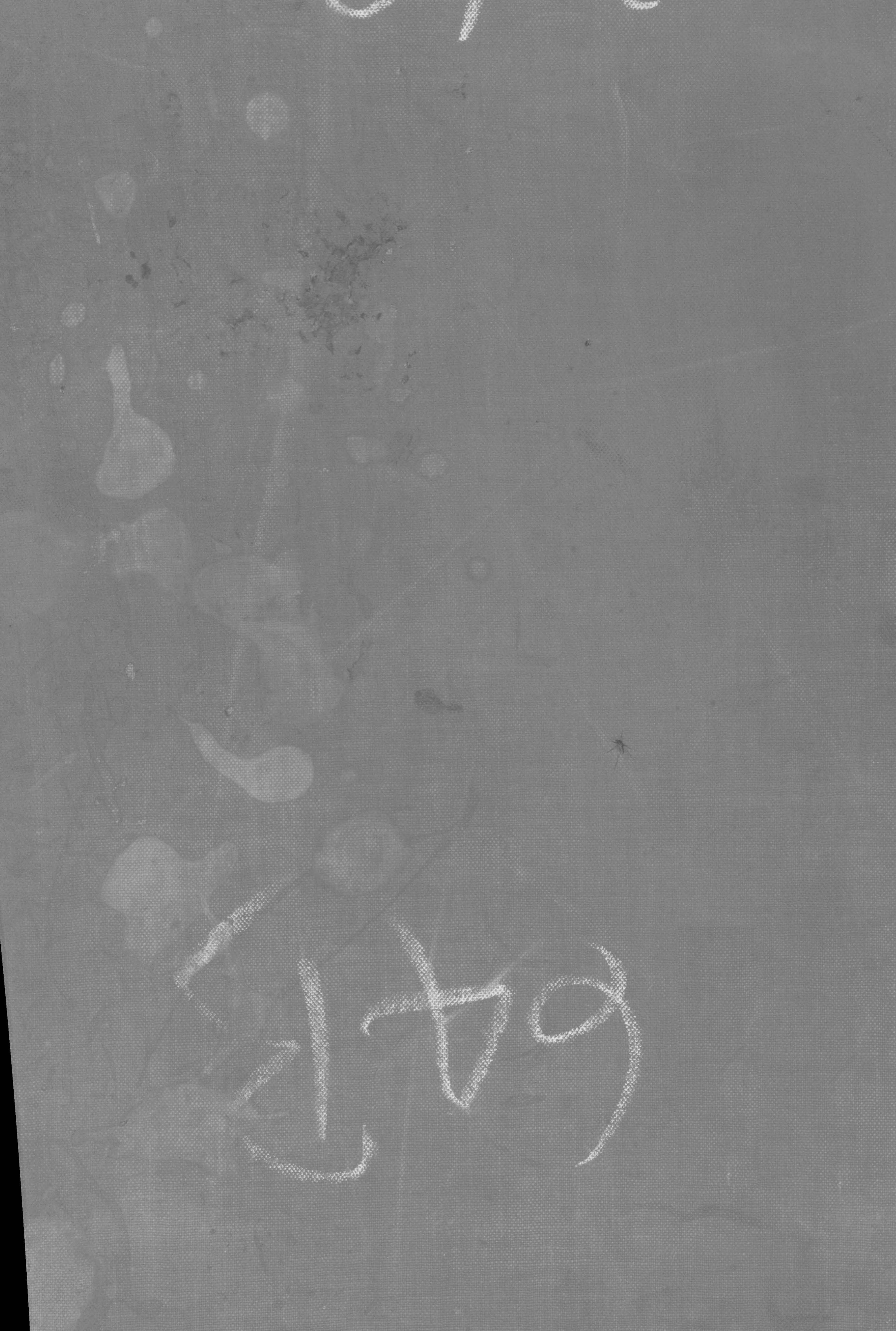

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23k Fort St George August 1778

Gentlemen

We have just received intelligence that upon the appearance of our Squadron to the Southward of Pondicherry, the French fleet consisting of four Ships immediately set sail & came to, that Road of which our Squadron took possession at one o'clock this afternoon Four Ships were seen off Sadras, these we conclude to be the fleet from Pondicherry, & as we think it probable that may endeavor to make a Diversion some were on the Coast we give you this notice that you may be prepar'd against them. Inclosed is a letter to Major Matthews who being in the Command of the Troops in the Masulipatam Circars, We have directed to take such measures as shall appear to him necessary upon this occasion for the Defence of those Parts & in particular of the Fort of Masulipatam & Port of Coringer

To Masulipatam to beware of the French Squadron

there where

coringa /

We desire you will endeavor to conceal this intelligence least if an alarm spread the Sea Coast be deserted.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

22d August 1778

Th. Rumbold &c Council

To Major Matthews

Commanding the Troops in

the Masulipatam

Circar

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Sir

Our Squadron under the Command of Sir Edward Vernon having driven the French Fleet out of the road of Pondichery they have sailed northward with intention we apprehend to make a Division on some part of the Coast. We direct therefore that you take proper Measures to secure the Companys Possessions in the Circars from insults, attending particularly to the Security of the Fort of Masulipatam and Port of Coringee.

We recommend it to you to take your measures in such manner as may give as little alarm to the Country as possible.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

T. Rumbold &c Counc.

Fort St George
22 dec. gust. 1758

Further intelligence being received this day the following Letters are written

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To Mr. Anthony Sadleir
Chief &c Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We communicate to you last night the Intelligence we had received of the French Squadron which gave us Reason to apprehend a Design to disturb some of the

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Company's Possessions on the Coast, But from ac-
counts that have arrived to day We are inclined
to think that the Measures of the French were
made with a view only to draw Sir Edward
Vernon from his Station in the Road of Pondi-
cherry By the last Advices they were standing
towards the Southward & our Squadron was in
sight also. As these Circumstances have for the
present removed our apprehensions, We do not
think it necessary untill you hear further from
Us, that any alteration should be made in the
arrangement before laid down for the Company's
Troops in the Masulipatam Circars.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

23d August 1770

J.s Rumbold for Com.e

To Major Matthews

Commanding the Troops

in the Masulipatam Circar

Sir

Since writing to you last night
We have received further intelligence of the French
fleet which for the present removes the apprehensions
We expressed to you. It is therefore unnecessary untill
you hear further from Us to make any Alteration
in the arrangement before laid down for the
Troops under your Command.

We

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their determination being desirous always that it should be made publick in general Orders as soon as possible.

Lieut: Colonel Corby has a Letter this day from Mr Jones at Tanjore relative to seven French Gentlemen who went to Hyder's Capital, four of them have remained there & three have come away & are on their way to Pondicherry. I have sent a party of Cavalry to intercept them, & have desired Lt Col: Corby to send a Copy of Mr Jones's Letter to the Governor for his Excellencies information. I send you the following Paragraph of a Letter I received from Lt Colonel Fitz Gerald at Tanjore, & do not suppose that any instructions you gave to Mr Petrie empowered him to take the Command of the Troops.

A Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter from Lt Colonel Fitz Gerald to General Munro, dated Augst 8th 1778.

"In consequence of Orders "sent by me to Captain Godfrey at Tanjore, I have "been informed by Mr Petrie, that he is appointed "to the Command of the Troops stationd at that "Factory, & that all Orders to them must come "thro Mr Petrie as President, as I never had the least "intimation from the Honble Board that Captain "Godfrey or his Battalion were independant of "this Garrison, I request you will be pleased to let "me know whether he is removed from under "my Command, I should suppose Orders would "have been sent me on such an occasion".

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There is a French East India Ship as we imagine arrived in Pondicherry, this morning, I am sorry for it: but hope that her coming will make no material difference respecting Sir Edward Vernon's proposed plan, if she has not Troops on Board it will affect our Operations as little.

I have the honor to &c

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

H. Munro

Camp on the Red Hills near Pondicherry 18th August 1778.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

Governor & President &c &c Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honored with your letter of the 18th Instant, & am very happy to find that you have ordered more Officers to join the Army. The following is part of a paragraph of a Letter from Lt Colonel Fitzgerald, Dated 19th August 1778 from Tanjore.

"If the Service will admit of it
"I shall be made particularly happy, by the two
"Company's at Trichinopoly being ordered here.
"I am the more anxious to them with one, on ac-
"count of Reports, which I fear carry too much
"truth with them, being circulated, that they are
"guilty of many great excesses & irregularities thro'
"disunions in that Garrison.

advising of the Capture of a French Ship

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Sam of Opinion that at that
irregularity prevails that considering how few
Officers they have with them, that the whole
Battalion would be better together at Tanjore
I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
H. Munro

Camp on the red hills
near Pondicherry
Augt 22d 1770.

P.S. Sir Edward Vernon took yesterday the
Lovely Nancy a French Ship bound from France
to Pondicherry laden with 600 Pipes of Provision
several 24 Pdrs & other Military Stores, there had
on Board a Major of Engineers, & a Captain
of the same Corps. This Ship was an old Cork
Indiaman.

The following answer to the
above Letters is now read & approved & ordered to be
dispatched

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

We have received your several
To General Munro in reply to the fore going. Letters, the last dated the 22 Instant.

We are informed the Bengal
Canvas, which you recommend for Tents is never
used in that way & is not near so good as the
Cloth of this Country, & if upon further enquiry

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you Would find Abbess, we shall order them to be made up of Country Cloth.

We shall immediately give out a General Order relative to the promotions made in the Government of Mr. Stratton, which will put an end to all disputes of the kind you mention between Lieut: Colonels Horne & Wilson.

We sent particular Orders relative to the Capture of Karical to Mr. Petrie & Major Godfrey which you yourself saw & signed before you left Madras, but we have given no instructions whatever of the nature implied by Lieut: Colonel Fitzgerald in his Letter to you of which you have furnished Us with an Extract. We are taking under Consideration, what number of Troops may be necessary for Tanjore &c. & when we have fixt the proportion we shall then make that Commands independant of Tanjore.

Agreably to your Recommendations We shall order the two Companies of Europeans from Trichinapoly to Tanjore.

Tho we are very unwilling at this time to deprive you of a single Man whom may be employ'd in Commanding the Operations of the Seige, yet it is highly necessary that We should attend to our Fortifications here, the speedy & effectual completion of which is also an object of very great importance & as We have not even one Engineer left to superintend the

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Works, We must desire that you will give Direction
to Major Stevens to send one Officer of that Corps to
whom he can depend to Madras as one have gone
since his Departure that the progress of the Works
has been much slower than before.

We are with Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

P. Rumbold &c Council

Fort St George
24th August 1770

The Prisoner requests the
Permission of
Committee that a French Ship called La Favorite
Diannette, bound from the Islands to Pondichery
was taken by our Squadron on the 21st Instant
& carried Yesterday & that She had on Board Le
Comte de Caire Chief Engineer of Pondichery &
Mr De Montpie second Engineer with some Other
Passengers from whom he has taken the following
Parole

Fort St George
24th August 1770

Being extremely desirous to shew
every Attention in my Power for the convenience of

Parole of Comte de Caire

Monsr le Comte de Caire — Chief Engineer
Monsr de Montpie — Engineer
Monsr de Malabaucon — Passenger
Monsr de Grafsac & Son — Do
Mr De Bontel — Captain of the Prize
Mr Le Mesnier — Secretary to Monsr le Comte de Caire.

W E

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Parole of Honor upon the following Articles

1st That they will not appear in arms during the present War, against the Troops of his Brittannick Majesty, or those employed in the Service of the English East India Company, Unless exchanged by agreement between the representatives of the two Nations.

2d That they will not interfere directly or indirectly in any Manner whatever, by giving or receiving intelligence in correspondence with the French, the Garrison of Pondichery, or any other Forces or Garrisons belonging to his most Christian Majesty during the present War, & whilst they are Prisoners of War.

3 That they shall be forth coming to appear before me, or at any Order, or that of any other Governor or others having proper authority for that purpose.

4th That they shall not by themselves or others by their Orders, or in correspondence with them, leave within this Fort, or upon the Fortifications without permission so expressed.

5th And lastly, That they shall in good Faith deliver up to me, or to the Person empowered by me, all Papers, Plans, or Memorials, regarding the Fortifications in India, or Affairs of State now, among the French Nation now in their possession or at the time when the Ships were taken by Captain Panton, which done & upon their subscribing to the condition of this Paper, I am

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ready to receive their Parole of Honor, & shall consider
them as Prisoners of War, without putting them
to any further Restraint

Given under my Hand in Fort St George
this 21st day of August 1778

J Rumbold

Le de DeCaine / Montpie Governor & Commander in
Alexandre Boulet / Chief of the Garrison of Fort
De Malonmore / St George
Morrimer Sellnor

Read the following Letter from
the Sepoy Agent

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r
President & Governor for Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

This being the usual time
for the Honble Board to give Orders for making up the
Sepoy Clothing, I beg leave to acquaint you
honor &c. that on application to General Preston
to know whether he proposed any alteration in the
Muster for this Year, he has informed me, that
the Adjutant General, that he approves of last
Years, recommends that the Clothing for this Year
be made after the same Muster.

I beg also to be favored with
your Orders, in regard to the Clothing for the two
new Battalions which you have lately ordered to be
raised. If they are ordered for Coast Battalions

From Sepoy Agent desiring Orders for making up the Clothing

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the facings will I presume be blue, like those of the other 8 Battalions.

In respect to the Clothing for the 3360 Men, which you have been apleased to order to be forthwith raised in augmentation of the 8 Circar & 13 of the Carnatick Battalions of Sepoys, I beg to receive your Orders, as it will require near four Months to complete it.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St George
28th August 1778

Geo. Mowbray

Sepoy Agt

Resolved that the Agent be directed to make up the Sepoy Clothing of this Year agreeably to the last Musters, excluding the late augmentation of 3360 Men to the Carnatic & Circar Battalions, also the two new raised Battalions, which being intended for the Circars must be cloathed like the other Circar Battalions.

Ordered that the several Captains of Sepoy Corps be directed to make returns to the Committee of the number of Men they have respectively recruited in consequence of the late Order for augmenting the Strength of their Battalions.

Read the following Letter from the Governor & Council of Fort Marlborough

Orderpassed

To

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Translation

To Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have receive your favour of the 3d Instant, informing Us, that for the reasons therein mentioned, you found it necessary to have a Resident at Tranquebar, & had appointed Mr. Richard Kynchant to reside with our permission at that Port, & that you depended on our friendly Assistance.

From Tranquebar consenting to receive Mr. Kinchant

In answer to which you may surely depend on every friendly Assistance in Our power being granted Mr Kinchant.

We have the honor to be with the most perfect Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

C. Kelting

D. Brown

G. C. Kulbeck

N. Ollegen

K. Kalsier

Emanuel Grave

Fort Dansborg the 16th August 1770

A true Translation

Grave

Read the following Letters from Mr. Joseph Rowlls & from the Governor & Council of Negapatam

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To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c Members

of the Select Committee

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of your Orders to me of the 3d Instant, I have to inform you of my arrival here on Thursday last & that I delivered your Honor &c Letter to the Governor of Negapatam the next day; The answer to which is enclosed, where in it appears, That their Government can on no account whatever, consistent with the Orders of their Superiors, receive any Person in a publick Character from any Nation; I propose therefore addressing the Governor of Negapatam for his protection in the Fort where I shall remain until I may receive your further Orders

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

& Humble Servant

Joseph Revell

Nagore

16th Augt 1770

From Mr Revell denied admittance at Negapatam.

To Joseph Revell Esqr

at Nagore

Sir

The Council being assembled this day to answer to the requests of the Honble Governor & Select Committee of Fort St George to accept you Sir as Resident at this

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Place for mentioned Government at so found that We cou-
not consent to that intention as being absolute against
the positive Orders of our Superiors who have expressly
defended to accept of any Resident Agent or Consul
or any Person with a publick Character under
on whatever pretation it might be & of what nature soever
at war against, without Orders the Government
of this Place cannot nor may not act
I have the honor to be with all

Esteem

Sir

Your most humble and
Obedient Servant
R. V. Vlytstingeer

Negapatam
15th Augt 1778

A true Copy
J. Powell
Translation

Madraspatnam

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor of Fort St George
on the Coast of Choromandel on
behalf of the Royal English East
India Company & to the rest of the
Gentlemen, Members of the Secret
Consultation there

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Negapatam

We have had the honor to
receive your Honor &c much respected letter under
Date of the 3d Instant
Read by express Orders from

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our Superiors, We may admit no Person of whatever Nation within the Town in Character of Resident Agent or Consul, & on this account We trust that your Honour &c will be pleased to excuse our complying with your Honour &c Request to permit Mr Joseph Revell to reside here as Resident on the Behalf of the English Company.

For the remainder We have the Honour to be with great Esteem

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

R. V. Vlissingen
P. J. Dormieux
J. C. J. Haselman
Ms Koning
L. Mosel
W. Duymevelt
J. Appengh
Ms Sloffenburg

Negapatam
In the Castle
14th
August 16. 1778

(signed)

To the Honble Reinier Van Vlissingen Esqr
Councellor Extraordinary & Director
for Affairs of the Dutch Company
on the Coast of Choromandel & to
the rest of the Council there.

Negapatam

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date

Fort St. George 24th Augt 1770.

I do inform you that I have this day communicated the Contents to the Honble the Governor & Select Committee of Fort St George.

Mr Revell's Correspondence with the Council at Pegapatam

As I am not desirous at this time of returning to Madras I request to know if you will permit me to reside in your Fort as a private Individual.

I have the Honor to be with much respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Nagore
16th Augt 1770

(sign'd) J. Revell

To Joseph Revell Esqr
at
Nagore

Sir

We have received your Letter of Yesterday, but We cannot positively determine ourselves any over desire by abouementioned Letter concerning your dwelling at this Place as a private Person 'till We have an answer from the Government of Madrespatnam on the enclosed Letter which We beg of you to forward Afterwards by the first opportunity so that We shall no long suspend our final answer; — In the mean time We are with Consideration

Sir

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Your affectionate Friends

R. V. Vlissingen
P. I. Dormieux
J. G. E. Haseloman
Mr. Koning
Jr. Mosel
W. Dunnevelt
I. D. Sibmons
I. Myngh
Mr. Stoffenburg

(signd)

Negapatam
in the Fort
17th Augt 1770

A true Copy
D. Revell

Minute of the foregoing Letters

The Committee cannot avoid expressing their surprize at the Conduct of the Governor & Council of Negapatam in refusing to admit Mr. Revell in quality of Resident This Proceeding is so unfriendly that the Committee think it their duty to remonstrate against it to the Government of Batavia & to mention it particularly in their next advice to the Company. In the mean time it is directed that Mr. Revell be directed to remain at Negapatam if possible in a private Character & endeavour so far as that will permit to fulfill the duties expected from him.

The President lays before the Committee the following Papers of Private Signals which he has received from the Commodore.

Private signals for English Ships

Private Signals to be observed between the Ships of his Majesty under the Command of Sir Edward Vernon, & those

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of the East India Company employed on any Service to the Southward of Madras 17th Augt 1778

By day

The Ship to Windward shall hoist an English Red Ensign on the Flag Staff at the fore top Gallant mast head, and the Ship to Leeward shall answer by hoisting an English red Ensign on the Flagg Staff at the main top Gallant mast head; Then the Ship to Windward shall haul down the Ensign from her fore top gallant mast head & fire two Guns to Leeward, & the Ship to Leeward shall answer by hauling down the Ensign from her Main top Gallant mast head and firing three Guns to Leeward. The Guns to be fired a small space of time asunder

By night

The Ship to Windward shall shew two Lights of equal heights in the Shrouds, & the Ship to Leeward shall answer by shewing three Lights one above another on the Main Shrouds; Then the Ship to Windward shall burn two false fires, & the Ship to Leeward shall answer by burning one false fire.

Forthin Hail

The Ship who hails first shall ask, What Ships that, The other shall answer King George Then the Ship who hailed first reply, a Good Britain, and the other shall answer & Amen God preserve.

Read the following Letter from

25/ Fort St George 24th Augt 1778.

Sir Edward Vernon

Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President &c Council of

Fort St George

Gentlemen

I am this moment honord with your Letter of the 15th, and much obliged to you for the honor you are pleasd to pay the Officers & Seamen of the Squadron under my Command, in whom I can affirm, not personal bravery or Courage has been wanting as Britons; I did not mention the killed & wounded as I wrote in a hurry & not so circumspectly, wishing to get under Sail at that time. Your Resident here will inform you of the progress of the St Helena; I have only to say the names & Current detaining Us here have been a great protection to her, as there were three Sail (I apprehend) chasing the Indiaman Thursday; The two Frigates that spoke them are now to Leeward, I have received no particular account thereof, I must mention one Ship I had before received your Orders for detaining them as the French Squadron are undoubtedly superior to ours. — Be assured Gentlemen, nothing shall be wanting in my power to protect the Company's Possessions here, & promote the Honor of the British Flag & I embrace the Favor you will be pleased to forward the enclosed by first =

From Sir Ed.
Vernon

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opportunity that may offer I have the honor
to be with much respect
Repton offdrs Gentlemen
16th Augt 1778 Your most Obedt Hble Servant
Killd in the action 111 E. Vernon
Wounded 53

Read the following letter from
Mr Proctor

To Mr Charles Oakeley
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From Mr Proctor applying for Capt Woods arrears

Captain Rodd having directed his Attornies here to apply for his Pay and Off-
reckonings as Captain also for the Pay & allowance
annexed to the Office of Town Major of this Garrison
from the time that he had Leave for the same, I
request you will lay this Letter before the Hon.ble
the President & Council that they may make such
Orders thereon as shall appear to them expedient

I am

Sir

Fort St George
19th August 1778

Your most Obedt Servant
G. Proctor

one of the Attys of Capt Wood

Minute thereon

It appearing from the Records
that Capt Wood was deprived of the Office of
Town Major at the time the late Lord Pigot was
put in Arrest & Confinement, that another Person
was appointed in his room & that Capt Wood soon
after his return with dispatches from Lord Pigot

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He has remained in England ever since, the Committee cannot under these Circumstances permit him to draw Pay or allowances of any kind from the Company

The Secretary is desired to acquaint Mr. Proctor with this Resolution.

Mr. William Petrie having sent to Tanjore in February last with the Company's Letter for the Rajah which came out in the Besborough, & having remained there in a public Character some Months to negociate the Business of the Grant lately obtained from the Rajah and other things occasionally entrusted to him without receiving any allowances, altho' he must have disbursed a considerable Sum for his Journey & expences while at Tanjore, it is now resolved that 500 Pags pr month be allowed him from the day of his appointment to proceed to Tanjore until the day he left that Place in consequence of his appointment to the Residency of Nagore he be allowed the same as other Chiefs of Subordinacies which is 100 Pags pr month

Mr Petrie allowances as Resident settled

Thos. Saunders
John Whitehill

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Dispatches the following Letter
per Ganjam

To Mr. Morgan Williams
Chief & Council &c

Gentlemen Ganjam

We have received your several
Letters, In that of the 25th Ultimo you acquaint us
Letter to Ganjam. that you had judged it proper to begin upon such
Works as appeared immediately necessary to put your
Fortifications in a state of security. This should
not have been done without our Orders, as we do
not at present apprehend the smallest danger that
can arise to your Settlement, & as there is an absolute
occasion for every possible saving that can be made,
We desire you will immediately put a Stop to
your Works & that you will incur no further
expence of this Kind without a representation first
made, & our Orders obtained for that purpose.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends
& Servts
T. Rumbold

Fort St George
25th Augt 1770

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from Sir Edward Vernon

4 Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President & Council of
Fort St George

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Gentlemen

Having this day taken & sent
to Madras the Sartine, French Ship, I am to desire
you will be pleased immediately to order a suffi-
cient number of Lascars to be sent on board her,
as also on board the Ship taken & sent in the 25th
Instant, to take care of them under the direction of
the Prize Master. Having ordered Capt.n Brown of
the Cormorant Sloop to take all the Seamen belong-
ing to the Squadron out of them & immediately pro-
ceed to rejoin me.

I have the honor to be with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t
Humble Servant
E. Vernon

From Sir Ed.d Vernon

Skipton at Sea
25th Aug.t 1770

In reply to the foregoing the
following letter was written

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 25th Instant & beg to owe
to congratulate you upon the Capture of the
Sartine which is just arrived with the Cormorant
Sloop. This event together with the safe arrival
of the Company's Ships Nassau, Godfrey & Shrewsbury

To Sir Ed.d Vernon

256 Fort St George 2 August 1778

are very agreable to us & manifest the Judicious Disposition you have made of his Majestys Ships.

We have requested Captain Amon to take the St Helena Storeship under Convoy of the Cormorant. We hope she will join the Squadron, & in that case are request you will send her to some place of Safety as near to Pondichery as possible, it being of great consequence that She should Land her Stores with the utmost expedition.

We have advice from Bengal that the two Ships ordered are destined to join you more to sail every Monthly & that they had Dispatches on their Commanders

We hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing of your arrival off Pondichery, that so you may be able effectually to prevent any Succours being Thrown into the Town.

We have certain advice that the Elizabeth a French Ship, was to leave the Islands for Pondichery three days after Amiable Dranville.

Some of the Indiamen just arrived here brought Marine Stores for the Squadron which we shall Land here & wait your Orders

We have the Honour to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

Fort St George
27th August 1778

Sol Rumbold

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Received the following Letter from

Captain Owen of the Cormorant Sloop of War

To

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

Gov. & &c. &c.

Sir

I am very sorry & anxious for my

staying upon you this Forenoon, I neglected bringing

Sir Edward Vernon's Order ashore with me which

From Captain Owen mentions explicitly "that on my arrival here upon the Governor & Council's sending on board the Santone & L'Aimable Nannette Prizes, a sufficient number of Lascars to take care of them under the direction of the Prize Masters, to take on board the English Seamen belonging to the Squadron & join him off Sadras or Cuddalore". I beg leave to acquaint you Sir & the Gentlemen of the Council, that in compliance with your requisition of this days date I am ready to proceed immediately with the Ships, upon your sending proper hands on board or giving a certain assurance of their being sent time enough to prevent any risk or disaster happening to the said Prizes to the Prejudice of the Captors, or the Combined Service & interest of the King & Company.

I have the Honor to be with all possible respect

Sir

Your Obedient & faithfull

Devoted Servant

William Owen

Cormorant.

in Madras Road

2d of Augt 1770

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Wrote the following Letters

To William Owen Esqr.

Commander of his Majtys

Ship Coromandel

Sir

The St Helena Storeship having

got on board a quantity of Stores for the Army & for
To Capt. Owen

Pondicherry & as it is of the greatest consequence that
she should proceed in safety, We request you will
take Lieutenant Conway of his Majtys Ship
Coromandel, that so she may join the Squadron
if it be on this side of Pondicherry, or otherwise
we wish you to conduct her to some place of
safety as near to Pondicherry as you can where
she may land her Stores, for the Army. Should
you apprehend any danger to her from the
French Ships one the Coast, We recommend
it to you to stand her into the Port of Tadrow
to wait our further Orders.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

To Rumbold for Coll.

To Captain Campbell

of the St Helena Frigate.

Sir

You are directed to desire that on

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To Captain Campbell.

receipt hereof you will put yourself under the Orders of Captain Orson of the Cormorant Sloop of War who will convoy your Ships as near to Pondichery as he may think prudent & necessary for the expeditious conveyance of the Stores to the Army if he carry you beyond Sadras, you must on your Arrival off that Port send information ashore to Mr Hague the Deputy Master Attendant and acquaint him to what place he is to conduct the Masoola Boats &c for Landing the Stores, but should you by any accident not keep Company with him, you are then to make the best of your way to Sadras observing the precautions recommended in the Instructions given you at the time you were last Dispatched.

Enclosed is a Paper containing the Signals established by Sir Edward Vernon for our Ships going to the Southward, should your Ship be in danger this paper must be destroyed.

Signals

If you join the Squadron before this place & Pondichery, you are to follow such directions as Sir Edward Vernon may think proper to give you touching the Service on which you are sent.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Chas Oakeley

Secry

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Received the following Letter

Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President &c Council
of Fort St George

Gentlemen

I wrote you yesterday by the
Santine, since which I spoke the Godfrey Indiaman
Ship, whom I would gladly have detained, but
looking into your Order, I found it confined to the
Nassau, Vrouwe Stewart, & Shrewsbury only, as I
am fully informed a reinforcement may be given
to the French at Pondicherry by Frigates &
Ships of Force daily expected from the Islands,
should we be drawn off our Station by accident
as at present, for taking of the outward comp.
to break their Main force the fairest opportunity
in order to have a superiority on these Seas, I
will be necessary, for such Purpose to have,
if possible, a Superior Force, I should therefore
be glad you would please to order one or two
of the Company's East-Ships well manned
& equipped to join me as soon as may be
with the Cormorant, with Fourteen to
reinforce the Ships of the Squadron, the
Bedford & Valankine, being ill manned
for want of Stock, not capable to act as
Ships of their Force might otherwise do. As
As to a rendezvous it is impossible for me to
ascertain more than I have already written

From Sir Edwd Vernon

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off Cuddalore, if I can preserve my Station, or if drove to the Northward in Chase of the Enemy from off Sadras

Captain Brown of the Coromandel whom I have directed to join me with the utmost dispatch, has a private Signal for knowing each other, as it may prove of the most dangerous consequence a Stumpting to remain on the Coast longer than the Latter end of next Month, you may expect the return of your Ships by that time when I must begin the Squadron under my Command, for Trincomalee against the Monsoon

I have the honor to be with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Rippon off Sadras
29th August 1770

E. Vernon

Wrote the following Letters

To Captain Arthur Gore
of the Ship
Vansan

Sir

Having Yesterday sent you directions to get your Ship in readiness to join the Squadron, We now desire that you will immediately put yourself under the Orders of Captain Brown of the Coromandel Ship of War, until you join the Squadron when you are to obey such Orders & Instructions as may be

To Captain Gore

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given you By Sir Edward Vernon

Enclosed is a Copy of private

Signals established By Sir Edward for the Comm.

Company's Ships, which you must be careful to

destroy in case of danger

I Am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George

28th Augt 1776

Jn Reynbold for Cont.

The name to Captain Sommer of the

Southampton.

To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander in

Chief of his Majestys Ships in

India

Sir

Since my last I have had the honour to

To Sir E. Vernon

receive yours of the 26th Instant requesting that

one/ more or less of the Company's best Ships might be

manned & equipped may be ordered to join

you as soon as possible

Your attention to this request

will best appear By the Orders we have given

to the Commanders of the Nassau & Southamp-

ton, who are already prepared to accompany

the Commodore, they have received instructions

to put themselves under Captain Timms Orders

untill they join the Squadron whom they must

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follow such Directions as they may receive from you, & we have furnish'd each of them with a copy of the private Signals which you enclos'd to our President.

All the Lascars we have are gone to Camp, & we are much at a loss for Men to send on Board the two Prizes, however we have assur'd Captain Amon that we will use our utmost endeavours to procure a sufficient Number to take care of them for the present

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

T.s Rumbold & Coun.e

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To William Amon Esqr.

Commander of the Cormorant
Sloop of War

Sir

Sir Edward Vernon having requested that two of the Company's Ships may be sent with the Cormorant to join the Squadron, We have appointed the Southampton & Drayton for that Service & directed their Commanders to put themselves under your Orders untill they join Sir Edward Vernon. They are ready to sail at a Moments warning.

We are

Sir

To Captain Amon

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Your most Obedt
Humble Servants
T Rumbold &c Cont.

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At a Select Committee present

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
President

Monday
31st Augt

John Whitehill
Mr Smith indisposed

Minutes of last Committee red
& approved.

Read the following Letters

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold
President for Select Committee
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Petrie

I beg leave to acquaint you that I have received several applications from Mrs Cockrane & others representing the great loss they sustain by my detention of their Dean Boats frequenting that they may be permitted to proceed to Madras & other places on the Coast, Pondicherry excepted as usual. Although I am sensible of the loss & detriment to Individuals, nevertheless without further Orders from you, I must continue to adhere to the instructions which you honord me with in your Letter of the 2d Instant more especially as the uncertainty I am in with respect

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to the situation of the two Squadrons at present would by no means warrant such a deviation from their instructions. I have the honor to be, with much respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Wm Petrie

Carrical
21th Augt 1778

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying copy of a Letter to Mr Petrie & his answer, will sufficiently explain to your Honor &c the nature of my present situation, I shall not therefore take up your time by enlarging further on the subject, & have only to add that as Mr Petrie informs me, he has no authority to take off the Embargo which he has laid on all Grain Boats, I flatter myself your Honor &c will grant me the reasons which the Circumstances of the Case entitle me to.

I beg leave to inform your Honor &c that since the receipt of your Secretary's letter, calling me to the Presidency, I have been constantly employed in exerting my utmost endeavours to procure & ship off the Grain, for which for which I am under engagements to the Honble

From Mr Cockrane

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Company, & that I am ready to execute any further
Commands, which you may be pleased to honor
me with.

I have the honor to be with the
highest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Carricat
24th Augt 1778 B. Cockrane

To William Petrie Esqr.
Resident at Carricat
on the part of the Honble Company
Sir

Letter to Mr
Petrie from
Mr Cockrane

It is now a fortnight since my
Vessels have been detained at Pongoy, in consequence
of your Orders to stop all Paddy Boats proceeding
to the Ironthward. This inconvenient I chearfully
put up with in hopes that Sir Edward Vernon
would soon become Master of those Seas, when I
might transport my Grain with safety to Madras.
By the accounts received this day from Cuddalore
I understand that Sir Edward Vernon was in
chace of the French Fleet which sailed from
Pondicherry the 21st for the Eastward. This I think
is the only Fair opportunity I can have to
forward the remaining 240 Garce of Paddy
which I am obliged to deliver at Madras by the
31st Instant agreable to the terms of my Engage-
ment with the Honble Board, I am therefore

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earnestly to request that you will be pleased to allow the Vessels I have secured for this some time past at a considerable expence to proceed to Tremalaiwark to receive the Grain I have provided there, as likewise to suffer any Paddy at Nagore to be shipped off not only the 240 Garce I am obliged to deliver at Madras for the use of the Honble Company's Granaries but also 250 Garce more that I have provided on my own private account, which if I am prevented from forwarding to Madras during the Southerly winds I shall sustain a considerable loss owing to the high rate I paid & the unexpected fall in the price in consequence of the present troubles.

If you cannot take upon you to allow me to transport the Grain for the Honble Company's Stores, as likewise my own private Paddy, you will be pleased to represent to the Honble Board my present distressed situation. And as the Grain is now ready at Nagore and Tremalaiwark & Vessels provided, that they will give Orders for its being shipped off. & if they cannot from Political reasons suffer so large a quantity to pass by Pondicherry for fear of its being seiz'd upon by the French, In case that they will be pleased to order such People as they think proper to appoint to receive the Grain at the different Ports & this may perhaps answer the purpose of the Honble Board in forming Magazines, either for the use of the Fleet or Army you will excuse my suggesting this idea, but my

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anxiety for the publick Welfare leads me to it, likewise to save myself from ruin, for if I am not suffered to export my own private Grain it will remain a drug on my hands & shall not be able to dispose of it, without a considerable Loss, which my Circumstances cannot admit of, after having been Nine Years in the Service, & never yet on Joy'd a place sufficient to defray the expence of my Servants

Your immediate answer to this will oblige

Sir

Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
(signd) B. Cockrane

Karrical
Augt 23. 1770

A true Copy

The Honble Basil Cockrane

Sir

I have received your Letter, & although I am very sensible of the justness of Your representations & of the very heavy losses which you are likely to sustain on your Grain Condemn'd, yet as I do not conceive that I am empowered for the present to dispence with the Orders of the Brenduns & Select Committee regarding the detention of the Boats or Vessels with Grain from the Southward, all that I can do, is to desire the instructions of the said Committee on this Subject, which I shall do by the very first opportunity.

From Mr Petrie

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Sam

Sir

Your most Obedt

Humble Servant

Carrical (signd) W. Debrie

24th Augt 1778

A true Copy

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

As Attorney for the Honble

Fem Mr. Roebuck on Proposals for Grain

Basil Cockrane, I beg leave to acquaint your Honor &c. that he has empowered me to make an offer to the Honble Company of all the Grain which he has remaining in hand not exceeding 350 Candies Garce, at the rate as the Grain already contracted for - viz. 29 Star Pagodas a Garce being 23 p Cent cheaper than the last Contract made with Mr. Desoura, & that he is ready immediately to deliver the same at Madras or elsewhere on the Coast at that rate.

Mr. Cockrane has sustained a very considerable Loss upon the whole arising from various unlooked for difficulties in the Tanjore Country, as well as from the risk & detention of his Property occasioned by the present Troubles. But he will trust to the equity of the Honble President &c. to be properly considered on that account after he has fulfilled the whole of his Engagements to the publick.

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I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Fort St George
30th August 1770

humble Servant
B Roebuck

Mr Roebuck

Mty for the Honble Bard Cockrane

The Committee are of Opinion

Minute

that private Merchants may be permitted to export their Grain from Karrical, Negore &c. to Madras & other Places, Pondichery excepted, at the same time as the risk is great from the probability of the French Ships being still on the Coast to the Southward, Mr Petrie must be desired to mention this Circumstance to them & to advise them if they send their Grain Boats this way, to keep them off Shore when they come within sight of Pondichery & until they are clear of it.

In regard to the proposals made by Mr Roebuck on behalf of Mr Cockrane the Committee are of opinion that they are exceedingly reasonable, & should be accepted, particularly as it appears probable by the following Extract of a Letter from General Munro to the President that there may be a scarcity of Grain for the Army if some Magazine be not formed to supply it

Proposals accepted

Extract

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Extract of a letter from General Munro to the President

Nineth Canon I find every one
ling to do what he can to get a Magazine of
Grain but tho' he has promised from day to
day for a fortnight past to get one established
at Vellore he has not been able to do it & what alarms
me much is that Yesterday rice sold at 4 Seers
only for 2 single Fanams instead of four & an half
Seers as usual, & upon enquiring into the cause.
The Bazar Merchants say it is owing to the
price being raised upon them in the Country
I think it would be proper to secure some Grain
at Tanjore for fear of accidents & some time
the Nabob needs not know that this precaution
is taken, the Bazar being provided by him
& his People, He has it in his power to starve
our Army for want of Provisions whenever he
pleases.

Agreed to inform General
Munro that We have accepted Mr. Cockrans
offer of 350 Garce of Paddy, & request he will
enquire from the Chief of Cuddalore what
part of it can be lodged there or any other
place near the Army that we may give di-
rections for the Disposal of it accordingly.

The Consumption of Grain
for so large a Body of Men as is now before
Pondicherry will require all our Efforts to
procure the necessary supplies for which We
cannot depend entirely on the Nabob. Resolved

Mr Cochrane appointed to collect Grain

Therefore that Mr Cochrane who is now in the Tanjore Country be appointed to collect or purchase there such Grain as may be wanted for the Army & that for his trouble he be permitted to draw the same allowances that he lately had at Coimmatoor & Dindigul

Read the following Letter from Major Burghall

To the Honble the Select Committee for affairs of Fort St George

Gentlemen

From Major Burghall

Having received many particular Letters by the Last Ships respecting my Family affairs, I desired General Munro's Permission to come down to consult Lee thereupon; & now finding it our first great & indispensable duty, propose removing with my Family by the first Neutral Ship to Europe.

The severe disappointments & heavy expences that I had incurred during these last two Years that I invested here, had determined me to retire, & we had actually taken Passage on the Lascom before the report of Our Rear had reached Madras. — From this I was in a great degree deterred by the indifferent & uncertain state of Major Stevens's health at that Juncture, & I thought it unnecessary to

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If at his desire did set off for the Army the 3 Inst
On the 17th following Major
Stevens arrived & has been joined by 3 Sub. Direc-
tors & other Officers of the Corps & according to
the priority of his Commission as Major & Direc
tor of Engineers has taken direction of the
operations for this Seige.

As two cannot direct in a
business of this kind, I am happy to congratu-
late you & myself in being relieved by so
steady & able a Man, as it now affords me
that opportunity so essential to the Welfare
of my Family the taking them under my
own Care.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Geo. Burgshall
Major & Director of Engineers

Dated at Camp
24th Augt 1770. & shewn to
the General for his leave to present it.

Major Burgshall in consequence
of the above application is permitted to resign the
Service & go home agreeably to his Desire.
Read the following Letter
from Bengal.

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

Gentlemen
We propose to dispatch the

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From Bengal

Eagle Packet on a very few days for England I as am con-
vinced that you will have advices of importance to
transmit to the Hble the Court of Directors I do
shall Order Captain Maxwell to touch at Fort
St George, but me request your Dispatches may
be held as nearly in readiness as possible to prevent
his being detained for them more than 24 hours.

I Am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
W. Hastings
R. Barwell
P. Francis
E. Wheler

Fort William
10th Augt 1778

The Company's Ships Rodney
& Southampton having been ordered to join the
Squadron in consequence of Sir Edward Vernons
letter of the 26th Instant; The Commanders of those
Ships respectively before their Departure delivered in
the following Protests.

The Honble The President and
Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of your Order
of the 27th Instant I have got the Ships unmoored
& ready for proceeding to the Leward under the Com-
mand of his Majesty's Sloop Commanded Captain
Brown to join the Squadron under Sir Edd Vernon

Protests of
Capt Lennox
& Gore

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With submission I have beg leave to represent to your Honors that this Cruize may be attended with very unfortunate consequences to me & with regard to the sale of my Investment & 2dly The probability of losing my Turn home from Bengal.

I have therefore to request that your Honors will be pleased to consider this, that I may be no loser by the first & that my Turn home may be assured me according to the Ships arrival here, that your Honors will Exercise such good as use your best endeavours with the Governor & Presidency of Bengal to the above Effect

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most humble Servant

Fort St George

28th Augt 1770

John Lennox

On this Day being Friday the twenty first of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight; Before me Charles Bromley Notary Publick dwelling & practising at Fort St George in the East Indies by lawfull authority duly admitted & sworn came John Lennox of the Ship Southampton Commander now at an anchor in the road of Madras & in the Service of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies & Declared that having been dispatched from England bound on a voyage to Madras and

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Bengal by the Honble the Court of Directors that
he the said Declarant with the said Ship Southamp-
ton under his Command did on the 11th day of this
Instant August arrive at this said Port of Fort Wm
without any accident or apparent Damage to the
said Ship or her Cargoe or whose Arrival the
said Declarant says he did on writing give
notice to the Honble the President & Council
of Fort St George soon after he the said Decla-
rant did receive an Order in writing under the
hand of Mr Duncan Baine the Sub Secretary
to the said Honble the President & his Council
therein directing & Commanding the said De-
clarant to hold himself & the Ship Southamp-
ton in readiness to join the Squadron under
the Command of Commodore Sir Edward Vernon
then & now at Sea for the purpose of engaging
the French Squadron lying in & about the said
of Pondicherry. The said Declarant further says
that in compliance of such Orders & directions &
the said Honble the President & Council he
immediately set about the preparing of his said
Ship the Southampton & having this day received
further Orders & directions of the said Honble the
President & Council to hold the said Ship in readi-
ness to sail to morrow Evening in order to join the
said Squadron of the said Commodore Sir Edward
Vernon, But as the said Declarant says that he is
apprehensive from the Deviation that of course will
arise by an obedience to the aforementioned Orders and

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Directions of the said President & Council some Loss
or damage may happen both to the said Ship South-
ampton & her Cargoe by the additional risks arising
from such hostilities as must unavoidably be expected
from a War with France & by the said Ship act-
ing in conformity & Obedience to the Orders of the
said Commodore Sir Edward Vernon, & Lord whereas
the said Ship Southampton by such her deviation
from the Voyage Originally intended may be out at
Sea longer than She otherwise would have been
& thereby loose her Voyage in this Season to Calcutta
the said Declarant says that on account of him-
self & the Ships Owners & others concernd in the
Southampton & her Cargoe he does Protest against
the said Honble the United Company of Merchants
of England trading to the East Indies for all and
every such Loss & Damage that the said Ship
Southampton & her Cargoe shall or may sustain
by reason & means of any Capture or detention
on the part of the French or for all & every such
damage & Damages that the said Ship & her Cargoe
may sustain from such hostilities as may be com-
mitted or done on the part of the French & also for
such Loss & Damage as the said Owners & concernd in
the said Ship shall suffer sustain or be put unto in
the Loss of time that there may be arising from the
said Declarants Deviation in obedience to the said
Orders of the said Honble the President & Council
of Fort St George. Wherefore I the aforesaid
Notary at the request of the said Declarant the said

27th Fort St George 31st Augt 1778.

John Lennox Have Protested & by these Presents
Do Protest against the said Honble the United
Company of Merchants of England trading to the
East Indies for all & every such Loss & Damage as
shall or may happen to the said Ship Southampton
& her Cargoe by the said Declarants acting in obedience
to the Orders of their said President & Council of
Fort St George as before expressed. Thus done &
Protested in Fort St George the day & year first
above mentioned.

John Lennox

Charles Bromley
Dt. Pubt.

On this Day being
Friday the twenty first of August in the
Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred &
Seventy eight before me Charles Bromley Notary
Publick Dwelling & practising at Fort St George
in the East Indies by Lawful authority duly
admitted & sworn came John Lennox of the Ship
Southampton Commander now at an anchor in
the road of Madras & in the Service of the
Honble the United Company of Merchants of England
trading to the East Indies & Declared that having been
dispatched from England bound on a Voyage to
Madras & Bengal by the Honble the Court of Di-
rectors, that he the said Declarant with the said
Ship Southampton under his Command did on
the 16th day of this Instant August arrive at this

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Port of Madras without any accident or apparent
Damage to the said Ship or her Cargoe on whose
Arrival the said Declarant says he did in writing
give notice to the Honble the President & Council of
Fort St George & soon after he the said Declarant
did receive and address in writing under the hand
of Mr Duncan Baine the Sub Secretary to the said
Honble the President & his Council therein directing
& Commanding the said Declarant to hold himself
& the said Ship Southampton in readiness to join
the Squadron under the Command of Commodore
Sir Edward Vernon then & now at Sea for the pur-
pose of engaging the French Squadron lying in
& about the road of Pondichery & other such Servi-
ces as might be found necessary; The said De-
clarant further says that in compliance to such
Orders & directions of the said Honble the President
& Council he immediately set about the preparing
of his said Ship the Southampton & having this
day received further Orders & Directions from the
said Honble the President & Council to hold the said
Ship in readiness to sail to morrow Evening in
order to join the said Squadron of the said Commo-
dore Sir Edward Vernon But as the said Declarant
says that he is apprehensive from the Deviation
that of course will arise by an obedience to the
aforementioned Orders & Directions of the said
President & Council some Loss & Damage may
happen to the said Ship Southampton & her Cargoe
by the additional risk arising from such hostilities

as must naturally be expected from an engage-
ment with the said French Squadron & from other
causes by the Ship acting in conformity to obe-
dience to the Orders of the said Commodore Sir
Edward Vernon. And Whereas the said Decla-
rant says that both himself & his Officers be
longing to the aforementioned Ship Southampton
have considerable Goods Wares & Merchandize
on board of the said Ship, & such Goods, wares
& Merchandize are by the Liberty of the Honble
the Court of Directors specially granted from the
said Declarant & his Officers & People. And
Whereas the said Declarant is apprehensive
both for himself his Officers & People that tho'
they shall bear the whole of the risk of the
property of the underwriters Respondentia Lenders
& others concerned may refuse to make good any
loss or Damage that he the said Declarant his
Officers & People may suffer or sustain by reve-
sion of the Deviation so occasioned as aforemen-
tioned & also of the additional risks in the sub-
sequent part of the said Ship's Voyage to her
arrival in England, due of which may re-
main for any thing the Declarant knows to
the contrary all the risk of him the said De-
clarant his Officers & People

Wherefore I the aforesaid
Notary at the request of the said Declarant such
only for himself but on account of all & every
his Officers & People have protested & by these

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Presents D.C Protest against the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies for all & every such Loss & Damage as shall or may happen to the Goods, Wares & Merchandize belonging to the concerned, as also for all & every the subsequent Risks occasioned by the said Declarants acting in obedience to the Orders of the said Honble the President & Council of Fort St. George as before expressd & set forth Thus done & Protested in Fort St. George the Day & Year first abovementioned

John Lennox

Charles Bromley

Not. Pubr.

On this Day being Friday the 28th Instant, came the abovesaid Declarant & says that Yesterday Evening he received Orders in writing from the aboveSaid Honble the President & Council of Fort St. George to depart as this morning with the abovemen-tion'd Ship Southampton under his Command in Company with his Majestys Ship Tornorant to join the Squadron of Sir Edwd Vernon against which risk as also the delay occasioned thereby the abovesaid Protest is meant & intended to be made in due Form against all & every such Risks & delays that the said Ship Southampton shall or may suffer or sustain by reason & means of the premises recited in the above protest As Witness my hand in Fort St. George

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the day & year last mentioned

John Lennox

Charles Bromley

Pub. Pubbl.

On this Day being Friday the 28th of August in the year of our Lord 1778, Before me Charles Bromley Notary Publick mettling & practising at Fort St George in the East Indies by lawfull authority duly admitted & sworn, came Arthur Gore of the Ship Nassau Commander now at an Anchor in the Road of Madras & in the Service of the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies & Declared that having been dispatched from England bound on a voyage to Madras & Bengal by the Honble the Court of Directors, that he the said Declarant with the said Ship Nassau under his Command did on the twenty sixth day of this Instant Augt arrive at this said Port of Madras without any accident or apparent damage to the said Ship or her Cargoe, on whose arrival the said Declarant says he did in writing give notice to the Honble the President & Council

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This said Declarant do hereby Certify & the said Ship Nassau is in readiness & then Steering to proceed with the Commodore Sloop of War to join the Squadron under the Command of Commodore Sir Edward Vernon then & now at Sea for the purposes of Engageing the French Squadron & other Services under the direction of the said Commodore Sir Edward Vernon, The said Declarant further says that in compliance to such Orders & directions of the said Honble the President and Council he hath the said Ship Nassau in readiness as far as in him the said Declarant lays, in order to join the Squadron of the said Commodore Sir Edward Vernon, But as the said Declarant says that he is apprehensive from the Devia-tion that of Course will arise by an obedience to the aforementioned Orders & Directions of the said President & Council, some loss or Damage may happen to the said Ships Nassau & her Cargoe by the additional risk arising from such Hostilities & other Causes as must naturally be expected from a War with France & by the said Ships acting in conformity & obedience to the Orders of the said Commodore Sir Edward Vernon and therefore the said Ships Nassau by

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Owners &c others concern'd in the Ship Neptune &
her Cargoe he does Protest against the said
Honble the United Company of Merchants of England
trading to the East Indies for all & every such Loss
& damage that the said Ship Neptune & her Cargoe
shall or may sustain by reason & means of any
Capture or Detention on the part of the French
as for all & every such Loss & Damages that the
said Ship & her Cargoe may sustain from such
hostilities as may be committed or done on
the part of the French, & also for such Loss
& damage as the said Owners & concerns in the
said Ship shall suffer sustain or be put unto
in the Loss of time that there may be arising
from the said Declarants Deviation in obedience
to the said Orders of the said Honble the President
& Council of Fort St George.

Wherefore I the aforesaid
Notary at the request of the said Declarant the said
Arthur Gore Have Protested & by these Presents
Do Protest against the said Honble the
United Company of Merchants of England trading
to the East Indies for all & every such loss & damage
as shall or may happen to the said Ship Neptune
& her Cargoe by the said Declarants acting in
obedience to the Orders of their said President &
Council of Fort St George as before expressed Thus
Done & Protested in Fort St George the day & year first
above mentioned.

Arthur Gore

Chas Bromley

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On this Day being Friday the 28th of August in the year of our Lord 1758 before me Charles Bromley Notary Publick Dwelling & practising at Fort St. George in the East Indies by lawfull authority duly admitted & Sworn came Arthur Gore of the Ship Prosper Commander now at an Anchor in the road of Madras in the Service of the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies and Declared that having been dispatched from England bound on a Voyage to Madras and Bengall by the Honble the Court of Directors that he the said Declarant with the said Ship Prosper under his Command did on the 26th day of this Instant August arrive at this Port of Madras without any accident or apparent Damage to the said Ship or her Cargoe, on whose arrival the said Declarant says he did immediately give notice to the Honble the President and Council of Fort St. George, Soon after he the said Declarant did receive an Order in writing bearing date the 27th Instant under the hand of Mr. Charles Oakeley the Secretary to the said Honble the President & his Council thereon directing this said Declarant to hold himself & the said Ship Prosper in readiness as this morning to proceed with the Commodore Ships of War to join the Squadron under the Command of Commodore Sir Edward Vernon

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their Joyning at Sea for the purposes of engaging the French Squadron & other Services under the directions of the said Commodore Sir Edward Vernon, the said Declarant further says that in compliance to such Orders and Directions of the said Honble the President & Council he holds the said Ship Nassau in readiness to join the said Squadron of the said Commodore Sir Edward Vernon, But as the said Declarant says that he is appre-hensive from the Detention that of course will arise by an obedience to the aforementioned Orders & Directions of the said President and Council some loss & damage may happen to the said Ship Nassau & her Cargoe by the additional risk arising from such hostilities as must naturally be expected from any Engagement with the said French Squadron or any of their Ship or Ships or other Vessell or Vessells of the said French Nation employed & by the said Ship acting in conformity & obedience to the Orders of the said Commodore Sir Edward Vernon, and Whereas the said Declarant says that both himself & his Officers belonging to the aforementioned Ship Nassau have considerable goods, wares & Merchandize on board of the said Ship & which cannot all be landed & secured within the time prescribed for the said Ship's continuance in the road of Madras

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Wares & Merchandize are by the Liberty of the Honble the Court of Directors specially grant-, ted to him the said Declarant & his Officers & People. And whereas the said Declarant is apprehensive both for himself his Officers & People that he & they shall bear the whole of the risk of the property that may remain on board of the said Ship Rapaw & that the Underwriters, Respondentia Lenders & others concernd may refuse to make good any loss or Damage that he the said Declarant his Officers & People may suffer or sustain by reason of the Detention so occasiond as afore-, mentiond & also of the attendant risks in the subsequent part of the said Ships voyage to her arrival in England; All of which may remain for any thing the Declarant Knows to the contrary at the risk of him the said Declarant his Officers & People.

Wherefore I the aforesaid Notary at the request of the said Declarant not only for himself but on account of all & every his Officers & People belonging to the said Ship Rapaw, Have Protested & by these Presents Do Protest against the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies for all & every such Loss & Damage as shall or may happen to the Goods, Wares & Merchandize belonging to all & every the concernd both on

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Board of the said Ship Nassau for on shore as
also for all & every the Subsequent risks occasioned
by the said Declarants acting in obedience to
the Orders of the said Hornby the President &
Council of Fort St George as before expressed
Set forth This Done & Protested in
Fort St George the day & Year first abovementioned

Arthur Gore

Charles Bromley

Notary Publr

Agreed that the Honble
Court be advised of the above Protests & as
the Committee think it every reasonable
that the Commanders of the Nassau &
Southampton should have every indulgence
shown them in respect to the time of their
Dispatch from India, it is Resolved that
their Case be particularly recommended
to the Governor General of Bengal.

Read the following Letter
from General Munro.

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The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
Governor & President &c &c
Select Committee

Madras

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received your Letter of the
24th August. If the Bengal Cannon, is not
used for Tents, I am informed the Cost of the

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from Genl Munro

That opinion in this Country is made to the Northward, which information I have from Officers who have served long in this Country, & who say the Tents in the Northern Circars are much better than any they have seen to the Southward.

Major Berry hall left this before your letter arrived; for Madras, I hope his being there will be sufficient: if not you will please to inform me.

I have this night wrote to the Governor; wherein I have mentioned some Circumstances as he will communicate to you, I shall not trouble you with a Repetition of them here.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servant

H. Munro

Camp near Pondicherry August 27th 1778

Ordered that the Tents be made up of the best Country Cloth that can be procured.

Letter from Captain Barclay ab Anjole read as follows.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c

Select Committee

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Honble Sirs & Sirs

One of my Mercorrahs last night brought me a Letter from a Havildar of my Battalion at home I keep at Adoni & Honorable That Bazalut Jung has 4700 Cavalry.

From Conjeveram

In Mr Lally's Camp 11 Coss. my Topasses of the very worst cast such as took Cooje &c. 13 Companys of Sepoys only two or three of which are clothed in the Europe fashion 4 Companys of Europeans 100 hundred European Cavalry 25 Black Cavalry 12 Guns & twelve Tumbrils 2 of the Guns are 18 Pounders which are daily carried from the Front of Gunjoor back & are when he was in the Camp. He appears to have few or rather no Officers or such as the Havildar and Dis. tinguish to be so, — The Camp exceeding ly disorderly.

There is no appearance of his immediately taking the field no provision made of draught or Carriage Bullocks, & the Cause assigned is that he will Attack Gunjoor in about two Months — Bazalut Jung has established Topsies between Adoni and Gunjoor every three Cope, which is a new thing, I am with great respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

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Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
T. Barclay
Captain

Ongole
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P.S. I have this moment received a Letter from Major Matthews dated Circurs 25th by a Hircurrah, he says I have received information from Captain Briggs that Lally's Force is stronger than I have represented it, and that he is preparing to march to Gunteor, I have sent Major Matthews a Copy of the Letter I now write to you, my Havildar writes me, the intelligence he sends he has seen with his own eyes & the Hircurrah confirms it, I have information from the Drabobs vonder in the Pallaud to the same purpose, I know he has Spies at Adoni, he promises that Lally shall make no movement but I shall be immediately acquainted I have now a Havildar & one Hircurrah at Adoni, & I shall send one there this Evening; a Company of Lally's Sepoys came into the Gunteor Circar two days since, but I believe for the purpose of collecting his own private Coverns.

Captain Trent with the Detachment is at Arivanmall about 4 Cose from this & will be here this Evening

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Enclosed is a letter Major Mathews desires me to forward to you.

4 o'clock after Noon.

Letter from Colonel Stuart

Fort William read as follows

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr

President & Governor &c.

of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received an order yesterday Morning from General Munro to send the 16 Battn of Sepoys to join the Army near Pondicherry, it will accordingly march from this to morrow Morning, & proceed with all expedition

I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & very Hble Servt

Wm Stuart

Trichinopoly Augt 23d 1778

Read a letter from the Nabob dated the 24th Inst. as entries in Country Correspondence No 146 enclosing an account of Balance of Current Charges due from him, & settling the Rents for those Districts the growing expences to 30th of April next, which he promises to comply with punctually.

From the Nabob settling the Rents for the year

The President on this occasion delivers in the following Minute

After a great deal of trouble, I have had the Nabobs account adjusted to the 30th of April last

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ytt am to pay off the balances due from him to the Company
& make provision for the ypresent & future Current charges
I have received a Letter from him with an account of stated
ypayments, which he agrees to make good, & assures me
he will not be deficient in complying with
I hope the Nabob will keep punctually to
his agreement, but as we have seen so many instances of
his delays & backwardness to part with Money I am of opinion
a Letter should be wrote to him, to acknowledge the receipt of his
favor & to urge him not only to keep faithfull to the promises
he has made, & but to take into Consideration, they heavy addits.
onal expences the Company are now put to, by the present War
as necessary for the security of his Country, & to acquaint him
that we not only depend on his punctuality in complying
with the Engagements he has signed to & Confirmed in his
Letter which I now deliver in) but that he falls on such
means to supply our exigencies for Money that the publick
Service may not suffer, nor be retarded & that it is absolutely
necessary he furnishes us immediately with what he has
agreed to pay to this time, & also the balance due from him
on account of the Engine.

Resolved that a Letter be written to Sir
John Day acquainting him that as in the course of our
Enquiries relative to the late Disputes & troubles in this
Government, no points have occurd in which it appeard
requisite to take his Opinion or advice, & as we do not
see any necessity for his remaining longer here He shall
if he thinks yproper to proceed to Bengal at this time, or-
der him to be provided with accommodation on board one
of the Ships now under Dispatch

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The Garrison Storekeeper having by the
desire of the Committee formed a Calculation of the Prices of
the several Articles of Provisions which appeared
necessary to be laid up in this Garrison in case of a Siege,
the Committee are of opinion that there is no absolute
occasion at present for putting the Company to the
expence of purchasing such a quantity of Articles most
of which would in all probability perish before the
course of a few Months; the principal thing to
guard against is Rice of which a quantity may be laid in
immediately by purchases here upon reasonable terms
this Article therefore the Committee would have pro-
vided for the rest they may be procured gradually
& upon cheaper terms by writing in proper Seasons
to Bengal & other places where they are to be had.

Guns or Stores not to be laid in at present.

Mr Perring appd Presidt of the Comme of Works

Mr Whitehill declining to resign
his Place as Member of the Committee of Works,
Mr Perring is appointed in his Room

Cadets appd

Messrs Barrett & John Deschairs
appointed Cadets on this Establishment

Wm Petrie
John Whitehill

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31st Wrote the following Letters

To Major General Munro

Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast

To Genl Munro Grain to be kept in Store at Cuddalore.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 27th Instant.

Major Burghall, is arrived, and has delivered Us, a Letter desiring leave to go Home, which We have granted, so that We could not employ him, if We were so inclined — We desire therefore that some other fit Person may be sent to Superintend our Fortifications.

Our President has Communicated to Us an Extract of your Letter to him concerning the Propriety of having a Magazine of Grain for the Army, upon which We think it necessary to inform you that We have accepted Proposals from Mr Cochrane in the Tanjore Country to deliver 350 Garce of Paddy to the Company, either here or at any other place on the Coast. If you judge it expedient that any Part of this Grain should be lodged at Cuddalore or any other Places for the Use of the Army, We desire you will acquaint Us what Quantity you

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you would wish to be so lodged, and if you recommend Cuddalore as a proper place, We request you will enquire from the Chief of Cuddalore and let Us know what Quantity of Grain can be received in the Storehouses at that Settlement

We enclose you Copies of some Original Instructions and Papers delivered Us by Mr Delaire the Chief Engineer for Pondicherry, lately taken Prisoner, which may be of some use to you.

The Nabob has sent us his Ships the Success Galley, and We shall put on Board her the remainder of the Stores for the Army and direct her to proceed to the Southward of Allumparvé, there to wait your Orders.

The Northern Detachment will march from hence tomorrow to join the Army and We have added to it upwards of 70 of the Recruits that came out on the first Ships to Field Piece and their Tumbrils will also accompany it.

We are with Esteem,

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servants

Th.s Rumbold, Lt.t Col.l

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To the Honble David Browne Esqr

To Tranquebar. President & Governor &c Council

at Tranquebar.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 19th August, and beg leave to express our acknowledgements to you for the Assurances you have given us of granting every friendly assistance in your Power to Mr Kinchant whom We sent to reside at Tranquebar

We have the honor to be with the most perfect Esteem,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants.

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Th: Rumbold &c.

Sept. 5. The following Letters were written & dispatched

To Mr. William Cuming

Chief &c Council

at Cuddalore.

To Cuddalore about Capt. Tonyns Bill of Charges

Gentlemen,

We enclose you Copy of a Bill some time ago delivered to Us, by Captain Tonyn for sundry Expences on Account of the European Troops, with the Order based upon it, and

Captain

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Captain Tonyn's Letter in Consequence. The Charges in this Bill are not at all explained to our Satisfactions, nor can We find out any good Reason, why the Account was not delivered in at the time or soon after the Charges are said to have been incurred. We desire therefore you will give us all the Information in your Power on the Subject of this Bill, that We may come to some Determination concerning it.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your Affectionate Friends
Th.s Rumbold &c.a Committee

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To Sir John Day

The Honble Company's Advocate General at Bengal.

To Sir John Day permission to go Bengal—

Sir

The Court of Directors having been pleased to order certain enquiries to be made here relative to the late Dissention in the Government and to acquaint us, that their Intention in directing you to stop at this Presidency in your way to Bengal was, to provide us with able legal Assistance in case we should require it

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We now think it proper to entimate to you that in the Course of our Investigations no Points have occurred on which it appeard to us requisite to desire your Opinion or Advice, and as We do not perceive any necessity for your remaining longer at this Place, we take occasion to acquaint you that the Company's Ships Godfrey Shrewsbury, and Mount Stuart are now under Dispatch for Bengal, and if it be agreeable to you to proceed on one of them, We will order you to be provided with suitable Accommodations

We are.

Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Tho. Rumbold &c. Committee

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2. Dispatched the following Letter to Negapatam

To the Honble Rinier Van Vlissingen Esqr
&c.
To Negapatam

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

Negapatam,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have had the honor
to receive your Letter of the 16th August
acquainting

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acquainting us that you have received express orders from your Superiors to admit no Person of whatever Nation within the Town in Character of Resident, Agent or Consul, and desiring on that Account to be excused complying with our request on Behalf of Mr Joseph Revell.

We cannot help expressing our Surprise at this Conduct which is so unfriendly towards our Nation and so opposite to the Practice observed in all neutral Places in time of War and we shall think it our Duty to remonstrate against your Refusal to the Government of Batavia and to mention it very particularly to our Superiors in Europe.

We have the Honor to be with perfect Esteem,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient
& Most Humble Servants
Th.^s Rumbold &c.^a Honble

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3. The Committee having ordered Instructions to be prepared for the Deputy Agent at Camp the following being approved accordingly sent to them.

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To George Gray Esq.r
Deputy Agent at Camp

To Mr. Gray
Deputy Agent
at Camp—

Sir,

The Nabob having sent Sayiff Cawn with the Army you are to apply to him or the Persons deputed by him for Grain Cattle or any other Articles which may be requisite for the Victualling the Army at which Rate he shall be credited for them.

On receipt of the Articles applied for you are to give a Receipt to the Nabobs People specifying the Number of Cattle, Quantity of Grain &c.a received: and on the same day to enter in your Journal the several Articles received at the Prices fixed for them giving the Nabob Credit for the same.

You are to take Care that the Provisions received are good of the kind and if any become Damaged they are to be returned to the Nabobs Agents all Wastage at Camp is to be carried to Profit & Loss.

The Commissary is daily to give a Return of the Number of Men to be victualled and then by that Return the allowances settled by the Military Regulations

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Regulations will be found.

You are to have the Charge of the Bullocks and are to take particular Care that none but good ones be employed; at any time that you shall meet with such as ought to be dismissed if the Service will admit of it they are to be instantly turned away but if that be judged inconvenient you will hire as many as may be necessary to replace those which are not fit and you will then dismiss the unserviceable Bullocks taking Care however that none of the Company's Servants Civil or Military nor any European be interested directly or indirectly in the hire of such Bullocks.

You are Monthly to transmit your Accounts with the proper Vouchers to the Agent.

We are

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Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servants
Thom.s Rumbold &c.a Com.r

B.s S.s

Inclosed you will receive a Plan of the Book which are to be kept by you

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Plan of the Books to be kept by the Deputy Agent at Camp for Victualling the Troops and Providing of Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Army.

Cash D.r to Paymaster General Pag.s
Received of the Paymaster of the Army.

Sundry Accounts D.r to the Nabob Pag.s
for the following Articles Received

Bullocks for Slaughter 200 a P each
Sheep ... for a P Pag
Rice ... for a P Garce
Paddy ... for a
Salt ... for a P Marcal.

Sundry Accounts D.r to Agent at Madras
Pag.s for the following

Received at Madras.
Rice .....
Sheep .....
Salt .....
Arrack .....

Victualling the Troops D.r to Sundry Accounts
for the following served out in this Month.
Bullocks for Slaughter
Sheep .....
Rice .....
Salt .....
Arrack .....

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Sundry Accounts Dr. to Cash Pay.
Bullocks Hire for the following Draught
Bullocks for 8 Months.
for 25
20.
15.
10 Days a 1½ p.M.o p. Bullock
Carriage Bullocks
for 8 Month
20 Days @
10 Do. . . a 1½ p.M.o p. Do
Bullock Drivers
for Days a 2 fanm p day
Charges Merchandize
for the following
1 Deputy 8 Months
1 Assistant . . . . Dasheis
2 Conicoplys . Swamy & Mootaik
2 Peons
Coolies employed in delivering Provisions

Victualling the Troops Dr. to Bullock Hire Pags
for Carriage Bullocks employed
in Carrying Provisions at 3. 40. p Cash
Day

1/5 Dispatched the following Letter

To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir Edwd Vernon

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

Sir

As we have lately reinforced your Ships with the Southampton and Nassau and as we expect that the two Ships from Bengal will very soon

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Join you. We request that you will be so good to send us the Calentine if you can spare her so as to arrive here by the 15. Instant as We have a Cargo of Goods waiting for her, which we wish to dispatch by the 15th October.

We have the Honor to be.

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Humble Servants

Th.s Rumbold &c.a St. Committee

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6.th The following Letters having been prepared and sent round for the Approbation of the Committee they were this Day copied fair & Dispatched.—

Select Committee

To Mr. Anthony Sadlier

Chief & Council

at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam on the Subject of their Disputes with Major Matthews.—

Gentlemen,

We have received your several Letters, the last bearing date the 29th Ultimo.

It gives us great uneasiness at this time to observe the Differences subsisting between you and Major Matthews, which seem daily to increase, and to threaten great Inconvenience to the Public Service unless immediately removed—We have carefully perused the Correspondence that has passed on this occasion, and shall here acquaint you with our Sentiments

and

and resolutions upon the whole, flattering ourselves they will produce what we so much wish to see, perfect Harmony in all Measures that affect the publick Service).

We appointed Major Matthews to Command in your District from the favorable Opinion, We entertained of him as an Officer of approved Merit & Experience — The particular Service We expected from him at this Juncture has already been explained to you — In the Execution of that Service, We certainly intended that Major Matthew's Opinion should be followed in respect to the Arrangement of the Troops for the Protection of the different Out Ports, Excise on this Point with the necessary Information before them, he must undoubtedly as a Military Man be the best Judge — You acted nevertheless right in Communicating your Sentiments to him in the manner you did, but We think in your Letters at the Commencement of these differences, you treat his Opinion too lightly, and charge him with disrespect in Terms too severe and but ill calculated to restore Harmony between you — That

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Passage in one of his Letters wherein he
speaks of your Conduct as manifesting "a
"wish to act against the spirit of public
"Regulations &c.a" was certainly disrespect=
=ful & improper, but it is equally certain
that the Circumstance which he alludes
to in that Passage afforded him just
Cause to complain of want of attention
on your part, as the Requisition you
had determined on, ought undoubtedly,
to have been Communicated to him since
he was on the Spot and able to execute
it without the smallest Loss of time.

In every other respect we
approve your Conduct and disapprove
that of Major Matthews — His withdrawing
the Seapoys employed on the Revenue
Service without your Concurrence, his
ordering Stores to be delivered to him
and removing them from one Place to
another — his with-holding that Informa=
=tion from you which he ought
early and particularly to have commu=
=nicated and lastly his ordering Capt.n
Rawlins to address you in the manner
he has done relative to the Lascars
in the Garrison of Mazulipatam
without previously consulting or writing
to you himself on the Subject, are all

improper

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improper disrespectful and unwarrantable
Proceedings which we will in no degree
countenance or suffer to pass unnoticed —

In order to remove as much
as lies in our Power all future Cause of
misunderstanding or Dispute between
you and the Commanding Officer in the
District and to extend your Authority
& Consequence as far as the Military
System laid down by the Company
will permit, We have resolved Firstly
That Major Mathews shall not withdraw
employed in your District address us
immediately on the Service, but Communicate
all his Intelligence Plans of operations &c.
at once to your Board, that you may
be the better enabled to give your
opinion to him and us upon such
Points as relate to the welfare of the
Countries under your Management.
Secondly — That all our Orders to Major
Mathews regarding the Employment of
the Troops shall go to your Board &
be Communicated by you to Major
Mathews —
Thirdly — That Major Mathews shall
be directed to comply absolutely with
all Requisitions that you may make

for

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for Military Assistance - In the present
Juncture we would have such Requisitions
rest only to them unless in particular
Cases where the Service might be injured
by Delay, and for those Provision will
be made by our Orders to Major Matthews

We hope these Resolutions
with the opinions we have expressed
upon Major Matthews's Conduct in the
enclosed Letter, of which we transmit
a Copy for your Information, will
have the Effect we so much desire,
but as we are sensible how difficult
it is to conciliate differences that have
proceeded to any length, we particularly
expect from your Prudence & Discretion
that every consistent endeavour will
be used for restoring that Harmony
and Confidence which are so necessary
at this time to forward the Public
Service -

Major Matthews having informed
us that there are at Ellore - effective
Artillery of the 5.th Company - 1 Lieutenant
1 Corporal - 2 Bombardiers 4 Gunners
and 11 Matrosses - We desire that they
may remain in the District, and
be employed as the Service may require.

We are

Fort St. George Gentlemen,
6.th September 1778.

Your Affectionate Friends
Tho.s Rumbold &c.a &c.a

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Select Committee

To Major Matthews

Commanding the Troops in
the District of Masulipatam.

To Major Matthews on the same subject

Sir,

We have received your several Letters, and are much concerned at the Disputes which have arisen between the Chief & Council of Masulipatam and you; as we fear they may materially injure the public Service at a Time, when all our Endeavours are required to promote and forward it to the utmost.

In expectation, that these Disputes will immediately cease and perfect Harmony be restored, we shall proceed to Communicate to you our opinions upon the Points in difference, and to notice such parts of your Conduct as appear exceptionable.

We intended that the Chief and Council should follow your Recommendation and opinion in respect to the Arrangement of Troops for the Securities of the District, but We meant also that you should pay a proper Regard to their Sentiments and Advice, which you appear not to have done,

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and we are sorry to remark a want of respect
on your Part in declining to attend their
Board, when desired to do so. The Reasons
assigned by you on this occasion are
not satisfactory and we think, had you
attended, you would have manifested a
stronger Inclination to come to an Agree-
ment with the Chief & Council than
you appear to have done by your
Refusal.

In regard to the Requisition
for Troops which was sent from the
Chief & Council a few days after your
Arrival, without being Communicated
to you, We have expressed to them our
opinion that they acted improperly,
but at the same time We cannot pass
unnoticed the disrespectful Style of
your Letter to them in Consequence,
wherein you speack of that proceeding
in Terms very reprehensible.

As to the rest - your with-
-drawing the Seapoys employed on the
Revenue Service without the Concurrence
of the Chief & Council - your ordering the
Delivery and removal of Stores from
Ellore without Authority from them -
directing Captain Rowles to address
them in the manner he has done,
with respect to the Duties of the
Garrison, without consulting or

writing

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writing to them yourself on the Subject
and omitting to furnish them with
Advice concerning your Operations
until they had been in front executed,
whereby they were deprived of the
opportunity of giving you their Sentiments
in time upon such Points as might
require them were all discreditfull and
unauthorised Proceedings which we cannot
suffer to pass unnoticed.

The Chief & Council are
the Persons charged under us with the
Interests and affairs of the Company
in the Circars. They are left to be the
Judges when Military assistance is
necessary for the purposes of the
Revenue or any other Service and are
empowered to make Requisitions, which
on the part of the Commanding
Officer are to receive implicith obedience
It was not within your Province to
determine whether the Troops which
had been required and employed on
the Revenue Service were necessary
or might be recalled - much less was
it so to proceed to the actual Recall
of them without any Authority
whatever and without knowing what
Detriment it might Cause to the
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Collections

The Arrangement and Issues of Stores also compose a Part of the Duty of the Chief & Council and not a single Article is permitted to be delivered for Use or removed from Place to Place without their express Orders. We are surprized that this Circumstance should have been unknown to you, or that you should have disregarded it in the manner you appear to have done. In future no Stores are to be delivered to you without a regular Indent to the Chief & Council or removed from Place to Place without their Authority.

In respect to the Letter addressed by Captain Rawlins to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam in consequence of your manner of this Proceeding in your part distressful the Lascars are entirely under the Direction of the Chief & Council your ordering Captain Rawlins to consider them as part of the Strength of the Garrison and to require an Account of their Number how employed &c. without previously consulting with the Chief & Council

Yours &c

yourself or desiring their Permissions to include
them in the Strength of the Garrison,
was evidently exceeding beyond the Bounds
of your Authority at the same time
that it was disrespectful and tended
to widen the Breach between you.

A due Consideration of all
these Circumstances has determined Us
to alter our former Intentions so far as
to direct that whilst you remain in
the Presidency Your Correspondence shall not be addressed to us
and the Chief & Council but to the
Latter only before whom you are to
lay all your Plans of operations,
Intelligence &c. such Orders as we
may have occasion to send you will
pass thro the Chief & Council, to
all Requisitions they may think proper
to make for Military Assistance are
to be implicitly obeyed; and you are
instantly to return whatever Number
of Sepoys they may require for the
Service of the Collections — We have
desired them in future to send
their Requisitions immediately to
you unless in particular Cases
where the Service might be injured
by

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by Delay, and for these you are to make Provision by giving the necessary Orders to the several Officers on Command;

As We do not find by the Latest Intelligence we have received that Mr. Lally is moving from Adami, We are of opinion that it is unnecessary to make any Detachments from your Force at present as it may give much Alarm to the Inhabitants and enquire the Collection of the Revenues. We desire therefore that you will fix your Camp in some proper Situation for the Security of the District and not move any Troops towards the Guntoor Circars without further Orders, or without the Concurrence of the Chief & Council at Masulipatam. In the present Situation of Mr. Lally we think too, that the Signals you have established to give Notice of the Approach of our Enemy may unnecessarily alarm the Inhabitants and should therefore be discontinued for the present.

We are

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servants

Fort St. George
6.th September 1778.

Tho.s Rumbold &c.a &c.a Committee

By Order Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Petrie.

Sir

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Select Committee.

To Mr. William Petrie.

To Mr. Petrie Resident at Nagore.

Sir,

We have received your several Letters the last by Corvey dated the 24th Ult.o

We cannot spare a greater Force for the Protection of Karical and Nagore than what is already there, and as we do not perceive the least appearance of danger to either of these Places, whilst our Army and Squadron are before Pondicherry, We hope the present Number of Men with you may suffice — Add to the Reports which are circulated to alarm the Inhabitants, We do not see how they can be entirely prevented, but we trust to your Diligence to remove their Effects as much as possible.

With respect to Mr. Daubigné we would have you consider him as a Prisoner of War, and keep him in the Fort on his Parole.

Should the man apprehended for by Mr. Van Cleforgen be apprehended within our Bounds we would have him sent to Negapatam.

The Commanding Officer at Nagore must make a Return of the Condition of the Seapoys Among to

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General Munro who will report his opinion
in Consequence to Us.
All Returns of Troops Arms
&c. must be made by the Commanding Officer
to Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald until the
Troops are seperated from this Command by
our Orders

We cannot permit any Money
to be laid out in Repairs for the present
in regard to the Battery for the 12. Pounders
you may yourself direct the Construction
of it. When you send us an Account
of the District of Karical, We desire
you will specify to whom the Lands
are let with the value of each Farm.

You may permit Private
Merchants to export their Grain to the
Northward taking Security however from
the Natives that no part of their Grain
shall be carried to Pondicherry — We
think it necessary also to desire you
will warn them of the risk of export-
-ing their Grain at this time, desiring
them if they do send it, to order their
Boats to keep Ashore when they
come in sight of Pondicherry and
until they are hailed it.

Having taken into Considera-
-tion the great unavoidable Expences
you must have been put to for your
Journey to Tanjore, and which you
remained

remained there to transact the Company's
Business. We have agreed to allow you
Doo. Pag.s 2 Month, from the time you
left Madras for Tanjore, until the
time you took charge of the Factory
at Nagore, after which you are to
draw the same Allowances as Chiefs of
Subordinacies, which are 100 Pagodas
P Month.

We have accepted a Proposal
from Mr Cochrane to deliver 300 Garce
of Paddy to the Company, he is directed
to send 200 Garce immediately to Cuddalore
and we would have the other 100 Garce
lodged at Karical or Nagore as you
shall approve.

We are, &c.

Fort St. George Sir, Your Affectionate Friends
7.th September 1778. & Hble Servts
Rumbold &c.a Council

We Dispatched the following Letters.

To Major General Munro

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

Sir We have received your Letter of
the 3.d Instant, and have sent orders to
Mr Cochrane to Ship 200. Garce of Paddy
for Cuddalore.

Our President has Commu-

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Edward Vernon's Letter to you concerning the French Prisoners in the Squadron, and informs us at the same time that you have mentioned Wandewash as a proper Place for their Accommodation — We desire you will acquaint Sir Edward accordingly that we approve of that place, and should he land the Prisoners We trust to you to appoint a proper Escort to convey them to Wandewash and to fix a proper Garrison there for securing them.

We are with Esteem

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servants

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8.th September 1778.

Tho.s Rumbold Wm.m Petrie Committee

To Mr. William Cuming,
To Cuddalore Chief &.c Council
at Cuddalore

Gentlemen,

Having made Engagements with Mr. Basil Cochrane for the delivery of 350 Garce of Paddy to the Company, he is directed immediately to send 200 Garce to Cuddalore which must be kept in Store there for the Use of the Army should they require it, but no part to be issued without our Orders

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

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Tho.s Rumbold Wm.m Petrie Committee

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To Mr. Joseph Revell,

To Mr. Revell
at Negapatam

Sir,

We have received your several letters the contents of which were confirmed by a letter which came to us from the Governor & Council of Negapatam, wherein they positively tell us that they cannot receive you in any public character — This being the case we have only to recommend it to you to proceed and remain there if they will permit you in a private character and endeavor as far as that will permit to fulfill our Intentions in sending you.

We are,

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends
Tho.s Rumbold &c.a Com.n

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At a Select Committee Present.
The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r President.
Monday the 7th Sept.r John Whitehill ——————
M.r Smith indisposed.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

The President lays before Committee the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held upon Hussain Ally Jemedar of the

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Hussain ally Jemadar of the 3d Circar Batt.n dismissed.

3d Circar Battalion charged with an attempt to Cause a Mutiny among the Seapoys of that Battalion, and acquainting them that he received the said Proceedings in a Letter from General Munro who recommends upon the Grounds of the Evidence contained therein that the Man be dismissed the Service, and the Committee agreeing in that opinion it is resolved that he be dismissed accordingly.

Ram Naigue Subadar dismissed.

Proceedings of a General Court Martial held in this Garrison the 4th Instant on Ram Naigue Subadar of the 4th Company of Invalids are read and the Sentence by which the said Ram Naigue is dismissed the Service, Approved.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Supra Cargoe of the St. Helena Frigate has expressed his wish to have that Ship released from the Company's Service, provided the Committee have no further Occasion for her at present.

The St. Helena was wanted Chiefly for the purpose of conveying the Stores necessary for the Siege of Pondicherry, and the Committee engaged her for a year only because the Terms for that Period were proportionably more reasonable than if they had taken her up merely for the time requisite

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requisite to transport the Stores, As the Vessel has now performed that Service for which she was principally required very much to the Satisfaction of the Committee and is of no further use at present, the Committee are glad of this opportunity of freeing the Company from the Additional Charge which would be incurred by keeping her in the Service for the remainder of the Term agreed on — The following is the Supra Cargoes Account for the Service she has rendered.

The St. Helena Frigate dismissed.

At the time I Freighted the Ship she had Freight on Board to the Amount of 17000
I could have Freighted her back for .. 9500
The Profits on the Salt returning would at least be 8500
35000.

For the Service I've performed .. 20,000
The Freight I shall now pick up therein will not exceed ..... 14000 34000—

And the Committee being of Opinion that the Sum of 20,000 Rupees is no more than a reasonable & just Consideration for the Service which the St. Helena has performed and the Risk which the Owners sustained by the Vessels making two Trips to Pondicherry while the Enemys Fleet was on the Coast — it is resolved that Same be paid to the Supra Cargo and the Ship discharged.

Discharged Resolved also that a present of 1000. Rupees be paid to the Captain of the St. Helena as a Gratuity for his diligence and Activity in shipping and Landing the Stores.

Read the following Letter from General Munro.

From General Munro.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received your Letter of the 8. September wherein my Letter to the Governor, I mentioned that I imagined Wandiwash might be a proper place for the French Prisoners, yet on further enquiry, I find it will not answer, as there may be Stores in that place, and besides I cannot afford to send a sufficient Guard from the Army, to take Care of so large a Number.

The Army now in Camp have but one night off, and the other on Duty: there are so many wanted to Complete, so many sick, others absent; and a great number of the Troops, obliged to be but as Guards upon Coolies, Bullock Drivers, Lascars, Hospital Escorts for Stores, making Gabions and Fascines &c. that the Troops employed in the most Essential part of Duty are fatigued beyond measure I would therefore prefer Vellore, where

there

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there are Troops; or the Pagodas at Conjeveram,
or Pondamalee, to either of these Two last
places. Three Company's may be ordered
from Vellore. I understand that last War,
The French Prisoners were kept at the
Pagoda near Madras To what ever place
you are pleased to order them, it will be
necessary that some Person is appointed to
provide Provisions there for them: there
should also be some Person to attend on
their landing, to supply them with Provi=
=sions on the March. I must beg you
will favor me with an Answer, as soon
as possible; I shall take Care to have
an Escort ready to receive them immedi=
=ately on their Landing, and to proceed with
them. This Escort may be met on the
Road by some other Troops; who may
Conduct them to the place intended for
their Reception. There was some little
alteration necessary to be made last
Night in a part of the approaches
Constructed the night before; owing
to a water course which occasioned nothing
to be done to our principal Battery
last night but I expect it will be
nearly finished this.

The fire of the Fort was
last night pretty moderate As Major
Stevens finds himself under the necessity
of

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of being present at Constructing the Batterys and Carrying on the approaches of both Attacks they cannot be carried on with that expedition that otherwise they might when I say this I will venture to assure they are carried on as fast as it is possible for them to be done in our present situation. The Amaldar of the Country round Fort St. Davids has suffered the People there to carry Tobacco and Bottle Nuts to Pondicherry in Quantitys I have 17 Bundles of them in Camp, which were stopped going in, and those who were carrying them assured me they were sent by their Master; and that themselves and several more had been in Pondicherry frequently since the 8th last Month selling both the above Articles. Mr Cumming tells me this Amaldar is a good for nothing fellow, who not only deserves to be punished but to be turned about his Business and never to be employed by the Company; but he unfortunately happens to be at present in Debt to them. I have the Honor to be.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obed.t Humble Servant

Hector Munro.

Camp near Pondicherry September 16th 1778

The Hon.ble The Court of Directors &c.a &c.a &c.a

President & Governor &.a Select Committee

The

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The French Prisoners mentioned by the General arrived here a few days ago on the Valentine and the Committee have thoughts of sending them to Vellore or Chenglepet if they can be properly accommodated in either of these places.

Resolved to write to the Gentlemen at Cuddalore in consequence of General Munros Complaint against the Bettle Farmer there.

Read the following Letter from Sir Edward Vernon

Ripon off Pondicherry
y.e 12 September 1778.

From Sir Edw.d Vernon.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 27.th & 28.th past as also that of the 5.th Instant. I regard my Station of this Inlet on the 4.th and on the 5.th in the evening was joined by the Cormorant, Sloop, Southampton & Nassau; soon as they appeared in sight, sent Captain Panton in the Sea Horse to Conduct the St. Helena to the Inlet, invited out by General Munro, (about 3 Miles to the Northward of Pondicherry) as being most contiguous to the Camp, where the Stores are now landing;

When

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When that Service is performed, I shall send her in, with the Cormorant and Valentine: agreeable to your request.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obed.t

& Humble Servant

Edw.d Vernon.

Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r Edw.d Vernon.
President &.a Council of Fort St. George.

Read the following Letter from

Edward Coles Esq.r

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

From Mr. Coles for Sebrey Recruits for the West Coast.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having been appointed by the Honble Court their 3.d in Council at the Presidency of Fort Marlbro' and Member of the Select Committee, I think it a Duty encumbent on me to lay before you the Situation of that Coast, respective to the Military force which is confirmed by the representation of the President and Council of that Presidency.

The Military Establishment amounts to 500. Men in time of Peace, The French on Being defeated on this Coast, and knowing from former experience the weakness of that Garrison will probably take the earliest opportunity of reducing it, Our only hopes depend

on

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on an early intelligence of the hostile Measures now carried on, and the Complicating our Gar=
=rison with the utmost Expedition
In December 1777 the Gentlemen of Bencoo=
=len wanted 200. Men to fill their Comple=
=ment, which is 2/3 of their Establishment
and allowing a number to have died for
the Year 1778 and 120 Men for the out
Garrisons, Natal, Tapphormooley, Moco Moco,
and Croe, There will be scarce 150 Men
remaining at Marlbro', excluding the Sick
which turn out generally 1/4 The Force of
Bencoolen by this means will become
reduced to 120. effective Men little more
or less, a very inconsiderable one against
the Malays, much more to oppose any
European Power, — The Capture of Ben=
=coolen at this juncture will be very
severely felt by the Honble Court for
exclusive of the Dead Stock the annual
produce of Pepper is 1500 Tons & becomes
the more valuable from the small
Quantity now sent from Bombay; I beg
leave to inform you likewise that the
destruction of the Pepper Gardens will
certainly follow, incase the Coast is
reduced similiar to what happened in
the Year 1760. and it required eight
Years to restore the Gardens to their
former

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former Condition. By having our Garrison compleat, altho we may not be able to prevent the Destruction of Marlbro, against a Superior Force, yet by pursueing proper Measures the Garrison could always retire in Force to some strong Holds and remain there till the inclemency of the Country or the arrival of Assistance obliged the Enemy to relinquish. Upon the whole I think it my Duty to reiterate the request made by the President & Council and to have the number of Seapoys increased to 300. The Surplus demand proceeds from the Present inimical Situation of Affairs and the Mortality that may have happened in the Year 1777 & 8. and I hope you will the more readily comply with this request when you Consider of a failure of Assistance will afford an Opportunity for even two Frigates or a more trifling Force to Consult and destroy our Settlement there with impunity, and the present successful Prospect of Affairs on this Coast will perhaps make such a draft less exceptionable - Sown it hard to force Troops to a Command of this Nature, but when such a Considerable property is at stake, The urgency of the Case will I hope counterballance the disagreeableness of the Service.

Sown the more emboldened to offer

Sow

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you these my Sentiments, as the Honble Court thought proper to alter the System of affairs on this West Coast Establishment on my Representations and which are to take place on the Delivery of a Packquet enclosed to you for Shrewsbury and Sam Sally hereunder that the President & Council of Marlbro in the present critical Situation of affairs will earnestly renew their Solicitation of a Supply of Men, The address therefore is only an anticipation of the Conduct they will hold, as it would be highly culpable in them to delay making such representations & Considering the charge they have under them. I shall proceed to the West coast about the 25th of this Month.

I remain with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Fort St. George
7th September 1778.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Coles.

Every promise of Encouragement and Reward that could be thought of, to induce Seahoys to enlist voluntarily for the Service of the West Coast has at different times been offered but with no success, such an Aversion have the Natives of this Country even to leave it at all and much more to quit it for a length of time — it

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is resolved however to make further trial and to promise a large Bounty by way of Encouragement to those who shall offer themselves for this Service.

Read the following Letter from General Munro.

Camp near Pondicherry
September the 3.d 1778.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From General Munro.

I received your Letter of the 31.st August wherein you inform me that Major Burghall, have obtained your Permission to go Home. As Captain Maules bad State of Health, would not permit him, to remain with the Army; I gave him Leave to return to Madras; and Major Stevens, as well as myself, hope; that his Health may permit him to attend to the Works at Fort St. George tho' not able at present to attend to Field Duty.

I have the honor of enclosing you, a Copy of a Letter, that I received from Mr Cuming, by which it would appear, that there will be no difficulty of having sufficient Store Houses for the Grain. I therefore would Recommend Cuddalore as a proper place for the Grain to be deposited; and I shall take Care that it will be properly protected. I should imagine

that

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that if Two Hundred Garce are immediately sent to Cuddalore, it will be sufficient; and the rest may be ready to be forwarded in Case of Necessity.

I am glad the Northern Detachment will join the Army so soon, and the Seventy Recruits will be a great Assistance to the European Battalions.

I have the pleasure to inform you, that a Work is erected towards the S. West Face of the Fort, which this night will be quite finished, and I hope soon to inform you, of our being more advanced; but the Nomber of Stores still wanting, will not permit us to proceed so fast as I could wish, however I hope they will all arrive in a few Days. I have Accounts this day, that the 16.th Battalion of Seapoys from Trichinopolly will be in Camp tomorrow, and I expect the 2.d from Tanjore daily.

You may be assured, that as soon as the Cannon, & Stores arrive, that every means shall be used to push on the Siege with Vigour.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Hector Munro.

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r President & Gov.r &.c Select Commtee Fort St.e George.

Major

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Major General Munro.
Commander in Chief at Camp

Sir,

I have been honored with your favor of Yesterday; on enquiry I find Godowns can be hired at Cuddalore sufficient to hold 200 Garce of Paddy, for about 10 Pagodas a Month and make no doubt, but places may be found to hold 100 Garce more. I have sent to Trepolore to know what places can be got there to hold Grain, but as yet have no answer. Your Fleet is in sight, and about 2 this Morning I dispatched to Sir Edward Vernon your several Letters.

I am with great Esteem

Sir, Your very Obedient Servant

Cuddalore 3. Sept.r 1778.

Signed/ Wm Cumming.

200 Garce of Paddy sent to Cuddalore.

In consequence of the above Letters Orders have been sent to Mr Cochrane to Ship 200 Garce of Paddy for Cuddalore and to deliver the remainder to Mr Petrie to be kept in Store at Nagore.

Read the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote.

To the Honble the President & Council of Madras.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I

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From Sir John Day proposes to embark on a Latter Ship.

I am honored with your Letter of yesterday, in which, after Stating the Honble Company's motives for Commanding me to stop at this Presidency, you add, that "you "now think it proper to intimate to me, that in "the course of your Investigations no Points "have occurd, on which it appears to you "requisite to desire my opinion or Advice, and "as you do not perceive any necessity for my "remaining longer at this place, you take "occasion to acquaint me, that the Company's "Ships the Godfrey, Shrewsbury, and Monmh "Stuart, are now under dispatch for Bengal "and that if it be agreeable to me to proceed "on one of them, you will order me to be "provided with suitable Accommodations"

With the deepest Sense of your attention to my Accommodation, and of the Motives that have prompted it, permit me to say that, with a view to more than my own Safety I wish, if it can be avoided, not to reach Bengal in the depth of the Sickly Season, and as I have reason to believe that I am not expected to arrive there before it shall be at an end, let me add, that it will be much more agreeable to me to proceed to my Station in one of the Latter Ships, upon the arrival of which, I have not a doubt that the reasons, & Motives that have suggested

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Suggested this offer, will lead you to repeat ch

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient and
Obliged Humble Servant
John Dav

Fort St. George
2^d September 1778.

Read the following Letter from
Mr Petrie.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold
From Mr Petrie President and Governor &c^a Select Committee
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have been honored with
your Letter of the 21st Instant, and am extremely
happy that our proceedings relative to the
taking professions of Carical, have met
with your approbation.

In consequence of our applica-
tion from General Munro signified to
me through his Aid de Camp, I am now
preparing to transport fifty of the best
Planks by Sea to Cuddalore.

A Merchant of Tanjore has
laid claim to them, and as he asserts that
he can prove his property, I have allowed
him to take an Account of those that
I am now shipping off. Should these
Planks not be wanted for the Siege,
they can be Sold, I am told at Madras

For

for more than three piece here,

I need not observe to you, that I have found very much difficulty, in obtaining certain information upon every matter which I wished to know, Since my arrival here, I have not Spared pains, and yet I can hardly venture to communicate officially, my information relative to the Value of this acquisition. I have been assured by those who pretend to know, that Karical and its distress yielded a great Revenue to the French of 15,000 Current Pagodas, a year, very improbable to 3000 more. The Management of the Country was in the hands of Monsr. Belcombe's Dubash, and under him the Dubash of Monsr. De Boistel. These men are not here, they have carried off all the Accounts, and what is worse I believe they have carried off, all they could extort from the Inhabitants, who complain of being impoverished, and uncapable of going on with the Cultivation of the Lands

I fear it will be totally out of my power to obtain an attested Account of either publick or Private property here, except the one which I received, from Monsr. Daubigné, and that he acknowledged was not to be depended

distress

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Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Most Obedient &
Most Devoted Humble Servant
Willm. Petrie.

Carical
28. Augt. 1778

The President acquaints the Committee that he had ordered Ensign James Hay of this Garrison to be put under Arrest for appearing drunk under Arms upon the Parade and Recommends that a General Court Martial be ordered to try him. Resolved accordingly and that the Court Martial of which Major Sears is appointed President do sit on Friday Morning the 18th Instant

Ensn. Hay to be tried by a Court Martial

Read

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Letter from the Nabob.

Read a Letter from the Nabob dated the 12th Instant enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from the Nizam entered in Country Correspondence No. 154

Tho. Rumbold

John Wastell

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16 Wrote the following Letter

To Mr. Moore

To Mr. Moore owner of the St. Helena Frigate —

Supra Cargo of the St. Helena Frigate

Sir.

As you have expressed a Desire that the St. Helena which was taken up by the Company for 12 Months may be now returned to you if her Services can be dispensed with, the Honble the President and Select Committee seeing no further occasion for employing her at present have determined that the Agreement between the Company and you shall be null and void, and that for the time your Vessel has been employed, you shall be allowed the Sum of Twenty thousand /20,000/ Rupees in full Consideration of every thing —

I am,

Fort St. George 16th Sept 1778.

Sir,

Your Most Obed. Servant

Chas. Oakeley Sy.

At a Select Committee Present

Saturday the 19th — The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq. President

John Whitehill — Charles Smith

General Munro absent on Service

Minutes

Fort St. George 19th September 1718

Minutes of last Committee read & Aphrov'd.

Ensign James Harp who was to
have been tried yesterday by a General
Court Martial agreeably to the Resolution
of last Committee, leaving thro his Com=
=manding Officer requested as an Indul=
=gence to be permitted to resign his Com=
=mission rather than stand the Consequences
of a Court Martial, his request was agreed
to, and the Court Martial Countermanded.

Ensign Harp resigns the Service

Read the following Letter from
Edward Cotsford Esqr.

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

From Mr. Cotsford on the Subject of his Connection with the Masulipatam Zemindars

Honble Sir. & Sirs,

Since the Receipt of your
Secretary's Letter dated August 19th advising
me of my Appointment to the Chiefship
of Masulipatam. I have attended as much
as I have been able to such matters as
relate to that Station.

I learn from Vencaty
Royalo, (the Masulipatam Zemindary Interpreter
now here, and others, which is moreover
confirmed by the Records, that the
Zemindars are loaded with Debts, which
will probably require several Years

to

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to discharge, the whole exceeding a full Year's
Revenue of the Countries, the Countries
Themselves at the same time uncultivated
and almost without Resources either of
Revenue or Credit what the Causes are
which have reduced them to this State,
is not at present an object of Discussion.

The War with France, which
puts the Company's Possessions every where
to some Risque, is particularly alarming
to Masulipatam from a considerable Body
of French Europeans, attach'd to an Army
of Black Troops, in the Service of Bazalet
Jung who are in its neighbourhood, and
may seize the first favorable opportu-
=nity to invade those Countries, where
We have not a sufficiency of Troops to
oppose to them with any prospect of
Success, or even the means of increasing
them, from the Scarcity of getting Recruits

From the above recital of the
State of affairs in the Circars in which I
believe there is no Exaggeration, your
Honor &c. will perceive that the Chief
and Council have great Difficulties to
encounter, and that if there ever was a
Time for strengthening the Govern=
=ment there, it must be the present but
I beg leave to remark that the mode
of Conduct observed towards me since
my

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my arrival has not been at all calculated to promote so desireable an End; and the Zemindars seeing the little attentions which is paid to my Station here, may perhaps think they will be justified in contemning the Authority of the Chief and Council when at Masulipatam. It is upon this Ground only that I have thought it necessary to mention this Circumstance. And here I must declare that I have not hitherto interfered directly or indirectly with their Concerns.

If it is necessary to observe the appearance of Authority in the Chief and Council, after you have determined upon the Sums to be paid by the Zemindars annually, and for what Period of time you may perhaps think it eligible that the Conclusion be left to the Chief & Council, and the Zemindars be suffered to return to their Countries as soon as possible as during their absence the Business of their Zemindaries is in a great Degree at a Stand, and the Countries liable to be oppressed and plundered on certain ways, which they may hereafter draw into Argument in Excuse for not discharging their Arrears, which in all probability they will Strain to a Pitch beyond the Truth, but which it may be difficult for the Chief

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Chief and Council to Controvert. It appears
to me also that the Business, from the
Nature of things, would be much sooner
dispatched there than at the Pondicherry
Seeing my Conduct must be deeply involved
in the Consequences of what you may
determine, I hope I shall stand excused to
your Honor &c. in thus offering my
Sentiments. I thowe thought it my Duty
to make this representation to you, before
my Departure from Madras in order to
shelter any Character from any unjust
Imputations ~~or~~ &c hereafter. I hope my
Conduct will always deserve your Approba-
-tion, but Gentlemen cannot expect a
Degree of Responsibility beyond the Power
delegated, and the means of Acting.

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Cotsford

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The President acquaints the
Committee that Mr. Cotsford sent the above
Letter to him previous to its Delivery
with the following Note which he
desires may stand on the Minutes
with his Reply to it.

M.B.

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Notes to, & from

Mr Cotsford presents his Compliments to Mr Rumbold, and sends for his perusal the Accompanying Letter to the Select Committee on the Subject of the Masulipatam affair. Mr Cotsford hopes it will meet with his Approbation. He thinks, disagreeably situated as he is, He cannot do less than the making this Representation to the Committee, which he is urged to, from motives of Duty to the Company, and the supporting his own Character. If Mr Rumbold see any thing in the Letter which is not grounded, Mr Cotsford will wait upon him at any time he may appoint to receive his Opinion thereon.

Saturday Morning

Mr Rumbold presents his Compliments to Mr Cotsford, cannot possibly have an objection to any representation he may chuse to make to the Select Committee.

As Mr Cotsford has been pleased to remark that the mode of Conduct observed towards him since his arrival has not been at all Calculated to promote the desireable end of strengthening the Government of Masulipatam, Mr Rumbold wishes Mr Cotsford had inserted out the particulars wherein the President, and Select Committee, or Council, have been deficient in any marks of respect the

Dems

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deems himself intitled to. Mr Rumbold is of opinion the heavy debts due from the Zemindars, and the present distressed Situation of the Country, is in a great Measure owing to the uncontrolled power of the Chiefs of Masulipatame, and for want of such regulations as he hopes will soon take place.

He differs from Mr Cotsford in opinion with respect to the discouraging Circumstances. Mr Cotsford points out, and does not apprehend the Company's affairs to the Northward bear so gloomy an Aspect as he imagines. With respect to the Military Force necessary for the defence of the Country; he supposes the Select Committee to be answerable, and that they will take such Measures as appear to them proper for the Security of the Masulipatam districts. With regard to Mr Cotsford's proceeding to Masulipatam, the Select Committee on his arrival fulfilled the Company's orders in directing the Chief to go which should be immediately given up to him, and they thought it necessary to request he would proceed to take charge with all convenient speed. There are many points besides the Revenue department that require attention;

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The Companys Investment has always been
Considered by them as an Object of the utmost
consequence, and there never was a greater
quantity of Cloths provided in the
Northern Circars, than there has been
within the last twelve Months. tho'
Mr Rumbold is sorry to observe, he be-
-lieves a great part has been exported
on French Bottoms - nevertheless the
Company have procured a good Investment,
and no Circumstance can more plain by
evince that the Trade in those districts
is not in so wretched a Condition as Mr
Cotsford apprehends. These however are
Mr Rumbolds own Sentiments, and he
shall give Mr Cotsfords Letter all due
Attention, when it comes before the
Committee.

Gardens.

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Edward Cotsford Esq.r

The Proceedings of the
President & Council concerning the new Settle-
-ment to be made with the Zemindars
having been entered at Large in the
Revenue Department We think it
unnecessary to make any observations
there upon that Subject and are of
opinion that no other Reply should
be

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be sent to Mr Cotsford's Letter there to inform
that so soon as the Business depending with
the Zemindars shall have been finally
adjusted by the Board they will be ordered
to return to their respective Countries
that in the mean while their Presence
here seems not in any shape necessary
On the Contrary it appeares to be from
the present Situation of affairs to the
Northward that his Services at Masulipa-
-tam as the established Chief of that Settle-
-ment may be particularly useful at
this Juncture, and that we wish him
therefore to proceed to his Station as
soon as possible.

Read the following Letter
from Bengal.

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

From Bengal approving the Idea of a Treaty with Hyder.

Gentlemen

We have received your favors
of the 19th & 23d Ultimo.

We very much approve of
your proposal of forming a new Alliance
with Hyder Ally on the Conditions of
mutual Assistance & support which you
will have understood by our Letter of
the 7th Ultimo to have been entirely
consonant to our Sentiments, and for
this

this purpose We agree with you in Opinion that it will be more proper to send an intelligent Person from your Presidency to treat with him, than from that of Bombay where their attention and all their Means are likely to be so much Occupied with the Care of their own safety as to leave them little of either for foreign engagements.

The Articles proposed by Hyder Ally Cawn through very suitable to the Situation of Affairs to which they were adapted, require at this time a total alteration with respect to the immediate objects of your Alliance.

We have never regarded the Support of Ragoba as the end but as the means of accomplishing our Designs in the West of India. the Plan which was proposed by the Presidency of Bombay and adopted by us in that view having Failed, we know not from what Cause, and the impending War with France rendering it impracticable for that Presidency in its present State, and under their present expectations to take any Direct part in the Support of Ragoba, who appears to have no reasonable Ground to expect any from the

Portuguese

Partizans of his own Nation, we conceive that
the attempt to reinstate them in the
Government of the Maratta Dominions
would not only oblige us to withdraw our
forces from the immediate defence of the
Compy's Possessions but involve us
in the Support of a War for the benefit
of his pretensions which might be attend-
=ed with endless difficulties as he could
afford us no Assistance but would rather
encumber them Contribute to forward
our Operations by the influence of his
Name; besides any engagement of this
Nature which you might form with
Hyder would possibly lead you into
Measures repugnant to the Conditions which
Mr Elliot may conclude with Moodajee
Boorta, & in that Case could not consistent-
=ly be fulfilled. And as you have neither
a force which you can immediately
spare to co-operate with Hyder in the
Service proposed, nor he, as we imagine
any strong personal Attachment to
Bagoba or immediate Interest in his
Success, We recommend that the first
Article remain to be finally adjusted
by the Communications which your Deputy
may receive from Mr Elliot whom
we shall Order to correspond with
them — In the mean time that a
Conformity may be preserved in
the

the Instructions, which you shall give to the Person you may appoint, and the Objects which we have Committed to the Charge of Mr. Elliots negociations the Governor General will transmit to your President a Copy of Mr. Elliots Instructions, we have not yet entered them on our Proceedings but we wish that they may be transmitted to Continue in the possession of your President alone until the Ends of them shall be so far attained that no Inconvenience can result from trusting them to the Records of the Select Committee, we shall then also insert them in our own.

We approve in general of the other Conditions proposed to you by Hyder Ally's Vakeel but leave it to you to accept or amend them in such a manner as you shall judge most Conducive to the Company's Interest.

As it is impossible that any Supply of Men or Money which we might now resolve to send you could arrive upon the Coast in time to be of Service in Conducting the Expedition against Pondicherry which if begun as early as you gave us reason to expect, must we think have terminated before any Reinforcement could be thrown into it by the French which should render

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render such Succors from us indispensible, We trust that our late Supply of Money will have been sufficient for the present Occasion That we may be the better enabled in future to judge of your Exigencies we request that you will transmit to us a Compleat Estimate of your Revenues, and other Resources and Disbursements for the present Year conclu-ding the 30th April next, which we have repeated by applied to you for, but not yet been furnished with. We also request that you will send us an Estimate of the Revenues of the Carnatic, and an Account of the manner in which they are applied because as we know that the Nabob is largely indebted to the Company we think that these ought likewise to be in some Measure appropriated to their Service.

As our Establishment of Europeans is greatly deficient of Men, and as we observe by the Letter which you have received from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors that a Reinforcement of Regular Troops will be Sent to your Presidency by the Ships now on their Way, We request that you will not detain any of the Recruits intended for this Place.

We have ordered 630 Barrels of Powder to be loaden on board the Jason which

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which will Sail for your Presidency in a
few days, this is all that we can possibly
share from our own Magazines.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Rich.d Barwell
P. Francis
Edw.d Wheler

Fort William
the 15 August 1778.

Ordered to lye on the Table.

Read the following Letter from
Mr Richard Church the Company's Agent
at Tellichery.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r
President & Governor, and the Gentlemen
of the Select Committee.

From Tellicherry
a Report of
Mahé.

at Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

On the 5.th Instant, I was
honored with your Letter of the 4.th Ultimo.

I shall now, agreeable to
your request, give you all the information
I am able of the Settlement of Mahé, its
Fortifications and Garrison.

The enclosed Paper, which
I have received from our Commanding
Officer, is an Account of the present State
of the Fortifications at Mahé, it should

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have been executed with more exactness, had time permitted — The Garrison Consists of about 300 Europeans, and 300 Seapoys and Topiss They have three Companies of Militia; a more nominal Force being composed Chiefly of the Natives, upon whom they can place no great Dependance.

Mahé, stands in the Territory of the King of Cartinadee, whose Ancestors gave the French a grant of a Factory there. The present Prince is not in their Interest, and would, I have every reason to believe, join us or remain neuter as he did in the late War, if we were to attack Mahé, for, he is very highly incensed on Account of their not Assisting him, agreeable to Treaty, against Hyder to whom he is now tributary. The Country on this Side Mahé River, belong to Cunhi Nair, whose District comes within 300 Yards of our Fort of Mayhan, which is near two Miles from Tellichery, which is 6. Miles from Mahé — This Nair is under the influence of the French, as his Country is Commanded by Fort St George, and the Redoubts of Chimbrah & Coriche, belonging to them on this Side the River — The Nair may be able to raise about 300 Nairs and Topiss and in all probability

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Probability would remain quiet, as he did last War, if he thought we had a Force here superior to the French.

The Prince of Cherrika, by whose Country we are Surrounded to the Northward and Eastward, is an ancient ally of the Honble Company. But as the Prince is tributary to Hyder, which ever side Hyder imbraces, the Prince must take at first. I have been well assured that Hyder has already sent Orders to the Prince & King of Cartaniadew to assist the French; but whether offensively, as well as defensively, against us, I cannot learn.

I am informed that the Fort of Mahe, the Redoubts and Batteries belonging to it, would require at least 1000 Europeans to Garrison them properly. But unless the French can make a firm Friend of the King of Cartaniadew, Mahe could not, at any time, make a long defence against an European Enemy, as the King can cut off their Provisions by Land.

I am very respectfully

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
Richd Church

Tellicherry
2.d September 1778.

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The Fortifications of Mahé and Fort St. George, are nothing like they were in 1761. when it was Surrendered to the English, except Battery'd Roach **A**, which is in the same place and manner as in 1761. and the Bound hedge from **A** to **B** the same as then. The 2 Hills **CC** whereon stood Forts Dun= =shire & Condé, the French have fortified within these 2 Months, but only with a Stockade of Coconut Trees & earth — The Principal Fort **D** is but small, about 60. Yards each Face, of the annexed Figure, with about 10 Embrasures on each face, and Encamates all round within the Fort Walls are high, and built of Stone & Chunam without any Ditch or Covert ways — Under the Fort by the River side is the Battery marked **E** The Ascent without to the Bamboo hedge from the South Eastward is steep & high — the

North

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North East side, by the River is plain but Commanded by the 2. Hills CC and Fort St. George

F.

Fort St. George appears to me to be of the annext figure F. the Fort about 200. Yards round within the works are of Earth, and high, with a very little slope to them at present it having been Cleaned and repaired since the Month of July, within one Barracks, Magazine, and Store room of Stone and Tiles it stands on a high Hill, about 800 hundred Yards, from the Center of Mahé, and Commands the whole Town — The Beach GGG cannot be seen from Fort St. George — Curachey Redoubt Erected on the Beach about 2 Miles this side Mahé is the same as formerly, but the French have lately raised a parapet thereon, it is high, may hold 4 Small Cannon & a Shed for Troops.

F. W.

Agreed that a Copy of Mr Churchs Letter and of the Account of Mahé be sent to General Munro, and his Opinion requested in respect to an Expedition to that place and the Number of Troops necessary to be employed on it.

Read the following Letters from General Munro.

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

From General Munro—

Lieutenant John Snelling of the 5th Circar Battalion of Seapoys, being dead; I beg leave to Recommend Ensign Thomas Holcott; who is the eldest Ensign; to succeed to the Lieutenancy. I also enclose a Promotion in the 13th Battalion of Seapoys for your Approbation.

I have the pleasure to inform you, that the Batterys on the North & South Attacks, will open early on Friday Morning; and I hope to inform you of their good Success.

I have the honor to be

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obed.t Servant

Hector Munro.

Camp near Pondicherry 19th Sept.r 16. 1778.

The Hon.ble Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
Gov.r & Pres.t &.a &.a Select-Committee

Camp before Pondicherry
Sept.r 17th 1778.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

From Gl. Munro recommending Major Brown to Promotion

I acquainted you in my last that our Batterys would open tomorrow Morning and which they will do at Day light by a Particular Signal for the whole to begin at once Consisting of 28 Guns and 25 Mortars. their Success you shall know as soon as I can possibly inform you. Lieut.t Col.l Brown has

applied

applied to me, to lay his Case before the
Select Committee with respect to his present
Nominal Rank. He says that he is a
very old Captain in the Kings Service,
and was he in Europe, would have now,
above 50 Younger Majors than him in
the Service; whereas, as he now stands
in the Companys Service he will be
Commanded by all the Kings Majors coming
abroad tho' they hope some of them if not
the whole; have never been till now in
the Kings Service, but got Ranks upon
the breaking out of the War for raising
a given Number of Men. He says if the
Committee will favor him with a Brevet
of Lieut.t Colonel the disagreeable Situ-
-ation he stands in at present with those
of the Kings Majors, will be obviated
to the prejudice of none in the Companys
Service nor any additional Expence to them:
his Rank being only given him by
Brevet. As he is the Eldest Major on
this Establishment and the only Field
Officer under these particular Circumstances.
It can be no Precedent in my mind for
others, and taking it in this view I beg
leave to Recommend it to the Committee
to comply with Lieut.t Col.o Browne's
request.

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request. He is an Old Officer who has lost an
Arm in the Service and has at Same informd
Served with reputation.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Most Obedient &
Humble Servant
Hector Munro.

The Honble Thomas Rumbold
Esqr. Governor & President
&c. Select Committee &c.

Sir, I flatter myself that the neces-
-sarily of my present Situation will
sufficiently plead in my excuse, for the
trouble I now take the liberty of giving
you. altho Sir it is with the utmost
Satisfaction I find myself honored with
the temporary Rank the Board has been
pleased to assign me of Lieutenant
Colonel in the Army, under your Com
-mand, yet upon the arrival of the two
Regiments in his Majesty's Service which
we have reason daily to expect, I cannot
without your kind interposition but
be involved in Circumstances most dis=
-agreeable to a Soldier of my Standing.
Had it pleased his Majesty to have
comprehended the half pay List on the
late

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late Promotion my Commission as Captain in the Royal Army had intitled me to the Rank of Major, with many under me, but as it is I find myself superceded and consequently liable to be Commanded by Gentlemen who for the merit of having raised men for the present occasion may have been made Field Officers, tho not of twelve Months standing in the Service.

The request Sir therefore I take the liberty of making is that you would be pleased to intercede in my behalf with the Select Committee that the appointment to my present Rank may be by Brevet I wish not for every additional Pecuniary Advantage and am the Senior Major on the Establishment such a favor shewn to me cannot by any means injuriously affect any Brother Officer.

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Esteem.

Camp 11th Sept. 1778.

Your very Obedient & most Humble Servant
Geo. Brown

Resolved in consequence of General Munro's Representation that Major

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appointed Lieut.t Colonel by Brevet.

Brown, be appointed a Lieutenant Colonel by Brevet to rank from this Day

Lieut.t Snelling Dies Ens.n Halcott prom.d to Lieut.t

Ensign Thomas Halcott appointed a Lieutenant in the Room of Lieutenant Snelling deceased to Rank from this Day

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter which he has received from Captain Burrington.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r

President and Governor &.a &.a &.a

Letter from Capt.n Burrington on the Mutinous State of the Nabobs Troops.

Honble Sir,

At a time when you must be fully employed in Business I feel a great Reluctance in troubling you with a Letter, but conceiving it my duty I hope you will pardon the intrusion.

My Letter to the Board dated July 28th gave some idea of the State of the Nabobs Troops in this District. besides some straggling Seapoys called Silandies, and about 2000 Carnatic Peons, His forces in the Tinnevelly Country consists of, a Regiment of Horse, a Regiment of Topasses, and a Battalion of Seapoys (the 9th) the Topasses are well Cloathed. The Battalion of Seapoys are much in Arrears, and have been in a Mutinous State some time, loosing their Natives Peons with

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with insults to facilitate the Payment of their Arrears. the Regiment of Cavalry requires attention. It consists of 600 Troopers; 600 Seapoys; 100 Artillery, with 2 Guns the violence they were lately guilty of, was attended with no fatal consequences; they were quited by Receiving some pay. the Sum I borrowed was applied- it succeeded, and I hope Honble Sir you will not allow me to be a loser, tho' the Nabob seems insensible of the Service I rendered him.

To add to the confusion amongst the Nabobs Troops a very serious dispute is depending between the Regiment of Cavalry, who are Chiefly Mahometans, and the Topasses who are Christians, arising from some insults offered to Christian Images at a Procession. the Topasses have left their Cantonments attended by a large body of Christians determined on revenge, and are encamped with their Guns near Tennivelly. The Regiment of Cavalry are prepared to receive them, made choice of Ground, and loaded their Guns with Grape. The European Officers of the two Corps are endeavouring to settle the Dispute but destitute of succeeding. I am sending for the Cadres

but

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but suspect they are concerned, as they know ab-
-sconded should the two Corps meet a very
bloody Consequence will ensue. The Manager
has asked my Advice - it was that the
Regiment should give up the man who
occasioned the riot, but as yet they refuse.
He applied to me for four Companies of
Seapoys - a request I evaded, as I am not
authorised to interfere in disputes of
this Nature.] with Submission, I beg
leave to observe, that in Command so far
from the Presidency some General Instruc-
-tions should be given to the Commanding
Officer - but I have none, not even a
Book of Regulations.

My Predecessors have had
Warrant for Appointing and Approving
Seapoy General Court Martial - give me
leave to request the same Powers.

The Accompanying Letter I have
just received from Benjingo & the following
is a Paragraph from Mr Forbes
Letter, dated the 2d Instant

"The French are fortifying
at Mahe, and seem to be under Apprehe-
-hensions from us.

"Colonel Leslie with his Bengal
"Detachment was, or is expected at Bombay
"next Month".

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I have the Happiness to Subscribe
myself
Honble Sir
Your Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant
Geo. Burrington,
Captain Commandant

Dalamcotah
Sept.r 11th 1778.

Ordered that a Copy of so much
of the above Letter as respects the State of
the Nabobs Troops in the Tonnivelly Country
be sent to his Highness and that he be
reminded at the same time of Captain
Burrington's Loan for the Payment of his
Mutinous Cavalry, and requested to discharge
it.

Read the following Letter from
Mr Light Paymaster at Dallamcotah

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

From Mr. Light

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor of forward-
ing you the Returns of Stores in the
Garrisons of Madura & Dallamcotta for
the Month of August.

I beg leave to acquaint your
Honor &.c. of the bad State of the Store
Houses in the Garrison of Dalamcotah on
my Arrival, I requested the Commandant

to

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to Inspect them and inform the Board of their Condition. They are in many places not Water Proof & the Gun Carriages are entirely exposed to the Weather. I have ordered what repairs could be made without hurting the Nabob to any Expence but they will be very insufficient against the heavy Rains which fall the end of this Month or the beginning of next. I am with due Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

W.m Light

Balasore Hab.
10th Sept. 1778.

The President is requested to obtain the Nabob's Consent for such Repairs as are absolutely necessary.

Several Officers &c. Prisoners of War belonging to the Aimable Nannette and Sartine Frigate lately made Prizes from the French having been released on their Parole, the following Allowances are settled for their Subsistence.

Allowances to the French Prisoners		£	
	In the Aimable Nannette.		
	Mr. Boudet - Capt.n of the Aimable Nannette	60.	p Month
	Le Chevalier de Moyrac - an ob.d Officer of Artillery	60	—
	His Son - 18 Years Old	15	—
	Mr. De Malincourt Merchant	45	—
	Mr. Lebrun Sec.y to the Countde Lovie	45	—

Alexander

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Alexander Servant to Do.
Azor Servant to Mr. Boatel } The same as Private 4 fal ffdeum

In the Frigate
The Viscounte de Cheylaran of St. Coll. 120 —
Mr. Coronat 2d Lieut.t of the Frigate . . . 60.
Mr. Lartigue Mate of the Frigate . . . 30.
Mr. Blandelin Principal Surgeon . . . 45.

List of Officers & Passengers that were taken in the Aimable Nannette, and arrived on the St. Helena being Prisoners of War —

Names	Rank or Station	Livres		Rupees	
		Allowance to each Officer on board their respective Ships of War		Allowance pr. Month to them as Prisoners of War	
Mr. Jos.h Beauvoage	Second Captain	150.	—	40.	—
Charles Gavoty	First Lieutenant	90.	—	30.	—
Pierre Morand	Second Do.	90.	—	30.	—
Pierre Bedel	First Ensign	50.	—	20.	—
Francis Bagot	Second Ensign	30.	—	18.	—
Le Rev.d Pere Phillip	Missionary & Passenger	—	—	30.	—
Nicholas Joly	Surgeon Major	60.	—	30.	
Isaac Pierre Cloick	Passenger & Merchant Supercargoe of the French East India Company	—	—	40.	—
Jean Baptiste Blanchard	Merchant	—	—	30.	—
Jean Francois Bouchaut	Second Surgeon	40.	—	20.	—
Pierre Louis Garrien	Volunteer	18.	—	15.	—

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List of Officers belonging to the Sartine Frigate now under Confinement & Arrested in the Valentine Indiaman —

Names.	Rank on Station	Wages	Allowance to each Officer to be made to them on board the Ship while they are Prisoners of War	Allowance Proposed to be made to them by the Genel.l of War
		Rupees	Rupees	Rupees
François Warnet	Lieutenant	190	45	
F.o Adrien	Do.	180	40	
Henry Dufay de la Bauchere	Do.	180	40	
F.o Duhaze	Do.	180	40	
Mathieu De Batte	Do.	180	40	
Jean Dorgny	Do.	180	40	
De Lamothe Rouge	Valentine	90	30	
Vis de low Bonamour	Do.	90	30	

The Viscounte de Chayla has mentioned his Chief Pilot as a respectable man, tho' not rated as an Officer, & requests some attention may be paid to him. His Station is nearly the same as a Master of an English man of War. It is supposed that 12. Rupees a Month will be sufficient for his Maintainance —

The Court of Directors having in their Letter of the 4th July 1777 directed particular Enquiry to be made into the State of the Fortifications here and the Accounts with the Contractor for the Works, the President & Council did in consequence write particularly concerning the former by the last Ship which — Sailed from England but not having

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had time to go into an Examination of the Letter nothing was said on the Subject by that Conveyance - it is now Ordered that an Extract of the 36th 37th 38th & 39th Paragraphs of the said Letter be sent to the Committee of Work and that they be directed to refer to their Books and report the several Advances of Money made to the Contractor and the manner in which they have been accounted for also to give in an Account of the Balances at present Outstanding

The Court of Directors in their Letter of the 23 December last after speaking of the Subsidy of 400,000 Pagodas p Annum paid by the Raja of Tanjore to the Company for the protection of his Country have been pleased to recommend a further Increase of the Military Establishment in the Idea that the Tanjore Subsidy will admit of the additional Expence, and also to propose another Company of Artillery in Case the Raja of Tanjore will consent over and above the present Subsidy to defray that Expence, the Committee taking the whole under Consideration are of Opinion that in the present Conjuncture when they find so much Difficulty in procuring

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Lords for the vast Expences of the Army, and when the Raja of Tanjore is so backward in fulfilling what he engaged to pay the Company this Year, nothing ought to be undertaken which may involve them in any new Expence, and they must defer coming to any determination upon the Orders now before them until Tranquility be established and the Current Charges reduced considerably within their present Bounds.

Ordered that Copies of the 11th and 14th Para. of the Company's Letter of the 23d December be sent to the Nabob, and that the 18th Para. of their Letter of the 30th January be published in General Order and the Regulations prescribed therein attended to.

Tho. Rumbold

John Whitehill

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The 19 Wrote the following Letter to Masulipatam.

To Mr. Anthony Sadlier,
Chief & Council
at Masulipatam,

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter (without date) enclosing sundry Papers relative to the Conduct of Major Matthews in releasing Yemana Dawra, and ifsuing the Orders with respect to the Seapoys employed in the Revenue Service.

To Masulipatam disapproving the Conduct of Major Matthews respecting Yemana Dowra.

We hope our last Letter to Major Matthews will have in a great Degree, if not entirely, removed all Cause of Disagreement, by impreſsing him with a due Sense of his improper Conduct towards you, and diſposing him hereafter to Act with that Deference which he owes to your Authority in all matters that do not come within the Detail of Military Operations, for it is our meaning that every thing which regards the Policy and Revenue of the Country shall be totally under your Direction and that you shall have Power as far as may be consistent with our general Instructions to change the object of any Military Operation, whenever you

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to the Commanding Officer, first Consulting him however if it can be done without delay or Inconvenience to the Public Service.

Having said thus much it were unnecessary to pass any opinion on Major Matthews, Conduct respecting Yemanah Dowra further than may be proper to shew our total Disapprobation of it. The Confinement of this Man was an Act of the Chief & Council confirmed and approved by this Government. Major Matthews should have had no Power over him further than to guard him as a Prisoner at the will of those by whom he was confined, but the setting him at Liberty in the manner he appeared to have done and upon so weak a Plea was an Exertion of authority which nothing can justify.

We cannot quit this subject without censuring the want of respect shewn to your Board in the Letter written by Major Matthews particularly in that Passage wherein Rajima Dowra is desired to dismiss his People and "wait the Justice of the expected Chief Mr Botsford". These last words imply a strong and unmerited Reflection upon the Justice of your Board and in

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that Light are very exceptionable — We must also Notice the Inconsistency of Major Mathews Conduct in this Place. He first desires Rajana Dowra to wait the Justice of the expected Chief "who he makes no doubt will release his Father" and in the next Para. tells you that he has thought proper himself to set him at Liberty without assigning any new reason for this extraordinary Measure, but what strikes us more forcibly than any thing We have mentioned in the Impropriety of Major Mathews writing at all to Rajana Dowra upon the Subject;

The same Principles which have led to the disapprobation of almost the whole of Major Mathews Conduct towards you will not allow us to pass over the Insult contained in the Orders of which you have transmitted Us a Copy. The Recall of the Seapoys from the Revenue Service in Opposition to your Board was a very unwarrantable Measure but the Publication of the Order wherein he speaks of their being absent on Pretence of Revenue Service, stampt the Proceeding with a Degree of Insult beyond every

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the Expectation We have found of Major Matthews
Prudence We also much disapprove of the
Order being issued in your Garrison without
your Consent, and direct that in future no
Garrison Order whatever be published
until it has received your Sanction.

We desire you will furnish
Major Matthews with an Extract of this
Letter, and We hope the Sentiments We
have expressed on his Conduct will have
the desired Effect, by putting an End
to all Subjects of Difference which serve
only to create animasity and to deprive
us altogether of those Services which
we expected from the Appointment of
Major Matthews to the Command of the
Troops in your District.

We are

Gentlemen,

Your Affectionate Friends
&c.a Rumbold Lt.t Col.o Comd.t

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21. Wrote the following Letters.

To Edward Cotsford Esq.r

Sir, We have received the Letter
you were pleased to write to us dated
the 14.th Instant. So soon as the Business
depending

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depending with the Zemindars here shall have been adjusted finally by the Board, they will be ordered to return to their respective Countries, in the meam while your presence at Madras does not appear at all necessary — on the Contrary We are of opinion from the Situation of affairs in the Masulipatam District, that your Services at that Settlement as the esta= =blished Chief may at this Juncture be particularly useful, and we wish you therefore to proceed to your Station as soon as possible.

We are,

To Mr Clifford

Sir, Your Most Obedient Servants

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Tho.s Rumbold &.a Counc.l

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

Sir,

To Gen.l Munro

We have received your several Letters Sir Edward Vernon has sent the French Prisoners from the Squadron to this place where they remain for the present, but we propose sending them shortly to Vellore or Chengelpaut

Upon the Representations

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Brawn who at present acts as Lieut.t Colonel and from the desire we have to shew every Indulgence in our Power to an Officer of his merit and Services we have resolved to grant him a Brevet of Lieutenant Colonel, and request you will signify the same to him accordingly.

We have the Pleasure to transmit you a Copy of a Letter received from the Company's Agent at Pellicherry with an Account of the Garrison and Fortifications at Mahé, as the Governor General & Council of Bengal have strongly Recommended an Expedition to that place we shall be glad to have the Benefit of your opinion with such lights as you may be able to afford us on this Subject,

We are with Esteem,

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servants
Tho.s Rumbold &c.a Com.r

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24. Wrote the following Letters.

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

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 22.d Instant and are pleased to find you

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you know carried your Approaches so near the Fort. Agreeably to your request we have sent you a Reinforcement of 1 Captain 1 Subaltern 4 Sergeants and 100 Rank and File from our Europeans in Garrison — They embarked this Morning on the Marlbro' Snow, and the Commander is desired when he arrives near the Place of this Destination to hoist an English Jack at the Main top Gallant Mast head — You will of Course take the proper Measures to secure the safe Landing of the Troops.

To Gen.l Munro a Reinforcement sent to join him

We are with Esteem,

Fort St. George Sir, Your Most Obed.t Servants
24.th September 1778 Tho.s Rumbold &.a &.a Com.rs

To Mr. William Hamilton,
Resident at Ingeram,

Sir, We approve of your giving Permission to Mr Warnier to go to Jaggernaut Ingeram, and We have no objection to your shewing the like Indulgence upon any future requests of that Nature.

To Mr Hamilton.

We are

Fort St. George Sir, Your Most Obed.t Servants
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25th Wrote the following Letters

To Mr. William Cuming
Chief & Council, at Cuddalore

Gentlemen,

We are informed by a Letter from General Munro that some Persons have been detected carrying Betle and Tobacco into Pondicherry, who upon Examination declare that they were sent by their Master the Betle Farmer at Fort St. David's and it appears that the Farmer had before suffered a Considerable Quantity to be carried into the Fort

To Cuddalore

We are surprised that one of our own Renters should be guilty of such a Breach of his Duty and of the Conditions of his Cowle. We desire you will Reprimand him severely for his Conduct and take Measures to prevent any further abuse of this kind. We are

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obed.t Servants
Tho.s Rumbold &c.a &c.a

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To Mr. William Petrie.
Resident at Nagore.

Sir

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Sir,

We have received your several Letters with respect to the Grain taken at Karical, we would not have you collect it in one place, but let it remain in the divided State in which you found it at the time of the Capture sending an Account of the quantity to us as soon as you can.

To Mr Petrie

Such Repairs as are absolutely necessary to the Buildings at Negore may be executed provided they come within a small Expence and we trust you will be as saving as possible.

We would have you send the Dutch Seaman to Cuddalore with a Letter from yourself acquainting the Chief & Council, that they are to be put on Board the Bellborough.

We are,

Fort St. George Sir,
25. September 1778

Your Most Obed.t Servants
Tho.s Rumbold &c.a &c.a

At a Select Committee Present
Monday the 28.th Sept.r
The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r President
John Whitehill Charles Smith

General Munro absent on Service

Minutes of last Committee read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Fort

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We observe with much concern that our repeated Solicitations to be furnished with a Supply of Seapoys have not as yet been attended with Success - sensible still that your Honor &c Council have at heart the general Interest of the Company, as well at their other Presidencies, as that under your immediate Government, We again urge our foregoing necessities and dispatch their Snow, the Marlbro. to your Place, in full confidence of receiving by her that Relief which the alarming Situation of our Garrison so loudly calls for A Striking Picture of this Situation will be exhibited in the accompanying Extracts of a Letter to our Board From the Commander in Chief of the Forces under this Presidency.

Loom Ist & Marlbro.

Willing to pursue any expedient which might afford a probability of facilitating this Business, and desirous to save as much trouble as possible to your Honor &c. We have come to the Resolution of sending over

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a Familiar, of whom we have experienced an active and trust worthy Disinterested Officer, under your Sanction, a Company of Volunteers to consist of 100 Men — This Person already attached to the Service, and encouraged by the Promise of future reward, may we have hopes, be able to remove the Prejudices entertained against this Coast, and induce the Seapoys to consider the large addition of Pay an Equivalent for leaving their native Country. Permission to bring over with them their Families might we conceive Contribute to this Effect

We doubt not but you Honble Sir & Sirs, will patronize this Scheme, and employ your influence in promoting its Success, making such advances of Cash as may be necessary thereto, should it however, Contrary to our expectation, fail, We have only to Solicit in the last Resort, that you will Order to our Relief a Detachment of 500 Men from the Troops of your Establishment

Should the Marlboro Snow not be found capable of taking on board the above Number, We request you will provide additional Tonnage

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for Military Stores, being much wanted, you will please to comply with, and forward at the same time the Cloathing and Field Carriages formerly wrote for.

The Jamidar has received Pay up to Ultimo September, his name is Shaick abdallah.

We are

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient Servants

William Brooke
Hew Ducart
Ja.s Kirkpatrick
Philip Manington
James Stevenson
George Salmon

Fort Marlbro.
8 August 1778.
Ex.d & D.

Extract of a Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Kirkpatrick -

The Garrison of Fort Marlbro which on my Arrival could furnish only a Single Relief of the Standing Guards has at succeeding Periods been so reduced in its Strength that the Parade, at best but weak, has often proved to be one Sixth short of the Detail. This to an Officer of Common Foresight or Precaution must be very serious and alarming as it is self evident that the smallest Reduction

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Reduction in any Body of Men, whose Number is determined by the Degree of Fatigue they are supposed capable of sustaining, must by loading two with the Duty which three were thought barely equal to, encrease this Fatigue and add to the Cause of the Disorder.

Anxious to oppose a Remedy to so growing an Evil, I sought for it in the Distribution made of the Troops in the different out Posts. I soon found that no men could be drawn from those at the greatest Distance North of the Presidency as on Account of their Situation, they could not, on a sudden emergency be apportioned [illegible] in time to Moco Moco, the only Military Post after Marlborough, and in their present comparative State, possessing advantages beyond it, should by no means be drained of a Man. It is a Captains Command & has but its bare Complement. Croa your highest Southern Settlement, and of Consequence to be regarded in the light of a Frontier, should not be left exposed. Some late Disturbances in its Districts furnish Arguments against Weakening this Post. St Almna then

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cannot administer Relief to the declining State
of this Garrison, I will venture to predict,
without the least pretence to Inspiration,
that the Troops stationed here will not,
within two Months, be equal to the
Ordinary duty of the Place. To say nothing
of the Military impropriety of leaving
upwards Men under the Command of a Serjeant,
the Vicinity of Manma to the Presidency
and its easy Communication with it by
Land, render it at all times capable of
being succoured, and appears to me for
this Reason, to be our only Resource
in the present Difficulty & Distress.

Those Gentlemen, are my
Sentiments on this head: It remains with
you to decide upon the Attention which
is due to them. If I have expressed them
with sufficient Perspicuity, & it is admissi-
-ble to let a Letter stand upon Record
instead of a Minute, and that my full
opinion can be collected from it you
will oblige me by dispensing with
my attendance in Council when the
Point is discussed, as I have found of
late that the necessity of remaining any
Considerable time in a Sedentary
Posture, has brought upon me
the most alarming Vertigos, which
must

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must not only incapacitate me at the Instant for publick Disquisition, but may probably subject me to a consequent Suspicion of being wrong in the Head.

I am with perfect Consideration

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient &
very Humble Servant
[Signed] Ja: Kirkpatrick
Lt. Col. & Comm.d in Chief on
the West Coast of Sumatra

Fort Marlbro.
16th July 1778.
Ex: L: R:

A True Extract
Wm Monson Sec.y

The Committee have lately upon the Application of Mr. Coles one of the Council of Marlbró now here, done every thing in their Power to engage Seapoys to enlist voluntarily for the West Coast, and they hope their Endeavours will prove successfull, but as yet they cannot ascertain what Number may be procured. With respect to the Indent for Military Stores it is ordered to be Complied with as far as the several Articles can be shared.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald

The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r

President & Governor &.c.a Members of

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Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Honor &c.a that all such Work is now Compleated that was represented in my Letter of the 5.th August as unfinished in the Different parts of the Fortifications of this place. the late Rains having had little or no Effect on the new Works, the whole being in a very good State. all the Work people of every kind are dismissed except three Mastry Bricklayers, who are Madras men, But I Crave to request Permission of your Honor &c.a to Employ a few Coolies, as occasion may require, during the approaching Monsoon to attend the Trees on the Ramparts, and to keep Clear the Drains in the Fausebray there being a great Quantity of loose Earth Thrown up against the Wall, the whole way round the Fort, which on the Falling of every Shower will Choak the Drains while it remains in its present unfinished State: and thereby greatly endanger the Falling of that old Wall into the Ditch During the Rains; I should not make this application to employ Coolies on a Business that might be done by Lascars. but there is not sufficient of them,

left

from Col Fitzgerald the Works of Fort completed.

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left in the Garrison for to attend the Store-
-house &c. to do the necessary Business of
the Laboratory.

I have the Honor to be
with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Most Obedt
Humble Servant
Jas. Fitzgerald

Tanjore
24th Sept. 1778

The Committee are pleased to
find that the proposed Works at Tanjore
are finished and the Work People discharged
- Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald
be permitted to employ as many People
as may be absolutely requisite for the
purposes he mentions.

Read the following Letters
from General Munro.

Honble Sir, & Sirs,

I am now to inform you,
that this Morning at Day light we
opened our Batterys, with 18 Guns and
2 Mortars. The Fort, have kept a
very heavy Fire the whole day; the
our Batterys have kept a most severe
Fire on them, the whole time; but at
present, they have several Guns, from
whence they fire, that our Guns
cannot bear upon. I hope to morrow

from Genl Munro
the Batteries
opened.

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our Fire will be encreased, and directed in such a manner as to be able to Silence many of their Guns, I am sorry to inform you that the Lascars, that were sent to Camp, have almost deserted to a Man; nor am I surprized at it, considering, they were only taken as Lascars; when they were immediately wanted; I am now obligid to get Volunteer Seapoys, to Act in their room; thereby distressing the Battalions for Duty; but necessity has no Law. The Powder sent from the Out Settlements is so very bad; that most of our Shells thrown this Day have burnt in the Air; for want of Force sufficient to carry them home in a proper time. Our Battery's are the worse of the Enemy's Fire this day; but will be repaired this Evening; & mean ones spend tomorrow. I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Hector Munro.

Camp near Pondicherry Sept.r 18th 1778.

The Honble Thos Rumbold Esqr
Governor & Pres.t &c.a Select Committee
Madras.

Honble Sir, & Sirs,

In my Letter to the Governor I mentioned the accident of our Magazine,

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in one of the Batterys blowing up; it will be this Night before all the Damage that unlucky accident has done, can be perfectly repaired; in the mean time our other Batterys, keep up such a heavy Fire on the Fort, that there is a Breach, beginning to be made in the Angle of one of the Bastions; and this night it is intended, to carry on an Approach towards the Glacis, in order to begin to effect a Passage over the Ditch. There is a Polygar come to Camp (I know not by whose Order) I am informed that he belongs to a Rajah called the Vencadigow Rajah; and that his name is Vezeram Rauze. He has brought with him 200 Horse and 1000 Match Lock Men; of no use, but to eat up the Provisions for the Army. I have not seen him, but I sent to Visaj Cawn, to desire to know who sent him here: and as some of his People refused to go down to the Trenches. I desired that they might all leave Camp, to which I have had no Answer nor know they left it. I beg Therefore, that you may be pleased to let me know, for what purpose

from Genl Munro.

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what you wish to be done with these Banditti.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servt
Hector Munro.

Camp near
Pondicherry Sept.r 20th 1778.

The Honble Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
Gov.r & President &c.a &c.a
Select Committee
Madras.

Camp before Pondicherry
September 22d: 1778.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We carried our approaches last Night up to the Enemies Glacis and I think tomorrow Night we shall begin to effect a Passage over the Ditch which will from Gen.l Munro take about four Days more to accomplish.

I enclose you a List of our Sick, the most of them have been down within these few days: I believe the Enemy will storm an Assault, I must therefore request you to send me 100 Europeans by Boats, to come directly to the Pedaishes Choultry where the Stores were landed. The Recruits are the Men who have mostly fallen Sick, and they always will upon their first landing in the Country

I have the Honor to be.

Honble

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Hon.ble Sir, & Sirs,

Your Most Obed.t
Humble Servant
Hector Munro.

The Hon.ble Thomas
Rumbold Esq.r Governor
and President &c.a Select Committee.

P.S. I shall send back by the Boats as many sicks as can be removed.

The Committee has no Intimation from the Nabob of his Intention of sending the Polygars of Vencatagherry with his People to Pondicherry. If General Munro finds them of no use he may order them away as soon as he thinks proper.

The reinforcement of 100 Europe-ans desired by General Munro in his Letter of the 22d were embarked the 24th in the Morning on the Marlbro Snow

The Committee having written to General Munro to desire his opinion in respect to an Expedition to Make it is now agreed also to request Sir Edward Vernon will acquaint us whether he can give any Assistance from his Majesty's Ships in case it should be thought necessary to form such a Design after the Reduction of Pondicherry.

Read the following Letters.

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To Mr. Secretary Cakeley.

Sir, I was favored with your Letter of the
4th Instant, acquainting me that the Honble the
President and Select Committee had been pleased
to accept of the Proposal made thro' Mr
Roebuck my attorney, for the delivery of
350 Garce of Paddy; and of their desire of
sending 200 of that quantity to Cuddalore,
and 150 either to Nagore or Karical as
Mr Petrie shall approve. Also of their
pleasure in regard to sending to Madras
immediately what remains to Compleat my
former Contract. My eagerness instantly
to obey these Orders of the Honble the
President and Select Committee, and to have
it in my power at once to acquaint
you, that every thing depending on me
had been done, is the Cause why I delayed
acknowledging the receipt of your Letter
in Course. I have now the Pleasure to
inform you, that the Grain which
Mr Petrie has thought proper to
receive at Nagore and Karical, has
been measured and delivered. Also, that
one half of what is intended for
Cuddalore is shipped or actually shipping,
and that the remainder will be ready

to

From Mr Cochrane.

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to put on Board in a Day or two – The Boat People have for some time been with diffi-
-culty prevailed on to return to their former
business on Account of the present troubles;
and this is the reason why the whole quan-
-tity for Cuddalore could not be shipped
off at the same time – The quantity of
Grain to compleat my former Contract
was Shipped for Madras three Days
after the receipt of yours.

In regard to the last part
of your letter, where you acquaint me,
that the Honble the President & Select
Committee have appointed me to Collect
such Grain as they may require from
the Tanjore Country, and to permit
me to draw the Allowances formerly
enjoyed; I request you will do me the
favor to present my most respectfull and
thankfull acknawledgement to the Honble
the President and Select Committee for this
very Honble mark of their Confidence
in me; and to assure the President and
Select Committee, that I shall to the utmost
of my abilities, endeavour faithfully
to execute whatever Orders they shall
be pleased to honor me with – also
that I shall think it my duty to
make myself thoroughly acquainted

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with the important Resources of this Country,
especially in the Grain Business and in
the Provinces adjoining to the Sea, where
I have already acquired some local know=
=ledge from my Residence for a Consid=
=rable time past, and shall with permission
respectfully Submit my Observations to
the Honble the President and Select
Committee from time to time.

I am,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient &
very Humble Servant
Basil Cochrane

Nagore
19th September 1778

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to enclose
your Mr Petrie's Receipt for 150 Garce of
Paddy lodged at Nagore and Karreal
agreeable to Instructions by Mr Cochrane,
and I take the liberty of requesting that
you will be pleased to give orders for
payment

Your Mr Roebuck

I have the honor to be with
the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Benj.n Roebuck
Attorney for the Honble
Basil Cochrane

Received

Fort St George
21st September 1778.

Fort St. George 12th Sept.r 1778.

Received of the Honble Mr Cochrane One hundred and fifty Gauce of Paddy, agreeable to the Orders of the President and Select Committee at Madras.

William Petrie

Nagore
16th September 1778.

The Company's Treasury not being in a Condition to discharge the above Account at present, Mr Rochuck must be desired to wait longer for the Payment of it.

Read the following Letter

from Cuddalore.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have been favored with your Commands of the 4th Instant enclosing Copy of a Bill from Captain Tonyn with the Order passed upon it and Captain Tonyn's Letter in Consequence — With respect to the Horses therein mentioned we are unable to give your Honor &c. any information; but our Paymaster has acquainted us that the Charges for Lascars, Camp Colourmen, Pachalies & Coolies were regularly made by Captain

from Cuddalore

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not allowed by the Regulations he refused to pay this Bills. Your Directions of the 8th Instant respecting Mr Boyd Cochrane's Cadby shall be punctually obeyed.

We are very Respectfully

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

William Cuming,
James Daniell
& Fallofield

Cuddalore
21st September 1778.

As many of the Charges in Captain Tonyns Bill appear contrary to the Regulations. As there are no Vouchers for any of them and as Captain Tonyn has suffered so long a time to elapse before he presented his Bill to the Board, we are of opinion that it cannot with Propriety be discharged and the Secretary is desired to write Captain Tonyn to that Effect.

The President representing to the Board that the Nabob has not yet fully discharged the Sums he promised to pay in last Month. that he has paid nothing in this Month either on Account of Current Charges or Balance of the Jaguer Rent and that in this Situation he (the President) is pressed on all sides for Money

without having any other Means of satisfying
even the Army Disbursement, than by apply=
=ing those Sums which ought to go to the
Investment - He recommends therefore
that another pressing Letter be sent to the
Nabob reminding him of his Engagements
which have not been fulfilled, and
requesting him immediately to discharge
his Arrears, and to observe greater Punctu=
=ality in future - which is approved.

Cadets appd.

Messrs. George Read, Alexander
Whyte, Charles Maclane, and Conner
appointed Cadets.

The President acquaints the
Committee that Sir Edward Vernon has
made it a particular request to him
that Mr. Bird may be appointed a
Surgeon in the Company's Service -
which is agreed to, and that he be
appointed to rank next below Mr.
Nicol Mein -

Hon.e Rumbold
John Whitehill

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29th Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Edward Vernon.

To Sir Edward Vernon,

Commodore and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India,

To Sir Edward Vernon proposing an Expedition to Mahé.

Sir, As it appears of great Moment that the French should be dispossessed of every Foot of Ground they at present hold in India, and as the Reduction of Pondicherry (which we hope will be effected in a few days) will leave them only in Possession of Mahé their Settlement on the Malabar Coast, We could wish, if it be practicable, to make an early attempt to deprive them of that place. In that View We now do ourselves the honor to write to you, and to request you will inform us as soon as possible whether you can assist with his Majesty's Ships in carrying such a Design into Execution, should it be otherwise found expedient to enter upon it after the Reduction of Pondicherry or, if it be your opinion that the Squadron cannot undertake a Service of this kind soon we wish to know where

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where you intend to station it during the
approaching Monsoon.

We received a few days ago a
Letter from Bombay addressed to you in
Cypher at the request of the President
and Select Committee there we have
decyphered it and have now the Honor
of sending it to you — We are extremely
Concerned to learn you have been much
indisposed and hope this will find you
perfectly Recovered The two Armed Ships
from Bengal came into the Road this
Morning, and are now under Sail to
join you with all dispatch.

We have the Honor to be

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Sir,
Your Most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
Tho.s Rumbold Dep.y Sec.y

Wednesday
the
30. Sept.r 1778

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r President
John Whitehill
Charles Smith.

General Munro absent on Service.

Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read the following Letters from

Sir Edward Vernon

Letter

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Ripson Pondicherry road 28th Sept.r 1778.

From Sir Edward Vernon to send a Frigate to Europe —

Gentlemen,

I think it necessary to acquaint you, that the Cormorant Sloop which I dispatched from this place on the 16.th Instant, for Intelligence of the French Squadron, has been at Trincomalee, & Friars Hood, and Pulicat Road, without gaining the least information of them, I therefore apprehend that they have proceeded to the Islands: I must also inform you, that on the Reduction of Pondicherry, which I hope will soon take place, I shall proceed to Madras in a Frigate, which I shall immediately dispatch for Europe, with intelligence of the same, & any dispatches you may think necessary to send by her.

I have the Honor to be with respect Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Edw.d Vernon

Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r President &c. Council of Fort St. George

Ordered that an Answer be returned to Sir Edward Vernon thanking him for the Information he has given the Committee and acquainting him that his Dispatches will be prepared accordingly —

The

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The President acquaints the Committee

Capt.n Rumbold to carry Home news of the fall of Pondicherry.

that he wishes to send his Son to England by the first Conveyance after the Reduc=tion of Pondicherry and requests of them to send the Company's Dispatches by him which the Committee acquiesce.

Read the following Letter from

From General Munro.

General Munro

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I recd your Letter of the 24th September: and whenever the Manlbro' Sloop arrives I shall take care, that the Troops shall be landed with Safety

Lieutenant James Lambally of the 2d Battalion, of the 2d Regiment is now in Arrest by Order of Major Hopkins, as you will see by the enclosed Papers.

On his own application and some Repre=sentations in his favor, that he had altered his Method of Life; The Board again allowed him to return to the Service; but as the reason for which he was before obliged to quit the Service arose from the same Cause for which he is now in Arrest, I can only Recommend to you to dismiss him the Service without a Court Martial.

Our Approaches both on the North and South Attacks are Advanced

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to the Glacis; and I hope in a few Days, to inform you of our further Success.

I enclose you some Letters, that have passed between Nusaph Cawn and me, relative to the Poligars, now in Camp with his People; he has desired they may remain in Camp, till the heavy Rains, from the Nabob to which I have agreed.

I have the Honor to be.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient.

Camp near Pondicherry
September 27th 1778.

Humble Servant
Hector Munro.

The Honble Thos Rumbold Esqr.
Governor & President &c. Select Committee
Madras.

To Nesiph Cawn.

I had no accounts of the Poligars who are now in Camp of their coming before they were arrived; I therefore wrote to Madras to know if the Select Committee sent them. The Governor wrote to me that they did not; therefore and as I find them of little or no use, the few of them who were with difficulty sent down to the Trenches refused this Day to fire, unless the Troops would place Sand Baggs before them, which they could not do. being much better employed and as we may stand in need of all the Provisions

brought

brought us to Camp: you will let the Polegars know, there being no use for them here, that Sam desired from Madras to acquaint you; that they are to return home with-
-out delay.

Sam.

To
Sir,

Camp September 24. 1778. Your's &c.
(Signed) Hector Munro

Camp 26th Sept. 1778.

Joseph Cawn

Sir

I received your letter, and as I have no time to enter into an Epistolary Correspon-
-dence about Polygars: so when the Quarter Master General informed me that they were coming to Camp under the Command of some Servant of a head Polygar; & desired that they might return home, having had no directions from the Select Committee of Madras about them, and desired to know who sent them here; to which I had no answer, till about five or six days being elapsed that you brought half Dozen of them to my Tent and upon my being told (before the Polygar or any Person) waited upon me) that some of them might be of use in the Trenches: I desired that 100 might

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might parade at my Tent next Morning;
but upon their being told what I wanted
with them they refused to a Man to go
to the Trenches, Lieutenant Scot prevailed
with some of them afterwards to go
down. I have already informed you,
the little Service they were of. I have
no objection in Consequence of your
Letter, to let them remain in Camp
until you hear from the Nabob; but
I must insist upon it that they
are not Considered in any shape whatever
as belonging to, or making any part of
this Army, now Besieging Pondicherry.

I am Sir

Your's &c.

(Signed) Hector Munro.

To General Munro Bahadre, Sram Mahmed
Najib Cawn.

I was honord with your
Letter which I fully Comprehended. All the
People I have in Camp are under your
Command, and will in no respect deviate
from whatever your Orders direct them
to execute.

In the former Expeditions of
Madura and Tongaie &c.a and during the
Campaign with the Bala Ghaut the
Polygars tributary to the Sirkar, by
His Highness the Nabob's Orders always
accompanied

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Accompanied the English Army; and upon all Services exerted themselves to the best of their abilities. In like manner, the Body of Poligars belonging to the Calastry Rajah came here by order of the Nabob - and so soon as they arrived within a Days march of the Camp, I took the liberty to inform you of the same, and received your Orders for them to encamp with the Army - which accordingly they did; and the Rajah had the honor of waiting upon you. Your present orders Commanding them to depart from Camp will be the means of lessening His Highness's dignity. I therefore hope (that as His Highness has ever acknowledged your Goodness, and as your Friendship has always been employed for his Welfare) you will be pleased to do me the favor, to admit of one Weeks delay in this Business, that I may not Opportunity of addressing a Letter on the Subject to the Nabob, and receiving his answer. Conforming to your Orders the Calastry Rajah sent his Poligars to both Attacks. but as these men never were used to fight in Trenches, and are Intire Strangers to that manner of

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of Sighting, their want of knowledge and
Experience in the made, made them perhaps
inattentive

The Rajah himself is not to blame
and if he is permitted will send others to
the Trenches, with proper, and positive
directions how to act, so that no neglect
or inattention to Duty shall at all happen

The Rajah has a Bazar of his
own, and will provide himself from
his own Country and at his own Expence
with Provisions.

Camp September 26th 1778.

Lieutenant James Lambally
of the 2. Battalion 2. Regiment ordered
in arrest by Major Charles Hopkins,
the 24th September 1778 for being repeat-
-edly drunk when for Duty.

J. Orr.
Actg. Adjt.

Lieut.t Lambally's dismissed the Service —

Resolved that Lieut.t Lambally
be dismissed from the Honble Company's
Service —

Tho.s Pearce
John Wintle

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Select Committee

To the Hon.ble William Brooke Esq.r

To Fort Marlbro'. President and Governor &.c Council

at Fort Marlbro'

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

We have herewith the Pleasure to enclose you a Packet received from the Hon.ble Court of Directors by the Way of Suez. In consequence of Letters which came to us at the same time, We sent our Army the beginning of last Month against Pondicherry properly equipped for the Seige of that important Place, and We have now flattering Hopes that it will fall into our hands in a few days.

Our Squadron Commanded by Sir Edward Vernon gained an Advantage over the French Fleet in an Action which happened the 10.th Ultimo and since that time they have taken two French Ships a Frigate and a Merchantman. We are now quite Masters of the Sea, and have the fairest Prospect of continuing so during the Seige of Pondicherry.

Our Committee of Stores having delivered us a Report upon the Indent you some time ago transmitted to Us for Ordnance

and Gun Carriages We enclose a Copy of it for your Information. The Indent for Stores enclosed in your Letter of the 8th August by the Moorlord Snow shall be duely attended to, and We shall also endeavour by every means in our Power to procure you the Number of Seapoys you have requested

We think it proper to advise you that We have been appointed by the Court of Directors to be a Select Committee for the Management of all political Military and naval Affairs at this Presidency.

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We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Tho.s Rumbold &c.a &c.a

To Sir Edward Vernon.

To Sir Edward Vernon—

Commodore and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships in India.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 28th Instant, and are obliged to you for the Information you have therein given to us. We shall accordingly prepare our Dispatches to be sent on board the Frigate you propose sending to England, and we mean to entrust them with a Gentleman whom we shall request the favor of you to permit to proceed on her.

We

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We have the Honor to be.

Sir.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Th.s Rumbold & Jn.o St. Com.e

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To Major General Munro.

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

Sir,

We have received your Letters in regard to the Polygar who with his Followers has joined your Camp; We had no Information concerning him until we received it from you. We leave it to you to act with respect to him as you shall see proper.

We have dismissed Lieutenant Lamballe from the Company's Service agreeably to your recommendation.

We propose dispatching the Success Galley to Pondicherry in a Day or two where she will remain under your Orders to assist in Transporting back to Madras such of the Stores as it may be thought necessary to bring hither after the Seige.

We are with Esteem,

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servants
Th.s Rumbold & J.n Com.e

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Wrote

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October 4th Wrote the following Letter to General Munro.

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

Sir, The Eagle Packet arrived three days ago from Bengal — We are requested by the Gentlemen there, to detain her as short a time as possible and it may happen from a change of Weather or other Circumstances that we may be obliged to dispatch her before the Operations against Pondicherry be concluded — as We could wish in this case to inform the Company with Precision how far we are advanced in the Attack and in what time it may be reasonably conjectured that the place will fall, We desire you will be pleased to Communicate to us the present State of your Approaches as fully as possible and in respect to the other Point we shall be glad to have such an opinion from you as appearances may warrant at the time of your Writing — Being now apprehensive that it will be impossible before the Breaking of the Monsoon to convey Stores to Madras by Sea, any part of the

Stores

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Stores that may remain after the Reduction of Pondicherry, We desire to know your Sentiments in regard to the manner in which they should be disposed of, and whether the most Material part of them may not with propriety be lodged at Permacoil or Wandewash.

We are with Esteem

Sir,

Your Most Obed. Servants
Tho. Rumbold & Jno. Bacon

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4th October 1778

6th Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Edward Vernon.

To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir Edw. Vernon advising him of two French Ships at Negapatam

Commodore & Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India.

Sir,

We have the Honor to inform you that two French Ships are now in the Port of Negapatam supposed to be from Mauritius with Troops for Pondicherry — Our Intelligence mentions that they first appeared to the North-ward of Negapatam and were standing a North Easterly Course, when (as it is strongly suspected) in consequence of some Information Communicated to them from Negapatam they suddenly bore away for that place where their Commanders

have probably met with exact Accounts of the Situation of Affairs at Pondicherry.

Our Conjecture that these Ships received their Intelligence from Negapatam appears natural from the Position in which they appeared and the Sudden Alteration of their Course, but when We consider and add to these Circumstances, the unfriendly disposition shewn by the Dutch towards us in some recent Instances and particularly in their giving a Positive refusal to our request to have a Resident on the part of the Company stationed at Negapatam During the present War, We cannot help viewing their Conduct in a partial light, and believing that in the present Instance they have departed from that Neutrality which they ought to have observed.

We are at a loss to Account for these Proceedings of the Dutch otherwise than by supposing that they are founded in some Degree upon the Apprehension that a Conduct merely neutral might expose them to be treated in the same manner by the French this War, that they were in the last, for it is worthy of Remembrance that while our Nation during that War strictly observed

the

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the Neutrality of the Dutch, the French paid no Regard whatever to it when ith interfered with their Views - At one time they took Possession of the Dutch Settle= =ment at Sadras, and at another they Seized upon a large Dutch Ship and employed ith in forwarding their Operations against Madras.

We doubt not Sir you will be able to determine upon the Informa= =tion We have given you and from such other as you may have required whether the Dutch have or have not violated their neutrality by assisting or giving improper Intelligence to the two French Ships now in the Road of Negapatam - at all Events we are Confident from your Vigilance and Activity that the most proper & effectual Measures will be taken to prevent the Garrison of Pondicherry from being reinforced by a single Man.

We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Tho. Rumbold & Co. & Co.

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The Same Wrote the following Letter

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To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir,

As the Season approaches in which it will be unsafe for Ships to attempt a Passage to Bengal, and as it is of much Importance to the Company that the Naptoon and Southampton arrive there, in proper Time, We request that so soon as you can conveniently Spare those Vessells without Detriment to the Service, you will be pleased to Send them to this Place.

We flatter ourselves with the Hope that Pondicherry will soon fall - but if it should hold out contrary to our Expectations We trust that you will not withdraw your Ships until the last Extremity. Should you however find your-self under that necessity We request that you will leave the two Armed Vessells from Bengal with Orders to block up the Road during the Monsoon & to them we will add a small Armed Vessell from Bombay now there.

We have the Honor to be.

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants.

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Tho. Rumbold & C. S. C.

To

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To Major General Munro

To Gen.l Munro with a Detachment of Europeans.

Commander in Chief of the Company's Troops on the Coast

Sir,

Having determined to reinforce the Army under your Command with One Hundred Europeans drafted from this Garrison, We take the opportunity of Sending them to Pondicherry by the Company's Vessell Morning Star She sails this Evening and the Commanding Officer is directed upon his Arrival off Pondicherry to hoist an Union Jack at the Main Top Gallant Mast Head as a Signal to you, and after the Disembarkation of the Troops to remain under your Orders

We are with Esteem,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servants

Tho.s Rumbold &c.a

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of Thanks

10.th Wrote the following Letter to Capt.n J. Ogilvie of the Valentine.

To Captain James Ogilvie

Letter to Captain Ogilvie of the Valentine -

Commander of the Company's Ship Valentine

Sir,

Having heard with particular Satisfaction that in the Action with the French Squadron of 10.th August where the Valentine was engaged, your Conduct throughout Manifested great Judgement Spirit and

and Actively and that the Officers and Ships Company seconded you with equal Ardour and Gallantry. We desire on this Occasion to — return our Thanks to you and them and to assure you that We shall not fail to make Proper Mention of your Services to the Court of Directors in our next Advices.

We are

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servants
Tho. Rumbold &c. &c.

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10th October 1778.

At a Select Committee Present,
The Honble Thomas Rumbold President
John Whitehill
Charles Smith,
General Munro absent on Service

Monday
12. Octob. 1778.

The President delivers in the following

Minute

Minute of the President on the Subject of the Nabobs Payments to the Company and the State of Finances at Tanjore

When I settled the Company's Account with the Nabob, and obtained from him an Agreement for his future Payments, we incerted in his letter dated 24th August 1778 entered in the Committee proceedings of the 29th following a Clause, that in case the Country remained in peace punctually to fulfill... There remained a Balance of One Lack of Pagodas due from him, as per that Account the last day of August, and in September there became due from him for that Month, Six, Fifty Thousand Pagodas, Three)

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There was also due from them on the last of September, One Lack, Forty three thousand Pagodas on Account of the Jagheer, making together ... Pagodas ... 293000. - - and I have the pleasure to acquaint the Committee that in Consequence of our Representations to him of our distress for Money, there has since the last of August been recovered from them in Specie, and Sowcar Bills amounting Rupees 75000. paid in Camp, Pagodas 229539.

Pags. The Balance 63461. he has assured me in the strongest manner shall be paid in a few days, and that he will use his utmost endeavours immediately to comply with his engagements. I hope, and trust he will keep his word, as our Treasury is at a very low Ebb, and I would wish if possible to avoid drawing on the Company. Tho' Down at first he was when the heavy Expence of our Army in the Field is Considered, and no Supplies coming in from Tanjore, we shall be drove to adopt some method of raising Supplies for the present Service - and on the Receipt of the Sums Stipulated to be paid by the Nabob, go no further than just to supply our immediate wants, and in Case of troubles in the Carnatic, and any Failure in the Revenue, we shall.

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shall be left without Resource, I have pro-
posed to the Nabob, and in very strong
terms represented to him the expediency
of Securing annually from his Revenue,
a deposit of two or three Lacks of Pagodas
to be lodged at the Presidency in some proper
place, under two Locks, the Key of One
to be kept by the Nabob, the other by
the Presidents, and the Money on no
Account to be made use of without the
mutual Consent of each Party, in times of
imminent danger, and necessity.

His Highness does not seem
averse to the Plan, and I hope by Continuing
to represent the utility of such a Measure,
that we may in a little time obtain his
Consent, and by that means establish
a Fund of about Fifteen, or Sixteen
Lacks of Pagodas which would effectually
Secure us from distress, in case of any
sudden, and unexpected invasion from the
Country Powers.

The Nabob has represented
to me that when the Troops took the
Field to march against Pondicherry
Complaints were made of the want
of Provision, and supplies necessary
for the Service - that this at first
was unavoidable, as the alarm of an
Army's marching will ever have an

effect

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effect on the Inhabitants of the Country,
and that he took every possible method
to supply a remedy, and by proper encour=
=agement, and an exemption from
duty on all the necessaries of Life, car=
=ried to Camp tho' at a loss to his Re=
=venue — The Army before Pondicherry
has been more amply supplied, that
the remembers to have been the Case on
any former Occasion — By all Accounts
this Representation is just, as I have not
heard Complaints from the Army since
their marching from Conjeveram, and
therefore at the request of his Highness,
and in Justice to them, mention it to the
Committee, as he is very anxious the
Company should be convinced of his
Zeal for the Service, and that he is
thoroughly sensible how material an
object the Reduction of Pondicherry
is to the Security, and Peace of the
Carnatic

As I have on many occasions
been obliged to press his Highness for
payment of Money due to the Company,
and to urge him in the strongest
manner to comply with his engagement
it would not be fair towards him
if I omitted to mention how far the

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Representations we have made have had
effect, and it with no small Satisfaction
I observe, that since my arrival the
8th of February there has been received
from the Nabob on Account of the
Pagheer, and Current Charges Pag. 812,274.
I am concerned we have not been able
to receive more Assistance from the
Tanjore Country, such has been the
Rajahs distress for Money, that its now
upwards of three Months since we have
received the least supply from him. The
Mismanagement of his Dewan Bechan-
-nah, who guides him in every respect,
seems to have brought him into his
present difficulties — the dispute he
involved us in with the Dutch, have
been entirely owing to the Minister
(Bechannah) whose enmity to Comma-
-caupillah the former favorite of his
Master, and his Jealousy least he should
regain the influence he once had forced
Comacaupillah for fear of his life
to take shelter with Dutch, Buchan-
-nah pretence to have him in his
power was his not having settled Accounts
with the Rajah, and being much indeb-
-ted to him. — but when Commacaupa-
-pillah on receiving from me a Cowle

for

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for the Security of his Person on Condition
of his repairing to Tanjore, and adjusting
all his Accounts to the Satisfaction of the
Rajah repaired there accordingly, Buchan=
=nah sensible of his Masters Former,
and present Hostility for his ill Servant
brought up in the House of his Father,
and strongly Recommended to him before
his Death, found means to prevent
his coming into the Presence of the
Rajah, and made use of the influence
he has obtained to keep him at a
distance the protection of the Cowle
granted by me, and mentioned to Colonel
Fitzgerald deters Buchannah from pro=
=ceeding to any further unwarrantable
lengths, but as I intend to go more fully
into this business hereafter, when
the Management of the Tanjore Country
is taken into Consideration I shall
defer saying any thing further on it
at present.

I have the honor &c
12. October 1778. Sh. Rumbold

Draft of a General Letter to
the Honble Court to go by the Valentine
read and approved — Ordered to be Copied
Fair

Read the following address from
the Comte De Laure —

To

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(Translation)

To Mr. Rumbold
Governor in Chief — President
of the Council &c. and to the
Gentlemen of Council.

From the Counte
Delaire for allow-
-ances —

Gentlemen,

The Count de Coeure has the
honor to represent to you, that the Supreme
Council at Calcutta having been pleased
to grant to the French Officers who
were made Prisoners at Bengal, an
allowance equal to that, which they
received from His Most Christian
Majesty, he is willing to flatter himself
that you will be pleased to shew the
same indulgence to him, as will as to
Mr. de Montfrie.

He encloses the Extract of a
Letter, which was written upon this
occasion by the Council of Bengal
to Mr. Hocquart, and he takes the
liberty to remind you Gentlemen, that
he had the honor, upon his arrival
at Madras to deliver to you the original
Letter of Mr. Dedarture, Minister to the
Marine Department, which most clearly
specifies that Mr. De Coeure's allowances
were 12000 Livres, and those of Mr.
De Montfrie half that Sum

&c.

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The Count de Caine, and Mr De Montpies flatter themselves, that your Gentlemen, will be pleased to pay attention to their request, in which Case they shall Consider themselves under an Obligation.

/Translation/

Extract of a Letter written to Mr Hoegaart Commandant at Chordanagore, by the Supreme Council of Calcutta dated the 29.th July 1778

"Nevertheless We willingly Consent to those Articles which we can with pro-
"-priety grant, in order to renoer the Situa-
"-tion of the Gentlemen at Chordanagore
"as agreeable and as easy as it is possible in
"the particular Circumstances in which they
"were placed, and upon that idea We Consent
"to make to those Gentlemen, who were
"lately employed in the Service of His
"Most Christian Majesty the same
"Allowances, which they received Monthly
"from their own Government, before
"the Capture of the Place — We therefore
"request, that you will furnish our
"Commissary, Mr Callingo with a List
"of their Names, and with the original,
"or an attested Copy of the Order respecting
"their Allowances, that he may Continue
"to pay them in the same manner from
"the 1.th of this Month: With respect

to

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„to Madame Chevalier, We beg leave to tender
„to her a Sum equal to that enjoyed by
„the late Commandant

(Signed) Warren Hastings
Richard Barwell
P. Francis

I Certify this Extract to be a true
Copy from the Original — this 1.st of
October 1778 —

(Signed) Hocquart.

To Receive the same as allowed him by his Government

As the Company have never been reimbursed by the Court of France for the Subsistance of the French Prisoners during the late War the Committee have thought it their Duty to confine the present Disbursements on that Account within as narrow limits as possible lest the Expence should again fall upon the Company. But as the Situation of the Comt De Caire and Mons.r Monthieu is peculiar it is agreed to make them the same Allowances as they were to receive respectively from the King of France but it is Resolved that the same be not considered by any Means as a Precedent.

Read Letter from Mons.r Hocquart —

(Translation)

To the Honble the President and Council of Madras

Gentlemen

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From Mr Hoquard for a Passage.

Gentlemen,

Having left Chordanagore with the permission of the Honble the Governor and Council of Calcutta, in order to repair to Europe upon my Parole, I arrived here on the Rock-ford, and being desirous of Continuing my voyage on that Ship, I am to request the favor of you, Gentlemen, to issue an Order to the Captain for that purpose. I have the honor to inform you, Gentlemen, that His Most Christian Majesty defrays all Charges, which are incurred by his Officers, or others employed in his Service and procures them every Accommodation for an India Voyage: As I am ignorant of the Customs of the Honble English India Company in this respect, I beg leave to request, Gentlemen that in the order, which you may give to Captain Baird it may be particularly expressed, that I shall be furnished with Convenient Accommodations as well as the use of his Table, at the Company's Expence, and more especially as my particular Situation, and the State of my health require that I should procure every possible Accomodation for so long a Voyage — I flatter myself Gentlemen that you will be so good

as

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as to pay attention to this request, and that you will allow are to assure you, of the perfect Consideration, with with I have the honor to be — Gentlemen,

Your Most Humble &
Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Hoequart
Colonel of Infantry & late
Commandant of Cherdanagore

At St. Thome
the 5th October 1778.

Agreed that Mons.r Hoequart be permitted to return to Europe on his Parole and that he be furnished with an Order for a Passage on the Rochford the Company being at no Expence thereby

French Prisoners to work their Passage.

The Captains of the Rochford and Eagle Packet being distressed for Men to navigate their Vessells and some of the French Prisoners having Consented to enter as Seamen upon certain Conditions, they were accordingly furnished with the following Certificate.

Certificate to them.

This is to Certify that the undermentioned Men belonging to the Sertine Frigate, and Le Aimable Nannette two French Ships taken by his Majestys Frigate the Sea Horse Captain Pointon have agreed to serve as Seamen — and to be entered on the Ships Books as sent on board the Rochford Indiaman on Condition that they are not made to act against the Ships, or Troops of the French Nation

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Nation, and that on their arrival in England they be immediately exchanged and sent to France. These Conditions are allowed and the English East India Company will be duely advised thereof. Witness our Hands in Fort St. George this 5th day of October 1778.

Tho.s Rumbold &c.a St Comm.a

Read the following Letters.

From Major Kelly for leave to go Home.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r
President &c.a Gentlemen of the Select Committee
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having laboured under a most painful and dangerous disorder for many Months, I am at length reduced to the necessity of making a Voyage to the Cape, if not to Europe for the recovery of my health; to which step I am advised by Mr Pasley, as the only certain means left me. I am therefore, humbly to request that your Honor &c.a will be pleased to grant me Permission to proceed to the Cape, and thence to Europe if necessary. And that you will be so condescending as to make mention of me to the Honble the Court of Directors in such manner as may induce them to permit my return to India, as soon as my health shall be reestablished, with prejudice to my Rank.

I hope the Honble Board will believe that it is with the utmost regret

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regret I find myself obliged to quit the Coast at a time when the presence of every Officer of any standing in the Service is so essentially necessary - And that I shall not lose a moment in returning to my duty, when it may please God to restore me to health -

I am with the utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Faithful
and Obed.t Humble Servant

Mount
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Robert Kelly

This is to Certify that Mayor Kelly has for some time laboured under Complaints of a Consumptive Nature from which he is not recovered and as they may be subject to encrease during the Monsoon he is advised to proceed to Europe by some of the present Conveyances

Gilbt Bayley
Surgeon

Madras 5th October 1778

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

From Major Burgall for a Passage

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having solicited two Applications for a Passage on a Neutral Ship, I am to request this favor from you, for myself and Family among of the Honble Company's Ships, as I conceive you have it under Consideration at this time to dispatch two of them for England

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England—

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Geo. Burghall

Fort St. George

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Agreed that Mayors Burghall

and Reilly have the permission they request

and that they be furnished with Permits

to be received on Board the Rochford

Hts. Brown Esqrs

John Whitehill

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At a Select Committee Present

Saturday 17th Octr 1778 The Honble Thomas Rumbold President

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

General Munro absent on Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors of this Date read and Signed.

Ordered that the Packet be Closed.

Tho: Rumbold

John Whitehill

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The following Letters were read or dispatched before the last Committee, but were not entered on Account of the Urgent Business then in Hand.

Ripon Pondicherry road the 3. October 1778.

From Sir Edward Vernon relative to an Expedition to Mahé.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter dated the 29th past, and in Answer thereto, am to acquaint you, that after the Reduction of Pondicherry, I shall be very ready happy to render the earliest assistance in my power to effect that of Mahé, as I readily concur with you in opinion, the French should be dispossessed of every foot of Ground in India. On the Reduction of this place, or, before the approaching Monsoon sets in, I shall dispose sending the Squadron to Trincomalee to Wood & Water, and refit, which Service, I expect, will be performed by the middle of November, when I shall be able to proceed with them to Mahé, on the Malabar Coast, to assist in carrying your design against that place into execution.

I have also received your Letter of the 30th, and shall give directions to Captain Rowen of the Cormorant Sloop to receive on board her, any Gentlemen you may think proper to take charge of

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of your Dispatches for England.
The Two Armed Ships from Ben-
-gal joined me the 2.d in the Morning.
I have the honor to be with
much respect
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edw.d Vernon.

Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
President &.c Council
of Fort S.t George.

Rupton Pondicherry Road
3.d October 1758.

From Sir Edward Vernon.

Gentlemen,
Having Ordered the Sartine
to be fitted for Sea, and to take on board
the Provisions & Stores necessary for
Refitting the Squadron under my
Command, and to join me with the
utmost expedition, I am to desire you
will be pleased to order her every
Assistance for that purpose, in your
power — I have the honor to be with
Respect Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
E. Vernon

Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r
President &.c Council
of Fort S.t George.

Select Committee

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r
President & Governor &.c Members
of the Select Committee
at Fort S.t George

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen,

From Bombay with Paper of News.

As we conclude by the Superscription of the enclosed Packets that a Select Committee is established at your Presidency We shall address our Letters accordingly — These Packets were received here the 3d Instant by Captain Mackheney who left England at the same time with Captain Matthews.

As Sir Edward Vernon appears to have founded his Determination of continuing with the Squadron at Madras on your Letter to him of the 8th July We have in reply stated to him our Reasons for being of opinion that the Squadron could render more important Services at Bombay and have the Honor to enclose a Copy of our Letter, not doubting but if our Arguements prove of sufficient Weight to cause an alteration in your Sentiments but-your will use your influence with him to comply with his own request

Since writing the above the Alexander Country Ship arrived from Suez and we now transmit the Information We have Collected from Mr William Moore who left London the 16th of June and Marseilles the 2d of July when War had not been declared either by great Britain

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Britains or France

Mr. Moore did not bring any

Dispatches from the Honble Company.

We are

Gentlemen,

Bombay Castle
11th September 1778

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
William Hornby
Jn.o Carnac
Ch.s Egerton.
D. Draper

P. S. We request you will forward the enclosed Packet for the President & Council at Fort Marlbro'—

Mr. William Moore left London the 16th June last, and arrived at Paris the 20th following, which place he also left the 26 of the same Month — at that time War had not been declared on either Side, but during his Stay at Paris a Courier Express arrived to the Court at Versailles with the following Account of an Engagement between an English and a French Frigate "That "on the 19th of June a French Frigate Cruising "off Ushount saw three Sail in the Offing, "one of which gave Chase to her, and "after Coming along side hailed her, and "bid the Captain he must go and speak to "with his Commodore — the French Captain "replied that he received no Orders but "those given him by his own Commo- "modore, upon which the English "Frigate fired a Broad side, and on its

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„being returned by the Frenchman, an Engage-
„-ment ensued, which lasted near four Houre,
„when the English Frigate threw out Signals
„of distress and immediately two Sail of the
„Line came down to her Assistance, on
„which the French man made Sail and
„run in Shore, where she came to an
„Anchor and Dispatched this Account. The
„French Frigate was named La Belle Poule
„Commanded by Captain De la Cochetone,
„who was wounded in the Action, and had
„Sorty Men killed and fifty Wounded"
Mr Moore adds that when this Account
was publickly known at Paris, it was
generally thought an immediate Decla-
-ration of War would have been the
Consequence, but that before he left it
People were of a different opinion, as
they were also on the 2d of the following
Month, when he arrived at Marseilles,
where he found Messrs Strahan and
Eaton, who were at that Place under
quarantine — From hence Mr Moore
Sailed the following day, arrived at
Alexandria the 18 July, and at this
Place the 9th instant.

Mr Moore brings Advice
that the Count D'Estaings Fleet consist-
-ing of 18 Sail of the Line with
6 Frigates, Bomb and Fire Vessells &c.

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Sailed from Toulon the 13th. April, passed
the Streights of Gibraltar the 14th May
and Madeira the 26th of the same Month,
when it was seen standing to the Westward
The Account was brought to England by
an English Frigate, which accompanied
the Fleet from the Streights to that
Latitude — Admiral Byron's Fleet con=
=sisting of 12 Ships of the Line, 6.
Frigates, Bomb and Fire Vessels sailed from
Plymouth the 9th June with Orders to
follow the Count D'Estaing

Admiral Hotham sailed 12th June
from Portsmouth with 22 Sail of the Line
and some Frigates to Cruise in the Channel

The Commissioners for America
left Portsmouth the 29th April, as did four
Sail of Indiamen for Bombay, and the
Calcutta for Coast and Bay, under the
Convoy of the Asia Man of War of 64
Guns, Commanded by Captain Vandeput.

Mr. Moore did not hear that
any other Men of War were ordered for
India when he left England.

The Stafford left England
the latter End of May with Sir Eyre
Coote on Board, and was to proceed directly
to Madras, and on the 11th June Colonel
Fitzpatrick arrived in London from
Philadelphia, which he had left

the

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the 15th May, with an Account that the Congress had refused to treat with the Commissioners on the terms proposed in the Conciliatory Bill, the heads of which they had seen, unless the English first withdrew their Army and Fleet, and acknowledged their independence in every respect.

A True Copy
Edwd Ravenscroft
Sec.y to
the Select Comm.ee

Ruspon Pondicherry Road
8th October 1778

From Sir Edward Vernon.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 5th Instant inclosing the Copy of a Petition from Captain Maxwell of the Ship Eagle to your Board, and expressing your wish that I would spare the said Ship three or four Men from the Squadron under my Command to assist in Navigating her home; In answer to which, I am to acquaint you, that the Service on which we are employed appears to me of such a nature, as to render it improper to spare any Men from the Squadron, more especially as I am, in a day or two, to Land between two and three hundred Men to assist in the

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the attacks upon Pondicherry.

I have also had the honor to —
receive yours of the 6th respecting the two
French Ships in Negapatam Road, And you
may be assured nothing in my power
shall be wanting to prevent the Enemy
throwing a Single man into Pondicherry
I have the honor to be.

with respect
Gentlemen,
Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r Your Most Obedient
President & Council Humble Servant
of Fort St. George Edw.d Vernon

From Genel Munro.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I am favored with your
Letter of the 8 October; and Consider myself,
in a particular manner obliged to you;
for the Reinforcement of Europeans;
which unsolicited, you have been so
obliging as to send.

I hope in a few Days to
inform yaw of something of Importance.
The heavy Rains for these three or
four days past, have retarded our
Operations; but they are still going
on, so that in a few Days, I hope to
be able to assault the Place; and
yaw may be assured that the Instant,
a Passage over the Ditch is made,
that I shall make the Attempt

I

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I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Hector Munro

Camp near
Pondicherry October 9th 1778
The Honble Thos Rumbold Esqr
Gov.r & Pres.t &c.a &c.a Select Committee
Fort St. George

Rishon Pondicherry Road
12th October 1778

From Sir Edward Vernon.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 8th Instant, and am to acquaint you, in answer thereto, that I should have sent the Southampton, and Nassau, as well as the Bofsborough, to Madras at the time I had foreseid; When, on my applic-ation to General Munro, to know if he thought he should have any further Service for those Ships, he requested I would detain them until the Reduction of Pondicherry, for various reasons, particularly that he should, at that time, immediately want them to Transport the Troops & Inhabitants of that Garrison to Madras. — You may rest assured, I will not withdraw the Squadron under my Command from before this place, until the last extremity, and that

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that I should I be under the necessity of so doing, I shall comply with your request in leaving the two Armed Ships from Bengal to Block up the road during the Monsoon.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Tho.s Rumbold Esq.r Your Most Obedient
President & Co.s Council Humble Servant
of Fort St. George Edw.d Vernon

To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir Edward Vernon with the Letter from Bombay

Commodore & Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships
in India.

Sir, We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 3.d & 5.th Instant. Enclosed is a Letter from the President & Council of Bombay a Copy of which came to us in Cypher, with a request that We would decypher and send it to you.

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George Sir, Your Most Obedient
13.th October 1778 Humble Servants
Tho.s Rumbold & Co.s Com.te

Duplicate Select Committee

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.r

President and Governor & Co.s Council
at Fort St. George

Gentlemen, We have received your Letters
of

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of the 2d & 13th Ultimo

We now forward a Packet for Sir Edward Vernon, which we request you will deliver to him, and Decypher our Letter, which is wrote in the Company's large Cypher. The purport of it is to desire he will take Measures to prevent the Return of Ships from China from falling into the hands of the French, the necessity of which we beg you will also enforce to him.

We are
Bombay Castle Gentlemen,
28th August 1778.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
William Hornby
Jon.o Carnac
Ch.s Egerton
D. Draper
Select Committee

Duplicate.

To Sir Edward Vernon Kn.t
Commodore & Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships in the East Indies

at Fort St. George.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 30th June and 13th July.

In the Present critical Situation of affairs We think it expedient to conceal what we have now to write to you on the Company's Cypher which the Governor

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Governor & Council of Madras on your application will decypher for you.

The Principal Merchants of this place have presented a Memorial to the Board expressing their Apprehensions for the Safety of the Return Ships of this Season from China; thinking it probable that the French may Station some Cruizers in the Streights of Malacca to intercept them in their Return and they have therefore requested that We will represent to you the Importance of taking Measures for the Security of so large a Property exposed to such apparent Risque.

We think it our immediate Duty to comply with their Request and to acquaint you that the Value of these Ships as stated to us is not less than from Twenty five to thirty Lacks of Rupees, the Loss of which independant of the Advantage such an acquisition will be of to the Enemy will be severely felt in its Consequence by the Company & be attended with utter Ruin to the Trade of this Place.

We are fully perswaded that you will be convinced of the Importance of preventing such valuable Prize from falling into the Hands of the French, and that you will take the most effectual

Measures

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Measures the Strength of your Squadron will permit for the Security of those Ships and of the Trade in general in these Seas. And We beg Leave to observe that although We have not yet received any Advice of War, being certainly declared the late Proceedings at Bengal will make all your Vigilance absolutely necessary for the Preservation of our Shipping.

We presume that many of your Ships dispatched from Madras before the 20th of October will reach the Streights of Malacca in time for the Return Ships from China - the most eligible Station We conceive for meeting with them will be in the Streights of Sincapore and the Commanders of the Bombay Shipping in Expectation of this Event have been instructed to observe the following Signals, which we beg you will give to the Commanders who may be appointed for their Convoy

Signals for the Convoy in the Day

A Red English Jack at the Foretop Mast Head with two Guns to be answered by the Merchant Ships with a Red Flag at the Foretop Mast Head & one Gun

Signals for the Convoy in the Night

A Lanthorn at each Foretop Mast Yard Arm with two blue Lights; to be answered

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Answered by the Merchant Ships with a Lanthorn
at the Fyb Boom End, and one blue Light.

We have the Honor to be with
much Respect
Sir,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
William Hornby
Jnº Carnac
Chs. Egerton
D. Draper

Bombay Castle
28 August 1778.

To Mr Le Counte De Caire.

To the Counte De Caire respecting his allowances

Sir, We have had the honor to receive the Representation you were pleased to make to us relative to your Allowance and that of Mr Monthie, wherein you set forth that the Governor General & Council of Bengal having granted to the Gentlemen made Prisoners at Chandernagore the same Subsistence that they before enjoyed from his most Christian Majesty, you flatter yourself a similar Indulgence will be shewn here to you & Monthie. We beg leave to inform you that during the last War our Company was put to a vast Expence for the Maintainance of French Prisoners in this Country and never could obtain any Reimbursement from the Court of France, all the several Negotiations

Negotiations were set on foot for that Purpose.
Hence proceeded our Caution in confining the
Expences at this time within as narrow Bounds
as we hopefully could lest the same Disappointments
might again happen, and we must Continue
to make this Caution the general Rule
of our Conduct, but the strong desire We
feel to give you every mark of our attention
and to render your peculiar Situation and that
of Mr Montfie as convenient as the Nature
if it will admit, have induced us in the
present Instance to depart from that
Rule, (without meaning however to make
it a Precedent) and We have resolved
to permit you both respectively to draw an
allowance equal to that which you received
from His Most Christian Majesty
and which is signified to you under the
hands of One of his Ministers Mons.
Sartine in the Papers you submitted to
our perusal.

We are

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Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servants
Ph. Rumbold & Sr Eam.l

18. Received the following Letter from Genl. Munro.

From General Munro Ponnick-ery Saunders

Camp 17th October 1778.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs, past 12. at Night

I have the pleasure to acquaint
you

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you that Mr Bellecombe has agreed to deliver
up the Fortress of Pondicherry to the
Troops under my Command tomorrow by
Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon. Mr
Laws and Mr Morrison came out this
Morning with Articles of Capitulation
and Mr Bellecombe has agreed to Sign
them as altered by me. I shall send
you the Articles of Capitulation
how soon they are Signed by all Parties
in the mean time I have sent Mr Rum-
-bold with the earliest Intelligence of
this Fortunate Event

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Hector Munro

19th Wrote the following Letter to General Munro

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

To General
Munro—

Sir. We have had the pleasure
to receive your Letter of the 19th Instant and
congratulate with you on the Succes
of our Arms against Pondicherry. We
shall write you further on this subject
when we receive from you the Articles
of Capitulation

We

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We have ordered the Success Galley to proceed to Pondicherry to assist us bringing back the Stores. We wish you to send us large a Proportion of the most valuable Stores as possible by Sea, employing the Success Galley and Bellborough if you think it proper for this Service on which the utmost Expedition should be used, as the Monsoon may be expected to change in a few days - such part of the Stores as cannot possibly be shipt on these Vessels, We think may be lodged at Permacoil or Wandewash if you approve - at any rate We could recommend that none of them be carried into Pondicherry.

As the Expence of Stores during the Seige must have been very great We desire that you will order the Commissary of Stores to make out a Return immediately of the Stores, and an Indent of the Quantity necessary to replace them, which we propose to send home by the Command. If the exact Expence cannot be ascertained immediately we would have a gross Calculate made out and an Indent formed upon that.

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Sir

We are with Esteem
Your Most Obedient Servants
Tho. Rumbold &c &c Council

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Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

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

To Bengal advising of the fall of Pondicherry

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the pleasure to send you enclosed the Copy of a Letter from General Munro advising us of the Surrender of Pondicherry - As the Articles of Capitulation are not yet received We can at present only congratulate you on an Event which insures Peace to the Carnatick & Security to the Company's Possessions.

Our attention has of late been so much engrossed by the operations against Pondicherry and in preparing for the present Dispatches to the Company that We have not yet made out the Amount of Revenue & Disburse-ment which you require, but they are now preparing and shall be forwarded as soon as finished.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs.
Your Most Obed.t Servants
Fort St. George
19th October 1778.
Sh.d Rumbold & Co.s Co.

This Day arrived Major Campbell Aid de Camp to General Munro with the

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the following Articles of Capitulation for Pondicherry

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Capitulation for Pondicherry

Capitulation for Pondicherry

Preliminary Article

The Fort of Pondicherry must be delivered up at twelve o'Clock at Noon, and the British Troops put in possession of the Bellenore Gate at that time

Preliminary Articles

Mr De Bellecombe, Field Marechall in the Armies of His Most Christian Majesty, Commandant General over all the French Settlements in India, and Governor of Pondicherry, proposes to Major General Munro Commander in Chief of the English Army, to surrender that Place the 23 day of this Month, if in the Interim, he do not receive any Succours, and he demands, in the mean time, that Hostilities shall cease on both sides, that all operations shall be suspended and that there shall not be any Communication between the Besiegers and the Besieged

Capitulation.

Article

Article