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17th Dispatched the following Letter to Capt. Lysaght

To Capt.n Arthur Lysaght

Commanding at Chicacole

To Capt. Lysaght
Relative to Desertion
Court Martials

Sir

Having laid before the Honble the President and Select Committee, the Proceedings of the Sessions Court Martial lately held at Chicacole, I am directed to return them to You and to desire You will order the Court Martial to review the Sentence on Poorinna Seapoy — First, Because it is urged by the Prisoner in his Defence and supported by the positive Evidence of Comar alli Beg that the Prisoner Reported himself Sick and unable to March, and the Serjeant Called to whom the Report was made says he does not remember it, Yet the Declaration of Comar alli Beg, is pointed that no Objection can be made to it, and the Court in Determining the Degree of Guilt which the Prisoner had incurred by his Desertion, should have laid greater Stress upon that Evidence in his favor — Secondly Because the Marching of the Troops on a Service at so great a Distance from the District to which they were attached was a Circumstance, that in the Prisoners situation, might be also admitted in Extenuation of his Offence — For these Reasons, which are to be Communicated to the Court Martial, the Honble

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Honble the President and Select Committee, think the Punishment too severe, and wish the Sentence to be Revised.

The Sentence on Ramanah Seapoy is approved.

I am Directed to Observe to You that there was an Impropriety in Lieutenant Browne's acting as Deputy Judge Advocate at this Court Martial, because it appears that the Prisoners were first in Arrest by him a Circumstance which made him liable to be called upon as an Evidence in support of the Prosecution.

I am.

Chas Oakely

Fort St. George
the 17th August 1779.

Dispatched the following Letter.

To Mr. William Hamilton
Resident at
Tongeroor

To Tongeroor
all Punishment
in that District
to proceed to
Condicherry

Sir

We have been induced to grant Permission to several Persons of the French Nation to Visit and Remain at Jaffna and other Places to the Northward on their Private Affairs, but as we apprehend that many inconveniences may result from the Residence of these People in Different Parts of the Circars, we positively direct that every Frenchman within your District be strictly enjoined to leave it and proceed to Pondicherry

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Pondicherry on or before the 31st January and
You are to use our orders in this respect Just
in Question.

We are

Your assured Loo. Edwards

Thos Rumbold & Geo. Stratton

Dispatched the following Letter.

To Mr. William Petrie

Resident at Negore

To Mr. Petrie
15 Miners &c sent
from Pondicherry
to destroy the works
of Karical

Sir

We have Incived Your Letters of
the 4th 10th and 11th Instant You have an
Commission to enclose with a Ball a small
for a Ranging Ground.

We have ordered a Serjeant and
Miners to be sent to You from Pondicherry
130 Barrels of Gun powder and we desire that
Expedition may be used in Destroying the works
as before mentioned to You.

We have considered the Petitions
transmitted with Your Letter of the 11th however
we may be inclined to relieve the Distresses of the
Petitioners we are unable to give them any assistance
from the Companys Treasury, but if there Many
Jews at present Lived of the same Nature with
those that were ejected in the French Government

Your

they may be Allowed from that Fund.

Fort St. George
21st August 1779.

We are
Your most Obed.t Servants
Thos Rumbold &c.a Select Committee

To Mr. William Cunning
To Cuddalore.

Chief &c.a Council
Cuddalore

Gentlemen:

We have received Your Letter of the 6th Instant &

We are of Opinion that the number of Lascars lately allotted for Your settlement sufficient for all the Purposes necessary, that is to say, taking care of Guns, Carriages, Stores, repairing Boats and such like occupations and with respect to the Investment, whatever Servants may be required for that Branch should be entertained on Purpose, and not taken from the Lascars — We do not perceive either what necessity there can be for employing so great a Number as 25 Lascars in the Laboratory and the care of the Stores under Charge of Your Storekeeper

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servants
Thos Rumbold &c.a Select Committee

Fort St. George
21st August 1779.

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Monday
the 23. Augt

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

Minutes of last Committee read
and approved.

Read the following Letters received from
Lieutenant Colonel Harper, and from the Commandant at Ongole.

To the Honble Sir Tho.s Rumbold Bart President
and Governor &c.a Select Committee

From Captain Barclay the 2d. Comp.y of this Cadet in Command at Inaconda &c.a

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this moment received the inclosed Letter from the Rajah Bahauder as the Communication is so far open that Col Harper can write to the Rajah Bahauder I am surprised if he stands in need of assistance that he did not write to me — But as the Letter is explained to me — He says that the Zemindars are ready to March with their People to support Col. Harper and that he has written to Lieut. Douglas and has likewise written to Madras and Masulipatam — as I am confident that neither Basalet Jungs Horse in the Guntoor Circar nor the Zemindars People will never accept Accompanied by the Company's Troops —

I

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I have thought it best for the Service that the 2 Companies of this Garrison should tomorrow March for Iniconda where I hope I will be joined by Lieut. Douglas, Basalet Jungs Horse and the Zemindars People with them I shall make the utmost Dispatch to join Col. Harper — If not found necessary I shall return immediately to this Garrison — I have ordered the Serjeant Major with 1 Havildar 1 Naig and 12 Seapoys to remain in the Command of the Garrison and the Collary Company to be Embody'd for this Month only, and to do Garrison Duty — as the occasion does not admit of waiting for Orders and I am acting upon my own Judgement what I deem but for the good of the Service — I hope I shall have Your Honour's Approbation.

The Tappies which have been Established by Col. Harper from this to his Camp will not carry Letters any longer even were there no Danger as there is no Orders from Madras for the Paying of them, I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. and most Humble Servant

P. Barclay

Ongole
16th Augt. 1779

Translation of a Letter from Rajah Burjuvan Doss To Captain Barclay

I am informed Col. Harper with his

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his Detachment, in his Road to Advany, was Marching near the Ghaut or Pass; and the Troops belonging to Hyder Strengthned their Post in the said Pass, and intend to stop the above Detachment from Proceeding on farther I have wrote to Captain Douglas at Gumtoor to advance here in Order to Joyn us with the Circars Troops to assist the aforesaid Detachment.

I therefore think it Proper, that You should arrive here with Your Troops and join us in this Juncture — If You think Proper You'll with Your Troops come down here with all Expedition.

P.S. I have wrote to Masculipatam, Pulicat and Captain Douglas about the aforementioned Affair — and we with the Circars Horse and the Troops of the Zemindars are setting out Thither — If You arrive here, it will be better, or else send Your Troops as soon as Possible, and You'll communicate the same to Madras.

To the Honble Sir Tho.s Rumbold Bart. Presid.t
Govern.r &c.a &c.a Select Committee.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Agreable to what I wrote to Your Honor &c.a last night the 2 Companys of my Batt.n (except a Jemidars Guard which I thought best

From Captain Barclay.

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best to leave) marched this morning at 2 O'clock
will be at Ardingy this night and those I
shall be at Innacondy by ten o'clock tomorrow
morning Where I will consult with the Rajah
Bahauder on the Intelligence he has received
from Col. Harper and see if such a force can be
got together as the Colonel may think sufficient
to push through the Pass with — If I find
I cannot be of immediate service to the Army
I shall instantly return to this Garrison —

I am this moment told by a Bullock
Driver who has been six days from the Camp
that it is reported that Hyder has a very large
Body of Horse on the other side the Pass, that
those in the rear of the Army and who stop the
communication are principally the People of the
Country collected together for the sake of Plunder

When I wrote to Your Honor &c. last
night from the manner the Rajah Bahauder's
Letter was interpreted I did imagine that Colonel
Harper's army was in Danger of being cut off
that the Enemy were powerful both in Front
and Rear and that he was not able either to
advance or retreat — It was on this Idea that
I have Marched the Troops of this Garrison on
hopes with Basalet Jung's Horse and Zemindars
People to have by some means or other relieved
Colonel Harper — But as the 2 Companys are
Detached

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Marine will cannot be attended with any great Expence nor can I depend upon any intelligence I have received I think it best that they proceed to Anjengo soon as they can if I send any assistance not wanted I shall immediately return I am with great Respect

Angole
27th August 1779.
6 Oclock morning

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt and most Humble Servant

P. Burclay Captain

The Honble the President & Select Committee

From Col. Harper expects to be attacked by Hyder Naig

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to inform You that after leaving Tanjore till my arrival at this Place, which is about a Coss Month of Dooshad not the least intelligence whatever had been met with, on the contrary we have been readily supplied to day we came here and have had three Sepoys and a Naig Plundered of their Arms &c by a party of Straggling Horse, the Naig is taken Prisoner, these poor Creatures were sick and unable to keep up with the Detachment, as they were incapable of Defending themselves, several of the Camp follow-ers have suffered in the same manner, half a Dozen Horsemen appeared this afternoon near to our Camp, and Drove off some Head of Cattle belong-ing to it. The manager of this Country has collected his People together, and I hear taken every method

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to impede my March through the Passes, by
cutting down Trees and laying them across the
road, so that I shall find the greatest difficulty en
in forcing it, if it is to be accomplished at all, Two
Days from hence I apprehend, from Intelligence
a Stand will be made against me, it is a small
Pass and easily Defended, I shall march through
it tomorrow. I should have observed Parties are
formed at the Passes within which are a number
of People, we hear plentifully stord with Provisions
and all Intelligence agrees, that their Force with=
=out is far superior to ours, I thought it necessary,
You should be acquainted with this Circumstance,
and therefore take the Liberty to mention them
as I consider myself in an Enemys Country surroun=
=ded by his Troops, it is impossible to fix Passports
without the greatest Risk, Hircarahs by one of
whom this is forwarded, I am Respectfully.

Hond Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & most Obd. Servant

H. Harper.

Camp near Jeanelly
22d. August 1779

The Honble the President & Select Committee

From Lt Harper
informs to In=
closure

Hond Sir & Sirs

I did myself the Honor to address You
from Jeanelly, mentioning the behaviour of Hyders
Horse and my resolution of proceeding the next Morn
=ing for Athour but after Dispatching the Hircarer

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I received from different People Intelligence found=
-ed upon good Authority, that measures were taken
to surround the Detachment, that the Pass was
Defended by a strong Barrier and a large Body of
Men both within, and on the outside of it, plenti=
fully supplied with Provisions and to render the
Passing it more difficult, if possible, Trees had
been laid across it, and one Breastwork thrown
up in the Year of the other to a considerable Distance
Fitaly Chawn and myself have also received Accounts
of a Number of Horse and Foot having left Serin=
=patnam for Coimbetore, and another from Sedaseer with
five Guns, the more to Distress us, in this Situ=
=ation I thought it necessary to hold a Council of
the five eldest Officers, who weighing every Circumstance
gave it as their Opinion, that with our strength to
force the Pass would be impracticable, and the at=
=tempt highly ridiculous, and that they saw no
other way of saving the Detachment than return=
=ing to the Gundore Circar, in consequence of which
I decamped Yesterday morning for Anaverda, after
Marching about three Miles we saw a small
Party of Horse one of which came up to us and
Declared the whole Friends, Servants to Hyder and
entrusted with Letters for me and Fitala Chawn.
The Letters were produced one for each from Meer
Madeu, the Commanding Officer of Coimbetore, and
Isaac Beg, who Commands the Troops near Dar=
=war, their Contents signified, Read the preceding

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Evening, Orders had been received from Hyder through Meer Saheb to Furnish our march through his District and to take off the Guards at the Passes and in the Jungles through the Country, but concealed my Sentiments, the Better to get thro' the Passes safely Pass, where they might have given us some trouble, and this succeeded, for instead of Possessing it, and seeing us leaving it was satisfied with their Sincerity, they Marched towards the Gundoor fully Pass. I Marched this morning at Day Break without any appearance of Horse for some Miles, at length they came out in small Parties of ten or fifteen, riding close up to our Rear and endeavouring to Cut off our Baggage, but I had used such precautions as to make that impossible, they frequently fired at us, but at too great a Distance to do any execution. in this manner they harrassed us for some Hours, when we perceived a Body of about one Thousand Horse and two or three Hundred Foot making their approach on our Right Flank, they moved rapidly and came so near to the Rear Guard, that the Officer Commanding it was obliged to fire two Shots at them, which being exceeding well aimed, threw the whole into the greatest confusion, this never also gave to those who had advanced near to our Front with the same effect. They had with them three Stand of Colours.

For

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In the steps taken, I have had no other View than preserving the Troops entrusted to my Command. The Laws of Honor and the Dictates of Humanity would not suffer me to lead on Men to Distruction, without one single advantage Derewing to the Community, I hope the Honble Sir & Sirs to have remitted your Approbation. The simple Facts are here related, from those Your better Judgment will perceive the Justness or impro-priety of my Conduct. I am most respectfully

Camp Tanjapatty
22d August 1779

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful and Humble Sert
H. Lovejoy

To the Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bart.
President Governor &c. Select Committee

From Captain Lovejoy returns with his Troops to Negore

Honble Sir & Sirs

I wrote Your Honor &c Yesterday morning acquainting You that I had marched the 2 Companys except a Sundars Guard — I had this morning at 8 o'Clock got within four Course of Tanjore when I received a Letter from Capt Flaming belonging to the Detachment from my Battn with Coll Harpers — He acquaints me that they returned to Tanjore — I have halted the Detach-ment to refresh some hours as they are much fatigued having marched since Yesterday morning in very bad weather. Accordingly Course — I shall be back to the Garrison of Negore some time to-morrow

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and

most Humble Servant

J. Barclay Captain.

Jamalmiurka

18th August 1779

The Committee having attentively considered the foregoing Letter it is resolved to write Lieut. Colonel Harper immediately as follows

To Lieut Colonel Harper

Commanding the Detachment in the Guntoor Circar

To Lt Col Harper desiring him to give more information relative to his Return

Sir

We have received Your Letters of the 12th and 14th Instant

We cannot at present judge of the sufficiency of the reasons which induced You to return with the Detachment to the Guntoor Circar after having advanced so near to the Passes thro' which we wished You to March. It is doubtless commendable to withdraw Troops from any certain and imminent danger, to which they might be exposed by encountering too great a superiority of Numbers, and if there be good foundation to believe the Passes were guarded in the manner You mention and that there were so many People to oppose You on both sides, it was a prudent measure to retreat from the Danger but in order to decide clearly upon this point, it is necessary we should be

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be informed, how the Circumstances You represent in Your Letter were Authenticated from whence You received the Intelligence and what reasons You had to think the Particulars true, We desire also that You will communicate to us the Minutes of the Council which You judged it necessary to call, of the Provincial Officers of the Detachment

We are concerned after so long a Delay in the Garrison Cirear that You were not better supplied with Provisions. We shall enquire into the Reasons of such Neglect on the Part of those who were directed to furnish them and we hope to find there has been nothing omitted on Your Part that could hasten the supplies.

We would have You remain for the present at Tanjavore and we shall take measures immediately for sending a Proper Reinforcement to Your Troops, and for having the Detachment so amply supplied with every thing that when it is Ordered to march there may be no Delay whatsoever.

You inform us that when You had retreated about 3 Miles You received by a Horseman Letters from Hyder's Officers commanding at Coimbetore and Dauvaram, acquainting You that Hyder had sent Orders to Permit You to March thro' his Districts and to take off the Guard at the Passes. It is impossible to say whether this measure was intended to Deceive You, or not, but You

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You should have detained the Messrs on your Coast and made particular Enquiry into the Circumstances, You should have also enclosed to us the Letters which You received by them, as We now desire they may be sent to us.

We are

Fort St George Sir

23 August 1779.

Your most Obdt Servants

Thos Rumbold &c Select Committee

Agreed also that a Letter be written to

Letter to be wrote to Hyder ally

to Hyder ally Cawn to know the reason of his Fortifying the Passes against the March of our Troops and that another Letter be written on the Subject to his manager in the Cuddapah Country

Resolved that two Companies of

Two Companies of Europeans half a Company of Artillery & a Company of Sepoys ordered to be ready to join Col. Harper

Europeans half a Company of Artillery, together with the 1st Battn of Sepoys be ordered to hold themselves in readyness to reinforce the Detachment under Lieut. Col. Harper, and that the Admiral be requested to assist us the Coventry Frigate to assist in conveying those Troops to Mootapilly

The Committee approve of Captain Bowlays conduct, and for the reasons he has given consent to his retaining the Colliery Company for this month only, after which they must be discharged

Read the following Letter from Masulipa-

tam

Reserved

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From Virgapatam
Capt. Lynch's
ordered to march
against Yerkamah
Dourah

Revenue Department

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Some time after the Decease of Rumbo=
=da Rauze late Zemindar of Vaulianda, the Rajah's
Vizeram Rauze having the concernment of that Govern=
=ment, nominated to that Zemindary the eldest of
the Deceased Rajahs two Nephews, named Vizeram
Rauze, — Yarkamah Dora Duan to the late Rajah,
instead of acknowledging the Election of Vizeram
Rauze has since taken every measure to oppose his esta=
blishment in the Zemindary and settlement of the
Country; and having Possession of the Fort of Vaulian=
=da, refuses to evacuate it or give admittance to the
Rajah's managers, on the Contrary we are told he
has laid in a large stock of Provisions, & Warlike
stores with intent to maintain it &c.; on Vizeram
Rauze's representing to us this Conduct of Yarkamah
Dora's, a Letter was written to him by our Chief as
per inclosed Copy No 1 Demanding to know his reason
for such Conduct, requiring him to give up the Fort,
and threatening in case of Refusal to compel him by
force of Arms; his answers to which we also forward,
(No. 2 & 3) being a Direct Disobedience to the orders
of this Government, displaying thereby a Contempt

of

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of the Company's Power and Authority, we judged it necessary for the preservation of the Revenue, as well as in support of Vizaram Rauze's claim, to send such a Military Force as would enable us to take Possession of the Fort for Vizaram Rauze, in case of an obstinate refusal on the Part of Jar-=kanah Dora to obey your orders. — Captain Lysaght has been accordingly ordered on this Service from Chicacole, with the Major Part of a Battalion, and we flatter ourselves our conduct herein will meet with Your approbation. —

N.B. in the Packet, is Copy of a Letter written to Jarkanah Dora, since the above Resolution, to which we have not yet had a reply.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Jhy Crawford
Sath Barlow

Vizagapatam
23 August 1779

From the Chief to Jerkanah Dorah
Vizagapatam 5th July 1779

Since Settiram Rauze has ap-=pointed Vizaram Rauze to succeed to the Zemin-=dary of his late Uncle Rambuderauze I am informed You oppose the settlement of the Re-=venue by withholding the Fort of Palconda from

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From Vejeiaram Rauze's messages. That You are ever laying in stores and strengthening the Fort in order to oppose the Company's orders, that although Sethiaram Rauze has proposed the appointments to You of appointing You either the Dewan to the District of Palamdah or the Fort Sandary Palamdah — or to receive You at Vejeiagaram where You may reside under his protection, or lastly to permit You to retire to Pegagapatam with all Your effects, that You declare giving satisfactory replies to the Proposals made to You —

I desire to know Your reasons for the unreasonableness of Your conduct, and a categorical answer concerning the Rajah Sethiaram Rauze's Proposals to You; for should I find You do not deliver the Fort to the orders of Vejeiaram Rauze a large Body of Company's Troops will be immediately ordered against Palamda Fort in order to compel Your obedience to the Commands of the Company —

I send this by two Hircarahs and Dispatch by a Vakeel of this Government named Ittapiah.

From Palamda Yenkanah Dowrah to the Chief
Dated 12th July 1779 Rec.d 15th July 1779

I have received Your orders, and Your Vakeel Ittapiah has also acquainted me with the way

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particulars. You are pleased to say I pay no attention to Sellaram Bauzes Orders and desired to know my Reasons for such conduct. I have always paid pro-per attention to his orders since I have been under his Directions, and since I have paid the Coverpauys Revenues some time ago Rambudra Bauze and his Nephews Vizeram Bauze and Comma Bauze were appointed to remain at Palconda and Venagotum Rambodra Bauze having no Issue he adopted a Child as his Son, and represented the same to Sellaram Bauze at the time of his Childs Marriage according to our Ancient Customs who presented him on that occasion with one Thousand Rupees, some Men both myself and my People have considered him as Rajah, about that time Rambudra Bauze being informed that some body had formed an intention of taking Venagotum away from Vizeram Bauze and Comma Bauze he himself took Possession of that Place and took Vizeram Bauze and Comma Bauze and kept them at Palconda, after this Rambudra Bauze being Dead his Wife asked Vizeram Bauze how they should manage the Business as her Husband was Dead, he advised her not to make any alter-ations least she should suffer the loss of the Country, that it was proper for things to remain as they were, which Council the Widow has accordingly taken, some little time after by the united counsel of the People, Vizeram Bauze left Palconda and went

went to other Places and caused great trouble,
and the Widow sent to enquire of him his reasons for
doing so. to which he replied that if she would Appoint
him to Curagotum and the adopted Child to Kal-
=ooda he would cease from causing trouble in the
Districts which she accordingly did but lately by
some evilly disposed Perſons Cezarow Rauze again
caused Disturbances in the Districts in order to
obtain Palecondah also — The Widow after considering
the matter thought it proper to send a Person to
acquaint Venkata Rauze of Cezarow Rauze's Pro-
=ceedings, who gave him a severe reprimand but
he did not listen to him, upon which Venkata
Rauze sent to acquaint the Widow that if she
would allow him a Present and grant him
security for the same, that he would proceed to
Curagotum with Troops and would take the
Possession of that Place and Deliver it to her;
she did accordingly promise 10,000 Rupees
and made Cavaroo security for that Sum pro-
=viding he delivered over the Possession of Curago-
=tum to her and Venkata Rauze received also a
Penalty Bond from me for the Purpose of uniting
me again with Cezarow Rauze. after this
settlement Venkata Rauze prepared a force to
proceed against Curagotum and during that
time he demanded of the Widow to fulfill her
Promise. I accordingly paid 20,000 Rupees on
part, sometime after he received that Sum

the

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be sent for Vizeram Rauze settled to receive at Lakh Rupees present and 50,000 Rupees Semmabundy Pre-=sented him with an Elephant and restored the whole Zemindary to him which on my being informed of I sent to acquaint him that I would pay the same and requested the Zemindary might be restored to the adopted Child, or if not I would pay half of that sum if he would restore Veragoture to Vizeram Rauze and Pal-=condah to the adopted Child which not being complied with and as he intended to take the Country away from us, I was afraid to represent the whole of this circum-=stance to the Company but was determined to suffer the consequence of it and to remain at Palcondah to attend the adopted Child and the Widow of Rambudra Rauze, I request I may be righted in this case, and I will be faithful to the Company's Orders, and will pay the Company's Revenue regularly, Jowa Vakeel Ullapah will acquaint You with all this circumstance.

From Palconda Yerkanah Dowrah to the Chief

Dated 12th July 1779 – Received 15th July 1779

I have received Your Letter by Your Vakeel Ullapah and understand the Contents. You desire to know my reasons for acting contrary to the Rajah Settiraw Rauze's Orders, in reply to which I must beg leave to assure You, that since I have had the management of this Country I have not acted contrary to his orders, but have done

formed

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formed thereto in every respect, during the life time of the late Rambudra Rauze I devoted myself to his Service and after his Death I attached myself to his Widow and adopted Son, Bailadry Rauze in which situation I am determined to remain either in Life or Death — I am sensible I must live under the Protection of the Rajah Sittarama Rauze — of what consequence must that I should disprove his Will — what I have now written, I have mentioned to Ullaspah Your Vakeel

From the acting Chief to Yerkanah Dowrah
Dated 28th July 1779

It is necessary to inform You that Mr Davidson the Chief of this settlement and Detroit dependant thereon, has proceeded for a short time to Madras; and that the Charge of the Company's affairs devolves upon me during his absence

Your two Letters to him dated the 12th Instant have been received; as by their Contents you obstinately persist in disproving the Company's Interest by disregarding their Positive Commands and rejecting the overtures made You by the Rajah Sittarama Rauze, instead of yielding previously a due obedience to their orders, and them, submitting Your cause to their Justice, for such improper Conduct You are now to know

That

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That this Government, in consequence of Pegueram Pauze's
Name, and to prevent the loss of Revenue to the Company
have come to the resolution of sending such a force
against the Fort of Palicondah, as will immediately
reduce it, and will be sent into the Possession of
Pegueram Pauze; nevertheless in order to exhibit the
great unity of the Company's Government, not=
withstanding your late disobedience, they are still
willing to give You an opportunity of accepting the
Proposals of Rajah Setteram Pauze; and on Your
signifying Your inclination thereto, and immediately
evacuating the Fort to the managers of Pegueram
Pauze, the Company's Troops, already ordered to
march against it, shall be recalled.

To the Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bart
President &c Members of the Select Committee
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our address of the 15th Ulto.
we informed You of the steps, we found it necessary
to pursue in order to preserve tranquility in the
Southeastern Districts, we beg leave to refer to
the enclosed Copies of two Letters from the Officer
Commanding there, for further information
on this head, and the consequences resulting
from this Execution of the orders he had received
from us, we have had occasion since to surprise
the

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The Troops in that District with a Company
of Battalion Sepoys from this Garrison for the
Purpose of Protecting & protecting the Cultivation,
and guard the said grain in the Different Villages.
This Force becoming respectable, by its augmenta-
tion to five Battalion Companys; besides nearly
one of the Tyagapatam Garrison Sepoys, Captain
Lang was appointed to the Command: The People
in the Fort have since remained quiet, & nothing
of moment has occurred in that District.

In our Letter of Yesterdays date
to the Revenue Department, we set forth the
expediency of ordering a Body of Troops under the
Command of Captain Lyraght to march to and
relieve the Fort of Palcondah, to facilitate the
undertaking we judged it necessary to send from
hence, two 12 Pounders, with a Brass Six Pounder,
and Sundry stores, which having joined Captain
Lyraght, he has wrote to us that he shall proceed
to Vencatagherry with the whole of this force, leaving
the Recruits and Sick which will amount to
about two Companies under the Command of
Ensign Stockwell, to protect the Cantonments &c.
at Chittoor — at Captain Lyraghts request,
we applied to the Gentlemen at Tanjore for a
Party from the Tanjore Company, to serve the
two 12 Pounders, who have accordingly ordered
1 Sergeant a Corporal, and 12 Privates to join

them,

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Sirs, and he having to this date requested the assist-
ance of Capt. Brodie (who formerly commanded
these Corps) to have the Charge of them: we have
thought it for the good of the service to comply
therewith.

We shall not fail to keep You advised
from time to time of the operations of the two
Detachments now in the Field.

We are with great respect
Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
H. Crawford
Gabl. Barlow

Vizagapatam
11th August 1779

To Alexander Davidson Esqre
Chief & Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Upon the 8th instant I
acknowledged receipt of your orders of the 7th in
obedience to which I marched upon the 9th with
the Detachment under my Command for Sala-
veram, in the neighbourhood of which, I arrived
on the 11th and having had the Honor on the 12th
to receive your Letter of the 10th containing your
further instructions, I took under my Command
Lieut. Reynolds Detachment
Yesterday

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to

Yesterday (the 13th) I removed ground
to a more situation contiguous to the Pettah from
whence I could with the greater advantage execute
your orders in taking Possession of it: in Preparati=
=on to which I employed the Rajahs Cardar in Pro=
=curing Coolies Working Tools &c. from the adjacent
Villages

after the Widows of Pike=ooa had
received Your Letter, they sent with their Vakeel
to acquaint me that they had given Permission to the
People of the District to go on with Cultivation, and
desired the same for their own Paggoda Lands, but
told me, if I came into the Pettah with the Troops,
they would all die &c. I answered that I had no
further orders than to March into the Pettah,
which if they allowed me to do quietly, the Inhabitants
there might depend upon remaining unmolested,
but that if they opposed me, my orders were to use force.
upon which they repeatedly signified their resolution
to Die &c. &c. if I brought my People into the
Pettah. — They had on the 12th. got a reinforcement
of Troops from the Poddapore Country.

On the 13th before we moved ground
and during our March, they sent out all their
fighting People to the Number of upwards of two
Thousand with great Parade on the wide fronting
the Detachment; and when I halted, which was
within 300 Yards of the Pettah, they had even the

Audacity

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audacity to fire their Matchlocks People &c. and to draw up opposite to us — But as I had resolved to defer the attack till this day, when I could make it with greater safety to my People. I encouraged, letting their Patrol who repeatedly came to remonstrate against my entering the Pettah, that I should give them a little longer time to reflect on the fatal consequences of opposing me in the execution of the Company's orders. They afterwards made some motions in bravado, but did not commence actual Hostilities, giving the reason of self Defence for all their preparations

This Morning between 4 & 5 o'Clock, I gave orders for striking our Tents and packing up our Baggage &c. in silence; and committing the care of it in our rear, to the Rajahs Sardar & his People with some Pegu Sepoys, marched to the attack of an advanced Post where they usually kept 5 or 600 People; leaving previously detached Ensign M.Carty with a Company to penetrate on another side, in order to divide their attentions. I reached them as the day broke; they had no sooner taken the alarm, but after a few rounds of Grape from the field Pieces, and a Platoon or two, they ran, and entering the main Street, we drove all their People that appeared quite to the Gate of the Fort, from which we were fired upon — They assembled however in scattered

Parties

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Fearing with surprising expedition all round us;
on which I Work Fort in the Center of the Street
Placing guards on a Number of Avenues that
flanked us; but by means of walls and Houses
close on all sides, Who repeatedly drove from thence
they galled us in the Their Watchtowers, and had
even the spirit to charge Ensign McCarty and
his Company, with Pikes, whom I had Detach-
ed about 50 yards, to pull down a Wall from
behind which a Party of them fired; so that I
was obliged to advance a field Piece to bring them
off, being Wounded with three on all Hands
from the Houses, whilest they were covered from
our Shot. I was reduced to the Disagreable neces-
ty of setting fire to those Houses, in order to afford
them less cover and to open the view a little about
us

I reviewed the Pettah till mid day
when having attentively considered its extend &
situation with respect to the Fort and also
all circumstances relative to the execution of
the latter Part of Your orders, Viz.t making en-
trenchments in front of each Gate to be occupied
and covered by Troops from any main Body
in order to confine the armed People to the Fort
I found it, with the very Detachments unpracti-
cable, from the extent and closeness of the Pettah,
the Distance of the two Gates, and the number
of their Posts — who, however desperate as an

Enemy

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Enemy on the spot, are under cover of innumerable Walls, especially with an Fort in their Rear to retreat to, equally affected with sepoys, to whom in such a Situation the advantages of Discipline are annulled, for these reasons I judged ineligible to return to my former ground, which from its situation, commanded the Pettah, My being able to remain in Fort there I had little doubt of, but being unable to occupy the Improved entrenchments, which were the design of Your orders, I saw no purpose that any daring so could Divide, but many bad Consequences that might attend it, such as the urgent of our supplies of Provisions being intercepted, the Probable daily loss of People on the outGuards, and finally the waste of ammunition, of which I have not a sufficient remaining to afford the least unnecessary expence.

Our loss is three Sepoys Killed two Naiks and nine Sepoys wounded, some of them with Arrows. I do not know what number of the People fell, but from their having some of them in the Streets, which is unusual when they can carry them all off. I imagine they have been pritty well chastised; a good part of that Quarter of the Pettah we were in, was burned whilst we remained there, and the Enemy have finished the rest of the Houses, this Evening on the side towards us.

I will write you more fully to=

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tomorrow with respect to this Detachment &c in mean time I have the Pleasure to inform You that I have been well seconded by Lieut Hazell on every occasion and am much obliged to him for the information he has given me, and also to Ensigns M Carty, both which Gentlemen entirely agree with me in opinion respecting every thing that has been done

I remain

Camp near Sattiavaram 11th July 1779

Gentlemen

With Assistance Respect

Your most Obed Humble Servt

(Signed) George Monat

Lieut.

A true Copy

W Barlow

Secy

To Alexander Davidson Esqre

Chief Council at Cuyagapatam

Gentlemen

I did myself the Honor to write You last night relative to the success of Yesterday I was so much fatigued as to be incapable of much accuracy or Connection, and hope therefore You will excuse any Failure in either of those points,

From my intelligence to day I have the Pleasure to inform You, that that has been done will have very good effects, by the encouraging the Ryots, and encouraging the Cultivation of the Country, as there has been a message to the Rajahs Sandar from the Nizam assent on Power

to

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to Dawlee, that the Corps People shall be no longer
molested in Cultivation, and that if I would remain
on my present Ground they will not give the least
trouble, I have desired the Sardar to send for all the
People back who had left their Villages, and set them
to work again, but I have given the Poor People to
understand, that I will come into the Field again
whenever I think proper, and that it may depend
on some measure on their own behaviour whether
the rest of it may not be destroyed, when they shall
think of it, as the Death of their People and their
other losses Yesterday was owing to their own useless
obstinacy. — I have signified at the same time,
that whoever shall ask it shall have Cowle, not-
withstanding what has passed. I am glad to find
that the principal Sufferers from the burning
are some of those very People who have
lost all the Spirit of opposition in the rest, as
the best Houses belonged to them.

From the circumstances of Yes-
terdays Business, what is recorded will appear to
You Sirs, for after having given a Narative of
Facts, I cannot presume to say what ought to
be done, having communicated every Local know-
ledge I have obtained.

Inclosed is an Indent for the use
of the Detachment, which I request may be complied
with immediately, more particularly the Proposed
ammunition and Flints, as such another opportunity
as

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as Yesterdays will very nearly convince our present
Stock. I have as yet heard of no fresh troubles in
the Country, which is one reason for my hoping
that the Reinforcements the Fort should have met
with, will be sooner ordered thence, to comply
with the Governors desires, but increase their Forces
should infact the Case, I am of opinion that it
will be eligible to order a Strong Guard with the
Artillery now intended for, and to give notice of their
being upon the Road so that said escort may be
sent to meet them.

Unless a change of circumstances
makes another movement into the Carnatic Expedient
I, I shall remain in my present situation till
I receive your further orders

I am

With the greatest respect.

Gentlemen

Your most Obed Humble Servt

(signed) George Stuart

Lieut.

Fort St George
25 July 1779

Thos Coxe
Wm Barlow
Secy

The President desires to enter the
following Minute on the Subject of the foregoing
Letter, and of the Affairs of Sattiavenaum

In due Consideration of the Letter Bengal
Letters of the 3 and 6th Instant I shall entrust
to the Committee whether it will not be expedient
to lay Secret instructions on the Chiefs and
Council

The Presidents Minute relative to affairs at Sattiavenaum

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Councils at the Subordinates on no Account to set
on foot any Military Expedition without first ob-
taining the Sanction and Directions of the Committee
It appears from the Chief and Councils Letter of
the 11th August that they had sufficient time to have
acquainted the Committee of the necessity, if there
really were any of reducing the Fort of Palicondah
for they not only applied to Ganjam for some Boats
to act with the Guns, at the request of Capt. Lysaght
but had received an answer to their application, before
they wrote us a Letter on the Subject, these Military
Expeditions greatly increase our Expences and where
there appears a necessity of undertaking them on
Account, or at the desire of any Zemindar, to reduce
those who are Tributary to him, to Obedience the
additional Expence and Extra Charges, should be
good by such Zemindar, The point in Dispute
Relative to the Succession to the Zemindary of
Palicondah, has never been properly stated to the
Committee, or to the Board in the Revenue Depart-
ment, and it was very improper for the Chief
and Council to give their Concurrence of Ezeswara
Lauzes Nomination of the Elder Nephew of Ramchendra
Rauze without first receiving the Approbation of
this Government, especially as the matter was
likely to be disputed, and the Dewan Jurkaniah
Dowrah in his Letter to the Chief mentions several
Circumstances relative to the Adoption made by
Ramchendra Rauze during his Life time, which
appears

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appears to have been no communication approved by the Bergenagram Family, as Settlement Known on the Marriage of the adopted Child, was made acquainted with the Steps that had been taken, and as a token of his approbation made a Present on the occasion, all these circumstances are fully stated in Jorkanah Doorahs Letter, wherein he only desires to have Justice done him, and that he will be faithful to the Companys Orders, and will pay the Companys Revenue Regularly but instead of our being made acquainted with these Circumstances, previous to any steps being taken, tho' the Letters from Jorkanah Doorah were received the 15th July and it appears by the answer of the Provincial Chief dated 28th July that the Companys Troops were absolutely ordered to proceed against the Fort, the intimation we have of an affair of so much importance is in a Letter from the Chief and Council dated 3d August too late for the Committee to take Measures to stop the expedition, and as we must suppose that by this time the Fort is reduced we have nothing left but to direct the Chief and Board to state to us the Circumstances of this business, with their Reasons for the precipitate steps they have taken without ever addressing the Committee of their intentions: as at present they appear to have acted very improperly with regard to the settlement Destruct and the conduct of the Durogee, who at present has the entire management of the Family of Tyrahnee

and

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and who has notwithstanding the several remonstran-
ces made to him kept possession of the Fort of Sette-
waram and has obstructed the cultivation of the
Districts to the great detriment of the Revenue, which
will suffer considerably if some measures are not
speedily adopted. I am of opinion that the Fort
should at all events be retained and as the Family
of Pyakarow are allowed an Annual Pension en
consequence of the orders of the Board, which is to
be properly secured to them, and its probable they
may be under some apprehensions of the conduct
of the Vizeiagram Family towards them, and not
wish to remove from a Situation where they have
so long resided, I would recommend previous to
any steps being taken, that the Family of Pyaka-
row be acquainted that tho' it is necessary the
Fort should be in the Companys possession to
secure the tranquility of the Country, and that
we must insist on its being given up to us yet
if they are desirous to continue their Residence
there, they should be protected with their Property
under the Companys Government and shall on
no account be subject to any other Demands or
Controul, that as the misfortunes of their Family
have loaded the District with heavy Mortgages
from which it is impossible to extricate themselves,
and preserve the Country in their possession they
will receive from the Company proper protection

and

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and may either reside on the Coast of Coromandel, or any other place under the Governments Government that may be more agreeable to them. The Chief and Council should be directed to give them notice, accordingly, and after they have had sufficient time allowed, to consider of the Proposals made to them, to Demand the Surrender of the Fort, and on case of refusal, as the last extremity be empowered to reduce it

The Committee agreeing in opinion with the President it is resolved That a Letter be written to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam conformable to this minute

The President acquainting the Board that Lieut. Hardenge who Commands at Poonamallee has been sent to on Extraordinary express on Account of the French Officers that were taken at that place, it is resolved That he be allowed 10 Rupees a Day from the time the French Officers arrived at Poonamallee until they were ordered to Madras

Lieut Hardenge allowed 10 Rupees Pr. day for Extraordinary Expences on acct of French Prisoners

Read a Letter from Lieut Forrow the Humbolt desiring leave to resign the Service

Agreed to accept the Resignation of Lieut Humbolt

Tho. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro
Charles Sweetland

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26th The following Letter was Received from Capt C. Harper

To The Honble the President and Select Committee

From Capt Harper arrives at Lunacondah Hyders Troops at the Pass he is oppose from

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since my Letter of the 11th Instant which I did myself the Honor to address to You nothing extraordinary has occurred, two or three straggling Horse only, attended us till about dif or seven Coss from this Place where I arrived this Morning and propose waiting for your further Instructions

If I may presume Honble Sir & Sirs this Detachment is not equal to the Task of proceeding to adopt by the way of Coimbetore the situation of the Pass being such, that when once possessed a Handful of Resolute Men, might defend it against an Army

Nuncondah Chauns brought me the Letter mentioned in mine of the 11th and said he had others for the Persons Commanding the Pass, containing Orders to take off the Troops there, I sent two Havannahs as if to see those orders carried into execution, on their Arrival at Lunacondah they were given over to an Officer Commanding there (a Slave of Hyders in whom he places great Confidence) and Confined, shortly after which they saw a Thousand Sepoys Brought to the Pass, there to join fifteen Hundred Polygars — Situla Chauns Bazalajungs Vakeel intends to leave this Place for Madras in a Day or two, to whom I beg leave to refer for more particulars, and remain with the utmost Respect

Honble

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Tonble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & andmost Hble
very Humble Servant
H. Harper

Camp Inacunda
18th August 1779

P.S. since writing the above I have received Intelligence that a party of Hyders Horse were at the Village which we left this morning surrounding the depth of the Water in the River by which it is guarded, and that a body of two or three Hundred were seen at a little Distance so that it is probable they may pay us a Visit this Forenoon or next Day

Wrote the following Letter to Sir Edwd. Vernon

To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir Ed. Vernon requesting the Assistance of the Coventry to convey Troops to the Northward

Rear Admiral of the White and Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India

Sir

Having occasion to Transport a Body of Troops to the Northward with all expedition, We shall be much obliged to You if You would spare us his Majestys Ship Coventry to assist in conveying such a part of the said Troops as she can conveniently carry — The Place at which they are to be landed is Masulipatam, a little to the Northward of Pongole

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. and
most Humble Servt

Fort St. George
24th August 1779

Thos Rumbold &c. &c. Select Committee

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25th Received the following Letter in reply

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Letter from Sr Sd Vernon in reply

Gentlemen

I have Received your Letter of Yesterdays Date, and as His Majestys Ships the Coventry has been very lately Victualled and stored for four Months of all Species I shall Direct her Commander to take on board such a Number of Troops as he can conveniently Stow, and proceed with them to Mootapilley according to your Desire

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obdt and
most Humble Servant
C Vernon

To Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
President &c a Select Committee
Fort St George

26 Dispatched the following Letters

To Captain Patrick Barclay
Commanding
at Ongole

To Captn Barclay to prepare Boats for the Detachment

Sir

We have received Your several Letters of 15th 16th 17th & 18th Instant — We much approve of the steps you took to assist Lt Harper as

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as the occasion would not permit you to wait our Orders, and circumstances were such as to warrant your acting in the manner you did for the Public Service

For a day or two we shall embark a Battalion of Sepoys with 2 Companies of European Infantry and a Company of Artillery for Mostapallee, we desire therefore you will endeavour to procure Boats to land them on their arrival

as it is difficult for Ships which have not been at Mostapallee, to discover the Port, we would have you hoist up an English Flag or Jack in some conspicuous place where it may be seen by the Ships that go down with the Troops, so as to direct them to the proper place

We are

Sir

Your most Obd Servant

Tho Rumbold &c. Select Committee

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To Lt Douglas
or the Senr

To Lieut. Walter Douglas

Commanding at

Guntoor

Sir

For a day or two we shall embark a Battalion of Sepoys 2 Companys of European Infantry and half a Company of Artillery, for Mostapallee, we have written to Captain Barclay to endeavour to procure Boats, and we desire you will do every thing in your power to expedite their Landing, and then

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Their March to join Lieut Col. Harper at Swamundra

We are

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
Tho's Rumbold Jr Mem.r

To Lieut Col. Harper

To Lt Col. Harper
Proceed to
reinforce him

Commanding the Detachment
on the Guntoor Circar

Sir

In a day or two we shall embark a Battn of Sepoys with two European Companies of Infantry and half a Company of Artillery, to reinforce the Detachment under Your Command, that there may be no delay in their March after their Arrival at Mootapullee, we desire You will take the necessary Measures for supplying them with Bullocks &c.a to Enable them to join You with all possible expedition

We are

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26th August 1779

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant
Tho.s Rumbold
Jr.a Select Committee

27th Wrote the following Letter to Sir Edw.d Vernon

To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir Edward
Vernon

Rear Admiral of the White and Commander
in Chief of His Majestys Ships
in
India

Sir

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Sir

Captain Mitchell represents that he can only take on board the Coventry 1100 Europeans, and no Sepoys, and as he shall be unable to send away the number of Troops required, unless the Coventry can receive a larger Proportion, We request, if it be possible that the Coventry may take 2 Companies of Sepoys besides the above mentioned 1100 Europeans, and we are the more induced to this, as the Troops will be made up 3 or 4 days after their arrival

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servants

Jno. Rumbold

For Select Committee

Fort St. George
27th August 1778

28th Wrote the following Letter to Captain Mitchell

To

Mitchell Esqr

Commander of His Majestys Ship

Coventry

To Captn. Mitchell respecting the Troops to embark on the Coventry

Sir

The Admiral having at our request been so good as to spare the Coventry to assist in conveying our Troops to their Destination, we beg leave to acquaint You, that the Port at which we propose these Troops to be landed is Muttapallee

We have ordered a Part of the Troops to

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to be sent on board the Company's Vessels the Mercury and Morning Star, which together with five Paddy Boats and four Masoola Boats also employed on this service will be sent under your orders, the Mercury being Destined for Bengal, we request as soon, as she has Loaded her Cargo, that you will permit her to proceed on her Voyage

Mastapallee has been very little frequented, and we understand it is somewhat Difficult for Ships that have not been there to discover the Port, on this account we have written to Captn Barclay at Ongole, which is near it, to set up an English Flag or Jack, in some conspicuous Place if Possible where it may be seen by your Ships so as to direct them into the Port.

We are
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
Tho.s Rumbold
&c.a Select Committee

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29th. August 1779

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Tho.s Rumbold Bar.t Pres.t
John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B.
Charles Smith

Monday
the 30th.

Minutes of last Committee read and
approved

Read the following Letter from Bengale
&c

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From Bengal to send troops to Bombay and reinforce Genl Goddard

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.t
President & Select Committee at
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

From the advices which have been lately received of the Strength of the French at the Mauritius we have reason to apprehend that an invasion is intended against the Govern.t of Bombay — We therefore deem it of the utmost importance to provide for the safety of that Govern.t by reinforcing the Army Commanded by General Goddard with a respectable addition of Troops, and to direct them to grant the most effectual assistance and protection in their Power to the Government of Bombay for disputing any & hostile attempt which may be made against them.

The Commander in Chief has ord.d us that four Battalions of Europeans, three Battalions of Sepoys and fifty Artillery may be spared from Your Establishment now the works of Pondicherry are demolished, without any injury or inconvenience to the Service, and that the state of the Force under Your Govern.t will be sufficient for the Protection of Your Possessions — besides which as You may daily expect a considerable addition of Strength from Europe we earnestly recommend it to You to give immediate

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immediate Orders to the Officer in Command of the Force at Mahe to Detach from thence as great a number of Men as he can spare at this time to join General Goddard without delay, and the remainder of this Force when Mahe shall be demolished

We also request that you will be pleased to compleat the reinforcement recommended by the Commander in Chief to be sent to General Goddard as soon as possible from the most convenient Stations of your Army allowing time to settle the Place of Rendevous

We are
Gentlemen
Your Obed[t] Humb[l] Serv[ts]
Warren Hastings
P[d] Francis
Wheler
Peter Cole

Fort William
2[d] August 1779

Minute thereon

In the foregoing Letter from Bengal requires mature consideration, and as the season of the Year and the want of Transports make it impossible to send Troops to Bombay immediately, it is resolved that the said Letter do Lye on the Table till a future day

Read Letter from Bengall Govn to Store to be sent to Bombay

Read also a Letter from Bengal dated the 2 Instant Has entered in the M[e] B[k] requesting

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requesting some Guns and Stores may be sent from hence to Bombay for the use of Brigadier Genl Goddard — ordered that a Copy of the said Letter be sent to the Committee of Stores with Directions to comply with the Application —

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
President &c Members of the
Select Committee at Fort St George

Vizagapatam
Capt. Lysaght
takes Calcondah

Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Lysaght with his Detachment arrived before Calcondah on the 7th Instant but waited the Augmentation of Vizeram Rauze Zemmendar of that District before he would proceed to the reduction of the Fort, this was effected on the 13th and Captain Lysaght having taken Possession of the Pettah, erected a Battery for his Guns and Mortars in order to commence a Bombardment, when Jehanna Dora thought it proper to offer to give up the Fort, and we have the Pleasure to inform You that Vizeram Rauze was put in the full Possession thereof on the 19th Instant

As the Rains are setting in amongst the Hills, we should deem Captain Lysaght

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Copyright to March the Detachment immediately into their Cantonments at Chercacole

Vizagapatam
22d August 1779

We have with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed & Humble Servt
H. Crawford
A. Barlow

Read the following Letter from Col. Braithwaite

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqre
Governor & President &c. &c. Select Committee
Fort St. George

From Col. Braithwaite dated

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor to address a Letter to You from the 5th by way of Injinga, but the weather proved so bad that after repeated Trials the Boat put back again, since that time no possible means of sending a Public Dispatch have occurred

I began the explosion here on His Majesty's Birth Day, on which occasion the whole Sea face of Fort Marlbo' was blown off, since when notwithstanding a continuance of the heaviest Rains I ever saw, our work of destruction has gone on, and the several Forts and works of this Colony which had been so lately put in order at great expence, are now in ruins

The King of Cartwate who had applied to me for assistance against Hyder's people, finding

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[illegible] I would not interfere, abandoned his
Country and took to the Hills, and a new one was
put on his Throne, with whom and all Hyders
People round us, we have been upon very bad
terms, they have Forted close upon us on every
side and established themselves on Redoubts a-
round us at about a Miles Distance & were
informed through several Channels that secret
Orders had been given by Hyder to keep a large
Force near us, and that if a favourable Opportu-
nity offered to surprize us, they were to do it
his Principal Objects were (as alledged by my Informa-
tion) the Ordnance and Stores here & at the point
calling in of the Monsoon they sent us Rice
in such Quantities that it plainly appeared they
meant something more than barely supplying
themselves, to avoid the Distress and Desertion
which must have followed a failure on that
article, I prohibited the exportation of it upon
which my neighbours stopped all Provisions and
Bazar articles of every kind from coming in, after
some days correspondence and a report prevailing
of our having entirely defeated the Enemies fleet,
they allowed us to be supplied again, but with a
very bad grace — I then found that among Hyders
Sepoys there were some who had relations with
us, these and Horsemen were employed to seduce
our Sepoys away with offers of great pay and
Promotion

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Incursions however with very little success, and
some of our Sepoys seized the Persons employed to
seduce them, for which I rewarded them. I wrote
to a Brahmin manager of Hyders residing in the
Carnatic Country a few Miles from hence, to in-
form him that I had seized a number of People
in Hyders service who had been using every art
to seduce our Sepoys of which I had Proofs, some
of them having advanced to some Sepoys ten
Rupees each, that I should be justified in hanging
them, but that I was no friend to cruelty or violent
measures, and that if some few of them that had
Deserted from me were returned, I would send
back those I had secured — He promised to answer
my Letter the next day, but has left the Country
without doing it, and the King of Carnatic has
again stopped all our Provisions, but I should
imagine will soon alter his stile as Hyder has
suddenly called all his People from this Country
and about Collicut & Seringapatam, where he
is making great warlike Preparations, one of
my Spies has been Killed and others have returned
saying that so good a lookout is kept, that there
is no possibility of getting just now thro' the
Passes — my intelligence is that the Bearer
Marhattas have entered Hyders Country to
the Northward to the amount of sixty Thousand,
that he thinks War inevitable with the Nizam
and our Nabob who are united against him,
that

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That he is making great warlike preparations,
That he is to have three Armies, one Destined to
Penetrate Mangalore and manage us on this
Coast, one to enter the Carnatic and one to
offend the Marhattas, by all accounts he is
very unwary and very ill as an Enemy for-
tuguese his Commandant of Artillery deserted
from him some months ago, and passed through
here on his way to Goa where he was Captain
He says Hyder is never communicative to any
Europeans, nor can they well discover what is
going forward, but that he is unwary and mak-
ing great preparations for war, and gives
out that a large French Fleet and Force will
arrive on this Coast in the course of next Month.
Some persons tell me that this Captain has not
Deserted but is proceeding to Goa on Hyders busi-
ness, if War with Hyder is intended this is his
weak side, the disaffection of the Country would,
could they hope for and support soon as they
would (as may be expected) revolt, from this
side Hyders Dominions may be attacked to the
greatest advantage if it were meant totally to
reduce soon, It is not to be doubted but on the
present Situation of Affairs were that object to
be effected before any French force will appear
on this Country, were we once masters of the
Passes leading from this Coast to Hyders Country,
his Power and consequence would be just so much

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as we pleased to give him and no more, his communication with the Sea being cut off his resources would be at an end, it is this Coast that has constantly recruited his armies with numbers of Europeans, who have borne the brunt of his most serious military Operations, and have made him what he is, and it is from this Coast that he supplies himself with all his military Stores.

I hope I shall be pardoned for thus offering my sentiments to You Honble Sir & Sirs, which I do not on the supposition that You can want information on those matters, but that I think, as it has fallen in my way to be assured of Hyders urgent necessity for Provisions on this Coast, it is my duty to inform You of it, as also that I have been told by a Frenchman whose veracity I will not vouch for, that when Hyder found that both Bengal and Madras were sending such large Sums to the Malabar Coast he considered it in a very precarious state and formed the intention of opening a Communication with the Sea, on the Coast of Coromandel by the reduction of Cuddapah and Baralet Jungs Country that he might act with vigour with the French, and that a Dispatch had been

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tures

Consent from Mangalore to Manantties soon
after the reduction of this Place, with the Plan
of operations intended, the first object of which
was the Conquest and that Mr Balcomb and
Hyder kept up a constant correspondence —
however I have uniformly maintained a strict
neutrality on this Coast and have resisted every
effort used to induce me to interfere, and am
sorry to say that the consequence has been that
those who showed themselves willing to owe
their existence to the Honble Company, have
been scattered and destroyed while those who
have been uniformly attached to the Interests
interests have been protected and by their insolence
on all occasions, indicate that they impute
our non interference rather to the fear of
Hyder than any thing else, Hyder himself
has I believe a very different sense of this
Matter but the precarious State in which
his affairs are on this Country has obliged
him either to countenance such an opinion,
or gave up his expectations from the French
and throw himself upon the Country — The
insolence of this People would not have been such
had they known either how to act or
had positive orders not to take any part or
they have defended us very well being able to
march out and leave the great quantity of

advance

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ordnance and Stores here, in so defenceless a situation for I cannot help observing that their arrogance has increased in proportion as I have destroyed my Defences, and our Situation here has been for some Weeks past during a most inclement Season extremely fatiguing to the Troops, there having been every reason for the exertion of the strictest Duty and alertness — The Soldiers have been sensible of the necessity for this fatigue and have gone through it without murmuring, and resisted every temptation to Desert, but now that Hyder's people are gone, the weather fine and the Duty easier, the Troops become more and more anxious to return to their families and I cannot but be of opinion that if they are not very soon called home or employed in some active Service, the desertion from them will be very general — Not having heard any thing from either the Presidencies of Madras or Bombay since the beginning of May, I know not what measures have been taken for our return or when we are to move, however to encourage them I have made every disposition as if we were very soon to move, by going on most rapidly with the distruction of the works and moving down the greatest part of the ordnance to the river side and arranging things for embarkation —

I cannot Honble Sir & Sirs too much

commend

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commend the behaviour of this little Detachment
in a very fatigueing and uncomfortable situation,
in particular that of the Sepoys, who have main-
tained their attachment to the Honble Company,
although (now almost in Rags) constantly exposed
to the heaviest rains in a series of severe Duty, &
while every temptation was thrown in their
way to induce them to leave it, and I hope the
Honble Board will be induced to shew them some
particular mark of their approbation, and I
could wish in particular that when they return
they might be allowed to return the whole, or as
much of the way as possible by land, I am convinced
that besides their natural aversion to the Sea it
would gratify their pride exceedingly, which I am
sure it would not be expensive to do, as the march
is practicable by the Coasts, and the Sea become so
smooth as to allow of Cattle being upon the all
the equipage when I request this, it is in the
opinion that their return can be the result of
prudent measures having been determined on
with Hyder - should you not approve this, I
would then request that they may be landed at
Anjengo, as the Wives and Families of all the
Sepoys now here, are living in the Travancore
Madura or Tondeiman's Country Countries. Should War
be determined on with Hyder and should Your
Honble Sir and Sirs determine to take an active
part

partain it on this Coast, I flatter myself you will
entrust the execution of your orders to me, and You
will permit me to observe that the Navy and Army
might operate on this Coast to most advantage at
a Season when You have little to do or fear, during
the height of Your Monsoon this Coast enjoys the
mildest weather, the Months of October, Nov.r
Decr. and Janry are not only fair but extremely
temperate as to Seasons on this Coast — Three Companies
of Artillery, one Battn of Europeans and five Compleat
Battns of Sepoys I am confident with a good
field Train would effectually conquer this whole
Country, Provided they had the assistance of the
Navy and a Battering Train for the reduction of
Burngalow and this force Provided the Bombay
Gentlemen took the Garrisons here off their hands,
would then be equal to the reduction of the Coun-
-tries Country on its return, or to enter the Mysore
Country in favour of other operations, & I think the
time required for the operations would fall within
the Season for acting on either Coast were such a
measure ever to be adopted — The Princes of Travan-
-core and Cananore might be depended upon from
views of aggrandising themselves, and I should
imagine that the Honble Company might with
great safety and advantage devote Hyders Possessi-
-ons on this Coast between them —

In my Idea of the reductions of
this Country, I presuppose Hyder to have his attention

— on

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to come nearer draw off by an immersion of the Manhattoes or the Sabath of the Durham, and I am confident that he must fall under such a point attack, but it is supposed here that doubtless of the French support, he is anxious to make not only Peace but an alliance with the Wee Vanor Manhattoes — The French here who have been constant correspondents with Sevenga pattans say he will succeed because the Wee Manhattoes are averse to Hagoday who has entrusted to Colonel Goddards Army at Sea — Should Your intentions Should Sir Hyde Parker be to continue any forces on this Coast I could wish that an offer were made to the refugees here now to return if they preferred it, such an offer would greatly encourage such as were coming, and on my opinion would effectually secure those we have here, whereas should they be obliged to stay beyond the time of the Monsoons to leave, and were forced on their own resources I fear I could not depend on them — in spite of all our Art to enfuse a contrary belief, they are of opinion that if they do not return before the Monsoons on this Coast they shall never go back at all —

I make every preparation in my power for the embarking the Artillery & Stores, but the Boats are so small and the Boat people so much awkward that as I fear it will take me up fifteen days at least till the Ships come when they go, or that of this I do not

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not arrive early in next Month I doubt if they will venture round to our Coast but will carry the whole to Bombay, and are two Iron Thirteen Inch Mortars with Iron beds so compleat and good of their sort that I must own I am anxious on particular that you should have them at Madras, you will find that I have not had occasion to use any of the Powder sent from Madras, that I found sure more than sufficient for all our purposes, which pleases me as I am convinced it is an Article you must have great Demand for, as little or none was found in Pondicherry

In case of their not being wanted on this Coast for the Honble Companys service, it might perhaps please the King of Tanjore and be to the advantage of the Pagoders if we were permitted to make an offer of the Gunboats to him and save the Honble Company the expence of transporting round such Arms as they will not afford to their Troops, this I mention merely as an Idea that has occurred to some Gentlemen here, I have never hinted any thing of the kind myself nor am I at all convinced in my own mind that he would purchase them, were I permitted to offer them

I have the Honor to enclose to you an Indent for medicines required for this Detachment, as also to solicit you on the behalf of Mr Burkett, that you will be pleased to order

me

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are Assistant Surgeons for this service the fatigue being too great for one Surgeon, and that You will also be pleased to relieve Mr and grant Mr Per-
-mission to return to the other Coast as soon as
possible his state of Health being very indiffer-
-ent.

I cannot conclude this Letter without
Recommending one circumstance to the Honor of
the Madras Troops, out of fourteen Companies
here on Hard Duty with every Constitution afford
there are in the last Month but only two, and
they were Recruits, one of Three Companies at
Tellicherry (which came from Bombay) in the
same time they lost fourteen

I have the Honor to be with the greatest
Respect
Your
Honble Sirs Your faithful and
Obedient Servant
John Braithwait

Make
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Ordered to lye on the Table

Tho. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Walter Wilkins
Vincent Perrin

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30 Dispatched the following Letter to Lieut. Col. Harper

To Lieut. Colonel Harper

Commanding the Detachment

at Innamundee

To Colonel Harper to send all Letters received from Hyderabad &c.

Sir,

We desire you will immediately send us Copies of any Letters you may have received from Bozulet Jung, from Hyder Managers or from any other persons, since your first Arrival in the Guntor Circar

We are

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Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

31 Dispatched the following Letter to Vizagapatam

To Mr. Alexander Davidson

Chief &c. Council

of Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam not to undertake any Expedition without Orders from the Presidency

Gentlemen

We have Received your several Letters, the last bearing date the 4th Instant

We are concerned to observe that an Expedition has been set on Foot, by you against the Fort of Pavlcondah without awaiting our Orders on the Subject and more especially as it appears by your Letters of the 3d and 4th Instant that there was sufficient time to have informed us of the

Necessity

Necessity, if there were any, of reducing the Place and to have received our Orders in Consequence. The Point in dispute relative to the Peninsula to the Zemindary, however been finally decided to us, or to the Board in the Revenue Department, nor were our Sanction ever obtained to the Nomination of the elder Nephew of Ramchundra Bowzy, the Most Sanction became the more requisite by reason of the opposite Claim that was lately to be set up on Behalf of the late Zemindar's adopted Son. The Reasons Yerkauna Devva in his Letter to the Chief of the 12th July mentions the Grounds of this last Claim which seems to deserve Consideration.

For these reasons we must disapprove of the Expedition you have formed against the Fort of Pondicondah and We positively direct that you do not on future upon any account whatsoever employ the Force of your District otherwise than in the ordinary Duties of the Revenue, without our Express Orders, unless it be to repell any Sudden attempt to invade the Country or disturb the Collections on which Ground the Necessity of Retaining will become sufficiently apparent.

Since writing the foregoing We have received

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received your Letter of the 22d. Instant, ac-
-quainting us that the Fort of Pankeondah
has been surrendered, and that the Nephew of
Ramchendrarauze was put in Possession of it
the 19th. Instant, We do not however con-
-sider the Right of this Man to be established
by the Measures that have been taken in
his favor without our Sanction, you must
Inform both him, and the other Chiefs that
their respective Pretensions will be again
examined by us, and Justice done to the Party
who shall be found to have the best Title Your
must likewise acquaint the Zemindar of
Vizianagrum that he must consider the Nephew
of Ramchendra Rauze as the Lawful Zemindar
of Pankeonda until We have given our Deci-
-sion on this Dispute

With regard to the Sadeyaram Dis-
-trict and the Conduct of Davelgee, since it
appears that not withstanding the several
Remonstrances made to this Man he still
keeps Possession of the Fort of Sadeyaram
and obstructs the Cultivation, We could have that
Fort at all events secured in our Hands, but as the
Family Pingharam are allowed an annual Pension
in Consequence of the Orders of the Board and as
it is probable they may be under some Apprehe-
-sions of the Conduct of the Vizianagrum

Family

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I sorely [underlined] lament [/underlined] there would be occasion on that account of removing into the Place, where they leave so long [underlined] render [/underlined]. We direct previous to any Steps being taken to redeem the Fort. That you acquaint the Family of Poythanow, That altho it be necessary the Fort should be in our Possession to preserve the Tranquility of the Country and that We must insist on its being given up to us. yet if they are desirous of continuing there they shall be protected with their Property under the Companys Government. I shall on no Account be Subject to any other Controul. That as the Misfortunes of their Family have loaded the district with heavy Mortgages from which it is impossible to extricate themselves and keep the Country in their Possession they could receive from the Company protection and may reside either in the Fort at Sadaseevroom or any other place under their Government that may be more agreeable to them after they have had sufficient time to consider of these Proposals, you are to Demand the Surrender of the Fort and in Case of Refusal, as the last extremity you are empowered to reduce it We inclose a Letter from the President to Widow of Poythanow containing the before mentioned Assurances of safety and Protection. this Letter you will send at the time you make the Representation

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Representative from yourselves.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Serv.ts

Thomas Rumbold

&c.a Select Committee

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September 3 The following Letter was written to Mr. Petrie

To Mr. William Petrie

Resident

at Nagore

To Mr. Petrie
The Renters to
pay Sepoys employ.d
on the Country
Duty

Sir

We have received your Letter of the
26th Ultimo. you acted properly in detaining
the Frenchmen going to Negapatam, and we
desire you will send him to Madras.

The Battta to Sepoys employed on
the Country Duty must undoubtedly be paid
by the Renters as well as every other Charges
which may be incurred on their Account
and you must call on them accordingly.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Rumbold

&c.a Select Committee

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At a Select Committee Present

The Honble Sir Thos.o Rumbold Bt President

Monday the 13th

Sir John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B.

Charles Smith

Minute

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Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Read the following from Mr. Holland President at Hyderabad

To

The Honble Sir Thos. Rumbold Bart.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

&c.

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Honble Sir and Sirs

I was on the 22d of last month honoured with your Letter of the 10th and in consequence, waited on the Sunbah, I informed him of the great desire you still expressed to obtain a remission of the Peshcush, that you were greatly concerned to find, instead of giving a favorable attention to your request his Highness has been so forward in making Declaration, inconsistent with the Friendship that had for so long a time subsisted between him and the Company that in the mode of proceeding which you had observed upon this Occasion it had been the object of your particular attention to show all possible respect to his Highness's great Station and Dignity that although you wished upon good grounds to be relieved from the heavy Burden of the Peshcush it would not suit of giving you immediate

circumstances if the request you had made should be the occasion of your being upon Terms of misunderstanding with His Highness that you hoped he would consider seriously the reasonableness of your Representation and manifest his Friendship for the Company by giving his ready assent to so request so justly founded we were naturally led from this perspective into a Discussion of the question at large nearly as I have stated it to you in my address of the 26th June all the arguments made use of on both sides at the former meeting were now again repeated, I observed that his Highness appeared to be particularly agitated when I mentioned his having assumed titles as a ground for the Company to expect an equal share of his regard I made use of this argument entirely with a view of shewing the Country that I was not unacquainted with the present weak state of his Government and it seemed to operate accordingly He replied immediately to this part of my representation with some warmth that it was not conformable to custom to repeat words after a decisive answer had been given the Subah in the course of the Conversation dwelt much upon his having a larger Army than ours said that he could easily send fifty thousand of Horse of which we had none, to buy waste

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the Communick and Concern that if we would not Pay the Stipulated Peshcaush and the Balance Due he should be under the necessity of commencing Hostilities or order by that means to recover those Sums, I replied first that with respect to what his Highness might have heard of the strength of our Army it would be found even on point of numbers surpassing numbers the most important con= =siderations to be truly respectable, and even amply sufficient to oppose to the Power of any of our Enemies that by the new Lines open to us our Bengall Army could always be transported with the utmost dispatch into the Carnatic that the real strength of our Army consisted in discipline and the art of maneu= =ering them that ours which had been oftentimes were well known to be powerfull that our systems of War did not require a numerous Body of Horse but that of those we had a sufficient force trained according to the rules of European Discipline that the Company had no intention of becoming his Enemies and would not be the first to disturb the Peace of the Country but in case of Hosti= =lities being commenced from whatever quarter, we were always prepared and were full of confidence, that if we shake off a

Power

Sword were struck there would be afterwards
no possibility of repairing the mischief which
might extend no one could say how far that
with respect to the advantages he had declared
he promised to himself from a War with
the Company he would do wrong to be
sanguine as the Event might possibly be
differed from what he might expect that it
might be natural for him to suspect what
I said proceeded from my Zeal for the Inter-
-est of the Company but that if I were his
own Servant and the real and Earthfull
well wisher of his Highness and his Family
which I wished him to consider me I wished
him to consider me I should not fail to use
any utmost endeavours to dissuade him from
being precipitate in engageing in Hostilities
against our Government that what I had
represented upon this Occasion with respect
to the Strength of our army did by no means
proceed from any intention of exaggerating
the Company's Power but from the sincere
desire I had of giving him a true and per-
-fect view of the real state of affairs in order
that he might thereby be enabled to consider
the question before him maturely and on
true grounds previous to his taking any

Steps

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Steps that might disturb the Publick Tranquility and involve the country in distress His Highness still continued firm in refusing his compliance with the requisits for the Remissions of the Peshcush and informed me he should give me audience of leave in two Days he sent for my Dubash the same evening and desired him thro Shamier the Dubash his principal Servant to tell me to prepare for my Departure on the Day he had prescribed as above mentioned. In the visit I had paid his Highness I had not made known to him your first proposition which was the discharging the Ballance due on condition of his remitting the Peshcush in future I thought it better to keep up this concession in order as much as possible to give a check to his Highness's Expectations resolving much that the Desired accommodation might be established on this Ground neither did I think it necessary to yield after receiving his Highness's message above stated believing it to be one artifice employed by his Highness to drive me to make such further propositions as I might have in charge, the day following my Dubash was again sent for to the Durbar and I was given to understand thro Shamier the Dubash that the Sowcars had offered

proceeds

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proposed Sabat Jung Brother of Sayd Beg Cawn to speak to me on any Business I might have to propose Accordingly paid a visit to Sabat Jung, agreeably to the Soubahs desire but nothing was said on either side on Business and after an interval of two or three Days he returned my visit. As I understood that I had been appointed to say something to me from the Soubah I waited after the usual Compliments in expectation of his opening the Business he might have to speak of, he told me that he was not authorised to say any thing to me on the part of the Soubah, but that his business had obliged him to hear and report any propositions that I might have to offer on the part of the Company. we then went thro a Discussion of the several arguments stated in my former letters in the course of which I did not fail to set before him in the strongest Terms the great danger the Soubah his master inevitably to expose to if should imprudently precipitate himself into hostilities with the Company I added that as the Soubah on the Day I visited him did he not appear to be in a disposition to give a favourable attention to any proposition which I might have to offer I had not thought that meeting a proper occasion for introducing any further matter I

told

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told him that I had often given his Highness
the strongest and most unequivocal assurances
of the Company's firm intention to maintain
the Friendship that subsisted between them
and of the great inclination which I knew
you had to shew his Highness every possible
attention that could manifest your high
Esteem and respect for the Person and Govern-
ment & then added that if his Highness were
inclined to receive a Nazur as a mark of
respect from the Company and as an
acknowledgement on their part of the great
favor thereon them by remission of the
Peshcaush and Batonee I was persuaded in
such case that you would willingly do every
thing in your power to conform to his wishes
and that it would be the occasion of great
satisfaction to you if the difference were
accommodated on this ground altho I was
strongly pretended not to have been authorized
to say any thing on the part of the Soubah he
replied with respect to the remission of the
Peshcaush that it could not be on any terms
whatever and he asked me pointedly whether
after knowing Seyd the Soubahs resolution it
was our intention bona fide to Pay the depu-
ted Tribute this was so explicit and direct a
question that I found myself ondered necessity

of

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of making some kind of reply to it which I did by desiring him to consider how the case stood and to draw his own conclusions regarding the event.

I was induced to propose the payment of a Nazar, rather than to offer the Ballance of Pensions not only because I conceived it would be more agreeable to the Seapoys under that Denomination but because it enabled me the more easily to conceal the amount of the Sum you have proposed paying him and further because if I had mentioned your intention of Paying the amount due under the name of Balance I apprehended conformably to the modes of Eastern Courts that there would have been a further claim made on the Company for the title of Nazar.

I was led upon this occasion to express my wishes that I might be authorised to offer a suitable Nazar in case of necessity beyond the Payment of the Balance due rather than be driven to any accommodation on the Ground of either of the other three propositions contained in your Letter of the 10th July, as the Payment of tribute is a matter by which the independence of Government is affected and as we have positively negotiated the remission of it at this Court. I am strongly of opinion that the

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the point ought if Possible to be carried through
We have already represented that it will be
unreasonable on the part of the Soubah to
claim this tribute in future and he has
refused his compliance with our Request in
terms not warranted by his situation when
we consider that he is supported more by the
reputation of his late Father name and
Government than by any real power of his
Own, / necessarily be supposed in the opinions
of the Indian Powers to resent both the
refusal and the manner the latter of which
will no doubt if we should yield be greatly ex-
aggerated If under these supposed emotions of
resentment on our part and after the Publick
declaration we have made of the unreasonable-
ness of the demand we should still Continue
to Pay the Peshcush it will be universally be-
lieved thro this Country, that our compli-
ance has proceeded from apprehension of the Soubas
superior Power, I propose therefore to continue
steady to the ground I have assumed and shall
not make any further propositions unless
pursuant to your instructions it shall be
Absolutely Necessary.

It may be proper on the Present
occasion to inform you of the reports I have
had of the strength of the Soubahs Army the
number

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Number of his horse and that of all his Jaguiredars and mansebdars collected toge-
ther are according to various accounts from
30 to 50,000. The Soubahs Sepoys exercised
in the European manner are said to be
8000. and those of Fazil Beg 10,000 I have
seen those belonging to the former, and
have had accounts of Fazil Beg and I am
fully of Opinion that they will be found
in case of Action to be less serviceable than
common Peons of whom there are many
considered as fighting men in the Soubahs
Army but it is of little consequence to ascer-
tain their number, for we may form a Judge-
ment of the whole of his Cavalry from a
sample of some thousands Lately arrived at
this place under the Command of his Son
they are small poor and ill equipped there is
not a single Gun mounted on the walls of
Hyderabad, and the place is wholly defenceless
the power of the Soubah does not extend to the
ability of controuling even his Jaguiredars
of whom Fazel Beg Cawn is one and holds
himself independent of this Court Bajaret Jung
Cudapa and Carnool Nabobs have for a long
time held themselves also entirely independant
of him, there cannot under all these ap-
pearances of a weak Government by any

thing

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thing to apprehend from the Soubahs resentment I think it necessary to advise you of all these Circumstances as I conceive that my yeilding a step of the first Ground I have assumed will defeat my best endeavours to maintain myself in either of the three propositions following mentioned in your Letter of the 10th July the last of which will I think most certainly be rejected, the many conferences I have had with the Soubah have given me an opportunity of forming an Opinion of his Character, and I consider him as possessing so much experience of affairs and so great a knowledge both of his own Strength and that of the Company's Government that I cannot think it in any Degree probable he will be disposed to carry his threats into execution and plunge himself into the Danger of War with so formidable a power as ours is well known to be. I am therefore the more inclined to keep my just ground, and to disregard his menaces. I have already remarked his not carrying those into execution that related to my dismission from his Court. I believe that the Credit he derives from receiving Tribute from the Company is by far a greater object with him than the amount of the sum disputed, and from this consi-

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-deration, I think it highly probable that he may persist throughout in refusing his compliance with the request that has been made to him for an entire remission of it. I do not imagine however that he will on this account be so imprudent as to commit Hostilities upon any part of our possessions. If other Circumstances were favourable it is very probable he might send me away rather than give his assent to the proposition I have made to him. The Balance due is so small a Sum when set in comparison with the present reputed flourishing condition of his Treasury that I am doubtfull whether the offer of Paying it will be accepted as he may probably think it more for his Interest to risk the loss of it than to make a concession which has a Tendency to discredit him by impressing the minds of other Powers with an opinion of the weakness of his Government, I am not encouraged to draw any conclusion decisively favourable to my wishes from the Circumstance merely of his not having given me audience of leave conformable to the Declaration he had made of his intention so to do. The Situation of our Affairs with Respect to the Marottas gives him great alarm there has been for a long time past a most determined personal enmity between his Highness & Ragonaut Row and his Highness is apprehensive

=ving that our Cotu Bhishang. Ragonaut Row
in the Possession of the Poona Government
will be but a prelude to our attacking his
own possessions He conceives that our Connec=
=tion with the Maratta Chief extends to the
engaging in Hostalities against him and being
very apprehensive of the power of our Gover=
=ment he has as I understand sent a Vakeel
to Surat with Instructions in case of our
uniting again with Ragonaut Row either
to get himself included in the General Treaty
or to make a seperate Treaty in his own
Name with that Chief in case he cannot
succeed in either of these objects he has de=
=termined as I have been informed to join
heartily with the present Poona administra=
=tion against Ragonaut Row and consequently
against us. I am not acquainted with the final
resolutions of the Bengall Government relative
to the Poona affairs conformably however to
what the President wrote me in a former
letter I told the Soubah that I believed our
Government was very well disposed towards
the Reigning administration at Poona if any
thing could be settled with them upon a rea=
=sonable footing and that even in case of any
Obstructions to a renewal of the former treaty
of friendship with them and of our being obliged
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in consequence to despatch Bagarauct Row I nevertheless was very well apsured that there was not any intention on our part of aiding Bagarauct Row in any wise against the peace of his Highness's Country Poona Durbar for whether he will trust to the Event. If Peace be established with the Poona Ministers it is possible his Highness seeing that he can have no hopes of Assistance from that quarter may be disposed to make the most of the Peshcash by excepting the Balance due on the same amount under the Denomination of Nuzer as a Consideration for yielding up what I believe he conceives to be already lost in this war of his wanting the Poona Ministers against Rugonaut Row and our army. his pretensions drop of course. He will probably keep me here untill he sees the end of the negociations that are now on foot on the Malabar Coast and perhaps beyond that Period untill he can form some judgement of Hyder Allys Intentions He appears to be under great apprehensions from that quarter and will have it in his power by my residing at his Court to impress Hyder with an idea of there being an alliance formed with the Company to oppose his further encroachments

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I lately sent four Deserters to Condapilly 6 more who have delivered themselves up to me under a promise of Pardon will set out likewise for Condapilly to Day or to-morrow

I herewith inclose you 3 French Letters which have fallen into my Hands with many others directed to Gentlemen in Mr. Lallys Camps the rest contain nothing relative to publick affairs

I am much honoured by the commendation of my conduct which you have been pleased to express in your Letter of the 15.th July and I shall Continue my endeavours to merit your approbation

I have been prevented by illness of which I am not yet recovered from answering your last Letter sooner.

I am with great Respect
Hon.ble Sir & Sirs.
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
John Hollond

Hyderabad
Aug.t 31.st 1779.

Ordered to Lye on the Table for Consideration.

The President delivers in the following Memoir which is read

The very particular Situation this Government is in with Respect to Resources, renders it incumbent on

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on the Committee to take every necessary measure for the certain Payment of such Sums as they expect to receive, to answer the several demands for the Expences of the Establishment I have frequently represented to the Committee the Necessity of acting with firmness, and adopting such measures as shall secure beyond a doubt a sufficient Revenue for the Protection of the Possessions. The defence of which the Company have taken entirely on themselves. The Rajah of Tanjore is now one Lack of Pagodas in arrears of his last Years Tribute which ought to have been paid by the 30th of last April. He has trifled with this Government by the most frivolous excuses, and delays and instead of fulfilling his Engagements, has drawn the Paymaster of Tanjore to draw on the Presidency for 15000 Pagodas for the Payment of the Troops for the present Month, I have defered, as mentioned in a former Minute, to propose any measures to the Committee to be followed with regard to the Tanjore Country, in hopes of advices from Europe, that we may know the Sentiments of the Company, and be guided by their Directions as far as the Circumstances of affairs will admit, but it is impossible for them to know, or to conceive that the Rich and valuable District of Tanjore is deficient one half of its Revenues, that their Subsidy is running into arrears instead of their receiving any

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additional and in consequence of their encreased
expences, and the Condition of a War that the
Rajah is in a manner kept a State Prisoner
by his Dewan, who from his Intrigues and
mismanagement is by all accounts depopulat-
ing the Country, and gives too much reason
to believe he is turning those resources to his own
Emoluments, which ought to be applied to the
Demands and exigencies of the Government; This
is so true a Picture of the present Situation of
the Rajah who is kept by his Dewan in all
appearance poor and Destitute of almost every
thing requisite for his Support and Dignity &
at the same time from his disposition, and mode
of life is so very incapable of acting himself or Shak-
ing off the Influence of the Man who has got the entire
management of him, that I trust the Committee
(should proper directions not be received soon from
Europe) will take such measures before it be too late
to prevent the same dissipation of the ensuing
Years Revenues, which must from circumstan-
ces have taken place with the last. Must we say
not by our Supineness, and want of Resolution
suffer the Company to be deprived of their Reve-
nue, the Tanjore Country to be entirely wasted,
and this Government rendered an object of pity by
the failure of those Supplies, which it is in our
power to secure, and which nothing but our

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own neglect can possibly deprive us of. Having said so much with Respect to the Tanjore Country, I shall wait during the Course of this month in Hopes of knowing the Sentiments of our Honorable Employers, and shall then fully offer my Sentiments on such a plan as I think should be adopted to prevent the like inconveniences in future, to be put in force untill such time as the Company's pleasure is known, and I shall now beg leave only to submit to the Committee a few words relative to the Nabob, who is in my Opinion must also be kept punctual to his Engagements he has in his Letter of the 24th June engaged to pay by monthly Payments to the 30th April next the Sum of 620000 Pgs.

Viz On account of Current
Military Charges — 360,000

On Account of his Ballance
due the 30th of last April — 160,000

On Account the expence of
reducing Pondichery — — — — 100000

Total Pagodas 620,000

In consequence of this we desired in our Letter to him of the 25th July that he would give us that Security, either by the assignment of Country, or such other mode as might insure the Punctual Payment of what he had stipulated to pay during the course of the Year, and as we agreed to rest Satisfied with the offers he made we thereby insisting

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Or a longer Account on account of his arrears, it becomes the more necessary that he should be kept punctual to his agreement. tho I admit that Cash Sums have been received from Time during the course of the last and preceeding Year, yet it will be found that the full amount of what he agreed to Pay Last Year was not received from him. his Payments fell short near one Lack and Lacy of Pagodas, I did not think it necessary to be particularly noticed, because I believe he exerted himself to raise money for his Payments, and that the Revenues of the Carnatic fell short, as the receiving ~~that~~ that the Payments from his Highness, are made good expends much upon me as President. the Task is in every Respect disagreeable, and the Continual applications, I have been obliged to make, the difficulties I have had to encounter, with Sowcars Non Payment of Bills, and Shifts of every kind. I am convinced have exhausted my Health, which is at present in such a State that I could not pretend to go through the Like Fatigue and vexation another Year, I shall now offer to the Committee my Sentiments, on the answer I think it will be immediately proper to return of his Highness.

That it is my Duty to represent to his Highness that a Failure on his part of the Engagements he has entered into for the Payment of Pago

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620,000 in Different Kists to the end of April Next will be of material detriment to this Government, and involve us in great Dessculties. The Kist of August is now become Due for 30,000 Pgds and Their will be to be paid for the present Months of September not only the Kist of 30,000 Pagodas, but one Kist for the Jaghyre of 100,000 Pagodas the Several Sums making together the Sums of 160,000 Pgds exclusive of the Sums we are daily advancing for the demolition of the Works of Pondicherry at His Highness's request Having already advanced on that account 20,000 Pagodas, all which Sums should be paid by the end of this Month which is now advancing, it will not therefore Imagine appear extraordinary to His Highness, that I should press Him for a certainty of that mode of Payment, which is so extremely necessary, and will not admitt of delay

That the Committee have estimated the Several disbursements and provided for them by the Sums we expect to receive, a disappointment of any one resource even for a Week, would greatly distress the Government. I therefore earnestly entreat His Highness, to give this matter full consideration, and to evince his attachment to the Company, to prove the Sincerity of his Intentions, and to provide for the Security of the Carnatick, that he will see those Sums which he has agreed for, regularly paid, and that if the Objects

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to the Assignments of the Country or to any other mode of Security. That he will shew us, there is no Necessity for our resorting on such measures, by punctually in his Payments which the Sums becoming due this Month will give him an early Opportunity of knowing, that with respect to what his Highness writes of his relations to his Creditors, we are pleased to find, he has it under Consideration to Satisfy them, for after our consenting to receive so Moderate a Sum from him the course of the present Year (when the whole of his assets to the Company are considered) there can be no Excuse for not giving some relief to those who have just Demands on him.

Such is the substance of the Letter I think I would be wrote to the Nabob in Terms of respect and Friendship, but I must entreat the Committee will be firm to the point of having the Rists regularly paid, It is Gentlemen absolutely necessary, nor can the Government be supported unless you insist on the due performance of his Highness's Engagements - It is my Wish, & is agreeable to the repeated Directions of the Company to shew him all attention and Deference to conciliate his Mind by every Act of Kindness and respect, my duty and my Inclination lead me to follow that line, & to give up points to him, that do not materially affect the Interests of the Company, till the Expected Letters are received from Bengal which are to contain Regulations, and for this Government from whence

Extract from

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Embarrassments, but till then we must pursue such measures as are wise to secure our Resources, being the first Object of our Government, and tho, we wait a short time in hopes of hearing from the Company, relative to the Country of Tanjore I hope the Committee will not be backward in using such Plans adopted and followed, as may secure the Revenue of those Districts.

The Nabob's Letter dated the 20th ulto. to which the President refers in his minute is now read and it is resolved to write to the Nabob in the Terms recommended by the President

Read two Letters from the Nabob, dated 19th and 20th ultimo The former Containing Intelligence relative to the Designs of Hyder Ally and the Nizam in Consequence of our having entered into an Alliance with Bazalet Jung, the Latter on the Subject of Hyder Ally and the Marattas, and recommending that the Despatches with the Latter be made up as soon as possible, for which purpose, if We approve to send for an able and trusty Person from Poona to negotiate a Treaty with us.

From the Nabob on the Designs of Hyder & the Nizam

and of the Marattas & Hyder

Agreed to acknowledge the Receipt of the foregoing Letter and to acquaint the Nabob, that if any Person came hither on the part of the Marattas, We shall give him a favourable Reception, and contribute as far as lies in our Power to promote a good understanding with that

agreed to cultivate the friendship of the Marattas.

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Jnº Burgatt Jung C. C.

Read Letters from Burgatt Jung dated the 23d and 29th Ultimo as entered in C. C. N.R. p. 315.

Mr Bell appointed Lt Fireworker

Mr Solom Bell Cadet on the Artillery is appointed Lieut Fireworker in the Room of Lieut Fr Wendlott resigned

Mr Jno Rollos appointed Cadet Serjt Symonds a Sppl Conductor of Stores

Mr Solom Rollos appointed a Cadet Serjeant Symonds of the Artillery appointed a Conductor of Stores to do Duty at Madras.

Jnº Ricketts & Comdesperson requesting allowance for Services at Pondy

Read the following Letter from the Lieutenant and Midshipmen of the Kings Ships employed a shore at the Seige of Pondicherry

To The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart President and Members of the Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs.

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed having been Landed together with a Party of Seamen and Marines on the Coste Expedition against Pondicherry beg leave to address your Honble Board, requesting that you will be pleased to grant us and our Men such an Allowance as your Honble Board will think requisite to our Services on the said Expedition.

We have the Honour to be Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

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Present

Chas. Morice Pole Capt. Commg. &c. &c. &c.
William Newton. Capt.
Edwd. Derby
Wm. Segard } Mids.
Barth. Roberts }

Resolved that the two Lieutenants who commanded the Seamen as here Viz. Mssrs. Pole and Newton be allowed 70 Pagodas each & that the Midshipmen be allowed 35 Pagodas each by way of Gratuity for their Trouble on that Service

Lieut. Pole allowed 70 Pagodas. Midshipmen 35 Pagodas

Lieut. Benjamin Bishop appointed to the Command of Pennaroit in the Room of Captain Marlow appointed to do Duty in this Garrison.

Lieut. Bishop appd. Commd. of Pennaroit

Read the following Letter from Mr. Gilbert Pooley Senior Surgeon.

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From Mr. Pooley requesting an order for purchasing Medicines

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Having a great want of Medicines Particularly in all the essential Articles I am to request the Honble Board will be pleased to give an Order for Purchasing some and this will be the more Necessary as it is probable the Annual Supply will be sent this Year in a partial and irregular manner

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I beg leave also to inform the Honble Board that Mr. Anderson a young man regularly bred to Physick and Surgery & recommended by Mr. Sinclair in Devizes of getting into the Service as Assistant Surgeon as he is qualified, and one Assistant wanted at Manchelipatam. If the Honble Board approves of him being appointed he may be sent there.

I am with much Respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs.

Your most Obedient humble Servt

Gilbt Paisley

Agreed that Mr. Paisley be permitted to purchase such Medicines as will be required between the Arrival of the annual Supply from England.

Agreed also that Mr. Anderson be appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

Mr. Anderson appointed Assistant Surgeon

Jno Whitehill

Hyder Ally Khan

Charles Sweetlin

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At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold B^t President
Saturday 18th — John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B.
Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee read & approved.

From the Nabob complaining of an insult offered by the Sheriff to his Second Son

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in C.C. N. advising that some armed Europeans and Blacks attempted on Monday last to force their Way into the House of his Second Son Omer ul Omrah but were prevented by his Guards, Complaining strongly of the Insult offered to him by this Proceeding.

The Committee understand that the Circumstance alluded to by the Nabob is this, an Action was lately brought into the Mayors Court against Omer ul Omrah for Debt, Omer ul Omrah not pleading or appearing in the Cause, the Mayors Court went on with the Process, which ended in the Sale of Omer ul Omrahs Things to Satisfy the Debt, in consequence whereof the Sheriff went with his Constables and people to take Possession of the House but were prevented as the manner the Nabob has related in his Letter, as neither the Committee nor Council have Received official Notice from the Mayors Court or the Sheriff, of any of the proceedings in this Cause, the President Desires the Opinions of the Committee upon the

Acct of the Proceedings against Omer ul Omrah by the Sheriff

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The answer proper to be returned to the Nabobs Letter.

I think the Letter now received from the Nabob is of a very delicate and Serious Nature and as I understand that the Sheriff has addressed the Mayors Court, on the Subject of what has happened between him, his Officers, and the Guards of his Highness the Nabob, at the House of his Son Ameer ul Omrah, I am of Opinion the Discussion of this important Matter, should be Deferred, as it is reasonable to suppose the Mayors Court will address the Committee or Council on the Subject. I suppose however of a Letter being written to the Nabob informing him that having heard nothing from the Sheriff or Mayors Court on the Subject of his Letter, We cannot at present enter fully into the Nature of his Complaint, at the same time assuring his Highness, that this Government will ever be ready and willing, on all Occasions to afford him and his Sons every proper support and Protection.

18th September 1779. Charles Smith

I agree with the President in Regarding the disagreeable Situation this Board is likely to be Reduced to by the unfortunate Disputes, and improprieties between the Nabob, his Society, and the Mayors Court. But as we have not heard any

Mr Smith advising Minute to deferr entering into Consideration of the above at present

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General Thomas Minute that no answer be returned to the Nabob till for the Particulars are known

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any of the Particulars which has produced a Letter to this Board from the Nabob under Date 15th Instant Complaining of an Insult offered to His Highness's Son. Ameer ul Umrah, Item of Opinion no Answer ought to be sent to the Nabobs Letter untill we are acquainted with what happened on the 14th Instant at the Amirs House for Item informed it was the Sheriff and some of the Officers of the Mayors Court who went to the House to Execute an Order of the Court.

Hector Munro

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(Mr. Whitehill thinks a Letter should be immediately written to the Nabob to acquaint him that not having heard all the Particulars of the affair he alludes to. We cannot reply fully to his Letter. But he may be assured We shall take every proper Measure for the protection of his Person and his Family, against any Insults that may be offered

Mr. Whitehill is of Opinion that a Letter be wrote the Nabob

The President is of the same Opinion &

The President agrees

it is Resolved to write the Nabob accordingly

Read the following Letter from

Letter from the Committee of Stores

the Committee of Stores

Fort St. George 21st August 1779.

At a Committee of Stores

Present

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Present. Major Genl Sir Hector Munro K.of B.
Colonel Edward Ivanes
Major George Mantle
Mr Bryan Swettney

1 The Minutes of the last Committee
read and approved.

2 The Commandant of Artillery lays
before the Committee a Report of the Proof of
Madras made Powder, also one of Pondicherry
made Powder, Copies of which are Entered Herewith
&c.

3 Mr Ram Sewing represented that
the Master of a 12 Lb. Field Carriage which he
offered to the Committee lays before this Board.
agree that it be recommended to be received on
Account of the Company, the same if that Size,
are immediately wanted.

4 The Committee beg leave to observe
on the perusal of the Superintendent of Naval
Accounts, that the great Expence for Arms served
out to the different Battalions from 1st May 1778
to 30th April 1779. arises from the circumstance that
Sanction in the causes of the great Sort Arms having
been delivered out for a long Course. They further
remark, that many of those Arms have been
returned into Stores, and will not be delivered
out, but on actual Service the only method to
prevent any increase of expence on this Article
is

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is that directions be given to the Captains of
Battalions to be so careful of them as possible.

5 The Committee propose that such
Gun Carriages and other Stores, as were sent
from the Nabobs Garrisons to the Siege of
Pondicherry, and are now here, or at any other
Place, be returned to the Garrisons they were
sent from. more particularly as they were
used at the Two Sieges of Tanjore, and of no Use
to the Company in any Respect.

6 The Committee further beg leave
to recommend, that the Storekeepers of Vellore &
Trichinopoly be directed to make Returns of the
Stores that were sent down to the Siege of Pondi-
-cherry, from those Garrisons, and what Issue
been returned.

7 The General lays before the Com-
-mittee three Proofs of Samples of Powder made
at Trinchinopoly, on which Col Innes remarks,
that as they have not a 10 Inch Morter to prove
it by which is the usual method. that a Proof be
made there with a 8 Inch Morter and an Oz of
Powder and three Firing out of each Barrel, that
the Committee may be enabled to make a
comparative view of its Strength and goodness.

8 The following Returns accompany
the Proceedings of this Day, agreeable to the desire
of the General Viz.

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9 A Datail of Tents for General Staff. Company & Infantry. Engineers. Company of Artillerymen, One Battalion of Sepoys, General and Artillery Stores.

10 A Return of Tents fit for immediate Service Co the at the Presidency and the out Garrisons.

11 A Report of Guns Carriages now in Hand is entered after these Proceedings, as well as other Stores in Hand. The Commissary of Stores Lays before the Committee a Report of unserviceable Accoutrements received from the different Corps, from 1st November 1778 to the 16th August 1779. also a Report of Tents received from the Different Corps to the 2d Instant

12 The Commissary of Stores Lays before the Committee a List of Stores received in the Months of June and July. Musters of which being examined by the Committee are approved of.

13 The Military Storekeeper reports to the Committee, that the repair of a Gun Carriage lately sent in from the Arsenal, is almost equal in expence to the making of a New One and on Examination it appears that only One Piece of the Old Carriage remains, as this is in a Great measure to be attributed to their being entirely exposed to the Weather.

agree

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agreed That it be agreed again recommended to the Honble Select Committee That a Shed be made there to Keep them under Cover.

4th It is recommended that Col. Nixon be ordered to send the 4 Tumbrils with Ammunition removed from Tanjore respectively to Tanjore, as they belong to the Guns already sent.

Hector Munro
Ed. Fraser
Geo. Macaulay
Bryan Heatherly

Ordered That the Muster Carriage made by Mr. Rowe be received on Account of the Company

If the Gun Carriages and other Stores mentioned in the 3d Para of the Committees Minutes are of no use, the Committee are of Opinion That they ought not to be sent back to the Nabobs Garrison as it would be incurring an Expence to no purpose.

Ordered That the Storekeeper at Vellore & Trichinopoly be written to agreeable to the 6th Para.

Ordered That the 7 Para be sent to the Commandg Officer at Trichinopoly.

An Estimate of the Expence of the Shed recommended in the 13th Para must be laid before the Committee for their Consideration

Tho. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Archr Campbell
Charles Sweeten

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At a Select Committee Present
Monday the 20th
The Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bart Presidt
Johan Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B.
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

General Letter from Fort St George received

The General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 31st December last received by the Ganges is now read & the following Orders passed upon each parts of it as relate to the Military & political Departments.

1st Read. As the Honble Court do not seem to have clearly comprehended the Motives of the Nabobs Purchase of Arms from the Danes, and have forbidden any such Account thereon more Blame upon him than he really deserves it is agreed that this Affair be properly explained to them by the next Dispatch.

2d Resolved that the Nabob be furnished with a Copy of this Board and requested to comply with the Contents.

3d That the Raja of Tanjore to be acquainted that the Company have approved of his paying in the 6 Lacks of Pagodas which he promised to deposit in their Treasury and that we hope he will discharge what is still due upon that Account (being 3 Lacks of Pagodas) as soon as possible.

4th The Rajah to be advised of the Instruments expressed by the Company in this Board.

Copy

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68. Copy of this Para to be sent to the Nabob. —

52 to the Cond. Copy to be sent to Brigadier General Stuart. Ordered that the Allowances hitherto paid to General Stuart do cease from this Time. But as to the Respect to what he has Received already upon the Account, the Committee meannot to determine any thing upon it at present. —

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Robinson of the Company Ship.d Morning Star belonging to the Bombay Presidency. —

From Capt.n Robinson to be indemnified for the expence of a Public Table

To

The Honble Sir Tho.s Rumbold Bar.t President and Governor & Select Committee of Fort S.t George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I beg leave to Represent to the Honourable Committee, the great Expence I have been at, since I have been under the Orders of this Presidency, in being Obliged to keep a Public Table, for the Numbers of Passengers, I have had on Board from time to time on the Honble Companys Busi= ness as likewise the additional expence of Palanquine and House Rent, which my Pay is by no means Adequate to, it being only fifty Rupees P.r Month and as I have been Excluded from any other Emolu= ments which is Customary in the Service, by being on this Station, I hope your Honours will take the

same

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same into Consideration; and be pleased to make me some Allowance for the Expence I have been at. I have the Honour to be with the utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Humble and most

Obedient Servant

William Robinson

The Committee are of Opinion that Captain Robinson's Request is reasonable, and as he has been employed in carrying Packets to and from Suez, and to keep a Table for Passengers who have been on Board upon the Company's Business it is resolved that an allowance be made him for his extraordinary Expences on these Accounts of 100 Rupees a Month to commence from the time he came under the Orders of this Presidency and to Continue till his Departure for Bombay.

Allowed 100 Rupees pr Month

Read the following Representation from Mr George Westcott Paymaster at Calicut with Proposals for keeping a Number of Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the Company's Service

Mr Westcott's Representation for keeping Bullocks for the Service

Upon the Expedition being set on foot on the Coast under Major Matthews During the Siege of Pondicherry I was desired to supply and furnish every Contingency Amply. I procured Bullocks

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Bullocks to procure and as these could not be got immediately I was Obliged to send into the Committee Circar and the Paluvama Countrys, as those in our Circar were unfit by being too small (the Country in General is Filled by Buffaloes) I put myself to a very Considerable Expence, and when I received the Bullocks, I dismissed many of them as being unfit and entertained into the Service none but Young Ones, these ever since have been turned constantly to Gun Carriage, after being two Months in the field, they were dismissed the Service by an Order of the Committee, as the Troops were withdrawn into the Garrisons, but upon a Representation, to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam those Gentlemen referred it to the Committee urging the Necessity of having some kept in the Service constantly upon the Terms of the Proposal Offer (which is as hereafter) Upon the Arrival of the Answer, which was a Refusal, Mr. Cotsford succeeded Mr. Sadler to whom such Representation was made and he enquired into the Matter, and was so fully Sensible of the necessity of having done, that he made a Second Application, but the Committee again refused, I have ever since been obliged to keep them at my Own Expence, and in the last hot Season which was remarkably Severe I lost money by the land Winds.

The proposals I offered was as follows

To keep in times of Peace three hundred Young

Bullock

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Bullocks 300 Issued for Gun Carriages for the use of the Corps at the rate of One Hundred but when called upon for Service to be admitted on upon the usual Terms on the Book of Regulations and that they should be at our immediate Notice ready and to be mustered as often as the Select Committee or Chief and Council of a Presidency shall think proper Weekly, Monthly or Quarterly.

The Representation of the above will be taken. Last not under.

25	or	50	150
		100	300
		200	600

The Committee are of Opinion that at this time it may be very useful to keep up a small Number of Bullocks and the Corps properly trained for Draught and Carriage and as Mr Wedderstte proposals are the most reasonable that could be expected it is agreed that he be permitted to keep up 150 Bullocks on the Terms he have offered that is for Pay 50 and upon the promise that in Case of Service the whole be taken, and found for agreeably to the Regulations

Granted

The President laye before the Board the following Letter from Captain Newham to him

From Capt. Newham with account of Cost

The Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bart &c &c &c

Sir

I intend to proceed to Bombay by the first opportu-

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Opportunity. I think it incumbant upon me to render you an Account of the Cash and Credit which the Honble the Committee of Secrecy were pleased to commit to my charge, for the late Dispatches of this Presidency

I have the honour to remain with much Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and most Hble Servant
Jas. Nowlan

Madras
September 20th 1779

To Cash and Letters of Credit from the Honorable the Committee of Secrecy — 850

By Money advanced to Lieut. Wood as by the accompanying acknowledgements — 181

By Do. in hand — 150

By expences from London to Fort St. George — 519

£ 850

Madras
Septr. 20th 1779

Jas. Nowlan

Received

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Received of Mr James Nowlan on Account of the Honble Company the following Sums —

At Honorah a Note for 1564 Spanish Sterling

At Bracelles eighty one Sequeens

At Venice One hundred Sequeens

Granted at Bracelles a joint draft on the Company's Accountant for Two hundred pounds Sterling. —

At Rangoon April 26th 1774.

Wm Wood

Capts Nowlan permitted to retain the Balance of £130 & that £100 more be paid to him.

As Captain Nowlan since his Arrival here has necessarily incurred some Expences will be just to allow a charge for his Passage to Bombay. Agreed that he be permitted to retain the Balance of his Loan being 130 £ and that 100 £ more be paid to him. —

The Secretary lays before the Committee a List of Stores belonging to the Sartine Cutlet Ship Delivered to him by the Military Storekeeper. —

Ordered that the List be returned to the Military Storekeeper and that the Articles set to be received into the Company's Stores be sent for, and the Remainder delivered to the Owner of the Ship. —

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works. —

To

1332 Fort St. George 20th September 1779.

From the Committee of Works.

To The Honble Sir Tho.s Rumbold Bart.
President & Governor &c.a Select Committee
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have Received Extracts of your Minutes of the 9th July. and of the 3d & 16th August

Agreeable to your Orders contained in the first of these Extracts, the Measurements of Earth filled in, and of Masonry executed since the Cost were taken, have been begun and shall be concluded as soon as possible. When these are made the information, which your Honor. &c.a desire Respecting the Protection, which the Cost of the Work on the South and East Fronts bears to the Estimated Expence thereof, shall be immediately communicated to you.

We beg leave to enclose an Extract of our Minutes containing the Chief Engineers opinion on a Letter from the Commissary of Stores desiring some further Repairs &c.a for the Mount Bastion Magazine, and to request your Permission for ordering them to be executed with out Loss of time, on Account of the Approaching Monsoon and a quantity of Powder Lying out on the Island.

We are with Great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
Most

1331 Fort St. George 20th September 1774.

Received of Mr. James Nowlan on Account of the Honble Company the following Sums. —

At Hanover a Note for fifty pound Sterling

At Brussells eighty one Louisdors

at Venice One hundred Sequeens

Granted at Bombay a joint draft on the Company's Account on the Mr. Nowlans for Two hundred pounds Sterling. —

At Rangoon
April 24th 1774.

M Wood

As Captain Nowlan says he has Arrived here has necessarily incurred some Expences & will be put to a further charge for his Passage to Bombay. Agreed that he permitted to retain the Balance of his loans being 130 L and that 100 L more be paid to him. —

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Your most Obedient &
Most

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Fort St George
17th Sept. 1779.

Most Humble Servants
L Perring
Edw. Saunders
Geo Maule
C B Dand

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works Dated 17th September 1779

Major Maule Lays before the Committee a Letter he has received from the Commissary of Stores for some additions to the Board Proof No 41 under the North end of the North West Curtain converted into a Magazine, He desires to inform the Committee of works that all the Work thought necessary and recommended to be done thereto at a Committee appointed by the Board in July 1778 to fix upon proper Places to be converted into Receptacles for Gun Powder, has in Consequence of the Boards orders been long since executed by the Contractor for Repairs, and the Stands for the powder Barrels put up therein by the Military Storekeeper. Major Maule desires to receive the Boards orders on the additional requisit but has to observe, that he thinks one Door only and the outer Door filled up with Brass Work will be sufficient as the Magazine is at Present in some Degree traversed by the Passage before it

A True Extract
I Bristowe.
Ch. to the Comm. of Works

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Ordered that the Additions required
to the Mint Bastion be forthwith made

Tho: Aumbolo
John Whitehill
Peter Moreau
Charles Smith

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24th Dispatched the following Letter
To Mr William Petrie
Resident at
Nagore.

To Mr Petrie
no Arrays to be
allowed to enter
the Rajahs
Districts

Sir.

We have Received your Letters of the 28th
Instno 2d and 4th Instant We desire you will send
the Deserter Nerrie on Board of the 28th to Pondichary.
and we shall acquaint Lieut Colonel Baillie
with the frames you have made to the Governor
of Nagapatam concerning Timr.

We have desired Captn Gells if he can spare
sufficient Time from his present Employment
to go to Carical and give you his Assistance in
deepening the works there.

You will be pleased to give the strictest
Orders that no Arrays be allowed to go into the
Rajahs Districts under any pretence whatever
If such a Practice were permitted the Rajah would
have just Cause to Complain of Interference

We shall write to the Rajah Concerning
the water Course mentions in the Representation
from the Renters Managers. In the Mean time,
We would have no steps taken by the Renters or
his Managers in this Business

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Servants

Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

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24th Septr 1779.

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To Masulipatam ordered to send the Europeans by the first Sea Conveyance

To Edward Colsford Esqr
Chief &c Council
of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

As We observe by the Returns that there are some Europeans at Masulipatam belonging to the Battalion at this place, We desire you will send them hither by the first Sea Conveyance. Should the Mayflower (as we understand is probable) call at Masulipatam in her way from Bengal to this Port you will take that Opportunity of sending them in preference to any other.

We have lately been induced to accept the Proposals made some time ago to you by Mr George Westcott for Leasing a Number of Draught and Carriage Bullocks at Ellore trained and ready for Service. By the Offer We have accepted he is to keep 150 Young Bullocks for which he is to be paid only the usual Monthly rate or hire of 50 Bullocks, but when required for Service they are to be admitted on the Terms mentioned in the Book of Regulations.

You will be pleased to see that the foregoing Proposals be fully complied with, and give Directions that the Bullocks be mustered & Reported to you every Month.

We are
Gentlemen

your

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Fort S George
24th September 1779.

Your most Obedt Servt
Thomas Rumbold
&c Select Committee

P S Since closing this Letter we have received Accounts of the unfortunate Loss of the Stafford in Bengal River. The Europeans therefore must be sent up by the first good Sea Conveniene that Offers.

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bart President
Monday the 27th John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B.
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Braithwaite

From Colonel Braithwaite giveing an Acct of his Dispute with the King of Cutinate &c

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr
Governor & President, & Select Committee
Fort S George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I had the Honor to address you by the Mercury Packet under Date the 9th Instt the Day after She sailed the King of Cutinate advanced a Chain of guards all round us, within musquet shot. They stoped every One from going in or out of this place. and turned back Officers (who went to take their usual walk) with insolence. One of these guards was between us, and a Place where the Tents

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Used to dry their powder. of course within their limits. altho no Guards is actually marked on that side. at all events. their Guards were such as never posted before as I could learn. and near enough to pick off our Centinels. at the same time a large body of Naiks crossed the River and were posted in all the Houses about the Lake. whereon Fort S. George stood and which entirely commands this place. and where I only kept an Havildar and twelve Sepoys. As soon the different advanced guards of the Naiks seemingly about to establish themselves. I sent to them to desist and retire or I should fire upon them, they agreed to desist from work but said. they could not retire without orders from the King. — On the 16th I sent to the King to acquaint him that it was not customary with us to allow people with arms to advance so near us, that as he had stopped all provisions, and shewed himself as hostily inclined towards us as his insignificant situation permitted. I must consider him as an enemy. and if he did not cause his people to retire I would drive them off. He sent me word that he acted by the Nabob (Hyders) order and that he was taking care of his own Country. that Treachery assisted his enemies. that where his people were, they were necessary. but that they should do not any work or harm: Altho it

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was it was very galling to be thus shut up, and our Sepoys began to grow dissatisfied at the insolence of these people, and wished ardently to drive them thence. I remained quiet all the 17th that evening I learned that Hyders Killedar had on the 15th in the Morning stopped at Mangalore Pattamar from Bombay to Tellichery. On the 18th I had intellegence that the Prince of Chercal was preparing with the force sent over to him by the King of Cartinate to establish himself on Fort St George hill and to erect a Battery there of Guns which he was to bring from a Fort at twelve Miles Distance only, and that having done so, he was to leave the Cartinate and Courchy Nairs to Defend it and cut off our Communication with Tellichery while he was to attempt Tellichery, at least to Plunder the Bounds and great Petah their, that Sardar Cawn was to move with Hyders forces from Calicut only 36 miles from us, into the Cartinate Country under pretence of defending it against any attempt of the Old King of Cartinate, and that then (Sardar Cawn being at hand and Fort St George secured) the King of Cartinate with his Nairs, was to make a Desperate attempt on this Place, but that Hyders people would not appear, and would condemn

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The Affair of unsuccessfull M.r Church at the same time informed me that the Prince of Cherical now stopped every thing from coming into the Tellicherry District. and that Sardar Cauvn was preparing to move this way. my Spies also brought me information. that forty Coats were ready by Sardar Cauvns Order on a river about 15 Miles from hence, to push his Army this way that the report was, he had some Business with the King of Cartinate and was then to return to Seringapatam.

I immediately detached over the River one Company of Grenadier Sepoys and two companies of the 20th Battalion under Lieut Abbot with some Artillery two field Pieces and very strong working party with tools to put that hill in some State of Defence. I likewise strengthened my posts on the Ruins of Chimbara and thereby to preserve my Communication with Tellicherry and set about securing myself on the best manner I could working incessantly. On the 19th the King of Cartenate advanced Guards early in the Morning and two of our Peons who went out to wash at a tank between them and them, and also a Surnekeper of M.r Bakers, & Detained them. I immediately wrote to the King to Complain of this outrage to which upon the release of my people, desiring him

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to withdraw his Guards or to take the Consequence upon himself. That I would as long as possible avoid Bloodshed, but that the English Company must not be insulted. This letter I sent by a Peon of my own. The Kings house being in sight of this Place, my peon did not return but on the morning the King sent one of his own people to me. with a letter in which he took no notice of having received any from me but advertised that the French had always paid a kind of Tribute in rice. and a kind of capitation tax on his Subjects who lived in that Country that nothing had been paid since August last that August was the time of payment. that he desired I would send him the amount immediately. and he would send me a Receipt. I wrote him for answer that I had nothing to do with any King of Cartenate. that one Day one man was King, another day another, that it was quite indifferent to me who was King provided he gave no offence. that the French had received every assistance they wanted from the Country, whereas, every impediment was thrown in the way of the English. that if he had any demands on the French he must settle it with them. and that if the English meant hereafter to allow any thing to a King of Cartenate

=nate it would be in consequence of his good behaviour and their future arrangement with the Nabob (Hyder) that it was no subject for him and me, to enter into the discussion of at that time that I desired the return of my Pass, with an answer to my Letter, and exhorted him to avoid a conduct which could only end in Bloodshed, I heard nothing from him all the next forenoon, in the afternoon the Washermen of Lieut. Ross's Company of Grenadiers Sepoys went out to a Tank between us and their advanced guard with some linnen to wash, the advanced Guards of Navis seized him and Carried him and his Linnen off about five in the afternoon, I waited till near Sun set, when hearing nothing from the King and finding that his Guards had erected Pandalls, as if firmly resolved to maintain their ground, I ordered Lieut Ross's Company under Arms, to go out and Recover their Washermen Ingave Lieut. Ross orders on meeting to advance within Musquet Shot, and then to halt and send a person forward to demand the washermen and linnen, and to order the guards to retire, and in case of a Refusal to arrive them off and to burn their Pandalls, Lieut. Ross accordingly advanced to within musquet Shot and sent to demand the washermen, and that

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they would retire, they answered they knew nothing of the washermans, and could not retire because they had orders to stay there Sir then produced a man who was with the washermen when he was seized but had escaped, they then said he would wait an hour they would try to find the washer=men. At this time he saw great numbers Assembleing in a Corps behind their guard which consisted of forty men and he (there=fore) with him only fifty) said he would not wait a moment unless they delivered up one of their men as an Hostage for the deli=very of the washermans, this they positively refused and told him if he advanced they would fire upon him; he did advance and they fired and wounded three Sepoys one of whom died immediately after his coming on shore, he then gave his fire and killed eight on the spot, and wounded some who were seen to stagger and limp off with the others. in obedience to my Orders he did not pursue them as each Boat burned the pandall and returned, At the same time all the other advanced guards ran away, as did also the King himself. he returned to our Fort about twelve miles off where he is collecting all his people, but every thing in this neighbourhood has remained

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remained quiet ever since that afternoon no more guards here advanced, and we begin by by stealth, little and little to get in a few things from the Country. The King of Cartinate wrote immediately to Sardar Cawn who, seemingly put himself in a great passion, confined the Companys interpreter at Calliest and his guard of Sepoys, and vowed vengence against Mahé and Tellicherry, however within this few Days the boats which were ready for him to pass the rever have disappeared, there is no report of his coming this way, he has released the Companys interpreter and his guards, and the Killidar of Mangalore after detaining her about twenty twenty Days has released the Pattamar from Bombay to Tellicherry.

A few days after our little disturbance the Prince of Chiscealls Nairs made an incursion into the Tellichery district near Mount Dilly, where they have a small fort commanded by a Serjeant, the Serjeant writes Mr Church that he killed about forty of them with grape shot, since then every thing has been quiet, in all this Hyders people did not appear, nor have they written a line to either Mr Church or me before or since this affairs. Hyders situation is much as it was when I had the honour to ad-

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dress you last, he has however positively prohi-
-bited the exportation of rice from any Place
on this Coast, either to Tellicherry or Mahe,
and the Nairs, his tributaries prevent every
thing from Coming by land, so that I am
obliged to fit out two prize Gallivats which
belonged to the French, and arm them, least
we should be starved. One of them, (the smallest)
carries this dispatch to Anjango, and a letter to the
King of Travancore from me requesting that
he will allow Mr Torless to get rice for our
use from his Country, and the larger will be
ready to sail in about a fortnight to fetch the
rice away, at present we are [illegible] immedi-
-ate want as we are supplied by boats from
Tellicherry, but as this is the Season at which
the Supplies were always laid in the Store was
not calculated to last much longer, and it
becomes absolutely necessary to provide against
such a Calamity as want. The rice we now
get from Tellicherry is thirty per Cent dearer
than what I laid in (before the Monsoon)
which lasted till the 5th of this month,
Our Sepoys would grow very uneasy if they
had not a prospect of a supply on lower terms

I am sorry that the Situation of
the Country and the conduct of our Neighbour
has put it out of my power to curtail any of
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the expences of this Detachment, the Troops have throughly earned their Batta and I am convinced both Officers and men, would be heartily glad to be rid of it, to be on the other Coast for we are here spent up, wanting many of the Necessaries of life, and the whole have been on Duty at their stations with half the Officers awake every night for upwards of six weeks past Indeed they are to be very amazons for suffering to carry away our Stores, being convinced that the appearance of a very small French Squadron would induce Hyder to make a push for them openly that he has tried by every underhand means to get hold of them, is not to be doubted, and probably flattered himself, that as our Defence were so ruined, the Navy would be able to effect it without his appearing. I have the most assured information that every measure was settled for the attempt on this place, if I had not taken just the steps I did to prevent it, since which they seem quite disconcerted. but are obstinate in the Article of Provisions, and in Detaining my Poor &.c.a prisoners.

The Country men whatever might have been his intentions before, as soon as I had again taken Possession of Fort S.t George and was establishing my posts there, which

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Command his Country came over to one through I could not see him for two months before, and told me that I did right for that Mischief was intended but that I should effectually disappoint my enemies and he hoped I would protect him.

The late King of Tanjore and Cotiote warned me of my Danger, and hoped for the Honble Companys support

I have the honor to be.

Honble Sir & Sirs

With respect Your faithfull &

Obedient Servant

John Braithwaite

Madre Sept 8th 1779

As the season will now admit of Letters being sent to Col. Braithwaite by the Way of Angengo, ordered that the Receipt of his several Letters be acknowledged, that he be told we

His Conduct approved

approve of his Conduct in the Execution of the Trust reposed in him, and are much pleased with the Steadiness which the Sepoys have shewn upon this Service, that with respect to the Stores, We would have him embrace the first Opportunity that offers of sending them either to this Place Bombay or Bengall, and if necessary write to Bombay for Vessells to bring them away, That We remain &c &c

Stores be sent by the first Conveyance either to Madras Bombay or Bengall

Sirs

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written him determinately as to the future Destination of the Troops under his Command. But hopes We should be able to do so in 10 or 15 days at farthest

Read the following Letters from Colonel Harper.

The Honble the President & Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have received the Honor of your Letter of the 23d in consequence of mine of the 12th and 14th Instant, and am extremely sorry that the Accounts which they contained were not sufficiently satisfactory to shew the necessity of my return with the Detachment into the Grantoor Circar, after having advanced so near to the Passes. & fear of giving too much and unnecessary Trouble, prevented me from being more Minute in my relation of Circumstances that had occured, and I contented myself with giving the Substance of the most material of them, and those the best authenticated, hoping it would justify to you the measures I had taken, I have Honble Sir and Sirs been long a Soldier, my ambition has ever been to support the Character of one, & my study in executing the Orders you may be pleased to honor me with

From Col Harper giving his reasons for his Return to Innacondah

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with a Is to meet your approbation, and it would give me the most sensible Pain to know myself so low in your Opinion, that you could suppose me capable of withdrawing a Troops Contrary to your Instructions if a Representation of certain and imminent Danger Less not induced it, and without good Authority to believe that Danger and a Number of obstacles to be encountered. rest My Intelligence has been received chiefly through the Channel of my own Hircurras, and now Commissioned Black Officers and Sepoys.

On the evening of the 12th Instant after Despatching a Letter to you of that Date a Sepoy convicted of Captain Powels Battalion, he had been taken Prisoner and Carried into a Camp which Consisted of eight hundred Horse five hundred of which he said, and heard a Thousand more was expected, and that they were intended to follow us to the Pass there to surround us. From this Camp he made his escape, but not knowing the Road we had taken, and seeing Tents pitched between some Hills at a little Distance, and thinking them ours, went towards them. But soon perceived his mistake and found our situation on by the report of the evening Gun, at this place he believes there were about five or six hundred Horse, and some Foot. On being

Prevented

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threatened with punishment in case of outbreaks.
He declared himself ready to receive it if he
did not prove what he had advanced by shewing
the two Camps to any one I might think
proper to send with him, Several of Camp
followers, who had been made Prisoners com-
=ing in after him, corroborated the most part
of his information, The next morning (the 13th)
after having beat the General intended to
proceed, Narrarras came in from Decanna
and affirmed that the Pass was entirely shut up,
and Defended in the manner mentioned in my
former Letter. In my march towards the Pass,
a man at Dorfad informed me every method
had been used effectually to prevent our going
through it, that all the Polygars with some
Sepoys had been collected and joined there to
defend it, and the next Morning he sent a
Servant after me with advice, that 9 waggons
of Provisions were carrying there, the people
in the Vencatagherry mans villages, and which
are intermixed with those of Hyders, gave me
similar Accounts, and said it would be impossible
for our Detachment to force a Passage, all these
Circumstances considered I thought it prudent
to assemble the five Next Officers Captain Calvert
Powel Jones, Phillips Lieut. Grant to lay before
them the several Matters by which they might

Judge

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I Judge of our Situation it was highly necessary to avoid Delays, and Time to March either pursueing the Route to Attoocer, or returning to Immaconda, as that every expedition was observed in this Circar, and for which Reason no minutes were taken in writing but it was unanimously resolved that there appeared almost an impossibility of succeeding in the attempt of Marching to Attoocer the only Object then to be considered, was the Safety of the Detachment to secure an immediate return to the Countries Circar was held, absolutely necessary, when Fatah Cawn was acquainted with this Determination he was highly pleased and declared that meditateing on the impossibility of proceeding, and the Consequences that might attend us, had prevented his Sleeping during the Nights, If I had persisted, after the timely Notice given me and failed I should have been justly condemned by you, nor could I ever have forgiven myself, and had I made another Days March forwards the difficulty of retreating through the Countries hilly Pass, would have been nearly equal to forcing Heat of Attoocer

It follows with the Deepest Concern, that the smallest Doubt remains of my having omitted any thing on my Part, to hasten the supplies for the Detachment previous to my departure from Immaconda, Permit me

Honble

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Honble Sir and Sir to assure you every endeavour in my power has been used and every method practiced to procure them I have sent for Rajah Behaunder every Day and acquainted him with the Consequences that would ensue in case of Neglect, Offering he would exert himself and that I would do the same, but Connivance and Deceit was his continual Practice, nor would the Necessaries which were provided have been so soon procured for the Detachment, had not I advanced Money out of my Pocket for the purpose, and put into the Service sixty nine Bullocks which I had purchased with much Pains. I cannot express the anxieties and uneasiness which I have suffered from the Daily Disappointments met with, insomuch that almost every one of my Letters addressed to you, conveyed a Repetation of Complaints on this Subject, but satisfied with having performed to the utmost of what was encumbent on Me, I never once conceived that the least Shadow of Blame would appear in my Conduct, &c

When Gulam Khan, brought the Letter said to have been wrote by Hyders Commanding Officer to Connoor and Downeat and which I now enclose, I would not positively say they were intended to deceive Me, tho I had every Reason to believe so, and of course entertained Suspicions yet I did not

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Not precipitately determined but Debated on the Spot where we meet that Day Evening about 9 Clock, to make the most particular enquiries, and in the end to learn my Sentiments were not compact which induced me at first to believe the Letters were forged to promote some Scheme, Treachery for its motives, was their being directed to Colonel Coote, the I had before wrote Letters to Major Abdee, and received one from him, and the whole four Letters two to Tahlee Cawn and two to me, were nearly word for word the same, the wrote by Different People, at the Distance of several Course from each other, I also concluded that as I had corresponded with Major all Rajas of a Copey of my Second Letter to whom I now enclose) who is the Chief Manager in the Cudapa District, all Orders from Hyder must have come immediately from to me, the man on being asked what Force was near encamped after Leaving, about an Hundred, at Peketta Mountain and the Encampment or Eight Hundred were seen by us, at the Distance of about a mile and one Half, drawing up at the Foot of a Hill near to a kind of Pass, with which the whole country is filled, a Camel was seen on one side of the Ground Pass, and on asking him the Reason he said it belonged to a Zemindar who was there with two or three attendants

attendants, but whom we afterwards found was accompanied by about three hundred Polegars, who were to have followed close to our Rear, and blocked up the Guntoopilly Pass, being provided with a proper number of Hatchets, for that purpose. I also received Intelligence the same evening by an Hircarra, of a large Body of Troops, and he offered to conduct me to the Place where they say I should have detained Gladwin Cawn in Camp but Tatticka Cawn desired to have the conduct of him, and I never once suspected he would have suffered his escape, which however he effected by saying he would just go into the Villages to settle some little things and return Directly, the Stratagem was alone sufficient to shew his Perfidy

I am this Day honored with your Letter of the 26th Instant, and beg leave to observe that of the 23d arrived only yesterday. I have Dispatched Bullocks off to Moottapilly for the Troops intended to Land there, and taken every Step necessary to prevent any Delay in their joining Me, But should they have brought Guns with them from the quantity of Rain that has fallen lately the Roads are become very bad, they will find their Marches Labours, —

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I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful and Obedient
Humble Servant
H Harper

Camp Imaconda
30th August 1779

Translation of a Persian Letter under the Seal of Meer Mhaddy aly Cawn Directed to Colonel Coote

After the usual Compliments. I had wrote one Arzdasht to the Presence of his Excellency the Nabob, for leave to allow the Company's Troops to march to Arcot through the Gaut of Doornall, this Day, in the morning. By the Blessing of the Almighty His Excellencys gracious Perwanna has been Received ordering the Company's Troops not to be molested on the road, on consequence of this Orders have been sent to the Commanders on the Gaut to let the said Troops pass without hindrance, you will know the rest from Gulam Mohiuddeen Cawn.

What shall I say more. May health and prosperity attend you.

Translation of a Persian Letter under the seal of Hafeez Aly Cawn Directed to Colonel Coote.

After the usual Compliments I had wrote one Arzdasht to the presence of His Excellency

Nabob

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the Nabob for leave to allow the Companys Troops to march to Adoni through the Gaut of Doarnal, that Day, on the evening By the Blessing of the Almighty this Excellencys gracious Perwanah has been received, ordering the Companys Troops not to be molested on the Road, In consequence of this, Orders have been sent to the Zemindars in the Gaut to let the said Troops pass, without Loss or=der, you will know the rest from Gulam Mohaeddeen Cawn. What shall I say more May health and prosperity attend you.

Translation of the Second Letter wrote by Colonel Wood. to Meer Ally Beyg Cawn, in answer to one Received from him.

After the usual Compliments. I have had the pleasure to receive your friendly Letter, in which you mention that a friendship sub=sists between the Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn, and the English Company, and desire that the Troops may march by another Road, as you do not consent to their marching by the road of Adoni, and Doarnal. It is true, that the Friendship between the Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn, and the English Company, is as manifest as the Sun, and that there is no Differ=ence between them, on that account I consadered the Territories of the said Nabob, as those of the Company, and advised you of my marching

those

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those Troops by that way, had there been any difference, there would have been no occasion for my doing so, you wrote me also, that the Sepoys are of an unruly disposition this is true, Yet Sepoys, are under the command of there Leaders, and where a Friendship subsists between there leaders, what power have Sepoys to quarrell with each other, the Company's discipline is well known their Sepoys do not deviate a hairs breadth, from there Orders. the Road to Adoni, by Dumutt, and Attoor has always been Common, for passing and repassing I therefore in consideration of the friendship subsisting between the said Nabob and the Company, intend to march with my Troops by that road to Adoni, I swear by the Almighty God. that I have no other intention but marching quietly through Her Excellencys Territories, no one shall on any shore suffer, for I entertain no Evil design whatever, you will not suppose any thing else, As you are a wise man and Commander on these parts, I thought it necessary to acquaint you with this, and have therefore wrote you I am convinced that in regard to the friendly union subsisting between the Nabob and the Company, and your own Situation as Commander here, you will give orders to the Aumils through your District not to allow the

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The Sepoys to molest us thereat Reason: The Compts:
troops on their March if God forbid, any
attack should take Place first on that side, Should
be under the necessity of putting our Ord to A.
What shall I say more

The Honble the President and Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Co. Harper
Capt Lucas in Batts
arrived at Mootapilly

I have the pleasure to inform you,
that I have received Intelligence from Captains
Lucas & Lucas having arrived the 2d Instant at Moot-
tapilly, with two Companies of Infantry, Half a
Company of Artillery, and the best part of the 1st
Battalion of Sepoys, and that one Vessel and four
Boats with Sepoys on Board had not then arrived
Every thing necessary for their March has been
Dispatched from this Place, except Sheep and
Cattle which Mr. Douglas has engaged to furnish
him Matcon being much nearer than ours, so
that I hope to hear in a few Days of their having
set off to join me. I am Respectfully,

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your faithful & most Obedient Servt.

Camp Incarondah
12th September 1779.

To the Honble the President and Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From Co. Harper
Inclosing Surgeons
Indents

I have the Honor to inclose agreeable to
your Instructions Copies of the Letter received from
Bazalatjang

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Bazalutjeang Sreedutta, Canoot, and Rajah Bridgoman Dass, the Originals from Meerale Bajee Canoo &c &c Is dispatched to you some time Since. It is very surprizing that Bazalajeang has not let me hear from you since, I should judge every part of one Letter from me, previous to my Departure from Innaconda except one particular which informed you of my Intentions to march in two or three Days, he says "let me know when you set off that I may send Troops and provisions to meet you". The Surgeon this morning sent me the Accompanying Indent desiring it might be forwarded to you, and as there is a great scarcity of Medicines in Camp I hope you will be pleased to give an Order for having it complied with as early as possible. He wished also I would mention his having sent an Indent from Innaconda the 14th Ultimo to Mr Pauley, as it would exculpate him from any Imputation of Neglect. The Distemper which visited us on our Arrival is very Considerably abated. I am,

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most dutyful and most Obed Servant

H Munro

Camp Innaconda
6th September 1779

No Accounts yesterday from Mootlepilly of the Mercury, and four Paddy Boats arrived there

The

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The Honble the President and Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Cl Harper inclosing letter from Bazalatjung

The inclosed contains Copies of two Letters this moment Received from Bazalajung

I am with Respect.

Camp Inaconda
7th September 1779

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and faithful humble Servant
H Harper

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

From Cl Harper

I have the honor to acquaint you with the arrival in Camp of four Companies of Sepoys of the first Battalion, under the Command of Ensign Macklin, landed at Masulipatam from on Board the Mercury Packet.

Captain Lucas is on his march & I expect will join me Tomorrow, or the Day following it. One Boat with Sepoys is still missing, and no Account have been received of her.

This morning I moved the Camp for the Benefit of Good Ground and Water to a Place about a Course South East of Inaconda

I am respectfully

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18th September 1779.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your faithful & most Obedt. Servant
H Harper

The

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The Honble the President & Select Committee

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Co. Harper
Capt. Lucas joins
him - - - -

I have the Honor to inform you,
that Capt.n Lucas with the Detachment under
his Command arrived in Camp this morning
A confused Report prevails here
that a Number of Sepoys near Divy Island
in the Mouth of the Kistna, where they had been
sent way, and that they are in the greatest dis=
tress. the Particulars of this Report, or from
whence it has taken its rise, I have not as yet
learnt. Probably they are those Missing
I am Respectfully.

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
Humble Servt.

H Harper

Camp near Innacondah
19th September 1779.

Sir

From Co. Harper
apprehensive
of not procuring
Provisions at present

I had the Honor last Night to receive
your Favor of the 16th Instant the Inside of which
I sent to the Poloud to see if the managers in that
Country wanted themselves on procuring provi=
sions for the Detachment agreeable to the Instr=
uctions which they received from Madras, but
as yet I have not had any Information respecting
them, so that I can have no certain Prospects of
except the Appearances given by Lieut Douglas of
rendering me every Assistance in his Power. I
have

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have no hopes of a proper supply. In this only we are Delayed. to effect this my utmost endeavours in vain, have been exerted. I am otherwise ready, and shall receive with pleasure Orders to March by any Route that may be thought most proper, for Me to take. some of my Harcarras who came in Yesterday from the Cudapa Country say. the Troops there have not altered their Situation materially. but remain in readiness as occasion may require their Services. and that it is Reported their. Sepoo Subah. with a large Body of Men is moving towards Bateny.

I shall at all times be particularly punctual in Transmitting you every piece of Intelligence that may be worthy your Notice. none of Bazalee Jungs Letters have furnished me with any. but what you will have learnt from Copies of them Dispatched to the Honble the Select Committee, a Copy of his last, and which was Received a few Days ago, I now beg leave to enclose you, as also the Particulars of two Routes, and the manner of Boats on this side of Kistna.

The Detachment under Capt.n Lucas has joined me; except one Sergeant & about fifty Sepoys, who are in a Boat that is missing. We have accounts that a number of Sepoys are cast away in Percy Island perhaps &c.

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it may be thereby I have not learnt any thing further respecting them, or from what Journalist this report took its rise

I take Leave, under your address sometime since, sent a Letter which inclosed in one of mine to you of the 13th Instant, and the Statements sent off with your Letter to Alle Boyze Esqrs is not yet Returned, nor have any acknowledgements of them been Received

I am Respectfully

Sir

Your faithfull & most Obed Servt

H Harper

Camp near Amerundee
20th September 1779.

P.S. I have of myself procured between seventy or eighty Carriage Bullocks and entertained them on the Service, and collected one hundred and forty Bullocks Load of Rice. I have precaution to get more, and hope to meet with some success

As Lieut Colonel Harpers Detachment has been sufficiently reinforced to proceed to Adoni by any Route that shall appear most Eligable, as the Season is very late and as Bazalet Jung is extremely perplexing in all his Letters, that the Detachment should join him, it is resolved that Lieut Colonel Harper be directed without Loss of time to march to Adoni by such Route as Bazalet Jung & his Vakeels (who is with the Detachment

Lieut.t Co.l Harper ordered to march by the most practicable Route to Adoni

Detachment) shall recommend or as shall appear to him practicable, but if he apprehend any insurmountable Difficulties in proceeding to Adoni he must represent them to us and wait our Orders in Consequence.

The President acquaints the Committee that Captain Anderson of the Success Galley which was sent to us by the Nabob during the Siege of Pondicherry to carry Stores to the Army has represented to him that the two Trips he made on that Occasion were not only attended with considerable Expence to him, but prevented his making a Voyage to Bengall from which he Certainly would have reaped a Considerable advantage.

Capt Anderson of the Success Galley allowed 1000 Rupees

Agreed that Captain Anderson be allowed 1000 Rupees as a Recompence for his Trouble and charges while employed on the above Service.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Newton of the Coventry Frigate

Capt. Newton desiring acceptance of the Gratuity of 8 p.o.

To the Honble Sir Hid.e Rumbold. Bar.t Genl. and Member of the Select Committee

Honble Sirs

When Application was made to your Honble Board for Batta for the Officers and Seamen of the Navy, that were landed on the Expedition against Pondicherry it was expected every Officer (receive the Batta according to his

Rank

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Rank. I beg leave to inform you that Lieuts.
in the Navy ranks as Captains on shore. If
consistent, that an Order has issued from
your Board for the Payment of Seventy Pago.
for Capt. Pole and me, a Sum equal to
what the Officers of Marines received as Lieuts.
I must therefore beg leave to decline the Acceptance
of the Sum ordered to be paid, till such time
as your Honble Board shall be pleased to order
a Sum adequate to my Rank.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs.
Your Obedient humble Servt.
William Newton

Coventry. Madras
Road Sept. 23d 1779

The Committee are sensible of the
Justness of Lieut Newtons Representation,
and it is agreed that he and Capt Pole be
allowed each 100 Pagodas instead of 70 the
allowed 100 Pags. Allowed each.

From the Progress which has been
made in the Demolition of the Works at
Pondichery, and from the Appearances which
Lt. Hutton & Munro acquaints the Committee
were given by Capt. Gale that the whole
would be finished by the 31st October the
Committee are of Opinion and according ly
resolve that all Extraordinary Expences of Batta

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and other Charges on this Account shall cease from this day, of which Capt Gaits is to be informed, and told that if any Work remains to be done after the 31st October, a few Coolies only under the Charge of our Engineer must be left to execute it.

Boats for the Depots &c. at Pondicherry to cease 31st Octobr

Resolved also that from the 31st October Pondicherry be considered as one of our Garrison-

when it will be considered as on the Establishment

sient and all those Expences which were unexpectedly incurred while the Fortifications were standing, be struck Off, also that the Allowance of 250 Pagodas P Month which was made to Lieut. Col Baillie the Commandant be discontinued at the same Time.

250 Pags pr month to be discontinued to Lt Col Baillie from 31st October

Lieut Stephen Sevens having desired to resign the Office of Fort Adjutant at Masulipatam,

Ensign Dominicete appd Fort Adjt at Masulipatam in the room of Lt Sevens resigned

Ensign Fleetas Dominicete is appointed thereto in his Room, Lieut. Meek is appointed to command the Depots Stationed at Coringe.

Lt Meek to Comd the Depots at Coringe

Tho: Cumming Esqr
John Whitehill
Walter Wood
Charles Smith

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29th Dispatched the following Letters.

Select Committee

To Colonel John Braithwaite

Commanding at

Madre.

To Col Braithwaite in approbation of his Conduct

Sir,

We have Received your several Letters dated 10th and 21st April. 10th & 20th May 14th August and 8th September.

We must approve of your Conduct in the Execution of every part of the Trust reposed in you, and it gives us pleasure to find that your vigilance and activity have been so well succeeded by the officers and men under your Command. The steady Behaviour of the Sepoys does them great Honor, and We observe you will acquaint them how sensible We are of the exemplary attachment which they have shown to the Service, and that we shall not fail to reward it by all due Encouragement.

We cannot at present write you Determinately of the Measures to be taken with respect to your Detachment, but we hope in the course of 10 or 15 days that we shall be able to send you our Directions on this Subject. In the mean time it is necessary that every Opportunity should be taken for procuring

Removing the Stores. We would have your
endeavour by application to Tulicherry or Bombay
to procure vessells, and should any occasion
offer for shipping the whole or any part either
for this Place, Bombay or Bengall. We would
have you contract it.

Your Conduct in Respect to the
Nairs in your Neighbourhood was very proper
altho We would have you avoid the Aggressor in
any dispute with them, yet they must not be
suffered to make the least Encroachment or
offer any Insults to your people with Impunity

The president some time ago
acquainted us that he had Received a Letter
from you intimating that as the General Order
given out in Commendation of the Behaviour
of the Officers and Men on the Mahe Capitu-
=tion did not mention your Name, some
Reports had in consequence circulated as if your
Conduct in particular had not met with
our Approbation, and that you did not think
yourself at Liberty to silence them by publish-
=ing the Letter to you whereon We had Testified
that Approbation. The Reason for wreting
our Sentiments on your Conduct in a Letter
to yourself may be easily conceived, and we
gave Permission to make whatever you
shall think proper of that Letter or of this

We

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29th Sept. 1779

We have

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

To Lieut. Colonel Thurpen
Commanding the Detachment
at Innaumundee

To Col Thurpen to proceed by the most eligible Route to Adone

Sir,

We have Received your several Letters
As We suppose by the time you Receive
this Dispatch, you will have collected Sufficient Provisions to proceed on your March, We
desire you will without Loss of time pursue
such Route to Adone as shall be recommended to
you by Bazalet Jung or his Vackeel, unless it
shall appear to you to be attended with great
or unsurmountable Difficulties in which case
you will state your Opinion to us and wait
our Orders.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

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29th Sept. 1779

Oct. 1 Dispatched the following Letters.
To Captain Thomas Goats.
Field Engineer

Sir,

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To Captain Gels
all Extraordinary
Expences for the
Demolition of
Pondicherry to
cease 31st Octr

Sir

We have reason to expect from the Progress hitherto made in the Demolition of the works at Pondicherry, and from what the General informs us you have reported to him, that the whole will be finished by the 31st October. it is our Intention and we accordingly direct that all extraordinary Expences of Batta &c.a incurred by this work shall cease from that Day. and if any thing then Remain to be done, a few Coolies under the Direction of one of the Engineers may be employed. but We can admit of no other Charges whatever.

We are

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Thomas Rumbold

&c.a Select Committee

Fort St George
1st October 1779.

To Lieut Colonel Baillie

Commanding

at Pondicherry

To Col Baillie
from the 31st Octr
Pondicherry
considered a
Contenement

Sir

We desire you will order the Mens now at Pondicherry to join their Corps and to prevent any Irregularities on their March, a non Commissioned Officer must accompany them.

Having ordered the Gent. Tumbrils

&c.a

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Sir Cuthly sent from Pondicherry to Tranquebar to be brought to Madras, We observe you will order One or two Artillery men from Pondicherry to accompany them.

We are aware from the 31st Octobr that Pondicherry shall be considered in every respect as one of our Cantonment, and no Charge allowed of that is not admitted in other Cantonments of the same Nature you are to see that our Order in this Respect be strictly complied with, and in Particular that the Allowance of Fort Major, Fort adjutants Key Serjeant &c. be discontinued. It is also our Intention that the extraordenary Allowance of 250 Pagodas P Month which we granted you, shall be discontinued from that Day.

We have Received a Letter from Mr Peveron de Morlay at Pondicherry complaining of Capences contained in a Publication relative to Siege of Pondicherry, printed at Pondicherry, We desire you will give strict Injunction to the printers there, to print no papers of this Nature in future, or any Paper of Consequence without our Sanction

Sir

We are

Your most Obed Servants

Fort St George
1 October 1779

Thomas Rumbold
&c Select Committee

Lord

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Read the following Letter to Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir E Vernon requesting an European may be returned to the Morning Star

To Sir: Edward Vernon
Rear Admiral of the White
and Commander in Chief of his Majestys
Ships in Indies

Sir,

Captain Robinson of the Companys Ships Morning Star has represented to us that he is much distressed by Captain Mitchells having taken out of his Vessel two Seamen named David Mitchell, and William Flew, as there are very few Europeans on Board the Morning Star, and the Loss of these two Men may be severely felt. We request if Possible that you will order them to be returned to the Vessell.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
2d October 1772

Your most Obedient &
Very Humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c. a Select Committee

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bt President
John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro Kt Bt
Charles Smith

Monday the 5th Octr

Minutes of last Committee read and confirmed.

The President lays before the Committee

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a Letter from the Nabob as entered on C. C. N.
requesting to know encouragement of the Coontee
Cheroo at the following Rent for 10 Years from 1st
September 1779 to 31st August 1789.

Vide Letter from the Nabob Encl. the Governors Cheroo

First 2 Years	10,000	Madras Pagodas Yearly
Next 3 Years	12,000	Do. Do.
Next 2 Years	14,000	Do. Do.
Next 2 Years	15,000	Do. Do.
In all	120,000	for 10 Years.

The foregoing Letter and proposals from
the Nabob being read, Mr Smith requested to know
Leave of Mr Smith to peruse Letter from the President, whether he proposes that the
Subject of the Letter shall be considered and Deter-
mined in the Committee or in Council. The
His Reply President replies that in his Opinion it should be
settled in the Committee. Mr Smith thereupon
enters the following minute.
Minute of Mr Smith Mr Smith is of Opinion that the settleing of the Coontee
Cheroo, is a Business of Revenue and that it should
be considered and Determined on, by the Council
in their Revenue Department.

Charles Smith

The President informs the Committee that by
he Leave it was open for him after he should enter his
Reasons at large for thinking the Nabobs propo-
sals should be Determined in the Committee
Mr Smith observes that as the Leave was open
for

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he shall reply to them.

Sir Hector Munro and Mr Whitehill are of Opinion that the Nabobs Letter should be taken into Consideration in the Committee

In Order to enable the Committee to form a Judgement on the Nabobs Proposals the President Lays before them the following Accounts of the Revenue of the Guntoor Circar for 4 Years past as sent him by Benjamin Jenny

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Account Revenues of the Circars

Pheasly 1183 or Anno 1775

To Ballance Remaining in the Following Distraction Account of last year Viz.t

Pays.d f.r Ch. Pago.d f.r Ch.

Tanalooks of Vencatakistnarow Mazenderdar &c Peccants delivered by Capt. Mahomed Salah Cawn Bahander — 6190.23.50

Rent Roll of the Guntoor Circar

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Ditto — 910 — 6100.23.50

Pergana Vencatacondah William condah under the manage=ment of Maduranag Goor=dasrow &c Peccant of Mahomed Bahadar Cawn — 3000 " Ch.

D.o Balance Due — 3053.13.10 — 6053.13.10

Tanalooks of Mounickrow Jaggannarow & Prosity Row as Pl Acc.t delivered by — Gulam Rasool — 1193 Ch. Ch.

D.o Balance Due — 8342.20 — 1062.26.20 — 2308.21 Ch.

To Neat Revenues of this Year Viz.t

The Colomated Tannaus bundyer Total Produce Amounting to — 20200 Ch. Ch.

Deducting the following Viz.t

The Jaguire of the Fort — 5000 Ch. Ch.

The D.o of Ally mahomed Cawn Bahander — 9200 Ch. Ch.

The Cream Villages of Vencatakis t tanna Mazenderdar — 1150 Ch. Ch.

The Village called Sentrover — 3000 " Ch.

a Village called Allore of Mahomed Jatalla Cawn — 400 Ch. Ch.

The Province of Calistrumonty — 130 Ch. Ch.

a Village called Allatore — 125 Ch. Ch. — 19025 Ch. Ch.

The Remainder — 182975 Ch. Ch.

The Village called Cindelpaud — 125 Ch. Ch. — 183100 Ch. Ch.

Pagodas 20618.21 "

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of Murtaza Negar belonging to the Soubah of Hyderaubad &c.

		Pagodas Fs Cs	Pagodas Fs Cs
Phasaly 1188 or Anno 1778	By Cash paid Regata Bahavent Row Bahauder as p Receipts		99 : 38 : 36
	By Cash Remitted to Hyder on the Peyenee Acct		
	For the Treasury	80363 : :	
	For the Choutah or Tribute of the Mahratta	49571 : 18 : 39	130134 : 18 : 39
	By Cash paid Purchase of Jewels to the different persons as p Perwanna		54295 : 39 : 571/2
	By Sundry Charges as p Sunnds		754 : 16 : 75
	By Charges Sulbundy		
	Paid to the following Zemindars Viz.		
	Vanredy Ramarow	1800 : :	
	Venata Kistnarow & Mazumdar	1200 : :	
	Moriah Row, Sagarrow & Thopeyow	1000 : :	
	Muthooz Goonderow	1038 22 : :	5038 : 22 : :
	By Dittos Coientry		6000 : :
			197218 : 9 : 61/2
	By Balance carried forward		8963 : 11 : 121/2
			Pagodas 206181 : 21 : :

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Dr. Account Revenues of the Circar. Mustaja-

Pharaly 1182 or Anno 1176

To Balance brought from last Year ... 8963 11 17½

To Rents and Revenues of this Year Viz.t

The Incumbendy ... 202001 " "

Deducting the following Viz.t

The Jaghire of the Fort ... 5000 " "

Dettos of Alyr Mahamed Cawny Bahander ... 9200 " "

Santarooes &c.a ... 3000 " "

Vencatakissna Mazeemdar ... 1150 " "

A Village called Ratnapurry ... 400 " "

D.o Malicapoor ... 125 " "

D.o Satchanna Sofy ... 150 " " 19025 " "

The Remaining ... 182976 " "

A Village called Andelpurrum ... 125 " " 183101 " "

Carried to Pagodas 19206h 11m 17½

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Progress Under the Seals of Hyderaubaud &c.

1776 By Cash remitted to Ingore by means of Phatalla Cunty.

Ready money	8000 " "	
Bills of Exchange	15000 " "	
	23000 " "	

Deducting on Account of the Years

1183 Phusly or 1773	13000 " "	10000 " "
By Camel man	13000 " "	
Deducting on Account of the Phesealy 1183. or 1773	2563 " "	9437 " "
In the Month of Zeehaja 1183 Hegery	3700 " "	
In Mohurrum Hegery 1184	3500 " "	
In Suffer	1500 " "	28137 " "

By Cash paid Tankas &c. as p Perwannas

Mons. Dedally Bahaudar Account Pung	10326 " "	
Mahomed Mauf Cawn	2827.39.20	
Ishyan Cawn Merchr.	1519.10.40	
Hupen Mahomed &c.	98 " "	
Seed Badeeden Cawn Bahaudar Hunnayan Pung	3901 " "	
Mahomed Ameer Cawn	3068:18:30	
Rajar Balwent Bahaudar	1027 — —	
Mahomed Phatteila Cawn	549.23.30	
Roy Cawn cannoo &c.	64:39:20	
The Wife of Ishar Cawn	909:9 17½	
Ahemed Cawn	157.21 a	14663.36 7½

By Cash paid in part of the Arrears to the Following persons Viz.

Abdul Salem Cawn	281.15.20	
Mahomed Iffear Cawn	287.10.40	
Mahomed Samaul Cawn	53.10.40	
Cajah Mahomed Ally Cawn Bahaudr	801 — —	
Backtumal	82. 2.30	
Harcarras	52.31.40	1557.31 40
By Cash Sundry		86 — — —
Carried Over Exch		176434.25.4 7½

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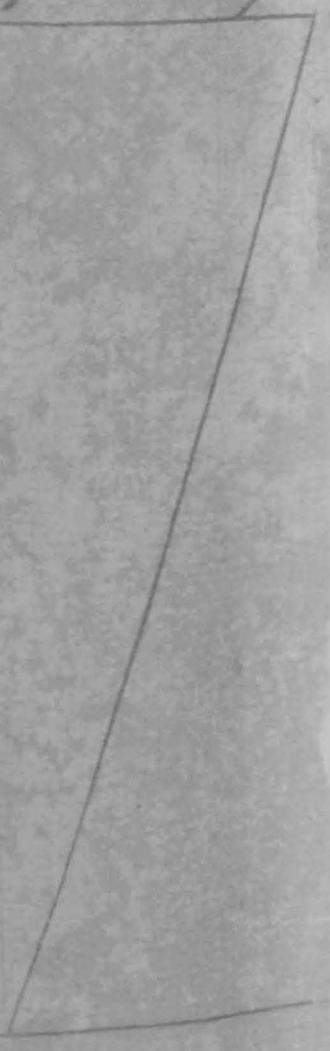
Brought over Pagodas — 19206.11.12½



Pagodas 19206.11.12½

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Brought Over Pagodas		176134.25 4/12
By allowance to the following Zemindars Viz.		
Vennedey Ramanaik	1800 " "	
Vencatachistnia Nayk Allagenaden	1200 " "	
Mudrauz Gunderaud	1038 21 "	
Hasmick Rao	1000 " "	503621 "
By Charges Subsidy in the Country		
Subsidy	6000 " "	
Ho Allowance of Burjeweendy	2000 " "	6000 " "
By Sundry Charges		1089.11.65
		188562:16:32½
By Ballance Carried to next year		3301:36:60
	Pagodas	192064:11:12½

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Dr. Account Revenues of the Circar of Mor=

		Pagod. Fs. Cs.
Plowdy 1186 or Anno 1778.	To Ballance Brought from last year	3645. 15. 60
	To Rent and Revenues of this Year Viz.	
	Tenmaubundy	20200 " "
	Deducting the amount of the Following Jaghire Viz.	
	Jaghire of the Fort Pag. 5000	
	Dr. of Ally mahomed Curon 9200	
	Dr. of Nersarova Muzumdar 1150	
	Saleramies &c. 1300	
	a Village called Ratnapury 600	
	Dr. Ahlutore 125	
	Salehonnen Jooy 150	20525 " "
	The Remaining Pagodas	181676 " "
	To Sundries Viz.	
	Nowab Joolly or present revenue Pag. 23000	
	Fees of the Dewan 1000	
	From the undermentioned Sous Jaguerdars Viz.	
	Narrsinal Muzumdar P. 287.21	
	Salehennaro Jooy 38.21	
	Mahomed Curum 97 " "	
	a Village called Ardipaud 124 " "	
	477 " "	26477 " " 207933 " "

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		Pags. Fs. Cs.
Phasaly 1186 or anno 1778	Bash Cash paid Rustum Jung Bahander	11,7088 " "
	By Cash paid Sundry Persons Viz.:	
	Mahomed Saad Cawn	2625 " —
	Nuzzeranndas or Writers	1362 " —
	Ismaeel Cawn	82 7 70
	Mahomed Sffeear Cawn	3763 60
	Rajah Balwant Bahander &c.a	1129.31.40
	Mahomed Cooly & Mahomed Cawn Merchts.	59128.70
	Mahomed Cawn, on Account of the price of Cloth	5482 1 —
	Abdul Sffeem Cawn	281.15.60
	Mahomed Sal Cawn	1641. 2 50
	Said Jomeemaly Cawn &.a Cavalry	553.21 "
	Mussur Cawn	2672. 2 50
	Cooje Mahomed Gunkh Cawn Bahander	1600 " —
	Shepoys Ally Cawn	225.28 70
	Allowance to the Zemindars	5238.21 —
	Mahaseendel Cawn Bahander	416 7 "
	Kondabeah	113.21 "
	Carpenters and Smiths	53.17. 3
	Sundry Charges as P Receipts	1978. 7 70
By Subbendy on the Country Viz.:		
	Charges Subbendy 4000 " — "	
	Allowance to Rajah Balwant do. 2000 " —	
	Nuzzerpeshcash as P Rowannas 350 " "	6350 " —
By Sundry Charges Viz.:		
	On Account of the Religious ceremony	25 " "
	Harcarras &.a	80 " "
	Nazed Ahammed Cawn	10 " "
	Sepoys in the Company of Abdeel Sffeem as P Jerwannas	109.2422½
	Said Noorulla Cawn. his allowance as P Receipts	54 31 40
	Jagmal	82.5 20
	Transmitted to Hyder	141 — —
	Sid Oly Ameer	11 — —
	Mahon &.a	30 " "
	Dan Land for sending Ammunition	4021 70
		20446. 17. 6½
By Balance due to the Cawan		7101. 40 2½
	Pagodas	211598. 13. 60

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Dr. Account Revenues of the Circars of —

			Pags. Fs. Cls.
Phaudy 1183 or Anno 1777	To Balance brought from Last year		3301. 36. 60
	To Rent and Revenues of this Year Viz.		
	Jaweerenbundy		20201 " —
	Deducting the Amount of the Jaghire as follows		
	The Jaghire of the Fort	5000 " "	
	Alymohamed Cacem Bad.	9200 " "	
	Vencata hiemanna mugunder	1150 " "	
	Sataravee &c.	4500 " "	
	The Village Called Ratanpury	400 " "	
	Dr. Mhsaloo	125 " "	
	Setchuman Sofey	150 " "	20525
	The Remaining Pag.	1846 " "	
To Sundreys			
	On Account of the Jaghiendars	716 " "	
	The Mokfagees of Tombas & the presents	6422.30.6½	
	The Fees of the Decoon	1000 " "	8126.30.6½
			18602.30.6½

Pagodas 1937 14 25 4 7/12

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1185 or 1771	By Cash Transmitted to Bengal over the precedg Year		
	As P. Perwanah to the Treasury	3700 " "	
	Do. P. to the Sugheeder	101 " "	4401 " "
	By Cash paid Pedakah		9336 26 20
	By ditto paid Badoruden Cauon Bahauder		450 823 30
	By Kistnum Naick		1000 " "
	By Roath Cauon and Carcem Cauon		4137 36 60
	By Mohubut Cauon Merchant		3512 21 "
	By Carcem Cauon Do.		750 " "
	By Phoozl Khan		721 "
	By Rajah Balwent Bahauder		1129 31 40
	By Cash paid the Creditors by means of Abdel Islam Cauon as P. Perwana		2500 " "
	By Abdul Islam Cauon		280 15 60
	By Mahomed Yssoof Cauon		287 10 40
	By Jemaul		82 520
	By Mahomed Jemaul Cauon		82 7 70
	By Roy Chundrabrand		120 35 32½
	By Ramnoyy Do. Hercara		54 " "
	By Charges Elephants and Camels		72 " 845
	By Charges in the Country &c. by Cundy 4000 & the allowance of Bergeeandas 2000		6000 " "
	By Yacoot Cauon		52 " "
	By Sungovey Do.		96 " 770
	By Allowance to the Zimmendars		5938 21 "
	By Charges Extraordinary as P. Receipts		2000 " "
	By Mahomed Yssoof Cauon Do.		90 " "
	By Cash paid Sugoly Vasantarauch Sowcar by Hanmt of Gokum Hurpurn Cauon on Acct. of a Debt		7620 28 70
	By Rustum Sony Bauhander Wkg. on Acct of the Monthly Allowance	10306 " "	
	Do. of the Debt as P. Perwana	13793 2 50	123099 2 50
	By Cayam Cauon paid him for the Cavalry under him		10000
			3000
	By Hanmt Cauon		1894 39 96½
	By Ballance Carried to next year.		3625 15 60
	Pagodas		193106 25 47½

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The President also lays before the Committee the following Extract from the Company's Letter dated 4th March 1767.

Here enter Extract from the Company's Letter

Extract from the Company's General Letter Dated London the 4th March 1767.

You inform us that as soon as our Authority should be perfectly established in the Circars, you think it will be for our Interest to give the management of the Circars of Condavir to the Nabob of Arcot at a reasonable Rent. The reasons you offer in support of this Opinion are very satisfactory. Such a Boundary as the River Kistnah must certainly prevent all Odours of Dispute touching Limits, and the Troops employed on the Protection of the Arcot province may Lodge there also in Obedience, and you will take care not to attempt from the Nabob as high a Revenue as could be procured in any other way.

The President then desires the Opinions of the Committee whether or not the Proposal made by the Nabob should be accepted subject to the Company's approval, and under such further Limitations as the Committee shall think proper for the Security of the Revenue and the Welfare of the Inhabitants

Mr. Smyth thereupon the Calling of the Gomastaw

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Goontur Circar is a very important Matter. I
not having seen the Letter from the Nabob prepar-
-ing to send it, or the other Papers now Delivered
in by the President until this Day, he is not prepared
to give an Opinion before them and requests there-
-fore the Consideration of the Affair may be
deferred till next Committee.

Sir Hector Monro and Mr Whitehill are of
Opinion that the Circar should be Let to the
Nabob on the Terms of his proposals, Subject to the
Approbation of the Company and to the other
Limitations proposed by the President

To be Let to the Nabob

President. As it seems to be the desire of the
Company, that the Nabob should have the
Goontur Circar at Rent whenever it comes to
our Hands. He does not see How, with that
View of the Company's Letter before them, the
Committee would be justified in rejecting the
Nabobs proposals. Matters against any any delay
in this Business as the Season is very far advanc-
-ed and the Revenue will Suffer if some measures
are not Speedily adopted. That he should have
proposed the Subject to the Committee sooner,
but was desirous of Obtaining every necessary In-
-formation of the Value of the Country which he
has accordingly done, that he looks on the Disposal
of the Goontur Circar to be of very material Con-
-sequence to the Company and has proposed every
measure

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measure to the Committee that the thought
likely to obtain it. He is desirous the Company
should know by the Steps now under Dispatch
all the Steps that have been taken with regard
to the Negotiation and Settlement of the country
which he flatters himself cannot fail of meeting
with their approval, and do Credit to their Govern-
ment whether considered in a political Light,
or as easing the Company of some part of the
Burthen of their Military Expences. This he
thanks for the reason abovementioned, that the
Governors Circar should be set to the Nabob for
the Sums he has offered, yet he is of Opinion
that the following Stipulations with such
other as may appear necessary to the Committee
should be made with the Nabob Viz.

Stipulations for the Governors Circars.

That Zemindars and Inhabitants to be protected
in their Rights and privileges the Amount of
the Revenues According to the several Rates as
they become Due not in any Respect to be Altered
with the Nabobs other Ands or payments to the
Company but to be received from the Zemindars
or others as appointed to the Charge and
management of the District immediately into
the Companys Treasury or by such Person as
shall be Deputed to receive the same and
on case of forfeiture on any One payment Lapse
to

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the space of one Month, a Resident to be ap=
pointed on the part of the Company to see the
engagements the Nabob enters into more punc=
tually fulfilled in future, The Grant of the
Guntoor Circars to be made to the Nabob agree=
able to his request but conditionally that it
meets with the approbation of the Company
which must be expected on our reply to his Letter
the Revenue from the Guntoor Circars is reserved
to be Kept as a Seperate Fund for the Payment
of such of the Companys Troops as are employed
with Bazalet Jung, and all Charges Incurred
thereby and for the protection of the Guntoor
Circars, and the Surplus to be remitted to Bazalet
Jung, which must be stipulated in our
final Treaty with him &c.

Read the following Letter from Fort
Marlbro

/Political Committee/

From Fort Marlbro
respecting appre=
hensions of the
Danger from the
French and Desi=
ring a Reinforcement
of Sepoys

To the Honble Thos Rumbold Esq.r
President &c.a Members
of the Select Committee
of
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir &c.a

We did ourselves the Honour of
addressing you under Date 28.th of December last a
Duplicate of which we now enclose. —

The

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Fort St George 5th October 1779

The Honble Company's Snow Marlboro
imported Since the 6th of March, Your Letter of the
28th October addressed to the President and Council
has been Received and from our appointment
comes under our consideration.

We beg leave to offer you our warmest
congratulations on the important news it contains
of the Surrender of Pondicherry, our worst the more
desirable to us, and it gives you the undisputed
Possession of the Coromandel Coast and leaves you
at Liberty to afford us that Assistance which
we cannot help thinking has been often with-
held and which from our exposed situation we
stand so much in need of.

The Detachment of Sepoys was
safely landed from the Marlboro and also the
Military Stores but were both very inadequate
either to our requisition or our wants.

We must therefore in the strongest
manner reiterate our request contained in
our Letter of the 28th of December and beg that you
will on no Account fail in complying with
the Intents which Accompanied and as we
have observed the Bounty money of the Sepoys
who embarked on the Marlboro to be very small
to encourage such more future may be procured
to come either on Detachment or as Volunteers
We desire you to encrease the Allowance to

Sepoy

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Sirby Respas

We Inave by this conveyance taken the Liberty of addressing the Commander of Sirs Majestys Squandron in India in order to procure a Vessel of Force to Cruize on this Coast as it will not only afford us protection and assistance in case of an attempt made by a foreign Enemy, but will greatly overawe the natives and convince them what powerful succours we have at hand for our protection, and We request that you will Second this our application

An indent for Gun powder accompanys this, which we request may be complied with and the first Opportunety taken of forwarding it to this Presidency.

Being much Distressed for a good Artillery Officer We most earnestly request that you will kindly use with one, whose merit you are acquainted with, and if on his Arrival we find him answer the above Discription We shall give him a Captains Commission, and he will stand a fair chance of succeeding to the Command and Emolument of a Company

We are

Fort Marlboro
13th August 1779.

Honble Sirs Your

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Your most Obdt Servant
Willm Brff
Hew Stuart
John Hutchison
Edward Coles

The Committee have always complied with the Indents from Fort S Marlbro as far as it has been possible, As to Seapoys they must have been able to procure the Number required and such is the Aversion of the Natives to go to the West Coast, that there is hardly any Encouragement sufficient to tempt them. However as the Gentlemen there seem to think that a Bounty of 40 Rupees a man may have that Effect, it is resolved to publish that Reward for such Seapoys as shall voluntarily offer themselves to serve the Company on the West Coast for the Term of 3 Years.

40 rupees to be offered

Agreed that a Copy of the Part of the Marlbro Letter relating to the request which they have made to the Admirals be sent to Sir Edward Vernon.

Sir Hector Munro

Sir Hector Munro is to recommend a proper Officer from the Artillery to go to the Westcoast

Sir Hector to recommend Officers for their artillery

Ordered that the Indents for Gunpowder be complied with.

This Indent to be granted

Read

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Read a Letter from Lieut Edward Woodward as entered in the Mins Book enclosing a Certificate from the Surgeon, and requesting in consequence to be put on the Invalid List. Ordered accordingly

Lt Woodward Invalided

The President acquaints the Committee that he understands the Company's Snow Laverina which arrived a few Days ago from the Westcoast is agoing to Bengall to be sold there on the Company's Account. That as she would probably sell for little and as We are much in want of a Vessel to convey some of the French people to the Islands who are now subsisted at a great Expence by the Company, he proposes that the Laverina if in proper Condition be employed on this Service, which is approved, and it is ordered that the Master Attendant be directed to survey and report her state and what Number of people she can accommodate.

The Laverina to be fitted a Cartel to the Island

Sir Hector Munro Lays before the Committee the following Letter which he has Received from General Goddard.

Sir

From General Goddard to Sr Hector Munro

Having been honoured with a Letter from General Sir Eyre Coote, informing me that he had wrote you to Comply with my requisition for the Forces of the Madras Establishment now

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at Mahé, to join the Army under my Command, should I have occasion for their Services, I beg leave, after expressing my Satisfaction at the prospect of being reinforced by men, who have so lately served Experience beneath your own Eye at Pondicherry, to request you will be pleased to Signify to the Officer commanding at Mahé in the Instructions to stay without Delay, my Orders to join me with the Troops under him, should I find it necessary to make such Requisitions.

At present it is impossible for me to speak with any certainty of the Effect of my Negotiation with the Mharatta State, or whether I may have occasion for their reinforcement or not, but as I shall make it my Care to have every thing prepared for the Transportation of the Troops, I hope you will previously furnish the Officer in charge of them with such Directions, as may prevent any cause of Delay and their Embarkations should Circumstances so fall out as to render their Junction necessary. I have the honour to be

For

Commodore Sheriat Your most Obed.t humble Servant

August 15.th 1779. Wm. Goddard.

To

Major General Munro

M

1394 Fort St. George 4th October 1779

The Committee are of Opinion that no Notice can with propriety be taken of the above Letter, untill they enter on the Consideration of that from the Governor General of Bengall on the same Subject, which is now lying on the Table, or untill General Goddard addresses a Letter to the Committee

Captn. Edmonds appointed to Ongole ---

Captain Edmonds is now appointed to relieve Captain Barclay in the Command of Ongole, and Captain Donald Campbell to take charge of Captain Edmonds Battalion at Carangy till further Orders. —

Capt Donald Campbell to take Charge of Captain Edmonds Battn.

The President acquaints the Committee that he has for some time had it in his intention to propose to them an Increase of allowance to their Secretary as the Advantages now at present pertaining belonging to his Office, are not in his (the Presidents) Opinion, adequate to the great Labor and attention requisite for the Discharge of it, being as he is aware only 250 Pagodas a year Salary, and from five to 600 Pagodas a year to the other Officers Commissioners he therefore recommends that an additional allowance of 100 Pagodas P.M. Month be made to the Secretary which is approved and ordered accordingly, and with great pleasure Observes that wherever an Allowance can with propriety be granted when at present it is Given the Conduct, Abilities and Diligence of the

President's Minutes in approbation of the Secretary 100 Pags a month added to his Salary

Secretary

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Secretary / Mr Oakley / respectfully entitles Same to a
mark of the Boards Approbation, and the favor
of the Company.

Tho: Saunbolo
John Whitehall
Hector Mason
Charles Smith

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At a Select Committee Present

The Honble Sir Tho.s Rumbold Bart. Pres.t

Thursday 14th October

John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro

Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

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

To Sir Hector Munro

Major General and Commander in Chief.

Sir

Coll.o Flint embarks on the Ship pace & finds a Certificate of his ill health

In consequence of my having the Honble Board's Permission for Leave of Absence, and to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of my Health, I have therefore embraced the Opportunity of taking my Passage on the Nassau Captain Gore and request that you will be pleased to make the Honble Board acquainted with this, I shall proceed to inform you likewise that my Infirm Constitution still Continues, the Passage being of the same Opinion has in Consequence given me the accompanying Certificate which I am again to request you will lay before the Honble Board. I am with the greatest Respect. Sir

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant

Wm Flint

Madrass

Oct.r 9.th 1779.

Flint

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This is to Certify that Colonel Hunt for a great length of time has had a very bad State of health Owing to Liver Obstructions Bilious Complaints and an unfixed Dysentery which has injured his Constitution much & On this Account he is advised to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health

Madras 5th Oct. 1779 Gilb. Pasley Surgeon

Ordered that the Worl. the Court be advised of the Permission granted to Col. Hunt and requested to allow him to Return with his Rank in the Service on the reestablishment of his Health.

General Letter to England per Nassau & Southampton.

General Letter of this date to go by the Nassau and Southampton read & Signed

Ordered that the Packet be Closed.

Hs. Fairlie Cl.
Josiah Webster
Alder Graeme
Chas. Sweetland

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5th Wrote the following Letter to Sir C Vernon.

To Sir Edward Vernon.

Rear Admiral of the White and Commander

in Chief of His Majestys Ships.

&c &c &c

To Sir C. Vernon with the Copy of a Letter from Fort Marlbro

Sir

We have the Honor to enclose you an Extract from a Letter which We have received from the President and Select Committee at Fort Marlbro

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

Fort St George
5th October 1779.

Thomas Rumbold
&c &c Select Committee

Wrote the following Letter to Bengal.

Select Committee

To Bengal Ld Georges and Genl Barker with 23 French Recruits

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

at

Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs.

The Company's Ships Georges and General Barker being under Dispatch for Bengal We have taken the Opportunity of sending by them 23 French Prisoners who have entered to Serve the Company on your Establishment A Duplicate of them is Sent herewith enclosed for Secret Perusal of your Presidency as has been Directed

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directed to take Charge of those embarked on
the Ganges.

The General Barker and Ganges
both brought Recruits from England, but as
no Lists came with them, We are uncertain
whether they be intended for this Presidency
or Bengal, at any rate however it appears abso-
lutely necessary to Land and Detain them here
for some time, as a greater part of them were,
and still Continue, miserably affected with
the Scurvy, the Ships having been near 5
months at Sea without putting into any
Place for Refreshment. As soon as We are ac-
quainted with the Destination of the Recruits
arrived, and convey on the first We shall not
fail to send you the full Proportion designed
for Bengal

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most Obd. Hble Servts
Thomas Rumbold
for Self Select Committee

Fort St George
6th October 1779.

& Wrote the following Letter.—

To Lt Douglas the
Governor Encas
etc etc etc Madr

To Lieut Walter Douglas
Commanding
at Guantoor.

Sir

We are now to inform you that We
have

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Since let the Guntoor Circars at Rent to the Nabob and that his Accomdars and Servants are on Consequence to leave the entire Management of the Collections, on which you are not in any shape to interfere, but to confine yourself solely to your Command, granting such Assistance from time to time as may be required of you for the ordinary Service of the Revenue, you are likewise on no Account to lend out any money on the Country or suffer any Person under you to do so, directly or indirectly on Pain of our severest Displeasure, we shall inform you of the Name of the Accomdar whom the Nabob may appoint to the Management of the Collections

We are

Sirs

Your most Obd.t Servants

Fort St George
8.th October 1779.

Thomas Rumbold
&c.a Select Committee

15. Wrote the following Letter to Bombay.

To the Honble William Hornby Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a Select Committee
at Bombay.

To Bombay
per the Atlas for
Genl Goddard

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Enclosed We transmit you a Bill of Lading of Sundry Articles, shipped on Board the Elizabeth Capt.n Rait for the use of General Goddard at Surat, and which We request you will send Sirs

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Sent as soon as Possible. —

We are

Fort St. George
15th October 1779.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servts

Thomas Rumbold

Wm Select Committee

At a Select Committee Present

Monday the 18th

The Honble Sir Thos. Rumbold Bart President
John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro Knt
Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Eliza a Country Ship will sail in a few Days from hence to Bombay, and he proposes therefore that the Commander be desired to call at Mahé in her Way thither, and take on Board the Military Stores under the Charge of Coll. Brouthwaite which is approved and it is agreed that a Letter be written to Col. Brouthwaite to Ship them accordingly.

The Stores at Mahe to be sent to Bombay on the Eliza

The Committee taking into Consideration the Letter from Bengal of the 2d August entered on their Minutes of the 30th of that Month proposing that a reinforcement might be sent from the Military of this Establishment to join Brigadier General Goddard's army at Surat. &c.

Letter from Bengal Desiring a Reinforcement to General Goddard

also

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also the Letter from General Goddard to Sir Hector Munro on this Subject entered on the Minutes of the 4th Instant, it appears to them that the Assistance requested is not, as the Governor General and Council of Bengal mention in their Letter meant to enable General Goddard to Support Bombay in case of an attack from the French but to enable him to make war upon the Mercattas, in case he fail in his present Negotiations with them and this purpose is clearly expressed in the above mentioned Letter from General Goddard tho concealed in that from Bengal. The Committee are of Opinion that the Governor General & Council, have not in this Instance dealt ingenuously by them, What Reason could their be for Concealing the true Object of the Reinforcement from the Committee unless the Gentlemen at Bengal, by holding out the safety of Bombay as the ground of their Application, expected to succeed better in their Design of obtaining Assistance than if they had mentioned the real Object (the Maratta War) but if this were their motive, it was unwarrantable and inconsistent with that Confidence which should be mutually observed between the two Governments, such a Conduct however on

their

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their Part will not restrain the Committee from promoting the real Object of the request as far as they are able, being sensible that if General Goddard should be obliged to go to War with the Mahrattas, he cannot be too strongly supported by all the Presidencys, — Resolved Therefore that Directions be given to Col Braithwaite to obey any Requisition that may be made by General Goddard for the Force of Mahe, that Force which consists of 1 Compy of Coffres 1 Compy of Infantry 1 Company of Artillery 6 Grenadier Companies and 8 Battalion Companies of Sepoys is all that We can spare on the present Situation of Affairs with Hyder Ally, and the Uncertainty We are in with respect to the Arrival of Sir Edward Hughes's Fleet with the Troops & Troops.

The Detachment at Mahe to join him.

The Master attendant having reported that the Companys Snow Success will accommodate 60 Persons 20 in the Cuddy Table and 40 others, resolved that she be dispatched to the Islands with that Number of Invalids from among those now embarked at the Companys Expence.

The Success to be sent to the Islands

Read the following Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to the President

Hon'ble Sir

In my Letter to the Hon'ble Select Committee

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From Colonel Braithwaite to Hyders undigates The Nairs to acts of Hostility

Committee send yourself under date 8th Instant I informed you of the behaviour of the Nair mindy made King of Canteerate by Hyder, and of the Extremities his Conduct Lee drives me to, since then he has been continually collecting more force but has kept his Distance from us that is none of his people have been posted on this side the first redoubts he created one of which is however within a long Cannon Shott the Prince of Charcal has also been collecting all the people he can, and has made fresh inroads into the Honble Companys territory about Mount Delly, which has alleged the Gentlemen at Tellicherry within these few days to detach thither an Officer and fifty Sepoys, since when things have been perfectly quiet there, the Prince of Charcal is Hyders principal Tributary hereabouts and to him the rest are in some degree Subordinate

Three Days ago I had pretty certain information that a Messenger which the King of Canteerate had dispatched to Hyder, was returned, that he was very graciously received by Hyder, who had given to him a gold bracelet, that he was sent back to the King, with a gold Seal Ring expressive of his Titles, a dress, a Sword, two Pearls and an Assabgheem, as also a Seal of Approbation of his Conduct and to acquaint him that as soon as the Ramazan was over a very large force would be sent down

further

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brother, and that if Lt. Lennox self did not come
would take up his residence at Nagore, just
above the Fort in order to be at hand to regulate
the affairs of those Countries.

Yesterday morning my Peon and
Mr Bakers Serjeant mentioned in my Letter
to the Honble the Select Committee, were landed
upon the beach close by here, and brought in, in
a Shocking Condition, each of them having had
a foot cut off the evening before in a most inhuman
manner by a Blacksmith with a Chissel. The
Account my Peon gives it as follows.

That on the 19th Ultimo he delivered my Letter
to the King of Tanjore about Eleven the forenoon,
that the King read the Letter, and ordered him
One Fanam or Bottle, and said he would soon
give him an answer, but that in about two
hours, Hyders Commandant having been with
the King, he was ordered close Prisoner, that he
heard in the afternoon that the King had sent
me a Cajan by one of his People, that he got
neither victuals or drink all that Day, that the
next Day he was ordered to Deliver up his
Sword, which he refused to do as a Peon must
on pain of his Life, he was repeatedly urged
to deliver it, but flatly refused, and they did not
seem inclined to take it by force, that towards
evening he grew very faint, which he observed to the guard

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ground ere Liem to report to the King, and begged
that he might be dispatched with or without
ean answer to the Letter. He brought as the King pleased
that as he had done no harm, he did not know why
he was kept Prisoner, and without Victuals, he
obtained on other redress, that permission to be
carried to a Tank to drink some water, provided
he left his sword behind Liem, which he did, and
when he returned found as he expected, that he
had been taken away. That soon after his return
from the place where he was near the Kings
House he saw the firing between our Sepoys and
the advanced guards, and that many of the
Cattle came running in, upon which the King &
all his people made off to an Hill about Seven
miles off ordering Liem to be tied and brought
after. which was done that he soon came up
with the King, who ordered Liem to be tied &
neck and heels and thrown out into the Rain
all that Night. That the next day he was sent
bound to Bergune a small fort on the Sea
side about twelve or fourteen miles South of this,
where a Subadar of Hyders Commanded, that
there he found Mr. Baker Storekeeper in the
Stocks, into which he was just himself. That they
were Tollerably well fed, and after some Days the
Subadar came to them and advised them to
enter into Hyders Service as the Sepoys who had
been

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been taken, had come and that when they would be well used, that the English would soon be turned out of Mahé, and then they would want Service. both the Peon and Storekeeper Consented in hopes to obtain their freedome, and escape, but the Subadar left them, and they heard no more of him till the 15th Instant in the evening, when he came and took them out of the Stocks and carried them, down to the beach, where he sent for a Smith who with a Chesel cut off a Foot from each of them by the Subadars Orders, who then published that any one who spoke to them or gave them any Assistance should be served in likemanner, and turning to them said, the Commanding Officer at Mahé will soon hear this, and if on your Account he touches one of the Prisoners whom he confined for trying to get secrets, your private parts shall be cut off. and you shall eat them, after which he left them, In the night there was a guard over them, the Peons Mother and Wife who had found them out at Bangore, Secured the Sentrys, and going to a place five miles off with the promise of a free Passage prevailed on a Boat to come along shore take them off and bring them hither, the Peons says the talk is that Hyder is very angry that the English

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are at Mahé, and that the Tellicherry Chief all
ways reports Lies Commies, that the English want
to be Masters, that the French are good people
and do no Harm that the Nabob, Hyder, will make
the French masters, he says that for four Days
past before his accident, he heard reports that
Messengers were come from Hyder, that the
people were set to make Gabbions, and that they
said a great deal of Rice and great guns were
coming by Sea from Mangalore. I am convinced
that the morning of those unfortunate people
is in consequence of an Order from Hyder. The
King of Cartinate would never have dared
to have done it, by his own Authority in the
former Liberties he took. He said he acted in
Obedience to Hyders Orders, had it been his
own act from passion, he would have done
it on the Instant of provocation, and not so
long after, when he had been so long without
any intentions. Had it been done by Orders of
the prince of Chercul it would have been
done in a Day or two at furthest where as it
was not done till the return of the Messenger
to Hyder. it was done by a Subadar of Hyders
and in a Customary mode of Punishment
with Hyder, and he had but lately served four
Hundred Patans the same way. One of my Spies
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informs me from Coortelpe that about 15 Miles
inland where the King of Canara is with three
thousand Men, that for a few days past they have
been employed in making Gabions, and cutting
Down Timbers for Platt formes, and that the
Salt is Flyer is Coming.

I send that for a Month past, portuguese
and others Settled at Calliacutt, Mirjee Jelaer, Pallodery
Cuare and Mangalore who used to Correspond
with Seringapatam Since received no Answer
to their Letters, some Sepoys comes and Short
Travellers who have come through Hyder Country
from the Carnatick, have all been diligently
Searched for Letters those who had any were
Obliged to Deliver them up when they were
suffered to proceed, among them was a Sepoy
from Bednore, on his Return to Bombay, he
had Several English Letters which were taken
from him by the Commandant of Hyder he delivered
a receipt for them, that he might not be pumished
at Bombay, and was discharged, I cannot Learn any
thing of Purnea Scout nor none have come to
procure intelligence from Seringapatam, and
I fear after this outrage to my Person I shall not
get any Person to Stir among those people
over Seringapatam on our Coast and to procure
Intelligence can do nothing here as their mouth &
the Country Language immediately discovers
them

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Thave I have since no Paine or expence for intelligence but cannot say I depend much on any I receive in regard to Hyder, the best I get is from a French man, he is positive that Hyder Aims at these States, but says he expects a French force and does not think he will act if they do not arrive. Mr Church as far as I can learn is as much puzzled to get good intelligence from that Country, as I am, All tho so long resident of a suspicious District in this Country. he discovers as well as myself in general, that Hyder is very averse to the English, and is making great Warlike preparations, & that he himself is expected at Nagore and that he persecutes with Violence such of the Country Powers as he thinks have any attachment to the English who for want of Protection are Obliged to take refuge among the Hills. a small Country Vessel from Mocha, Selbachery and now going for Anjengo, gives me this Opportunity of writing. Mr Church Assures me it is a safe One, and I think no time should be lost in informing you of this late insult and the Situation of things here, which I would not venture to do by a Coasting Boat, and our Longer Armed Gallivatt will not be ready to sail before the 25th at soonest. You certainly Sir, have much Better grounds to go upon in regard to Hyders

Intentions

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Intentions Manavey we can Learn but as things
Appears Here to me, it Looks as if Hyder only
wanted either for the Arrival of a French force,
or till your Monsoons began when if your Fleet
goes to Anjengo, and the Bombay Gentlemen
are successfully engaged with the Marattas
that then he will with a very large force
endeavor to dislodge the English from their Settle-
ments on this Coast In the mean time he is
endeavouring to reduce us to every distress by
means of his Tributary Nayrs, and to take
every advantage of the particular situation of
this detachment and the Stores here, and that
should he have Occasion to alter his plan he
will Blame the Nayrs and his Officers in
this Country and disperse them, I hear from
all quarters that the Artillery and Stores here
are a great object with him and he is upon no Terms
with the Dutch, has no Opinion of the Portu-
guese, and does not know where to look for
Supplies should he think the English will
never furnish him with

The French here and Mangalore
are still Confident of the Arrival of an Armament
from Mauritius before this month is out and
both Squadrons of a great Force Establishment
on this Coast, One of them used to use the other
Day

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Sir

I am very sorry it will not be out if after all our suffer-
ings the French should Carry more Troops this
Year from their Coast than the English. Unless
Hyder gives them Mangalore, which I should Sir
Shou'd no other Reason than they could very speedily
make Terrible. If they could not Subd. Make
them Tributary. If they could not Subd. Make
them Subject in good Condition, it appears
Strange that they should expect to reestablish
themselves in it, after it being Reduced to the
State of Ruin in which it now is.

Should it be your Intentions Sir, to
withdraw as soon as with the removal of Stores
may be an Object of Serious and immediate
importance, they are a great Temptation to Hyder
to Misbehave, and are a great Clogg to us.
Should Hyder send a large Force it might be
necessary to a Convoy these Never to Support Tello-
cherry, least both should fall, that with the pre-
sent force could make no Second, to remove our
Ordenance and Heavy Stores thither in these
Country Boats could not be effected, and to
destroy them, as our last resource if Practicable as
Hyders Army is within Ten or twelve Days
March of us would be very galling.

I have the Honor to be with the
greatest Respect Sir
Your very Obedient Servt
John Braithwaite

Madras
Septr 17th 1779.

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I have the Honor to send you a Copy of a Letter
just Received from Mr Church Inclosed.

Sir,

I am now to reply to your favours of
Yesterdays date,

The Accounts you have received regarding
the Young King of Cartenate, are very true, the
last received from Hyder the Things you mention
and an Order not to molest the English at
present, unless they attempt something against
Cartenadee, but to begin making Gabeons &
Fascines as fast as Possible.

I feel more than I can express the
cruel Treatment of the Poor and Horsekeepers
I don't Recollect that the Company people
ever experienced before such inhumanity from
the Hands of their most inveterate Enemies

It is currently reported thro the
Country, that Hyder is in expectation of French
forces arriving at Mangalore from Mauritius,
The Inosents received by us from his Subsistance
and Officers, are imputed to that Expectation
and last been remarked by Mr Charles Stuart
at Dindigul in a Letter to me of the 9th Instant,
Received the 16th

This Morning only I received an Ola
from the Province of Cherricka in answer to
mine

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... mine of the 3d about Mount Dilay he detained
... my Messenger till he had got an Answer from
the Nabob, the Prince says it was the
Sentiment of our People on seeing first
Town with the Esteem

Yours

Tellicherry
17th September 1779.

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Rich. Church

Copy

Agreed that Colonel Braithwaite be
directed after Shipping the Stores now at Mahe
on Board the Ships as before resolved on, to move
with his Detachment into the Fort of Tellicherry

Read the following Letter from the Chief
Engineer, Copy of which was sent Home by the
Nassau

To the Honble Sir Tho. Rumbold Bart
President and Governor &c. Select Committee
of Fort St George

From Major Mackenzie Chief Engineer of the Fortification of the Works

Honble Sir &c. &c.

In a Letter I addressed your Honble Board on the 1st November last, the Progress made in the Fortifications of this Place from the 23 April preceding was particularly expressed. I have now the Honor to acquaint you that since Recommencing the Works after the last monsoon We have completed the A. C. Bonnet

South & North East Works

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Curtain

Bonnet, the advanced Redoubt, Joins the Bastion and Ravelin of the Demitte on the South the Front We have Cut from their Foundations, and Completed the Exterior and Interior Casements of the South Curtain with its Gate way and a Range of Spherical Bomb proofs and have raised the Cote St Thomas Counterguard now become a Demi Bastion of the Fort to the Level of the rest South Curtain the West Ditches before the several Works of this Front are entirely excavated, and are of a Depth that renders them equally respectable as Point of Defence with those on the West Front.

Ditches

Wall against the Sea

What remained to be done of the Wall against the Sea was completed early in the Season as was the Work at the N. E. Angle

East Front Ravelin there

The Ravellin on the Center of the East Line has been entirely ruined from its foundation to the Level of the Floor of its Bomb proof Casemated Curtains and Flanks with their Ramps and Magazines extending Northward to the Salliant Angle of the N. E Bastion, and Southward to the Salliant Angle of the Cote St Thomas Counterguard forming the entire East Line & leaving that Face of the Fort Somewhat Cut from their Foundations. The Curtain South of the Ravellin has its Exterior and Interior Revetments ruined eighteen Feet from their Base

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Van. Intire line of Bomb proof Casemates compleated within that height the Curtain North of the Tenaillon has its Cavaliers brought up to the Level of the Gorge but not above their Base, and the Cisterns of this line to the level of the Springing of their Arches.

Gallery of Communication to Cisterns

A Gallery of Communication parallel to the Curtains and extending the Length of the Cisterns with Descents thereto under the several Ramps of the Line is brought up to within a Foot of its intended Height.

Advanced Redoubt

The Redoubt advanced before the Southern Flank of the East line, with its Magazine and Bomb proof, has been raised from its Foundation and Compleated.

N.E. Bland

The Addition of a Gun has been made on the North Face of the N.E. Bland, and the East Face thereof now raised to render the Construction more Compleat.

West Ditch

The Ditch of this Front is entirely cleared out and the whole East line from the Depth of Water before it, the Height to which the Fortifications, Curtains and Works are brought, is rendered totally secure from Surprize, and affords the Means of a respectable Defence.

North Front

I have had the Honor of receiving your Commands during the Course of last Month, for Deepening the proposed Excavation on the North Front, and Carrying the Cunette round the North Bastion not have been able to Compleat the sharp and greatest Part of the Counterscarps of the Cunette

Cunette round the Bastion

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N.C. Lunette Gallery & Glacis Wall

I Transmit the Remainder of which will be furnished before the Morrow, We have Cut the Foundation of the N.C. Lunette, and of the Gallery, and Glacis Wall before it.

I flatter myself your Honor &c are convinced that no Exertions have been wanting in the Prosecution of the Works during this Season, & that considering the great Labour of removing & Levelling a Part of the Old Works, and excavating for so deep and broad Foundations as were necessary for the Security of the Curtines, the Post Line has been brought to its present State with all possible Dispatch. The heavy Work is now got over, and I can venture to assure you that two Months of the ensuing Season will entirely compleat what remains to be done.

There is accompanying a Plan of the Fort, on which are particularly shewn the Works formed from the Departure of Colonel Ross to this time, which I have been desirous their Progress reported to you on the 23d April 1778 by Major Stevens, in my Letter of the 7th of November following, and that I have the Honor to lay before you, I am most Respectfully

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Honble Sir Your
Your most Obedient
and Devoted Servant
Geo. Mercer
Engineer

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Sir I have informed your Honor &c. that during the Course of this Season the Inner Lining of the Parapets the Barrquettes, and Several Traverses of the Body of the Place, and Out Works on the West Front have been completed and Such Shooting Embrasures as are necessary have been opened thereon.

I have prepared for the Hon'ble the Court of Directors a Plan of Pondichery with its Attacks, and the Encampment of the Army, which I have to request you will permit to accompany your Packet.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Harper.

To The Hon'ble the President & Select Committee

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs.

From Lt. Harper the Mysore Boat with Sergeant away.

I have the Honor to transmit your a Monthly Return of the Detachment under my Command, a Return of the Ordonnance Artillery and other Military Stores, and also the Surgeons Return of the Sick.

Mr. Raine has relieved Mr. Pringle and taken Charge of the Detachment as Surgeon agreeable to your Instructions.

The Boat which was missing with a part of Capt. Lucas Detachment on Board was cast away some Days since about Ten Miles to the Southward of Masulipatam after having been

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been thirteen Days at Sea their whole stock of Water was out on three Days the remaining Ten they existed on Tamarinds and Salt Water. There Died on Board a Serjeant a Lyscamp and Thirteen Sepoys.

I am Honble Sir and Sirs
Your faithful and most
Obedt Hble Servant
H Harper

Camp near Innaconda
7th October 1779.

The Honble the President & Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Necessity of Grain in the Carnatic Circar

I am honored with your Letter of the 29th Ultimo. I have not failed exerting every endeavour to procure Provisions and Lascars any Stores to Adone. The Commandant in the Carnatic Circar declares they have it not in their power to give one any assistance with Grain. the Country is drained of it, and the poor Inhabitants are starving, every Day exhibits the most affecting Scenes of their Distress, and on the most melancholy Colours the Misery to which they are reduced in every Place they all their Children in the Common Bazaars, to procure their Means for subsistence. Contained, I have sent people round the Country to the distance of forty Coss on the Money I gave above Rice &c. and have collected upwards of two hundred Bullocks load of that Article but

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To day was Alleged to give out some of it to the Detachment. the Bazar Leaving began to fail, Intelligence was brought me that a Boat with Rice Had arrived on Sunday. I sent off directly to purchase it,

I have taken the Liberty to enclose you the Copy of a Letter Lately received from Bazaleguerre The Man he mentions as to show me the Route pointed out in it, is not yet arrived so that I cannot judge how far it may be proper or what Difficulties might probably be encountered should it be pursued immediately on hearing those Circumstances I shall communicate them to you.

I am most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your faithful and most
Obt Servant
H Harpers

Camp near Invercondo
Octr 30th 1779

The Honble the President & Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs

The enclosure mentioned on my addrs of yesterday was by mistake not forwarded. I beg leave to do it by this Opportunity and remain with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful and most
Obedient Hble Servant
H Harpers

Camp near Invercondo
6th October 1779.

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To the Honble the President and Select Committee

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Hyders Troops take possessions of Tortemar Cummum

I beg leave to Communicat unto you a Piece of Intelligence just brought me by my Dubashes they say that three or four Days since, Hyder Ally Cawn Marched from Arnee with one Hundred and fifty Horse, and one Hundred Infantry against Gingee, a small mud Fort belonging to Bangorey six Coss to the Northward of Cuddalore its Garrison which consisted of three Hundred Men, were ordered to quit it which they did after a little Resistance, and one Hundred of them entered into the Service of Hyder He also sends Summons to Velapad Fort belonging to the same Person, four Coss Northwesterly of Cuddalore, and ordered its Garrison consisting of three Hundred Men to evacuate it, but they refused till the Pleasure of their Master should be known. Some time previous to this Surplaid three Peons sent as Emissaries on the Village to receive Customs, and since the request I have ordered all Communication between it and the Fort to cease. A Report also prevails that a Force is intended to be sent to Cuttalwaud, a large Fort of Bangarags, about eight Coss from this Place, in consequence of which People are collecting to defend it

I am with Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful and most Obedt
Humble Servant
H Stanyan.

Camp near Incander
9th October 1779.

Read the following Letter from Mr
Cadogan Paymaster to Lt Col Stanyan Detachment
To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
President & Governor
&c. Select Committee of
Fort St George

From Mr Cadogan inclosing the distrest of the Detachment for Money

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have been favoured with a Letter from your Secretary in answer to one I wrote the Beginning of last Month, informing me, that when we were again ordered to March you would take proper Measures for supplying us with Money, In the meantime I must request you would send some for the Disbursements of the Detachment for last Month.

The Gentlemen at Masoolipatam account supplying me with more than Six Thousand Maderas Pagodas out of fourteen Thousand which I wrote to them for the low State of their Treasury will not admit of their sending more. I have hitherto been able to make up the Deficiency by getting Money there for my Bills on the Presidency, but at present, I am informed, none is procurable, I have therefore

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no other Resource but of applying to you, I am
in want of eight thousand Madras Pagodas
to make up the Disbursements for last Month,
and if three or four thousand more could be
spared. I should be glad, as the Expences of
the Detachments are not only increased by the
Reinforcement, but there is a Constant Call
for Money to Pay for Rice, Sheep &c.a to be kept
in Store for our Marches. Not only that, but the
Colonel informs me that the Bullocks to carry
the Rice &c.a are to be paid by the Company the
same as those on the Service, which will also
add greatly to the Expence.

I hope no time will be lost in
sending me this Money. The Sepoys begin
already to cry out, and what I have coming
from Masulipatam (which I expect to Day or
Tomorrow) will be next to nothing when two
Days.

Unless I have some Money in advance
there will be always the same Distress as at
present. The Beginning of every Month. The Spr=
=itmen at Masulipatam never have been
able to send me more than 6000 Madras
Pagodas, and getting eight or nine thousand
for Bills is very uncertain, and as for Money
from Bengal at long, there does not seem the
last

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least Probability of getting away, even half a Months Pay in advance would be of great Assistance.

I am with the Respect Honble Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servts

Geo Cartwright Paymr to Colo Sharpes Detachmt

Colo Sharpes Detachmt 18 October 1779.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be directed to exert themselves and accomplying the necessary Stores for Lieut. Colonel Sharpes Detachment, and on the Mean time the Precedent is drawn to see if it be possible to remit money from hence to that Service.

Read the following Minutes of the Committee of Stores.

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At a Committee of Stores.

Present.

Major General Sir Hector Munro KB.
Colonel Edward Fraser
Major George Mayne
Mr Bargus Scattergood

The Minutes of the last Committee

Minutes of the Committee of Stores

Read and approved.

The Committee having met at the Contractors Yard the following Gun Carriages being

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Being examined and approved are ordered to be received.

Small Garrison Carriages to be 18 4ft
9 1/2 12
12 12 Short
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1 The Committee remarked that as Four 12 lb Field Carriages for Brass Guns are ordered for the service of General Goddard's Detachment two only will remain here of that size, and as there will be a deficiency of Eight Carriages for 12 Brass Guns Field Pieces, agreed that it be recommended to the Select Committee that this part of the Establishment be completed

2 Agreed that Mr Baume Gun Carriages Master be paid for agreeable to the orders of the Select Committee

3 The Indent for Powder and other Stores wanted for Fort Marlboro will be complied with as soon as Sea Conveyance offers

The Select Committee not Surveying mentioned the number of Battalions that it is necessary to keep Tents for, the General gives it as his Opinion that Tents to be kept compleat for Eight Battalions of Sepoys.

The Conveyance of Stores by Bays before the Committee was Convenient of the Necessaries

Stores

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Stores received from the undermentioned Corps to the 1st Instant, also an account of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of August and September, musters of which being examined are approved off.

The Committee agree to forward the return made by the Commissary of Stores of the Detail of Tents for General Staff, Europeans Cavalry Artillery, Two Regiments of Europeans Infantry, Engineers, Company of Marksmen Eight Battalion of Sepoys, General and Artillery Stores agreeable to the orders of the Select Committee accompanied with the Estimate of the Expences of making them up.

Hector Munro
Ed. James.
G. Maule.
B. Scottney.

Detail

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Detail of Tents for General Staff, European Cavalry
Artillery, two Regiments of European Infantry, Engineer Company
Marksmen, Eight Battn of Sepoys, General Artillery Stores.
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General Staff &c			1	4 11
European Cavalry			3	14
Artillery			24	3 13 18
Two Regiments of European Infantry			18	110 276 80
Engineers			2	7 2
Marksmen			2	2 2
Eight Battalion of Sepoys			56	40 176
General & Artillery Stores			6	6 2
		Total	118	232 418 276 2

New Fort Fort

To 1 Battalion 2 Regiment			6	18 20
To European Cavalry			3	13
To 1 Battalion Sepoys			5	22
		Total	36	12
		Total carrying	118	232 236 2

Estimate of the Cost of making up the above Tents

18 Field Officers Tents @ 110 Rupees			1980
229 Officers	Do @ 60 Do		13740
382 Privates	Do @ 26½ Do		10123
234 Bells	Do @ 5 Do		1170
2 Laboratory	Do @ 140 Do		280
		Total Rupees	27597

1 Marquee
2 Laboratory Tents

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Order thereon

Ordered that the Committee of Stores do deliver in an exact Account of the Number of Tents actually wanting (in addition to the Serviceable Tents now and to be now belonging to the Company) to compleat the Establishment according to the Detail accompanying their Minutes of the 8th Instant

Ordered that the Number of 12 Pounder Field Carriages wanting to compleat their Part of the Establishment, be made agreeable to the Committee of Stores Report recommended.

Read the following Letter from Captn Duncan

Duncan

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.
President and Governor &c &c
Select Committee
Fort St George

Captn Duncan Resigns the Service

Honble Sir & Sirs

The State of my private affairs rendering my Presence in England indispensably necessary I should have been happy in Obtaining your Permission to return Home for a time, had the Regulations of the Service admitted of such an Application. But although my Constitution is impaired by the Climate, as the Preservation of Life is the only Plea on which such Liberty can be

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I am directed, I am reduced to the Necessity of Requesting your permission, to resign my Commission in the Honble Companys Service, and Order to embark on a Danish Ship for Europe. I have the Honor to be, with the most perfect Respect

Honble Sirs Sirs

Your very Devoted &
most Obedient Servant
Alex. Duncan

Fort St. George
13th October 1779.

Agreed that Captain Duncan be permitted to resign his Commission, and be proceed to England agreeable to his Request.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob waited upon him yesterday Morning with his second Son, and his Dewan Coja Cofsim Cawn, that after Breakfast he desired to speak with the President apart, upon particular Business, whereupon the presence of Mr. Whitehill and Mr. Ochely the Secretary, who happened both to be at his the Presidents House in a Visit, and whom he desired to be present at what the Nabob might have to say. His Highness after expatiating on his long and inviolable Friendship for the Company, and the English Nation, and his Reliance thereon for the future protection of myself and Family in all their just Rights, delivered into the Presidents

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President's Hand, a Box, which he said contained
his Last will and Testament. He informed him
(the President) at the same Time, that he had
sent a Copy of the same Will to His Majesty, one
to the Company, and one to the Governor General
and Council of Bengal, and he requested that the
Will now Delivered to the President might be
lodged in the Company's Chest and not opened
till his Decease. He gave into the President's
Hands also a Letter to the foregoing Effect
and a Copy of a Letter of which His Majesty
was pleased to write him on the Occasion of
accepting his Will both entered in C.C. Vol. 140

The President having delivered to the
Committee the Box containing the Nabob's
Will, together with the abovementioned Letter,
it is resolved that the Box be deposited in the Cash
Chest, and remain there unopened until the
Nabob's Decease, but that the Nabob be
Permitted, as he has requested in his Letter, to
take it back, (should he at any time think
proper to revise or alter the Will) upon his
Application to the Government in Writing
and is it agreed that a Letter be written

to

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to the Articles to this Effect

Thos. Saunders
John Whitehill
Wilder Symes
Charles Smith

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19. The following Letters were this Day wrote and Dispatched.

To Colonel Baillie with Recruits p. Nancy.

To Lieutenant Colonel Baillie Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

We have put on Board the Nancy Armed Ketch, some Recruits for the European Battalions at Pondicherry, which we desire you will send us over after the Nancy's Arrival, as soon as possible

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

Fort St George
19th October 1759.

Thomas Rumbold
&c.a Select Committee

To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir E.d Vernon P. Nancy for Intelligence

Rear Admiral of the White & Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships in India

Sir.

We have sent the Companys Armed Ketch Nancy to Trincomaley to wait for any Dispatches that may arrive there from England. We request you will be pleased, in case you receive any Intelligence that you may think worth Communicating by such means to dispatch the Vessel to Bengal or this Place

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on Occasions may require, or if you should be of Opinion that such Dispatches or Intelligence may reach us sooner by the Way of Anjengo We should be Obliged if you will order the Vessell to go round to that Port, and after delivering the Packets, to proceed to Bengall the Place of her Destination. We have directed the Captain to put himself under your Orders.

We have the Honor to be &c.

Fort St George
19th October 1779.

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

To Lieut Col Harper
Commanding the Detachment
at Innacondah

To Col Harper
forwarding Letters
to hasten his
March to
Adoni

Sir

We have received your several Letters
the Last dated the 9th Instant.

It is with equal Surprize and Concern
that We find that you are not yet ready to March
on with the Detachment, conformable to the
Orders We sent you of the 29th Ultimo. We are at a
loss to conceive with what a Force as yours that
so many Difficulties should arise in the
Article of Provisions. Whatever Route you may
take, the Distance cannot require any consider-

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=rable Stock of Provisions in advance nor do we imagine that in the Course of your March you will find any Obstacles in procuring sufficient for your daily Consumption, indeed We should suppose from the Description you have given of the Scarcity in the Guntoor Circar, that the farther you advance the more likelihood there will be of Obtaining Provisions. At all Events it is of so much Consequence at this Period that you should push on to Adonis as you will yourself have been convinced from Bazalat Jungs last Letter which you Transmitted to us, that We cannot avoid again repeating our Directions to you to march on immediately by the most eligible Route you can find, and with such Provisions as you may have on hand and if you appre=hend any Failure on the Road it may be proper to dismiss such of your Camp Followers as are not absolutely Necessary, that the Consumption may be confined to as small a Number as Possible. The Situation of Bazalet Jung is so critical, that you should improve every moment of your Time, and join him by the quickest Marches you can make other=wise the Intention of ordering your Detachment for his Defence will be entirely frustrated.

In consequence of an Application from Mr. Cadogan your Paymaster We have Directed

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Directed the Gentlemen at Masulipatam to
Suspend Sales, until we receive Money as possible
and we shall endeavour to remit to them 15,000.
Pagodas from hence.

Enclosed We send you an Extract of a
Letter from the Resident of Vizagapatam with ours
Orders thereon which you are to be punctually
Obliged to Obey.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
19th October 1779.

Thomas Rumbold
Wm Select Committee
Select Committee

To Edmund Cottsford Esqr
Chief &c Council
at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam to supply Cd. Hastings Detachment with Money

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 6th Instant.

We Order Reasons for shutting Cuddapah under our Arrest is so Exceeding forcible that we cannot agree to make it the Subject of General Court Martial We therefore think Cuddapah should be released from her Arrest and that Court Order may be enforced that We disapprove of his Conduct on this Occasion.

We Enclose the Pagodas to Cd.

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Her Majesty Detachment has represented to us the Inconveniency of Money which he receives monthly from Musselpatam, are not sufficient for their Disbursements, and that he shall be much distressed unless his Indents are fully complied with, We have supplied some Money from hence, but the uncertainty which attends this mode, makes us extremely Desirous that you should send to Mr Cadogan the full Amount of his Indents from Masulipatam, which We hope you will be able to do, as he will not have occasion for supplies from your Quarters for more than two or three Months.

We have permitted Ensign DeCastro at your Solicitation to go to Bengal for a short Time to settle some private affairs and you will be pleased to signify this Permission to him

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
19th October 1779.

Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

(Select Committee)

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding the Troops
at Madré

Sir.

We

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To Lt Brailsford
The Detachment
of regulars to
join Gl Goddard
The Col permitted
to return to the
Coast

We enclose you a Duplicate of our
Letter of the 29th Inst. Mess will be conveyed to you
by the Ship Elyza which will sail. Make the
best way to Bombay, and We observe if you have
not already shipped the Stores lying at. Make
that you will embark all or as many of them as
you conveniently can on the Elyza for Bombay.
Misjudging that the Freight be found by the
Gentlemen there, you will also write a Letter
of advice and send with it a particular Account
of the Stores that may be taken on Mess Ships
The Governor General and Coun
of Bengal having requested that the whole of
the Force now with you may join Brigadier
General Goddard at Surat and it being our
Intention to comply with their Desires in this
respect, should General Goddard send Transports
to Convey the Troops to Surat you will be pleased
to embark them accordingly after Shipping &
providing for the safety of the Stores under your
Charge.

Hirom meaning however, in Case the
Shipps shou'd proceed on their Voy
that they shall have leave to return to this Coast
for as their Good Behaviour Entitle you to give
them to every Indulgence. We com with pro
-ety shou them that We are far from wishing to for
their Inclinations, at the same time, if they
can

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can be prevailed on to go, We shall certainly be disposed to confer on them any mark of Approbation and Encouragement in our power.

Should General Goddard send Transports Sufficient for the whole Detachment and the Sepoys should be disinclined to proceed, We would have you give the earliest Notice to us that We may order another Battalion to Anjango and under these Circumstances you may employ a part of the Transports in conveying the Sepoys now with you at Anjango and the same Transports may carry the Battalion We shall have there in readiness to replace them, As to the European Infantry and Artillery they may in the above Circumstance be embarked at once and sent away without waiting for the Sepoys who will follow them to Surat as soon as they are ready.

As it is not quiet certain that Genl. Goddard will want the Troops you must Observe that no Movement of them is to be made but on his Requisition, and upon his sending Sufficient Transports for them.

With Respect to yourself as you have in a former Letter expressed a Desire to return to the Coast We leave it in your Option to do so in the Event of an Application from General Goddard for the Troops, and you will be pleased in that Case to direct the Troops to proceed

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Proceed under the Command of the Senior Captain.

After you have shipped or provided for the Safety of the Stores, We think it may be proper to Canton your Detachment at Tellicherry.

Yours

Fort St. George
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Your most Obedient Servts
Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee
Select Committee

To the Honble William Wornby Esqr.
President and Governor & Select Committee
at Bombay.

To Bombay
Stores from
Mahe ordered
thither

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letter of the 31st July.

Knowing no method of conveying hither the Mahe Stores taken out, Mahe and it being of Importance that they should be removed to some place of Safety without loss of time, We have sent directions to Colonel Braithwaite to forward the whole or as many of them as possible to you per Providence on the Chaya (a Country Sloop) which is going to Bombay, and which will call at Tellicherry on her way thither.

As we have much occasion at

1140 Port St George October 19th 1779.

Occasion at this time for the Service of the Morning Star, belonging to your Presidency We have taken the Liberty to detain her for a few Months longer and We flatter ourselves you will have no Objection to this measure, Should you be in want of her however We will Dispatch her to you without delay.

We are.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Thomas Rumbold

&c.a Select Committee

Port St. George
19th October 1779.

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thos. Rumbold Bt. President
Saturday the 23d. John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro &s
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read &
approved.

The President observes to the Committee that no answer has been received yet to the Letter written to Vizagapatam the 31st. August last, which being particular as to several points should have been sooner replied to that in regard to the affairs of Sattavaram and Condaveedu the Committee are totally uninformed of the Steps which have been taken in Consequence of their Orders

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Order'd that he (the President) understands that Vizeramrauze has not caused the 500 Sepoys which he was permitted to do at his own request, but omitted thereof has been encreasing his Subsidy at a large Expence which is unexpected that he understands further that the Fort of Vizeramgroom has been repaired contrary to the express Condition necessary that some Order be sent to Vizagapatam & to inform upon all these points to be Recommended that the following Letter be written accordingly which being read and approved, is ordered to be dispatched.

Select Committee

To. Mr. Alexander Davidson.
Acting Sec.y Council
at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen.

We wrote you our Letter under Date the 31st August respecting the affairs of Pondicondaw and Sitteranagroom to which we have not to this time received any answer nor are we acquainted with a single Step that may have been taken by you in consequence of the Directions contained in our said Letter.

As We informed you of our Intention to examine the Different Claims which had been made to the Zemindarry of Pondicondaw, We expected such Information from you as might

* To Vizagapatam in regard to Pondicondaw & Sitteranagroom Acc.ts enquiry ordered into the Conduct of the Vizeramgroom Family in the Dispossession of certain Zemindars

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might have enabled us to do so, We now desire you will acquaint the Parties, that they may if they think proper send Vakeels to the Presidency, or proceed here themselves to state their respective Pretentions, and we direct that you Transmit to us such Particulars as you may have ascertained by your Enquiries upon this Subject. In the meantime you are to take care that the Fort of Paulionda be garrisoned by the Companys Sepoys, and that neither of the Claimants be admitted to any share of Authority in the Zemindary, untill We shall have decided where the Right is vested.

With Respect to Sattevaram it was necessary We should have known what you had done in consequence of our Instructions, and the Presidents letter to Paykarows Family, whether any and what answer was returned to that Letter, and what time you had given these People to consider of the Propositions made to them, If you have not already taken Possession of the Fort, We desire it may be delayed untill you receive our further Orders, and in the mean time you will acquaint Paykarows Family that they may if they choose, send a Vakeel to the Presidency to Represent their Case to us, If the Fort be taken you will Garrison it with the Companys Sepoys.

We are given to understand that the

Zemindar

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Lemendar of Vezanagrum has in great measure repaired that Fort, contrary to our positive Orders, and the express Conditions on which it was restored to him. We desire you will send a proper Person to examine into this Circumstance, and if it be found True to Report you to cause what may have been done to be pulled down, and the Fort put exactly in the same situation in which it was given up to him. you will likewise be particular careful to prevent any thing of this kind in future.

We further understand that this Lemendar has not raised the 500 Sepoys which he was permitted to keep up under the Command of one of our Officers, instead of them is keeping up a large Subsidy, which we can by no means approve of. We desire you will inform us particularly as to these Circumstances without loss of time, and as we understand there are two or three Lemindars that was formerly Dispossessed of their Lands by the Vezanagrum Family, and have been since kept in Confinement you will make a Particular enquiry into this Circumstance, and report accordingly whether Result.

We are

Gentlemen

your

1443 Fort St George 23d October 1779

Lemendar of Vizanagram has on greart
measure required that Fort, contrary to our
positive Order, and the express Conditions on
which it was restored to him. We desire you
will send a proper Person to examine into
this Circumstance, and if it be found True
we strictly
require you to cause what may have been done
to be pulled down, and the Fort put exactly
the same situation on which it was given up
to him, you will likewise be particular carefull
to prevent any thing of this kind in future.

We further understand that this
Lemendar has not raised the 300 Sepoys which
he was permitted to keep up under the
Command of one of our Officers, instead of them
is keeping up a large Subsidy, which we
can by no means approve of. We desire
you will inform us particularly as to these
Circumstances without loss of time, that
as we understand there are two or three
Lemindars that was formerly Dispossessed of
their Lands by the Vizanagram Family, and
have been since kept in Confinement
you will make a Particular enquiry into
this Circumstance, and acquaint us accord-
ingly with the Result.

We are

Gentlemen

your