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2^d Write the following letter to Sir Edward Vernon.
To Sir Edward Vernon

Commodore and Commander in Chief
His Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

We have the pleasure to congratulate
you on your Return hither from Bombay.

In order to facilitate the engage-
ments we had come under for transporting
Mr Belcombe, and the late Garrison of
Pondicherry to France by the most expeditious
means in our power, We were induced in
the month of February last to accept a
proposal made to us for employing the Tartan
a French Merchant Ship then at the Port
of Trincomalee, to convey to France Mr
Belcombe his family & suite with such
other Officers and men as that Ship could
accommodate. Our reasons for accepting this
Offer were, first, that found the Ships of
our Company afforded a very slow and
uncertain method of sending so many
people to Europe, secondly it appeared of great
Importance at this juncture in point of
Policy as well as Economy to free ourselves as
fast as possible of every French prisoner we
had taken in this Country, and thirdly
as the Expence of transporting to Europe, as well

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2^d as well as Victualling, the French prisoners in this Country is at the Company's Charge, it became an essential Object to provide for this Transmutation as the most easy terms we could procure.

These Considerations engage us to take up the Tartane as a Cartel Ship and we accordingly permitted her Owner to bring her from Trincomali to this Port. We have from a motive of Indulgence to the Inhabitants of Pondicherry whose property was seized to them by the Cap^{ty}, relation granted leave to the owner of the Tartane to take such property on Freight, but having some doubt whether any thing in the nature of Merchandise can under any Circumstances be with propriety laden in a Cartel Ship, we have withdrawn that Permission & directed the owner to take no one Article on board his Vessel but the baggage of the Passengers.

The Merchandise he had received on board under our former Indulgence is ordered to be immediately landed.

Having for Reasons before mentioned Agreed to employ the Tartane as a Cartel Ship, and having taken care that she shall be entirely equipped as Cartel Ships usually are, We are Confident you will do every thing in your power to forward our design, and in

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2^d That permission we request you will for your
Name to the B. of Ports we propose granting
the License, in order that she may have the
benefit of every security that can be given to
insure to her the Privileges usually allowed
to East India ships.

We have the Honor to be

Your most Obedient and

Most Humble servants.

The President & J. J. C. of the

Fort St George
2 July 1779.

Letter by Captain
Moulton from
the Govt.
Committee.

Received this Evening the Companies of the
Morning Star from July with Captains Andam
and Wood bearing a Packet from the Honble
the Committee of Secy, to the select Committee
also Letters from his Majesty's Secretary of State
to Mr. Buntold & General Munro, signifying
that his Majesty has been pleased to confer the
dignity of a Baronet on the former, and the
Order of the Bath on the latter.

Saturday

the 3 July 1779

A select Committee Present

The Honble. Sir Tho. Buntold Bart. Esq.

John Whitehill Esq. Hector Munro Esq.

Charles Smith

Minutes of the last Committee

Read and approved.

The Letter from the Committee
it being brought by the way of July having
been

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been dispatched is now read. The only direction
contained in it being to inform the immediate
demolition of the Works at Pondicherry, and
that machine having been already added, and
in part executed, it became unnecessary to pass
any Order on the Letter.

Letter from
Europe.

Read the following Letter from
a Committee appointed in the Civil department
for enquiring into the state of the Garrison
Stores.

To the Honble Tho Pumbold Esq

Letter from Messrs
Sedley Crawford
of the Garrison
Architects -
Second Company
Discharged

President & Governor Sea Council
Honble Sir & Sirs.

Pursuant to the Commands
we were favored with, from your Secretary dated
the 17th Ultimo, we met as a Committee
to enquire into the nature of the doubts
among the Servants in the employ of the
Garrison Storekeeper. We learn that the
Origin of their doubts - from doubts, caused
by information, and Complaint of the
second Company to the Storekeeper, of the
Integrity of the man he had recommended
for that station; which induced the
Storekeeper for some time, to place them
both, in equal and joint trust. His having
done so, he found occasioned mutual distrust
in these men, and destroyed that subordi-

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= motion proper to be observed in their respective
Duty. After particular enquiry on his part
into the Complaints against the head, he was
satisfied with his Conduct, and that the
second's motive was, by any pretence, only to
get him removed in hopes he might suc-
ceed him. These differences having caused
the storekeeper much vexation, he took
upon himself, to dismiss entirely the second
Conicopoly, who, on the Occasion behaved to
him with great insolence and refused giving
up his charge, till he was dismissed in form
by the Authority of your Board conformable
to some late regulations of this Order. It
be observed respecting such servants as are
Native. After having heard all that has been alleged
and enquired of the storekeeper relative to the
safety of the stock in his charge, and his Opinions
of the merits of these men, and satisfied our-
selves of these particulars, we have thought
proper to confirm his Dismissal of the second
Conicopoly, who he says will enable him
in future to conduct the Business of his
Office with ease, and safety to himself, which
we hope your Honor S. will Approve.

The accompanying Return
of the Garrison storekeeper of the stock in
his charge, specifying the present condition
of the different Articles in store, and the

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The time when they were provided, we flatter
ourselves anxious that part of your commands
requiring an Account of the General Conduct
of the employ for the last year.

We have the honor to wish respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most obedient humble Servants

With Sattler

J Crawford

John Turing

C V B Dent

Fort St George
22^d June 1779.

The President observes that the Committee
of Garrison stores have not fully answered the
Intention of their Appointment. That the
Board by directing them to enquire into the
General Conduct of the Employ for last year
wished to ascertain a particular circumstance
that seemed to merit Attention. Namely
the Reason of the Garrison Storekeeper's hav-
ing received a considerable Quantity of dan-
amaged Paddy into the stores in part of a
Contract for that Article entered into by
Mr Basil Cockram. The Board on a particu-
lar Representation from Mr Cockram
had permitted the Garrison Storekeeper
to receive about 20 Gals of damaged Paddy
without any Deduction from the Contract
price but it appears that the Garrison Store-
keeper instead of confining himself to that

The Committee
of Garrison
stores directed
to enquire into
the Reasons
why Garrison
that was dan-
aged was
received.

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Quantity, actually received above 100 Garwen more
of the damaged Caddy without the least
Permission or authority whatsoever.

Ordered that the Committee
before mentioned be directed to enquire into
the particulars of this Matter and make
their Report to us.

The President says he
for the Committee, the following Minute
containing Regulations proposed by him for
the Lascar Establishment.

The President's
minute rela-
tive to the
Regulations
of Lascars and
proposals form-
ing them
into a body.

Having very fully, considered the
present state of the Lascars in this Establishment
the great expense the Company are put to by
without there being any regular plan formed
to render them useful and the Objections
that are now given for abuses, I shall propose
to the Committee the establishment of a regular
body of Lascars which shall on one Account be
increased but by their regular Orders in the
Army taking the field or any Apparent need
only.

I have attentively perused the Letter from
Colonel James to Major General Munro
of the 13th January, but our confined resources
will not admit of our adopting measures on
the Model of those in the Bengal establish-
ment where a certain and considerable num-
ber may justly admit of Regulations more

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more extensive and beyond that Economical System that our slender means render it our duty to observe. I shall therefore recommend the forming a small body of Lascars on a plan to be as useful as profitable and to appoint them in such a manner that we may be certain they are always properly kept up and ready for any service that may require their being called together.

There are now on the establishment by the East India Company stated 30th of the exclusive of those kept up and paid at the Northern settlements 25 Sepoys 101 Pondals 1355 Lascars stationed as follows.

	Sepoys	Pondals	Lascars
Madrass	27	69	572
including them at the present Coramallur, Trichinopoly Sea also 20 fixed to Tanjore and the same numbers to Coramallur where it is reported will return soon.			
Vellore	1	5	120
Condicherry	1	4	100
Chingleput	—	1	20
Cuddalore	1	3	75
Trichinopoly & Tanjore	1	6	145
Tanjore	2	5	155
also at the Tanjore Lascars were sent on the expedition to Madras where it is supposed they still are.			
	33	91	1217

Carried over

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	Syrrang	Findals	Lascars
Carry Over	33	91	1217
Madras & Palamcottah	1	1	40
If the Lascars belonging to Madras			
It were best are the expedition			
against Mahr and it were			
founder not yet returned.			
Bengole		1	13
Guntur Circar	1	6	95
Total	35	101	1355

I propose reducing the above

to 2 Head Syrrangs or

Commandants 24 Syrrangs 72 Findals & 1200 Lascars

exclusive of those in the Guntur Circar, which

as they are to belong to Colonel Harkness detach

ment will be paid with all other expen

ces and charges by Ba'gah Jung from the Guntur

business I do not include them in this account.

The body of Lascars so established to be

formed into 24 Companies each Company to

consist of 1 Syrrang 3 Findals 50 Lascars and to

be stationed as follows

	Comm	Syrrang	Findals	Lascars
With the Artillery				
constantly 8 Companies	1	8	24	400
At Madras	1	8	24	400
Whatever number of				
Lascars may be required at Bengal				
Tripawon, Comamatter	2	16	48	800
Carry Over				and

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8th Company Hindostani

Barbar

2 16 48 200

Chingleput & Bannacool to be
furnished from the Madras
division tho I suppose very
few will be wanted in those
Garrisons.

Vellore	—	2	6	100
Trichinopoly & Teager	—	1	3	00
Tanjore	—	1	5	90
Madura & Calamcutah	—	1	2	50
Pondicherry	—	2	6	50
Cuddalore	—	1	2	30
Total		2	24	72 1200

Remarks.

The great number of Lascars were required
at the siege of Pondicherry there is not the
most distant prospect of the Company's
Arms being engaged in such a siege again at
least for a length of Years, and a principal
point is to establish such a body of Lascars
as may act with the Field Artillery, the
eight Companies I have allotted for that
service properly disciplined and accursed
to the Guns by the Artillery Officers and
kept constantly with them must prove
of great benefit under the several regu-
lations that I shall offer, and whenever
the Army takes the field additional Lascars
may be draughted from Madras and the

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different Garrison's and other business for such duty as may be required independent of the working and mending the Guns which a course of discipline and service can only render them fit for.

In Madras there are several calls for Lascars which require a number of boats to be kept and in the different Garrison's I have placed the greatest number - but where any of the European Regiments are quartered which must of course increase the duty required of them. The numbers stationed at the other different Garrison's I am persuaded are sufficient for any public service that they can be wanted for. The appointment of a head Syrang or Commandant with additional pay to each of the principal divisions of Lascars, (that with the Artillery and the one at Madras) will be considered as a reward for those Syrangs to look up to who exert themselves and behave well in the service.

The Lascars first on the expedition to Mahré will be discharged as soon as that service is at an end, unless any of them are good and Old Lascars when they may be entered on the Rolls, and others struck off who have not the same pretensions.

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Intentions. &

Regulations.

First of Artillery.

The Lascars that are to be attached to the Artillery to be formed from those now in the service and both the Officers and men to be chosen from their length of service and former merits and especially from those who distinguished themselves at Pondicherry. &

The Head Quarter or Commandant to have the additional pay of five Pagodas per Mensem and the Appointment to be the reward of long service and approved merit. The Commandant and eight Companies of Lascars to be under the sole direction of the Commanding Officer of Artillery who will form them into divisions or attach them by Companies to each Company of Artillery as the Commander in Chief may approve that the intent may be fully answered of having them properly disciplined and ready for service.

The Lascars attached to the Artillery to have a different Cloathing from all others, either Blue, & Red as the Europeans Artillery are clothed, and the Commandant in Chief may approve, but only with a view to make a distinction, and the Cloathing not to exceed the present Cost

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Agreeable to the Statutes. When the Corps is formed, regular Rolls of each Company to be made out, specifying Mens name, age Country, & length of service.

Returns, & Musters to be made out in the same Manner as the monthly returns of the foots.

No Lascars to be discharged without sufficient reasons being assigned in the monthly Pay Rolls and on any Lascar being entertained or draughted from the Garrison to the Artillery Corps upon a Vacancy, the Name to be entered in the pay Roll & mentioning his name, age, & Country, and what day he was entertained.

No Fencible to be dismissed or reduced to a private Lascar without his crime being particularly reported by the Officer Commanding the Company to the Commandant of Artillery present with the Corps and his Approbation to be obtained and all the Privileges, Fencibles & Lascars shall be discharged at their own request, to receive their discharge in Writing from the Officer Commanding the Company.

The Lascars are to be regularly mustered every month. The pay Rolls for them are to be made out & signed by their Commandant and by the Commanding

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Commanding Officer of Artillery and the pay to be issued in the same manner as to the Artillery, with this difference only, that they are to be paid at the end of the Month, the same as the feaboy, and the latter rule to be observed in the same manner with all Soldiers in the Establishment.

No Soldiers to be promoted to the Rank of a Syrang without his intention and address being reported to the Commander in Chief and through him to the select Committee for their approval in the same manner as the feaboy Officers are reported for promotion and no Syrang to be dismissed without the same rule being observed and his crime being particularly mentioned.

The Head Syrang or Commandant to see that the other Syrangs keep their Companies in proper Order, and to attend to those duties with respect to the regularity of the several Companies that it cannot be supposed the Officer Commanding the Artillery can so minutely enquire into. He of these Companies and he will report every thing that happens particularly in the Corps, to the Commanding Officer.

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of Artillery, the same rule to be observed in preserving or dismissing the Commandant, as is to be observed with respect to the Syrangs.

Second, Madras.

The detachment of Lascars stationed at Madras to be under the Committee of Works, and to be paid by them. The same regular Pay Rolls to be made out Monthly, and returns and musters as are to be served by the Artillery Corps, no Lascars to be discharged or entertained but by the Committee's Orders. All Sindals to be appointed by the Committee from the body of Lascars, and not to be dismissed but by their Orders, on an enquiry into the pretensions for promotion or the misconduct for which they are to be dismissed, but no Sindal to be promoted to the Rank of a Syrang without a report of his services, and merit being made to the Fleet Committee for their approval, and no Syrang to be dismissed or reduced without his crime being reported in the same manner and the Fleet Committee's sanction obtained.

The same rule to be observed with respect to the Appointment or dismissal of a Head Syrang or Commandant.

All Lascars at Madras
Ordered

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and the out Garrisoners to have the same Cloathing but to be different from the Cloathing of those attached to the Artillery and not to be made more expensive than what they are at present. The Commandants of Lascars to be particularly attentive to the regularity of the Corps, to make out Regular returns to the Committee of Works, and as there are no Officers to superintend this division the Commandants plan will be of the greater consequence. Returns to be made the first day in every Week to the Governor by the Clerk of the Committee of Works mentioning particularly how the Lascars have been employed the preceding Week.

In case of Vacancies in the division of Lascars attached to the Artillery, such Vacancies to be supplied from the body of Lascars at Madras or the out Garrisoners upon an application from the Commanding Officer of Artillery to the Committee of Works in order that the best and most experienced Lascars may compose that Corps, and that to be entertained in the Room of those so draughted for the Artillery service.

The whole Cloathing of the Lascars in the establishment to be made up as at present agreeable to directions by the Clerk of the Committee of Works under the

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direction of the Committee.

The Lascars in the different Garrisoners to remain as at present under the storekeepers who are to observe the same rules with respect to Pay and muster Rolls the entering and discharging of Men &c; the preserving and displacing of Tindals must rest with the Committee of Works, but no Tindal to be preferred to a Syrang, nor any Syrang to be dismissed or reduced without reporting first to the Committee of Works the pretensions of the Tindal proposed to be preferred or the misconduct he has been guilty of to deserve dismissal who will report the same to the Fleet Committee for their sanction.

Having mentioned all that occurs to me at present on this subject which appears most likely to establish a useful body of Men in the service, I submit the whole to the consideration of the Committee, since other regulations may probably occur to the different members as necessary which may have escaped my collection. If the number of Lascars I have proposed to keep up is thought too small, I am only to observe our present Men will not admit of more, and should it be found necessary hereafter

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survivor, to entertain a larger body it may take place when the state of our Treasury will with more propriety admit of augmentation.

The present state of the Garrison in the service to the Northward is as follows.

At Masulipatam	2	9	22
Ellore & Condapella	1	4	94
Vizagapatam	~	3	50
Garyam	1	1	40
Chucacote	1	2	15
Aska	~	1	32

Total 5 20 100

I should suppose the number at Masulipatam Ellore & Condapella might be reduced, at any rate, a Letter may be wrote to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam to recommend a Reduction if possible, and to have such as are kept in the service put on a proper footing similar to such of the regulations now proposed to be under the Chief and Council. The other Garrisons do not seem to have kept up a greater number than may be supposed absolutely necessary.

In addition to what I have recommended, I submit to the Committee whether it might not have agreed to and make the Pay of more consequence

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consequence to grant them Warrants in the same manner as the Seapoy Officers.

It should be recommended to the Committee of Works to be particularly careful to whom they daily grant Licenses, and to be well assured that they are demanded only for the public service and are absolutely required where other people are not brought & charged to the Company in the different employments.

Approved. The Committee much approve of the regulations proposed by the President and it is Ordered that they be communicated to the Committee of Works and the plan carried by them into execution.

Read the following Letters from Major Maclellan.

Honble Sir & Mrs.

From Major Maclellan
relative to the
price of stick
in the Tanjore
Country.

I have been honored with your commands of the 3^d June and in obedience to them I have Ordered the Nalots Seapoys who were confined at Thucally to be sent under charge of a Guard to Madras. Should any others be taken they shall be disposed of in the same manner, & I have given the strictest orders that no Corporal punishment shall ^{be} inflicted upon any of them.

I have enquired minutely into what the Nalots has stated to your Honor^{ty} relative to the price of stick, and I have learned

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learned the following particulars.

That before the half Batta was struck off from the Army during Lord Bight's Government, each Soldier in Garrison here and at Trichonopoly received a Batta per diem a day which was discontinued from that time. That when the half Batta was given again the Allowance of Batta was not restored to the Soldiers. Those on duty at Trichonopoly did tolerably well as Mutton was very cheap there, but the Troops here having only two Sheep here for a Batta, and not being able to get a Fish, they found it very difficult to subsist on their pay. I am informed that Lieutenant Colonel M. soon represented this to B. Genl. St. Clair when he commanded here. The Genl. settled with the Nizam that three good Sheep should be furnished for a Batta and that the Circar should make good the difference; this regulation has been in force ever since, and I cannot find that ever more than three have been furnished for a Batta.

The main assigned for the being more here than in the Nizam's country is, that a much greater proportion of this is a Grain Country than there is of the Nizam, & that consequently in the latter there is much more pasture for the Cattle than in the

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Shut hills in Garrison here are furnished by
the Rajah's people; perhaps were the British
permitted to go with ready money to buy in the
Country what are wanted they would get them
Cheaper, but this the Rajah does not allow.

The Loss to the Circus is not an object of any
great consequence as the Garrison at present
stands, the Captain at the highest does not
exceed forty Annas a day.

I have the honor to be,

With respectful respects.

Honble Sir & Mrs.

Your Most Obedient
and Most Humble servant
A. Macellan.

Tanjore
13th June 1779.

Honble Sir & Mrs,

From Major

Macellan

enclosed

make of

for the retaining

Wall.

I in obedience to your com-
mands of the 18th Inst. I have the honor to
enclose an Estimate of the expense of completing
ing the retaining wall of the little Fort at Tanjore.
They have to observe that the sooner this work is
begun the less it will cost to finish it as for the
the Wall is at present in such a ruinous state
that it is crumbling away every day.

I have the honor to be,

with perfect respects.

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your Most Obedient & Humble servant

A. Macellan.

Tanjore
25th June 1779

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Estimate of the quantity of completing the retaining
Wall of the little Fort of Sanjore

South face 243 Yards by 10 1/2 in section

is 3076 cubical Yards @ 7 1/2 in Bag 513

1/6 for Butterflies 85

Coping 243 Yards length @ 9 ft 60

Counting with Chinam 2051 } 146
square Yards @ 9 ft

Total South retaining Wall 804

Wth face 103.45 in length by 9 1/2 in
section is 977 cub^l Yards @ 7 1/2 } 164

1/6 for Butterflies 32

Coping 22

Counting with Chinam 51

Total retaining Wall Wth face 269

North face 170 Yds in length by 15 1/2
in section 253 cubical Yds @ 7 1/2 } 420

1/6 for Butterflies 40

Coping 46

Counting with Chinam 121

Removing & filling in 6000 cubical
Yards of earth @ 2 1/2 paces @ 7 1/2 } 357

Total retaining Wall Nth face 1014

Total Bag 2087

N.B. As there is not a sufficient quantity
of old Materials - nor Right Sort of
Bricks will be required which are not
included in the above Estimate } See Johnston
Part 8th of Eng^l

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Agreed.

Agreed that the returning Wale at
Tanjore be constructed but the Commanding
Officer must be strictly informed to see that the
above Estimate be not exceeded.

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Baillie.

To the Honble the Russellold Governor
and President of the Gentlemen of the
Joint Committee

of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Col.
Baillie repre-
senting the
distresses of
Lieut. L'Archers
and De Rungas
Families.

I am sorry I should have
mentioned so many Families in my letter
of the 11th Instant - but the truth I did not
knowing none of them to be in distress cir-
cumstances / wish to make particular distinc-
-tions.

That of L'Archers Lieut. of Grenadier, and
De Rungas Captain of Engineers can alone of
them actually in Pondicherry be said to be in
real & immediate Want. &c.

The first to my own knowledge, have submitted
to the Number of 10 Persons, Women & Children,
only since Lieutenant L'Archers departure for
Europe, upon the Pension of Madame Le Fan,
and the work of their hands & are allowed
by all who know them to be objects highly worthy
of Compassion. &c.

The others is equally poor

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How tho' not quite so numerous a Family
to support - I have the honor to remain
with the greatest respect.

Honourable Sir & Sirs.

Your most humble

& Most obedient servant.

Candicherry 18th June 1779

Wm Baillie. c.

To be allowed
ten Bagodas
10th Month
each

As the two Families mentioned
in the foregoing Letter seem to be real Objects
of Charity it is agreed that the Commandant
at Candicherry be directed to allow them each
10 Bag^s 10th Month for 1 Year.

Read the following Letter

from Vizagapatam. c.

To the Honble Thomas Bumbold Esq^r

Graduate Sec^y Member of the first Committee

Fort St George.
Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Vizaga-

patam a de-

factments

from Capt^r

Lynch & Bate

Ordered to strength

the detach^t

Saltianram.

We have received
your several Letters from the Military department,
the last dated the 22^d Ultimo. Your Command
contained therein has been punctually obeyed & but
the letters not requiring any answer except an-
swered to strength acknowledging their dates we have not for some con-
siderable time past had Occasion to address you
from this department except in our Letter of the
24th Ultimo on the subject of Saltianram, and
a Disposition recommended by the Major Pittman
Major for the protection of the Southern posts &c.

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the Chicacole District.

Since our address of the 26th

Ultimo having learned from the Officer commanding at Sittavaram, as well as from the Raja, and by Mircarrak Intelligence that Daula the Mledar of Sittavaram had collected near One Thousand Armed Men at that Fort, we have thought it proper to strengthen the Garrison at that place by requiring of Capt. Lyaght to Detach an experienced Officer with a Company of Sepoys and a Field piece for the Protection of the Cultivation & Collections at Sittavaram. This force together with the Company of Sepoys detached in May we believe will prove sufficient for the Service now in that District.

If the Arrangement recommended by Colteram Maup for the Protection of the Southern part of the Chicacole District take place the Detachment of Capt. Lane's Battⁿ proposed to be cantoned near Casimcotah would give immediate protection to the Cultivation in the Antnapully and Sittavaram districts, as Casimcotah borders on those Countries as well as on the Golconda and Madras Hills.

We are respectfully,
Yours for &c

Alex: Davidson.
H. Crawford.
Capt. Baskin.
Chas. Meston.

Vizagapatam
6th June 1779.

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Approved

The Committee approve of the additional force sent to Sittavaram.

Captⁿ Richard

Captain Richard Tolson

Tolson has

having applied to be appointed Fort Major at

appointed Fort

Vellore, and the President acquainting the

Major at

Committee that the Nabob has given his

Vellore

Consent to the additional Expense of such an

And Ensign

Officer and also for a Fort Adjutant at the same

Adjutant.

It is agreed that Captain Tolson be appointed

Adjutant.

to the former & Ensign Simon Baillie to

the latter Office.

Lt. Montgomery

Lieutenant Hugh Montgomery

appointed

is appointed a Captain to rank from this

a Captain

date - and Lieutenant Bartholomew Vigers

Lt. Vigers

is appointed Fort Adjutant of this Garrison

Fort Adjutant

in the Room of Lieut. Walter Douglas.

of Madras.

The Commander in Chief reporting to the Committee

Ensign W.

that Ensign Murray lately promoted, is provided for

Murray dead

on the Bengal Establishment - Ordered that he

of the List.

be struck off the List.

Ensign Scott

Read a letter from Ensign Charles Scott re-

permitted

questing permission to resign the service. Granted.

to resign the

service.

Thos. Pembold

John Whitehill

Willor Munro

Charles Smith

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3^d Dispatched the following letter to Bengal
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council
of Fort William.
Honble Sir & Sirs.

To Bengal
with Europe
news by the
Morning Star

We have the pleasure
to acquaint you that the Company's ship
Morning Star arrived ^{here} yesterday Evening from Surat
with a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors
for this Presidency. We have the Honor to
transmit you the Accompanying Letter which
was enclosed in our Packet, and what the Com-
mittee of Secrecy inform us, is a Transcript of
that we have received.

Sir Edward Hughes
with 6 ships of the Line, and 13 Sail of Indiamen
left Portsmouth the 7th March and were met
in the Choke of the Channel all well on the 16th

We have the pleasure to inform you that
the Reduction of Pondicherry gave very great
satisfaction in England, His Majesty has been
pleased as a mark of his Approbation to confer the dig-
nity of Baronet on Mr Mordaunt and the Order of
the Bath on Major General Munro, Sir Ed^d Vernon
is also promoted to the Rank of Rear Admiral of
the Blue. We have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your Most Obedient Servants
Tho^s Mordaunt Esq^r & Co. Secretaries

Fort St George
3^d July 1779

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5th Dispatched the following Letters.
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General in Council.

At Fort William.
Honble Sir & Mrs.

To Bengal
Capt Wood
who carries
the dispatches
recommended.

Capt Wood of Engineers

belonging to your Establishment, having brought
out dispatches from the Company overland, We
have entrusted him with the care of those
addressed to you.

We enclose a copy of a letter
written to us by Captain Wood and as that
Gentleman has used great Expedition in conveying
the above mentioned Dispatches to India, We
beg leave to recommend him to your favorable
Notice and to request you will shew him every
Indulgence in your power.

We are,
Honble Sir & Mrs.

Your Most Obedient Servants

Tho^s Munnbold Esq^r Secy^r Genl^l

Fort St George
5th July 1779.

To the Honble William Hornby Esq^r

President Governor in Chief Committee
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Mrs

To Bombay
with European
merchandise
from Bombay
talked of at
Mauritius.

We have the pleasure
to acquaint you that we have received dispatches
from the Company via Surat dated the 13th March
in answer to our address concerning the capture

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5th of Condutbury.

The Reduction of that place gave great satisfaction in England, & His Majesty has been pleased as a mark of his Approbation to confer the Dignity of Baron on Mr. Cornwallis and the Order of the Bath on General Munn.

Sir Edward Hughes sailed from England the 6th March, with 6 ships of the Line and 13 Indiamen also a Battalion of Lord Mordaunt's Regiment and 1200 Men for the different Presidencies.

In April last we sent the Success Gally as a Coast Ship to the Mauritius. She returned here a few days ago and the Captain informs us that as far as he could discover they were making military preparations there and he heard they had some design of making an attempt on Bombay about the Month of August, that they had about 300 ships of the Line & other ships of force to the amount of 8000. Although we very little credit to the design of an Invasion, we think it our Duty to acquaint you with this Intelligence that you may make such use of it as to you shall seem necessary.

We are,

Yours most Obedient & most Humble Servant

The Marquis of Cornwallis

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5th July 1779

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Friday
the 9th

At a select Committee Present
The Honble Tho^s Dumbold Esq^r President
John Whitehill Esq^r Hector Munro Esq^r
Charles Smith. c

Minutes of the last Committee
Read & Approved.

Read the following letter
from Mr Holland Resident at Hyderabad.
To the Honble Tho^s Dumbold Esq^r President
and Governor & a select Committee of
Fort St George.
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Holland

I had the night before
last the Honor of your Commands at the 11th Inst
and waited this morning upon the Subah to
deliver to him the purport of your instructions
regarding the Dispute for the Northern Circars.
As the Governor's letter related to the dismission
of Lalley's party from the Subah's service, we were
led first into that subject. The Subah repeated
to me what he had said before as represented
in my letter of the 9th May that the party
would assuredly have been entertained either
by Hyder Ally or the Marattas, that the strength
being of either of these powers must have been
of great disadvantage to us, the former of them
being to his utmost knowledge its disposition towards
us, and the latter engaged in actual hostilities
against us, that he considered the party of

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Europeans as Vagrants and Strangers to their Native Country, that they were not French but the representatives of various nations that they could never have it in their power to join the French should they be disposed to attach themselves to the fortunes of that Nation and that they had not attempted to do it at the siege of Pondicherry. I repeated in reply what had been said in the Governors letter, I urged that their not attempting to assist their nation at Pondicherry was owing not to the want of indignation in them to distress us, but to the want of Opportunity and power; that their Leader or Commander would ever look forward to his own Country and would endeavour by every possible means to recommend himself to the favor of his own Country and Nation, that the keeping them together in a body in his power was a measure hostile to our interests. I inconsistent with the terms of the treaty, on taking leave of this subject he gave me no positive assurances of any intention of dismissing them but in the course of the conversation seemed desirous of excusing himself & of softening matters by saying that the party were inter-tain'd by one of his Councils, sent by himself and that they were not engaged for any specific time but optionally, and were to be dismissed at will. The Subah now proceeded

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I proceeded to enquire of me what your answer was
relative to the representations he had made
on the subject of our Engagements with Bapaist
Jung, and what your intentions were regarding
the payment of the Beshmash. I told him with
respect to the former, that you did not deem
them engagements in the light of an infring-
- ments of the Treaty as he had represented them,
that you had long ago frequently & expressly
written to him to disengage that Party of French
men from his Brothers service, that you had
been for some time past sensible of the proba-
- bility of a War with the French, and had
foreseen the danger of their being kept together
in a body, in a situation contiguous to our
Possessions, that you had nevertheless borne
an attention to the friendship subsisting be-
- tween his Highness, and the Company,
forbore to take any hostile measures for
their removal, that at length by the break-
- ing out of a French War it became more
immediately necessary for you to take some
steps for expelling them from that part
of the Country, that as Bapaist Jung by
their removal would have been left without
defence, you had engaged in condition of his
disengaging them to furnish him with
some troops for his protection, to be paid out
of the Revenue of the Quarter Circar and

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and on this Condition had rented it from him, that by the second Article of the Treaty the Cinnabar was justly forfeited to the Company, but they had been induced to waive this claim from a unwillingness to embrace any measure however equitable that might be a cause of misunderstanding with his Highness. The foregoing Circumstances having been before subjects of discussion we advanced so far without any Apparent Symptoms of uneasiness or resentment on the part of the Soubah, but upon my proceeding to declare to him what you had given me in charge relative to your desire of obtaining a remission of the Duties he was exceedingly agitated and expressed himself with great warmth and fervor but at the same time with decency. I had before told his Highness upon his applying to me for the discharge of the Arrears of the Duties that on account of the great expence of the French War, and the Zemindars having been deficient in their payments, it would for the present be impossible for you to comply with his Request. I believe he has been for some time jealous of this delay. I now repeated to him the above arguments and added that the heavy charges of the Army and of the Collections, the large Balances due

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and from the Zemindars and the failure
of the waters from unfavourable seasons and
other causes, were altogether so large a draught
upon the Revenue, as greatly to exhaust it
and under the payment of the Bishnath
a very heavy. That the Company in England
were uneasy at the payment of so large a sum
from a revenue that could not bear it, which
there was the more Occasion for them to give
their Attention to from the burden falling
in part upon their other Revenues, that
by the Mogul's Decree of 1765 the Empire
of the Carnates was declared to be free and
unconditional, and that it was acknowledged
in the part of his Highness by the Treaty
with the Company of 1768, that nevertheless
in regard for his honour and dignity the
Company had been contented to receive from
by the first Treaty 1766 as a grant from his
Highness, that the sum itself was not so
considerable as to affect his Highness's revenue
or give him any uneasiness, that now he
had their favor and munificence and
that the payment of tribute, he would no
doubt be inclined to show an equal degree
of liberality to the Company, who had given
him no molestation in his Government
and had hitherto during times of peace and
tranquillity been punctual in complying

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with the terms of their engagement, that
for these reasons you entertained a well
grounded hope, that thro' his friendship
for the Company he would be induced
to secure them the payment of the Customs,
that it would be doing the Company a
service and a favor, that they would be ever
ready to acknowledge it by showing him at
all times, all possible marks of their attachment
and friendship. His Highness was too much
agitated ~~to permit~~ ^{to go} thro' the whole of the above
representation, without interruption, upon
my first opening the subject, he said he found
we were determined to break the treaty, that
he looked upon it as already violated, that there
could not be any further Occasion for my
staying at his Court, that if we were bent
on War, he was likewise ready. He afterwards
replied more in detail to the points I had
dwelt upon, he said that with respect to
deficiencies of Revenue ~~from whatever~~ from
whatever cause he had nothing to do with
them, that the treaty was clear and explicit,
that no exception whatever had been made,
no provision stipulated for failure of any kind
that he had himself suffered great Losses on
various Occasions, but should think it very
unreasonable to call to call upon the Company
for a years Revenue of the Customs towards
him

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his indemnification, that with respect to its
being put upon a footing of favor, it might have
been a reasonable ground if we had done him
any favors in our part, that whatever might
be the profits of the Circars, they were our
own, and it was not right that the loss
should be his, that his situation at the time
of our taking possession of the Circars, was
such, as would have enabled him to prevent
it, that he has ever considered the Cession of
them to us as proceeding from the fraud and
ignorance of his managers, but that he has
since been induced to submit to the heavy
loss he sustained on that Occasion, from a
sense of the regard he owed to his engagements,
that as he considered himself pledged by the
Treaty to maintain peace with the Company
he had harboured no intentions of taking
any steps to disturb the public tranquillity,
but if we saw any advantage in trading
with him, he should be very well pleased,
as he was convinced in case of a dispute that
the profits of the contest would be on his side,
and that he should be able to make a better
bargain for himself than had been made
for him by his servants, that with respect
to our Fortessana or not having taken
possession of the Circars upon the Ground of
the Moguls Chirman's or some of his

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to have lost view of that principle, that both himself and the Company might now move to that ground and after a trial of strength make a fresh treaty upon new terms suited to the Events of War, that if we thought him in so weak a Condition as to be under a necessity of submitting to this new claim we were greatly deceived — His Highness in the course of the conversation spoke as if he considered Hyder Ally as waiting only to be called on to join him and as if he and his people upon such an Occasion would be ready to fly to his Banners and to act under his Orders; and pursuant to this idea he said he should give Orders to Meer Ally Kigaw Hyder Governor of Cudakate to join his son and proceed against Col. Clasper. I told him that with respect to War it ought to be a matter of serious consideration with him that the power of the Company in Bengal and on the Coast was very great and that by means of our ships and the Command of the Sea we could easily transport our Army from the North or South to any place where they might be wanted, that from the equitable principles of our Government we were not forward to invade our neighbours but that we had no power whatever, that we had expelled the French not only from Pondicherry but likewise

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Whereas from Madras, which was in Hyderabad
dominions, that with respect to the Customs
it was really a heavy charge in the Circar Re-
venue, that I had seen first this respect for his
Highness's great station and dignity to request the
remission of it, that the request stood on good
grounds, and I concluded with hoping that
he would be pleased to consider it maturely.

His Highness still continued to hold
the Language of resentment & War but in
terms of decency and not of outrage, he proposed
to me either to proceed to Madras or to
communicate the above particulars to you
with a pressing request for a speedy answer
he said he should immediately prepare for
Hostilities I desired me to inform you ~~of~~ ^{and}
terminating that if there was any delay in
your answer, his Troops might probably in
the mean time advance upon Col. Harper,
and that in such case the blame would be
yours.

I have the Honor to be,
with great respect

Yours most obedient servant

John Holland

Hydrabad

June the 26th 1779

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The above Letter being taken into Consideration, the following Draught of an Answer is read and Approved and Ordered to be immediately dispatched.

To M^r John Holland

Sir,

We received your Letter of

To M^r Holland.

the 26th Ultimo, this Morning, and we lose no time in replying to it, that you may be prepared to press forward the Affairs of the Business which we have so much at heart.

The line you have taken, and the Terms which appear to accompany your Representations to the Court are very commendable, and tho' they seem for the present to have made a strong Impression on his mind and to have raised a great degree of resentment against us, we still flatter ourselves that in the end they will prove successful and obtain for the Company more than we could have procured by a different Mode of Conduct.

The effect occasioned by our first demand respecting the Business is no other than might have been expected. We would have you however represent to his Highness that we cannot forbear expressing our concern at the unfavourable Interpretation which he has put upon our Designs. That the

Manner

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manner in which we have applied to him for a remission of the Pissach is full of respect and so far from denouncing the smallest threat against him, we wished to owe the great Favor entirely to his Generosity and good will, and had not the least intention of prosecuting our claims upon any other Ground, that we appeal to himself whether the style of his answer to our demand be such as the Company ought in reason to have expected from a friend and an Ally, or whether he has not given us too much cause to charge him with some hostile Intentions which he would lay upon us. That our Claim on the Article of, Pissach has such foundation in Equity that we cannot relinquish it, and we still hope his Highness upon Mature reflection will be so well convinced of it, as to give the Company a proof of his Friendship & Goodwill by complying with their Request.

If it be necessary from the disposition of his Highness or from any other Circumstances, which we cannot foresee, to vary this Representation you will act accordingly as shall seem to you most likely to answer our Views in which we shall now fully and finally instruct you.

As we cannot flatter ourselves that the South will be brought to join the Pissach

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intending including the Arrears that are due, we would have you make trial of the following Propositions, in such Order and manner as you may deem expedient to obtain for the Company on this Occasion the greatest Relief that can be procured.

1st To offer the whole of the Balance payable in three or four Months on condition that the entire tribute be remitted in future.

2^d To offer him half of the Balance by Bills either in Madraspatnam or the Presidency, on Condition that the other half be remitted and the Bismash in future paid at the sum established by the Treaty to be paid for the next 6 Years, which is the most that the Company can possibly afford to pay by way of tribute even in time of peace.

3^d To offer him the whole of the Balance now due, at two stated payments allowing a reasonable time, on Condition that the tribute in future be only 2 Lacks.

4th To remit the whole of the Balance now due in Consideration of our late expenses and failure in Revenue and on Condition of our paying the Bismash regularly in future.

We empower you to settle with the Subah on any of the foregoing Propositions.

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Propositions - confiding in your zeal, and attention to the Interests of the Company, from which we expect to derive every advantage that can be obtained under the present Circumstances, but should the Soubah reject all the Propositions we have laid down, you must in that Event acquaint him that the Company will pay the balance with the Current Tribute as soon as they are in Cash, that they have no design to commit Hostilities upon him or to infringe any of his rights, but that they will always be prepared fully and effectually to revenge the least Insult, that shall be offered to them.

We wish you to continue your Remonstrances as you shall see Occasion against ^{the Conduct of} the Soubah in entering Lally's party contrary to his Engagements. We enclose you a Copy of an interrupted Letter from an Officer belonging to that party which you will employ according to your directions.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that by the last advices from England, we learn that great advantages had been obtained over the French, and that their great Fleet in America was blockaded by Admiral Byron at Martinique in such a manner that there was the greatest probability of

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of the whole being obliged to surrender together
with the Island. Sir Edward Hughes with
6 Ships of the line, 13 Sail of Indiamen,
a Regiment of Kings troops and 1200 Re-
-giments sailed from England for Madras
the 6 March last.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient servants.

The Honourable J. P. Cornwall

Received the following Letter from

the Committee of Works. &

To the Honble Thomas Purnbold Esq^r

President of Sea & Fleet Committee

of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the
Committee of
Works enclosing
Account of the
Expence of the
Fortifications

Par^t 1st We have received Extracts of your
Minutes of the 13th and 25th May, and shall
be careful to pay due Attention thereto. &

2^d The Contractors Bills, to which your
Orders of the 13th May relate, were for work
done to the end of the year 1778; as appeared by
his Account Current: the Contractor having
given the Company Credit for Cash and
materials received to the 31st March last, led
your Honour to think the Work also to
that period was included.

3^d It would be highly satisfactory to
us

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us to have the measurements of the Works taken every Month, as you have been pleased to direct; but it is scarce possible so often to take those of Masonary on which people are daily at Work with a sufficient degree of precision to venture to bring it to Account.

10th In our proceedings transmitted to your Honor Jan the 10th October last, is contained a reply to the Orders of the Court of directors of the 14th July 1777, on the subject of frequent Adjustments and Measurements, as it appears clearly to us, that the measurements of Works taken at different periods while they are constructing, will introduce errors in our Accounts, and very considerably impede the progress of the Works; we request you will be pleased to allow that the measurements may in future be taken, as has hitherto been the Custom, at the end of the year when there is no work carrying on to interrupt and prevent their being taken with that exactness they require, and as there is no money advanced the Contractors will not an Assurance from the Engineers that is work done to the amount of the required advance, or see no inconvenience that can result from the measurements being taken as usual at the end of the year. We enclose Copy of a minute from the Council this

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subject for your further information.

5th In answer to your Orders of the 25th May, we beg leave to acquaint you, that the only buildings the Contractor for repairs has now in hand, are the Admiralty, Garden House, and Town Majors House; and then at about by your Orders; the latter in consequence of a plan and Estimate laid before you by the Civil Architect Mr^r Hawry: but neither the plan or Estimates of the Admiralty House have yet been transmitted to us.

6th The new Works to the Southward being so far advanced as to make it necessary to put in hand immediately the Gates, Bridges and Bombproof Doors &c, we request your permission to Order them to be made up.

7th Many of the Articles of Mr^r Garrows Bills are for Iron, Wood, and Brick Works for the Fortifications; some of which are called for daily and if not delivered immediately, parts of the Work where they are required must be at a stand. As applying to your Honor &c, almost daily on such

occasions will not only give you trouble, but may cause delays to the Works, we request your sanction to our Ordering such Articles as may be required for the Fortifications.

8th Conformably to your Orders we
Cmn

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now lay before you an account of the cost of the Fortifications from the beginning of the year 1773 to the 30th April 1779.

9th The Engineers Estimates of the West Fronts were laid before the Board by the Engineer but not entered on the Records of the Committee of Works it is not therefore in our power to show how far that Work acceded or fell short of the Estimates.

10th The Estimates for the South and East Fronts and North East Angle are entered in our Books; but as none of these Works are yet completed, we cannot yet say how far they may exceed or fall short of the Estimates: so soon as any of them are begun, the statement you have been pleased to direct shall be laid before you without delay.

We are with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient and most

Humble Servants

C. Permy

Edw^d Saunders

Geo. Maule

C. B. Dent.

Committee of Works.

Fort St George
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Extract from the Minutes of the
Committee of Works 2^d June 1779.

"Major Mordaunt takes leave to enter the following
Minute."

From the Circumstances of
Contractors Bills bearing date the 5th April,
the Honble the select Committee have
been led to imagine that they included
Work done unto the period of their dates;
As this falls within my immediate Depart-
ment I will take leave to set the matter
in its proper point of View."

"The Measurements were begun
in the Month of November 1778, and
only include Work done from the month
of February to the settling in the Monsoon that
year. The Bills requiring some time to prepare
for the Committee, the Contractor has not
dated them until they were ready to be present-
ed, but his letter and Account Current accom-
panying specify them to be for Work done
to the 31st December 1778 only - No longer
time elapsed between settling the Contractors
Accounts of this year, than has been usual
in all the preceding years.

"The impracticability of taking
a measurement once every Month without
essentially interfering with the time, & diverting
the

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The Attention of those concerned in carrying on
the survey part, will I hope induce the
Committee to join me in a Request to the
Honble the select Committee, that they will
be pleased to allow the usual mode of taking
the measurements to be continued, especially
when they are assured that the final settling
more frequent Measurements will require
an equal portion of time with the Mea-
surement of as seasons Work; and this
from the interruptions the former must
unavoidably be subjected to, when the latter
becomes an object for the employment of
those Months when no survey Work is
carrying on, and when the Attention may
be uninterruptedly confined to a Business
that requires close application. They have to refer
to the Accounts in question to evince the time
required, and these were begun in the month
of November and were not ready to be laid
before the Committee until the Month of
April following. Such Facts only are the
Notices which can induce me to hope
for, or justify any delay, for I am indeed
convinced it would be far more satisfac-
tory to both Contractor and Engineer,
were it possible to reduce the Measurements

even

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in to a weekly adjustment

A True Extract

J. Balfour

Elc. to the Commr. & Wks

Account of the Expence of the Fortifications of
Fort St George from Nov^r 1772, when the West front
thereof was begun, to the 30th April 1779.

West Front

To East thereof listed 28th Feb 1779

as 10 particular Accounts laid

before the ^{Committee} July 1779 Viz^t

Work done by

M^r Binsfield 60385/22 1/2

Work done under the

direction of the Engineer

By M^r Cluer 77921 21/7 601779 13 54

Redwood &c from the Report

Warehousekeeper for Calisadoes 9th Feb 1 1/2

Work done by M^r Garrair

in Bomb proof and Gallery

Iron Calisadoes Banguttis

S. S. from the 1st March

1778 to the 30th April 8,325 29 7/6

1779.

100,153 9 17

Boar

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Bt. Over 100,153 9 17

South and East Fronts
& North East Angle.

To Cost of Work done thereon
to the 31st Dec^r 1778 and 1779

M^r Chenners bills laid before

the select Com^{rs} the 14th Dec^r last £11,667 32 75

Work done by M^r Garrow V^{ice}

From 15th Sept & Wood cut to 1,957 12 22

to 30th April 1779.

Cash advanced for materials delivered

to M^r Chenners for M^r Marshall

to 30th April, and the amount

of his last Bill, upon the

Engineers certifying that the

Work done was equivalent

to the advance required

10,466 32 75

25,082 6 11

£154,235 15 20

M^r The Masonry accounted

on the 31st Dec^r 1779 is not

brought to account, not having

been measured but certified

by the Engineer to be the

amount of the advances

made to the Contractor.

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Crossed

By

Edw. Sherrin

Geo. Maule

Ch^l Dent

Survey of Works

Ed.

J. Waller

Clk to the Comm^{rs} of Works.

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On Paragraph 2, 3, 4 of the Letter from the Committee of Works, we have only to observe that the Company have Ordered frequent Measurements of the Works to be taken and as we think this Plan should be conformed to as nearly as possible, the Committee of Works must give their utmost attention to it.

The Committee of Works to give their utmost attention to frequent measurements.

It appears to us that altho some inconvenience might arise from measuring the Brick work so often as hath been proposed yet the measurement of the earth which is removed daily from place to place, and the removal of which forms a separate part of the Contract with Mr Benfield must necessarily be made more frequently and the Committee of Works of course be able to ascertain it and adjust the amount of this Article every month or at least every Quarter.

No more to be done to the Fortification than what is indispensably Necessary.

On the 6th & 7th Paragraph the Committee are of Opinion that nothing more should be done to the Fortifications at present than shall be found immediately & indispensably necessary, on which subject the Committee of Works must inform themselves and give the proper directions in consequence. The great Object to be attended to is the Security of the East Line, and as this likely to employ every Batta that can with propriety be set apart for

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for fortifications the Committee of Works would
in the absolute necessity of sacrificing every
thing that is not very material to that
first Object.

On the 9th & 10th Paragraphs, at this
the Committee of Works cannot give us complete
Information in respect to the Cost of the

The Committee
of Works desired
to give every
possible Informa-
tion relative
to the Cost of the
Works.

Works that are still in hand they may
be acquainted in how far the expense of what
is already finished exceeds or falls short of the
estimated Expense of the whole, and by that
Proportion may calculate the probable
Cost of the work still remaining to be executed.
Agreed therefore that they be desired to
communicate this Information to us.

Read the following Minutes
of the Committee of Stores dated 1st June
Fort St George 1st June 1779.

At a Committee of Stores

Present Major General Hector Munro

Colonel Edward James

Major George Maule

M^r Bryan Scottney

The minutes of the last Committee

Read and approved.

1st Captain Bagot having attended as
requested, and produced some of the Couches
and Beds of his Battalion, agree that
they be condemned, and that he be furnished

From the Committee
of Stores with
Col. James Maule
disapproving of
any new estimate
given Carriages
to be made.

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with a new set of accoutrements. The Committee have to remark that the accoutrements were sent to this Battalion but two years ago and that the stores made at the out Garrisons are very bad, and made in contrary to repeated positive Orders, agree therefore that it be recommended to the select Committee, to prevent the storekeepers from making any in future. The country stores made at Madras are examined by the Commissary of stores, and musters are approved of by the Committee.

2 The General reporting to the Committee that the select Committee have agreed that Captain Heatings Battalion be furnished with Arms and accoutrements, Ordered that he be supplied with them accordingly.

3 The Commissary of stores lays before the Committee, Excerpts from the following Garrisons: Vyt -

Chingleput - agree to comply with it accepting the Order, if which is only sufficient to be supplied to make up the Complement of 1000.

Garyam is already complied with.

Vozagapatam. to be complied with accepting the Order which cannot be spared. c

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Tanjore to be supplied, agreeable
to the Remarks made
in the Incident.

Mazulipatam to be supplied with agreeable
to the Remarks made
in the Incident.

Tuchinopoly to be supplied with agreeable
to the Remarks in the Incident.

Fort St George Twelve 6 L^{ts} Small Cannon
to be delivered for the use
of the Saluting Battery.

Pillore to be complied with agreeable
to the Remarks in the Incident.

Fort Marlbo to be Complied with
agreeable to the Remarks
made in the Incident.

Is The Committee recommends, that
the said Committee will please to Order
five 9 L^{ts} Guns now at Mazulipatam
to be sent to the Presidency, also seven 12^{lb}
Guns from Cuddalore in order that they
may be sent to Fort Marlbo, they also
recommend, that twelve 6 L^{ts} Guns be
sent from Pondicherry to Cuddalore.

5 Sir Eyre Coote having reported
when here, that a great number of large
Guns had this year been sent out to Bengal
it is unnecessary to Comply with that
part of the Incident.

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6 The English Musquets are already sent them, and the Number of French wanted, with what are bought up from Private Property will be complicated from hence.

7 The Military Storekeeper, produces two Tents to the Committee of the dimensions, & Price hereafter mentioned, the one made at Madras, the other at Vittori, the former being in every respect preferable, agree that they be made according to that Muster.

8 The General representing that it is the Opinion of the Joint Committee that the Vittori Powder should be again proved, Col. James is desired to give the proper directions concerning it.

Col. James's minute is entered after the Proceedings of this day.

Hector Munro.

J. James.

George Stanile

Arrepan Lottery.

Dimensions of a Tent made here.

Pole to Pole — 16 Feet.

Breadth. 20 ft

Height of Wall — 21 Inches.

Dimensions of a private Tent made
at

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at Villor. c.

Coh to Coh 9 Feet.

Breadth 16 Feet.

Height of Wall 2 Feet.

1 Tent for 16 Men — — — — — Page 22, 36

Colonel James's Opinion.

I do not wish to enquire into the Military stockpess motives for being so very desirous of supplying the service with Carriages for small Guns I am only determin'd as a member of this Committee to give my Opinion in the most candid manner, and to the best of my Judgement for the good of the service, and particularly in cases which so very pointedly regard the Department, I have the honor to, ^{be} at the Head off. c.

It is very true advertisements were given out for proposals for making Carriages for small Guns &c. before the reduction of Pondicherry, when the Treasury was rich, and the situation of Affairs in many respects very different from the present.

An Artillery Officer was ordered to Chingleput, Carangooty, Birmah, and Cuddalore, to prove Cannon, but to no other Garrison in the Carnatic, and as he found in those Garrisons many unserviceable Guns, I think it not unreasonable to

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to suppose them may be some in other
Garrisons, where they have not been proved.

I am of opinion 1 Lt. General with
Field Carriages & a long found in Condobury
is no proof of their being equally useful
with larger Calibres. I suppose inconsistencies
may have happened there as well as in other
places & in the present case I confine my-
self to the Bunnys proposed Garrison
Carriages.

Tho I never heard General
Smith make such a remark as Mr
Scott mentions, I allow that any Gun
however small, will annoy a Enemy but
does that, in any respect, prove their utility
to the service.

I have served several Campaigns
with General Smith, and have heard him,
many of the Field Officers, and most
of the Artillery Officers & far disapprove
of small Guns, as to give their Opinions
that even our three Pounders, which can
be more expeditiously worked, do more
execution, and require no more Artillery
Men.

As to the Smith Carriages it is
certain, when fired, they recoil much more
than the other Garrison Carriages, therefore
the

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the breadth of the Rampart, can be no consideration in their favor.

I did take it for granted that all the Carriages were made with Wheels with twelve Spokes, which has been the General practice, was the Opinion of a Board of Artillery Officers in 1769. It is particularly laid down in Mullers treatise, and if Wheels have ever been made with only Ten Spokes, it was without my Consent or knowledge, I am sorry the Military Storekeepers should impute Colonel Muller who is dead, and far be it from me to take from his merit, but certain it is, that having practiced Surgery the greater part of his life, he had not much experience as an Artillery Officer, particularly in India, however to his Honor be it said Diagonal Wheels were abolished when he commanded the Artillery.

Notwithstanding the Military Storekeepers Artillery understanding now inform him, that the War Organ, is by no means confined to Musquet Barrels, but the Harquebuses and small Guns, tho' they may be called Cannon, have and can be used in them to advantage.

For the above reasons / which I request may stand on the proceedings of this Committee / and which I mentioned the

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On the 16th of April, I again declare my Opinion
as Commanding Officer of Artillery, that being
consistent under the present Circumstances
of the Service, to put the Company to so
great an expence, to make a hundred or
more Carriages, under 6 Gunners & 4 Superiors
of 3 Buzodas each Carriage, meant for Garrison
Service, and some of them for Guns not
known to be proof. c

On the first Paragraph of the
 foregoing Minutes of the Committee of Stores,
it is Ordered that no stores whatever be made
up by the Storekeepers at Out Garrisons, without
our permission, and as it appears by an Account
delivered in by the President that the Storekeeper
at Trichinopoly, has made up a large quantity
of Stores without any Authority the Secretary
is directed to call upon him for his reasons
for so doing.

4th Buzod approved & directions
to be given accordingly.

As there is a monthly charge in
the Accounts of Trichinopoly, Villure & Pondicherry
for Bullocks kept in constant Hire and
as this is an Circumstance which the Com^{tee}
think totally unnecessary, it is resolved that
the Commissaries at these Garrisons be directed
to discontinue this charge & to entertain no
Bullocks on that footing in future without

No Out Garrison
Storekeepers to
make up stores
without Leave
from the Pre-
sidency.

The Bullocks
at different Out
Garrisons
to be discharged.

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without Orders from the Committee.

Read the following Minutes
of the Committee of Stores dated 18th June

At a Committee of Stores,

Fort St George 18th June 1779.
Present

Major General Hector Munro

Colonel Edward James.

Major George Mordaunt.

M^r Bryan Scotney.

Minutes of the last Committee
read and approved.

Minutes of the
Committee of
Stores relative
to the Vittore
Browder Gun
barrages &c.

The Committee take
into Consideration the Indent reported to them
by the Joint Committee from Vizagapatam
such parts of it as are not already supplied
with they agree to supply as far as they
conveniently can, agreeable to the Resolutions
made on the Indent.

The Comissary of Stores
laid before the Committee, an Account of
Stores received from the Military Stores
in March, April, and May, minutes of
which being produced are approved of.

Colonel James, reports to the Committee
that he has made a Trial of the Vittore
Powder, that it turns out exceeding good and
free of Dust. c.

The Committee Resolves that

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that they have had no returns of Ordnance
or Stores from the Garrisons of Ganjam or
Vizagapatam for then 12 Months past,
for which reason they are at a loss when
they have Occasion to refer to the state of
those Garrisons, they therefore recommend
that the Fleet Committee would please
to give Orders that regular returns may
be made.

The Fleet Committee having been
pleased to call upon this Committee for
the reason of the Gun Carriages being
made up for the Garrison of Birmacoil
before then wanted for Madras as complete.
The Military Storekeeper acquaints the
Committee that he received an Order for
Gun Carriages for Birmacoil, Counter
Signed by Sir Eyre Coote with a letter from
the Adjutant General purporting that
it is Sir Eyre Cootes request that the Order
might be immediately complied with.

The Committee direct that 10
13 Inch Mortar Bed be made up by the
Military Storekeeper agreeable to the French
method, by way of Trial.

Hector Munro.
Ed^d James
Geo. Mank.
Bryan Cotton.

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Ordered that Letters be written to V. Jagan
Nathan and Ganpam on the subject of their
Returns.

Read the following Letter from
Captain Fenwick of the Success Galley.
The Honble for The Munsbold Bar President
of the Fleet Committee.
Honble for & fers

From Captain
Fenwick with
Bill for
Expenses.

I have enclosed to your
Secretary the Bill for the passage of M^{rs} Chasman
and the Gentlemen belonging to the adminis-
tration of Pondicherry agreeable to your Order
of the 15th of April — The bill is according to
my proposals delivered to your Secretary on
the 10th of April, and I hope when the Honble
Board takes into consideration the trouble
and difficulties found in the execution
of the Voyage / from which no emolument
or pleasure could arise, except the pleasing
hope of rendering myself of service by procuring
every information the nature of my
situation would admit / that they will be
pleased to make some further consideration
to their Most Humble

and obedient servant
Capt^d Fenwick.

July 8th 1779.

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J^r The Hon^{ble} Company to Cap^t Fennick

Bay £

April 11th 1779

For the Accommodation of Monsieur,
Madame Chennau and Family dur-
ing their passage to the Mauritius
with every convenience suitable to
their Rank, agreeable to my proposals
delivered on the 10th of April. 900

For the twelve great Gentlemen in
Rank, with Building & furnishing
Cabins 200 Bay each 2400

For Thirty two other Gentlemen ordered
to be accommodated at my Table 120 each 3840

For three others received on Board as
Whentars Letter, under date of the
15th & 16th of April 120 Bay each 360

For Eight Petty Officers taken on Board
the Tartar and Annable Nanette 50 each 400

For sixteen European servants belonging
to the passengers as V^{rs} Order 20 Bay each 320

Bay each 8120

The Committee are of Opinion
that Captain Fennick's charge is
unreasonable the diet & accommodation
of the passengers that went to the
Mauritius is all the Committee are
to pay for and the ship was lent to
them by the State, and it is agreed
therefore to discharge Captain Fennick with

Cap^t Fennick
should reduce
the Bill to a
more moderate
sum.

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will reduce his Bk to a more moderate sum.

Read the following Letter from

from for Edward
Vernon with the list
of soldiers deceased
at Seringapatam
board the ship

Dear Admiral for Edward Vernon.

Fort St George 8th July 1779.

Gentlemen,

Mr William Baintrey
Chaplain of His Majesty's Ship Rippon
and of this Presidency having left this
place for I am informed for Bengal, I am
to Request you will please to inform me if
he has your leave of absence for that purpose.

John Lane

John Brown

Mr Williams

The Williams

John Richardson

William Martin

William Wood

John Hurley

Henry Westin

John Seymour

Frederick Bunt

The Richardson

The twelve Men named in
the Margin having duly served their time
in the Company's service as they inform me
and being desirous to enter on Board his
Majesty's Ship Rippon, I request you will
please to acquaint them if you have any objection
to their being discharged.

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and

Most humble servant

E. Vernon.

for the Purmold War.

President's Council

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Mr Wainwright had permission from
the Board to go to Bengal.

Mr C. Vernon
to be requested
to discourage
soldiers entering
on Board his
Majesty's ships

Agreed to acquaint Mr Edward
Vernon that the Soldiers named in his
Letter shall be discharged, but to Request
at the same time that he will as much
as possible discourage a practice that may
be very detrimental to the Company's service.

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Hay.

To the Honble Tho^s Russell Esq^r.

President & Gentlemen of the
Joint Committee

Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Mrs.

To the Honble the

From Col. Hay
requesting to
know whether
he is to be allowed
to share in the
Gratuity Fund.

Court of directors have thought fit to give me
the Rank, with the pay, & Allowance of a Lieut.
Colonel on this Establishment during the continu-
ance of Genl. Munro in India. I take the Liberty
of requesting that your Honor Sir will be pleased
to determine whether in consequence of
this Order I am entitled to share in the
Gratuity Fund, as agreed to the Field Officers

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Mrs with the greatest
respect.

Your Most Obedient Servant
George Hay.

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17th May 1779.

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Ordered to lie on the table

Read a Letter from the Commandant
at Madras - Adversing of the Death of Lieutenant
Jones in that Garrison the 13th June.

The Commander in Chief lays before
the Committee the following Certificate relative
to Lieutenant Richard Jones of the Artillery.

Lieut Jones
Certificate of
Health to

There are to Certify that Lieut Richard
Jones of Artillery having for a long while past been
afflicted with an Ulcer'd Leg, by which the Bone
becoming affected is thereby rendered incapable
of actual service.

H. Mallet

Mount

the 1st July 1779.

Surg^l W. Hill

Agreed that Lieut. Jones be put on the
Invalided List.

The Commander in Chief
also lays before the Committee the following Letter
from the Commandant at Chicaudi to the
Adjutant General.

To Lieutenant Colonel Purrows

Adjutant General.

Sir

From Capt^l Lysaght
his Troop of
Hussars in small
Bodies about
the Country.

Be pleased to inform the Commandant
in Chief, that in consequence of Orders from
the Chief and Council at Negapatam, the
following detachments have been made from
the 5th & 6th Battalions within these few days -
Five Companies under the Command of

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A Lieut. George Mead to establish the Nafas
Authority in the Gulconda Country - One Company
under the Command of Lieut. James Russell
to protect the Cultivation and to assist the
Collections in the Sathavaram Country - a
Subdar with 1 Jemadar, 1 Havildar & 50 ^{84 Naikes}
Peahys as a Body Guard to the Nafas
Sathavaram Nawab, and 1 Havildar 1 Naik
and twelve Peahys to attend the Nafas Divan.

No detachment having joined
since my last return, except the small ones
from Curishum and Gundaharam, I have
now near Six Companies of my Battalion
dispersed from one end of the district to the
other, and as I imagine it a rule not to
detach recruits, I have little more than
two Companies present fit for duty. Capt.
Lane is very nearly in the same situation,
having also Six Companies of his Battalion
in detachments; Both Battalions are
much in want of their new clothing and
there are upwards of two hundred stands of
Arms unfit for service, without a single one
in store in the district, to replace them.

I remain with Others,

Chicacole 17th June
1779. c

Sir,

Your Most Humble
and Obedient servant.
Arth^r Lippaght. c

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The Chief and
Council of
Vizagapatnam
acted improperly
in ordering
a Sepoy Body
guard for
Sethuram Prince.

The Chief Council of Vizagapatnam
have acted very improperly in ordering a
detachment of Sepoys to attend Sethuram Prince
as a Body Guard. These Sepoys must therefore
be ordered to join their Battalion.

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Nicol Musson
Charles Smith

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10th Dispatched the following letters.

To Edward Cotsford Esq^r

Chief Sec^y Council.

at Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

Lieut^{nt} Colonel Harper being

in want of several Articles of Store & amongst
the rest

Tubes filled - 6 C^{ns} - 400

Musket shotted Cartridges 5000

Carbine shotted D^o - 2000

Musket Flints - 2000

Carbine D^o - 300

We desire you will immediately dispatch
to him as many of the foregoing Articles as you
can possibly spare, and advise us of what you
send that we may supply the Remainder
from here.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Fort St George

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To Sir Edward Vernon.

Your Most Obedient servant

Thos^o Ousborne Sec^y of Council

To Sir E. Vernon
discharge made
out for soldiers
received
near the Shippon

Major Admiral of the White, & Commander
in Chief of his Majesty's Ships
in India.

Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive

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10th received your Letter of the 6th Instant.

In reply to your request concerning
Mr Bainbridge we are to acquaint you that
he had permission from us to proceed to Bengal.

We have ordered discharges to be
made out for the several Soldiers mentioned
in your Letter who have applied to be received
into the Regiment. We are obliged by the attention
you have shown us on this Occasion, and being
convinced it is your desire to assist & promote
the Company's service as far as lies in your
power, we are sure you will not suffer any
inconvenience for future applications of this
Nature, as they tend to prevent Soldiers when
times are expired, from reenlisting in the
form which may prove of the greatest detri-
ment us by their receiving regular discharge
without a prospect of their reenlisting we are
liable to lose a fifth part of our European
Line annually.

We have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

and Most Humble Servant

Thos Bunsell Esq of Council

Do^o Do^o Do^o

Sir

We had the Honor to receive your

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To Major General Bellicombe

To Mr Bellicombe
The Com^d we do not
interfere further
disposition with
him or any know
relative to the
batteries.

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Wth your Letter of the 30th Ultimo.

Altho we continue entirely in the same sentiments which are expressed in our former Letters relative to the Sastee it is not our Intention to enter into any further discussion with you in this subject. Our Anxiety for your Speedy Embarkation and that of a considerable part of your late Garrison which is destined to proceed on the Sastee, has induced us to reply in those points which occasioned our late Correspondence; & that no farther objections may arise on your part, we have ordered all the Merchandise that was on Board this Ship to be landed, and have done every thing else which you think necessary for the service of the Vessel.

We are to acquaint you that the Sastee will be ready to sail on Thursday next, and we hope it will be convenient to you to Embark at that time.

We have the Honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient,
and Most Humble Servant

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Thos. Boscawen Esq. Commr.

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Monday
the 12th

At a select Committee Present
The Hon^{ble} for the President
John Whitehill for Hector Munro M^{rs}
Charles Smith.

Minutes of the last Committee
read and approved.

The President lay before
the Committee the following Letter addressed
to him by Captⁿ Robinson of the Morning
Star lately arrived from Luck.

To the Hon^{ble} President

President & Governor

of Fort St George

Respectfully

From Captain
Robinson, his
Engagement
with a French
Ship at Mocha

On my arrival at
Mocha the 9th of June, I found residing there
a crew of 16 Quins under Portuguese Colors,
who weighed and stood out of their Moorings
coming to an anchor, and on my going on
shore received the following Intelligence from
the Governor of Mocha, Mr John Shaw,
and the English Broker, that the above
crew had on board several French Gentle-
men from Daman, one of whom declared
himself to the Governor of Mocha to be an
Ambassador sent by the Court of France
to Dima & Bombay, and that he actually
was in behalf of the Mahometans in the
engagement that happened lately between

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the English and them being acquainted with
this and several other things relative to him,
particularly of his having made a great sum-
ber, I was at this place as if to secure Telson,
I apprehended he had some bad Intentions
towards our ships, or to seize any Barks
that might be coming to India by the
way of Suez therefore with the Opinion
of Mr Shaw, and my passengers, Messrs Kuhn
and Wood, I judged it right and necessary
to endeavour to take from out the said Vessel
the French Gentlemen and their Papers,
and accordingly Cut and stood out for them
and Anchored along side of her, and sent my
Boat on Board to demand the Frenchmen
whom they refused to deliver; and after three
or four hours Altercation was obliged to return
Hostilities in Order it was possible to shoot the French
but after Exchanging three or four Broad Sides
she cut her Cable and got into Noche before
the same could be done. The next morning
the Frenchmen went on Shore hoisted
French Colours at their Factory, and claimed
the protection of the Governor at Noche, on
my going to the Governor to endeavour if
possible, to secure the above Frenchmen, or
persuade the Governor to send them out of his
Port, he told me that as they had permission
from his King to hoist their Colours at Noche,
the

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he was obliged to protect them, but at the same time assured me that he would be answerable the should do so but leaving of our ships, after my departure, and gave me his word that he would not let him sail from Mocha till twenty days after all our ships had left that Port for India, and before I sailed he gave me a Letter from Governor Hornby, wherein he had bound himself for the Performance of the above.

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect
Honorable Sir

Your Most Obedient and
Humble Servant
Wm^r Robinson.

Madras

July 10th 1779.

Letter from Lieut Colonel Harper.
Read as follows.

The Honble the President & Select Committee
Honorable Sir and Sirs.

I am Colonel
Harper's atty.
ordinary and
supra a Subah
dar shot by

Ensign Fleming

I have the Honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant.
Permit me to state that
when I appointed a Major of Brigade, it
was only till your pleasure might be known
and I wrote immediately after to obtain
your permission for a Confirmation con-
sisting such a person very necessary.

M^r Cadogan has received Ten
Thousand Pys from the Government

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^{A fine Shower}
and a further supply, is expected from Maja
Behander, who arrived last Night from
Christiansburg - so that as it may the Ammunition
and Carts having been landed satisfactorily
and on the Road to join me, I shall not
remain here more than three days, in-
tending to March about that time with
every expedition for Adoni. Maja Behander
sets off in a day or two for Ina Guenda, for
the Business of providing several necessaries
for the detachment.

Yesterday Evening a very
disagreeable Circumstance happened here -
The Commandant of the 7th Battalion
having by some means become intoxicated
went to the Tent of Lieutenant Grant
his Commanding Officer, who was sitting
with two other Officers, and after walking
two or three times backwards & forwards
came up to them, using some vulgar
expressions, and declaring himself a dying
Man. Astonished at this behaviour M^r Grant
was about to ask him the reason,
when it was perceived he had stabbed him-
self with a Penknife which he held
in his hand, and on a Gentleman's attempt-
ing to go near him, he drew himself back
at a distance, he then ran from the Tent
jumping over the Poles, & displaying every
Mark

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mark of Madras. a Sirdar present was desired
to seize him, which he endeavoured to do; but
the Commandant pushing him off drew
his sword, and gave him a severe wound in
the Head. Mr Grant then called to the Yeomen
and the Gentlemen with him took each a
fire lock that fortunately had Bayonets fixed
on them, he attacked one of them, an
Ensign while desiring him to drop his
Arms, using the vilest Epithets, & attempting
to bribe him upon him; but being unable
by the defence made against his various
efforts, he quitted the pursuit and went up to
Ensign Fleming who had by this time load-
ed / ordering him as he had done Ensign White
to lay down his Arms, flourishing a sword
in each hand, and swearing if he refused
that he would cut him down. Mr Fleming
prevented and told him the fatal consequence
that must attend his near approach, but
regardless of this caution many times repeated,
he continued his threats and jumping about
some minutes at length his patience being
tired, he rushed suddenly on near to the
front of Mr Flemings Bayonet & struck
a shot which breaking the bone of the wrist
passed through it, and the Body - He is
still living and possibly may survive. Mr
Fleming is in an Arrest. - what could

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have induced him to undertake such violent
measures, is as yet unknown, his situation
at present rendering it improper to ask
him any Questions. I beg pardon for
taking up so much of your time in this
relation, and hope you will forgive me,
the Circumstance being in itself a very
extraordinary one. I am with Respect

Hon^{ble} Sir and Miss

your Most Obedient

Carrissmas Postquam and faithful servant
5th July 1779. W. Harker

Ordered that Lieut Colonel Harker
be directed to keep Lieut. Fleming in arrest
until the Commandant be recovered of
his Wounds.

The President delivers in
the following Minutes.

The Garrison
Minutes for the
better Execution
of Orders.

The President delivers in to
the Committee a return of Tents in the
several Garrisons, also a return of the Tents
received back from Madras, and an account
of such Tents as are requisite to be kept
in store, for General and Staff Officers, three
Companies of Artillery, half a Corps of Engineers,
two Battalions and five Companies of Foot
and eleven Battalions of Sepoys.

The President recommends that

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that they be referred to the Committee of Stores
and that the Commander in Chief be
particularly requested to give his attention
to the forming such regulations in the
Committee, as may prevent that destruction
and abuse, with respect to Tents that appear
to have prevailed too much - several regula-
-tions have been made which may be
found on the records but they have all
proved insufficient and the Company
have been put to a very great expense with-
out there ever being a number of Tents
on hand to supply the Troops in case of their
taking the field on any emergency, It
will be necessary to consider what number
of new Tents may be wanted exclusive of
those at present in store at the different
Garrisons, and an estimate should be given
in of the expense that will attend the making
them up, before any order is passed on the
occasion, all our endeavours will be sufficient
to have the Army properly supplied if
some rule is not established both at Madras
and the other Garrisons, for the preservation
of the numbers that are now in store and
for the additional number proposed to be made
up.

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Return of Sents in the several Garrison

	General	Large Sentries	Small Sentries	Private Sentries	Complete
	S	S	R	S	
Fort St George April 1779	1	1	4	6	
Masulipatam January 1779	"	"	"	"	
Ganjam July 1779	"	"	"	4	
Chicacole Jan ^y 1779	"	"	"	"	
Ellore Dec ^r 1779	"	"	"	1	
Sammulotah June 1778	"	"	"	"	
Vizagapatam Dec ^r 1778	"	"	"	"	
Oragole March 1779	"	"	"	"	
Cornamallee April 1779	"	"	"	"	
Chingleput March 1779	"	"	"	"	
Pondicherry Feb ^y 1779	"	"	"	"	
Cornacoeil March 1779	"	"	"	"	
Vellor Feb ^y 1779	"	"	"	"	
Trichinopoly Dec ^r 1779	"	"	"	"	
Tanjore Jan ^y 1779	"	"	"	2	
Madura Feb ^y 1779	"	"	"	"	
Callamcotah Dec ^r 1779	"	"	"	"	
Fort St George Col. Smithsatile Camp Feb ^y 1779	"	"	"	6	
20 th April 1779					
Total	1	1	4	19	

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John Garret. e

Tents.

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Agreed that a copy of the Presidents
Minute, with the Returns be sent to the Committee
of Stores and that they be directed to act in conformity
to what the President has recommended.

To the Honble Sir Tho. Rumbold Bart.

President and Governor & Fleet Committee
at Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from
the Comd^r of
Accounts.

1st I have examined the Paymasters Accounts
of the Expedition to Mahé to the 31 March & Disbursements
in the Military Paymasters Office on the same
Account to the 30th May last.

2^d Colonel Braithwaite has ^{2^d} The difference
drawn Batta as full Colonel for between Lieut Colonel
the several Months he has been on and Colonel Batta
the Expedition, & which I order to be refunded
= stand he has drawn for every by Col. Braithwaite
service he has been on since his leaving the Com-
last return to India, but as he is now a ^{2^d} only a
Brevet Colonel it appears the Expedition
to me that he ought by the to Mahé.
Companys Appointment to him
in their General Letter of the 25th
of December 1776, to draw Lieut
Colonel Batta only.

3^d Lieutenant Colonel 3^d ^{3^d} Thos Whiers
Brown, Majors Short, Clefton and are immediately
Kelly, have drawn full Batta to refund the
according to their Brevet Rank additional Batta

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Rank which it appears to me that Patterson
was not entitled to, according to their consequent
Order of your Honor of the 8th of March
January last; and that the Rank, and
at the several Months it has been to be called upon
until then should be refunded ~~and~~ at the same time
and it is the Intention of your Honor to order
Honor of that ~~Rank~~ should have to retaining it
only received pay and Patterson according to
their full Commission Order.

It may be necessary further to explain that Order by adding the words
and Patterson, that the Commission may be deemed
not legally the same in future.

for paying the
where charges are

directed to give

credit for the

Commission.

th 11th Mr. Anderson Surgeon Assistant
has removed from Patterson acting as Surgeon
on the Expedition to St. John's Surgeons
Assistants in the Absence of Surgeons. The difference
must necessarily be the charges to be refunded
the List, but that does not appear by the Commission
to give them any List to draw pay or
Patterson as Surgeon, I am of Opinion
therefore that the difference should
be refunded for the same as it
has been paid.

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5th Lieutenant Brille and Burn

Deputy's Quarter Master General

and Adjutant General have drawn

for two Horus a month each for

the several Months they were 5th The same

in the Expedition, but I am Order as in the

of Opinion that they ought foregoing

only to have drawn for 1 Horus

each a Month, and that the

difference should therefore be

refunded for the several Months

they have been paid there.

6th Ensign The Sumner has
drawn for five Shillings a day

as Quarter Master of papers

for January and February 6th Ensign Sumner

last. The pay of a Quarters singly

Master is only four Shillings

a Day the difference should

therefore be refunded for those

two Months.

7th Major Kelly beside his pay

as Captain has drawn for Majors

pay as Chief Engineer but I am 7th The difference

of Opinion that he ought only to be refunded by

have drawn Capt's pay for a longer Major Kelly

that station & that the difference

should therefore be refunded for the

Months it has been paid.

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Pagoda a Month. The drawing of ^{been} usually allowed
Batta is unprecedented & ought ^{to the Deputy}
not to have been paid by the ^{Agent M^r Borton}
Paymaster without your Honor ^{to explain whether}
is a sanction for the former ^{the 50 Pagodas}
-ent as that Appointment may ^{a month was}
generally be made from among ^{in lieu of Batta}
the Companies Civil servants, ^{or what}
may not be unreasonable in ^{account it was}
future that the Deputy Agent ^{allowed.}
should draw Captains Pay and
Batta as is allowed to all Civil
servants in service in the field.

11th Colonel Braithwaite has ^{11th he allowed}
drawn of the Paymaster in Feb^y on this capitulation
last Pay^t 15th for the three ^{on account of the}
Bullocks for the Sub Men to ^{length and}
pick up, and Pay^t 200, for a present ^{difficulties of}
to the King of Travancore that not to be made
Men for their assistance in ^{the President}
ing Roads and forwarding the
March of the Troops. ~

12th Division Col. Braithwaite took 12th ^{the two}
to exchange on the Hill the ^{charges for}
President of Fleet Committee amount ^{secret services}
-ing to Pay^t 1420, 24, for money to be advanced.
expended, he has drawn from the ^{the rest to be}
Paymaster on the Capitulation to ^{allowed as far as}
make Pay^t 677. 10. for the expense is conformable
in promising Intelligence & Pay ^{to the Regulation}
and Batta to 12 Men for January
Feb^y & March last. Col. Braithwaite
has also drawn for pay^t 200 for an
Interpreter, German, Hindustani & others
for the same Months. ~

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13th The Officers returned from 13th Missisquoi, Madam the Duke Resolution and Sandus the Captains Royal Charlotte have drawn their of the Royal Charlotte, Staff of Ashfield Allowamus, to Resolution have the 30th April last which it appears to be paid for Vice we should have immediately ceased treating the Officer, when the Troops were in the the Military Camp other Coast. There are in the the Master must be litary Engineer and for May on them to report of the Surgeon and the Expedition that the most of the to make consisting of Bay & Water to a rate of 5 shillings a Constructor, & acting Constructors of floors day during the voyage, which appears to be regular for which The pay of Water should be ordered to be stopped to be stopped from immediately. — the time when the

14th The Hospital ship on the Cape arrived at Madras, ditto to Madras for the amount to Capt. 14th Ordered that the 638, 33, 10 for Medicines & servants wages for which the 14th only for March last only to Capt. 203, 10 for J. March last before the difference is very great. Recommendation the Comm. that they among many others that could be sent, many see how the need from the need of the Commissionary difference has rather at the great room there is for Regulation & improvement in that department, both in field and on shore, only for the field Hospitals, particularly in as many as possible field Hospitals, the charge of which necessary, and to be governed by no rule whatever, but are left entirely to be made at the discretion of the Surgeons. —

one

sen.

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15th There is a charge on the Acc^t for the difference of Bag 672, 36 for 314 Lascars & Porters must be refunded being on Board of ship 15 Days & back by the Baymaster 10th Day - only four each 10th Day is allowed by the regulations, the difference therefore being Bag 22 1/2 should be refunded.

16th Lieut. Whipple's Quarter Master's Account of Artillery has drawn Bag 20, 36, 6 for 9 Bushelley Butts 16th It is refunded. looks among the detachment of Artillery for April which appears irregular as the Artillery embarked for this place the beginning of the same Month.

17th In the Month of Feb. there were several 17th At this charges amounting to Bag 1400 3, 60 being irregularly paid the amount of Major Clifton's, Captain and Lieut. in Frazer & Walters' Bill for the capture of the French ship which respective detachments in Corks star a charge to drag the guns, Tonnage, Carriage & to be allowed. It is so, previous to the payment of the amount. This mode of paying the expenses of detachments in the Field may be productive of great irregularity, but I am afraid it is not avoidable in such cases. Deputy Baymaster

from the Com. for want of an officer.

Fort George
12th July 1819.

I am
Honble for & pers
Yours Most Obedient Servant
George Broder
And. Accounts

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The President recommends the Committee that Mr Samuel Biffet who was some time ago appointed Adjutant of Invalids, has earnestly desired to be appointed youngest Ensign in the 60th Corps not to rise which the President recommends may be done in consideration of Mr Biffet's long service & good Behaviour.

Mr Biffet
Appointed
Ensign of
Invalids
not to rise

Approved & Ordered Accordingly.

The following persons are now appointed Cadets

Cadets of the 60th

Mr James Turner

— Dunbar

— Wilson

— Carter Moore.

The Commander in Chief recommends the Committee that Lieutenant Col. Baillie of Pondicherry has represented to him the great extraordinary Expence to which he has been subject in that Station from the necessity of buying a larger Table and sometimes inviting French Gentlemen and English to whom he cannot with propriety refuse Civilities of this Nature & the Commander in Chief from his own Knowledge being conscious of the great Expence at the footings of this Representation & that Col. Baillie the usual Allowances he commands have shall have very inadequate to those Expences he recommends great Allowances to the Committee that an increase may be made to Lieutenant Colonel Baillie's Allowance.

The Commander
& the Committee
Col. Baillie
shall have
great Allowances

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more particularly as the Aracha Farm from
where he derived some Emolument has been taken
out of his hands & put under the Management
of the Gentlemen at Cuddalore.

250 Pagodas
Monthly
granted to
Col. Baillie

Resolved in consequence of what the
Commander in Chief has set forth that an
allowance of 250 Pag^{as} Monthly be granted to
Lieutenant Col. Baillie, on and above his present
Appointments and that the same do continue
from the time the Aracha Farm was put under
the Management of the Chief and Council
of Cuddalore and continue till the Fortifications
are demolished. &

Letter to the
Directors
read & signed.

Letter to the Honble Court of
Directors of this Date to go by the Sastine Batta
Ship read and signed. &

Tho. Pennbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro
Circumstances Smith

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Received the following letter from Mr Bellocombe
Translation

To the Honible Thomas Pownall
Governor, President and to the
Gentlemen of the Committee at
Fort George
Gentlemen,

From Mr Pownall
ready to embark
according to the
directions of
the House

I had the Honor to receive
Yesterday your letter of the 10th of this month.

I am overjoyed to hear that you
have done all that I thought necessary to
open the Navigation of the Lakes and
Castleship. According to your directions I
shall go on board on Thursday next, if the
Ship will be ready to sail that day,
I have the Honor to be.

Gentlemen,

Gardens March 1779

12th July 1779

Your very humble, and
very obedient servant.

Signed Bellocombe.

James Lambert

French Trust.

Superscription

to the father

signed & closed.

All objections being now removed in the
part of Mr Bellocombe to embark on the
Lake, the papers relative to the dispatch
of that vessel having been previously read
and approved are now signed and
closed.

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12th To Mr Dalles Captain of the
Ship Tartine.

Sir

Instructions

for the Capt of

the Tartine

not to touch

at the Mauritius

or any French

Settlement

Having consented to take up the
Ship Tartine as a Cartel ship to be employed
on a Voyage from this Port to France, We
shall first explain to you what she is to perform
in that Character, and then proceed to lay
down the Orders and Instructions by which
you are to be governed in the Execution of our
Orders.

The Tartine is made a Cartel
ship purposely to convey to France Major
General Mordaunt his Family and Suite
with a part of the late Garrison of Pondicherry
agreeably to the Articles of Capitulation for the
Surrender of that Town concluded on the
10th of October last.

You are in consequence
to provide suitable Accommodations & to convey
in the said ship Tartine to Port L. orienton
to any other Port in France by the most
direct Route the said Major Genl. Mordaunt
his Family & Suite with every other person
ordered by the said ship conformably to the
List herewith enclosed.

As the said ship Tartine
appears by the Report of our Master
Attendant who has surveyed her, to be amply

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th 12, Comply furnished with every Article & Provision necessary to serve her to the Cape of Good Hope or St. Helena, upon an ordered Account whatever to touch at the Islands of Mauritius or Bourbon, but proceed from hence directly to the Cape or to St. Helena, or to the Island of Ascension at all or either of which places we allow you to put in for refreshments, but you are not to remain at any of them longer than shall be necessary for that purpose.

The said ship's force is to be equipped in every respect as Warlike ships usually are, and the only Article permitted to be taken on her is the Baggage of the passengers on board an amount of which is endorsed herewith.

We also transmit you enclosed a Copy of a grant to the said ship's force the Privilege of a Warlike ship on the condition of actually performing the several Articles herein specified according to Her Majesty's Letters.

We have appointed S. M. John Decharmes a Gentleman in the service of our Company to proceed as necessary on the Station in their Behalf. We furnish him with proper Instructions for his guidance and he is to be landed in Town at the same Port with the other Passengers of that ship.

Notwithstanding the Orders and Instructions we have above expressed

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12th we desire that you will in every thing that does not materially clash with them, conform to such directions as Mr^r Bellcombe may think proper to give you.

We desire you will acknowledge the Receipt of these Instructions with proper Assurance that you will punctually observe them.

We are

Sir

Fort St George
12th July 1779.

Your Most Obedient Servant
Thos Bussell Esq^r of Com^{rs}

Capt for
the Fort

To whomsoever Subjects to his Majesty George the Third Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith &c and to all others whom their presents shall concern the Honble for Thos Bussell Esq^r of Com^{rs} for Affairs of the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, on the Coast of Coromandel, Governor of Fort St George, President of the Joint Committee, and the rest of the Joint Committee and Gent^lmen.

Whereas by the Articles of Capitulation dated the 17th of October 1778 for the Surrender of the Forts of Comacine to his Majesty's Sea Forces under the Command of Commodore Sir Edward Vernon and the East India

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India Company's Troops under the Command
of Major General Thos. Munro, is intimated
that the late Governor of his most Christian
Majesty in the said Forts with all the
Munro and Soldiers who composed the Garrison
of Pondicherry shall be transported by the
said Company to France, and whereas the
said Company not being able to take up
an English Ship / have for the more efficient
performance of these Conditions found it con-
venient to engage the Ship Sartine Merchant
- man belonging to the subjects of his most
Christian Majesty as a Coast Ship from a
Neutral Port, to be employed in that Character
in conveying to France conformably to the
afore said Articles of Capitulation Major General
Belloc late Governor of Pondicherry
with his Family and Suite and Sundry
Munro and Soldiers belonging to his most
Christian Majesty. We therefore Thomas
Rumbold Esq^r Governor of Fort St George
Esq^r President of the said Committee and
the rest of the said Committee do in
Behalf of his Majesty our Sovereign Lord
George the third by the Grace of God King
of Great Britain France and Ireland Esq^r
require all persons who are subjects to his said
Majesty and all others our Friends and Allies
to permit and suffer the said

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safely and with all the Privileges of a Castel
Ship from this Port, to Port L'Orient or any
other Port belonging to his Most Christian Majesty
in France, Provided nevertheless that
the said ship fastene shall be equipped
during this Voyage as Castel ships usually
are, and that her Commander shall conform
strictly to the Orders and Instructions
herewith delivered him, Given under our
hands and the Seal of the said Company
in Fort St George aforesaid this twelfth
day of July one thousand seven hundred
and Seventy Nine.

To Mr Deschamps
Sir?

Instructions
for Mr Deschamps

We have appointed you to proceed
in the fasten Castel ship to France as
Company or Agent of the Company.

It will be your duty in that
Character to see that the said ship perform
the Conditions on which she is taken up
and employed on the present Voyage. For
this purpose we enclose herewith for your
Information / N^o 1 Copy of our Orders and
Instructions to the Captain of the said ship
(N^o 2) Copy of the Passport granting to this
ship the Privileges of a Castel (N^o 3) Accounts
of the Waggage belonging to the Passengers
on the said ship (N^o 4) List of Passengers and

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and (N5) Return of French soldiers who
are to proceed on that ship to France (N6)
Copy of the Articles of Capitulation for the
Surrender of Pondicherry (N7) Copy of the
Carole signed by the French officers who
embark on the Fortine.

These papers will fully acquaint
you with every stipulation & engagements
necessary to be fulfilled in this Voyage, and
you are to endeavour as far as lies in your
power to see them executed, as well on our
part as on the part of the Commanders
of the Fortine and the Pafangers who em-
bark on that ship.

Should any Complaint be made
on the part of the Commanders or any
of the Pafangers, you are to protest in
Writing according to the Circumstances
of the case, and keep Copies of such protests
to be laid before the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors
on your Arrival in England.

If you fall in with any of his
Majestys the Companys, or other Ships
during the Voyage you will on the Requi-
sition of their Commanders produce any
of your Papers which they shall desire
to see & acquaint them with every Circumstance
you may deem necessary for their Information.

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th Honor are engaged to preserve to the fullest extent the sacred Privileges of a Castle while the Convention is under its deliberations, it will be your duty to pay particular attention to this point, & should any person whatever attempt to Violate those Privileges in any subject you are to remonstrate and if necessary to protest in the strongest manner against such a proceeding.

We enclose herewith under a Shipping Ticket, a Letter to M^r Sartine the French Minister for the Marine Department requesting that on your arrival in France you may be immediately furnished with the necessary Passports to convey you by the shortest Route to England.

We have ordered 1000 Pages to be advanced for your Expenses of which you will deliver an Account to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors on your arrival in England.

We are

Sir

Yours Most Obedient Servants
Tho Blount Esq^r of Barbours

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12th To His Excellency

Monsieur de Sartine

Secretary of State for the Marine Department
at the Court of
Versailles.

Sirs

To Mr de Sartine We have the Honor to acquaint you that in consequence of our engagements as supporters for transporting Major Genl. Belcombe Mr Deschamps and the late Garrison of Pondicherry to France for England. we have taken up and employed the fastest Merchantship belonging to some of his most Christian Majesties subjects, as a Castel and appointed Mr Deschamps a Gentleman in the service of our Company to proceed with him as Commissary in their Behalf. On the arrival of this ship in France we request you will be pleased to favor Mr Deschamps with the necessary Passports to enable him to go to England by the shortest Route with his Baggage and Office.

We have the Honor to be

Sirs

Fort St George
12th July 1779.

Your Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servants
Tho^s Burnbold Secy. Com^{rs}

13th Received Letter from Mr Law.

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13th

/ Translation /

To the Honble Sir Tho. Bussbold Barronet

President &c. and

to the Gentlemen of the Committee
Madras.

Gentlemen.

From Mr Laro

will proceed

on Board

the sloop.

I have received the Letter that
you did me the Honor to write to me, to inform
me, that the sloop will be ready to sail on
Thursday next; in consequence of which I am
preparing to go on Board that day early in
the Morning. I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your very humble & very obed. ser^t

Signed / Laror Laureston.

James Landon French Translation

Madras

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15th Received Letter from Captain Dallas.

/ Translation /

To the Honble Sir Tho. Bussbold Barronet

Governor President and

to the Gentlemen of the Committee

Fort St George.

Gentlemen.

From Captⁿ

Dallas

will be

Engagements.

I have received the
Honor of your Letter of the 12th Instant
together with the Castel Capostre
the sloop and the other Papers relative
thereto

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I, Charles, I shall with Honor and Fidelity, exactly
conform to the Orders and Regulations contain-
ed in the said Letter. —

I am with Respect

Gentlemen,

Your very humble, and
very obedient servant

/Signed/ Dalle's.

James Landon

French Translator

Madras

15th July 1779. —

Monday
the 19th

At a select Committee Present
The Hon^{ble} Sir Tho^{rs} Bumbold Bart^{le}
John Whitehill for Hector Munro's
Charles Smith. —

Minutes of the last Committee Read
and Approved.

Diminution

Assumed by the
departure of the
fortune.

The President lays before the
Committee an Account shewing the expense
incurred monthly for the subsistence of
French Prisoners, and the Diminution
occasioned by the departure of the fortune
Cartel ship. —

Act of Expenses
of the French
Prisoners

An Account of the Expense of the French
Prisoners, on the Coast of Chorosmandel
for the Month of June 1779.

M^r Belandier for the French Rent — 1250^{ms} — 30^{ms} 4^{ms} 8^{ms}

M^r Laro — 250^{ms}

M^r Lige Secretary — 21^{ms} 30^{ms}

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Regiment of Condicherry. B. 1. 8.

1 Major	19, 25, 26	
1 Chief of the Battalion	39, 28, 53	
2 Lieut. & Deputy Adjutants	31, 31, 26	
2 Colour Bearer	19, 35, 26	
1 Captain of Grenadiers	29, 32, ~	
1 Capt. of Batt ^{ry} Companies	95, 10, ~	
2 First Lieutenants	31, 31, 26	
3 Second Lieutenants	30, 28, 79	
To Making out the Detail	5, 10, ~	
To House Rent for the above		
at 5 Ba. each P. Month	90, ~, ~	122 10 56.

Battalion of Sepoys.

1 Major	19, 25, 26	
1 Second Lieutenant	51, 24, 52	
To House Rent for Ditto	25, ~, ~	126 4 50

Artillery.

1 Captain	39, 28, 53	
2 First Lieutenants	14, 14, 26	
2 Second Lieutenants	35, 30, ~	
3 Third D ^o	14, 27, ~	
To House Rent for Ditto	10, ~, ~	200 12 49

Engineers.

1 Lieutenant	34, 11, 50	
1 D ^o	19, 35, 26	
1 D ^o	15, 36, 53	
2 Second Lieutenants	25, 33, 26	
To House Rent for Ditto	25, ~, ~	120 32 45

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Seapoy Light Infantry.

Part 4th Lt

1 Captain ————— 24^{rs} 34^{rs} ..

2 Second Lieutenants ————— 25^{rs} 33^{rs} 26^{rs}

To House Rent for Dittos ————— 15^{rs}

65 25 26

Officers Superior

3 Lieutenant Colonels ————— 178^{rs} 24^{rs} ..

House Rent for Dittos ————— 15^{rs}

193 24

Aids de Camp

1 Captain of Cavalry ————— 29^{rs} 32^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— Infantry ————— 23^{rs} 24^{rs} ..

House Rent for Dittos ————— 10^{rs}

63 14

Officers of the Suite

2 Lieutenants ————— 31^{rs} 31^{rs} 26^{rs}

1 Second Lieutenant ————— 12^{rs} 37^{rs} 38^{rs}

To House Rent for Dittos ————— 15^{rs} 36^{rs} 53^{rs}

To House Rent for Dittos ————— 20^{rs}

90 24 52

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Sea Officers.

1 Captain ————— 19^{rs} 27^{rs} ..

6th Lt
4 Officers at 5^{rs} 30^{rs} each ————— 22^{rs} 140^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— 14^{rs} 18^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— 14^{rs} 12^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— 7^{rs} 6^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— 11^{rs} 18^{rs} ..

3 Dittos ————— 37^{rs} 6^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— 10^{rs}

1 D^o ————— 8^{rs} 24^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— 35^{rs} 36^{rs} ..

1 D^o ————— 14^{rs} 36^{rs} 42^{rs}

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1 Ditto ————— 11.38. —

1 Ditto ————— 19.37. — 214 10 12

From Make.

Captⁿ de Marmeladehishay & Marmeladehishay 20.34. —

Mr. Marmeladehishay 3^d Lieut. ————— 14.27

House Rent for Ditto ————— 10. — — 83 19 —

At the Hospital.

1 Officer ————— 2. 25. 10

100 soldiers ————— 190. 5. — 192 30 10

Contractors Bill for Victualling 513 soldiers

& sailors at 1st each Day ————— 1731 8 —

At Pondamalie.

3 Officers ————— 42. 27. 10

Hospital Bill as Contract — 256. 36. — 299 21 10

At Pondicherry.

Max. Civil for 8th & 10th at Board. ————— 1656 3 —

Bagodas. — 6905 7 38

Differences of Capens by

the departure of the Sastine

Mr de Villeneuve ————— 1250. — —

Mr Law ————— 250. — —

Mr Coulancour ————— 59. 22. —

Mr Leonard ————— 14. 25. 26

1 Captain of Cavalry ————— 29. 32. —

2 1st — 1st Infantry ————— 15. 26. —

2 1st Lieut^{ts} Artillery ————— 44. 44. 26

1 Second 1st — 1st ————— 17. 36. —

1 Third 1st — 1st ————— 14. 37. —

2 Lieut^{ts} & Deputy Adjutants 34. 31. 26

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1st Second Lieut. Infantry — 12th 37th 53

But to be

Mr. S. Liger — 3th 30th ~

Area sent to the above 12 Officers 60th ~ ~

100 soldiers at St. J. Day — 600th ~ ~

Supposed savings with respect to

the Hospital — } 100th ~ ~ 2599 36 51

Bagodas. — — — 4385 12 67

Remaining expenses of maintaining }
French prisoners St. J. 10th month.

Ordered that the French prisoners now
at Coornamalie be brought to Madras, and that
1 Company of Sepoys only be kept at Coornamalie
to take care of the Fort.

Read the following letter from

Captain Fenwick.

To Charles Cateley Esq^r

Secretary to the Fleet Committee
Sir

Letter from

I had the honor of your answer to
Capt Fenwick my letter of the 8th Instant to the President
Sailing post and Fleet Committee, they have humbly to surro-
mund for me — that I have made no charge that any
parting from me is agreeable to my terms delivered to you
to the Island on the 20th of April and I never will not that
according to Original I had performed the Voyage had that they
Agreement were thought the least unreasonable, and it
was certainly there the proper time to make
their objection and to have paid me and not
to object now.

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to the satisfaction of every passenger that went
with me, & here I made the proposals which
I sent to you the 10th April I expected as is the
Universal Custom to be paid before hand and
not to be obliged to raise money at a high
Premium to purchase the necessaries
for the Voyage. I cannot see how any line
of Comparison can be drawn between me
and the present Castel Ship bound to France,
it is all clear gain to him he was obliged to
return to France at any Rate and would
have been happy to have taken these
Gentlemen for nothing to leave his ship
sailed, he is not going to an Enemy's country
where he is in danger of being detained &
which was generally to be very easy he is
in a Castle Ship with every convenience
for Accommodating Europeans and naturally
may expect some return from his Country
Men which I could have no prospect of, he
- sides if he accommodates them badly
there will be no reflection upon the Company
which if I had done would perhaps have
been a pretext to detain the Ship. I did
not mention to the Board how much a
loss I have been in my Freight to China
owing to the news I brought of the destruction
of the Consulate & still to the Freight of
Mallaca.

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Matters as I flattered myself they would at first sight have seen how much it was my Interest to have kept that part of the news a secret and would have made it up to me and not have suffered an Individual to lose by his publick Intelligence and service. I must beg leave to observe that I was almost the last Instance where a person having made proposals to a public body for the Execution of any Plan and after having performed it on his part to the satisfaction of everyone should have his terms objected to.

I have the Honor to be

Yours

Your most Obedt Servt

Capt. F. Cornwall

Fort St George
19th July 1779

The Committee never came to any agreement with Captain Cornwall before the departure of the success Gally, & they meant only to allow him such a favor for the Passengers as they might think reasonable - The Bill which he mentions to have given in the 30th April amounted to 7410 Bagodas, but some passengers having been ordered on board his ship after that period, the Bill delivered to the Committee upon his return / inserted in the Minutes of the 9th Inst. / amounts to 8000. The Committee are of Opinion that

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Resolves to
allow him
7410 Bdg.
The sum is unreasonable, but taking into con-
sideration all the Circumstances mentioned
by Captain Fennell in the letter now before
them, they think he may reasonably
be allowed the amount of his last Bill
being 7410 Bdg. and it is resolved that
you be paid him accordingly in full of
all Demands.

The following Letter from

Col. Harper reads.

The Honble the President of the Committee
Honble Sir & Mrs.

From Col.
Harper he
arrives at
Maurinda.

They have to acquaint
you with my arrival at this place, yesterday
morning, and from whence I hope to
march in two days, every endeavour is
made to procure a quantity of provisions
for ten or twelve days to take with us.

I have dispatched a Letter
to the Officer Commanding in the
District of Hyderabad, agreeable to your
Instructions, to secure a quiet passage through them.

Rajah Bahadur has completed
the sum of eight thousand Bdg. I now
will march.

Camp Maurinda

12th July 1779.

Honble Sir & Mrs.

Your faithful & obedient Servant

W. Harper

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The President delivered to the Committee Baptist Jones's Surround for the Gunter's Circular as entered in C. & H. Colman's The Surround that an attested Copy be enclosed to Lieut Douglas A Baptist the Commandant of the troops Appointed for Jones to be that District, and that he be directed to deliver the same, with a Letter to be written by the President to Rajah Brynound's the person manages there, who will in consequence permit him to take possession of the Country and principal Ports in the name of the Company.

M^r Powell is appointed Resident at Negapatam

The Committee being of Opinion that the Residence of one of the Company's Civil Servants at Negapatam may be very useful at this Period, for the purpose of conveying Intelligence of any French Ships that may Arrive on the Coast to the Southward, agreed that Mr Joseph Powell who resided there during the Siege of Pondicherry, be put back again in the Character of Resident, & that for his Expenses he be allowed to draw £1000 & that also to buy a Month in lieu of House Rent, &c.

Thos. Aumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro
Charles Smellie

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19th Wrote the following Letter.

To Messrs Sadler
Crawford requir-
ing a fuller
Report of the
Garrison
Storekeepers
Employ

For Messrs Sadler
Crawford
Turing &
Dent

Gentlemen

Your Report of the 22nd June
concerning the State of the Garrison Storekeepers
Emply and the Stock under your Command has
charged, having been laid before the Honble the
President and Select Committee, I am directed by
them to acquaint you that it is imperfect upon
one point which they wished to have ascertained
in the Amount of the General Conduct of the
Employ for last year and that is, the the Reason
why so large a Quantity of damaged Baddy was
permitted by the Garrison Storekeepers from Mr
Cochrane without their Permission. The Board
did indeed on a particular Representation allow
him to take about 26 Garses of damaged Baddy in
part of Mr Cochrane's Engagements, but he
appears without any Sanction to have extended
this Quantity to about 1 Garses, and as the Com-
pany are likely to suffer a considerable Loss by
this Measure the Committee observe you will
Report the Circumstance particularly to them.

I am,

Gentlemen

Your humble Servant
Charles Oakley

Fort St George
19th July 1879

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To L^d A. A. A. A.
 Officer to enter
 here with the
 Country Go-
 vernment

To Lieut Colonel Nixon

Commanding at

Sir.

Richingsdy.

We have received your letter of the
 23^d Ulmo.

It has been a long standing Order
 that the Commanding Officers at the out Garri-
 sons should in no respect interfere in any
 Affairs of the Country Government, nor exert
 at all necessity to give any particular Instruc-
 tions to you on this head, your Duty as Commar-
 ing Officers is confined entirely to the Care of the
 Garrison, and the Discipline of the Troops belonging
 to it, the Subject which you forced the Managers
 was proper.

We are

Sir.

Fort S. George

19th July 1779.

Your Obedient Servants
 Thomas Burnaby
 & Select Committee

To Lieut. Walter Douglas

Sir.

To L^d Douglas
 appointing
 him to the
 Command of
 5 Independent
 Companies

We have appointed you to Command
 5 Independent Companies of Sepoys to be raised
 for the Service of the Collections in the Guntoor
 Circar, you will in Consequence proceed to
 Poctarum in that Circar, and Deliver the enclosed
 Letter from the Governor to Royal Ambassadors

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Major Buchanan the late Manager for Bayalet
Army who will put you in Possession of the
Places of Strength now possessed by his people

We have not yet Determined whether
to Collect the Revenue of this Circus by Means of
the Company's Servants or to let it out to Renters
where We are come to a Resolution in this
Respect you will be advised and instructed
accordingly in the Mean time it will be
your Duty with the Troops under your
Command to give all necessary Assistance for the
Benefit of the Collections from the Country.

We are

Srs

Fort S. George
14th July 1777.

Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Kumbak
Sec^y of the Committee

To Mr. William Cerning
Chief Sec^y Council

at Cuddalore

Gentlemen

We have Received your
Letter of the 10th June, with the application
enclosed from Captain Galt. As We do not
think it expedient at this time to make any
Repairs or Additions to your Works at Cuddalore,
there will be no Occasion to purchase any
of the Materials offered to you for Sale

We are

Gentlemen

To Cuddalore
no necessity for
repairing the
Works at this
time

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Gentlemen

Fort S. George
19th July 1779.

Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Rumbold
Sec^y Select Committee

Sir Mayor
Macellars
the Engineer
ordered to build
the returning
Wall according
to the Estimate

Sir Mayor, Macellars.
Commanding
at Saryout.

We have received your Letter of the
13th and 15th Ultimo.

We desire you will give orders to the
Engineer to build the returning Wall agreeably
to the Estimate he has Delivered which must
on no account be evaded.

Mr. Jones the Paymaster at Saryout
having applied to us for Permission to make
use of a building nearly adjoining to his
own house, as an Office to transact his public
Business in. We desire you will allow him
to occupy it accordingly.

We are

Fort S. George
19th July 1779.

Sir

Your Humble Servant
Thomas Rumbold
Sec^y Select Committee

Sir
To Mr. Edward Perishon

I am directed by the Honble the

Genl. Perishon
not to be allowed
subsistence
as his property
was accursed

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President and Select Committee to acknow-
ledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 26th -
Ultimo, and to acquaint you that having
given you the Option of going to the Mouristions
on the Success Galley, which you did not avail
yourself of. They do not consider themselves as
under the least obligation to grant you a
Subsistence, but that there is another Reason
which would of itself be sufficient to determine
them against it and that is that when you and
your Brothers were made Prisoners your whole
Property was secured to you, out of which they
think it but reasonable that you should subsist
yourselves until you can be conveyed to the
Mouristions which shall be by the first
Opportunity.

Fort St. George
19th July 1779.

I am
Sir

Your Obed^t Servant
Charles Oakley
Secretary

To Col. Baillie
President of the
Court of the
Pondicherry
to be taken

To Lieut. Colonel Baillie.
Commanding at
Pondicherry

Sir

(As We wish to have Sections taken
of the Country about Pondicherry. We desire you
will enquire and let us know whether this can
be done by the Engineers at Pondicherry without
any

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any additional Expence of the Company if not
We desire to be informed what the additional
Expence will be.

In consequence of what you have
represented concerning the Families of Lieut
St. Arches and Capt. De Ruyter We cannot to
allow each Family 10 Pagodas M^o. Month
for 1 Year to commence from the 1st Instant.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George
19th July 1772

Your Obedient Servant
Thos. Kumbold
Secy Select Committee

To the Commanding Officer
at Pondicherry

Sir

By the enclosed Extract of a private
Letter from Ensign Richard Gornond at Pon-
dicherry it appears that a Man who was employed
as a Draughtsman by the French Engineer
has several Plans in his Possession and among
the Rest a Plan of the Island and a Chart
of the Harbour of Mauritius, as the Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee think it
very necessary to be possessed of all these latter
Plans, they direct, after consulting with Ensign
Gornond that you send a small Party of Sepoys
with an European Officer to seize every Plan
in

To the Comm^o
Officers of
Pondicherry
Plans of the Island
Mauritius
to be seized
according to the
advice of Ensign
Gornond.

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in the Possession of the Draughtsmen
beforementioned, and transmit them to
Madras, you will see the Necessity of doing
this with Secrecy and Expedition.

Fort S. George

I am

Sir

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Your most Obedt Servt
Chas Oakley Esq^r

Read the following Letter from Colonel Harpur
The Honble the President & Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Col Harpur
Delayed at
Inconducibly
the Cravings of
Rajah Bahadur

On my Arrival at Inconducibly, I did
myself the Honor to address you with Hopes of
leaving it two Days, but notwithstanding the
Repeated Assurances, and most solemn Promises
of Rajah Bahadur to procure the Promises,
He has Disavowed me, and prevented my
Marching, and Afear from the same Case
I may further Delayed, some Days, I have
endeavored all in my Power to get the
Necessaries wanted for the Detachment,
Pray and threatened but all to no purpose,
some Cravings or Causes have always been
Ready from time to time to put me off. He
has been with me all the Morning, accompa-
nied by Futala Cawn, and He will now
act with Sincerity.

In my last I mentioned having
sent a Letter to the Officer Commanding for
Hyder in the Cudapa District, and thought to
have

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have followed it very soon, but being Disappointed
I may now probably receive an Answer before
I leave this Place, but this will be of no Consi-
-deration, as after every thing is ready I shall
not tarry a Moment.

Ensign, Mason (Quartermaster & Master)
Adderton, and Magellan have joined me here
I am with Respect

Camp, Inawona
24th July 1779.

Honble Sir & Sir
Your faithful and most
Obedient Humble Servant
H. Harper

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Tho. Kumbold B^t President
Tuesday John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro
the 24th
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read
and approved.

The President and Sir Hector Munro
delivers unto the Committee the Draught of a
Letter which they propose writing to the
Supercargoes of Council, on the Subject of a
Loss which they sustained last Year, by a
Robbery committed on Board the Royal
George in the River of Canton. They request
the Committee will also in their Behalf
the Supercargoes soliciting their Assistance
towards

President
& General
delivers unto
Letter to the
Supercargoes

Agreed to be sent

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towards the recovery of the said Loss which is
agreed to

To Mr Matthew Raper Esq^r
and the Gentlemen in the Commission of
Supracargoes at Canton.

Gentlemen

Letter to the
Supercargoes
to recover 15000
Pag^{as} & 6000000
Lans stolen
out of the Royal
George

We take the Liberty thus
publicly to address you to request your indus-
trious to recover from the Government of Canton
the amount of the heavy Loss we have sustained
by the plunder of Treasure to the amount of
15000 Star Pagodas, and Six thousand Dollars
from on Board the Royal George Captain
Fosall, at the entrance of the River of Canton.
Permit us to observe that an Act so atrocious
should not be allowed to pass without the
most spirited demonstrations as it is a direct
breach of those Laws which should be extended
to the Protection of all Commerce, and which
are no where more strictly attended to than
in China, as the Emperor is ever ready to punish
the Officers appointed by him for any violation
of his Mandates, or injustice to Strangers,
who resort to his Dominions, and there can
be no doubt but the Mandarins, who have
charge of the District where the Robbery was
committed must ^{have} connived at the Offence, if
they have not been the principal Actors in
the

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The fact, and we have no doubt but the Hoppo at Canton would see the Money paid was he assured that the Emperor would be made acquainted with the circumstance. Neither the Trade of the Company nor of Individuals is safe whilst such Acts are committed with impunity, it becomes therefore a public concern, and as such as we request your interference and endeavours, for us to obtain redress. We have addressed the Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Sea Horse on the Subject, and entreated him to exert himself in our behalf, which we have no doubt but he will do, and we shall esteem the same Conduct on your part as a particular favor. Messrs Bradshaw, and Pigou, can furnish you with every particular of this Inconsequence, and we have the Honour to remain

Gentlemen

Fort S. George
25 July 1779.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Tho: Rumbold
Hector Munro

Read the following Letter from
Vizagapatam.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqre.
President and Governor &c Council
of Fort S. George
Honble

Fort St. George 21st July 1779.

From the
Disturbances
of Dowljee a
Reinforcement
is sent to the
Party at Sath-
tavarum.

Dear Sir & Sirs

We have addressed you fully
on the Subject of Sathtavarum the 26th May.

Dowljee the Rilladeer of Sathtavarum
has assembled upwards of two thousand Armed
Men in the Fort put an entire Stop to the
Cultivation, Civil contributions in the Villages
and has caused such terrors throughout the
District. By punishing the farmers who have
ploughed their ground, that there is at present
no prospect of receiving any Revenue this
Season from the Sathtavarum Country.

As Dowljee has thought proper to
proceed such lengths against the orders of
Government. We have judged it expedient to
reinforce the Party at Sathtavarum, and have
written to the Mirdars of Pyharoo and to Sind
that the Officers who Command there giving
such Orders as we are desirous, will prevent
in a great Measure the Interruptions which
the Cultivations has hitherto met with. We
enclose for your Information Copies of our
Letters on this Occasion.

The Revenue of the District of Sath-
tavarum, is between forty and fifty thousand
Rupees annually. We are of Opinion that the
Rajah Vizianam Range cannot collect any
certain Revenue till he be put in Possession
of the Fort.

We

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We also enclose a Copy of the last Intelligence received from Sathavaram and when We hear from Sicut Muat shall Transmitt you further information of the State of Affairs there.

Vizagapatnam
15th July 1779.

We are Respectfully
Honble Sir & Mrs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Alex^r Davidson
H^c Crawford.
Nath^l Barton.
Chas^r Martens

Copy of Intelligence from Advoory, Mucandoos
Rauze, the Regals Managers at Sathavaram
10th July 1779.

I have received your Letter of Yesterday.
To day 250 Armed Men was sent from the
Fort, as far as Bentacotah and Upmounca about
ten or fifteen Villages who arrived there, and
received from every Village 3 or 10 Rupas and
tied up and flogged the Plovers, and received
from them, Permission for plowing without
their Permission. They have also received
Orders to prevent the Company's Troops from
Advancing to Sathavaram, and it is also strictly
Ordered by them that if any of the Plovers plow
the Ground without their Permission that
they

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They shall have their Ears and Nose cut off. All the
High Ground Village Sannours with their
Children have Deserted the Villages, Being
informed that the Chief is coming to Pontacoteh
on his way to Madras. I dispatched one of our
Peons with a Dastick to get necessaries ready at
that Place against the Chief's arrival who on his
way was met by the Sathavaram Armed People
and was asked by them whose Peon he was. He
told them he was the Company's Peon and
was sent in the Service of their Supply Letter, who
on being thus informed by the Peon cut his Bow
and broke his Arrows and afterwards desired
him to carry the same and show it to his
Master. I informed Mr Russell of this who
said that he could do nothing in the case but
every thing that is necessary would be done
after Mr Meats Arrival. As you mention
in your Letter that two Companies of Sepoys
with Mr Meats are ordered to this place, &
that he would after his arrival in the Bellah
of Sathavaram prevent the people from
passing and refusing them the Fort, and that he
would execute the Company's Orders regarding
the Cultivation, and that if he met with any
interruptions in executing Orders by Davaalga
&c he has permission to enforce his Authority.
I am glad of it. If those in the Fort had paid the
least

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least attention to the Companys Orders the
Inhabitants and Farmers would have perceived
that the Company intended to do as you write
to me, you will however attain more knowledge
when these four Companies of Sepoys are
encamped in the Pettah. If the Companys
Troops are Reinforced those in the Fort will
humble themselves and the District will
soon be settled. They are now consulting on
their being informed of Mr. Muatts arrival,
whether they shall go and engage him at
Doodoogulloo, and are concerting a scheme for
making a Sally and surprising the Camp by Night
in order to destroy the Troops. By my mentioning
this you may perhaps imagine that I do it in
Order to injure them or to make them appear
much worse than they really are, but you will
be able to form a better Judgement of them when
they endeavour to carry their Intention into
execution. Unless orders are given to the Troops
when they March into the Pettah that if they
meet with any interruptions endeavour to
prevent the same by pacific means, rather
will advance to great extremities. It is talked
in the Fort, that to morrow or the Day after,
two or three hundred Men are to go as far
as Ankafully to cause Disturbance in their
Villages

A True Copy

Chas. Mastome
Secretary
Copy

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Copy of a Letter to Lieut. Mearns or Lieut. March
to Sathavaram Dated 10th July 1779.

Sir

After you have taken the Command of
the Troops under charge of Lieut. Russell at
Sathavaram you will be pleased the earliest
Opportunity to take possession of the Pallah of
Sathavaram. You on account of the safety of your
People will of course approach it on the side
most Distant from the Fort. If you should meet
with resistance, you have our Sanction to
oppose Force, after effecting this Service we
recommend to you raising two Entrenchments
in front of the two Gates of the Fort, but at so
considerable a Distance as to prevent as much
as possible the loss of men in relieving the Posts.
Our meaning in proposing these Entrenchments
is to prevent as much as lays in your power
the Passing and repassing of Armed Men into
the Fort. While Dawaljee the Kildar of the
Fort has Communication with the District little
advantage will be received from it by the
Family of Vizavaram Range to whose Charge
that Country has been given by the President &
Council.

Enclosed we send you for your Information
a Letter from the Chief to the Widows of the ~~Pythar~~ Pythar
Attest Copy Chas. Maxtone
Secy.

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Copy of a Letter from the Chief to the Widows of
Pykarrow.

You have written several Letters to
the Chief and Council and to me Concerning a
continuation of your former allowance and
expressed your Surprise at not hearing from you

As by Mr. Maatone and since by
Lieutenant Russell the Companys Terms were
fully explained to you none other can be allowed.

Further the Kallidas of the Fort
we are informed by Lieut Russell has issued
Orders to the Farmers who have taken Cows
not to Cultivate nor sow their Grain unless
the same indulgence be permitted the Europeans.
As these orders interfere with the
Revenue and are of the utmost Detriment to
the Collections, I am to inform you that Orders
are now sent to the Officer Commanding to
take Possession of the Pettah of Sathavaram. If
in the Execution of these Orders, the Companys
Troops be opposed they must be under the
Necessity of having recourse to Force and
should they be fired upon they have the
Governments Directions to Defend themselves.

The Fort is to remain in your
Possession till further Orders. But no armed
People can be permitted to Pass or refuse
without the leave of the Commanding
Officer

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Officer

(A true Copy

Vizagapatnam
16th July 1779

Chas. Mastone
Secretary

Ordered to lay on the Table

Read a Letter from Captain Gills

Capt. Gills
requests to
know how the
Minors are to
be disposed of
after the destruc-
tion of Pondichery
in a Week or two

Field Engineer dated the 23rd Instant as entered
in Miss. Book, advising that he expects in
another Week to have destroyed all the Masonry
Part of the Fortifications at Pondichery and
requesting to know how the Minors are
afterwards to be disposed of.

The Carcasses
Magazines
ordered to be
destroyed

The Committee are of Opinion that
the only Building within the Town that
should be destroyed in the Powder Magazine,
and it is resolved that Directions be given
for Demolishing it, as soon as the Minors
can be spared from the Fortifications.

The Fortifications
of Karical ordered
to be demolished

The Committee being of Opinion that
the Fortification and Defence about Karical
should be demolished without Loss of time.
Agreed to Desire the Resident there will
let us know What Number of Minors will
be necessary for that purpose

Read the following Letter
from the Superintendent of the Nabob's
Accounts

By

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Letter from the
Superintendent
of Nabob's
Accounts—

To the Honble Sir Thomas Burnboldt Esq
President and Governor &c Select Committee
at Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have the honor to send you a
Report of the State of Honble Compaings
Accounts with the Nabob.

Vellours

Orders of the Committee

Paralll A quantity of Gunpowder has been made by the Paymaster there on Contract at Pagoda 63. 1. 28. a Corndy since the Month of May 1778 which is charged Monthly on the Disbursements at that Garrison sent to the Superintendent. This Article it appears to me should have been charged to the Military Paymaster, excepting such Part of the Gunpowder only as may have been received into the Stores at Vellours for the Service of the Garrison and which should now accordingly be transferred to the Compaings Accounts.

Such part as is actually received into Stores at Vellours must be charged to the Nabob, whatever part is sent to Madras Garrison must be charged to the Military Paymaster.

Berra

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Barrat 2 There is a charge
in the Military Storekeeper's Order according
Bills for the Month of
May 1778 of Rs 1160. 16. 10
for Salt Petre, Brimstone &c^{as}
sent to Villours for the making
of Gunpowder there, as the
Storekeeper is to find all
Ingredients for the making
of Gunpowder at the Contract
price this Charge should be
transferred to his Account.

Trichinopoly

There is a Charge in One Head and 10
that Garrison of Rs 77. 12. — Mercenaries only to be
every Month for Pay and Allowed.
Batta 1 Head and 20 Common
Mercenaries. If a less Number
can answer the purpose of
procuring Intelligence they
should be reduced to what
will be sufficient.

Madura

There is a Charge The Commanding
for Bagodas \$3 every Month Officer to be desired
for 1 Head and 1 Sub Batta to advise this Expense
and 30 Colliers escorting the as much as possible,
Supply from Sathiam to as we see no necessity
for so many Colliers
Atthem

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Nattam. This charge should
be reduced as much as can
be consistent with the
Protection of the Tappal
between those two Places.

Ongole

Para 1 There are charges This Charge is
of Bayodas 3.12.48. for a contrary to the Re-
Black Doctor and Pags. 11 gulations, and must
for Bazar Medicines every be struck off.

Month for the Battalion of
Sepoys stationed there. This
is an Indulgence that no
other Battalion of Sepoys see
as. I am aware, and which
ought not therefore to be
continued without sufficient
Reasons, being given for it.
The Sepoys of all Battalions
pay Sunday one faroer
a Month for Black Doctors
and Bazar Medicines.

Para 2 There is a This charge to be
charge every Month of struck off 8 Croft Barclay
Pagodas 63.10.40 for 3 to be directed to explain
Naugus and 30 Colliers. The Reason of its being
I have stated the Circumstances so long continued
but your Honor &c. &c.

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can Judge of the Expediency of
keeping up that Corps.

Para 3. Besides a Charge

every Month of 12 Pagodas for 4

Hircars, there is a Charge for

Intelligence and Secret Service

at a Medium of about 32 Pagodas

every Month, this charge ought and has Sanction

not I think to be admitted in

future but Subject to the restric-
tions pointed out in the 4th Para
of my Letter to your Honor &c.
dated the 26th May last.

Military Stores

Para 4

The Nabob pays
Ten Compulsory Battalions of Sepoys
on the Establishment. They were
formed by the Orders of the
Company the 3^d January 1770
which was $\frac{1}{12}$ of the whole Establis-
ment of Sepoys, ordered at the same
time for the Carnatick and Angles.

The Nabob now Charges with $\frac{1}{12}$ This Remedy is
of the Arms supplied the Sepoys, but very proper. All
instead of that Proportion, he should Arms & Ammunition
only I think be charged as 10430 supplied in the
Carnatick including
besides to 16863 the last being the former for future
Number of the present Establis- must be carried
ment of Carnatick and Angles Monthly to the
Nabob's Account
in

No charge for
Secret Service to be
admitted in future
untill it has been
first explained
to the Governor
and his Sanction
obtained.

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Sepoys

Para 2.

The Nabob has

in the proportion
as 10430. Rupees
16863.

Therefore been charged the whole
of all Stores sent from this Place
to his several out Garrisons
whether they have been for Stores
for the Garrisons or Arms and

Accoutrements for the Europeans The whole of
and Sepoys. It appears to me this Para appears
However that the Nabob ought not to be charged with the Expenses of
Arms and Accoutrements supplied
the Europeans and only ten-twelfths
or in the proportion of 10430 to 16863
for Arms if the Carnatic Regulations
of Sepoys, whether at his or the Company's
Garrisons. The Indents for Stores from the
Nabob's Garrisons have hitherto never
Specified what was for the Service
of the Garrisons and what for the
Europeans and Sepoys which it
appears to me should in all indents
in future be carefully distinguished,
and separated, and which should
also be observed in respect of such
Stores as the Storekeeper may make
upon the Spot. The Indents from the
out Garrisons together with the
acknowledgements that the Stores
have been received

for

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keepers are required to send the
Military Storekeeper part 2 Page 31 of the
Military Regulations, the Military
Storekeeper should I think send with
his Bills as Vouchers.

Para 3. The arms supplied the To be referred to
Sepoys from 1st May 1778 to April 1779. The Committee
exclusive of the Arms that have been sent for the Sepoys out the
Nabob's Garrisons amount to Pagodas 34,908. 10. 32. Ten-twelfths
of which charged to the Nabob's Expense.
amount to Page 29099. 8. 70. This
is a very considerable Sum and
can only be saved by the strictest
attention of the Persons whose
Province it is in Battalions to
attend to the Care of Arms.

Para 4. Indents for Stores are frequently made by the Commandant always with a
Vouch of the Nabob's Cavalry, such Indents which is
Indents should I think be counter signed by the Nabob or by
such Persons he may appoint for that purpose. The Nabob
should also appoint a Person here to receive the Stores that
are so indented for, and give Receipts for the same agreeable to

agreeable

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to these Receipts the Bills
should be made out on the
Superintendent and which
should be sent with the
Bill as Vouchers.

Sepoys.

The Nabob that presents
charged with 1912 for Invalids, accordingly
Pensioners and Recruits, but
he should in future for the
Reason before given be charged
for them only in the proportion
that the Number of 10630
bears to the Number of 16863.

Expedition to Pondichery

When the Troops took Such of the Stores
the Field the Nabob's Garrisons as were sent from
to proceed against Pondichery the Nabob's Garrisons
considerable quantities of to Pondichery and
Stores were sent with them which have not been
returned to those
As all the Expenses of that Garrisons, must be
Service have for the present carried to the Nabob's
been carried to the Company's Credit. For this purpose
Account, the Nabob should The Committee of Stores
have Credit, for all the must make out an
Stores that have been sent account showing
from his Garrisons upon supplied from the
a reasonable valuation of Nabob's Garrisons
them, and the same in and what have been
received returned that the Nabob

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12

m

As

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suspect of such Stores as may have Nabob may be
been sent from his Garrisons on credited for the
the Expedition against Mahid difference
Removals.

When any Troops have been removed from the Company, are of Opinion
to the Nabob's Garrisons that the Nabob
has been charged with the whole should be charged
Expence of such Removals. It appears however reasonable with the whole
in such Cases that the Nabob's Garrisons
should only be charged with the
Expence of the Troops removed
to his from the Company, and
the Company for the Troops
removed from the Nabob's to
their Garrisons.

Agents.

The Agent having furnished me with no proof considers the Com-
pany's vouchers as sufficient for
that the Charge for the attendance of forty Bullocks Carts each
Month from the 1st August 1776
to the 31st March last were ordered to be
actually hired and kept up for discontinued
the publick Service, but only
acquainted Me, that his Cart
were countersigned by the
Deputy Commissary General
which

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which has always been deemed
sufficient. I have not thought
myself authorized to admit
the same for the above time
The agent should therefore be
directed to give the Credit for
the charge of the attention
of 50 Bullocks Carts for eight
Months amounting to Rs^{rs}
2600. that we may agree
upon adjusting the accounts
of our respective Employes to
the 30th April last.

I am

Fort S. George
23 July 1779.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

George Proctor
Lieut.

Acct of Arms
to be delivered
in

Ordered that the Committee of Stores
be desired to Deliver in an account of all the
New Arms that have been issued out, besides
what have been sent to the out Garrisons,
also what repaired Arms have been delivered
out in room of old ones, returned, particu-
larizing the Number monthly this Account
to be made out from the 30th April 1778
to 30th June 1779.

Read

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Read the following Letter from M^{rs}

Hugh Maxwell.

To the Hon^{ble} Sir Thomas Bumbald B^t
President and Governor.

From Mr
Maxwell
relative to the
valuation of
houses &c.

Sen^a Select Committee of

Fort St George

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs.

Agreeable to the Orders I received from the
Governor. I have now the Honor to lay before you,
an Estimate of the deductions which I think
may be made from the valuation of some
houses and Ground which I delivered to the
Hon^{ble} President some time ago.

During M^r Bouchiers Government
when the North Espalanade was cleared, the
Inhabitants received from the Company at the
rate of 36 Pagodas for every hundred, their
houses were valued at, and other ground was
given them to build on, I am of Opinion
however that this is too small a compensation
as Labor and Materials are both considerably
dearer, than when the North Espalanade was
cleared.

Should this Plan be now adopted the
whole amount of the Cost of Hire allowing at the
same Rate will amount to about Fifty seven
thousand Pagodas. But there will then be
wanted 508 Lots of Ground, and I am afraid
the Company are not possessed of so much within
the

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The Black Town Wall, and if Ground be not given to those who have their house pulled down little or no Deduction can be made from the first Valuation on account of the Materials, and the people must then be paid at the rate their Houses and Grounds are Valued in the Bills of Sale.

I beg leave to represent, that during the time I was employ'd in valuing the Houses and grounds which was upwards of four months. I was oblig'd to employ a considerable number of additional Servants and as my Allowance as Superintendent is only thirty four Pagodas a Month. I hope the Honble Committee will be pleas'd to allow me what they may deem proper for the additional Trouble and Expence I was then put to.

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10th July 1779.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Srs.

Your most Obedient &
most Loyal Servant
Hugh Maxwell

Agreed that the Survey and Valuation of the Houses and other Buildings which approach too near the Fortifications to the Westward, and which must therefore be removed be referred to the Honble Court of Directors.

The Court of
Directors take
request to
consider of the
above Valuation

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and as the Estimate Amount of the Buildings is very considerable, it is agreed request they will consider of some mode by which the Expence of Obtaining a sufficient space for an Esplanade to the Westward, may be rendered more moderate.

John Stewart
a private to
partake of
the military
Fund.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee a Certificate and Recommendation of John Stewart a Soldier in the Companies to partake of the Military Fund, which is approved.

He also lays before the Committee the following Certificate relative to Lieut Charles Webb.

Certificate
of Lieut Char
Webb ill
State of Health.

There are to Certify that Lieut Charles Webb of the Corps of Artillery, having for some time past been afflicted with cancerous Tumors, and other obstructed complaints, is thereby rendered incapable of actual Service.

The 24th July 1779.

W. Mallot

Surgeⁿ Ast^r

to be included

Agreed that Lieut Webb be put on the Invalid List.

Read the following Letter from Major Maud Chief Engineer.

To The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Es^t
President & Governor &c^a Select Committee.
at Fort St George
Honble

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From Major
Mauel res-
pecting the
allowance
of full Patta
to Engineers

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I take the Liberty of addressing you in consequence of an Order you was lately pleased to issue Respecting the Allowances of the Corps of Engineers, and as it seems to have arisen from want of information on the part of the Auditor of Accounts, I trust you will excuse my giving you such as will I hope induce you to dispense with a Resolution which ~~of kept~~ ^{is kept} in force, must on deeply affect the Interest of the Corps.

The Corps of Engineers being on an inferior Footing as to Emolument will all others in the Army not enjoying a like with them Off reckonings & the Indulgence of full Patta to all Engineers doing Duty out of Madras, Masulipatam, Cuddalore, and the other Chiefships has been for several years just granted them in Consideration of such Deficiency. The Courses for this Indulgence still remaining, I hope Honble Sir & Sirs you will be pleased to see the Matter in the same Point of View, and continue the only allowance that can bring the Corps of Engineers nearly upon a footing with the other Officers of your Army.

I have to enclose you the Copy of an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Petrie Paymaster

Do

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to the Army in the Year 1771. which secured
it to all Engineers on Duty to the Southward
at that Period, and I beg you will permit
me to adduce my own Testimony that every
Officer of the Corps being situated from
Madras, on the before mentioned Chiefships
has enjoyed full Batta for these 10 Years past.
I am with most Respect

Fort S^t George
19th July 1779.

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Devoted

Every humble Servant

Geo^x Macl

Major Command

Extract of a Letter from Madras dated 12th
December 1771.

"Engineers on Duty out of Madras except at
Masculipatam are allowed full Batta."

(Signed)

W^m Petre

Paymaster to the Army

As the Engineers doing Duty out of
Madras, Madras, Masculipatam and the
other Chief Ships have drawn full Batta
for some many Years, agreed on that account
and for the Reasons given by the Chief
Engineer that it be allowed in future, but
that the Horse Allowance usually granted
to Engineers while doing Duty in the Out

Garrison

Batta allowed
but Horse-
Expenses dis-
continued

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Garrison to be discontinued.

The Commander in Chief lays
Before the Committee the following Letters
from Mess^{rs} Chrisp and Andrews, respecting
their Rank in the list of the Army —
To Lieutenant Colonel Burrows
Adjutant General,
Sir.

From M^r
Chrisp res-
pecting his
Rank before
M^r Chrisp —

In answer to your Letter of the 12th of
Received yesterday, I have to inform you that
I came out on the Earl of Ashburnham Captⁿ
Pearce, and arrived at Madras in June 1772
In the list of Cadets for this Coast given in
by Captain Pearce to the Governor, and
Council, my Name was Included, and in
consequence thereof I did Duty as Cadet in
this Establishment, untill the Month of
December 1773 when I was appointed an
Ensign.

By some Mistake in the Clerk at the India House,
my Name had been inserted in the list of Bengall
Cadets for the Year 1772 a Circumstance, with
which I was unacquainted untill October 1776
when I received a Letter from M^r Wynch, then
Governor of Madras, importing that the
Honble Board, had received Intimation of my
Original appointment having been intended
for the Bengall Establishment, and ordered

me

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me to Madras, in order to proceed. Upon
my Arrival at Madras, having by Letter
addressed the Honble Board, they were
pleased to continue me on this Establishment
with my Rank, and in Consequence
thereof. I received Orders by Letter from
Mr. Secretary Sullivan to return and
join my Battalion. (the 4th Carnatic)
then at Vellore, From that Date I
have been accustomed to consider
my Rank fixed on this Establishment
agreeable to my Original Involvement
as Cadet. And as the General Orders
dated the 16th September 1772, appoint-
ing Messrs George Wade and Charles
Webb. Cadets direct that they Rank after
the Cadets of that Season, I am not with-
out hope, that the Honble the President
and Select Committee having taken
the above Circumstances into Con-
sideration, will think me justly entitled
to the Rank I now hold.

J

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Dear
Sir,

Chicasole

June 22nd 1779

Yours very Obedient Servant
James Chrish

Lieutenant Colonel Burrows.

Sir,

From Mr
Andrews—
Respecting
his Rank
before Mr
Ure—

I have the Honor of yours of
the 12th Instant informing me of a Claim
made by Ensign Ure, to supersede me, resting
on a Supposition of my being Originally ap-
pointed a Cadet for Bengal (Mr. Ure must
be better informed than me, as I have always
looked upon myself as belonging to the
Coast Establishment.

On my leaving England, I was told by Henry
Craab Bawtten Esq, thro whom I was ap-
pointed a Cadet, that he had got me put high
on the List for Madras. but by some mistake
when I arrived in India, my Name was put
in the General List. but pretty high upon
that of the Ships, nor had I ever any intimation

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of my being for Bengal, therefore I could
not look on my remaining on this Establishment
as an Indulgence as Mr Wre has termed
it. By a Paragraph in the Companies Letter
issued in General Orders in the Year
1772, Mr Wre is expressly ordered to Rank
after the Cadet of that Season.

From this it must have appeared to
Mr Du Bose the then Governor and
the Rest of the Council, that it was my
right to Rank before Mr Wre as they
continued me on the List, and Promoted
me in my Tour without any Application
on my part.

This Sir is all the information
I can give of the matter, and I hope it
will be sufficient to convince the
Commander in Chief that Mr Wre
suffers no Injury from my being before
him on the List of the Army.

I am

Sir

Respectfully

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Respectfully.

Sanjore 16th June

1779.

Your most Obedt^t M^t Serv^t

W. Andrews.

Agreed that these Letters with one
referred to the Court of Directors
before Received from Ensign George Ware
on the same Subject be referred to the Consideration of the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors.

Thos. Pembroke

John Wetherill

And Mrs

Charles Smith

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30th

Wrote the following Letter to

Major Kelly.

To Major Robert Kelly
Sir

To Mr Kelly ordering
him to refund Major
Batta

X
It appearing by the Accounts
of the Paymaster on the Expedition to Make that you
have drawn Majors Batta while employed on that
Service and the same being contrary to the Intention
of the Select Committee in granting you a Brevet
and contrary to their Orders publicly issued before
the Expedition took Place. I am directed to desire that
you will immediately refund the Difference between
Major's and Captain's Batta for the time it has
been drawn to the Military Paymaster and that
you will explain to them the Reason for your
drawing it.

It appears also that you have
drawn Major's pay as Chief Engineer for which there
being no Authority whatsoever the President and
Select Committee direct that you also refund the
Difference between that & Captain's Pay for the
Months you have drawn it.

I am

Sir

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Your most Obedient Servant
Chas. Oakeley Secy

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31st

Wrote the following Letters

To Capt. Price
the Resolution—
ordered to convey
the China Fleet

To Captain Joseph Price

Commander of the Company's

Armed Ships Royal Charlotte
& Resolution

Sir

From the Information we have received that two French Ships are gone to cruise in the Straights of Malacca We judge it absolutely necessary to send one of the Company's armed Ships with his Majesty's Frigate the Sea Horse which is ordered by the Admiral to proceed to China— We desire therefore you will order the Resolution on this Service directing the Commander to accompany the Sea Horse under the Directions of Capt. Panton only to the End of the Straights of Malacca, or if Capt. Panton shall think necessary to the End of the Straights of Trinapour and afterwards to make the best of her way to Bengal

The Governor General and Council of Bengal acquaint us that they have sent you directions to repair to Bengal by the 31st August but as the present exigency could not have been foreseen at the time these Orders were given and as the Security of the Company's Ships Morse and other Vessels going from hence to China is an Object of great importance We cannot doubt but that the Governor General and Council of Bengal will approve of the Measure we have adopted

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at any Rate. We shall take the Responsibility upon
Ourselves and inform those Gentlemen of the Necessity
we were under of giving you the beforementioned
Orders We are

Sir

Fort St. George
31st July 1779.

Your most Obedient Servants
Thos. Rumbold
J.C. Committee

To Captⁿ Canton
on the same Subject

To Alexander Panton Esq^r
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
Sea Horse

Sir

We have directed Capt Price
to order the Company's Armed Ship Resolution to
proceed with you to the further End of the Straights
of Malacca or if you shall think necessary to the
End of the Straights of Sincapour and to act under your
Orders when she is immediately to make the best
of her way to Bengal

We are

Sir

Fort St. George

Your most Obedient Servants
Thos. Rumbold J.C. Committee

To Matthew Raper Esq^r
Chief J.C. SuperCargoes of Council
at Canton

Gentlemen

Sir Thomas Rumbold our
President and Sir Hector Munro have requested
Us.

To Canton to
recover if possible
the Treasure stolen
out of the Royal
George

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us to transmit to you the enclosed Letter from them on the Subject of a loss of Treasure which they have sustained to a considerable Amount by a Robbery committed on Board the Royal George at the entrance of the River of Canton the Nature of this Representation is such that we think it incumbent on us to request in the strongest manner that you will exert your Endeavours as far as may be consistent with the Interests of the Company to obtain due Satisfaction for so atrocious an Act.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George

3rd July 1779

Your most Obedient Servant

Tho^s Rumbold M^r Com^{rs}

To Matthew Raper Esq^r

Chief &c^o SuperCargoes of Council
at Canton

Gentlemen

The Capture of Pondichery which was fortunately accomplished on the 17th October last having thrown into our Hands a great number of French Prisoners and being at a loss for conveyances to send them all home from this Place directly to England we have permitted the following to go home by the way of China and we request you will permit them to proceed to Europe in some of the Ships that sail from Canton this Season

Capt. Desours of the Pondichery Corp^s
of Artillery with. Delot his Servant.

Capt. Alex^r Bontet and his Servant Aygar

We are

To Canton French
Prisoners sent
to China on their
Parole

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We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George

31st July 1779

To Masulipatam
respecting Bounty
to Invalids

To Edward Cotsford Esq^r

Chief &c Council

at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your several

Letters to this Department

To guide you in respect to the
mode of issuing Bounty to Invalids who are
desirous of renewing their time we transmit you
Copy of a General Order given out on that Subject
from which no Deviation whatever is to be made

When Infantry Officers act
as Engineers it is usual to allow them pay in
both Capacities which you are to observe with
respect to Mr. Beaton

We would have you send up the
Europeans mentioned in your Letter of the 8th July
by the first Sea Conveyance to the Presidency

We desire you will send five
9 lb Guns from your Store to the Presidency by
the first Sea Conveyance

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George

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Your most Obedient Servants

Tho^s Rumbold &c Comm^{rs}

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Tuesday
the 3^d

At a Select Committee, Present
The Honble S^r Tho^s Rumbold Bart. President
John Whitehill S^r Hector Munro
Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee

read and approved

Read the following Letter from

S^r Col. Harpur.

The Honble the President
and Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

From S^r Col. Harpur
not able to march
for want of suff^y
Supplies

I am still detained at Innacunda
for want of Provisions not having collected above
enough for Six Days nor Bullocks near sufficient
to carry even that yet secured in the Expectation
of a peaceable march thro^{ugh} the Dominions of Hyder
I should have proceeded with this but as I learn by
Letter from his Managers this moment received
and which I take the Liberty of enclosing to you
that he seems inclined to oppose me it is become
necessary to compute to ten Days at least for should
his Troops have possessed themselves of the Pass
I may be sometime in dislodging them during which
as well as from my first entering his Territory
my resources must be entirely within myself. They
permeation to observe that this Pass is so very
narrow and difficult that the Guns, tumbrils and
their Carriages must be carried by coolies eight courses
and the latter for that purpose taken to Poon.

course.

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I beg the Honor of your Com-
mands, as I imagine getting the supply just a-
mentioned will leave me sufficient Time to receive
them before I quit this Neighbourhood.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Camp Innacunda
30th July 1779

Yours faithful & most Obed^t

Humble Servant

W Harper

From Meer Ressa Aty Cawon
to Col. Harper.

A

I have received your Letter in
which you acquaint me that as a sincere Friendship
subsists between the Nabob Myder Aty Cawon and the
Company you propose marching your Troops under
your Command to Adoni through Durnall & Ancour
— Which I understand — It is as manifest as the
Sun that a sincere friendship subsists between
His Excellency and the Company and that they
have no separate Interest and it is therefore my
Duty to pay a Regard to the Friendship they have
for him. Yet you will march your Troops by ano-
— ther Road that the Friendship may be preserved
for there are some Sepoys stationed in that Country
and Disputes and Quarrels may arise between these
Sepoys and your Men. I have so much regard for
your humane Disposition and Friendship that I would not wish this
to happen continue to write me of your welfare

What can I say more

* witness of a very

human Disposition and Friendship that I would not wish this

to happen continue to write me of your welfare

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From Meer. Khadi Hussain Cawn
the Fouzdar of Cummum and
Sri. Nowaf Vincagee the Aumil
of that Place to Col. Harper

B

We heard that you was arrived
at Inmacunda and intended marching your Troops
under your Command to Aden by the Gant of
Burnachel and the Road of Cummum which
belongs to the Circar. We therefore acquainted his
Excellency of it, and he has wrote us in answer that
your Troops are not to have leave to march through
the Country of Cummum there are our Orders and
we therefore desire you will not march this way

Agreed to acquaint L^t Col.

Harper that as the Guntoor Circar belongs to the
Company, he must threaten Rajah Behander with
our severest displeasure for his Neglect in not pro-
-curing sufficient Supplies for the Detachments and
if Col. Harper meet with any further Difficulties
in this Respect he must take measures for supplying
himself. In regard to the two Letters from Hyder's
Managers We cannot think they seriously intend
to obstruct the march of our Troops but Colonel
Harper must be well on his Guard against any
Design of this Nature and the President is desired
to write himself to Hyder's Managers on the Subject

The following Letter from the
Marine Officer of the Squadron

Minister of the
Board in the
above letter

read

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From the Marine
Officers for
Allowances

To the Honble J^{no} Tho^s Rumbold Bart^l
President, & Members of the
Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

The Marines belonging to the
Squadron under the Command of Adm^l J^o Edward
Vernon having been landed on the late Expedition
to Pondichery. & We having thereby been put to
many unavoidable expences We entreat your
Honble Board to take the same under your Consider-
-ation & that you will be pleased to grant us such
an Allowance as you may think sufficient.

We have the Honor to be

very respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Port St. George
31st July 1779

Your very Obedient

Humble Servants

Rob^t Augstone Lieut

Benj^t Barbaud Lieut

Sam^l Orr Lieut

Resolved that the above

40 Pags granted
to each by way
of Gratuity

Gentlemen be allowed 70 Pags each by way of Gratuity
and as Sir Hector Munro acquaints the Committee
that there were 20 Seamen of the Squadron employed
in making a Bridge of Boats when it was intended
to have laid across the Ditch agreed that those who
were so employed be allowed a Gratuity of 2 Pags
each for their Trouble.

2 Pags per Man
Granted to 20
Sea Men

J^o Hector Munro delivers in

The following Minute -

1879

Port St George 3^d August 1879.

Genl. Minute
with recommendation
for Breuch

There being a Number of Officers
on the strength of the Establishment who are in
fact NonEffective by being disposed of in different
Ways from their Corps and there falling principally
on the European Battalions it appears that they
are very much injured and distressed by the
want of Duty Officers not only with respect to
the common Duties but to the more material Points
of good order and Discipline and it is therefore
recommended that in Order to remedy this Defect
the following Promotions by Breuch may take place
Lieutenants

John Cuppage Robt Sale. Rich^d Scott
Fran^s Wagg Cor.^l Grant Sam^l Welsford
John Campbell. R.^l Kooler. W.^m Blacker
Dan.^l Burr M.^l Crotley. W.^m Malcolm
To be appointed Captains

Ensigns
James Mitchell John Spencer. S.^l Bowser
Barry Close W.^m Terry S.^l Jacobs
Tho.^l Williams James Cram F. Tabvineer
John Halliburton W.^m Andrews. F. Crisp
To be appointed Lieutenants

Cadets
J. Clarke Laurence - Burnside. J. Sinclair
— Ducci John Read. James Burr
Benoit de Boigne J. M. Intosh J. Pearce
John Hunt To be appointed Ensigns
In the Corps of Artillery - S.^l Edward Tanner being
Senior to the Lieut.^l of Infantry now recommended

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recommended for Brevets it is recommended that he is also appointed at Capt. by Brevet.

Brevets granted
to the Officers &
in the General
Minutes but
no additional
Pay allowed

Resolved on the particular Recommendation of the Commander in Chief that Brevets be granted to the Officers named in the foregoing List but with this express Declaration (which must be given out in Orders) that none of those Officers shall be allowed to draw either in the Field or in Cantonments any additional Pay Batta or other Emoluments in consequence of their Brevet Rank As it is the firm Intention of the Committee that the Company shall not by this Promotion be put to their least Expence whatever.

Brevet Majors
to succeed to
full Majorities
or Vacancies

Resolved also that at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief that whenever the Capt. who were appointed to do Duty as Majors previous to the Siege of Pondichery shall succeed by actual Vacancies to be full Majors they be allowed to rank as such from the time they were given out in Orders to the Duty of that Rank.

Artillery Quarters
to be repaired

The Artillery Quarters at the Mount being very much in want of Repair Resolved that Directions be given to the Committee of Works to repair them in the most expeditious and frugal Manner.

Three Deserters
to be tried by
a Court Martial

The President representing that three Deserters from the European Battalion on Garrison have been sent on Shore from his Majesty's Ship Rippon where they were first discovered ordered that they be tried

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tried by a General Court Martial to be held for that purpose on the 1st Instant.

Read the following Minutes of the Committee of Stores.

Fort St. George 11th July 1779.

A Committee of Stores

Present Major Gen^l St. Mator Munnick B

Colonel C^t James

Major Geo: Mante

Mr Bryan Scottney

The Minutes of last Committee

read & approved.

Orders of the Comm^{tee}

From the Committee of Stores with three Proofs of Powder

The Clerk lays before the Comm^{tee} a List of Gun Carriages made up given Orders for making up for the Garrison of Tanjore & the Carriages wanted for Madras examined the 21st of last Month first no others are on any as entered hereafter which being Account to be constructed made of the best Materials and until those be furnished the Workmanship good are ordered to be received and the Committee's Order obtained thereupon the

4th Inch Moulded Carriages with Limited Boxes. &

For Tanjore

Garrison Carriages

10 1/2 — 1

7 1/2 — 3

6 — 12

3 1/2 — 4

3 1/4 — 3

2 1/2 — 1

Committee observing that several Carriages for small Guns have been made up the Committee of Stores must be directed to limit the Contractor to the large Carriages and to order no more small ones without Permission

and

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2 The Committee remarks 2

that the Carriages appropriated
for the different Outworks
of this Garrison are already
deposited in the Bomb

Proofs of those Works to

which they belong that

notwithstanding a considerable

Number of Carriages as well

as other Stores suffer much

Injury by being exposed

to the Inclemency of the Weather

The Chief Engineer is therefore

requested to form an Estimate

of the Expence of erecting a

Stand in the Yard of the

Arsenal agreeable to the Direc

tion of the Select Committee.

3 The Commandant of the 3

produces the last Proofs of the

Powdering and Yellow made

Powder with his Remarks

upon them as entered here

after

4 The Military Storekeeper 4

lays before the Committee

an Indent of Stores wanted

for

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for the Service of His
Majesty's Ships Rippon
& Coventry which is ordered
to be complied withal so an
Indent from Mr. Munro
Pay Master at Pondichery
whith it is agreed to comply
with as far as can be done
conveniently.

5th The Military Storekeeper 5th
produces a Summrit with
several Alterations in it
made agreeable to the
Directions of this Comm^{ee}
it being found equally
strong and more convenient
for Service than those her
tofore made it is recommend
ed that in future they
be provided after this
Pattern

Approved.

6th The Committee purpose^d
taking the first Oppor-
tunity in Conjunction
with the Agent for the
Captors to examine and
set a Valuation on the
Store already received
from Pondichery as
well as

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may arrive and to lay the
same before the Hon^{ble} the
Select Committee.

Approved

7th The Committee highly sen- 7th

sible of the heavy Expence
arising to the Company
in the Article of Tents &
desirous to lighten it as much
as possible beg leave to propose
to the Select Committee that
the following Regulations
be established throughout
the Service, and they
flatter themselves that a
strict observance of them will
speedily produce the desired
Effect.

1.st That the several Walls
composing the Walls Fly and
Inner Tent be marked with
the Company's Chop

2.nd That the Compliments
of Tents of each European
Corps be lodged in the Stores
of that Corps under the
Charge of their respective
Quarter Masters

3.rd That each Officer's and
Private Tent be marked
with

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with the N^o and Distinction
of the Corps to which they belong
in some conspicuous Place.

4th That the Quarter Masters
of the Corps do see that the Tents
are frequently aired and mended
as they shall want repair that
none be issued but by Order of
the Commanding Officer of the
Corps.

5th That the Quarter Master
do make a Monthly Return of
Tents to the Commanding Officer
of the Corps shewing the Condition
and Number of those on Service
and in Store at the same Time
particularly specifying the
Service the were issued for &
that the Commanding Officer
of the Corps do make a similar
Monthly Return to the
Governor and Commander in
Chief.

6th That the Tents when
worn out shall be subjected to
the Review of the Inspector of
Stores and on his report of their
being unfit for Service they
shall be sent to Madras to
the Committee of Stores &c

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will give the Military Store
Keeper directions for replacing
them with the Corps

7th That the Tents for the
Officers, Sergeants &c. of the
Sepoy Battⁿ be marked and
numbered in the Manner
proposed for the European
Corps and that as there is
no Quarter Master to the
Battalion they be put under
the Charge of the Quarter Master
Sergeants of each Battalion
Other As the Sepoys through-
out the Establishment provide
Tents at their own Expence
and as it frequently occurs
that on a Defficiency of
Quarters in Garrison the
Tents of the Sepoys are pitched
and thereby suffer much
wear and Damage it is
submitted to the Select Com-
mittee whether it would not
be proper and equitable to
make some Allowance to the
Sepoys whenever a Defficiency
of their Quarters shall render
the use of their Tents necessary. Approved

Hector Munro Geo. Maule

C^o. James Bryan Scott nee

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Report of a Proof of four Barrels of
Vellore Powder Mount 14th June 1779

No. of Barrels	No. of Shots	Nature of Shell	Weight of Powder	Elevation	Time of Flight	Real Distance	
						Yards	Medium
		Mortar Powder	16.03	1603	8 th	44	Yards
1	1	10 Inch Vellore Gun	2	45	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	1240	1224 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	2	"	"	"	"	16 1196	
"	3	"	"	"	"	16 1237	
2	1	"	"	"	"	16 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1234	1224 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	2	"	"	"	"	17 1278	
"	3	"	"	"	"	16 1161	
3	1	"	"	"	"	16 1205	1146.2
"	2	"	"	"	"	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1019	
"	3	"	"	"	"	17. 1216	
4	1	"	"	"	"	16 1211	1146.
"	2	"	"	"	"	16 1211	
"	3	"	"	"	"	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1010	

John Kennedy Barth

This is the best Country Powder I have proved for
many Years perfectly clean and well grained above
the Company's Contract for Proof 294 and 216 Yards
C. James Col. Com^d

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Pondicherry Powder

Report of a Proof of Powder Mount May 21st 1779

Nature of Mortar Powder	Shell Pb	Pb	Elevation Deg	Line of Sight ft	Real Distance Yards	Remarks
1	10 Inch Blank	96	2	45 16	1302	1280
2	"	"	"	16	1260	
3	"	"	"	16	1280	
1	"	"	"	15 1/2	11 1/2	1089
2	"	"	"	15	918	
3	"	"	"	15 1/2	11 1/2	

This Powder is beyond the Company's Standard 350 W^{ts}
and 159 when sifted it will become better

C^d James Col. Com^d

Pondicherry Powder
Report of a Proof of Powder June 26th 1779

Nature of Mortar Powder	Shell Pb	Pb	Elevation Deg	Line of Sight ft	Real Dist Yards	Remarks
1	10 Inch Toth	96	2	45 16	1197	1209
2	"	"	"	17	1213	
3	"	"	"	16	1218	
1	"	"	"	15	1192	1188
2	"	"	"	15	1176	
3	"	"	"	15	1196	

J^{no} Kennedy Capt

The Powder is beyond the Company's Contract the Fort sample
279 and the Blancheur 258 Yards it appears cleaner and
in better Condition than what was provided in May last.

C^d James Col. Com^d