain Alexander Patterson

Sir

Having appointed you to the Command of Wandewash, We enclose you an Order to the Killedar for admitting the Company's Troops into the Fort. You are not in any shape to interfere with the Killedar, or have any dealings with the Country People, but confine yourself entirely to the proper duty of the Garrison. The Commander in Chief will detach the number of Sepoys necessary for the Fort of Wandewash.

To Captain Patterson appd. to Command Wandewash

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

T. Rumbold &c &c

Fort St. George
5th August 1778

At a Select Committee present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President

Friday 7th

John Whitehill Charles Smith

General Munro absent on Service

Minutes of last Committee

read & approved.

The Committee taking into consideration the Force that may with propriety be collected together in the Masulipatam District for the protection of the Circars against any

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attempt which may be formd by Tippoo Sahib, are of Opinion that in addition to the Troops now there as mentiond in the Committee of the 26th Ultimo they may draw one Battalion of Sepoys from the Carrygapatam District & supply their place by four Companies from the Ganjam District. They are also of Opinion that 2 Companies may be spard from Ongole for the Service of the Circars, & that as there are at present no effective Artillery Men to the Northward & only four or five Invalids of that Corps fit for duty, it will be proper to order Captain Collins who Commands the Detachment marching from Nundidroog to leave behind him 1 Lieut. Fireworker 1 Serjeant & 12 Artillery Men, & the Committee are further of Opinion that the European Invalids who were before ordered to march further from Nundidroog may remain there for the present

To force to be collected for the Circars

Resolvd that Major Mathews be appointed to Command the Troops in the Nundidroog District, & that the following Letters be dispatchd immediately

To Major Richard Matthews

Sir

Having appointed you to command the Troops in the Nundidroog District you are to proceed thither with all possible expedition & we enclose you a Letter for the Chief

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Y Council to be delivered on your arrival

In addition to the Troops now in the Masulipatam District, we have ordered a Battalion from Chicacole, & two Companies from Ongole, we have also directed that the Sepoys which came with Captain Collins from Masulipatam, with 1 Lieut. Fireinworker 1 Sergeant and 12 Artillery Men, shall be left at Ongole and remain there until they receive your Orders to march back to the Masulipatam District as they are to be accompanied by the Sepoys ordered from Ongole.

To Major Matthews appr. to command in the Masulipatam District

We have recommended to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam to give you all the assistance in their power & directed Capt. Alex Barclay at Ongole & Captain Philips who commands for the Nabob at Bapatmand to correspond with you upon all matters relative to the public Service.

We desire you particularly to watch the motions of Mr. Lally who has a considerable Force in the Guntoor Circar, & to act with the Troops under your Command in the best manner possible for the defence of the Company's Districts or occasionally on the Offensive against the French Troops with Mr. Lally, as the Circumstances of Affairs may render most eligible, advising Us & the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, have regularly of your Proceedings, & of all material Intelligence that you may receive

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to procure.

Having resolvd to raise two more Battations of Sepoys for the Circars, we desire you will endeavor all in yours power to procure Recruits for them

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
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T. Rumbold &c. Con

To the Wr. Anthony Sadleir
Chief &c. in Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have appointed Major Matthews to Command the Troops in the Masulipatam District, & have determined to collect a suffi-cient force there for the protection of the Country or occasi-onally to act against the French Troops in the Guntoor Circar. We desire you will particularly attend to Major Matthews's recommendations & give him all possible assistance to forward the Services we expect from him.

We shall order Captain Lane's Battalion at Chicacole & two Companies of Sepoys from Ongole to reinforce the Troops in your District, & we have judg'd it proper to direct Captain Collins to leave at Ongole all the Invalids which accompanied him from your Settlement, also 1 Serjt. 1 Corporal 1 Serjeant

Your

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of 12 Artillery Men, who are to remain there until Major Matthews shall send directions for them to return to your District, when they are to be accompanied by the Sepoys ordered from Ongole

One Battalion of Sepoys only is to be at Manaliputtam & the rest of the Troops are to be formed into an Encampment at Ellore or such other Place as Major Matthews shall approve.

Having resolved to raise two new Battalions of Sepoys for the Circars Major Matthews has been directed to collect as many Recruits as possible, We desire you will let us know what part of the Number lately ordered to be added to the different Battalions have been raised for the Troops in your District

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

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J.s Rumbold

To Captain Barclay
Commanding at
Ongole

Sir

I am directed to enclose you a Letter for Captain Collins, who it is supposed at the time this reaches you, will be near Ongole, he is ordered to leave with you all the Invalids

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which he brought from Masulipatam also 1 Lieut
Fireworker 1 Serjeant & 12 Artillery Men, who are to
remain with you untill they receive Orders from
Major Matthews who is appointed to command
the Troops in the Masulipatam District.

To Captain Barclay on the above

You will be pleased to hold two
Companies of your Battalion in readiness to pro-
ceed to Masulipatam with the Invalids & Artillery
Men upon the requisition of Major Matthews.

& you will have only 3 Com-
panies remaining after this draught is made
from you I am directed to desire you will keep
them as much together as possible for the defence
of the Fort, & you are to correspond regularly with
Major Matthews relative to the Service.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Charles Oakeley Secy

Fort St George
7th August 1770.

To Captain Edward Collins
Commanding the Detachment
on the road from Masulipatam

Sir,

To Captain Collins &c

I am directed to inform you
that the Honble the President & Select Committee
have determined that the Invalids which came
from Masulipatam with your Detachment shall
be returned to that Garrison, & as they may pass by
the time this Letter reaches you that you will

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be near Onyole they desire you will leave them with Captain Barclay, also 1 Lieut. Fireworker 1 Serjeant & 12 Artillery Men, who are to remain at Onyole till they receive Orders from Major Matthews who is appointed to Command the Troops in the Mundipatam District.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Thos Oakeley

Fort St George

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The following Appointments are now made.

Lieut. Schondar, to be Field Adjutant to the Troops in the Mundipatam District

Ensign Beaton, to be Quarter Master to Do

Ensign Molloy to Command the Garrison Troops at Viragapatam.

Read the following Letters from Captain Burrington Commanding at Palamcottah.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.

President & Governor &c &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Received a Letter last night from Etwabar Cavan the Manager of this Country at Timmerlay informd me that his Highness's 9th Regiment of Cavalry had mutiny'd, four Troops

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From Capt. Barrington advising of a Meeting in the Shaboo's Cavalry

are stationed at Shirmandy, within 14 Miles of Tinnevelly they have seized the European Officers who were there, some of the Troopers came down yesterday Evening to Tinnevelly drunk & Pretends, from whence they carried away some People, He therefore requested two Companies of Sepoys for his protection, I sent two Companies early this morning & the following is a Copy of the Orders I gave the Officer commanding the Detachment.

(Copy)

"To Lieut. Dunkin of the 4th Batt. of Sepoys

"As you are to command 2 Companies ordered to Tinnevelly early to morrow "morning, you are to observe the following direc- "tions.

"You are to proceed straight to "the Manager & there to protect his Person whilst "he remains in his house; but should he propose "to march out of Tinnevelly you are to give me "information before you attend him.

"You are to avoid coming to "extremities with the Shaboo's 3d Regiment of Cavalry "that are at present in a State of mutiny if it can "possibly be avoided, in case they approach Tinnevelly

"Should the Manager chuse to "come to the Fort of Pallamcottah, you are to "escort him if he requires it & give me notice should "you think it necessary to have a reinforcement

"If this meets with the Board's approbation I shall be happy, as my ambition

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is ever to approve myself

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very faithfull and

Palamcottah

July 25th 1778

Obedient Hble Servant

J. Burrington

Capt. Commd.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 25th Instant I informed you

From D.o D.o with reperen. to things from the Rebels Officers

of the Mutiny of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry & am sorry to add that the Mutineers have since behaved with great insolence & cruelty to the European Officers confined by them; in particular Lt Bowles who was not only tied to a Gun & with difficulty saved from death by some of the Regiment, but so cruelly maltreated as to spit blood, the situation of his Lady who is seperately confined is truely alarming from the apprehensions of her own safety, & fear for her husband — enclosed is a Letter from the Gentlemen confined which gives an idea of their deplorable situation since that Letter two more hands have joined, & added Mr. Dean to the number of Prisoners

Upon the first intelligence of the situation of the Officers I sent the following mes. sage to the Manager, hoping it would induce him to give Orders for the immediate releasing the Re. giment.

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"The distressed situation of the Officers
"of Mr Bowles that are Prisoners at Shinmandy obliges
"me to speak in strong & plain terms to the Caveu"

"We value the lives of Europeans
"Officers too highly to suffer them to be thrown away so
"shamefully as by the hands of a set of Mutinous
"Troops".

"Their lives are much in danger
"they are kept & much exasperated, the Caveu must therefore
"immediately satisfy the Troops & obtain the release
"of the Lady & Officers, or I will withdraw the two
"Companies & leave the Caveu & Tinnevelly to the
"mercy of the Mutineers (when I wrote the
above I did not know there were also six Sergeants in
confinement)

The Manager desired to see me
at Tinnevelly, I was with him the day before yesterday
& today, he declares his incapacity of raising such
a Sum as is demanded & the Soucars refuse any
security he can now give, as a new Renter is ap-
pointed, & he, not yet arrived, a Sack of Pagodas was
lately sent to the Naboh which has drained the Country
All the manager could produce was 30000 Pr Major
Davidson (who commands the Regiment) could raise
but 5,000 to make the sum demanded 6000 Pr
was wanting; when I consider the situation of
5 Officers, a Lady & 6 Sergeants I am sensibly con-
cerned; & when I consider the Country round Tinne-
velly destitute of force near enough to prevent
the Mutineers from committing immediate

devestation & Outrages, my command is augmented, their force consists of 6 Troops, 4 Companies of Artillery & 2 Guns.

I am not authorised to send any part of the Garrison of Palamcottah to quell any disturbances in the Country; if Had, the Officers in Command beg no force nessary be sent as it would certainly prove fatal to them — nie Exertion can be done but to raise the sum demanded, to obtain the release of the Europeans & probably save part of the Country. — From these motives I have with difficulty borrowed 6000 Pagodas from the Sowcars, upon my bond payable at 6 mo in two Months, at the common interest of the Country, ie 2 Cent per month — Double Int. Sirs, it is no disgrace for a Soldier to be poor, therefore I declare after serving 22 Years, ten of which a Captain in the Honble Companys Service I am not worth one Pagoda. Therefore hope you will be pleasd to consider the Money I have borrowed as on the Companys account, for it is to redeem eleven Europeans. I hope his Highness the Nabob will approve the steps I have taken to protect his Revenues, & save the Country per haps his Throne from the Mutineers thereon to go off to Hyder, & through your influence pray to Mr. Brodie my attorney the Principle & Interest, it is necessary to remark the sum of 14. 818 Pagodas the Arrears due to the private

[illegible] Letter

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the Commissioners me word his Highness 9th Battalion of Sepoys have mutinied and are within twelve Miles on the other side from the 3d Regiment, the Battalion have one European, the Regiment of Sepoyes commanded by Captain Grahame Campbell is now the only Corps belonging to his Highness that will obey Orders

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very faithfull &
most Obedient Humble Servt
G. Burrington
Capt. Commd.

Palamcottah
July 29th 1776

To Captain George Burrington
Commanding
Palamcottah

Sir

We the undernotted Officers of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry Commanded by Major Peter Davidson in Cantonments at Shirma, die, in the province of Tinnevelly, being at this time confind by the Sepoys of the said Regiment, on account of Arrears of Pay due to them from his Highness Nabob Wauluw Jaw, & in the utmost hazard of our Lives, do make this our joint Petition Request, that you would be pleas'd to order to assist Peter Davidson procuring the Sum of Ps 4818.. 4 P being the amount of arrears of pay due to the private of the said Regiment, & as we have

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great reason to suppose from the treatment we have met with, & what we are hourly told we may expect that our safety depends upon the People's accounts being clear'd off immediately. Ettabar Cawn has offer'd to them two Months Pay, with Promises of the remainder in a short time, which they have to a Man refus'd; nothing but the whole will satisfy them. By the Letters we have receivd from Major Davidson who is with Ettyabar Cawn, in Tinnevelly, it will be some time before such a sum can be rais'd. The People are with great difficulty restrain'd from violence, & will by no means wait the time Ettyabar Cawn proposes.

We hope Sir you will send us good & Cord your assistance to extricate us out of this horrid situation: We are shut up in a strong Guard, with a Gun pointed towards the door.

Yesterday the Topaz Sepoys arose to such a pitch, that they forced us, in all probability would have treated us very ill had it not been for some of the more prudent of them, who at the danger of their own lives saved ours. Every thing has been done on our part to bring them to reason, but find nothing but Money can appease them & procure our Lives & Liberties

We have the Honor to subscribe ourselves

Sir

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Standard Guard
26th July 1770

Your most Obedient Servants
H. D. Bowles Lt & Adt
C. H. Wilson Cornet
J. Couffeman Ensign

Resolvd that a letter be written to the Nabob to endose him the above intelligence from Captain Burrington to set before him the Dangers to be apprehended at this time from the insolent behaviour of his Cavalry, & to desire in the strongest Terms that he will immediately disband the Regiment in the Tannadelly Cavalry which has behaved so very ill & that he will either put the remainder of the Troops in his immediate Service on a more certain footing in regard to their Pay or totally discharge them, for in their present Situation it would be imprudent to place the least confidence in their Services or Attachment to the Nabobs Government

Letter to be written to the Nabob on the Subject

either

Thos. Aumbold
John Whitehill

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Conformably to the Intimation of
Committee this day a Letter was addressed to the Patch
as entered in Secretary Correspondence p. 132 with
Copies of the Letters from Captain Burrington res-
pecting the Inviting on his Cavalry & proposing to
bring to Siege the danger of suffering them to
remain in that State.

Wrote the following Letter
to the Governor General & Council.

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have the Honour to
enclose you a Duplicate of our Letter of the 2d
Instant.

We observed you on that the
To Bengal & Bombay — That our Army moved towards Pondicherry
on the 3d Instant, by the last account we received
they must have arrived before that place before
this time. General Munro proceeded the 4th
Instant to take the Command, & we now trans-
mit for your information a Copy of our
instructions to him on this occasion.

We have desired the Resident
at Tellicherry to send us the best intelligence
he can procure relative to the Fortifications &
strength of the Garrison at Mahe. that we
may be prepared in case the posture of Affairs

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will admit of our sending a Force against that
place when the expedition to Pondichery shall
be over

Our supplies of Money from
the Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore, notwithstand-
ing our most earnest & preping endeavours, come
in too slowly to keep pace with our Disburse-
ments which are exceedingly heavy, & we are ap-
prehensive even with the assistance you have
already given us, that We shall fall short
in our resources, particularly as the Company have
this year prohibited us from making accustomed
drawights on them by which we are deprived of
more than £50,000 We entreat that you will
be pleased to take these Circumstances under con-
deration, & yield us such further support as you
may think suitable to the exigency of our Affairs
otherwise we shall probably be reduced to the
necessity of drawing for a considerable sum on
England, which we are desirous of avoiding if
possible, & which indeed we are doubtful if we
should be able to effect, to any extent, as the
terms of exchange are very unfavorable.

If you have any small armd
Vessels at Bengal we shall be obliged to you for
the assistance of one or two which would be very
serviceable.

We have the honour to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Fort St George
7th August 1770

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
T. Rumbold

Received Letter from the Ps
Country Correspondence No. 133 in reply to the on
Orders to him on the Mutiny of his Cavalry
Wrote the following
Supra Cargoes at Canton

To
Matthew Raper Esqr.
Chief & Supra Cargoes of Council
at Canton

Gentlemen

Ensign Francis Weldon an
Officer on the Bombay Establishment has app
mission to proceed to China on the Platton
President & Council of Bombay has requested
to grant him a passage to England, but as Offi
Family having offer'd We request that you will
permit him to embark on one of the Com
ward bound Ships of this Season.

We are
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
T. Rumbold

Fort St George
8th August 1770

Wrote Letter to the Select Comm
Correspondence No. 13 Ps on the vague Journals, Proc
tory manner in which he has replied to the

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Representation made to him of the State of his Cavalry
Wrote the following Letter to
Viragapatam

To Mr. Alexander Davidson
Chief &c. Council at
Viragapatam

Gentlemen

Having considered the loss of time that might occasion'd by Captain Lamb's Battalion waiting at Chicacole untile the arrival of the 4 Companies from the Ganjam District as mentioned in the General Orders of the 27th Instant, We now desire that the Battalion may leave Chicacole as soon as possible & proceed to join Major Matthews in the Masulipatam District without waiting the arrival of the Sepoys from Ganjam.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

To Vizagapatam

Fort St George
9th August 1770

To Rumbold &c Council

Wrote also the following Letter

To Major Matthews
Commanding the Troops
in the Masulipatam District

Sir

Should Captain Collins's Battalion Detac
be North of the Kistna on your arrival at Masulipatam, We desire you will take the direction

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of let entitle you shall return it to be out of dan-
ger of any attempt that might Commode by Mr.
Lally's Party from the Guntoor Circar

I Weare

Sir

Fort St George
9th August 1778

Your most Obedient Servt
T. Reinhold Secretary

To Major General Munro
Commander in Chief of
the Troops on the
Coast

Sir

The St Helena Dispatched with Stores

We have sent Mr Tassell the Master Attendant to Camp to expedite the landing of the Stores by the St Helena Frigate on which Service he is directed to obey your Orders, The Commander of the St Helena is desired to proceed along Shore to Sadras & there untill he receive directions from you or Mr Tassell, in what manner & to what place he is to carry the Vessell for the convenience of landing the Stores

I Weare

Sir

Fort St George
9th August 1778

Your most Obedient Servants
T. Reinhold Secretary

To

Fort St. George 9th August 1780

To Captain Campbell
of the St. Helena Frigate

Sir

Your Ship having received on her
Stores for the Army before Pondicherry, We desire
you will proceed with her along shore to Sadras
& remain in that Road until you shall receive
Instructions from General Munro the Commander
in Chief or Mr. Saunders the Principal Attendant,
who is gone to Camp, in what manner & to
what Place you are to proceed in order to land
the Stores, which Instructions you are to follow
implicitly — Should you meet with any French
Ship of superior Force before you reach Sadras
or after you leave it, you are to avoid her,
if possible by returning to Madras, at all Events
you must not suffer your Ship to be taken,
if it can be prevented, even by running ashore,
which we recommend to you should every other
means prove ineffectual. In landing the
Stores you are to obey such directions as shall
be given you by the Principal Attendant, & as
soon as this Service is completed you are im-
mediately to return hither with the Despatches

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

T. Rumbold & Coy.

Fort St. George
9th August 1780

To

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must receive similar instructions; Ordered also
that the General be furnish'd with the last Returns
of Troops received from the abovementioned Garrisons
as the Troops at Nagore were ordered to joyn
themselves of Karrical he must be informed
that the Committee have as yet received no intelli-
gence of that Event.

Read the following Letter from
General Munro.

To the the Honble the President
& Select Committee
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the honor of receiving
your Letter, enclosing a Letter to the Royal Bour-
bon from the Nabob as also the Englosure from
From Genl. to the Killedar of Gingee Carrangoolam & Tir-
Munro to receive Troops into those Garrisons
During the time the Army
is before Pondichony sending any Troops to those
Garrisons is of little consequences, besides, I cannot
now detach any part of the Army from before
Pondichony; but I shall keep the order from
the Nabob, & shall send some Troops to the above
Garrisons before the Army quits its present situa-
tion, I am glad to find some of the Train &
Stores are on their march; I shall take care

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I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Camp on the Red Hills

near Pondicherry Augt. 6th 1778

Hector Munro

Read the following Letter from

Bengal

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.

President & Council

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

We have recevd your Letter

by Captain Burrington, with the Dispatches

which he was entrusted with from Suez.

From Bengal
arguing the
propriety of
continuing
Hostilities with
the French.

On the 11th Instant We thought
it necessary to recommend it to you to regard the
War with France as certain, if the Advices was
not contradicted, & to proceed to instant hostility
making the Capture of Pondicherry your first
Object & of Mahé your second &c. On the 14th
We again wrote to inforce this recommenda-
tion by earnestly repeating our advice to that
Effect.

We wrote these Letters on the
Grounds of the first intelligence We received
from Mr. Baldwin which being alerted by
all the English Gentlemen then at Cairo &
confirmd by the corroborating Circumstances
of date We considered it as too well authenticated

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to assist of a doubt of its veracity, Yet the Dut.
B. Dewins present Letter of the 7th May by the
Nancy counterpart of which has been addressed to
you states the former Advices of a War as pre-
mature, yet from many concurring Circumstan-
ces We are thoroughly convinced that Great
Britain is now actually at War with the French
as even such an Event appears inevitable.

Mr Baldwyn aperts from the
word of the Eng.sh Minister at Marseilles which
we regard as Law authority than any private
Extracts contained in his first Letter, that we were
on the Eve of a War, that the French Ambas-
sador was come home & ours to England without
taking Leave & that all the English were to go
in all the Ports of France, Thornton, who went
to England by that Route charged with our
Dispatches, in a Letter to our Secretary at the
Marseilles, the 18th of April, affirms us authentically
that ten French Ships of the Line with 15-
sports &c. & upwards of Five thousand Troops
on board left Toulon the 13th of that Month
on an unknown destination & that the rudders
of the English Merchant Vessells in the
harbour of Marseilles had been unhung to
their Sails; & by London News Papers enclosed
in the said Letter up to the 31st March We find
such strong leading presumptive proof, such
repeated Acts of hostility committed that our pre-
declaration of War must infallibly have followed

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mony soon. We have therefore resolved to pursue the measures that first adopted & by keeping Possession of all the French Factories & Ships which we have taken to continue to be as if a pasitive declaration of War had been formally notified to Us — & We are the rather confirmd in this resolution because we may daily expect the Caranja which was detaind at Suez to bring authentick accounts

Considering that the Comd Destining it in the Chief Command of the Fleet which sailed from Toulon; We think it more than probable that its destination is for India In that case with such a Port as Pondichery to receive their Squadron & Force they will obtain all the advantage of an antient established Settlement in the Neighbourhood of the most valuable of all our Possessions with accommodations & Refreshments for the Soldiers & Seamen with political connections already formd & with the means & Power to insure their own terms to commence their operations against such of the Company's Possessions as they might find the least prepard for Defence or from their importance the most inviting to their Attack On the other hand were they precluded by the timely success of your operations from this resource, they must enter on the War under every disadvantage of the want of Territory & a diminish'd influence, We must therefore persist

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in urging you to the vigorous execution of your pre-
sent Service with respect to Pondicherry & Mahé
& we earnestly entreat you will lose no time in ef-
fecting this important Service.

As we believe the number of
French Ships now in India exceed in its Comple-
ment of Guns the Fleet under the Command of
Sir Edward Vernon. We propose to fit out the
Revolution & one of the Company's Cruize Ships
for War, & send them to join the Commodore
& act under his Orders as long as he shall have
occasion for their Services. We expect that they
will be ready to sail by the 15th of August

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

W. Hastings
R. Barwell
P. Francis
E. Wheler

Fort William
20th July 1770

Read the following Letters

from Tanjore

Charles Oakeley Esqr
Secretary to the Select Committee
Sir

In obedience to the Orders re-
ceived from you of the 20th Ult. I have put an

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You will receive a Statement of the whole expences attending the same from the 1st January 1770 to the 30th June being 6 Months agreable to your direction.

As soon as my accounts of the Fortifications for the month of July are adjusted they shall be forwarded with a Statement of what materials are already made, & not charged, or delivered to the Engineer; also what advances of Money, have been made for sundry Articles not brought in that will come into the Fortifications accounts I shall be particularly observant to the Orders received & not make any further advances without the Orders of the Honble the President & Select Committee; but you will be pleased to represent to them that the Ballances due from the different People who have supplied the materials cannot be recovd back in Money, but in such Articles of supplies for the Engineer; for which such advances were made, I have not a doubt the Ballances being but small, but that the whole will be collected in within two Months.

From Mr. Jones enclosing Accounts

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

C. C. Jones

Paymaster

Fort St. George

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A Statement of the Expences of Fortifications & Buildings at Tanjore from 1st January 1778 to 30th June.

	Workmen employ'd by the Engineer	Materials deliver'd to the Engineer as p. his vouchers	Bills paid for work done by the Contractor & Groom by the Engineer	Total of each Months Expence
	Ps			Ps
January	1631.39.50	1900.25.10	641.22.30	4174.3.10
February	1699.36.-	1042.12.19	1006.19.9	3800.25.28
March	1766.15.-	2481.11.60	1844.10.1.	6092.26.9
April	1624.27.20	2640.9.23	.....	4272.36.43
May	1952.40.60	3409.-.10	1206.17.61	6651.16.51
June	2690.16.40	3016.-.31	2035.25.12	7742.-.3
			Grand Total of six Months expence	32749.-.62

C. E. Jones
Paymaster

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
& Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 21st of July being in formed by Captain Dugad the Engineer here, & also by Mr. Jones the Paymaster that they had both that day received orders from your Honours to stop for the present the Fortifications & other publick works at Tanjore. I think it incumbent on me to lay the following State of the works before you.

From Colonel Fitzgerald recommending the going on of the Works at Tanjore

The Inner Front of the little Fort would be in a Fortnight or three weeks almost finished; the openings for the Embrasures

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the Rampart is open to the Country in very many Places, & the Earth already dug up for the foundation of the Parapet incumber it very much. The Parapets & Embrasures were going on very fast. If they are left in their present state, the Rain will damage them very much, & it would be the loss of all the Money laid out. A large Magazine in the Great Fort has been for some time Putting up at a considerable Expence; the Engineer informs me that eight or ten days may complete it: this would be a useful place & will be much wanted, in its present state it is unserviceable. A Tower in this Fort wants finishing up, & the Parapets of the Towers &c. between the South Gate & the Arabotts Works are begun upon & not finish'd.

A number of Trees have been planted on the Ramparts & have hitherto been attended to with some trouble & expences, now the Cooley being dismiss'd as we have very few Lascars, without some People are allowed to attend them they will all perish.

As I do not pretend to be a compleat Judge of the condition of the whole works I have requested Captain Dugood to lay their State before the Honble the Resident & Select Committee

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

with great respect

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Tanjore
7th August 1778

Have most Obedient &
most humble Servant
J. Fitz Gerald

Charles Oakeley Esqr
Secretary to the Select Committee
&c &c

I have acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 28th July, containing the Honble
the President & Select Committee's resolve for two
Disbursements for account of the Fortifications
here being stopd.

From Capt.
Dugod

Also their desire of my sending
them an account of what has been done since
I have had the superintendance of the works car-
ried on here.

As the desird account must
be collected from the different reports I have
monthly made to Major Stevens during the above
specified time; I hope for a few days indulgence
to arrange them for the Honble the President
& Select Committees inspection.

On the 31st of July last about
Noon their order arrivd here, & in compliance
with it every workman was that Evening dis-
charged.

It is incumbent upon me to
express my earnest wish that there were a possibility
of continuing the works here for fifteen days
longer. The following report of the State of some

part of them will I hope justify my troubling their honors on this occasion.

On the West front of the little Fort the body of the Place & Ramparts are brought nearly to their proper Levels.

Two thirds of the retaining wall here is compleat except pointing & coping, the remaining part begun upon.

A Ramp & expence Magazine on this Front is also finish'd, coping Painting & Paving excepted.

Another Ramp & expence Magazine also begun upon.

The foundation for the Parapets on this front almost dug, considerably above one third of the Parapets begun upon.

Some of this finish'd except the coping & Pointing.

The openings for most of the Embrasures, cut thro the Earthern Parapets, some of them Cieatt.

This part I would recommend to be compleated, as the Monsoon would much damage it, in its present state. The West face would by this means be in as tolerable a state of defence as can be expected of a place without out works, & with low & bad Glacis, particularly as in the Faussebray the Rampart is formed in rough & sufficiently secures the upper one.

Besides since the News of

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an expected rupture with the French, I had begun to repair some part of the Counterscarp on this face, in one part of the wall is half finished in another the foundation was clearing - it were to be wish'd that the former was completed - as it may in its present state also be hurt by the Monsoon rains, yet it is not altogether so essential as the completeing of the upper Ramp art abovementioned.

On the East face of Fort the foundation of a Laboratory is begun, could it be brought to the upper Cove, I think it would be perfectly secure, I have time to settle properly.

In the great Fort a large Magazine that has been for some time getting up, wants only Four days more to complete the Standards &c. & about eight to finish the Doors, & a wall to close in its front, which would render it as soon as Dry fit for use.

All the Towers between the North Gate & the Nabob's works, except one had their Parapets constructing it would not require much time to get them out of hand.

There is also in the great Fort the garge of a Tower that wants building up.

Were these jobbs finished Fort. Jore might be said to remain in a very tole-

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and I trust the Honble the Pre-
sident & Select Committee, may not deem it im-
proper my having taken the Liberty of Troubling
them with this representation

I remain

Sir

Your very Obedient and
humble Servant
C. Dugood
S.D. Engr

Tanjore
8th of August 1770

From a due sense of the Accom-
modations necessary to be observed at this time in the
Publick Disbursements, the Committee were indeed
to put a stop to the Fortifications carrying
on at Tanjore, but as Lt Colonel Fitz Gerald and
Captain Dugood represent the necessity of com-
pleating such parts as are nearly finish'd & state
fifteen days as sufficient for that purpose
It is agreed that they be directed to go on with
those Works which are pointed out in their
Letters abovementioned

Minute of the Board

Read the following Letter
from Ganjam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we enclose to your
Honor &c an indent of Stores wanted for this Garrison

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As mentiond in our last advices, & not included in the General Statement, We beg leave to observe that We shall stand in need of Salt Provisions, which are not procurable here, should the Fort be invested.

The stand with a probability of a Rupture with France, We hold it our indispensable duty to represent to your Honor &c. that Captain From Gayjam Brule, Mr. Pearton & Mr. Cammara Natives of that Country, in the Company's Service, are stationd in this District — Captain Brule has long commanded the Cossee Company now composing the principal Strength of the Garrison. — Mr Martin a Person of same capacity is now unemployd at Stike — Mr. Cammara has been many years a Draftsman Grenier at Gayjam, from him indeed we have little to apprehend, but we cannot presume to make him an exception in observing to you the propriety of suffering Foreigners to continue in Situations, of which they could possibly avail themselves to the detriment of the Company, & we think it not unworthy remark that the News of 6 Transdemayare being in our possession was received by one of the aforenamid Persons two days before it was known to any Member of this Board.

We judge it necessary to inform your Honor &c. that many of the Officers of experience & long Service formerly belonging to the two Battalions stationd in this District, have lately

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Young Men who have not been twelve Months in the Country, of course without experience & not qualified to be with Sepoys in case of taking the Field against an European Force, & as this Circumstance might eventually be attended with bad Consequences We could not be silent on the subject; & one further beg leave to add that for want of the proper complement of Serjeants, not one could be spared for the four Companies lately ordered down here, & that We have not a Serjeant to do duty in this Garrison excepting a Frenchman who acts with the Coffree Company — We herewith transmit you a Muster Roll of that Company & have the Honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

M. Williams

Garrison

27th July 1770

R.t Maunsell

R.t Hughes

Js Oakes

Geo: Forster

Agreed that the three Foreigners abovementioned be ordered up to the Presidency & that the measure may reflect no disgrace upon their Characters, the Chief & Council must be informed that their pay will be continued & desired to communicate the Orders of the Committee to Captain Brodé in a manner by no means implying a censure on his Conduct.

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Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to report Places proper to be converted into Receptacles for Gunpowder

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have recd from Dpy Secretary Paine an Extract of Minutes of Consultation 4th July 1770 directed to Us & Lt Colonel Horne as a Committee to examine how powder can best be lodged in the Fort; We have in the absence of Lt Colonel Horne proceeded in putting the same into execution & being informed by Major Stevens that the quantity required is 3000 Barrels & that a proper Magazine cannot be built in as to be fit to receive powder in any convenable Time, we now do ourselves the hon to make the following Report

Report of Recpt Sacks for Gunpowder

In the S. W. Angle of the Fort Square are three Rooms which are arch'd and though there is only about 3.10 T. T, over them may be made Bombproof by Laying on Earth or other materials, these rooms appear to have been formerly Receptacles for fix'd ammunition or something of the Kind, at present they contain nothing but Lumber, wooden work from the Old Armory, the two side rooms will We think each

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for the purpose of overhauling & examining the Powder, In the Center room powder may also be stored but in this case it will be necessary to build a traverse before the Door. In the first case a good Door only need be put.

A Bombproof under the North end of the S.W. Curtain & which enters from a passage under the Point bastion, will hold 1200 barrels to render this secure it will be necessary to wall up 2 Doors & one window & brass work may be added to one Door. This Bombproof with two others that are entered from the same passage are at present occupied with Saltpetre. As the communication with the other two Godowns is by our plan cutt off, it will be necessary to add to the same employ a Godown under the North Curtain which has a Door of Communication.

A Bombproof under the S.W. Curtain between Wallaya's Gate & the Sally port to the Horn Ward will contain 1520 Barrels it is at present occupied with copper, to render this secure 3 Doors must be walled up & a Partition wall built with a Door fixd therein & Brass work, it would also be well if this place was to be paved with Brick work.

The abovementioned 3 places contains 3120 Barrels, & one third it is the least Lodgment viz., tho secured from accident & should any happen of as little consequence to the works as can be.

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Under St Thome's Bastion & the South Curtain East of the Gate there are two places which agree to each other that would contain about 360 Barrels, — there will be an Arch to wall up & a door to be made & fixd but this the Engineers tells us will interfere with the regularity of the Curtain — however it may be settled up & it will be ready in case of necessity before the said reforms may be begun.

We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Fort St George
25th July 1770

E. James

Wm Stevens

At the same time that I protest against the deplorable & shameful condition of this Fortress in the want of Powder Magazines, I cannot hesitate to subscribe the Opinions & Judgment of my brethren of the Committee in their choice, for my own part, it is the first time any part of this Fortress has been shewn to me, & this information of the Engineers respecting the reform or condition of its works is the first hint given to me during 2 Years that I have resided at this Presidency.

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G. Burghall major
and Director of Engineers

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Committee of Works

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out for the reception of Gunpowder.

Major Stevens the Chief Engineer having been ordered to attend is called in & being desired to point out what further steps he may think necessary to be taken for the security & defence of this Fort & recommends that firewood & Straw be collected with all expedition & brought into the Fort — that Palmeiras & Timber on Fore Be kept in the Reserves of the Lunettes to the Westward, & also suggests that in case of any sudden necessity the foundation of the Indians house in the Fort may be converted into a Reservoir for Water by clearing out such parts as answer the purpose, then laying a floor of Brick & Chunam the whole may be made Bombproof by Timbers covered with Earth. The Major also recommends the removal of Rag-hill & proportion as the most equitable made for all parties that the Inhabitants shall be satisfied for their property on the Ground & an estimation valuation before the Black Town wall was built.

Major Stevens attends the Committee

Mr. Dent Garrison Storekeeper per having also been ordered to attend is called in & desired to exert himself in collecting Straw & Firewood & to deposit the same in the Fort for the inspection of the Committee, also to procure samples & the prices of all the different Articles under his charge of which there are not a sufficient quantity in Store.

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Ordered that the following

Appointments & promotions take place.

Lieut. Theobald to be Captain of Engineers in

Appointments the room of Captain Pritchett Deceased.

Ensign Bankes to be Lieutenant of Engineers

Mr. Robert Andrews to be Cadet

Lieutenant Tanner of the Artillery to be

Inspector of Stores at Tanjore.

Lieutenant Dunbar to be Inspector of

Stores at Gunjam & to take charge of the Coffre

Company's till further Orders.

Tho: Rumbold

John Wastchalk

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Agreably to the Minutes of this days Committee the following Letters were wrote & dispatched

To Major General Munro
Commander in Chief of the
Troops on the Coast

Sir,

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 8th Instant.

The President having communicated to Us your Letter to him of the Instant Colonel James has in consequence been directed to join the Army under your Command with the utmost expedition, the Artillery marched for the Front two days ago. Captain Mannary will also proceed to Camp as soon as he has sent off some more Gunpowder & Major Stevens will remain here but a day or two.

From General Munro authorising him to draught Men from the several Garrisons

Having taken into Consideration your request that part of the Garrison at Pennacoil might be ordered to Camp & that Davis's & Godfrey's Battalion should be held in readiness at Tanjore & Trichinopoly to march on your requisition, We have thought fit to resolve that you shall be authorised to make such drafts from the abovementioned Garrisons as the exigencies of the Service may require confiding in your Judgement & discretion that Force will be left in the respective Forts sufficient for their protection. In conformity with this resolution

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orders are sent to the Commandants of Tanjore
Trichinopoly & Permacoil to detach any part of
their Garrisons in obedience to your Orders. To the
same effect are have written also to the Chief of
Cuddalore & the Resident at Tanjore as the Battalion
Commanded by Major Godfrey is divided between
those two Places, but it may be proper to observe
to you for your Guidance that Major Godfrey
has been ordered to take possession of Karical &
We have not yet received any information of that
Event.

Lest you should not be provided
in Camp with all the Returns, we enclose the
last received from Tanjore & Trichinopoly that
you may be enabled to proportion your troops
to the strength of those Garrisons.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

J. Rumbold Secretary

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To Colonel William Flint
Commanding at
Trichinopoly

Sir

Having thought proper to autho-
rize the Commander in Chief to reinforce the
Army in the Field by making Drafts from
your Garrison, We accordingly direct that you
obey such future Orders as you receive from him with

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respect to the detaching of any part of the Troops under your Command.

I Weare

Sir

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Your most Obedt Servants
J. Rumbold

Yr Commds

The Same to L. Colonel Fitzgerald

Lieut. Malcolm, Commanding at Tanjore and Permacoil.

Malcolm

To Mr. Petrie

Resident at

Nagore

Sir

Having thought proper to authorize the Commander in Chief to reinforce the Army in the Field by Drafts from different places, I desire you will comply with any requisition he may make for a Detachment of the Troops stationd at Nagore.

I Weare

Sir

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Your most Obedt Servants
J. Rumbold Yr Comds

The Same to Cuddalore.

To Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald
Commanding at

Tanjore

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Sir

We have receivd your Letter dated the 1st Instant, representing the necessity of going on for some time longer with the Works at Tanjore.

to procure the Works at Tanjore.

Such are our present occasions for Money that too strict an Oeconomy cannot be observd in the publick Disbursements if we can but ill afford to allot any part of your Revenues to Works that are not indispensably necessary. On this account we put a stop to the Fortifications at Tanjore, but depending on your judgment & care We have resolvd that such parts shall be finish'd as you have pointed out in your Letter abovementioned.

In a Letter which We have receivd from Captain Duguod on the same Subject he states fifteen days as sufficient to do all that is immediately requisite. That time We consent to allow, & as we have been induced from your Representations to acquiesce in this expence We doubt not the whole will be compleated by the time limited.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

P. Rumbold &c &c

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To

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To Mr Morgan Williams

Chief &c Council at

Ganjam

Gentlemen

We have receivd your Letter

Dated the 27th Ultimo.

Although we have no cause
to entertain Suspicions to the prejudice of either
of the three Foreigners whom you mention to
be stationd in your District, yet as we do not
think it prudent at this time to employ such
Persons in any Office of trust more especially
in a distant Settlement, We direct that Captn
Brulé, Mr. Martin & Mr. Commard be sent hither
by the first Sea Conveyance. But as this is an
act of necessity not meant to reflect disgrace
upon their Characters their pay will be con-
tinued to them, & we desire that our Orders may
be communicated to Captain Brulé in a man-
ner by no means implying a censure on his
Conduct. With respect to the French Serjeant
as you probably have some knowledge of the
Man We leave it at your discretion either to
continue him in his present Station or send him
up to Madras.

To Ganjam on the French men employed

The Command of the Coffree
Company being vacant by the removal of Capt
Stain Brulé, We desire that Lieut. Forewoman
Dunbar may take charge of them till further
Orders & train them to the exercise of the great

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Gems, he is also appointed Inspector of Stores at Ganjam.

The want of experienced Officers which you represent We cannot at present supply but as soon as Circumstances will admit the subject shall again be taken into Consideration.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

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J Rumbold &c &c &c

To William Blaukarmer Esqr

Chief of

Sadras

Sir

The situation of Affairs in Europe & the Orders We have received to commence hostilities against the French making it necessary that We should have a Resident at Sadras, We have appointed Mr George Day to reside with your permission in your Port & depend upon your friendly assistance in furnishing him with a House & a Boat or Cattamaran, as occasion may require, as well as in such other respects as he shall have occasion to make application for.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt & most Hble Servants

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J Rumbold &c &c &c

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14 Came in the following Letter

from Bengal.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Council at

Fort St George

Gentlemen

Upon mature & full consideration

of the different views & connections of the Country

Powers of Hindostan, we think that an alliance

From Bengal with Mudajee Boosla the Rajah of Berar may

be attended with the greatest utility in providing

for the defence of the Company's Possessions

in the present War; We have therefore deputed

Mr. A. St. Elliot with full instructions to

negociate & conclude a Treaty with that Chief.

We request that you will

correspond with Mr. Elliot & advise him of any

occurrences that may affect the general political

Interest of the Company's Settlements & of yours

in particular, but especially of any changes

in your situation with Persian Troops & instruct

him upon any points respecting his Negociation

which either your own connections & circumstan-

ces shall suggest, or on which he may apply to

you for information & advice.

The success of the measures

We have entrusted to Mr. Elliot must depend

in a great measure upon their present Secrecy,

he will however notify to you such Articles as

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he may agree to with the Rajah. You request that
You will consider whatever intelligence he may
transmit to you as the authentic information
of a public Minister

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
W. Hastings
R. Barwell
P. Francis
Edwd Wheler

Fort William
20th July 1778

Also the following Letter from

Ganjam

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Members
of the Select Committee

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have been favoured with
your Letter of the 23 Instant enclosing Extract
from the Honble Company's General Letter to
which we shall not fail to pay the strictest at-
tention.

From Ganjam
Chenabeir taken
Prisoner by Mr
Elliot

Enclosed We transmit to your
Honor &c. Copy of a Letter We have this instant re-
ceived from Mr Elliot in consequence of which
we have ordered an Officer with a Jemidar's
guard to march with all expedition to Cullack to

Attendants & conduct them without Loss of time into this Garrison. — We hope to be favoured with your Orders on this Subject.

We have the Honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Ganjam
3^d August 1770

W. Williams
R^t Maunsell
R^t Hughes
Js Cabes
Geo. Forster

To the Chief & Council of Ganjam

Gentlemen

From Mr Elliot to the Chief & Council of Ganjam

Having been fortunate enough to seize Mr Chevalier the Governor of Chandernagore who made his escape when the place was taken, I must request that you will be pleased to order an English Officer to proceed immediately towards Cuttack with about twenty Sepoys to take charge of his Person. The Governor General & Council appeard very anxious when I left Calcutta that this Gentleman should be made Prisoner, & cannot therefore doubt you will afford every assistance in your Power to convey him to a place of security. Mr Chevalier is attended by Mr Samson the French Resident at Balasore & one European Servant, & the Government in the

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Dupon Country dispatch in securing them or indeed rather
delivering them over to me, you need be under no
apprehension I imagine it will be more convenient
to convey him to Ganjam under the guard of a
few Men than to send a longer Parce, which would
be wholly unnecessary which would alarm the
Nabob of Cuttack, I must likewise request that
you will dispatch the Officer & Sepoys without
a moments delay as I am here in any way into
the Mahratta Country upon which account I
cannot leave Cuttack 'till I have delivered over
M.r Chevalier to some one who can be trusted with
the charge of his Person, You will likewise oblige
me by directing the Officer to lose no time on
the march. I shall very likely find means of
sending the French Gentleman to Piply about 10
Coss from here which will save time, if however
the Officer should not on enquiry hear of them
there he will proceed to Cuttack I do not know who
other this Letter should properly be directed to your
Board or not, as I am not informed whether the
Troops at Ganjam are under your Command; if
they are not I do not doubt the Officer who may
have the Command will immediately comply with
any request. I beg to be favoured with an immediate
answer to this Letter by the Dauke & likewise to
be informed when you imagine the Officer may
be able to reach Piply

I am

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Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
(sign'd) Mcar. Elliot

Cuttack
1st August 1778

a true Copy
F. Oakes
Secry.

At a Select Committee present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President

Saturday
the 15th John Whitehill Chas Smith

General Munro absent on Service.

Minutes of last Committee read & approvd

Two Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore dated 10th & 31st July, read as entered in Country Correspondence Nos. 119 & 124 the former regarding the conditions of the Sunnud which he has given for Pragore the Latter on the subject of his Engagements & distress for Money to pay the Company & claiming the Presidents assistance to procure a Loan of Money from the Saucars.

Draught of a Letter in answer to the foregoing is now read & approved as entered in Country Correspondence No. 138.

The President acquaints the Committee that he has written Letters for the Captains of the Europe Ships expected from England directing them to the Southward in order to be put

on board if possible where they make the Coast directing them in case they fall in with the Commodore to put themselves under his Orders should he require it, & that he hath also written to Sir Edward Vernon informing him of this Step & giving him permission to detain any of our Ships that he may meet with, should the Service require it which the Committee approve.

Calculate of Provisions

The Secretary having been directed to form a Calculate of Provisions necessary for a Garrison of 2000 Europeans & 6000 Sepoys for 6 Months from an Estimate some time ago sent hither by the late General Covering them Bengal. The said Calculate is now laid before the Committee & the Garrison Storekeeper, Ordered in consequence to make out Estimates of the Cost of such Articles required, according to the present Rates, & to form them for 6 Months, & 4 Months Provisions also to specify the Places from which the several Articles may be most easily procured.

Read the following Letter from Sir Edward Vernon

To Thomas Rumbold Esqr President & Council of Fort St George

Gentlemen

I am favoured with your Letter of the 4th Instant & the Babbamough who this day joined the Squadron, as you have probably had some

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From Sir Edwd Vernon giving an account of an action between the Fleets

account of an action between us & the Enemy I have the pleasure to acquaint you I am now here with the Squadron. It was on the 10th Instant I brought the French Squadron consisting of five Ships, to action, from half past two in the afternoon, till near five before it ceas'd, when having receivd much damage in our Masts Sails & Rigging &, the evening drawing on, I judg'd it most prudent to endeavor preserving the mind of the Enemy, in order to bring them to action the next Morning, & refitting our Ships in the night; however we could next day discover nothing of them, & have used every endeavor since, to get off Pondichery, which a stubborn current with light Airs of wind has prevented but be assurd Gentlemen, I will lose no time in my endeavors to attain it, & bring the French Squadron to a decisive action if wind & weather will possibly permit, & to give otherwise every assistance in my power towards promoting success to the Seige.

I have the honor to be with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
E. Vernon

Rippon off Sadras
13th August 1770

The following Letter in answer to the above is approved & ordered to be dispatchd.

To

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To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander in

Chief of his Majesty's Ships in

India

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 13th Instant dated off Sadras, & beg leave to express the satisfaction we feel in being informed that you are well & that your Ships tho' much damaged by the late action are in their Masts, Sails & Rigging are so soon in a Condition to pursue the advantage you have obtained over the French Fleet; Their Ships the day after the action returned to Pondicherry & we understand that they landed about seventy or eighty wounded Men, as you do not mention in your Letter what Loss you have sustained we flatter ourselves that it is not material & indeed from the manner in which your Letter is penned with the prospect of your being able to effect the desireable End of bringing the French Squadron to a decisive action in which we make not the least doubt of your success. The great superiority of the French Ships in size & weight of Metal renders the late Engagement very honorable to you & the Officers & Men under your Command, We are pleased to find that H.M. Besborough has joined you, the French Ships by the last account we have received were in the road of Pedda alone.

in reply

road.

We are informed by the Govern

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General & Council of Bengal that they are fitting out the Revolution one of the Company's Europe Ships for War & that they propose sending them to join you & act under your Orders as long as you shall have occation for their Services — they were expected to leave Bengal by the 15th of this Month.

War

Our President wrote you / & sent his Letter to Cuddalore / that three of the Company's Ships were expected from the Cape, & that you might detain such of them as might fall in with you in case you should require their Services. We now repeat that Permission, lest the President's Letter should not have reach'd you

We have the honor to transmit you a Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal, & to subscribe ourselves

For

Fort St George
15th August 1770

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
T. Rumbold & Com.

P.S. The Chief & Council at Cuddalore have been directed to provide refreshments & keep them in readiness for the use of your Squadron. We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Company's Troops have taken possession of the French Settlement at Karrical

Read the following Letter from
Mr William Petrie

To

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold

President and Members of the

Select Committee

Honble Sirs & Sirs

I have the Honor to acquaint you that agreable to your Orders, we this Morning took possession of Karical, with five Companies of the Battalion of Major Godfrey's. Le Chevalier de Boistet had some days before withdrawn the Garrison and publick Stores of every kind to Pondichery, so that we met with no resistance, but as our intelligence was very defective & contradictory, Major Godfrey thought it expedient to take every precaution for an attack. Accordingly at his request provided scaling Ladders Planks, Ropes &c. & a number of small Carts, carried by Coolies for transporting the Sepoys across the Branches of the Cavery, which at this Season are impassable to foot.

From Mr. Petrie inspection of Karical &c. list of buildings &c.

I have the honor to transmit you a List of the publick buildings &c. which I received from a Monsieur Daudegne, who was left here, with a publick Commission by Mons. De Bristet when he retired to Pondichery: this Gentleman & two other Merchants, are the only French Inhabitants in the place; they represent that as they never bore any Military Commission, they cannot be considered as Prisoners of War. I however thought it proper until I am favord with your further Orders, to consider Monsieur Daudegne on

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Abuse the liberty which he had of walking about the place. I have kept him & the other two Merchants in the full possession of their Houses & Effects until your pleasure is known.

Karrical is a large well built Country Village, with a Redoubt or rather small Fort on the East extremity, constructed of Brick and Chunam in the figure of an irregular Polygon, surrounded with a deep dry Ditch, & capable of mounting fifteen peices of Cannon, & two Swivels. I have not yet learnt the extent of their Territory. I have ordered it to be signified to the Inhabitants that they will be protected in their rights and priviledges, & have invited those who had fled to return to their habitations, they have already begun to open the Bazar, & a few hours will restore every thing to its former tranquility.

Major Godfrey after leaving two Companies of Sepoys for the protection of this place, will return with the remaining Companies to Nagore.

Upon an application from Mons.r Daubigne, I have permitted their Priest to return from Negapatam in order to perform public worship as usual. I hope this will receive your approbation.

I have the honor to be very respectfully &

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servants

Wm Petrie

Karrical

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Notes des Batiments et Effets appartenant au Roy

Le Fort Dauphin
ancien Fort avec poudrier et Batiments
Le Gouvernement
L'Hospital et la Caserne
La Douanne avec ses Magasins
Un Magasin pour Poudre du Poudy
Prison
Le Jardin
La Chaloupe
Longue Vue
Les Salinier et environ 15 Gos dans Sol
3 Effets
5 Canons
1 Canon de fonte

Certifié veritable à Karikal le 11 Août 1778
R Cs Dauvergne

The Committee are pleased to find that Karrical has been taken with so little difficulty, they approve of Mr Petrie's proceedings & hope soon to have an account of the extent & value of the new acquisition

Read the following letter from General Munro.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor &c &c Council &c &c
Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint

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From Genl Munroes respecting Capt Forsyn

Your Letter of the 11th Instant, I am much flatterd by the confidence you are pleasd to repose in me by the Orders you have sent to Tanjore, Trichinapoly and Pennacoil; you may rest assurd that nothing can happen to those Places during the Seige of Pondichery which as the Season will be so far advanced before the Seige is begun; must be carried on with vigour & expedition, The heavy train of Stores Living to be Landed at the great distance of Sadras from Camp, which in the present situation of Affairs cannot be avoided will retard our operations much as We have not now in Camp of Draught Bullocks, exclusive of what are with the Field Artillery above 350. When those that are now on their way from Madras arrives, tho' we shall have more yet I fear they will be so fatigued that they must rest for some days before they can proceed to Sadras. I request you will send more Lascars without delay, for all those in Camp now do not exceed five hundred & fifty two & those there are on the way from Madras with the Stores that are coming by Land betwixt two & three hundred. Two Thousand is the least number that we can have Colonel Nixon with his Detachment is just arrivd in Camp. He tells me, it will be a fortnight before Colonel Harne can arrive in Camp, owing to the bad roads, we have had heavy rains in Camp for five Nights running, which I fear may hurt the Europeans, the new constructed Tents do not keep out rain. I hope you will order any more Tents that are

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must in future to be made upon the old Plan,
which is better, if they are much easier carried, for
when the others get wet they are so heavy, that the
Bullocks are not able to carry them. Captain Forbes
upon his arrival here ask'd me whether or no he was
to Command all the Cavalry in Camp; for that
the Company's Orders were that no appointment of the
Nabobs in his Cavalry; was to take place in pre-
judice to him. Colonel Caddy says he Commands
the Nabobs Cavalry, as I do not know the Compa-
ny's Orders respecting Captain Forbes; nor do I know
how the Rank of the Company's Officers, & the Pa-
bobs is settled, when they interfere with each other
or do duty together; I beg you will let me know
how this matter stands & is to be regulated.

I must also to know, when the
Infantry Officers who are sent to the Nabob's pay
, are to do duty with the Company's Officers,
how are they to take rank; for the Company's
Officers tell me, that the Nabob's have no rank
with them in any degree whatever, but what I
want to know is, whether the Company's Officers
sent to the Nabob take rank by virtue of the
Company's Commission, according to its date
in the Companys Service; & if they do, which
Rank has the Officers who only hold their Com-
mission in the Nabob's Service, or have they
any at all with the Company's when they hap-
pen to do duty with them.

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from Arcot for the European Troops, Captain Young is set out for Madras this morning to get a new Order from the Nabob for the Mares; & to go himself to Arcot for them.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

H. Munro

Camp on Chined Hills
near Pondichery
C, August 13th 1770.

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from Captain Eidington, which he received in one from General Munro.

To, Major General Munro
Sir

I had the honor of writing to you the 8th Instant on the prospect of actual Service but not being favord with a particular reply to Captain Eidington's Letter I look upon a Letter I received from the Military Secretary, to answer that, as well as a Letter I had the honor of writing to the Board.

Having since heard that the Office of Adjutant General will soon be vacant by an appointment which Lieut: Colonel Carey is to get in his Highness the Nabobs Service, should this be really the Case, & as it cannot be said to be in the line of Commands, I beg leave to offer for myself a Candidate to fill up that vacancy.

My pretensions Sir I presume

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are already known to you; they consist in part
in having held the Office for upwards of one Year
& an half, to the approbation of my Superiors
which the records will shew, if this without
one any part, I was superceded by Lieut. Col. Nesbitt
Lately from England. I hope therefore to meet with
Your approbation & support at the Board, & whom
I am sure, I hope my application will appear as
founded on a preferable right to others who may
apply; if I was another to be appointed, in my
judgment, it would be a third supercession.

I request you will be pleased to lay
this Letter before the Honble the President &
Council.

I have the Honor to be
Sirs

Your respectfull and
Obedient Hble Servant
Js Edmonstone

Palamcottah
July 31st 1778

The following Letter to Jon
Munro is read & approved.

To Major General Munro
Commander in Chief of the
Company's Troops on the Coast
Sir

We have had the pleasure to re-
ceive your Letter of the 13th Instant.

Eight Hundred Bullocks were sent

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To Major Genl Munro
wh Extracts of
the Company
Orders regar-
ding Capt.
Tompe

Camp, & we hope there with what may have arrivd
with you will be of great assistance in conveying
the Stores from Madras. We have done all that
we can do here by preping & shall continue our
utmost endeavours to procure some Bullocks,
but we leave it to your Consideration, whether
Sir Edward Vernons Squadron, which we hope
before you receive this Letter will have got up
to Pondicherry may not be able to cover the
landing of the Stores should we very fast be sent
by the St Helena to some place nearer Pondi-
cherry, We suggest this idea to you however
without meaning to recommend it further
than may appear proper, for we leave it entirely
to you to act as you shall think best for the
Service on this occasion, having already ex-
prest to you our wish that the Siege may
be prest with the greatest vigour, in the
necessity of which we are happy to find your
Sentiments so exactly correspond with our own.

We have said our best en-
deavours to provide Lascars, to supply the num-
ber you require, & from the enclosed list you
will see our expectations on this head.

We have sent an Extract of
that part of your Letter concerning Tents to the
Military Storekeeper, but we desire you will
acquaint us of what size & in what manner
you wish to have them & your want immediate-
ly to be made up.

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Enclosed is an Extract of the Company's Orders relative to Captain Tonyn as Lieut Colonel Forby commands the Arabob's Cavalry which is a seperate Corps, we recommend to you to keep them as a distinct from the Company's Cavalry on Service as possible.

With respect to the rank of those Officers of the Arabob who have only Commissions from him the enclosed Extract from the Company's Orders will be sufficient to instruct you, those Officers belonging to the Company who are only Lent to the Arabob should rank with the other Company's Officers according to their Dates of their respective Commissions in the Company's Service.

The President has laid before us the Letter you forwarded from Captain Eddington applying for the Office of Adjutant General in case it should become vacant. We think it necessary in consequence to inform you that should any vacancy happen in that Office, We shall leave it to your choice to nominate a proper Person to fill it & shall pay due attention to your recommendation.

We have no Pitards in Store but there are two at Trichinopoly, which you will be pleas'd to desire Colonel Flint to send to you.

We are with Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

F. Rumbold Jno Call

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The President Lays before the Committee the following Letters which passd between General Munro & Mr. Bellecombé on the arrival of the Army before Pondicherry.

Letters to & from Mons.r Bellecombé

A Monsieur Le Major General Munro

Depuis pres dun mois Monsieur j'eprouve des difficultes et mesmes des incurcions contraires aux traittes, Je les ay dedaigner parsque j'ay du les regarder comme une Brigandage chimerique qu'aucune nation Europeane ne scauroit avoüer et que toutes doivent punir. — Le Marché dune Armée Angloise sour vos Ordres qui menace Pondicherry a bien de me surprendre puisque rien n'asure une declaration de Guerre entre La France et L'Angleterre et que j'ay au contraire des Certitudes de la Continuation de la Paix.

Plus accoutumé Monsieur aux procedes Militaires que aux detours de la Politique Je suis fort aise, Monsieur d'avoir affaire a vous. La reputation dont vous jouissez m'asure que amis ou ennemis Les regles de l'honneur et de l'honnetété inviolables de l'etat que nous est commun seront exactement suivies.

Ce sont ces regles que je reclame avec confiance dans que celles du droit public sont oublier, et c'est a ce titre sacre que je vous demande, Monsieur, que je vous nomme mene

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de me dire si vous venez faire la guerre aux Fran-
çois, ce sera un beau moment pour moy par-
ce que je suis pret a tout evenement, Je vais ce role
de valeur ce boudroit peut etre promettre le plus
heureux succes a une juste deffence Jay plus que
personne lieu de l'esperer des Effort des braves
Gens que j'ay l'honneur de Commander, mais
Jaurai toujours regret de voir repandre le Sang
humain dans des Moments ou nos deux Na-
tions eclairés sur leurs veritables interets ont
peut etre renouvelle le traite de Paix dont les
circonstances semblerent annoncer le terme
Lorsque j'ai eu l'honneur de vous ecrire je
suis persuadé que nous pourrions aussi bien
que moy en Asie, que le Climat ne fait dege-
nerer en rien des Troupes Europeens, et je serai
fort attentif a vous rendre constamment ma pos-
ition digne d'envie puisqu'en suivant ma
propre impulsion d'accord avec mon devoir
Je ne voiderai my les Loix de l'humanité ny
celles des Nations.

J'ay l'honneur d'etre
Monsieur
Votre tres humble tres
Obeissant Serviteur
(signé) Bellecombe

A Pondicherry
le 8th Aoust 1778

Major General Bellcombe &c.
Sir

I have received your letter to answer

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the Letter with which you was pleas'd to favor me yesterday. If any irregularities have been committed by Partys in the Country, they are unknown to me, I can only assure you, that I shall use the strictest discipline observed, & I hope that nothing of the like nature will hereafter happen.

Accustomed equally as you have been Sir, more to Military, than to Political proceedings; I shall not enter into, any discussion of the late differences, that have arose between France & Great Brittain, I shall only say I should have been happy, if no disputes had happened, & that peace, had still been the object of both Nations.

I have herewith the honor to send you another Letter which will explain to you the reasons for the Army I now command marching towards Pondichery.

I am highly honord by the favorable Opinion you are pleas'd to entertain of me; & whether in peace or War, shall be much flatter'd by still maintaining an equal share of your esteem.

I hope Sir, with you, that We shall both find the Climate of Asia, has had no effect on European Valour. If I am sensible of the particular additional strength that the Fortress of Pondichery, receives on being commanded by an Officer of Mr. Bellcombe's reputation, & superior abilities

I have the honor to be with

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the greatest respect & consideration

Sir

Your most Obedient Obedient

and most humble Servant

H. Munro

Camp on the red hills
near Pondicherry
Augt 9th 1770 A true Copy

Major General Bellcombe &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to inform You
that I have received Orders from the Governor &
Superior Council of Madras, to march with the
Army under my Command, & to besiege Pondi-
cherry.

To spare the effusion of blood
& to prevent the destruction of private property I
summon You, Sir, to surrender the Town & Fortress
of Pondicherry to the Troops under my command.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

H. Munro
Major Genl

Camp on the red hills
near Pondicherry
A true Copy

H. Munro

Major Genl

A Mr Le Major General Munro

Je viens Monsieur de recevoir
la Lettre que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'écrire
ce matin par laquelle vous me donnez avis que
Vos armés que vous Commandez est destinée a faire
le Siege de Pondichery.

Je vous

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me Faittes de vous rendre cette Place, je le regarde comme
une formalité que vous avez cru devoir remplir, et
je suis persuadé que dans l'endroit de votre arrivé
vous aurés preveu ma réponse La lettre que j'ay
eu l'honneur de vous écrire hier, Monsieur vous
a fait connaitre mes sentiments comme Com-
mandant de la place de Pondicherry, et des troupes
Françaises, et comme particulier Les Sentimens
d'estime et de Consideration avec les quels j'ay
l'honneur d'etre

Monsieur

Pondicherry
le 9e Aout 1770

votre tres humble tres Obeissant Serv.te
(signé) Bellecombe

The following appointments are
now made:

Appointments

Lieut. Johnstone of Engineers to be a Captain
in that Corps at the particular recommenda-
tion of the Chief Engineer.

Messrs. Innis & Robt. Gahagan appointed Ensigns

The President enters the following minute

I am concern'd to be under the
necessity again of representing to the Board the back-
wardness shewn by the Nabob to supply us with Money
all my endeavours have not been able to draw more
from him than the amount of 20,000 Pags. which was
receivd yesterday in different Coin, I must therefore
recommend to the Committee in the strongest manner
that another Letter be wrote to him, setting forth the
difficulties we labor under, the Scarcity of our Treasury
the heavy expences of our Army now before Pondi-
cherry, which we are unable to bear, & that our success

The President complains of the Nabobs backwardness in supplying the Company with Money

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against Syndicherry & the safety of the Carnatic depends upon our receiving supplies from him, that having so repeatedly represented to him our situation both by letter & by remonstrances of the President, when he has had the honor of waiting on his Highness, can what be done to the necessity & think ourselves justified in taking such measures as appear to us most likely to be attended with success, in securing his Highness debt to the Company, & providing for the exigencies of the War, on the success of which so much depends as well with respect to our Nation & Company, as to the security of the Territories belonging to his Highness & the Preservation of himself & family.

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Resolvd in consequence of the Presidents Representation that a Letter be written to the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence.

Agreed to acquaint the Governor Genral & Council of Bengal with the most material occurrences that have happend since the date of our last Advices, & that a Letter be prepard accordingly

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill

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Wrote the following Letter to the Chief of Sadras.

To Mr Blaukarner
Chief of Sadras
Sir

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 13th Instant, & return you our acknowledgements for your promise of giving Mr Day every reasonable Assistance as the Resident on behalf of the English Company at Sadras.

We are with Esteem
Sir
Your most Obedt Hble Servants
G. Rumbold &c. Com.

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At a Select Committee present
The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr President
Monday 17th August
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
General Munro absent on Service

Minutes of last Committee read & approved.

Read the following Letters from Masulipatam

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
&c. Select Committee at
Fort St George

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Commands of the 24th Instant have been duly received, & we have taken the necessary steps for the immediate execution of them, in doing which we have been particularly attentive to the accomplishing of them with as little stir as possible.

From Masulipatam

The Detachment of Europeans under Captain Collins were already ordered to march and of this Fort when your above orders came to hand, we shall by before you in our early letter the instructions we may judge proper to give to the Officer commanding them

We are with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Masulipatam 20th July 1776

A. Sadleir
Jas Hodges
Fs Baynard

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

&c &c Select Committee of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Dt. Westcott taken to secure the Books

We have been favord with your Commands under date the 27th Ulto. we shall communicate some previous matter & then proceed to reply thereto.

The Departure of Lieut. Jones

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Johnston our Engineer having deprived us of the only Person capable superintending the Works recommended by Major Stevens, they have in consequence thereof been stopped for the present, the Pettah Gate however has been shut up & the passage thro the angle of the Bastion filled in, the Cross at the same place to the Level of the Dam on which it rested is destroyd, & we are finishing the Sluice Gates. Lieut: James Johnston being by this time we suppose at the Presidency, we refer your Honor &c to him for a full account of the State of this Fort, & have only further to add that if the work at the Sea Gate, which in its construction according to Major Stevens's plan must be very complex, be judgd of much importance, so as to make it necessary to get it done without Loss of time, we believe that with the help of a Section & such information as Lieutenant Johnston could furnish, to be communicated to us, it might be accomplish'd without the presence of an Engineer.

The Detachment under the Command of Captain Collins marched from hence of the 3d Instant in the morning. We have already explained to your Honor &c in our Letter under date the 3d Instant, & we hope to your satisfaction the reasons why these Troops did not move sooner; & we beg leave to assure you that our proceedings upon this occasion, were to the best of our Judgement, in strict conformity

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with your orders, for as we thought, with your entreaties Lieutenant Goddard, according to our last advices from him, will arrive to day at Ellore & we have written him to make all the haste he can to join Captain Calliaud, we flatter ourselves that he will speedily do so.

We have received intelligence from Captain Powell, that Guzam is in our possession - he marched into it the 31st Ultimo & has made Prisoners Messrs Warner by whom the place was surrendered, & Messrs Abraham & Aubert Majoniere & Lubeygny, who have all been admitted on Parole, he had not when this letter was dispatched, taken the Inventory of the publick Property in the Place.

We have the honor to inclose your own Military Indents for this year; part of the Stores lately ordered from hence will proceed we hope to morrow, on a Country boat which has been carefully surveyed.

We are with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Masulipatam 5th August 1770

A. Sadleir

Js Hodges

Js Barnard

To

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our last address under date the 5th Instant we informd your honor &c. that Capt. Powell had not then, for want of time to get it done, transmitted the Inventory of the publick Property seized at Yanam; we have now received it, & inclose a Copy thereof. After Captain Powelle had taken possession of the above place, he found means to seize a small Sloop belonging to a Convicopoly in the Service of the French Company containing some bags of Rice & household furniture, with which she was going to Injeramant. poram. As we understand the Vessele to belong to a Native & her Loden to be private Property we are not clear whether you would chuse it should be detained or not, & mention these particulars that we may receive your Orders thereupon. Captain Powell continues encamped near Yanam, & will remain there until your further pleasure be known respecting him. Lieut. Preeck Commanding at Pantapollam, has sent us frequent intelligence concerning the Party with Bapulut Jung; having directed him to communicate the same from time to time, as often as he received any, to your honor &c. we have not judg'd it material to write it from hence, especially as Lieut. Preeck

w.t Inventory of Effects taken at Yanam

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would have an opportunity of conveying the same
so much sooner — a circumstance however which he
has mentioned in a late Letter, makes it necessary
as we apprehend to apply for your directions there-
upon, conceiving it not improbable that he
may have omitted it in his address to the
Presidency. He acquaints us that at Mayelle
a Village within half a Mile of his Station, &
in Bassalut Sing's Territory, there reside several
French Men, one of them Mr. Reviere has
been there many years keeps now in his pay
110 Peons & Lieut. Preek thinks has entered
enough in the Neighbourhood to raise in a
short time 5 or 600 Men, should he have occasion
for them; In the circular Letters sent to the
Garrisons of this Dependency ordering the
seizures of French Subjects, we omitted a cau-
tion to do nothing that could at all be in-
terpreted as a breach of the Amity subsisting
between the Honble Company & the Soubah
or Bassalut Sing: Lieut: Preek Sing restrained
by this caution from acting against the
above French Men we wish to know your
pleasure therein, whether you would have the
caution to be overlooked on this occasion or
to remain in force, or whether you consider
it as unnecessary altogether.

Mr La Fontaine, a French
Merchant, who has been detained here on his
way to the Southward from Canara, having

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addressd us a Letter, protesting against the Restraint
put upon him in applying for an allowance to
subsist him, so long as he continues here, we
transmit you Copy thereof & beg you will soon
favr us with your Orders thereon. He was desirous
of being permitted to proceed, either on his Parole
or as a Prisoner, to Madras, but having no authe
rity as we conceive to grant such request, we
have refused it, nevertheless as Cases may
happen wherein an indulgence of this Kind,
might not be disapproved by your Honor
for we could wish to be informd whether the
conduct we have observd in this instance is
to be pursued, invariably on all future occasions

We are concernd to have to
inform Your Honor &c of the death of Captain
Mitchell of Engineers which happend at this
place on the 6th Instant.

We are with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Hasulepatam C. Saddeir
11th August 1770 F. Hodges
F. Barnard

To
The Rt Honble The President
& Honble Conseillers du Conseil
du
Fort St George

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Messieurs

J'ecris toujours avec plaisir par
tout, et avec Surete par vos Etablissements, et
j'examine en mes affaires en appellant et cest avec
le plus grand Etonnement que je vois n'avoir
pas encore arrivé dans cette place, mais nous consola-
tions premierement, sans en connaitre l'occasion.

Mais j'augure dans cette circon-
stance c'est la force seule que agit, j'avoue cela
Messieurs que je suis un habitant de Pondichery
et negotiant, chargé des affaires de beaucoup
de Particuliers, que cette reflexion me jette dans
une tres grande inquietude a leurs Interets, et que
je vous rend de par consequent responsable de tous
les evenements qui en pourroit resulter, je vous
declare de plus que je suis entierement etranger
dans ce comptoir, et que me n'attendant pas ce
que n'arrive aujourdhui je n'avois pas
avec moi que les fonds necessaire pour me
rendre a Madras, j'espere donc Messieurs que vous
voudrez bien me procurer ici une lettre de
une subsistance raisonable.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre

Messrs

Votre tres humble et tres
obeissant Serviteur

Selgior la fontaigne

Masulipatam
le 10th Aout 1770.

A true copy

Thos Barnard
Secy.

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Nous sous signés, nous promettons
ne point porter les Armes directement, ni indirectement contre l'Angleterre jusque a parfait Etangement
si nous nous reconnoissons Prisonniers de Guerre.

Janam
31st July 1778

Warrier
J. A Aubert
J. Drapsoneau
Louis La Beyre
C. Abrahame

A true Copy
J. Powell

A true Copy
Thos Barnard
Secry.

Inventaire des Effects appartenant au Roi existant a son Etablissement de Janam.

Savoir

Une grand Armoire de Tek, pour mettre des Papiers
Deux petites id, pour mettre sur une Table de Bureau
Trois Tables de Tek
un Table de visite
Une Chenallet pour Mesurer les Tables
Une balance
Dix poids de fer de Cinquante Livre
Une Gang avec son Baton
un sceux aux Armes du Roi
Deux Chapes d'Argent pour les Poids
vingt une Do du Cuivre
Deux pieces du bois de Tek
Une horlage d'une demi heure
Deux vieux miroirs
une balance de Cuivre
une Poids de Cuivre de vingt quatre [illegible]es

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Six Vaisseaux de Cuivre de quatre mores
Un I.e P.o de six mares
Six Chandelier de Cuivre
Une Maison en Brique couverte en tuiles avec les Dependences
Un Magazine en Brique couverte en tuiles avec ameublement
en argamasse, Une Chambre au haut
Un Jardin entouré de ses murs de briques
Une Chalupe, armée de ses mats, et Evirons
Un Mat de Pavillon garni de ses Cordages et Haubans
Mat de Hune, et Gaule de Pavillon
Un Pavillon blanc
Quatre Paires de Carene, a trois rouelles garnies de
Leurs Trapes
Deux Pouliers remples avec Leur etroupes
Cinque Do a trois roulets sans etroupes
Une Do a Do caisse
Trois Do a deux Rouets sans etroupes
Trois Cric caper
Deux Lanaux a Segmens
Deux vis mances
une feuille de fer Caper
deux Trusses de fer
Une feuille de Cuivre
Trois Chaudieres a Leur Cuyer
Deux Seaux en plusieurs Tapes
Ci Inclus Ce present Inventaire veritable

a Fanam Ce 1.er Aout 1770

Warren

A true Copy

Thos Barnard
Secy

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Resolved that directions be sent to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam to seize whatever French Men may be at Nair, Opitlee or any other Place within their reach.

Resolved also that they be ordered to Station one Company of Sepoys at Ganjam for the protection of the French property taken in that place

Read the following Letter from Ganjam.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Governor &c. Members
of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Ganjam

Enclosd We transmit your Honor &c. Copy of a Letter We have this day received from Dnr. Elliot at Cuttack, in consequence of which We have recalled the Guard sent thither as your Honor &c. were advisd of by our Letter of Yesterdays date

We have the Honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
H. Williams
Rt. Maunsell
Rt. Hughes
T. Oakes
Geo. Forster

Ganjam
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To the Chief & Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen

From Mr Elliot to Ganjam

I did myself the pleasure of addressing you Yesterday requesting that an Officer with twenty Sepoys might be immediately sent to this Town to receive charge of Mr Chevalier & Mr Lawson who were yesterday made Prisoners, since they have been in the English Factory they have given me their Parole in the fullest manner promising to proceed without delay to Calcutta & engaging under the same tie to hold no Correspondence with any of the Natives during their journey. If you should already have given Orders to any Officer to prepare for the march, I beg you will countermand them, as there is not the smallest necessity for any force to attend Mr Chevalier after the Satisfactory manner in which he has given his Parole.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient & most
humble Servants
Alex.r Elliot

Cuttack
2d Augt 1770

A true Copy
J.s Oakes
Secry

Read a Letter from the Chief & Council of Ganjam dated the 2d Instt mentioning

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Letter from Ganjam necessary Works begun

the State of the Fortifications there & informing the Committee that they have thought it necessary to begin upon such Works as appear'd immediately wanting to put them in a State of Security, advising of a Mistake in an Invoice of Arms sent them, & enclosing a Letter with several Papers from Dr. Martin the Surgeon at Ostea.

Ordered that these Letters & Papers from Ganjam be entered in the Miscellany Book & that the Chief & Council be acquainted that they should have done nothing to the Fortifications without our Permission, that We see no necessity at present to put the Company to any Expense on this account, & that they must immediately stop the Works they have begun & proceed no further without our Orders. a Copy of that part of their Letter which regards the mistake in the Invoice to be given to the Military Storekeeper.

No works to be executed w.t permission

Read two Letters from Vizagapatam dated the 5th & 7th Instant (as entered in Miscellany Book) respecting a dispute between Captain Davis of Invalids & Lieut. Pruett, as to the Command of the Troops in that District & enclosing Letters from those Gentlemen on the subject

Dispute between Messrs Davis & Pruett

Resolved to inform the Chief & Council that we would have Captain Davis confine himself to the Command of the Invalids & Lieut. Pruett to the command of his own proper

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Copys of that wherein we think it necessary to have an Officer to Command all the Troops in the District we shall annex our assent

Read a letter from Captain Dugood of Engineers dated the 5th Instant relative to the State of the Works at Tanjore (Entered in Miscellany Book).

Read the following Letter from the Nabob's Old Creditors

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Nabob's old Creditors

We had the honor to address you a Letter in December last, setting forth the general State of our Affairs with the Nabob the distress & inconvenience we suffered as Individuals, & requested your good Offices with his Highness to obtain the payment of a debt which had been so long due.

In the month of March the Nabob gave publick Notice to his Creditors that he should pay 12 P Cent of the principal of his Debt upon the 30th June & 13 P Cent upon the 31st December 1778. However inadequate such Payments would have been we were nevertheless in some degree satisfied in the expectation of receiving at least the growing Interest & part of the principal of our Money

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Lord are sorry now to find ourselves disappointed for notwithstanding the Nabobs declaration he has not yet made good the payment of the Sixth Dividend.

After waiting patiently so many Years, depending upon the Nabobs repeated promises, it is a melancholy consideration for Us to reflect upon the uncertainty of our Property & the little regard had to the Faith of publick Engagements For all this we have not reaped the full benefit in receiving regularly the produce of the Countries & the annual Pischash payable by the Rajah of Tanjore, assigned to Us by the Nabob, yet we consider our title & Claim to the said deed of Assignment to be valid & in full force, until the principal & Interest of our Money shall be fully discharged. — It is therefore with deep concern we inform your Honor &ca that the Nabob has some Months ago entered into Articles with a new sett of Creditors, wherein he expressly excludes the debt consolidated with us in the year 1767, & agrees to pay for the use of the said new Creditors, a certain sum annually from the Revenues of the Carnatick, & also whatever Money may be received by him the Nabob from the Kingdom of Tanjore, under whatever denomination And the Agreement / of which We enclose a copy / further sets forth, that this arrangement shall be communicated to the East

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India Company thro' their representatives the
Governor General & Council of Fort William
& the President & Council of Fort St George, & to
be carried into execution under the Company's
Auspices.

Confident of the Legality & equitable
priority of our Claim to every advantage ari-
sing from the Nabob's deed of Assignment
in our favor & having had repeated proofs
of the Company's good disposition to assist us
in obtaining the payment of our just demands
We flatter ourselves neither the Company nor
their Representatives will sanctify the Nabob's
act in making counter assignments, nor
approve of any measure prejudicial to our
Interests.

Denied the liberty of a direct
correspondence with the Nabob, it is to you Gen.
Harman we look up for relief & protection, In
our own Names & in behalf of our Constituents
& other absentees unhappily involved in this
concern, we most earnestly solicit your
assistance & influence with the Nabob, to do us
common justice in paying our Money, & particu-
larly to secure to us the arrears of Pishcush due
from the Rajah of Tanjore, to which we have
a clear & specific right; for when we experience
such repeated disappointments, & see measures
pursued so opposite to our rights & Interests, we
hope you will acknowledge we have serious

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cause to be alarmd [illegible] upon the one of a
on national war / for our property which we hitherto
deemed to rest secure upon the Nabob's pledged
honor & publick deeds granted in our favor,
supported by the generous & warm interposition
of the Company, which is very strongly expressed
in the thirty seventh Paragraph of their General
Letter to This Presidency dated the 24th December
1776.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Geo: Proctor
Atty to Mr. Chas Turner

J.s. Anderson
Edw.d James
Rebec.a Casamajor
Mary Powney
John Turing
for self & as Attorney to Mess.rs Campbell
Calland, Brickenden & Buchanan
J. Pk. Fabricius
Alex.r Cuthbert
for his Constituents
A D Morgan
for himself & Constituents
Mary Turing
Rich.d Stanton
Edw.d Saunders
acting Attorn.y to John Pybus
George Smith
for his Constituents
T. Powney

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Certified that having seen & approved the contents of this Paper, Sugn Island it with Manual Seal of Government.

His Highness is pleased to appoint Messrs James Hooby & Doct Johnn De Fries his Agents on his behalf & Trustees on his part.

Att a Meeting at Chepauk Present, his Excellency Lt Colonel Robert Barker and Geo Stevenson Esqrs Deputy to the Nabob appointed by his Highness the Nabob to confer with his Creditors thereon present.

Messrs Dansey Drake
Dunbar Beaufort
Jas Taylor
John De Fries
Antonio Da Souza

The following articles were progressively agreed to as Preliminaries for Settling & arranging all his Highness Debts except the Debt consolidated in the year 1767 bearing Interest at the rate of 10 p Cent per annum.

That this Arrangement shall be communicated to the East India Company their Representatives the Governor General & Council at Fort William & the President & Council

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Previous to the 25th of November last 1777, a Bond shall be given to each Person respectively for his Debt bearing Interest at 12 p.r Cent p.r Annum.

That four Persons shall be appointed Trustees for the care & management of the Debt in general comprehending accounts & all other matters, two of which to be appointed by the Nabob & two to be chosen by the Creditors, but as these Trustees will have occasion to have frequent intercourse with his Highness, his Ministers & Servants, respecting the Affairs entrusted to their management it is supposed & understood, that the two to be chosen by the Creditors will be such Persons as will not be, in any way disagreable to his Highness.

That the four Trustees shall be allowed by the Creditors half p.r Cent, on all such Money as may be divided by them, & like allowance by the Nabob.

That the Nabob shall specify or mention the Country or Countries from whence the money is to be received, for the payment of this Debt, in case the money received from those Countries, should fall short of the payments hereafter proposed, that the said payments shall be in such case, completed & made good from the other parts of the Carnatick.

That the

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grand receipts for the same to his Highness signd
by three of them at least.

That the Dividends of the said
money shall be paid to each Creditor in exact
proportion to the sum that may be owing to
him every three or four Months at farthest.

That during the first twelve
Months reckoning from the 25th Novemr 1777.
The Nabob shall pay from the Carnatick (exclusive
of the province of Tanjore) a Sum equal to the
full Interest on the whole Debt for one Year.

That after untill the whole prin-
cipal & Interest be discharged, he will pay from
the Carnatick yearly (exclusive of the province of
Tanjore) the full Interest & two Lacks & a half
of Star Pagodas, on account of the Principal.

And above & besides the provi-
sion made for the Payment of this Debt,
from those Parts of the Carnatick now in his
Highness's possession, his Highness engages and
agrees to give up for the further payment
of the said Debt, whatever Money may be receivd
by him from the province of Tanjore, under
whatever Denomination, untill the whole shall
be discharged, viz. one Moiety of such Money to
be given to Messrs Taylor, Brazier, Call, &c.
in discharge of their proportion, but which they
are to give Credit for in the general account &

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when the Debt to Messrs Taylor, Majendie &
Call shall be paid, then the whole Money that
may be received from Tanjore, shall go to the
other Creditors untill the Debt to them be
fully discharged also.

That his Highness shall not
directy or indirectly hereafter, give to any Person
whatsoever, European or Native of India a higher
rate of Interest, Premium or rewards for mo-
ney borrowed by him or on his account, than
12 P Cent P Annum, & that his Highness
shall issue Orders to all his Amildars, Renters
&c Strictly to observe the same, that all the Cre-
ditors on receiving new bonds, shall deliver
back to his Highness, the former bonds, toge-
ther with all such Tuncaus, or other Papers,
as may have been granted to them by his High-
ness.

Shepauk December 17th 1777.

Ordered that a Copy of the
above Letter be sent to the Dubash, & the case of
his Old Creditors recommended to him in strong
terms by the President.

Read the following Letter
from Lieut. Malcolm.

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

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Malcolm the Rabobs Troops there unpaid

Agreeably to your Orders of the 30th Ultimo appointing me to act as Major of Brigade with the Army, & to the directions of the Commander in Chief in consequence, I proceed from hence to morrow Morning to join the Army on its march to the Red hills from Kellenore, & shall accordingly deliver over to Lieut. John Worth the Senior Officer here the charge of the Fort and Garrison of Pennacoil with every thing else appertaining to the present duty of the Command I am here.

I think it my Duty to report to your Honor &c. at this juncture, that the usual Annual order for the payment of his Highness the Rabobs Company of Sepoys stationed at Pennacoil, is not yet furnished for the ensuing Year, it has always been customary to furnish such Order on the 1st July on the application of the Officer Commanding here to his Highness for that purpose, I accordingly addressed the Rabob about ten days ago, and wrote to the Honble President at the same time on the subject, I was informed in answer that his Highness the Rabob would furnish the usual Order to his Amildar for the regular payment of his Troops at Pennacoil, but as no such Order as yet been given, as the

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returned, & compare more than a fourth part, of the Garrison of Pennacoil; as the Men have represented to me their Officers, in a Military manner their duties in consequence of the Soldiers not being furnished with the usual order from the Board for their being regularly paid as before; as the present Situation of Affairs seems to require a due Attention to Soldiers in the above instance: For all these reasons, I think it my particular duty, at this time, to report the circumstance to your honor &c.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most respectfull and

most Obedient Servant

Pennacoil
7th Augt 1778

Henry Malcolm
Commandt

The President acquaints the Committee that he has spoken to the Board on the subject of the above Representation but still recommends that a Letter be written him about it, which is agreed to.

Read the following Letter from Captain Tonyn

Charles Oakeley Esqr
Sir

Yesterday Evening I was favored with your Letter, informing me that the President had laid before the Board my

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From Captain on the subject of his Bill of Charges

Bill on the Company for Pagodas 12 fb. 4. on account of sundry expences incurd during the time I command the late European Troops, & during which no regular Bill by actual authority the General charges were made & whether the amount of them was regularly demanded which notwithstanding an immediate payment I paid acknowledging I must lay my reasons to the Presidency. In reply thereto, I must request you will be pleased to explain to the Board that the Horses were purchased in consequence of a General Order from the President & Council for completing the Troops, which order was signified to me by the Commander in Chief.

The price I paid for the Horses as charged in my Bill was demanded, I suppose in the customary manner, but I do not recollect ever to have made any particular application to the Board on this account, & the other Articles, being the pay advanced by me to the followers of the Troops are certainly regularly inserted in the pay Rolls when the Troops subsistence was drawn.

It does not occur to me that I had any other authority than what is what I have mentioned, for making the several Disbursements particularised in my Bill on the Company; except the regulations for the European Troops which [illegible] Stock

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Sam

Sir

Madras
Augt 13th 1778.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
J. Col: Tonyn

Agreed that a copy of Captain
Tonyn's Letter with the account he alludes to be sent
to the Chief & Council of Cuddalore who may
probably be able to explain the nature & propriety
of the Charges therein, as the Troop of Cavalry
was at Cuddalore at the time they were incurrd

Read the following letter from
Colonel James.

entered in Consltn.
the

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel James complaining of the Nabobs delay in payment

I have been to this late hour detained here, Anxiously soliciting his Highness the Nabob, to reimburse the Sums of Money advanced by me on his account, in the manner & for the purposes already known to your Honor &c.

Every solicitation or Effort on my part have been made thé hitherto in vain & I can in great truth assure you that all may more than I am worth in the World, or have Can able to save, in 24 Years Service to the Honble Company is at present with the

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Nabob if in his power, altho the Money has been advanced to his Troops, as your Honor &c. well knows from public not private or interested Motives.

In this Situation my duty calls me to Camp, all my hopes & every expectation to recover the Money acquired fairly in so long Service, is the only support to myself & family in Age, or retirement turns upon the actual report of your honor &c.

My case is so very singular that I would fain think your being pleased to consider it in a particular point of view with a particular exertion in my favor could not be made use of, as a precedent to justify similar requests on the part of other Creditors of his Highness.

It is this request I most earnestly make.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most respectfull
& most Obedt Servant
Edwd James

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The Nabob having been already written to twice on the subject of Colonel James's demand, & having yet given no satisfactory answer or paid the Colonel any part of his Money, it is resolved to write the Nabob

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Ops

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not precisely what he meant to do in this business.

Letter from General Munro read

as follows.

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r

Governor President &c. Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

From General Munro desiring leave for Major Godfrey to go home to England

I have the honor to enclose you a list of Officers, whom I have named to be Adjutants & Quarter Master to the European, & Topaz Grenadiers, which I hope you will please to confirm.

I have received a letter from Majr Godfrey, informing me of his having taken Phisicon of Karrical, but at the same time he mentions his being in so bad a State of health, as to prevent him from joining the Army in the field; and requesting leave to go to Europe for the reestablishment of his health, with which I hope the Board will please to comply.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Hector Munro

Camp on the red hills, near Pondicherry

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P.S. Majr Godfrey being obliged to quit this Country on account of his indisposition requests that the President & Council will mention him in such a manner to the Honble the Directors, that he may return with his Rank, as soon as he gets his health reestablished — To which I hope the Board may please to pay attention.

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The Committee confirm the appointments recommended by General Munro & direct them to be given out in Orders.

Agreed that Major Godfrey have permission to go to Europe, on account of his health & that he be recommended to the Court of Directors in the manner the General requests.

Letter from Mr William Petrie read as follows.

The Honble Thomas Rumbold

President &c Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Petrie takes a review of Carnical

I have the honor to inform you, that yesterday I sent a guard of Sepoys to seize upon five Chilingoes in the mouth of this River which they did, in one of them we found a new Cap 4 lb with two Carriages & spare Wheels which I have ordered into the Fort. Also sent a party with an Officer on Board a Snow in the Road, which the Sepoys affirmed to be the property of a Moorman, there were five old Iron Guns with two Carriages on board, & nothing Lee-ries of any nature. From the description I could think we could apply the Guns to any use, & as to keeping them forcibly from this Depot would deter others from coming here I have advised them to

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Publick Storehouses, & found a considerable quantity of new Grain, a Number of Iron bars, some Cables, & a large stock of very fine plank, all of which except a small quantity of Paddy & some firewood, is reputed to be private Property. But as I am by no means convinced of the truth of these Claims, I have for the present posted guards at the Bandsalls &c., to prevent any thing being removed or taken away, untill your Orders are received, & I should be glad to be honored with instructions upon this head as soon as possible. The Teak plank I should imagine, will be wanted in Camp. the Planks are from twenty to thirty feet in length, & from three to four Inches thick.

I am informed the two 12lbrs arrived yesterday at Nagore from Tanjore, & as it will be necessary to construct a small redoubt or battery for them on the heights, between the Town & the Sea, I understand Captain Dugood is at present unemployed at Tanjore, I have applied to Colonel Fitzgerald, that he may be sent here for a few days. I also wish for that Gentleman's opinion of the situation which I have mentioned, as he may perhaps think another more advantageous.

The place is perfect tranquil, the Inhabitants have all returned, the principal People in the Villages, & the Districts have claimed the protection of the Company & I can credit their declarations they are well pleased at the change of Government.

I remain here untill I am honored

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with your directions for my future Conduct

I have the Honor to be most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt and

most humble Servant

Wm Petrie

Karrical
the 13th Augt 1778

Resolved that Mr. Petrie be desired to take an account of the Grain & other articles found in the publick Storehouses at Karrical, and reserve them at present for the Company's Service also to acquaint the Chief Engineer at Camp with the Dimensions of the Plank, that he may send for any part should he require it for the operations of the Siege of Pondicherry.

Certificate granted

Jane Owens having produced a Certificate of her Marriage with William Owens deceased Serjeant Major of Sepoys she is admitted to share in the Military Fund as his widow & Certificate thereof is accordingly granted to her.

Tho: Rumbold

John Whitehill

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Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &c.a Council at
Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the honor to re-
ceive two Letters from you of the 20th July, one ack-
nowledging the receipt of our Dispatches by Captain
Barrington, & the other acquainting of the appointment
of Mr. Elliot to proceed to the Rajah of Berar to
conclude a Treaty with him.

To the Gov.r Genl & Council the motions of our Army & an engagement with the two Squadrons

Our Army encamped at the
Red hills near Pondicherry the 2d Instant, on the 10
Sir Edward Vernon appeared in sight of that Port
& brought the French Squadron to an action that
Evening. We enclose you a letter from the Commodore
on the Subject. It is certain that he had the advan-
tage by obliging the French Fleet to steer off
shore, but the damage which his own Ships sus-
tained in their masts & Rigging prevented his pur-
suing the Victory, by which means the French
Squadron escaped & our Ships were driven by unfa-
vorable winds & strong Currents as far North-
ward as Cadras. The French in this action had a
great superiority in weight of metal, & size of their
Ships, but the junction of the Bombay with
us a considerable addition of strength to the Com-
modores Squadron, & we hope in a few days to
send you a very favorable account of his succeeding

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The French Fleet.

Our Army is only wanting for the heavy Artillery & Stores sent from hence to begin their operations against Pondicherry, a considerable part of them must have arrived at Camp before this time, & a further part would have been there some days ago, had we not been obliged on account of the Situation of the French Fleet to send the Stores sent by Sea at Madras, & transport them from thence by Land. General Munro is sufficiently reinforced to begin the Seige immediately.

We are pleased to find that you have resolved on sending the Revolution or another Ship fitted for war, to join Sir Edward Vernon as it will enable him more effectually to hinder Succours from going into Pondicherry during the Seige.

We are advised from Ganjam that Mr. Elliot had seized Mr. Chevalier & another French Gentleman at Cuttack. The Chief and Council at Ganjam at Mr. Elliot's request had ordered a party to conduct the French Gentlemen to Ganjam, but Mr. Elliot having by a subsequent Letter advised them, that he had taken their Parole to proceed to Calcutta & that the party before ordered was unnecessary, the Chief and Council recalled it back to Ganjam.

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our night of Pondichery, & were chased by two French Ships till they came near our Fleet at Sadras when the French Ships tacked about & our Fleet stood after them towards Pondichery.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George
17th August 1770

Your most Obedient & most humble Servants
Fr Rumbold & Co Counc.

To Mr. Morgan Williams
Chief & Co Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 3d Instant, enclosing one from Mr Elliot regarding the Seizure of the French Gentlemen at Cuttack. We suppose before this time they are arrived at Ganjam, should you not have already acquainted the Governor General & Council of Bengal with the Circumstance, we desire you will do it immediately & desire their instructions concerning the Prisoners, which are to be obeyed. In the mean time you will watch Mr Chevalier very closely & not allow him on any pretence to pass out of the Fort. He & the other Gentlemen are to be treated with all the attention that may be consistent with their situation & permitted to go about the Fort on their Parole, but if they refuse to give that, you must appoint an Officer

To Ganjam on the subject of Mr Chevalier

to attend them at all times & not suffer them to be
out of his sight.

As our Motive for ordering
Captain Brule, Mr. Morton & Mr. Commard
to be sent here was merely to remove them from
Ganjam our purpose will be equally answered
by sending them to Bimlipatam where they
may subsist more comfortably upon their Allowances
than they could at Madras, you will accordingly
acquaint them that they have our permission
to retire thither.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
&c.
17th August 1778

18th

Dispatched the following Letters

To Major General Hector Munro
Commander in Chief of the
Company's Troops on the
Coast

Sir

The President having acquainted
us that you had represented to him the Deficien-
cy of Officers in Comp. Captain James Phillips
arrived Yesterday with Orders to join the Army
as is Captain George Smith to day. We have
also to day promoted to Ensigns all the Cadets
that are arrived

To Gen. Munro

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to Camp immediately.

We are with Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
the
18 August 1778.

Tho Rumbold Jr Com.

To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander
in Chief of his Majesty's Ships
in India

Sir,

We have had the honor to
receive your Letter dated off Madras the 16 Instant
by which you are of Opinion that the
French Squadron is superior to ours & seem to wish
for the assistance of the two Indiamen with
whom your Cattely spoke we are exceedingly sorry
you did not employ them. The Commanders of
those Ships have already received Orders from
us to prepare their Ships to join you with
the utmost expedition. We hope they will be
ready in a few days & able to sail as soon as you
can appoint a Rendezvous, if you should then
have occasion for their assistance.

We have the honor to be

Sir

To Sir Ed. Vernon two Companies Ships ordered to join him

Your most Obedient Servants

Tho Rumbold

Com.

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the
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Dispatched the following Letters

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To Mr. Anthony Sadlier

Chief & Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 29th Ult.o 5th & 11th Instant.

We would have your station a Company of Sepoys with a prudent Officer at Jaggernaum to take care of the property which has been seized there. In regard to the Vessel which has been detained by Captain Powell, as you represent that She belongs to a Native & that her Lading is private Property we desire it may be released.

The Frenchmen at Naripilla to be seized.

We have come to the Resolution of seizing such Frenchmen as may be at Naripillee, & desire you will give proper directions to Lieut. Meeks for that purpose, the Caution you have hitherto observed in regard to them was very proper considering their situation.

We give you permission to grant Mr. La Fontaine a Subsistance if he chuses to remain on his Parole at Masulipatam, or if he chooses to come to Madras he may do so on his Parole, if you may allow the same indulgence to any other Persons in the like Circumstances.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George

Your Affectionate Friends

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To Mr Alexander Davidson

Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 5th & 7th Instant concerning the dispute between Captain Davis & Lieut. Pruatt relative to the Command of the Troops in your District, upon which we have only to say, that as we do not think it proper to have any Commanding Officer of the District at present, those Gentlemen must be ordered to confine themselves, each to the Command of his own proper Corps.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

J. Rumbold &c &c &c.

Fort St George
21st August 1778

To Vizagapatam on the dispute between Pruatt & Davis

To Mr William Petrie

Resident at Nagore

Sir

We have received your several letters & approve of your Proceedings in regard to the capture of Karical, you acted very properly in taking the Parole of the French Gentlemen who were found in the place & we hope shortly to receive from You an account of the Ordnance & Stores &c. found on the acquisition.

We would have you take an

To Mr Petrie approving his conduct

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attested account of the Grain & other Articles found in the Bankshalls & publick Storehouses, & reserved them for the Company's Use, transmitting the account for our information. In regard to the Plank, We have written to Major Stevens to apply to you in case he should want any of it for the operations of the Seige of Pondicherry.

Major Godfrey has our permission to proceed to England on account of his health, & we shall make such mention of him to the Court of Directors, as we may hope induce them to permit his return to India without prejudice to his Rank.

We approve of your constructing a mud Redoubt or Battery of Mud for the two 12 Prs which are come from Tanjore & doubt not that you will fix on the most proper situation for it.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

& Humble Servts.

F Rumbold & Compy.

Fort St George

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In consequence of Intelligence received by the President from the Resident of Tanjore the following Letters are immediately dispatched.

To Mr. Anthony Sadleir

Chief & Council at