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Fort S. George
23. October 1779.

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

The President informs the Committee of Mr. Swartes private Deputation to Hyder & Keys the Correspondence before them.

The President acquaints the Committee that the critical Situation of our Affairs with Hyder Ally, induced him lately to take a Step, in the view of sounding the real Intentions of that Power, which he Deemed it incumbent on him even to conceal from the Knowledge of the Committee, and he hopes the Expediency of such a Conduct will be justified by the Nature of the Information he wanted to procure. He then goes on to observe that the Letters and Messages received from Hyder Ally since the Expedition against Mahe and Joined to Mr. Swartes with Bazalat Jung had been couched in Terms so hostile and unfriendly, that he could hardly conceive they were genuine Productions of Hyder and as it is well known that the Nabobs Enmity to Hyder Ally is such, that he would avail himself of every Occasion that might offer of promoting a Rupture, &c. The President thought it not impossible, but that Hyders Vackeel here might have been tempted to pervert, or exceed the Intentions of his Master in his Representations to this Government and Particularly, as he (the President) suppose just Cause that Hyder had to quarrel with us, and Being on a War as

Contrary

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contrary to his true Interest under the
influence of these Doubts and Opinions he
judged it expedient to send a person privately
to Hyder Ally with a Letter from Sumroo, of which
is entered in C.C. N.[illegible] containing and explicit
Declaration of Hyders real Intentions towards
the Company and Carnatic, His Person
(Mr Swartz) went accordingly, and was
Received with great Civility by Hyder, who at
his Departure gave him a Letter in answer
to the Presidents, (which is entered in C.C. N.[illegible]
by which he (the President) has too much
reason to apprehend that Hyders Intentions are
really such as they have for some time ap-
peared from his Letters, that is Hostile both
against the Company and the Carnatic, and
that it is become necessary for the Committee
to guard as much as Possible against the
Consequences.

The Letter from the President to
Hyder Ally and the answer together with ano-
ther Letter from Hyder Ally since received
(not entered in C.C. N.[illegible]) being now read. The
Committee agree in Opinion with the
President concerning the Designs of Hyder
and that the only measures which can yet
with Propriety be taken is to advise the
Gentlemen at Bengal of our Sentiments
for

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On this Subject, which is accordingly agreed to, Agreed also that Brigadier General Goddard be informed of our Situation with Hyder, which We hope will prove a strong Inducement to him to come to an accommodation with the Marattas upon any reasonable Terms.

Upon a Representation made some time ago to the Committee by Major Kelly concerning a Survey of the Country which he had in part executed, and was desirous of prosecuting with the Approbation of the Company, the Committee resolved to recommend the Proposals to the Company under certain Limitations, which was accordingly done by the last Ships. In the mean time as the President represents that Major Kelly wishes to employ himself in that way as far as may be Practicable untill the Orders of the Company arrive, it is resolved that he be permitted to do so that for his Expences he be allowed to draw the Difference between his present Pay and that of a Major and also Majors Batta, so long as he shall be employed on this Service.

Major Kelly to draw Major pay and Batta

As the Commanding Officer of the Troops to be stationed with Bazalet Jung for the Protection of his Country will be in want of an Interpreter for the Country Languages. and Mr George Foster one of the Companys Servants

Mr. Foster appd. Interpreter to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment ordered to Adoni

Fost

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Servants being represented to us as well qualified for this purpose it is resolved that he be appointed accordingly, and that he be allowed to draw Captains Pay and Batta until the Troops arrive at Adoni, after which his first Allowance will be settled.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Harper,

To the Honble the President and Select Committee

From Col. Harper Intelligence of Hyder and the Nizam

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I beg leave to transmit to you the Intelligence which I received last Night by two Hircarras returned from Hyderabad and Adoni where they Days in St Lallis Camp for the Nizam and his Son are both at Hyderabad and their collecting together all the Troops that have been in Cantonments, during the Moonsoon, and a Report prevails they are to March against Hyder. M. de Lallee is at Wodu Cota sixty Cosse from Hyderabad, and seven from the Kistna. This is a District Tributary to the Nizam, at present under the Government of a Woman, who for refusing to let Lallys Troops Garrison her Fort is now besieged by them. Her Force consists of four Battalions of Sepoys one Battalion of Topasses seventy or Eighty Europeans Cavalry and four Companys of Infantry. While the Hircarras were in Camp they saw a Company of

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of Peons[e]ans about Seventy or Eighty Men
join'd and were informed they came from the
other Coast, two Officers were with them who
set out immediately, accompanied by some of
Sullers Horsemen, for Coonal, to bring some Guns
and Military Stores, which they had left there,
the Nayque has lately sent a Detachment of ten
Battalion of Sepoys, and a large Gun, under the Battalions
Command of a Subadar Number, to reinforce
Sullers.

I have now a sufficient quantity of
Bullocks with saddles but the Difficulty is to
get them Loaded with Rice, and other Provisions
I expect in some Days three or four hundred
Loaded with Grain.

I am with Respect.

Camp near Invernda, Honble Sir & Sirs
17th October 1779. Your faithful & most Obed[t] humble Ser[t]

H. Hanson

Read the following Letter from
Mr Alexander Anderson.

To Charles Oakely Esq[r]
Secretary to the Select Committee.

From Captain Anderson of the Success Galley

Sir.

I have been favored with a Letter
from your Office informing me that the
President and Select Committee had been pleased
to make me an Allowance of one Thousand
Rupees

duced

my

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Rupees in Consideration of the Trouble and Expence attending the Trips I undertook in the Success Galley to Pondicherry.

On a Supposition that it was the Intention of the Honble Committee to indemnify me for any Expence that had been actually incurred, Indeed me to apply to them, I now request you will be pleased to convey my thanks to the Honble Committee. But as the sum allotted falls very short of answering that purpose. I beg leave to lay before them the following Statement of Money actually sunk, Exclusive of the loss of time and every advantage arising from my Command of the Success Galley which is as follows.

To Commission paid on Monchendez which I left at Madras, and which was sold by my Attorney during my absence. Pagodas 360

To Expences attending my first Trip to Pondicherry with Troops & Stores and back to Madras with Sick & wounded to whom I found provisions besides Thirty french prisoners from the Man of War 250

To Expences attending my Second Trip to Pondicherry when I brought up Horses 250

Total Expences Pagodas 860

Pagodas

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Sam.l

Fort St George
the 19th Octr 1779.

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Alexr Anderson

Agreed that Mr Anderson be allowed 2000 Rupees instead of 1000, and that he be permitted besides to charge for the Men whom he victualed on the Passage from Porto Novo to Madras.

Read the following Letter from the Auditor of Accounts.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have the honor to send you here-
with some Remarks on the following Accounts viz.t
Paymaster of Lieutenant Colonel
Harpers Detachment for May June & July
&c. Mr Thomas Howel
Assistant Surgeon has drawn
for Surgeons Pay and Batta as
-ing as Surgeon with the Detach-
-ment for May and June, for
the Reasons given in my Letter
to your Honor &c. of the 10th Inst.

I am

From the Auditor
Remarks
of Accts on Col.o
Harpers Detach-
ment.

Allowed Rs 2000

Orders of the Committee

Ordered that the Difference to be refunded by the Paymaster.

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Sir ought only to have drawn
for Pay and Batta as Assistant
Surgeon: The Difference therefore
for those two Months ought to
be refunded.

2d Lieut James Phillips
Brigade Major Has drawn 10/ Pr
for a waiter for the Month of July
last This Charge being entirely
new I ought not, I think to be
admitted. He has drawn for Cap.
6/ 12 for two Candles per Night, &
Adjutants of Depots Ensigns
Turing C. Grant and James
Dalrymple Esqrs 3/ 6 for one
Candle each P Night. Candles
having heretofore been Issued in
kind I have not known in what
Number and to what Staff they
have been furnished. But if your
Honor &c should approve of an
Allowance of 2 Candles to a
Brigade Major and 1 to an
Adjutant of Depots each P
Night they should think be
paid for rather than delivered
in kind at Cap.s 1/ 2 P Month
for 1 Candle and Bagadier 3 P
Month for 2 Candles P Night

The Monthly
allowance to be
made in lieu of
Candles to the
Brigade Major
and Adjutants of
the Depots

tants

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The before mentioned Adjutants
Leave Drawers for 2 Coolies at 2
Fanams a Day each for carrying
the Books of their Respective
Battalions, I have never seen
their Charge but in the Accounts
for March, and this present Service of this kind to be
and Submit to your Honor &c the allowed in
Jurisdiction of the same being all- future ——
owed,

3 " Lieut C. I. Ashby has drawn for Capt.s Pay and Batta as Deputy Judge Advocate for June and July and Ensign Stuart Shall the same be allowed Camps for May June and July Unless these Appointments have met With the Approbation of your Honor &c as none I do not find they been given Out in General Orders here) I Dont know how far they have hitherto been regularly paid. Ensign Hall has drawn for 2 Coolies from the 2d May to 31st July last for carrying Books — which is an entire new Charge and is submitted as before to the Judgement of your Honor &c the same Gentlemen have drawn for

3d Lieut Ashby is only to draw Batta in One capacity and Ensign Stuart shall the same, what they may have over- drawn to be refunded

Whatever has been drawn for Coolies to be refunded —

ances,

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for the Allowance Doing Duty No Officers are
as Depoy Officers which should allowed to draw
not I think be allowed as the Depoy allowance
Duty of their Staff Officers are but such as are
entirely distinct from the Depoy actually doing
Corps, and this should moreover Duty with the Depoy
be adopted as a Rule for all simi- whatever has
lar Cases in future. — therefore been drawn
by Staff Officers on
this account must
be refunded —

1.st Lieut Colonel Hoops for his
the Charges for a Surgeons — 1 Hind & 15 Invalids
Pension, Clerk 1 Hind & 30 Invalids are as many as
and 4 Infirmed Privates amounting can be wanted
to Pagodas 128 ½ P.r Month Two more to be
charged for the Month of July P.r drawn for. We can
95 for Secret Services. This last see no reason for the
Article comes under the Order of charge of Secret Ser-
Lieut Gen.l of the 27.th July last not vice without which
to admit any Charge for Secret must be therefore be
Service till it has been first refunded. Nor in future
Ascertained to the Governor and no Charge of Secret
His Sanction obtained. — Service must be
admitted unless
it have the Sanction
of the Governor or
Committee —

3.d The Paymaster Sees — 3.d Paymaster
charged for one Corporal Pay.r 16 to be allowed only
and two Drummers Pay.r 16 each 1 Writer at 10 P.r
be under one Corporal — 1 Pay.r 6. P.r Month and 1
P.r Month attending the Com- Corporal, and that
-boo. Duty and Common Orders. ever has been
Sum of Observations That the Paymas- drawn beyond
-ter should only be allowed one this allowance
Corporal must be refunded

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Concerning and 1 Water at 10 Pgs
P. Month each beside the Conicopoly
for attending the Cooks.

6th The Paymaster shou orderly 6th Ordered
sent an abstract of the Number of accordingly
Seamen Inn all Garrisons, Rolls
are made out of all their Names
which should also be always done
in Camp if it is possible and
sent with the Accounts.

7th Bamboo, Dooley, Mamooty 7th Approved
and Common Coolies. Tasers Makers ordered
&ca are Articles of considerable accordingly
Expence in Field Service, and should
be mustered once or twice every
Month in the Presence of the
Commander in Chief, the Commis-
sary, and such Persons at as the
Commander in Chief may think
proper, to appoint for that Purpose,
and the Persons present as such
Masters should sign them, but
for such of them as cannot be
brought to Muster, Certificates
should be given by the respective
Persons they are under agreeable
to which or the Masters the
Paymaster should Pay them and
send the same with his Accounts.

The

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The Commissary should also be particularly attentive in the Desertion or Discharge of Bodies &c and admittance of others that none are sent. Let the Actual Number of Days they were in the Service,

&c. The Commandant every &c approved from his Station the proper Judge & Ordered of all Disbursements and Accounts accordingly.
the Troops under his Command
and in wherein an inherent Power
and Authority lies to see the
Service in every Respect conducted
with the utmost attention and
Frugality, he should in my Opinion
countersign the Paymasters Dis-
bursements, But as Colonel Harper
has not countersigned the Disburse-
ments for May, June and July last,
I am of Opinion that it should be
recommended to him to Counter-
sign them always in future.
Deputy Agent & Lieut Colo
Harpers Detachment for the
same Months.

&c. As your Honor &c have The Commit-
been pleased to allow the Deputy tee is of no
Deputy Agent

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Agent to draw Captains Batta Serving Leave when in the Field. Sam of Opinion as presented and that instead of fifty Pagodas a Month that he should only draw on this account for whatever has been in future receive Captains Pay be reseinded to of 10 Shillings a Day for that Office, and that the Batta should never be paid if the Deputy Agent draws Batta for any other Office or Employ.

10th 12 There is a Charge every Month for an Assistant at Pagodas 16 P Month. The Number of Men to be victualled do not appear to me so great but that the Deputy with a sufficient Number of Conveyes can accomplish. Sam of Opinion therefore that the Allowance for the Assistant should be struck off in future.

10th The same order as the above

11th 12 The Number of Men victualled each Day are about One Hundred. The Deputy Agents Charges per Servants are as follow Viz.t 4 Conveyes, 12 Wood Cutters, 6 Butchers and 4 Shepherds, but upon enquiry of the Agents Serv.ts I find there should only be charged

11th approved & Ordered accordingly

two

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two Comissaries, 2 Butchers 2 Wood
Cutters, and 1 Shepherd the
Deputy Agent should therefore
be directed to reduce the Numb=
-ber of Servants to as few as
possible and every other Expence
on that Branch that will
admit of it. The Commandant
of the Detachment should
countersign the Disbursements
of the Deputy Agent and use
his utmost Endeavours to reduce
the Expences of that Disburse=
=ments as much as Possible, which
in all Services come extremely
heavy, and in which the Charges
can only be checked on the
Spot.

12th The Article of Bullock
Hire is so heavy in all Field
Service that too great attention
cannot be used to reduce the
same as much as possible
all Bullocks at Camp should
be mustered Once if not twice
every Month and the presence
of the Commander in Chief
Commissary or such Person
as the Commander in Chief

approved and ordered accordingly

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may think proper to appoint
for that Purpose, and the Person
so present at such a Muster should
countersign the same, but as it
will always happen in actual
Service that the Bullocks cannot
at any time all be brought for
a Muster such Persons who have
Bullocks under their Charge
should be required at the times
such a Muster are Ordered to
send Certificates of the Number
they have agreeable to which
Certificates with the Muster
the Deputy Agent should charge
for Bullocks, and send the
same with his Monthly Acct. &c
together with a Monthly
Return of the Bullocks signed
by the Commissary
Deputy Agent at Madras
for January. February.
April. May & June
13th
In his Accounts
from January to June last
his Charges of Servants are in
Number greatly out of Proportion
to what upon enquiry I find
to be necessary for the Number

agreeable

Ordered
Accordingly

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I. Men be Lead to Victual which
he should therefore be directed
to reduce to as few a Number
as Possible and to use his utmost
endeavours to reduce the Expences
of Bullocks Hire and the Victualling
Department as much as
Possible -

2d. In the Deputy Agents Accounts for June the quantity to be Issued of Arrack served out to the Troops (exclusive of extraordinary Drams) exceeds by Pagodas 34. 15 what ought to have been delivered according to the Number of Troops victualled. the Deputy Agent should therefore be called upon to Pay for the over Delivery which at the Price he charged the Company for arrack bought on April last amounts to Pgs 26. 4/ 15th Cadwood Send your Honor & Statement of the difference of Expence in Victualling the Troops at Madr for the Months of June last and paying the Men Batta on Rice Money at P. 3. 30 Ch. P. Day by which it plains the reason of

15. Request command to give Battas to the private Men and they must Pay quite

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appears the Company lose on the victualling Pagodas 332..27..6
I cannot avoid therefore recommending to your Honor &c. to Order the victualling to be stopped at Mahe, and the Non Commissioned and Private Europeans to be paid Batta in lieu thereof, if the Troops should not be about to take the Field there, however as Inconvenience may arise from this Measure to the Troops if Provisions should be scarce and dear at Mahe which cannot be foreseen at this Distance, your Honor &c will judge of the Expediency of leaving it ultimately to the Discretion of the Commandant of the Troops there.

for charging more than the Regulations allow for Victualling the Europeans

16th The Paying of Batta to the Non Commissioned & Private Europeans in lieu of Victualling in the Field appears always to have been regulated by the Contract that subsisted at the Time of Victualling the Troops. The last Contract for Victualling

The Committee do not think it necessary to establish any Regulations upon this Point at present ——

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Victualling the Troops was
at the rate of 3/ 30 ℔ Day
each Man That cannot be
made the rule to go by at present
since the Contract for Bul-
-lock Hire went with that for
Victualling the Troops which
was always a very Profitable
Branch, and would therefore
induce any Contractor to take
less for victualling the Men,
there is now a considerable
annual Gain between the
Expence of Bullock Hire provided
without Contract and what the
same Amounts to at the
former Contract Prices. Last
in the Victualling of the Men
there is a Considerable Loss
in the Year, between the
former Contract Rate and
present Expence of victualling
I do apprehend that if the
Victualling of the Troops was
now advertized for Contract
with the Arrival of Bullock
Hire that no Person would
offer Proposals for it at near
double

the Troops which was the Standard
for paying

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double the old Contract Rate,
Long Experience has therefore
proved that 3f 30 in lieu of
Provisions is insufficient for the
Soldiers Subsistance, it becomes
therefore necessary to consider
what will be sufficient for his
Subsistance in the Field under
travelling whom Circumstances
will not admit of his being
victualled, as there is now no
Contract for Victualling Batta
in lieu of it the justest Rule
to go by in future till there
should be a new Contract will
I think be to pay the Non
Commissioned and private
Europeans their full Pay as
Batta, when they should not
be victualled. A Sergeants full
Pay is 1f 8 Corporal and Drum-
mer 1f 2 and Private 1f P Day
which at 8 Shillings a Pagoda
comes for a Sergeant 3f 6 a
Corporal or Drummer 2f 10 a
Private 1f 30 P Day and
which should be the Rule to go
by both in Respect to the Non
Commis-

full
Corporals.

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the Commissioned and Private on
Artillery and Troops of Cavalry
although the Pay and Rations Corps
is greater, I shall further observe
here that the Troops in Bengall
by the several Returns and
Estimates that have been printed
in the Reports of the Select
Committee of the House of
Commons appear always to
have been victualled by Contract
at 10 Sonnaut Rupees a Month
which is at 2/6 each Sonnaut Rupee
is 10d Day for thirty Days — All
Black Drummers & Fifers should I
think be victualled as heretofore
at the rate of 3/ 30 ℔ Day

Fort S George
9th October 1779.

Sam
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt Humble Servt
George Proctor
Acct of Cash

Statement of the Different Expences in Victual-
-ling the Troops at Madras and the Progress
thereof Batta at 3/ 30 Cash ℔ Day for the
Months of June 1779 Viz

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		Arrack	Rice	Salt Beef & Slaughter
		Gallons	Ds. Marcalls	Allowance
Served Out to the Troops on Command allowance		210 16	219 15/16	22 62
Deserted and Died this Month		11 37		2
		222 13	219 15/16	22 64

Grand Ds.

222 13 of Arrack at the Price the Deputy Agent charged the Company for Arrack bought on Credit ——— 129 10 6

Marcalls

219 15/16 of Rice @ 5 Marcalls ℔ Pagoda ——— 43 41 77

22 of Salt @ 12½ Ds. Ds. ——— 1 31 73

64 Slaughter Bullocks @ 4 Pags. each ——— 256 " "

Charges of Merchandize ——— 108 3 "

Charges Extraordinary ——— 28 14 60

Batta to Deputy Agent @ Pags. 1.25.16 ℔ Day 20 " 48 ———

615 " 17 36

3519 Men Victualled this Month @ 3.30 ℔ Day 282 " 32 30

Difference Pags. 332 27 6

Tho. Owen Esqr.
John Whitehill
Peter Moore
Charles Sonnett

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To Col Baillie with list of persons to embark from Pondicherry on the Success

To Lieutenant Colonel Baillie
Commanding at

Sir. Pondicherry.

I am directed by the Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose you a List of Passengers to go on the Success Cartel to the Mauritius and to desire you will give orders to such of them as are at Pondicherry to prepare for Embarkation the Moment the Vessel arrives there, which will be in a few Days. You will therefore strictly enjoin the Passengers and Troops that are first drawn object to going you are immediately to acquaint the Commander and Messrs Hunt Christiance which must on no Account be paid after such Receipt. You are also on this Occasion to fix upon others to go in their room, taken from those who are most Surgeable to the Company, so that the Number at the Captains Table be equal to what is set down in the List.

The Ho who are to be victualled only on the Ships Provisions will be selected by you according to the Directions contained on the List, and you are to take care that that Number be landed at Bourbon. After the Vessel leaves Pondicherry, the President and Select Committee desire you will send them an Exact Return of the Persons embarked.

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Fort St. George
24th October 1772

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Cockley
Secretary

To Passengers to embark on the Suronia

Captains Table	20
Lieut. Colonel Baptist and Family consisting	
of Madame De Boyatel	
Mr. Gallis Her Brother	
and 5 Children to be	
accounted altogether as	5
Mr. Marquenaud Lt Col.	1
Mr. Maingin	1
Mr. Lagrenee	1
Mr De Sauvenet	1
Mr Delisle	1
Mr Le Rochette	1
Mr. Pelazoine	1
From Madras: Mr Carnelson & Brother	2
From Madras: Madame Savroy & Daughter	2
From Madras: Mr Fisher	1
3 more wanting to Compleat	17 / 3
	20

The following to be Victed on the Ships Provisions Viz.t

From Madras: Madame Angelique & Servant	2
From Madras: Pierre Soutron	1
Benoit Jeanne Gerard	1
Student Dr of the Powder	1
Carried Over	6

Archer

5

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Brought over 5

Golwin Conductor 1
Golwin Cadet Armourer 1
Bayonnaud Do 1
Sergeant 1
3 Black Servants of Mr Du Bayet 1
8 Children accounted as }
Madras. Martin
Mr Dumont Sum allowed
to Mr St Laurent } 1
2 Servants to Mr Morgan 2
5 Servants to all the rest of the
Passengers that may go from
Pondicherry } 5
4 Servants to those who go
from Madras } 4
1 Servant to be allowed Mr
Le Rochette for whose Passage
he is to pay (Peter Terah) } 1/27
13 more to be put on Board
at Pondicherry if possible } 13/40

30 Wrote and Dispatched the following Letter

To Brigadier General Goddard.

To General Goddard
the Marquis detach-
ment to join him
Hyders Conduct
thereon

Commanding the Army

Sir

at Surat

We have sent Orders to Colonel
Braithwaite who Commands our Troops

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at . Make to obey any Requisitions you may find it necessary to make for the Assistance of those Troops, but We sincerely hope that Necessity will be avoided by the Conclusion of an Honorable Treaty with the Marrattas.

We think it proper to acquaint you that from the Conduct of Hyder Ally, We have the greatest Reason to suspose his Intentions are hostile towards the Company and that he means to take the first favorable occasion of breaking with them, Thus circumstanced a Peace with the Marratta State is the most desireable thing that can happen, as it will Enable us effectually to keep Hyder in awe and to employ our Arms at the same time in such a Manner as the great national War, in which we are engaged may Require

We are

Fort St. George
30th Octbr 1779.

Sir

Your most Obd Servants

Thomas Rumbold
&c a Select Committee

Select Committee

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We had the Honor to receive your Letter

To Bengall in reply to their Letter receiving Intelligence from General Goddard for the Defence of Bombay agt the Attempts of the French

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Letter of the 2d August, acquainting us with your Reasons for thinking the Enemy at the Islands meditated an attack on Bombay, and requesting in consequence that We would detach 1 Battalion of Europeans 3 Battalions of Sepoys, and 50 Artillery Men from the Forces belonging to this Presidency to join the Army commanded by Brigadier General Goddard, whom you should direct to grant the most effectual Assistance in his Power to the Government of Bombay, for defending any Settlement which might be made against it —

We shall always be led by Inclination as well as Duty to cooperate with you to the utmost of our Power, in any Plan you may adopt for the Security of the Company's Possessions, but as the present Case We hope there will be no necessity for making great Sacrifices to assist the Gentlemen at Bombay even should they be attacked, since We understand their Forces very equal to their Protection against any attempts that could be made by the Enemy in their Present State, and We are confirmed ourselves in this Opinion, because Sevaji Angria to Bombay in the Month of July to enquire the President and Council of the Intelligence We had received of the intentions of the Enemy they do not in their Answers express the

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least apprehention of the Joint efficiency of their
Force, and We Should suppose further that if they
any doubt upon this Head they would have detain-
-ed the Asia Man of War, which was sent from
England purposely to assist in their Defence, and
which they allowed to leave Bombay in the
Month of August to join the Admiral at this
Place.

But after all, We conceive the French
at the Island will not be in a Condition to
set out an Armament against Bombay
without considerable support from France
and as far as We can learn from private
Intelligence, their Nation is too much preped
both in Europe and in the West Indies, to
spare any Reinforcements for this Country

Brigadier General Goddard in a Letter
to General Sir Hector Munro dated the 15th
August after mentioning that he is authorised
to make a Requisition of the Force at Madras,
writes as follows, At Present it is impossible
"for me to speak with any certainty of the
"Effect of my Negotiation with the Marratta
"State or whether I may have occasion for this
"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

who

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"who is in charge of them with the most Positive Directions
"as may prevent any Cause of Delay on their
"Embarkation, should Circumstances so fall
"out as to render their Junction necessary."

We have likewise a Letter from our
Commandant at Mahe, enclosing a Copy
of one from the Governor of Bombay to him
in which he writes: Brigadier General Goddard
"acquaints me that he has been advised from
"Bengal that the Troops under your Command
"at Mahe will be instructed to obey his require
"sitions to join his Army should he not succeed
"in his Negotiations with the Marattas."

From these Letters We should conceive
that the object of the Reinforcement was properly
to support General Goddard's Negotiations
with the Marattas, and this is certainly a
Matter of so much Importance, that we are
disposed heartily to concur with you in
promoting it. We have sent Directions to
Colonel Braithwaite to obey any Requisition
that may be made by Brigadier General
Goddard for the Troops at Mahe which)
consists of 1 Company of Europeans 1 Battalion
1 Company of Artillery. 6 Companies of Gre-
=nadiers and 6 Companys of Battalion Sepoys
We think it Proper to mention however
that We are under some Doubt whether the

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Sepoys will volentarely imbark on this new Service, since they have been absent from the Coast nine Months, and tho' they went to Mahe (by Sea) with uncommon Alacrity and have behaved remarkably well there, they have expresed an unaccountable Desire to return to the Coast, and Colo. Braithwaite wrote some time ago that if they were detained from it much longer he was apprehensive, that a Considerable Number might Desert, We are inclined notwithstanding to believe they will be prevailed on to proceed if the Service require it, but should they not, We have desired the earliest Notice may be given us that we may replace them by an equal Number which can be sent from our Southern Garrisons to Anjengo in a very short time and embarked from thence.

As to any further Reinforcement than the above, We are apprehensive our Situation will not admit of it, at least for the present, The non Arrival of the Fleet leaves us at great uncertainty concerning the King's Troops and the Season being now too late for the Ships to come on the Coast, we are at a loss where or when to expect them, We must observe likewise that the Conduct of Hyder Alley makes it absolutely necessary for us to be as much as possible on our Guard

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The Language he holds in his Correspondence and the Great Preparations he is making for War manifest a strong Intention to break with the Company, and we believe he only waits a favorable Conjuncture which may soon happen to declare himself openly. In War with Hyder, let the Event be ever so successfull on our part, would destroy the Carnatic beyond Measure, and prove a most expensive Business to the Company. We sincerely hope therefore that General Goddard may conclude a Treaty with the Marattas, and thereby free the Company from the Necessity of engaging with the two most powerfull States of India at the same time, which will probably be the Case if he fail in his Negotiations, should we be at Peace with the Marattas, Hyder will be afraid to disturb us for, endeavors of our Strength which he could then have no hope of succeeding the Determined Enmity which the Marattas bear him, would induce him rather to court our Friendship than to provoke us into Hostilities, under this impression only are we to expect the preservation that Tranquility in the Carnatic which is so necessary to the Affairs of the Company at all times, but especially at this Juncture.

We earnestly request you will be

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pleased to send by the first proper Conveyance
the 5 Lacks of Rupees, which were promised
us in August last, and which are much
wanted to answer our Extraordinary Demands
We have the Honor to be.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Thomas Rumbold
for Select Committee

Port St George
30th October 1779.

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
Monday the 31st John Whitehill Sir Hector Munroe
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Lt
Colonel Baillie, Commanding at Conjeveram

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
Governor & President & the Gentlemen
of the Select Committee Fort St George

From Col Baillie
many French
refuse to embark

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Some of the Higher Class of French
Men, declined embarking for the Isles of
France, under various pretences, or great
reasons, I shall not take upon myself to
say which.

This Ed in consequence of your
Commands

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Commands by your Secretary of the 24th Inst
which I am favoured with to Register with
the most expensive to the Company, I find the question
to all the rest, and I have the honor to enclose
a Copy of the whole Civil List dated here, with
this mark X to provide the Names who do not
draw pay. The Payment of their Salary=
ries is suspended for your further instructions
There remains for the Severall Civil
Orders therefrom: Mustapha and his Servants
allowed to attend.

Lt Col Des Bastel, Family & Servants
Lt Col. Macpherson.
Mr. Morgan
Mess.rs Sir Greene
Dr Stevenson
Dalrymple Hare
and Belcombine of the first Class, and five of
the Second
To send Invalids, or Veterans, could be
returning to Them, some of the best Soldiers they had
on the Seige of Bonderbury
I have the Honor to be with the profoundest Res

Bonderbury
21st Octr 1779

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt &
most Humble Servant
W.m Braddell

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French Kings Civil Servants now Paid in Pondichery

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Appointments

Officers of Administration

Leave Blin De Grancourt Purchaser General 83 2 43

Superior Council

Dello Peveron Attorney General 138 7 "

× Gerard, Assessor 83 2 43

× Hugon, Registerer 104 1 42

× Des Saurins Registerer's Clerk 72 7 42

× Le Febre Huissier 25 " "

Treasury

Marquese Treasurer 347. 1. 49.

Chancery

× Le Normajere Assessor 41 3 21

× Stewart Do 41 3 21

× Silvas Writer 13 " "

Government

× K Enguen Clerk 41 3 21

not to be found, Pericl Do 41 3 21

Intendants Office

Audet Clerk, gone to the Isle of France 62 4 "

Office of Contrauls & Troops

× Renaudet Clerk 62 4 "

Office for Fonds & Armements

Le Clerc Clerk gone to the Isle of France 62 4 "

Dead Renaudin Do 41 3 21

Office of the Register Senior

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x Howden Clerk	
x Roulle Surveyor	£1 5/1
Greffe De St Intendance	3/4 5/8
x Berthelon Clerk	
Greffe & Notariat	£1 5/1
Madras Cerveau Clerk to the Greffe	
Not found Provost Clerk to the Notariat	3/4 5/8
General Store Office	£1. 5/1.
x Stewart Clerk	
Debitor Store &c	52 a 53
Shoemakers	23 a a
x Pos Sanctuaire Chief Inspector	
Madras Dengannay Adjoined	83. 2/42
Cork	£1. 5/1
x Schmidthoeffstein of the Port	
x Serrade Lieutenant Do	83. 2/42
x Casanueuve Do	62/4 a
Arsenal	53 a 53
x Hanget Storekeeper of Artillery	
x Arcis Director of the Powder Fabrication	52 a 53
Genie	£1. 5/1.
x Marechall Clerk	
Pelavoine Do	62/4 a
x Serrurier Do	52 a 53.
Gunners	3/4. 5/8
x (Marechal Captain	
Police	53/4/42
x Pontthorne Inspector	
	52. a 53
Hospital	

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Hospital

× De Roche Inspector & Director &c	64 3.32
× St Pourcain Clerk	52 " 53
× Beaudouin Surgeon	52 " 53

Others Employed in the Service

× Debrita Son	19. 3. 36.
× Du Cluzet	52 " 53

Missionaries

P. R. St Sebastien	35. 2. 21.
Five others	86. 6. 43.

Navy

× Guerin Marine Archer	20. 6. 42.
× Jacquelin Do	20. 6. 42.

General Magazine

× Duverge Pourlier	40 " "
× Guillaumet Sculptor	37. 4. "
× Adams Cooper	37. 4. "

Genie

× Champagne Peegues	16 " "
× Andrieux Do	15 " "
Dead Le Fontaine Do	15 " "

Arsenal

× Magny Under the Artillery	30 " "
Dunet Swiss Guard Do	30 " "
Du Bois Do and of the Powder	18 " "
× Guiguet Commandant of Officers	18 " "
× Lausanne Swiss Guard Do Back	15 " "
Golaud Armorer	40 " "
Golaud Cadet Do	30 " "

Regiment

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Regimental Armourer
Hospital
Gene.l Clavelet Assistant Surgeon
× Ditto Do.

Rup.s p.r Ct.
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35 - -

× N.B.
Mr. De Suffein. Manchioneel Just declined going.

W.m Baillie

Agreed to inform Lt.t Col Baillie that We will by no means allow Subsistence to any of the Persons mentioned in his List that refuse to embark for the Islands and that he must positively declare our Intentions, that no one may be disappointed, the Success being now ready to proceed to Pondicherry to take on Board such of the Persons as are to Embark there, the Secretary is directed to prepare the Despatches and to make out the Letters to be written to the Governor of Mauritius on the same Manner as those that were sent by the Success Galley; Resolved that the Success after taking on the Passengers at Pondicherry, be dispatched to Trincomalee and Remain there under the Orders of the Admiral

Such has refused to receive no more Subsistance from the Company.

wanted the Nassau, Southampton, whose Men Dispatched to Europe, which We hope will be by the 15th November or sooner

for

Fort St. George 31st October 1779.

The Success may sail about the 20th

The Committee taking into Consideration what Allowance to make to the Master of the Success for feeding and accommodating the Passengers for the Mauritius, it is resolved that the Sum of 90 Pagodas be given to him for each Person whom he shall receive on Board and accommodate at his Table, and 20 Pagodas each for the rest of the Passengers.

Allowance made to the Master of the Success

Read the following Letter from Lt. Harper.

To The Honble the President & Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Lt. Harper Distressed for Money and in want of Artificers

I beg leave to acquaint you that our Camp is become greatly distressed through the want of Money. The Sepoys who received only a very small proportion of their last Months Pay have suffered extremely, and I find it absolutely necessary to give them out Rice from the Stores, as it is not in the Power of the Bazar Men to supply them till Money may arrive.

The weather is now very fine, and affords an opportunity to exercise the Detachment, but we can receive very little advantage from it, as those Corps, and the Quarter Masters are unprovided with Artificers. The Baggmaster has used his endeavours to procure them in vain so that we have a great number of Arms entirely useless

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1485 Fort S.t George 31.st October 1779.—

If it is your Pleasure they may be Order'd to the Coromandel Coast. Infantry. the first and Eleventh Batt.n from Madras.

Camp at Porto Novo, Barcondaw
22.d October 1779.—

I am with the Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful & most
Obed.t & humble Servant
H. Munro

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

Soon Co.s Troops intimating his Wish to resign the Command of the Detachm.t

I have the Honor to receive your Letter of the 19.th Instant. I am unfortunate that the utmost exertion of my Abilities attended with Trouble and anxiety, to collect every thing necessary for my March to Ottore, has not been sufficient to procure me the Satisfaction of your Approbation. I have endeavoured every Opportunity to act in obedience to your Orders, but I am not answered my Wishes. The Country, as I have before often observed, can't be search'd to afford me any Assistance, and the Managers of it either from Indolence or Disaffection, or perhaps both, to the Interests of the Company, have never paid the smallest attention to my Solicitations. But at all Events, immediately on Receipt of the Money, to be sent from Mandapore Town, I shall begin my March. We are ready to march, and use every Expedition to join

Rogalapoy

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Brigadier Jones, It is your Pleasure, and I shall
obey with Alacrity.

I cannot express the Pain, I have
experienced on perusing the Extract of a Letter from
the Auditor of Accounts addressed to your Honor &c.
I beg leave in the first place to remark, that the
Order You mention of the 27th July last respecting
an Allowance for Secret Services, never were sent
to me, or I should have been guided by them, and
made my Application Accordingly, under the
next Place, that a Limitation of Shillings to
fifteen, would render it impossible to obtain
Intelligence from the Different Powers against
whom I am to guard. I have not, at this Moment
near Double the Number, nor is it reasonable
to suppose these People will Risk their Lives,
which they frequently must do, if they do their
Duty, with no other prospects than their bare
Pay as a Reward. If once this method is adopted
there is an end to all Success in the Public Service
No merit will ever be derived from the most
plain, and best conducted Scheme, It is true, I
might send out Spies, but this would be
taking from the Strength of the Detachment
without the least saving to the Company, as
they would also expect Rewards, and I do not
find any amongst them acquainted with the
more interior part of the Country. But during

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A Service of upwards of twenty Years, Sir,
knows such a Restriction as on the present
Instance, it is making a mere Cypher of a
Commanding Officer, at a Wanting the
Sincerity of his Conduct, and of such as the Exam-
ple for an wearied Delegance the greatest
Care and attention, for on future will be
found Ambitious to merit it. Sincere should
have employed Money on Secret Service, but
it been unnecessary or not absolutely
spontially requisite, and my Charge considered
by People of Experience, as have been over
Extradition somewhat to the present, will be
acknowledged extremely moderate and that I
must have acted with the greatest Frugality.
Has small Sum I have Exceeded, every Rupee
of which if of Consequence as present I
could account for. Jour are very little Known
to Bengal I should be ordered to Depend.
I have never known Money for Secret
Service refused Officers Commanding Detach-
ments in the Field, and never that Sincerity
was fixed to a particular, and so small a
Number as fifteen, the present Service
cannot be carried on under their Circum-
stances, but should it be your Pleasure
to Judge and Determine otherwise with
Honble Sir and Dear Sir, I rest the Cattle

Respectfully

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Reputation, I have gained I beg you will allow me Permission to resign my Command and Proceed to the Presidency.

I am Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithfull and most
Obedient Hble Servant
H Harper

Camp near Arcot
27th October 1779.

Resolved in Consequence of the foregoing Letter from Lieut Colonel Harper, that he be desired to Deliver over the Command of the Detachment to Captain Powell the next Senior Officer, and return to the Presidency, and that a Letter be written to Captain Powell informing him thereof, and directing him to lose no time in putting over Orders for Marching on the Detachment into Execution.

To Deliver over the Command to Capt. Powell

Resolved that Lieut Colonel Baillie be appointed to the Command of the Troops now with Col Harper, and that he be directed for that purpose to leave his present Command at Pondechery, and come to the Presidency as soon as Possible in order to proceed to the Northward

Lt Col. Baillie appointed to take the Command of the Detachment

Read the following Letter from
Colonel Braithwaite
To the Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bt Governor
and Select Committee of Fort St George

Honble

1485 Port St. George 31st. October 1779.

Sent Colonel Braithwaite with Copy of Letter from Governor & Select Committee at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Take the opportunity of addressing you by the means of a Mysr. Movendeau and Barrett, who have stopped here for a few hours, they are late from Europe and are now on their way to Anjengo from Bombay in one of the Companys small Vessels. I have no doubt but this Letter will arrive safer as the Shave the Mortification to find that many Letters from this Place to Madras have failed, I have only received from your Honors one Letter Dated the 24th of April, and one from General Munro Dated in June, the last time there Gentlemen Stay does not permit, my entering into Particulars, and I shall therefore respectfully refer the Governor and General, Letters which I think can not fail of coming to their Hands, and are situated much as they were when I wrote, save that the Gentlemen at Tellicherry do not think it, as yet necessary to call upon me for any Military Assistance, not believing that Hyder will attempt any thing against us, unless the French arrive on those Seas with a large Force, and they appear unwilling able to furnish Provisions. I offered to put the last hand to the blowing up of the works here, and to move with my whole force to that

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Just Collecting in the best possible State of
defence as a precaution against the works
which might happen, upon the Information
of Hyder's great Warlike preparations, and his
vast Collected force reports of his evil intentions
towards us, and the Certainty that if he did not
Somtimes envy such intentions, situated as he
is, a very few days might bring him before
us, but as they seem Confident he will not
stir, I hope they have good grounds, as in our
Separate State, both places with the great
Numbers of valuable Stores here, are in a
much more precarious State than they would
have been by our Junction and the Military
precautions which in such a Case I should
have been in a Situation to use.

I have informed the Honble Governor
and General of my having fitted out two small
Gallivats which the French used as Guards
Boats, and which were Delivered up on
Shore with the Stores being at that time
dis-armed and laid up under Watched Sheds.
the fitting them out and arming them has
been attended with very little Expence, as
every thing necessary for them was ready at
hand But as they were considered as the
property of the Captors, I have proposed a receipt
for them to Mr Brohier Agent for the Captors

for

worst

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for the Valuation put upon them complained
of as they are, namely five Hundred Rupees
for the Cargo and five Hundred for the candles
One, they are at present at Cochin in search
of Provisions and many necessaries of which
we were in great want. Hyder people at
Calicut have seized and Detained every
thing that was coming Luther on private
unarmed Vessels, in consequence of which I
have detained two anchors belonging to a
French Merchant here, which he wanted
to send to Calicut where Hyder has prepared
a Vessel almost ready for Sea, which is to
Mount Seateen Guns, and to be commanded
by a French Man.

I am anxiously waiting to hear from
your Honor in relation to the Several Men
here, particularly those which are detained
by the Captors, when I hope you will honor
me with your Orders as to what you would
have done with the two Gallivats above
mention whether you would have them
disposed of to the best advantage, on Account
of the Honble Company, or Captors, as to
Guns and Arms which were
seized in Merchants Godowns, and which are
but very indifferent of their kind.

I have the Honor to enclose you two
Letters

1488 Fort St George 31st October 1779.

Sir Your Letters I have just received from Bombay fortunately Read from the Governor and Select Committee is unnecessary, as my own precaution dictated to me some Days since to send them an exact State of the Horses and Troops under my Command deeming it my Duty also not under their Orders to inform them of such matters as the Public Service might render necessary for them to know.

In regard to the Letter from the Governor of Bombay I will fairly own, that the Tenor & Stile of it has alarmed my military feelings very much, and gives me much chagrine. I have been a Colonel in the Honble Company's Service by Commissions under the Seal since the 17th November 1775 and I hope and trust, I have ever discharged my Duty with fedelity & Zeal, and the utmost exertion of my abilities, which I have not yet been found inadequate to any matter entrusted to me. Yet I now hear that Brigadier General Goddard (who was only a Lieut. Colonel when I was employed on this Coast) is visited with a power to take from me the Troops which I have come so far and Conducted themselves so well under my Command. it is true that it was not my wish or inclination to proceed so far to the Northward being of opinion that the

present Country

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I am sensible of my Constitution would not
in such a Situation permit me to exert
myself in the Service in the Manner I
could wish, Nevertheless this Promotion of
Lt Colonel Goddard to a rank above mine
upon his arrival on the Coast to which Place
I am in duty bound to pay Obedience under your Orders carries with
it an Air of injustice to me which I cannot
Conscious of having merited, In your elevated
Situation Honble Sir I Sirs, I consider you
not only as the Rectors but the Guardians
of your Officers, I do not hesitate therefore to
appeal to you upon this occasion not doubting
but that you will feel for my feelings, and
bestow on me such a mark of your Countenance
and Support as has been Warranted by the Gentle-
=men of Bengall to an Officer of their Establish-
ment when Detached to serve on their Coast
like myself.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful and
Obedient Servant
Colon Braithwaite
Asst Commdt

To Colonel Braithwaite
Sir.

We have received your Letter dated the
15th

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15th of May. —

Observing thereby the considerable
quantity of Ordnance taken at Mahe we will
be obliged to you to Transmit us a Return
thereof, as we are much in want of Guns
for the Fortifications of Bombay which have
lately been considerably augmented with
Several new works, and are now Compleating
with the utmost expedition, When we receive
the Return we shall be able to augment you
which of the Mahe Guns will answer our
wants. —

We are Sir. &c.a

(Signed)
Bombay Castle
20th September 1779

Wm Hornby
Jno Carnac
A Draper.

Sir

Brigadier General Goddard
acquaints me that he had been advised
from Bengall that the Troops now under
your Command at Mahe, were to be instructed
to obey his requisition to join his Army should
he not succeed in his negotiation with the
Mahrattas, which he says thereby nothing
at Present appears to disappoint his views
yet is still precarious. In such an event
he requests my Assistance in sending Vessels
for bringing your Troops to join him, which

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I have informed Lieut Schultze on receiving his last
Letter (a Copy whereof I now transmit) that I
had rather he should write you regarding their
complying with his requisitions. But I have ordered
Lieut Hunt to forward your Letter to
Surry on Mon. Month and recommended his
writing you. I expect his answer daily & shall
immediately acquaint you of it.

I am &c.

Bombay
23d Sept 1779

Signed Wm Hornby.

To Colonel Braithwaite
Commanding the Madras Detachment

Read the following Letter from Colonel
Lang
To the Honble Sir Wm Burrard Bart Comdr
Intelligence & Select Committee
of Hyder
Honble Sir &c.

Inclosed I do transmit for your perusal a Letter
from the Mysore Country.

I am with all due Respect

30th October 1779.

Honble Sir &c.

Your very Obedient
and Devoted Servant

R. S. Lang.

Intelligence from the Mysore Country
Received 1st November

Thereby

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Thirty Thousand Seapoys with 30 Guns are arrived at Muddoor and Channapatam from Seringapatam under the Command of Shamavasarow.

Reported at Seringapatam that Hyder sets out from that after he sees the first rains. Moons. That he last murdered the Rajah of Mysore who was about 16 years of age and substituted a Boy in his Room.

A great Number of Guns and Immbrels of Warlike Stores of all kinds are readying at Seringapatam — 50 Guns also are readying at Bangalore, Hyder has augmented his Troops that they are to go into the Carnatic by three Different Roads, one to Trinchinopoly, one to Arcott and one by Sedasheegy

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Ross Lang

To the Hon.ble Sir Rumbold Bt. Presd.t
& Hon. Select Committee

From Col. Lang Intelligence of Hyder

By the Intelligence I have received from the Mysore Country.

That the Mahratta Army that was on the Bank of the Kistna is recalled to Poonah and the Mahrattas have ordered Forty Thousand Horse and foot to be raised in Consequence of Regoba having joined the English Brigade joined and the Nabob of Canoodl

Jung

1493 Fort St George 31st October 1779.

Connadh are arrived at Adoni with 6,000 Horse and 25,000 Sepoys. Bazalet Jung has been with the Nizam to make inquiries which he refused to do.

Meers Begg waited the Nizam to assist Bazalet Jung. He has an Army of Meers Begg's party.

Hyder Ally ordered Meer Sahib to Commence in the Coodapah Country to March into the Mysore Country, and make a Diversion but not to go near any Forts.

I am with all due Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

& Devoted Servants

Ross Lang

Pentam

Read the following Letter from Vizag

To the Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bart

President & Governor &c. Military Department

&c. Members of the

Select Committee at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Notwithstanding my

From Vizagapatam
Re Company
troops take
prisoners of
Sattivaram

1494 Fort St George 31st October 1779

This Board was sent the 10th May last to explain
personally the Presidents and Councils
Resolutions concerning Sadhasivarow Not-
withstanding a Letter from the Governor
was Transmitted by Mr Crawford Provisional
Chief, accompanied by one from himself setting
forth the Presidents and Councils further
Instructions. And Notwithstanding Mr
Secretary Maxtone, attended by the Companys
Interpreter, was a Second time sent the 30th
September to Sadasivarow, and Mr Maxtone
directed to explain Personally to the Pythanow
Family the President and Select Committees
Resolutions concerning them, We are sorry
to inform you that several Messages pro-
duced no Effect, the Widow would neither
accept the Companys Allowance of Ten
thousand Rupees P Annum, nor would they
admit into the Fort a Companys Garison
after therefore allowing them a reasonable
time to Consider of the Proposals made to them,
& they by their Letters and Messages still evading
the Conditions offered, Captain Lane in
Consequence of our Orders summoned Pan-
dijee to Surrender the Fort into the Companys
Possession, On Pandijee's evading to give up
the Place, On the 15th and 16th Instant some
Shells were thrown into Southerdarum, and a

Battery

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Battery of two Guns opened against it, when the Garrison immediately abandoned to the Conquerors Troops.

The Widow and Family of Pycharow with their attendants have abandoned the Fort, and after leaving it we have learned that they proceeded to Satagunta on the Borders of the Rajahmundry District.

We have thought it proper to station Captain Lane with four Companies of Sepoys Battalion at Sattavaram, to preserve the Peace of the Sattavaram and Methapilly Districts.

Rajanna Dawan late Zemindar of Satapilly has understood to be about with his Adherents on the Borders of the Sattavaram and Bedapore Countries.

We are Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Alexr Davidson
Hu Crawford
Neilli Boyd
Chas Marsters

Vizagapatam
22d October 1779

Read the following letter from Captain Gels Field Engineer.

To

1696 Fort St George 31st October 1779.

To The Honble

From Captain Geals the works of Pondichery entirely destroyed

Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
President Governor &c. Select Committee
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have now the pleasure of informing your Honor &c. that on Conformity to your Orders of the 31st of March the Fortifications of Pondichery are effectually destroyed.

The traces of the Works might possibly be made less perceptable than they are at present, by removing the Glacis and rendering the Surface otherwise level, but as this could answer no good end, on the Contrary as it would be removing a very great obstacle the ruins offer in their present Situation to laying the Foundation of new Works, at least upon any thing of a Similar plan, and would Require more time and expence in proportion, I prefer leaving the whole on its present Ruinous state to proceeding any Further with it Which I Hope and Flatter myself will meet with the approbation of the Honble Committee.

ruins

I have the Honor to be with all due Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Pondicherry
23d. October 1779.

Your Obedient
Humble Servts
Thomas Geils

The Committee are much pleased
to observe from the foregoing Letter that the
Fortifications of Pondicherry are so effectually &
effectually distroyed.

Hon. Robert Fletcher
John Whitehill
Peter Speke
Charles Sweeting

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2 Dispatched the following Letters.

To Lieut. Colonel Harper

To Lt Col Harper
relieved from the
Command

Commanding the Detachment
at Innarunda

Sir

In consequence of your Letter of
the 27th Instant We desire you will deliver over
the Command of the Detachment to Captain
Powell with all such Orders & Instructions as you
have received from us since you were appointed
to the Command, and that you will then repair
to the Presidency

We are

Fort St. George
2d Nov. 1779

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
Thomas Rumbold
& Select Committee

To Captain James Powell

To Capt. Powell
to take the Command
of the Detachment

Sir

We have desired Lieut. Col. Harper
to deliver over the Command of the Detachment
to you with all such Orders & Instructions as he
has from time to time received since he was
appointed to it. you will accordingly without Loss
of time pursue the Object of the Expedition, and
particularly attend to our last Orders for proceeding
on to Adone with the utmost Expedition. We shall
send a field Officer to take the Command as soon

as

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as p[ro]p[o]sd

Sir

Fort St George
2d November 1779.

We are

Your Most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

To Lieutenant Co.l Baillie

To Co.l Baillie
appointed him to
Command the
Detachment
for Adoni

Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir

Having given Permission to Lieut.t
Colonel Harper to leave his Detachment & come to the
Presidency, we desire you will repair hither
without Loss of time in order to proceed to the Northward
to take the Command of the said Detachment

We are

Fort St George
2d Novem.r 1779.

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c. Select Committee

3d The following Letter were written & Dispatched

To Lieut.t Colonel Baillie

To Co.l Baillie
respecting the pay
of Persons remaining
at Pondicherry

Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir

We have received your Letter of
the 27th Instant

You must declare positively and
finally to every Person that has declined
embarking for the Islands, that we can by no
means agree to Continue the Company and their
Maintenance, let their Situation be what it may

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since We have done every thing necessary on our part to fulfill our Engagements and the Several Persons who are to avail themselves of the Conditions stipulated on their Behalf on the Capitulation, except on failure both to their own Government only for Support

We now enclose you a list of the Persons who are willing to go, and who are to embark from hence & from Pondicherry - you will observe that the Number We intended to send on the Luconia is not complete Nevertheless if no more Shore to embark We could still have the Vessel dispatched with the Number we have set down

We observe on the Account you have transmitted that Mr Poivion draws Subsistance from the Company - as this Gentlemen was permitted to do the Duties of his Function among those of his own Nation, by which he must be enabled to earn a Subsistence, We never meant that he should draw any Allowance from the Company you will therefore acquaint him that he may if he think proper embark on the Luconia, but that if he stays at Pondicherry, he can receive nothing from the Company.

We observe likewise on your Account that Mr Blin de Grenouth draws a Subsistence from the Company - when the persons employed on the Liquidation of the French Company's

Account

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Accounts desired leave for Mr. Morton & Mr. Blin de Grencourt to stay at Pondicherry They informed us that those Gentlemen were to be at no expence to us — We are therefore surprized to see Mr. Blin de Grencourts name on the Account, and we desire you will call on him to repay what he may have received from the Company since the Month of February last / the time when the Permission was given for him to remain at Pondichery and inform the Paymaster that nothing is to be Paid to him in future

We have permitted such of the Passengers as embark from hence on the Luconia to send on Board what Baggage they please as far as Pondicherry, but we leave it to you finally to regulate the Quantity of Baggage that each Passenger shall be allowed to take which after consulting the Master of the Luconia with respect to the Quantity that can conveniently carry you will settle in the most equitable Manner you are able and the Passengers must submit to such Restrictions as you shall find it necessary to make on this Head - you must not detain the Vessel longer than a day or two at furthest on the season is very far advanced — after her Departure you will send us an exact

List

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List of the Passengers

Fort St. George

3d November 1779

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants

Thomas Rumbold

& Select Committee

To Capt.n Patch

Commander of the

Snow Luconia

To Capt.n Patch
the Luconia
Despatches for the
Mauritius

Sir

Having determined to send the Luconia to the Mauritius as a Packet, for which she must be properly equipped, you are in consequence to receive on Board at this place and at Pondicherry such a Number of French Gentlemen and others, as shall on the whole amount to 60, of whom not more than 20 are to be Accommodated at your Table and the rest are to be provided for otherwise on the best you are able - It will be left to M.r Bailli the Commandant at Pondicherry to regulate every thing relative to the final Embarkation of the Passengers their Baggage &.a and you will accordingly follow such orders as you shall receive from him on this Subject

After receiving the Passengers you are without Loss of time to proceed to Francis Island, and wait there till the Commander of his Majesty's Ships shall

Determine

determine the proper time for you to depart for the Mauritius We have written to him on the Occasion, and desired him to detain you no longer than shall be absolutely necessary.

We enclose you a Passport for the Vessel, which you will produce in case you should be suspected by any of the Enemys Ships in your way to Mauritius but as the Governor of that Island is the only person that can furnish a regular Passport, We have written a Letter to him to request you may have one at your Return. This Letter (N1) is under a flying Seal, for your Perusal on your Arrival at Mauritius you will Seal it up and send it to the Governor — The Letter for the Governor of Mauritius (N2) which is also enclosed, must not be delivered but in case of any unnecessary Detention of the Ship or Delay in giving you the proper Passports for your safe Return to the Coast —

Mr Poivre a French Gentleman at Pondicherry, being desirous of procuring from the Mauritius some Necessaries & other Articles belonging to him which are in the Hands of his Friends there We desire in case any such Articles should be tendered to you in his name that you will receive them on Board & bring them to Madras —

We are

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Fort St George
3d November 1779

Sir

Yours

Your Most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c.a Select Committee

These are to Certify to all whom it may
Concern that the Snow Luconia James Patch
Commander is dispatched by us the Presidents
& Select Committee at Fort St George to the
Island of Mauritius, as a Cartel to Convey
Sundry persons Subjects of his Most Christian
Majesty whom by the Articles of Capitulation
for the Surrender of Pondicherry dated 18th Octr
1778, We have engaged to send thither Witness
our Hands and the Seal of the said Company
in Fort St George this 3d Day of November 1779.

To the Honble the Chevalier De la Brillanne
Captain of his Most Christian Majesty's Ships
and Governor of the Isles of France and Bourbon
at the Isle of France

To the Gov.r of the Mauritius by the Luconia

Sir

We have the honor to inform
you that agreeably to the Articles of Capitulation
for the Surrender of Pondicherry, We have sent
the Snow Luconia as a Cartel Vessel to convey
to the Isle of France a further Part of the Servants
of his Most Christian Majesty. as there is no
Person who embarks on her that is authorised

to

1505 Fort St. George Novem 3 1779.

to give us a regular Cartel Passport, We trust
for her safe Conduct to the Articles of
Capitulation, which we are satisfied will be
a sufficient security, nevertheless to prevent
any Impediment that might happen on her
way back to this Coast from the want of a
Passport, We request you will give such an
one to her Commander as may secure the
Vessel in all the Privileges usually granted
to a Cartel

Fort St. George
3d Novr 1779

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Thomas Rumbold
& 2 Select Committee

To the Honble the Chevalier de la Bourdonnaye,
Governor of the Isles of France and Bourbon &c &c
To the Govr of the Mauritius by the Lucovia

Sir

We have judged it expedient to
forward Passport Packet of the Snow Lucovia
with this Letter to be delivered to you in case
her Ship should meet with any impediment
detention at the Mauritius but we have
so implicit reliance on the Articles of
Capitulation that we can hardly suffer
ourselves to think he will have occasion to
prevent it to you

Sir

1506 Fort St George Novem 8 1779.

Should any thing however happen
to cause any unnecessary detention of this Ship
at the Island of Mauritius we think it
right to apprize you Sir that such a Breach
of the Capitulation will Justify us in
compensating ourselves from the private property
of Pondicherry which will undoubtedly suffer
in proportion to the Damage that may be
sustained by such a detention

We have the honor to be

Fort St George
3d Novr 1779

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Tho Rumbold
&c Select Committee

To Sir Edward Vernon
Rear Admiral of the White &c
Commander of his Majestys
Ships in India

To Sr Edw Vernon
on y Departure of the
Lucretia from
Trincomalley

Sir

We have directed Capt Patch
of the Snow Lucretia which is employed in
carrying to the Isle of France a Part of the
Inhabitants of Pondicherry, to call first at
Trincomalley and wait there until you
shall think it a fit time for them to proceed
on this Voyage - our reason for this is that as the
Nature

1504 Port L. George - Novem 3 1809

Nassau & Southampton are at Lucunmalley
waiting for Convoy, we do not wish the Luconia
to arrive at the Isle of France until those
Ships shall have got so much on their way
as to be out of Danger from any Intelligence that
can be given by the Passengers of the Luconia
we therefore we have requested that the Nassau
& Southampton may not be detained for Convoy
longer than the 15th of this Month, we think
if they are allowed to sail 5 or 6 days before
the Luconia, it will be sufficient for the
purpose We desire - If you should be of
the same Opinion we request you will see the
Nassau & Southampton leave Lucunmalley
the 15 of this Month that the Luconia may
sail on the 20th or a few days after.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient and
Most humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
& Co Select Committee

Port L. George
3 Novr 1809.

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart Chairman
Wednesday John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B
the 10th Charles Smith
Members of last Committee

Read

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Colonel Braithwaite

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold President

From Col. Braithwaite and Select Committee

Fort St. George

enclosing Applications from Bombay for Stores & from General Goddard for Men.

Honble Sir and Sirs

You will have been informed by my late Letters to you and my Separate Letters to Sir Thomas Rumbold and Sir Hector Munro of the precarious State on which things stood here and of the great embarrassment I laboured under from want of knowing how Hyder stood actually inclined towards the Honble Company, while the conduct of his people hereabouts and the several Letters received here concerning Colonel Harpers detachment, gave but too much reason to believe that his intentions were hostile: on this Situation I have been obliged to do what I could to secure this shattered place in some sort of defence rather than go on with the destruction after having compleated mines ready for loading in every remaining part of the Fortifications, and this I more readily did latterly, as your intention expressed to me in your letter of the 23 April was to have this Detachment back to the Coast, I concluded as not hearing further that the Ships when alleged to leave your Coast in this Month would be ordered hither to take

in

on the Troops & Stores and would afford me time
for every thing as they could not leave this on
their return till late in December, and I flattered
myself that I should by them receive your final
orders in regard to the Civil & Military Stores
on the 5th Instant I had the honor to address
you jointly & Separately in regard to a letter I had
received from Govr. Hornby concerning Brigadier
General Goddards intention / if necessary / to make
a requisition of the forces under my Command
I have this day received those Letters by a Pattamar
from Bombay in thirteen days Copies of which
I have now the honor to inclose; they contain
that intention in strong terms amounting to a
requisition accompanied with Circumstances &
arguments which render it very embarrassing
to me who have only been informed from your
honors that it is your Serene intention to have
the Troops back to Madras, and declaring that
on the intention it was not your intention
they should be under the orders of the Presidency
of Bombay — I shall as soon as soon as the
Ships arrive I shall begin to imbark the Stores
which on all accounts had better be on Ships
Board than here and though that with any
attempt expedition there is much probability
that I shall hear from you before that business
is completed when I shall know what to do
with the Troops —

Fahony

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Taking it for granted that after what I have said of my constitution I shall not be ordered so far to the Northward myself at this Season especially to serve under Brigadier General Goddard who has not rank in his proposed rank by a regular convention, but who has been evidently raised to it on this Coast to my prejudice I shall not here trouble you further on that subject

The Mayrs are close to us in great numbers and there is no doubt but as we Spring over mines & down off our guns they will grow bolder and throw every impediment in our way that they possibly can, confiding in their great superiority of Numbers

I am sorry to inform you that yesterday evening three of our European Infantry deserted to them, which with former desertions and sickness reduces the Company with me to very low state

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir and Lord
Your Faithfull & obedient Servt
John Braithwaite

Mahe
19th Octr 1779

Copy
To Colonel Braithwaite or Officer Commanding the Detachment from the Madras Army on the Malabar Coast

Sir

In consequence of a letter from

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From General Sir Eyre Coote I some time ago wrote to Major General Munro requesting that Instructions might be forwarded to you with all Dispatch to comply with any Requisitions I might find it Necessary to make of Joining me at Sea with the Forces under your Command - these Instructions will I hope have arrived before any Letter reaches you or should they not, the nature of those you have already received will not I trust be repugnant to your employing your Detachment on any Service which may be for the Interest of the Company and their Settlements on this Coast - It is impossible to determine positively whether Hostilities with the Mahrattas will actually take place or not but as Negotiation is at least precarious, and in all events it is proper to be prepared as it might prove a Difficult or Tedious task to effect a Junction hereafter, when found absolutely requisite, and the Inconvenience of Expence attending your present movement must be inconsiderable when opposed to the advantages that cannot but result from it in the event of War, I am of Opinion that your joining me at this time is a Measure calculated in every respect for the good of the Service

Mr Hornby, by whose advice and Concurrence I have taken this Step, will give you such further authority for proceeding to Sea as may be judged requisite and necessary,

as

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as well as every proper Instruction for your guidance in effecting this Junction – I have requested him to order down the Vessels necessary for the transportation of the Troops Stores &c.a with all possible Expedition and should wish there because to apprehend any delay on the Arrival of the whole that the Artillery might be sent round first in a Smaller Vessel, as their Services will be much wanted but on this point Mr Hornby will give you his particular Instructions for your direction and Guide – I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient humble Servt

Thomas Goddard

Camp at Surat
Sept.r 26th 1779.

Thomas Cotton
Brigade Major

/ Abrm Lopez /

Lopez

To Lt. Brathwaite

Sir

Having received a Letter from the Hble Governor Genl. and Supreme Council of Bengal informing me that Instructions would be sent you from the Presidency of Madras, to join me with your Detachment I hope these Instructions will have reached you before the Arrival of this Letter, or should they not that you will have it in your Power to comply with my present Requisition for putting your Force in immediate motion, to

Join

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come to this place which I have fixed upon as the Rendezvous for the Troops arriving from the different Stations

I have requested the Honble Presidents and Select Committee of Bombay to forward this letter to you with all possible dispatch, and at the same time to supply you with Vessels and every thing necessary for the Transportation of the Stores &c of your Detachment, and have only to add that as the Presence of your force may be of the utmost consequence to the Company's Interests in this Quarter & absolutely necessary to the public Service, I hope no cause of delay may unfortunately occur, and trust that you will use every expedition in your power to reach Surat

Camp near Surat Sir I am with the great regard
Sept 29th 1779.

Your Most Obed Humble Servant
Thomas Goddard

A true Copy
Thomas Cotton
Brigade Major

To Colonel John Bradshaw
Lt. Col. Commandg

Sir

Your letter of the 15th May reached us the 19th Instant

We have received from the Resident & Factors an Account of the Action between the Troops of Pertumaddee people and a Detachment

Sir

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from the Garrison of Mahe but as it would be totally impolitick to manifestly our enemies at a time when there may be occasion to employ the Company forces on much more important Services We earnestly recommend to you as far as possible to avoid engaging in disputes with the petty Malabar Powers from which no possible advantage can be derived and which would tend greatly to embarras our affairs—

The Gov.r General & Council have signified to us their intention of forming a respectable army for the protection of this Presidency & General Goddard has likewise acquainted us that he can scarcely entertain a doubt of the hostile intention of the Marattas and represented the necessity of having the army put into a Condition for instant and active Service by a sufficient Reinforcement and as the Forces under your Command are mentioned as a part of the proportion to be contributed by the Presidency of Madras he has desired us to send down Vessels to bring up the Troops & Stores from Mahe to join the Army now encamped near Surat—

We now dispatch about expresss to convey to you a Letter from Gen.l Goddard on the Subject & to acquaint you that we shall as soon as possible collect a sufficient Number of Vessels to transport the Troops & Stores from Mahe

Company

us

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We dispatch them to you under Convoy of our Cruisers and we hope you will have every thing in readiness to embark immediately after their Arrival

We particularly recommend it to you to bring up your whole stock of Gun powder as our Magazines are rather low.

We are

Bombay Castle 6th Octr 1779.

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servts

Wm Hornby

Jno Carnac

D. Draper

Chas Stanley

Secretary

Read also the following Letter from Brigadier General Goddard

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet

From Brigadr General Goddard for the Detachment with which he is to be reinforced from the Coast

Governor and President &c Members of the Select Committee Fort St. George

Gentlemen

By a Letter received from the Honble Governor General and Supreme Council of Fort William I have the agreeable Intelligence that their Army under me is to be reinforced by a Detachment from your Presidency of one Battn of European Infantry three Battns of Sepoys and Sixty Artillery They have directed me to fix upon a Place of Rendezvous

Rendezvous for these Troops as well as for those
to be furnished by the Government of Bombay and
make myself acquainted with it as early as possible — I
have accordingly from the Commencement of the Situation
to the Sea, by which mode of conveyance only
I apprehend the reinforcements from your Presidency
can be sent, and from other motives that I suggest
themselves from the State of Affairs on this Quarter
as best calculated to promote the Companys Interests
and ensure the Safety of their Settlements on the
Malabar Coast chose Surat as the most Convenient
and eligible place of Rendezvous, and beg to express
my strong desire that you will give the necessary
Orders for the junction of your Proportion of Troops
with my Army at that place immediately, tho'
indeed I cannot but flatter myself with the
hope that it may be already in Motion —

The Honble Governor General
and Supreme Council having further informd
me that Orders would be transmitted by you
to the Officer Commanding a Detachment of
your Army at Mahe to join me with all
Expedition, I have in consequence wrote to them
expressing my wish for His immediate presence
and entreating he will use no avoidable
Delay in effecting his Arrival — I have requested
the President and Select Committee of
Bombay to send off Vessels to transport the
Men stores &c. and I hope soon to have the

pleasure

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Pleasure of Acquainting you with their being safely
landed and encamp'd with one I have the honor to
be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient and
Most humble Servant
Thomas Goddard

Camp near Surat
Sept. 29th 1779. -

The Committee having already given
Directions to Col. Braithwaite to Comply with
Brigadier General Goddards Requisition for our
force at Mahe, it becomes unnecessary to pass
any Order on the foregoing Letter with respect
to the additional force which the Governor General
Council of Bengal requested might be sent from
this Presidency, the Committee are not able
at the present Situation of Affairs to Spare
any part of it, as they have before set for the
in their Minutes of the 18th Instt.

Col. Braithwaite having requested
Major Pitgrave to be relieved from the Command of the
to command the Detachment going to Surat, Major John
Mahe Detachment
Lieut. Richardson Pitgrave is now Appointed there to Lieutenant
appointed Brigade Richardson is also Appointed to act as Brigadier
Major Lieutenant
Pitton Aid de Major & Lieutenant Pitton as aid de Camp
Camp.

to Major Pitgrave

As there are at present more
Troops in the Guntoor District than will be
Capt. Thistlethwaite's necessary, it is resolved that Capt. Thistlethwaite's
Batt. of Sepoys to
March from Battalion now there be directed to March to
Guntoor to
Masulipatam Masulipatam

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Masulipatam to reinforce the Troops in that
District — Resolved likewise that the Coffree —
Coffree Company's Company at Ganjam, which is much too
reduced expensive an Establishment to it's Utility, be —
reduced and only sent of the Men retained as may
be employed to advantage in Escorting Grains
or otherwise — the remainder or such part
as may be found worthy of the Company's Pension,
to be admitted on that List

Resolved that as many of the
Troops as can be possibly spared from the Service
of the Collections in the Masulipatam District
be assembled at Ellore and cantoned there and
that orders be given to the Gentlemen at Masulipatam
for this purpose —

The Committee being of Opinion
that the keeping up the European Troops of
Cavalry at this Presidency is an unnecessary expence
and particularly as the Horses are said to be
very indifferent & unequal to any Field Service
It is resolved that the Troops be dismounted for
the present, & the Horses returned to the Raiahs
from whom they were borrowed, but as it may
be judged proper upon some future Occasion to
re-establish the Troops, it is agreed that the men
be kept still separate from the other Corps &
under the Care & Superintendence of their own Officers,
and that they be Stationed at Pondicherry

Lieut Colonel Browne is now
appointed

Lt Colonel Browne to Command at Pondicherry

Stationed at Pondicherry

The European Troops dismounted

such

possibly

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Dispatches to Commander the Troops at Pondicherry
in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Baillie

Resolved that four Companies of Capt.n
Hughes's Battalion at Negore, be ordered to march
to Pondicherry – also the Company of Marksmen
now at Tripassore –

The Marksmen ordered to Pondicherry

Capt.n Nixon is Dispatched to
Command the Battalion of Sepoys vacant by the
Death of Capt.n Calvert.

Capt.n Nixon appointed to Comm.d Calvert's Battalion

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Col.l Harper

To the Honble the President and Select Committee

From Col.l Harper Capt.n Calvert dies

Honble Sir and Sirs

I beg leave to inform you
Capt.n Calvert died the night before last at Conjeveram
whither he had gone for the Benefit of his health
Two of my Marcarras who came in
Yesterday Evening bring Intelligence that Hyders
Troops have taken several little Forts belonging
to Balalayang but that the force, which consists
of those Carnatic Peons, and a few Sepoys, is by
no means considerable I am with Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Camp near Conjeveram Your faithfull and most Obedient
23d Oct.r 1779. Servant

H.y Harper

To the Honble the President and Select Committee

From Col.l Harper requests to march in a day or two

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to transmit
You

1520 Port St. George 10th Novem. 1779.

2.

your a Monthly return for the Month of October
of the Detachment under my Command of the
Artillery Ordinance and other Military Stores and
also the Surgeons Return of the Sick

Yesterday I received a letter from
Mr Pettford, informing me that forty thousand
Pagodas had been dispatched for Camp the 28th
Ultimo I expect it will arrive in a day or two,
& hope then to have the pleasure to acquaint
you of my having begun to March for Adoni
I am most Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Faithful & most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Harper

begun

Camp near Gooty
1st Nov 1779

The Honble the President and Select Committee

From Wm Harper
expects to march
in 4 Days

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint
you that forty thousand Pagodas arrived in
Camp Yesterday evening from Masulipatam
I have sent seventy five Head of unserviceable
Horses to Bangole and indented for others in their
Stead I have also indented for a few necessary
Stores from Masulipatam these with some
Rice now on the road I expect and have not
the smallest doubt will arrive in four Days
when I shall immediately March
I am Most Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Faithful & most
Obed. humble Servt Wm Harper

Camp near Gooty
4 Novr 1779.

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Mr. Smith's Minutes on the following

Minute

Minute of Mr. Smith on Hyder's Conduct his Intentions & the best means of Repls proper to be taken by us

Having attentively considered what the President has entered on our Minutes of the 28th ult. relative to his having sent the Revd Mr Swartz with a letter to Hyder Ally together with the answer which that Prince has returned and having from thence extended my Reflections to the general Situation of the Company's Affairs here and connected it with the probability of an approaching Rupture with Hyder ally I have thought it encumbent on me to embrace the earliest Opportunity of submitting to the Committee my Opinion on these important Subjects -

Of all the Country Powers Hyder ally is by far the most powerfull and most dangerous his Connection with the French - his Sea Ports to introduce Troops and Military Stores - his army consisting of Cavalry Infantry and Artillery are numerous and disciplined greatly superior to any other Country Power with abundance of Cannon and Small arms - These advantages added to a rich Treasury, his enmity to the Carnatick, and lastly the abilities and enterprising Spirit by which he has attained his greatness threaten the most fatal Consequences unless his power be circumscribed while it may remain in our to effect it - In Support of

what

 Port S.t George 10.th November 1779.

what I have said as to the Power and Resources
of Hyder ally I shall quote part of a Letter from
Lord Pigot written in the Month of October 1766
to the then President here — "The Chief Strength
"of the Mahrattas is horse — The Chief Strength of
"Hyder ally is Infantry, Cannon and Small arms —
"from the one you have nothing to apprehend
"but Ravages plundering and Loss of Revenues — from
"the other Destruction"

"The reducing so sparing a Man
"as Hyder ally or his Dominions must be attempted
"sooner or later"

I could not be understood to
recommend the precipitating the Company into
a war with Hyder ally at this Juncture, but
I think if it can be avoided Hyder's Conduct with
regard to making his sending a Ship to the
Maurithies — the reduction of Coeddepark — his late
Conduct respecting Colonel Harpur's Detachment
his advancing Parties of his Troops to our Borders
and the Stile and Spirit of his Letter by Mr.
Swartz indicate in my Opinion the hostile
Intentions and scarcely leave us any Option
unless we recede from our engagements with
Bugalet Sung and leave him to fall,
a Sacrifice to his Resentments on our Faith

Such being my Opinion of our
present Situation with regard to Hyder ally
I shall proceed to explain myself further and

to

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to offer my best advices respecting our future
Conduct not so much from a Presumption that
I shall suggest any thing to the Committee that
has not already occurred to them, as for my own
Justification hereafter that in case of any adverse
fortune my Employers may have no cause to
Aspersion me with having been inattentive to their
Concerns at this (in my mind) critical Period
I must confess I have been made too
Sanguine in my Ideas of Hyder's Disposition
towards us. however being now convinced of his
hostile Intentions & the Committee are of the
same Opinion I would propose that the
Governor General at Bengal should be
immediately advised of it, as also of our Situation
at large, and every Circumstance pointed out
that can enable them to form a Judgment on
Subject of such Importance I would also recommend
the considering of some Place to be Submitted to the
Governor General for prosecuting the war with
Vigour and bringing it to a Steady and happy
conclusion, which I am persuaded the united
Strength of the three Presidencies properly directed
would easily effect. in the mean while I think
we should lay our Account with the army
taking the field in January and employ every
Hour between this time and the end of next December
in making the necessary preparations for that

Purpose

purpose and as the Detachment now under orders to proceed to Bajalet Ivory will be of the utmost importance either for stopping Hyders progress in that Quarter or acting Offensively against him in case he should oblige us to do so, I propose that it be strengthened by drafting from the Northern Circars, at least two other Battalions which I imagine might well be spared as the Detachment will then afford real protection to those Provences while Seapoys scattered and devided as they are at present ~~remain~~

Lastly, I submit to the Committee the Possibility of Collecting a strong body of Troops immediately to be cantoned at Rajamundry or Vellore and held in readyness to act as Occasion may require ~

Charles Smith

The Committee are of Opinion that they have already taken the only Measures in their Power in Consequence of the late Intelligence received from Hyder Ally by writing fully to the Governor General & Council of Bengal on the Subject & by collecting their Troops as much together as possible to defend the Country in case of Invasion — Their future Conduct must depend on what the Gentlemen at Bengal may determine upon the present critical Situation

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of affairs and until they know what part those Gentlemen mean to take, they can pursue no active Measures whatsoever, being entirely without the Resources necessary for putting any considerable Body of men into the field — as to reinforcing Lieutenant Colonel Harpers Detachment, sent a Measure should it be found necessary may be taken hereafter.

Sir Hector Munro lays before the Committee the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Harper

Sir

I beg leave to observe to you that the Reinforcement to the Detachment under my Command, has made the Appointment of a Deputy Commissary of Stores very necessary at present they are entrusted to a Serjeant who acts as Sub-conductor, 'tis therefore Sir, for the good of the Service that I take the liberty to address you on the Subject

I am with Respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Very humble Servant

H.Y. Harper

From Lt. Harper

Camp near Jacunda
24th Octr 1779.

Lieut. Berger appointed Deputy Commissary of Stores to the Detachment

Resolved that Ensign Berger be appointed Deputy Commissary of Stores to the Detachment

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Detachment

The Commander in Chief likewise
layd before the Committee the following Letter
from Lieut Darley

Sir Hector Munro K. B.

From Lieut Darley Major General, & Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Applies may to be appointed Lieut by Brevet

Sir

The Honble the President &
Select Committee having been pleased in their
Military General Orders of the 5th August 1779
to grant Brevet Commissions to 12 Ensigns
to Rank as Lieutenants Seven of which are my
juniors in the Service and wishing to avail
myself of my former Rank in the Army,
as the present Corps, I now serve with is on
a very uncertain establishment I am to request
you will honor me by representing my
Situation to the Honble the President & Select
Committee, that the Brevet Rank of Lieutenants
of Cavalry may be given me to Rank according
to my standing in the Service which is next
below Lieutenant William Perry

Seven.

I have the honor to remain

Sir

With the greatest Respect
Your very Obed. & humble
Servant
Henry Darley
Cornet

Conjeveram
29th Octr 1779.

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Minute thereon

Should Comet Darley at any time be removed to the Infantry Line he will have his Brevet Rank

Capt.n Russell appointed Deputy Master General

Captain William Russell is appointed Deputy Quarter Master General on the Room of Major Maclellan now Commandant at Sangor, with the usual allowances & the nominal Rank of Lieut.t Colonel

Mess.rs Woodhouse & Peacock arrive with Duplicate Dispatches

The President delivers to the Committee a Packet from the Secret Committee brought overland by Mess.rs Peacock & Woodhouse, which being opened is found to contain a Duplicate of the Dispatches sent by Mess.rs Nowlan & Wood via Suez dated 23d March last—

Read the following Letter from Captain Burrington—

Letter from Capt.n Burrington in reply to the Nabob's Complaint against him

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet President & Governor &.a &.a &.a Select Committee

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

Your Commands of the 18th instant I received last night, and suspected his Highness the Nabob could have been so greatly misinformed, in justice to myself I should have represented to your Honors the matter of complaints very fully are these—

I have read his Highness's Letter to the Hon.ble the President, wherein he thinks allowing me an opportunity of justifying myself

he

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he is pleased to point at me, as a servant who
from motives of self interest, and displeasure
occasions great loss to his highness's Government,
and deserves another prosecution. May he
appointed on my word I may be permitted
to ask, if one truth can be urged to prove
wherein I have deserved so severe an accusation.
I dare take any Reputation that exclusive
of this business of the Gomastas every part
of my conduct since I came to this Command
shall appear quite the reverse, I will not
presume to reply to his highness's letter: It is
wrote in consequence of a Complaint from the
Naib Alli nawis Cawn, your honors condemn
me not unheard, I cannot till dwilfull
falsehood, and if I confute the Naibs Charges
your honors will think me the party aggrieved
Last year on July his highness's
2.d Regiment of Cavalry mutinyd in this
Country at Shoonandary: to obtain the
releasement of a lady, the wife of Lieut Boode,
and niece to Captain Edingtown, – her
husband – three other Officers – if I remember
right Six Serjeants – and to prevent the bad
consequences apprehended should they
leave their Cantonments I agreed to borrow
6000 Pagodas at the particular request
of the Khan Manajee Ruvabar Cawn, to make
up

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Sherman-
dary

then

up the Sum of 14,000 Pagodas which the Regiment demanded, I beg leave to refer you to my Letters to the Board dated the 25.th & 28.th of July 1778 for the particulars of that business, this money was borrowed of Buchanges Gomastah for which I gave my bond payable in two Months. my Applications were not successfull, I could not get the money repaid. this business was transacted by a Dubash, I brought from Chinglepeut about last august I got for the 6,000 Pagodas Securities in paddy at that time I had my predecessors Dubash, who I was in justice obliged to discharge on complaint of the late Lieutenant Larrenor of the 6,000 Pagodas there still remains part unsold 5,000 Pagodas I am still indebted to the Sowcar of the principle, with about 3,000 more for interest. this is the Nabobs first Charge. this was no country business, it was money I borrowed on my own bond. the Nabob says he sent for my Dubash Tammy Chetty and ordered him to satisfy the Sowcar it was I who should have satisfyd the Sowcar, but he made no Applications to me, a Gentleman told me the gomastah complaind that I did not pay him that money for as it was not money lent on Country business it was hard he should wait till I collected the money from the Country, I requested the Gentleman to acquaint him I would pay him as soon as possible and that

at

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as no money was to be got at Madras I had
sent to Bengal to borrow a Sum. I was twice with
the Nabob to request he would send for the gomastar,
when I might my self convince him how
desirous I was to pay him I could. and see him
The Nabobs 2d Charge is also false.
my Dubash was a Prisoner in his own house.
three of the Gomastars Peons had the Charge of
him, with orders not to let him out, eat, or drink
'till he sent a Sum of money which was impossible
the Dubash did not send me notice one day,
and night he remained fasting the second day
happened by Chance to send for him when my
Havarrah delivered the message he ordered his
Palaheen, but the Peons refused to let him pass,
tho I had sent for him, the Havarrah was so
surprized that he went to my Commandant/
indeed he is generally my interpreter/ and
told him my Dubash was a Prisoner: the
Commandant came directly to me - I was -
astonished, and supposing there was some
mistake desired he would mount his horse,
and go over directly: as usual he had his
orderly, with side arms only, the Havarrah
went also with him. when the Comandant
got to the house he did not get off his horse,
he and the orderly being muselmen they
could not go into the house. the Havarrah was a

being.

Gramin

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Iramin went in and brought the Dubash to the door, the Serrarah man about 5 feet 2 inches high pushed one of the peons on one side the Dubash stepd to his Palankeen which was ready, and came home.

The 3d Charge when the Dubash came home it was near 7 o'clock, the second day of his fasting I asked him why he did not send me word the day before of his being a Prisonier his answer was, he was afraid least it should create any disturbance. the time of my Commandants going to Tennerilly and returning gave me time to consider with what I ought to do should the Serrarahs report prove true— I soon took advise before I determined. after knowing the report to be true, I sent for my Naigue (who is a high Cast Gentoo) and six Sepoys from my own guard; whose orders were, to go to the house of the Gomastoo; if he was at home to bring him Straight to the Fort, if at the Durbar to demand him of the maid. he was at home, they brought him Chiefly on their shoulders to the river, from thence he walked to the fort: he was not Struck he received no other insult than in being brought here. the Charge of the Guard by the Subadar, Mutineer hitting him with the butt ends of the fire locks dragging him by the locks of hair &c. Saffron is

false

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false; and in stead of her relations treating them
Mon Her they happen to Beat the Lepros; and
tho' two were a little hurt they took none of the
Gomasters relations. The Loucars at Tonnerelly
were with me early the next morning; two of them
I knew as they visited me. I told them the
Circumstances and that the Gomaster had
behaved in such a Manner that I knew not
how to avoid punishing him. They asked leave
to see him, I consented - did he complain to these
People of being Beat. - No. They returned and
acknowledged he had done wrong - that he was
sensible of his fault, and they begd of me to
forgive him. my answer was, that if he was
sensible of his fault and they requested me to
forgive him I would. Sent for him. he
acknowledged he had done wrong and made me
a Salam. this Satisfyed me, it was not my
wish to carry this Matter further than to
convince him of his error I did not even
give him a harsh word; in the presence
of every one I declared myself a faithfull
Servant of his highness the Nabob - that it was
my wish, and study to render every body
in this Country every Service in my Power
and that I was not body had reason to
complain of me since I came here, but
I never would spare on the occasion. I sent
gave the Gomaster bettle - he took it thankfully

the

mouth

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the Lascars took Kettle from me and I allowed the Gomaster to return with them to Tonnevelly I deny that I was angry with the other Lascars, they have at all times behaved very properly Captain Grahame Campbell did not come to me, the other Lascars have not refused to do business at Tonnevelly in consequence of the Steps I took, the principle one has since offered me any Money, they have refused to sign with the Gomaster not to do business till Satisfaction is obtained, because he was in the wrong — If the Naib wanted to be truely informed why did he not enquire the next morning? why did he not come to me to know the particulars? I always thought we had been upon the best terms, I breakfast and dine with him, he visits, and breakfasts with me: had he come, and wished to be well informed from every body, perhaps every few excepted he must have known the truth — then I should not have troubled you, Honble Sir, I dare with perusing every Syllable of this letter to his highness the Nabob agross misrepresentation of facts, except my sending me Naigue and Sice Sepoys to bring the Gomaster.

I have now to trouble your honour with my reasons for sending for the Gomaster I have promised the money I owe to Buchanan's Gomaster is on Account of the Sum Borrowed for

for his Highness's 3d Regiment. he should have
applyd to me, or if he wanted the nabobs favor
he should have forwarded on here to sell the
Securities, as he has always received the money
arising from the sale of the Grain, could I do more
than go over twice to request the nabob to send
for him that I might assure him I would
pay him even if I could get money on my
own credit. This did not Satisfy him he
imprisoned my Dubash when he knew no
money could be paid without any Application
to me! a Commanding Officer head Dubash is
a Man of some consequence in this Country as
I believe they are in most Commands like this
if I allowd this insult I own to myself, my
dubash would be ashamed to shew his face
then how could he do my business! I dare affirm
he has been guilty of less Trouble in this Country
since he has been my dubash than any of his
Predecessors, I have put up with many
things because I wished not to give trouble,
but had I put up with this insult more
might have followd — In answer to the Nabobs
remark on the English Laws, in which he observes
"a Murderer can not be taken away from his
house" I ask, If this highness the Nabob his
Excellency the Governor, or any Nabob in the Carnatic
ever confined any European Gentlemans Servants
of any class? would they not complain, is there

not

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not redress have I, or any Servant of the Honble Company refused to give Satisfaction when demanded? — if we do what are the Consequences!

This is so long a Letter that I wish to avoid giveing further trouble, but I hope it proves that I have not merited his highness's Severety: Justice is due to, and on me I wish not even now lay before your honour such Complaints as I could make I have the honour to subscribe myself

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your very faithfull obed.t
& most humble Servant
George Burrington

Palamcotah
August 25 1779

Ordered to lye on the Table —

Tho. Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro
Alexander Dalrymple

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

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

To Bengal advising them of the probability of a Rupture with Hyder

Honble Sir and Sirs

Since we had the honor of writing to you last, We have received Letters from General Goddard & from the Gentlemen at Bombay intimating a great probability that Hostilities will take place with the Mahrattes and advising that a Requisition has been made to our Commandant at Mahé to proceed as soon as possible with his force to Surat —

In this State of affairs on the other Coast, We deem it expedient to mention to you again the critical Situation we are in with respect to Hyder Ally, whose Conduct of late has given us the strongest reasons to believe that his Intentions are hostile towards the Company & the Carnatic, and that he will seize the first favorable occasion of breaking with us, the Cause of his Resentment as appears from his Letters is, the Attacks made on the French at Mahé who he says were under his Protection and our alliance with Bazalet Jung which has given some check to his Views of conquest in that Quarter.

Hyder

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Hyder has been making Warlike
Preparations, and has force now upon Red. th
Seringapatam consists as we are informed of
30000 Seapoys 20000 Horse, should he enter the
Carnatic it will be totally out of our Power to
prevent the Ravages of his horse, and of course
We must suffer materially in our Revenues and
in the means of subsisting our Expences of
every kind. In this case the only Dependence
We shall have will be on the Efforts you may be
able to make in our favor, and we could wish
to know in time what Assistance we may rely
on, that our Measures may be taken Accordingly.

If we be compelled to act against
Hyder, the best and indeed the only proper plan
in our Opinion is to send a considerable force
by sea to Mangalore, to penetrate by that
way to Seringapatam and at once lay siege
to his Capital this would be the most effectual
means of distressing Hyder and putting an
end to the War - The Communication between
Mangalore & Seringapatam might be kept
open, and our Troops supplied from the Sea
with provisions and other Necessarys rendered
less irksome from Hyder's Cavalary than by any
other mode that could be adopted

We think it proper to mention
to you that the force we have and into

Bazaleet

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Bagalet Jungs Country to protect it in consequence
of our engagements consists of one Company
& a half of European Artillery, two Companies
of Infantry & 4 Battalions of Sepoys - these Troops
added to the Detachment ordered to join
General Goddard from Malie make up no
inconsiderable part of our Army and the
force We have left, unless joined by the
Battalion of Thongé Troops expected from
England, will be by no means adequate to the
various Service required from them.

Having in this and former
Letters fully acquainted you with our Situation
We shall only express our Sincere hope that
the Company may at this critical Juncture
be freed from the great Inconvenience, if not
Danger of maintaining a War against the two
most powerful States of India, at a time when
their attention is sufficiently taken up in
guarding against the Designs of a National
Enemy, who is watching every Opportunity
to distress them. We think Peace with Hyder
is so absolutely necessary that we shall
neglect no measures on our Power to
procure it, and We still flatter ourselves
that the Marattas may be brought to
Terms of Accommodation since the Proposals
for a Treaty with them which you transmitted

For

1539 Fort St. George Novem 8th 79.

For our Information were as fair and equitable
Supposing no other Requisitions have been made
that we cannot be persuaded, they will finally
reject them

We have the honor to send you
two Packets, which came overland from England by
Messrs Mordaunt & Peacock and which we believe
are Duplicates of those that were brought by
Messrs Noodan & Wood

We have the honor to be
Fort St. George Honble Sir & Sirs
10th November 1779.

Your Most Obedient Servants
Thos Rumbold & Select Committee

12 Dispatched the following Letters

To Edward Cotsford Esqr
Chief & Council
of Masulipatam

To Masulipatam Troops
on the Country Service
and absolutely necessary
to be cantoned at Ellore

Gentlemen

We have given Directions
that Captain Shepherd's Battalion of Sepoys
may march from the Ganjam Districts into
your Circars, and we would have you on its
Arrival, order it to Ellore we desire likewise
that you will in the mean time cause as
many of the Troops as you can possibly draw
from the different Garrisons & from the Line
of the Collections, to Ellore where we wish to

have

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have them cantoned in order that the Seapoys
on your District may be kept as much
together as can be. We desire also that you
will not detach any more Sepoys for the
purposes of the Revenue than may be
absolutely requisite and if there be any
stations or out Posts on the District that
shall appear to you unnecessary, We direct
that they be withdrawn

than

As Physical Assistance may
sometimes be required in the Stations at a
distance from Ellore, we desire you will
order the Surgeon there to give them
attendance occasionally

We are
Gentlemen
Your Most Obed Servant
Thomas Rumbold
& Select Committee

Port St. George
12th Novem 1779

To M. Morgan Williams
Chief & Council
at Ganjam

Gentlemen

Captain Chesshyre's Battalion
having been directed by General orders of
which a Copy will be sent you from the
Secretary

To Ganjam the
Office Company
reduced

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Secretary / to march into the Manchepatoon
District, you will give such assistance
as may be necessary to enable it to proceed
with, and Loss of Time

We have come to the Resolution
of reducing the Coffree Company which has
been so long kept up in your District, &
wherein you will give the necessary direction
accordingly but as some of the Men may
be wanted in carrying the Guns, We would
have such of them retained as may be fit
for that purpose, and kept at Gangam — the
rest may be either discharged or if found
on Examination worthy of being put on the
Pension List, We shall have no objection
to admit them —

We have appointed Mr Charles
Manach to be conductor of Stores at Gangam

We are
Gentlemen

Port St. George
12th Novr 1779.

Your Most Obt & Servant
Tho. Rumbold & Select Committee

13 The following Letters were written

To Col John Braithwaite

To Col Braithwaite Commanding the Detachment
Major Edgrave to relieve
him in the Command

Sir

at Mahé

In consequence of Your request

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request We have received your from the
Command of the Detachment, and approved
Major Colgrave to proceed with it to
Surat pursuant to the Requisition which
has been made to you by Brigadier General
Goddard you will deliver over to Major
Colgrave such Letters or Papers relating to the
Command, as may be necessary for his
Information

We are

Port S.t George
13 Nov.r 1779

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants
Tho.s Rumbold &c.a Committee

To Major John Colgrave

Sir

To Major Colgrave
appointed to attend Col.l
Brathwaite on the
Command

Colonel Brathwaite having
desired leave to return to the Coast in case
the Detachment under his Command
should be ordered to Bombay or Surat,
and the said Detachment being now under
Orders to proceed and join the Bengal
army commanded by General Goddard
at Surat, We have appointed you to the
Charge of it, and we desire accordingly
that you will join it with all
expedition, and put yourself under the orders
of General Goddard - We have desired

Colonel

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Colonel Braithwaite / on the enclosed Letter / to deliver over to you such Letters & Papers as may be necessary for your Information relative to the Command of this Detachment

altho by your present Appointment of acting Major you are permitted to draw only Captains Pay & allowances, yet in consideration of the extraordinary expences you may be put to in the present Command We permit you to draw Majors Batta but your Pay is to be that of a Captain as before

We are

Sir.

Your Most Obedient Servants

Thomas Rumbold

&c &c &c

Fort St. George
13th Novr 1779.

At a Select Committee Present

The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart President

Monday the 15th

John Whitehill
Sir Hector Munro K.B.
Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Military Stores not absolutely necessary not to be made up

The President delivers into the Committee Bills for the Military Storekeeper for Stores made up to the amount of 13,760 Pagodas - ordered that they be referred to the Committee of Stores & that they be desired to send a Map for the present to the making of such Stores as are not absolutely necessary for

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For the Service, as the Treasury will not allow
of our paying for any more than what may be
immediately wanted — Ordered that the Military
Storekeepers Bill be discharged as soon as the
Demands now on the Treasury will permit

Read the following Letter from
Brigadier General Stuart —

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
President & Governor &c. & Select Committee of
Fort St. George
Gentlemen

From Gen.l Stuart
applying for Li-
of the Company's
Letter concerning
him

I have received from Mr. Depuby
Secretary Barnes on date the 22d September last
Official Communication that a General Court
Martial is to be held upon me & it was
accompanied with an Extract of the Company's
General Letter on that Subject dated the
23d December 1778 being part of Paragraph
76 and the whole of Paragraphs 77. 78 & 79 of the said
Genl. Letter —

I take this Occasion to make
my grateful Acknowledgments for the early
Communication of the Hble Company's
Orders as above; at the same time they leave
to request I may be provided it has been the pleasure
of the Court of Directors to have taken any
Opinion of Council upon their State of my
case or that of the Government of Mr. Stratton
Council under whom I acted — or if any thing has

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has been said by that Honble Court to your Honor &c respecting any case as stated by them to Council - I mean if there is any Communication of the Honble Court's Sentiments which concerns myself on the present Stage to know; as being necessary towards forming my Defence & Separate from their reasoning on answer to former Correspondence on the Subject of my Trial by General Court Martial I humbly request your honor & Council please to order an Extract thereof to be given me -

I have the honor to remain with the utmost Respect

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
James Stuart

Fort St. George
12 November 1779.

The Committee are of Opinion & accordingly Resolve that the Questions proposed to Council upon Resolution thereon General Stuarts case with the answers be extracted and sent to them, but they think it would be improper to furnish them with the Sentiments of the Company thereon, which are intended only for the Guidance of the Committee

Read a Letter from Col Braithwaite as follows

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet

From Col Braithwaite President & Governor & Select Committee Madras.

the Nawab Honble Sir and Sirr

Not long after dispatching a

a Dispatch to you this morning of my Letter
of yesterday, I was honored with your Letter of the
29th Ultimo by the Arrival of the Success
Hhetch from Anjengo I can not find words
sufficient to express my thankfulness on the
Testimony of your Approbation which that
Letter contains - I hope to have Opportunities
of doing it more effectually in the course
of my duty - so flattering a Letter from your
Worship Lor V Lors, of so late a date has almost
done away the Chagrin occasioned by the
Letters I received from Bombay - I anticipate
from it that I shall not be reduced to the
disagreeable necessity of quitting a Service
in which I have hitherto had so much
reason to be Satisfied. I am Confident that
you will have adopted some Plan - if my
Detachment must go on, to employ me else
where - I am Confident that you will not
disgrace an Officer whose Conduct you
have honored by your Approbation by Subjecting
him to the orders of one who was his Junior
altho now become his Superior by the
Partiality of the Presidency to which he
belongs - I have the highest respect for the
Character of the Brigadier General Goddard
I ever but I can not forget the respect due to
my own from myself at least - could I for a

Moment

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Warrant I should arrive to be worthy of your Service
By the means of my Gallowaiks and the
attendance of the Governor of Cochin, I have
collected about a Months stocks of Provisions
and it is well I did for so far from supplying
me I am told they are beginning to cry out at
Tellicherry - and I have just heard this evening
that the Prince of Cherika / Hyders managers /
has entered their country with four thousand Horse
and is laying it waste & driving off their Cattle -
this I hear from the Portuguese Dubash to the
Company there, not from Mr Church himself
The King of Cottiate sticks close
to me, still with about four thousand Nairs
and ragamuffins which he calls Sepoys - he
threatens us every day that he will attack
all our posts in the night but he never will
unless Hyder sends a force down - whereas
on the Contrary Hyder is calling off his
forces from hence in great haste and
sending large bodies to the northward - It is
Impossible when we have blown up our works
and are retreating the King of Cottiate
may endeavour to distant us, but I think
I can cover the embarkation so as to receive
very little or no damage. The Malabar Princes
who expected the Assistance of the Company -
& disappointed, & are making up matters with
Hyder

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Hyder daily – I believe he means to invade them
against our interest – & foreseeing that We should
have other employment, will leave this
Country totally to the Nairs, keeping some of
their head Men as hostages at Serringapatam,
and is drawing from them all the money
he now can

I have the honor to be with
respect

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs
Your faithful & Obed. Servant
John Braithwaite

Mahe
20th October 1779

Read the following Letter from the
Commandant at Tangore

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

From Major Macleod
The Amildar of Maya-
varam enter the
Danish Bounds
accompanied by one
Sepoys

Capt.n Davies who commands
at Nagaveram has reported to me an occurrence
which has lately happened of which I think
it my duty to inform you –

Maya-
veram

The amildare at Mayaveram
demanded three Guards of Sepoys, each
consisting of a Naigue & Six men to go with
him on the Rajahs business into the
Country, when he got them he went towards
Tranquebar & having persuaded the naigues
to go into the Danish Bounds, Contrary

to

and

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to my prospective orders which forbid any
Detachments going beyond the Limits of the
Tanjore country without directions from me
he marched up to the Gates of Trangenebar and
in peremptory Terms demanded a Pollegare
who is largely in debt to the Rajahs who
had put himself under the Danish protection
after some deliberation the Gov.r of Trangenebar
told he would write to the Rajah & to me
on the Subject which however he has not
yet done The Amildare returned to Mayaveram
and Demanded a Stronger Detachment which
was granted but Capt.n Davies having heard
of the improper use which had been made
of the first, ordered the Subadare who commanded
the Second not to pass the Bounds of the
Tanjore Country on any Account on their
Arrival at the Limits they halted and the
Amildare finding they would go no further
with him proceeded to Trangenebar and
a Number of the Rajahs Peons, and having
renewed his demands, the Pollegare was
delivered up to him - he immediately
returned to the place where he had left
the Detachment a Number of Pollemes
had assembled on the design of rescuing
the Pollegare but as soon as they saw the
Sepoys they dispersed and the Prisoner was

Conducted

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conducted to Magaveram

I have thought it proper to Lay these
Particulars before your Honor &c in order
that if there is any Application made on
the Subject from the Government of Tranquebar
you may have every information that I can
give

I have the Honor to be with the
most perfect respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed Humble
Servant
Alr Macmillan

Tanjore
the 23d 7br 1779.

The Committee much disapproove of
their Seapoys having been sent without the
Danish Bounds contrary to repeated orders
which have been given on that Head - agreed
that Major Macmillan be directed to dismiss
the Rajah who Commanded the Seapoys
from the Service if it shall on further
Inquiry appear that he knew of or received
any order forbidding such a Step

The Step Considered

Read a Letter from Bazalet
Jung dated 8th November as entered in C C
No 147. representing his distressed Situation
for want of the Assistance of our Troops
Conquedang their march may be hastened

From Bazalet Jung representing his Distress on account of our Assistance

as

as quickly as possible — representing also that
our Commanding Officer at Tanjore has
prevented the people to whom he had given
Cowlauys on the Commandars of the Guntoor
Circar, from receiving the amount of those
Cowlauys, and desiring we will give proper
orders on this head

Agreed to Acquaint Bazalet
Jung in answer to the foregoing, that we
have neglected no means in our power
to expedite the march of the Troops, and
that we expect now they will be with
him very shortly and with respect to the
Monish thereon Balances due to him from the Guntoor
Circar, that we shall take the necessary
Measures for seeing him paid as far as
may be practicable without encroaching
on the Current Revenue

Read two Letters from the
Rajah of Tanjore dated the 29th October &
Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore 10th Instant as entered in C C S to which
a Draft of an answer having been
answer thereto prepared by the President is now read &
approved as entered in C C S.

Read the following Letter
from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
From Major Mantle President & Governor &c.a Select Committee
Inclosing by Name Honble Sir & Sirs
certain Works Rate
Rumbold Mantle & Stevens Fort St George

Sir

1752 Fort St. George 15th November 1749.

Sir Eyre Coote having before
his Departure for Bengal expressed a Wish to
have his name given to one of the new Works
of Fort St George I shall be happy on
obtaining your Permission to bestow it on the
Work at the South East Angle which was
called a Bonnet from the Nature of the
Works it covered. The Late St Thomé Bastion
being removed the Work which was before
called the St Thomé Counterguard now
becomes a Demi Bastion of the Fort
and the Bonnet to which I propose giving
General Coote's name its Counterguard
I beg leave on this Occasion to express my
Wish that you will permit the Work
at the North East Angle to be called Rumbold's
Counterguard, the South Ravelin Munro's,
and the Redoubt before it Major Stevens'
to whose Memory I design with your
Approbation placing an Inscription on
the Reverse of the Work.

I have to request the
favor of your Determination being
made known to me as I am preparing
a Letter for your Honble Board on the
Subject of the Fortifications, in which
I could wish the several Works I have
now pointed out, were Thus Distinguished

I am

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Port St. George
11th October 1779

I am with the respect
Humble Lir and Lirs
Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
Geo. Maule
Engineer

Agreed that Major Maule be
permission granted permitted to give the Several names he proposes
to the new Works.

Wm. Burnaby
John Watts
Wallace Alves
Arthur Forbes

1754 Port St. George Novem 3rd 1754.

Recd the following Letter from Co. Harper

Dispatched the following Letter

The Honble the President and Select Committee

From Co. Harper
Troops of B. Jung
march on

Honble Sir and Sirs!

Yesterday Ameer Saheb accompanied by Rajah Bahawder called at my Tent and informed me of his having received orders to proceed directly to Adoni, that the Nizam has agreed to afford his Master that Lally was preparing to cross the Kistna to enter the Adoni Country & that the Nizams Son with a large force would soon follow, he therefore asked my leave to March I answered that as he never had been under my Command it was not in my power to detain him yet as I should positively March on the 11th I thought two days could make no great Difference and that therefore he might stay and go with me; but he urged the strict orders he had received and in Consequence Marched this morning I am respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your faithfull and most

Obedient humble Servant

Wm Harper

Camp near Anarunda
4th Novr 1754

Dispatched the following Letter

To Lieutenant Walter Douglas

Commanding at Guntoor

To L. Douglas to
retreive his Sepoy Company
as soon as possible

Sir,

Wherein you will let us know how

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how far you have proceeded in raising the Seapoys intended for the Service of the Collectorate in the Guntoor Circar, and that you will as soon as possible return the 5 Companies now with you to the Corps from whence they were taken

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Tho.s Rumbold

Dep.y Select Committee

Port S.t George
16.th Nov.r 1779.

17 Dispatched the following Letters

To Brigad.r General Goddard

Commanding the Bengal Army

at Surat

To Gen.l Goddard advising him of Major Colgrave appointed and that no more Troops are be spared from the Coast

Sir

We wrote you on Duplicate under date the 30 Ult.o Enquiring your Reas we had sent orders to Col Braithwaite to comply with your Requisitions for the Troops at Mahé - Col Braithwaite having desired to be relieved from the Command, Major John Colgrave has been appointed by us to take Charge of the Detachment

We think it proper to inform you that it is absolutely out of our Power to spare you any further part of our force, such is our Situation with respect

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respect to Hyder ally, whose Conduct of late
affords us the greatest Reason to believe that
his Intentions are hostile towards us, and
should he invade the Carnatic, we shall
find it very difficult to protect the Country
with our present force— the request made
by the Governor General Council for more
Troops was founded chiefly on the Supposition
that the Kings Regiment coming out with
Sir Edward Hughes Fleet would have
been with us before this time, but the
fleet is not yet arrived nor do we know in
what part of India to expect it

very

I am
Sir
Your Most Obt Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c &c Select Committee

Port St George
17th Novr 1779

To Mr. Robert Duncan Munro
Paymaster at
Pondichery

To Mr Munro on allowance
to be made Mr Blin
de Grancourt.

Sir

The several Persons belonging to
the Service of the French King and entrusted
by the Company having had it in their
option to proceed to the Mauritius on the
Laconia and all those now at Pondichery
having declined going you are on no
Account

1557 Fort St George Novem 1759

Account to pay Subsistence to any of those
Persons from the time of their discharging
from Service

We observe that M.r Blin de
Gingcourt has hitherto drawn Subsistence
as Storekeeper General you must now
inform him that he can be allowed Subsistence
no longer in that Capacity since his
Permission to remain at Pondicherry is
not as a Servant of the French King
but as a Trustee for the French Company
and an Hostage only. Been given him, if he
thought fit sooner to imbark for the Islands
he can have no further Claim to the
allowance which he has hitherto drawn

We are

Sir

Fort St. George
17th Nov.r 1759

Your Most Obed.t Servant
Thomas Rumbold
&c Select Committee

To Lieut. Col. Nixon
Commanding at
Trichinopoly

Sir

Fo Col Nixon the
Detachment under
the Nabobs order
recalled

We desire you will direct
the Detachment of Seapoys now employed
under the Nabobs Orders to return to Trichinopoly
as

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at the end of this month

Wee are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George

17th Novem.r 1779

Tho.s Rumbold

&c.a Select Committee

19 Wrote the following Letter to Capt.n Powell

To Captain James Powell

or Officer Commanding the Detachment

marching to Adoni.

To Capt.n Powell to enquire into the Detention of Letters by Tatulla Chetty Containing Instructions for his Guidance in the Service acquired to act in Conjunction with the Troops of the Nyan of Sadly

Sir

Two Letters were sent by the Nabob Sapstal the 2.d Instant one for Col Harper and the other for Capt.n Powell—

These Letters came into the hands of Tatulla Chetty on the 6.th or 7.th but were not delivered by him at that time— We desire you will make particular Enquiry into the Cause of their detention and let us know the Result

We have received a Letter from Lieutenant A.d Harper of the 9.th advising us that Ameer Sait had marched that day in Consequence of orders from Bazalat Jung, who expected to be assisted with troops by the Nyam his Brother and that

Mr

1559 Fort St. George Novem 8th 1759

Mr Lally is now on the Service of the Nizam's
was preparing in consequence to cross the
Pennar to enter into the Adoni Country
We are a little surprized at the manner
in which Bazalet Jung has ordered his
people that were with our Detachment to
march on, nevertheless it will be proper
that you proceed with the Detachment as
quick as possible writing yourself to
Bazalet Jung to know what you are to do
upon entering his Country should you
find that the Nizams Troops have marched
to his Assistance and that there will be
any necessity for joining them you must
be mindful that the Nizam & the
Company are in strict alliance and in
consequence maintain perfect Harmony
& agreement with his Troops observing
however that sort of Caution which is
proper at all times when acting in Concert
with the Troops of any of the Country Powers
We enclose herewith two Letters for Bazalet
Jung which you will dispatch immediately
on receipt thereof - and we also enclose you
a Copy of the Letter received from Colonel
Harper and a Copy of our last Letter
to Bazalet Jung in which you will
observe particularly what we have said
relative

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relative to the Troops under Mr. Lally and it will be necessary for you to procure the best intelligence you can & if you find the Troops of Mr. Lally acting with Bazalet Jung that Post on such place where you can be supplied with provision till you hear from Bazalet Jung & receive our further orders but in the event of this Letter not reaching you before your Arrival at adam you must either assist on the Disappearance of Mr Lallys force or that they shall be employed at a Distance within the Territory of the Nizam and we depend on your prudence for acting with the most proper Circumspection

I Have
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
Thos Rumbold

Port St. George
19 Novr 1779

P S Enclosed is also a letter from the President to Tipoo Saeb

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 & Approved

Read the following Letters
from

Saturday
the 20 Nov.

post

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From Lieutenant Colonel Harper.

The Honble the President and Select Committee

To Lt Harper advising of his March forward.

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint you with my arrival at this place about five Course distant from our last encampment I should have Marched yesterday and had given orders out for that purpose, but the heavy Rains that fell at the time prevented me – I shall take every opportunity the weather will allow, and proceed as fast as possible – The route laid down for me leads through the Paluad Country and the high road to Hydrabad till we arrive near the Banks of the Kistna when I shall make a short cut for the Pass

I am with respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your faithful and most

Obedient humble Servant

W.m Harper

Camp Condapilly
12th November 1779.

The Honble the President and Select Committee

From Lt Harper with letter from Bagalet Sing giving the Detachment took to proceed

Honble Sir and Sirs

Yesterday I did myself the honor to address you on the Subject of my March from Inacunda, and my

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my Resolution of proceeding with every
expedition for Adoni last Night Fatula Khaun
who remained behind on Account of
Indisposition wrote me a Letter in consequence
of very important ones: said to have arrived
from Bagalapping / desiring me to halt
here to day - he is this moment arrived and
Acquaints me with the Contents of his Letter
from Bagalapping which Mr. Forster has
Interpreted and which they leave to
enclose you, the Circumstances it contains
will prevent my going forward, I shall
be marching without a few Course of this
Place just to exercise the Troops, till I may
be honored with your further Instructions

I am Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your faithful and most
Obedient humble Servant
H.y Harper

Camp.t Cross N.o 2 of Anacundy
13 November 1779.

An Interpretation of the Intelligence which
Fatah Ullah Khan gave me this morning
Yesterday being the 3.d of the Month
Zeeadeh two horsemen arrived from Adoni
and brought to Fatah Ulla Khan four
Letters from the Nabob Bazalet Jung one
for the Nabob Walajah - one for the Governor

one

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one for Asham Khan and one for himself
In the letter to Futah Ulla Khan his master
writes him that he the Nabob shall ever
regard on the same sort with his Left
the treaty he has made with the English
but he is deeply affected that the peculiar
cast of the times have brought him to
that pass in which he is forced for some
time to suspend and conceal the appearance
of Friendship with his new allies It is now
Six Months since the English began their
March to yield him assistance and he has
been waiting with the greatest anxiety for their
Arrival with them hopes he did not
raise any troops of his own.

The Nizam his brother and Hyder
ally by reason of his being into an alliance
with the English have become the enemys
of his life. The Nizam some time ago wrote
to Hyder that the Bajalet Jung has
made a Treaty with the English which
treaty would be highly disadvantageous
to them both and in the end would prove
the Loss of their Kingdom that therefore they
jointly should prevent the English from
entering the Country of Bajalet Jung

and

and that he, Hyder should immediately seize
his possessions — In consequence of the Nizams
Letter Hyder sent two thousand horse and Six
thousand Sepoys and took possession of all the
open Country — they also surrounded the Districts
which lay contiguous to Adoni that Bajalet
Jung had given Sunkas on the Guntoor Circar
for the Payment of those troops which he
still retained — but on their producing the
Sunkas to Mr Douglas — he would not permit
them to make any Collection those People
returned to Adoni and gave Bajalet Jung
great uneasiness — Hyder had at that time
by seizing on the Adoni Districts stopt the
Collection of three or four Lacks of Rupees —
and on Bajalet Jung's ordering his troops
to attack the enemy, they refused to act until
the receipt of their Arrears the daily stock of
Provisions with which the Fort and to be supplied
was now entirely cut off and the great supply
which was already in it had been wholly
destroyed by the blowing up of the Grand
Magazine the Nizam being apprized of
Bajalet Jungs Situation desired him to send
a Vakeel to his court on the Arrival of the
Vakeel the Nizam told him that his master
Bajalet Jung might now see how fruitless his
Connections with the English had proved, and

that

that the consequence would be Ruin to his Country and Destruction to his life — but that if he would renounce all Concerns with the English and regain possession of the Guntoor Circar that he the Nizam would restore them to those Countrys which Hyder had seized on. — The Nizam also wrote Bazalet Jung to this Effect and sent him a Supply of one Lack of Rupees — that Hyder ally had written to him Bazalet Jung, that he should immediately destroy his Country — himself and family if he did not speedily discontinue all Correspondence With the English under those pressing Circumstances Bazalet Jung and Sadeck Ullah Khan had resolved without Delay to join the English Detachment — when Bazalet Jung received a letter from the Nizam requiring him without loss of time to break with the English and resume the possession of the Guntoor Circar, and that if they the English did not immediately comply and march out of the Country that he the Nizam would declare the said Circar on Hyder and that they jointly would extirpate the English from the whole Carnatic, — On Bazalet Jung making this resolution of seizing the English Detachment known to his own troops they

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they would not suffer him to take that Step,
but desired him to join his Brethren — on seeing
his own troops bent but on impeding his junction
with the English and pondering in his mind
his own distresses he thought it most expedient
to accept the Nyans terms — and accordingly
wrote him to that effect — Bazalet has written
the Governor the result of his deliberation
and hopes that concealing for that Space of time
his regard for the English will be thought
advisable and agreable to the present
fortune of affairs — that as soon as the times
afford a more favorable appearance, the
friendship which he will ever intertain for
the English Company, will be strongly
cemented and last forever Latch Tillah Tehan
on the part of his master requests that I
would stop the Progress of the Detachment
until further orders from the President &
Select Committee to whom Bazalet Jeang
has fully written on the present Subject

Wm Hastings

Above Interpretation

G. Forster

The Committee having taken the
foregoing Letters into Consideration are of
Opinion that agreeably to Bazalet Jeangs
request the Detachment should be directed

to

bent

progre

Memoir & Resolution thereon the Detachment to halt

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to stop their march Immediately and a Letter is ordered to be Prepared & sent to the Commanding Officer desiring him to continue where he now is, or to return to Tanjacauda as he shall judge most proper and directing him to strike of such Expences as shall appear to him superfluous upon this new Order.

Resolved also that a letter be written to Bajalet Sung acquainting him with the order for stopping the march of the Detachment in conformity with his desire explaining to him fully all the steps that have been taken on our part for executing our engagements and the Concern we feel that he should have found himself under the necessity of concluding Terms with the Nizam which were to deprive him of the Assistance of our Troops at so critical time, and when they were actually on their March to support him that notwithstanding this Circumstance we consider the treaty between the Company & him to be still in force that he may command the assistance of our Troops at any future time that he shall require it, and that the Revenues of the Guntoor Circar shall be faithfully applied to maintain a force for that purpose agreably to Treaty

that

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That we are not at all pleased with the Interference which the Nizam has thought proper to use on this new alliance, nor with the Reflections which he has thrown out to discredit our Intentions, so Contrary to the Friendship he has always professed for the Company & that on the present uncertain Situation of Affairs we shall keep our Troops on the Borders of the Guntoor Circar to protect our Possessions and counteract the Designs of any Person who shall be disposed to disturb the public Tranquility

Ordered that the Letter to Bagalee Jung be prepared and Dispatched as soon as Possible

Tho: Rumbold

John Whitehill

Hector Munro

Charles Sweetland

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N. Wrote the following Letter to Lt. Col. Baillie

To Lieutenant Col. Baillie or Officer

To Col. Baillie directing him to return & encamp within the Bounds of the Guntoor Circar

Commanding the Detachment on the March to adone

Sir

We have received two Letters from Lieutenant Col. Harper of the 12 & 13 Instant the latter advising us that Fatteh Cawn had on the name of his master requested that the Detachment might proceed no further, for Reasons which he Fatteh Cawn fully explained to Lieutenant Col. Harper, and which have been communicated to us. we direct in consequence that the March of the Detachment may be stopped, and that you will encamp it on the Borders of the Guntoor Circar on those our own Territory, and there await our further Orders - as there will be no necessity for continuing the same Expences which must have been incurred on the Supposition of the Detachments marching to adone you will reduce them as much as Possible, keeping reserve only a Sufficient Number of Bullocks for the Service of the field Train and Carriage of the ammunition and Stores we should Suppose Innacunda a proper place to take post at but you will be the best Judge on viewing the Situation of the Country

and

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and considering how the Detachment can be best supplied with Provisions we conclude that Colonel Harper has advanced about 4 Cos from Fort his former Encampt.t and should the Spot he is now encampt.d on be within the Territory of Gunture & on other respects Eligible it may be as well for the present to keep the Troops there instead of marching them back —

Sir

Fort S.t George
21.st November 1779.

Your Most Obed.t Servants
Thomas Rumbold
W.m Select Committee

Dispatched the following Letters

To. M.r William Petrie
Resident at
Nagore

To M.r Petrie inclosing 4 Various Letters

Sir

We have received your Several Letters — the last dated the 13 Instant. We gave you Permission to make the Repairs mentioned in your Letter of the 1.st Instant but you will be careful not to exceed the estimate

You will be pleased to set Christian Harper at Liberty, & let him go where he pleases. The French man you will detain in Custody, but if any Application be made

For

Resident

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For learn by the Dutch Government as one of their Soldiers, you will deliver them cape agreeably to the Cartel.

As the Inventory of the Pagoda at Tevalore have claimed the House which you mention to have converted into a Quarter & produced so many Witnesses to prove it, we would have you pay them what you may consider a reasonable valuation for it before it was restored to the Company's Dependence

As you inform us that the Property of the House at Karical which our Officers occupy, is proved to belong to a Dutchman we permit you to pay them rent for it, at the rate of 3 Pags P Month.

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Thomas Rumbold

&c Select Committee

Fort St George
26th Novemr 1779.

To Major Macclellan

To Major Macclellan
Commanding the Coast
of the Annular of
Mayaveram

Commanding at

Tanjour

Sir

23d Inst.

We have received your letter of the

We much disapprove the

Conduct of the Annuldar of Mayaveram, in ordering

a Guard

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a Guard of our Seapoys into the Danish Bounds
but we are more displeased at the Behaviour of
the Naigue who commanded it for obeying the
Orders of the Amouldar in this Instance contrary
to the positive Injunctions which he you inform
us have been signified to all the Troops in the
Tanjore Country we desire you will make
particular enquiry into this Affair and if
it shall appear that the Naigue was
previously warned of the Impropriety of
such a Step, he must be dismissed the Service

We are

Port St George Sir

26th Novemb 1779

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&c Select Committee

To Captain Edmonds

To Capt.n Edmonds Commanding

at Ongole

Sir

We have received your Letters
we would have nothing done to the Officers'
Barracks or the Walls of the Fort 'till after the
Monsoon, when we shall consider what is
further & give Directions accordingly — with
respect to the Magazines which you inform
us are in such bad Conditions, we mean to
apply to the Nabob for his Permission to do
what

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what may be found necessary thereon —

We Approve of your having sent the Arms which the Director wanted, and we have desired the Committee of Stores to comply with your Indent in Consequence

Port St George
26.th November 1779.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
&.a Select Committee

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
Monday the 29.th John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B
Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read a letter from the Nabob as entered in C C N dated the 25.th Instant complaining of the Interference of our Officer at Ongole & Guntoor, on the Collection of the Revenues of the Guntoor Circar, and requesting positive orders may be sent to prevent a Stop to such practices, enclosing a letter from his Commander on that Country containing the Particulars, on which the Nabob found his Complaint —

From the Nabob complaining of Interference in the Collection at Ongole Guntoor

Resolved that Letters be written to the Commandants at Ongole & Guntoor, and likewise to the Officer Commanding the Detachment

Order thereon

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Detachment on that Quarter - positively forbidding all money Transactions with the Zemindars or Rycots or the Gentoor Peices and every other sort of Interference whatever in the Collection of the Revenues - Resolved also that a General Order to the same effect be given out and circulated among all the Company's Garrisons both on the Carnatic & Coreas - and that a Letter be written to the Nabob acquainting him with our Intention, and requesting him to issue Orders to his amuldars throughout the Country forbidding them to have any Dealings whatever with any of the Officers or other Servants of the Company, as the Blame of such Transactions is to be imputed chiefly to his People

money

or

Intelligence from the Nabob of a Treaty between Hyder & the Nizam

Read a Letter from the Nabob dated the 27th Instant as entered in C C & enclosing a Paper of Intelligence from his Agent at Hydrabad, which mentions that a Treaty had been concluded between the Marattas & Hyder ally, and acceded to by the Nizam for uniting their forces and commencing a general Attack upon the Company's Possessions in every part of India

acceded

Agreed to acknowledge the receipt of the foregoing Letter from the Nabob & acquaint him that we have no Account from any other Quarter of the Proceedings mentioned in his

Minute thereon

therein

ubt

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Has Paper of Intelligence and that they are so improbable that we cannot give much Credit to them; nevertheless should any designs of the enemy therein mentioned be attempted, we shall be always ready to defend his Country as well as the Company's Possessions against all Invaders, and that we have no doubt with the Assistance he is able to give us, that we shall be strong enough to withstand every Effort that may be made against us

Read a Letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob dated 20.th Instant advising of the Difficulties with a new plan for the Payment of his Creditors

he has had to encounter since Tanjore was taken from them, and particularly in respect to the Debt which he had incurred with Individuals on Account of the great Expences sustained in making and settling the Conquest of that Country - that he still hopes for Justice from the Company & the English Nation and in the mean time he has proposed a new plan for Payment of this Late Consolidated Debt of which he encloses a Copy for our Information

The Committee can say nothing to the Nabobs Plan enclosed in the above Letter, having received no Information on the Subject from the Coadjutors, but as the Nabob commands to pay no great Interest to them as mentioned in his Letter of the to the Committee and as the several

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Several Applications and Papers relative to it are gone home to the Company, the Committee can return no other Answer to the Nabob's Letter than to repeat what they have done and to Minute thereon express their wish that his highness will fulfill the Promises he made in behalf of his Old & new Creditors and particularly as he alledged those Promises as a Reason for not paying more to the Company this year than he otherwise should have done. Agreed also to Acquaint his highness that he has made no mention of his old Creditors in his Letter, but that we hope he means to fulfill punctually what he has engaged to do in their Behalf

The Committee being of Opinion that all the Garrisons in the Carnatic & Circars should be relieved every two Years and as the present Commands at Palamcotah & Amboor will expire in the Course of a few Months it is resolved that Captain Errington be now appointed to the Command of Palamcotah to succeed Capt.n Barrington & that Capt.n Bagot be appointed in the same Manner to Amboor on the expiration of the present Command

Capt.n Errington to succeed Capt.n Barrington in the Command of Palamcotah

Capt.n Bagot to succeed in like manner to Amboor

Read the following Letter from the auditor of Accounts on which the

Following

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Following Order was now passed

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

From the Auditor of Accounts containing Remarks on those of Pondicherry

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to send you herewith the same Remarks on the Accounts at Tanjore Pormandle Make &c. & &c. with two Account the following Places Viz.
Pondicherry
Current regard the Payment at Pondicherry

1 There is a Charge every Month of three hundred Pagodas and upwards for house rent to the Paymaster Surgeons and Officers. If there are any Quarters or public Buildings that can be appropriated for their accommodation the Commandant should if thought be directed to reduce that Expence as much as possible.

1 To be recommended to the Commandant to see if some of the public Buildings cannot be made use of for the accommodation of Officers

2 Almost every month there are considerable Charges for Shott and Shells found and delivered into the Companys Stores being unacquainted whether such articles are proper for

2 This is allowed and reasonable but quisite

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per per Prerequisites or no to the
Persons who may send them or
whether they belong to any body
but the Company who Supprehend
are at the expence of sending
them I think it my Duty to
Acquaint your Honor & Honrs thereunto

3 There is a Charge in the Accounts for September last of Pags Das 80 for pay to Thomas Sanger Servate of Invalids from February 1776 to September last — as I find upon enquiry that this Man has never done any Duty on the Invalids nor ever been returned as belonging to them from any Place, his pay appears to me irregularly to have been paid him and which the Payment ought therefore to refund and which should not be drawn for in future without your Honor & Commission for that purpose

4th There is a Charge in the same Month of Pags Das 200 advanced to Bullock Masters for Bullocks to bring 1500 Barrels of Gunpowder to Madras - this Order

3 This pay must be refunded by the Paymaster and none drawn for in future for this Man

Paymaster

4th ordered Accordingly

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Order having been countermanded
the Paymaster should be directed
to receive as much Money back
as he can of his advance and to
make the Bullock Owners pay
the rest as soon as possible

5th Having in my Letter to 5th your honor &c. of the 21 May
last acquainted you that the
Paymaster had charged for
Bullock hire by a Mode that
is Contrary to the usage of
the Service and by which the
Company every month sustained
a Considerable Loss and the
Paymaster not having in his
Subsequent Accounts given
Credit for the difference but
charged the Bullock hire
at the same rate to the Month
of July last I send your honor
&c. two Accounts Current N.1 & 2
between the Worlle Company
and Paymaster enclosed, the
Debit containing what the
Paymaster has charged and
the Credit rates what he
ought to have charged by
which

5th The Paymaster must have made a Mistake — indeed that the difference Pag.s 5157. 10 78 is carried to the Companys Credit

which the Company appear to
have lost as appears by the account
No 1. Pagoda's 5157.40.78 and
which I am of Opinion the
Paymaster should be directed
to refund. for some Service of
Bullock hire done in August
last the Paymaster has charged
agreably to what is the usage
and is observed everywhere else
in the Service

Tanjore

6th ... In the Paymasters
Accounts for June last there
is a charge of 60 Dooley Bodies
for 23 days sent with a
Detachment of Europeans under
the Command of Captain Thomas
Prendergast to Tellore, by the
daily Charge for Victualling
there only Appears to have
been forty three Men the
Compliment of Bodies was
therefore only forty, the
Paymaster should have explained
in his Letter Accompanying
the Accounts for that Month
why the established number
was exceeded, and which he

6th Explain his reason for deviating from the Regulations

shall

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should therefore now be directed
to explain—

7th There are Charges in 7th all Disbursements
the Month of July of Pagodas 368.28 of these nature
for 2610 half Palmiras for Pallinidues must be
in part of Major Stevens's Indent Countersigned
at 15 Pagodas p.c, and Pag 322 for the future
165 Carts in bringing Stores from
Adriampakam at Pagodas 2 p.t Cart,
Not knowing the Price of Palmiras
there, the Distance they were
brought from, and Number a Cart
could carry I cannot judge of the
Necessity of those Charges, which
I have only mentioned here to shew
the Expediency of the Commandant
always Countersigning the
Paymasters Disbursements that
no thing may be charged for
but what the Service absolutely
required and at as Low a rate
as possible.

Commandant

8th The pay Roll of the Troops 8th be forwarded
Troops there for the Months of Sept.r & the Military
shall be drawn out — the same Paymaster who
as the pay Rolls of the Companys pay rolls be
Infantry — they should however made out in the
I think be made out at the next Town — Two hund

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Cay or Subsistence they receive
from the King with a Column
in the abstract for the Gratuity
ordered to be paid them by the
Company to make them pay
equal to that of their own Troops
which will make it necessary to
enter two new heads in the
Military Paymasters Books one
for the pay the other for the
Gratuity to the Kings Troops
9th Lieutenant Alexander 9th with seven
Mackenzie and Ens: John Sinclair of Clearly to have
his Majestys Troops, beside their pay been the Intention
as Officers of the same Rank in of the Company
the Companys Service, have drawn That the Kings
for the Gratuity paid the Company Officers should
Officers being two Shillings a Day be exactly
to a Lieutenant and one to an Ensign Company, the on the same
This allowance was granted to the Military Paym Footing as the
Companys Officers since the Kings Forces
Troops were last in India which Accordingly
the Company do not seem to have
Provided for in their General
Letter of the 23d December last,
which therefore cannot be
Paid the Kings Officers without
your Honors &c. orders for that
purpose

10.

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Mahie

10th In the Abstracts of Sepoys Pay besides the Charge of a Puchally to each Company which is allowed by the Regulations there is a Charge for Hay to a Berby to each Company which is Contrary to the Regulations and should be refunded for the time they have been Charged

10th To be explained by the Paymaster

11th The Surgeons Bills are not made up by Contract and amount to an Allowance & Servants Salaries Pag 270 p Month — this appears extremely high considering that there are only one Company of Artillery and one of Infantry at Mahie. Returns of the Sick signed by the Surgeon and countersigned by the Commandant should always accompany the Monthly Accounts agreeable to the Form in the Book of Regulations Page 64 that the Reasonableness of their Charges may be judged of According to the Number of the Sick and

11th This Charge appears extremely high indeed the Commanding Officer should be questioned relative to the Surgeons Charges and Servants Salaries accompany the Accounts

which

particularly

which should in like manner be
sent from all other places —
12.th Brevet Col.o Brathwaite 12.th Orders have
has continued to draw Batta as been sent upon
Colonel the difference between this Subject
that and Lieutenant Colonels Batta
your Honor &c.a have already
ordered to be refunded from the
Commencement of the Expedition
to Mahe which should accordingly
be complied with —
13.th Colonel Brathwaite has 13.th There will
drawn every Month for an Interpreter be no occasion
Pag.s 42. 28. Persian Mounshe Pag.s for an Interpreter,
20 and 1 Writer Pag.e 10 Sum of Mounshe, or writer,
Opinion that in future he should now the —
draw only Pag.e 20 Gozan Interpreter Detachment is
14.th Colonel Brathwaite has ordered to join
charged for Intelligence from April General Goddard
to August last Pag.s 480. 36 and on therefore no Charge
June Pag.s 325. 30 for new raising of this kind to be
the Government Sepoys allowed after the
to the Moorsoon. your Honor &c.a troops leave Mahe
will judge of the propriety of
these two Charges —
15.th Lieutenant Thomas Dillon 15.th Lieut.t Dillon was
has drawn ten Shillings a Day not appointed
as Town Major from June to Town Major by us
August last and an allowance for and we are
Horse shoeing the

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three Writers for that Office at 10
Dys a Month (a) from 15 March
last Till the month of May he
drew an Allowance of ten Shillings
a Day as Brigade Major your
Honor &c will judge of the
propriety of the Charge from
the Office of Brigade to that of
Town Major but the allowance
for two Writers should be
refunded from the time there
has been Paid

should have
been fixed as
such – he was
appointed Brigade
Major and must
refund what he
has drawn over
above the
allowances usually
annexed to that
Office 1 Writer
only allowed.

16 Captain George Mosley has
drawn as Commissary of artillery
ten Shillings a Day Horse
allowance and Pay 8 P Month
for a Writer Lieutenant Alexander
Macpherson has drawn as
Adjutant of the Cantonments
from April last five Shillings
a Day, horse and Stationary
allowances the Charge for these
Staff should be refunded unless
the same should have met
with the Approbation of your
Honor &c

16 Their Appointments
were annexed not
Sanction and the
payment must
be refunded
by the Payma-
ster

17th Major Robert Kelly has 17th Warrington
drawn Major's Pay as Chief — this had been
already refunded
by paymaster Major Kelly
to have a Copy of

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Engineer for April last — the —
Difference between Mast and Captains
Pay as before directed by your
Honor &c. should be refunded —
18.th In the Month of July last 18.th Sir John
Sir John Gordon has been paid
Page 112 21. Captains Pay for
January, February and May and
Page 1492 Captains Batta for January
February, April and May, as
Deputy Judge advocate, In any
Letter to your Honor &c.a the
10.th July last on the Above —
Occasion I informed you that
Sir John Gordon had drawn
Captains Pay & Batta in March,
as Deputy Judge advocate,
and I should have added Batta
in February also. Batta appears
therefore to have been twice —
paid Sir John Gordon for —
February, and there appears —
irregularity that he should
have been paid for that Month
and January in July which
should have been paid at the
end of those two Months or on
March last for that the Regulation

This Paragraph
Gordon must
refund what
has been over-
-won for February

Irons

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being "That no Charge should
"be paid without the Permission
"of the Board that has not been
"drawn for above three Months
19th

Ensign Charles Howles 19 L all Deputy
has drawn Captains Pay for Jamy Judge Advocate
July and August and Batta
for half the Months of June, all
July and August as Deputy
Judge Advocate, I cannot here
avoid recommending to your Honor
& Co that all Persons whomsoever
in future acting as Deputies
Judge Advocate shall receive
ten Shillings a Day only without
any Batta from the time a Court
Martial is ordered till it is
dissolved, which appears a very
adequate Compensation for the
trouble of that Office and which
was the established wages of the
Service till the Appointment
of a Civil Servant to act as
Deputy Judge advocate
established the Precedent of a
fixed Monthly Allowance of
Captains Pay & Batta
20 L

In April last the
Paymaster has charged from

allowed only
10 Shillings a day
from the time
a Court Martial
is ordered till
it is dissolved
and this to be
a Standing Regulation
in Garrison and
for the future

20 L whatsoever
have been drawn
by any Servant

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January to that Month Pay'd as
160 for Servants of the Commissary
and continued every Month
since to charge the same at
Pay'd 40 P Month Augusth —
Last besides a Monthly Charge
of Pay'd 16 for Servants of the
Paymaster as the Paymaster
acted also as Commissary the
two Offices can in Effect be
considered but as one which do
not appear to me to have
made it necessary to have
incurred any additional Expence
for Servants their charge therefore
of Servants for the Commissary
should be refunded from the
time they have been made Onot
allowed to be Charged for in
future —

The Commissary
must be refunded
for the reasons
given by the
Auditor

26 The Charges for the 25th Liberations
Demolition of the Works at Mackie
for April, May and June —
amount to about Pay'd 800 a Month —
The Greater part of these Charges
are for Materials furnished the
Engineer. The should have
been supported by the Engineers
Receipts

These.

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Receipts there are however only
some Indents of the Engineer
which fall short of the Materials
delivered particularly in the
Article of Timber which by the
Engineers Indents for the three
Months beforementioned amount
to Cubic Feet 2832, the Quantity
charged is 13281 Cubic Feet the
difference therefore on the Expence
being about Pag.s 1194 should
be refunded if not explained
to your Honor & Co.s Satisfaction

22 There are Charges for 10
Masters and 330 Coolies retained
for the 24.th Battalion of Sepoys
"& for Lieu.t of Bullocks for the
Guns and Tumbrils as also for
the Carriage of Tents, Stores &c.
and employed in the Works and
10 Masters and 330 Coolies
for the Grenadiers Battalion of
Sepoys from April to August
amounting together to about
Pag.s 1000 each Month. These
Charges cannot comprehend
the Propriety of, for which
there are no Accounts Particulars

to

22 The Paymaster
is explain the
Reason for not
tendering his
Vouchers for every
Charge regularly
with the Accounts

to

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no Certificates of the Officers
Commanding the two Battalions
or any other explanation
than what I have above quoted
from the Paymasters Disbursements.
I must however acquaint your
Honor &c. that on May these
Charges refer to two Abstracts
N.o 5. 6 which however have
not come on the Accounts
for that Month

Extraordinary

23 There is a Detachment
on the Field belonging to this
Garrison consisting of five
Companies of the 19.th Battalion
of Foot under the Command
of Capt.n Hugh Montgomery
the extraordinary Expences
of which amount to about Pag.s
600 P Month & took the Field
on March last to assist as I have
understood the Collection of
the Nabobs Revenues on those
parts your Honor &c. will
judge of the necessity of its
continuing on the Field or of
its being ordered into Garrison

23 The Extra Expences
of this Detachment
to be made out
for the Nabob
and Charged to
his Account

24.th

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Civil Paymasters Emplay

24th Mr. Joseph Powell has 2½ p. Gratuity
Drawn Captains Pay and Batta to be refunded by
at Persdons at Negapatam from Mr Powell and
the 19th June to the 30th September next Drawn in
Cost, he has also drawn for the
same time Captains Gratuity at
3 Shillings a Day Established
that it was the intention of your
Honrs &c that Mr Powell should
receive Captains Pay and Batta
in the Manner all other Civil
Servants &c, and as no Civil
Servants ever Drawn the Gratuity
Sum of Pagodas that he should
refund the Money he has received
on that Account according to
Pay[t] 58. 26. 28 and not be allowed
to Draw the same as future

Fort St. George
26th Novem[r] 1719

Sam
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
George Proctor
Auditor Gen[l]

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Dr Paymaster at Pondichry in Account Current with the Honble Company Cr

			Pags f. c.
1778 Novr	To 50 Carriage Bullocks @ 3 p 30 ca each p day	Pags 120.22.40	
	200 Draught Do @ 4 p 40 ca @ p day	642.36	763.16.40
Decr	50 Carriage & 200 Draught Bullocks		788.35.20
1779 Jany	Do Do		788.35.20
Febry	Do Do		712.21
Mar	Do Do		788.35.20
Apl	Do Do		763.16.40
May	Do Do		788.35.20
June	Do Do		763.16.40
	Amount of the Debit side of the Account No 2		10829.25.52

			Pags f. c.
1778 Novr	By 200 Draught Bullocks @ Pags 1½ p Month	300	
	50 Carriage Do @ Do	75	
	4 Mestries Drivers to 200 Draught Bullocks @ Pags 2 p Month	8	
	100 Common Drivers to 200 Draught Bullocks @ Pags 1½ p Month	150	
	1 Mestry to 50 Carriage Bullocks	2	535
	Do from Novr 1778 to June 1779 being 7 Months		3745
	Amount of the Credit side of the Account No 2		7549.28.14
	Ballance		5157.40.78

Pagods 16987.27.12

Pagods 16987.27.12

No 1

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Errors Excepted

p George Proctor
Andr of Accts

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D.r Paymaster at Pondicherry Cr

1778						
					Days	Pag.s f. C.
Decem.r 5.	12 Carriage Bullocks					

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Account Current with the Honble Company Cr.

				Dr.	P.	£	6
1778							
Decr.	By 12 Carriage Bullocks @ Pag. 2 21 each P Month for a Month					18	—
1779							
March 6	—	Do.	for	25		81	10 40.
	1 Mestry Dowier @ Pag. 2 P Month		—			1	28 — "
	160 Carriage Bullocks			25		200	— —
	2 Mestries					3	14 —
	30 Carriage Bullocks			13		19	21 —
	1 Mestry					"	36. 32
April 10	7 Carriage Bullocks			5		26	31. 40
	1 Mestry					—	10. 40
	7 Carriage Bullocks			28		7	— "
May 28	Draught Bullocks @ Pag. 1. 21 each P Mond. for			5		7	— "
	1 Mestry					—	14 —
	18 Common Drivers @ Pag. 1. 21 P Month		—			4	21 —
	50 Carriage Bullocks			25		62	25 —
	1 Mestry					1	28 —
June 24	5 Draught Bullocks			20		225	— —
	5 Mestries					6	28 —
	163 Drivers					163	— "
	225 Carriage Bullocks			20		225	— —
	2 Mestries					2	28 —
July 20	Draught Bullocks			23		230	— —
	4 Mestries					6	5. 48
	100 Drivers					115	— —
	57 Carriage Bullocks			23		57	21 —
	1 Mestry					1	22. 32.
	583 Draught Bullocks			57		661	23 8
	12 Mestries					15	25. 30
	389 Drivers					1108	27 24
	1085 Carriage Bullocks			57		3092	10 40
	11 Mestries					41	33. 48
	206 Draught Bullocks			6		61	33. 48
	4 Mestries					1	14 —
	137 Drivers					41	4 16
	31 Carriage Bullocks			4		6	8 32
	1 Mestry					—	11 16
	2 Carriage Bullocks			20		2	— —
			Pago			549	28. 14

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Ordered that Extracts from the
foregoing Remarks with the Opinion of the Committee
thereon be transmitted to the Respective Examinations

Rev.d Rumbold

John Whitehead

Hallot Mann

Charles Smith

Port St. George December 1779

Dispatched the following Letters

To Lieutenant Co.l Baillie

To Col. Baillie forbidding Loans of Money on the Guntoor Circar

Commanding the Detachment in the Field

Sir

We have received a Letter from the Nabob inclosing one from his Consular at Guntoor by which we understand that an Officer of your Detachment has been lending Money to one of the Zemeendars of the Guntoor Circar his name we are not yet acquainted with, but as the Transaction is contrary to the positive & repeated orders of the Company, we cannot help expressing our strongest Disapprobation of it— We direct that you be particularly careful to prevent any thing of this kind in future and that no sort of Interference be employed to impede the Officers or Servants of the Circar in the Collection of the Revenues—

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

Thomas Rumbold

&.c Select Committee

Port St. George

3.d December 1779.

To Lieu.t Walter Douglas

Letter to Lieu.t Douglas forbidding Money Transactions

Commanding at

Guntore

Sir

We have received a letter from

guntore

1597 Port S.t George December 8.th 79

The Nabob enclosing one from the Comedden of Gunture by which we understand that you annoy other Officers of the Company have lent money to one of the Zemeendars of the Gunture Circar— as the proceeding is directly contrary to the repeated orders of the Company, we strictly forbid your engageing in any such Transactions on future on Pain of our Severest Displeasure. we also Positively direct that you do not on any Account or Pretence Whatsoever interfere in the Collections, or employ Seapoys in the Country upon any other Service than that of the Company agreeably to the orders you have already recieved

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants

Thomas Rumbold

&c.a Select Committee

Fort S.t George
3.d Dec.r 1779.

To Captain Edmonds

Commanding at

Ongole

Sir

We have received a letter from the Nabob, inclosing one from his Comedder at Gunture wherein he writes that he has received Letters from you to this Effect "Person- sent

To Captn Edmonds
forbidding Money
Transactions

1598 Fort St. George Decem.r 8.th 1779

"Comarow has for many years had money
Transactions at this place, and he has given
"Assignments of twenty two Villages for the
"Debt he owes to Capt.n Barclay and also given
"Bonds signed by the Rajahs for the amounts
"you have therefore nothing to do with these Villages
"Until you're there"

We cannot but be much surprized
at a Proceeding of this nature after the repeated
and positive Orders which have been given in
the first place to prohibit all Commandants
of Garrison from having any sort of money
Dealings or Transactions with the native Officers
Servants or Inhabitants of the Districts within
or near their respective Commands, and in the
second place to forbid all the Company's Servants
from receiving Assignments of Lands or Grants
for any Loans whatever – We now direct that you
do not on any Account or Pretence whatever impede
the Nabobs Servants in collecting the Revenues
or interfere in any shape in the management
thereof by Loans or otherwise, on pain of our
Severest Displeasure, and as we understand
it has been the practice to employ the
Company's Sepoys in enforcing the Payment
of private Demands we must strictly enjoin
you not to suffer a single Sepoy on duty over
Command

1599 Fort St George December 1719

Received, to be sent into the Country or employed
in any other Duty there that of the Company

Sir

We are

Fort St George
2d December 1719

Your Most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
& Select Committee

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart President
Monday the 6th John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B.
Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee read and
approved

Read the following Letter from
Vizagapatam

(Select Committee)

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

From Vizagapatam in Defence of their Conduct and regarding the Right of Polsonda Vizeram Range

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have received your Letters
of the 31st August and 23d Instant, our delay in
not replying Sooner to your Letter of the 31st
August has proceeded from the Absence of the
parties mentioned therein, the Northern
Zemindars cannot without Detriment to the Revenue
leave their Zemindaries during the Dispute and
Rivalry

1600 Port St. George 6th December 1779.

Dowally Feasts on September and October when they
make their Annual Settlements of Rent with their
Tenants, and renew their Bonds to the Sircars - That
part of your Letter which concerned Sattiavenam.
we replied to in our address of the 22nd Ultimo

Your Command contained in your
Letter of the 23d Ultimo shall be of course implicitly
obeyed. But as your last Letters of the 31st August
and 23d October are written in a Stile of
Reprehension we have been amused to no beg
leave to retrospect in such part of our Conduct
as may admit of Palliation and candidly
Acknowledge our Error where we have exceeded
as your Representatives the bounds of our authority

You Censure us on Account
of the Palicondah Expedition for having Detached
Captain Lysaght with a respectable force against
the Mud Fort of Palicondah held by Gorkanah
Dowra the Duvan of the late Zemendar

Before we proceed to state fully
the point in Dispute relative to the Succession
of Palicondah as far as it has come to our
Knowledge it may be necessary to say a few
Words respecting that Zemendary during the
Moorish Government till the Year Phagely
1162, or According to the European Computation
1752 when Saffier Ally Caun the last of the
Moorish Nabobs in these parts was expelled

Palicondah

1601 Port S.t George 6.th December 1779

Polwondahe was tributary to Jaffna Alley Cauvi
as Malok of the District of Chevaccha. Last after
his expulsion by the Ancestor of the present Jemaw-
-dar of Tejenagreum Polwondah became a Jemawie of
the Tejenagreum family and has remained Seven &
Twenty years subordinate to them Accordingly the
Wanne the President and Council conclude the District
of Polwondah in the Cauls Grounded to the Jemawdar of
Tejenagreum. Consequently the Jemawdar of Polwondah
received his Cauls from Nariemah Iyengar usually way
the heir to the Tejenagreum family in whose name
Tejeram Pauge for some years has ifsued all
Cauls, State Papers &c. It has not therefore
been usual for the Government of Tyagapatam
to interfere in any shape with the internal
management of Polwondah except on such an
occasion as the Death of the Jemawdar and on
the succession of an heir

Rambudeo Pauge the late
Jemawdar of Polwondah was an indolent man
negligent in what regarded the Policy and
the Revenue of his District he entrusted the
whole Troubles management to his Devan
Yerhanah Dowra who for a Course of years
transacted the Affairs of the Polwondah
Government — The Polwondah Jemawdary is
devided into two Districts Polwondah and
Vanagoum on the Death of Rambudeo Pauge

Yerhanah

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Yerkanah Doura to retain to himself and his
son the Poleondah Dessoon of the District
sent a Vakeel to Vizianagrum to the Rajahs
Representative while the Rajahs were to the
Southward informing them that Rambauder Pauze
had adopted Meldy Pauze. Vencata Pauze failed
not to Acquaint the Chief and the Zemindar
of Vizianagrum of this Information but it
afterwards, we are informed, proved a Collusion
of Yerkanah Doura's to favour his own authority
in the name of his son Meldy Pauze when
the Vakeels of Poleondah Vizianagrum pauze and
Yerkanah Doura proceed to Madras, or when
the Principals themselves go to the Presidency
they will plead their respective pretensions to
you —

Sitteram pauze and his Dewan
Vencata pauze now have explicitly declare the
measure of Meldy Pauze's adoption did not
receive the Approbation of the Vizianagrum family
and Sitteram Pauze in reply to a letter on the
subject from the Chief declares formally that
the Claim of Succession urged by Yerkanah
Doura in favor of his son Meldy pauze never
received his Sanction as great Dewance of the
District, nor the Sanction of his Brother Vizeram
pauze the Zemindar of Vizianagrum —

For these Reasons the subject of the
Zemindars

Subjec

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Zamendars are exceedingly attentive to the rights of
Succession. On Yarkamah Dooree's assuming the
management of the Zamendary in the name of his
Son a Minor of ten years of age the Inhabitants of
the District who are Hill people and not
the Nephewes of the Deceased Rambuddee Nayze
in the Management of the Country - Levied
Contributions on their own - Seized the Representative
of Grain which the People secured for the
Nephewes - Burned the Villages in the Vicinity
of Polamdah where the Dooree and his son
resided - Drove away the Cattle and made
Slaves by which means an entire Stop was put
to the Cultivation -

Capt.n Lane assisted by Sevenda
Nayze as appears by our Records - quelled the
Disturbances of Polamdah, as well as the other
Hill Frontiers at Curipauw Poyaguddo &c.a

The Gentoos particularly the
Hill People by their Laws, in case they have
occasion to adopt a Successor fail not to adopt
from the nearest branch of the Male Line -
In this respect they are guided by the same
principles devided by the European Laws:
they never adopt a Successor from the female
Line, unless the male Line be extinct -

Yarkamah Dooree is of the female
Line being a Sister's son of the late Rambuddee Nayze

Melady

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Nelidy Vauze is a Son of Yerkanah Dowra's by a Wife not related to the family of Rambuken Vauze for which reason the adopted Son Nelidy Vauze has not by Blood any Claim to the Succession of Polcondah beside the wife of Yerkanah Dowra abovementioned, he married a Sister of Polcondah Vizeram Vauze by whom he has made Issue, but they are of course on the Female Line

From the inclosed Genealogy of Polcondah Vizeram Vauze it appears that he is the rightful heir of the Polcondah family - also we transmit the Country Correspondence which has passed concerning Polcondah

We think it our Duty to inform you should you be pleased to Confirm the adoption of Nelidy Vauze we are of Opinion that hostilities immediately arise in the Polcondah District the adherents of the Polcondah Vizeram Vauze whether he were present or not would on all Likelihood Destroy the Villages, and Posh betake themselves to the Hills for safe the other Hill Zemindars from Chimmedy to Golgondah and Wonttelah to make Incursions on the Vallies so that much mischief Bloodshed, and Loss of revenue might arise should the Zemindary not remain on its present Peace and Tranquillity

Pursuant to your Commands the Parties shall be informed that they may if they think proper send Vakeels to the Presidency

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Presidency or provided there were themselves to state
their respective pretensions on this Account
we have wrote for them to the Chief of Ship ~

We take leave to observe on condu-
ding this Subject that did we carried on
with Vigour any Expedition against
Palamdah mud fort, yet had not the Succession
been postponed at the Season of planting and
sowing much loss would have arisen to the
Collections

We recede to you very fully under
Date the 26th of May concerning the Affairs of
Tellicherry, not choosing to have recourse to
discretionary authority by proceeding against
the Fort unfortunately for us our Letter to you
on that Subject remained unanswered near
three Months June July and August the Season
for Cultivation to the Northward, by this delay
a Considerable loss of Revenue must have
happened to the Tezenagrum family and had
not speedy Assistance been sent to Palamcah
and the Commandant Authority at that time
established on the Capital great losses must
also have arisen in that District to the
Detriment of the Revenue and Carcar

Nothing can be advanced in
Extenuation of our not having sent you more
early advices concerning the Expedition until
we

we were to mention the absence of the Chief and Secretary at the Presidency when Polcondah was taken and that the Provisional chief conceived, Mr Davidson would Communicate sufficient reasons to the Honble President for our precipitancy in ordering the Capture of the Fort of Polcondah - all which we respectfully Submit.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that you have been misinformed in regard to Repairs having been Made to the fort of Vizeanagrum no addition of any kind having been made to the Works since it was delivered into the Possession of Vizeram rauze - Sittaram Rauze having Built a large House in the Fort for the Accomodation of his family this Circumstance has probably given rise to the report of the Fortifications having been repaired

Since the Arrival of Sittaramrauze he has prevailed with his Brother Vizeram rauze to disband fifteen Hundred Match Locks. at present he has a Body of five hundred Sepoys Clothed, and Accoutered in the same Manner as the Company's Sepoys We are at a loss to assign a reason for his not having put them under the Command of Lieut Eagle whom you ordered to take Charge of them except it proceed from the Jealousy of the Rajahs Sardars, who may have excited their utmost Influence to retard and prevent the Appointment of such a Body under an

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an European Officer — unless such a Body be posted in the same Garrison with the Company's Seapoys, we are of Opinion they would be of little use — We therefore recommend that they be paid by the Company, and the amount Charged Monthly to the Rajah of Vizianagrum for as these Peryannah Companies be not accounted, Paid Clothed, accoutered and disciplined, under the Inspection of the Officer whose to Command them, supported by the Government here, the Corps would not answer the purpose of its Institution —

Concerning the Hill Zemindars confined by Vizianagrum Rangé, we shall do soon as we have finished our Enquiries Concerning them, send you a particular Account of the Result,

We are respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Obedient humble Servants
Alex.r Davidson
H.y Crawford
Nath.l Barlow
Chas. Maxlone

Vizagapatam
18th November 1779.

Genealogy of Palconda Vezeram Rauze Received from the Musmedars

1st

Danurnaidoo

1. Coormarauze

2d Pottyrauze

3d Trehuny Rauze

1st Narendrarauze

2d Ramabudrarauze

1st Vezeramrauze

2d Coormarauze

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The Country Letters referred to on the
Foregoing Letter from Vizagapatam are entered
on the Miscellany Book

Ordered to lye on the Table for
consideration.

Read the following Letter from
Lieut Col Harper & Lieut Col Baillie

From Col Harper
with 2 Letters from
Bazalet Jung &
Sadula Khaan

The Honble the President and Select Committee
Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to forward to
you Translations of two Letters which arrived last
night, the one from Bazalet Jung the other from
Sadula Khaan — Myself Gungoolpersaud Bhurmmony
and one more encamped about Fourteen or Fifteen
Coss from the Kistna —

Camp near Gudda
16th Novemr 1779

I am most Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your faithfull and most Obt
humble Servant
Wm Harper

Translate of a letter from the Nabob Shujah ul
Mulk to Lieut Col Harper

It is some time ago since I adopted the
measure of sending for you here and you were
also ordered by the Governor Bahaudur to be
Ready on your Arrival. If you had come
at that time it would have tended much to

my

my relief and benefit but by your not knowing a Change has taken place in the State of affairs of this place — for the explanation of which two trusty Men have been dispatched from this Court with Letters for the Nabob Walajah and the Governor Bahaudar, and, until we shall receive further orders from the Governor on this Subject, I request that you may stop the march of your Troops

Above Translation
George Forster

Wm Harper

Translate of a letter from Sadult Ullah Khan Bahauder to Lieut Col Harper —

If you had fortunately arrived at this Court at the time you were directed by the Governor Bahaudar — your coming would have been opportune and efficacious. but by reason of the Contrary troops not marching this Country according to treaty — the affairs of the Nabob took a ruinous and destructive turn — there is now an alteration in our System; for the safety explaining which two men of trust have been dispatched from this Court to Madras you will be pleased not any Account to proceed further on your March to above and the motives of this request will be made known to you by the Governor Bahauder you will also receive a Letter enclosed from the Governor to this effect

Above Translation
George Forster

Wm Harper

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To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.

From Col. Harper deliver over the Detachment

President & Governor, &c. &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Agreeable to General Orders
of the 11th Instant the Command of the Detachment
has been this day made over to Lieutenant Colonel
Baillie, and every information given him on
my Power.

Inclosed is an extract from a
letter received yesterday by Tippoo Cheeve from
his father, which seems of possible more importance
than that from Bazula Jung I had the honour
to transmit some days ago

I am most Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
Wm Harper

Camp near Ipeula
21st November 1779

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart. President
& Governor, & the rest of the Gentlemen of the Select
Committee of Fort St. George

From Col. Baillie takes the Command of the Detachment

Honble Sir and Sirs

Yesterday agreeable to General
orders I took upon me the Command of this Detachment,
the Letters wrote & dispatched about the beginning
of the month to Col. Harper and Capt. Doveton

I have

have not made their appearance on Campe
I mean those directing the former to give up the
Command to the latter, and the latter to march
as expeditiously as possible to Adoni

Letters from Bazulet Jung to
Colonel Hooper forwarded to the Honorable
Committee on the 15th, desire the detachment may not
proceed for reasons set forth until their further
orders. Two days after a letter as produced by
Fatula Chavoy the son of Chaye Sood Ulla
Cawn, intimating Bazulet Jung's wish that we
should proceed notwithstanding the former
which he had been under the necessity of writing
and, as appears to me from fears of his Brother
and the delays of the Company's Troops more than
inclination, or because he suspected it his
interest

In this conviction I mean to march
the Detachment the day after tomorrow at
farthest for the Cuttachoorroo Pass; the one
recommended to me by the Nabob, his son Omeer
Ul Omrah, & Fatula Cavoy; / this last Gentleman
to my surprize takes leave of me to day
for the Presidency / and leads directly from the
Palenad Country into Manawer Phaans, the
Nabob of Thanoor's own friend —

Should the Pass prove practi-
cable / and I do not mean trusting to report or

Hircarah

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Mr Cavarahi Jamadar on for advice whereon I will return immediately to a Station somewhere near the present one, and await your further instructions. We have about twelve days provision on Store exclusive of such Supplies as may come daily into Camp.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Respectful &
Most Obedient humble Servant
William Baillie

Camp near Sperla
22d November 1779.

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
President Governor & the rest of the Gentlemen of
the Select Committee of Port St. George

From Col Baillie
Remarks to Sund
Cafe

Honble Sir and Sirs

This serves to accompany
Duplicate of a Letter I had the honor to write
on the 22d instant, & confirm that the Detachment
encamped to day here as far on their way
agreable to the tenor thereof.

Since last Sunderland to
be encamped on the banks of the Cheeva about
twelve Cos to the Northward.

I have the honor to subscribe
myself with the perfect Respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Obedt &
Most humble Servant
Wm Baillie

Camp at Sueleall
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To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart Gover

Recd from Col. Baillie
forwarded his
March

Governor & the rest of the Gentlemen of the Select
Committee of Fort St. George
Honble Sirs and Sirs

I am favored with the Duplicate of
your letter of the 19th - enclosing one from
the Honble President to Tabulla Chaven and
copies of two others one to Bagalet Jung of former
date, & one from Col. Harper of the 9th Instant
the Original containing letters to Bagalet Jung
of late date / for with the duplicate there are
none such / must have miscarried

Tabulla Chaven as by means of the
22d - left Camp for Madras however upon
Suspicion of his being still at Innaconda
I dispatched his letter with one from myself
signifying the loss of the Honble Committees
dispatches of the 2. and requesting a particular
enquiry to be made for his credit as well as
the public good

Should the fortunate enough
to find the pass of Cullacherroo practicable
and the Coulahs troops acting in conjunction
with Bagalet Jung I shall pay strict
attention to your injunctions as to the
friendship subsisting between the Company
& them, and the necessary caution under that en-
-deng to be observed when with his troops -

Lally

your

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Sally on the above Country, I shall take post
in the best Manner the nature of my situation
can admit of, for your further instructions, or
until Bazalut Jung dismiss or send him
to a greater distance

I wrote Bazulut Jung this
day acquainting him of my route Congratulating
him upon what I have to do upon entering his
Country

Camp at Amarapalah
26th Nov 1779

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Respectfull
Most Obedt Humble Servant
William Baillie

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
President Govr and the rest of the Gentlemen of the
Select Committee of Fort St. George

From Col Baillie
halts the Detachment
in order to retreat

Honble Sir and Sirs

In compliance with your
commands of the 25th instant, I shall (halting
one day in my present ground, attack & route
this morning) march the detachment back to
Trincomaly; and on the march there, endeavor
the expences as much as possible

By the enclosed letters just
received, & despatched from above about ten
days ago, I am sorry to find Bazulet Jung
& his Dewan persisting in their determinations

&

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Desiring not not to advance —

I have the honor to be
Camp at Reavaram Honble Sir and Sirs
27th November 1779
(10 Pcs from Elyseeum)

Your Very Respectfull
Most Obedt humble Servant
William Baillie

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
Tom Jol Bullie President Governor, & the rest of the Gentlemen
of the Select Committee of Fort St. George
Honble Sir and Sirs

This day your original letter
of the 19th instant has been received; and
the two enclosed for Bazalet Jung forwarded
I send him a few lines at the same time myself
giving the reasons set forth in yours of the 28th
for the Detachments not advancing
I have the Honour to subscribe
myself respectfully

Camp at Reavaram
Near Machula
28th Novem 1779.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Obedient &
very humble Servant
William Baillie

Read a Letter from the Nabob dated
the 2nd Instant enclosing a Letter for him
the Governor from Bazalut Jung dated the
explaining fully his reasons for not
Bazalet Jungs Reasons for not waiting personally of our assistance
assistance

Bazalet Jungs
Reasons for not waiting personally of our
assistance

waiting personally of our assistance at this
juncture,

juncture, and setting forth the terms on which he has consented to an accommodation with his Brother – one of which is that the Gunboat Lorcan shall be restored back by the Company.

Read a Letter from Bagatel Lieu.t to Lieu.t Col.l Harper dated the 18 Novem.r advising that the Negroes having heard our Troops had marched from Innacundah towards Adone was much displeased – and requesting therefore again that they might not proceed –

Read a Letter from Fatulla Khan dated the 25 Novem.r giving his reasons for detaining two Letters from the Commandg Officer which came into his hands for Lieutenant Colonel Harper and Capt.n Powell –

Fatulla Khans Reasons for detaining the Letters to Harper & Powell

Read the following Letter from Lieut Col.l Boreare

Hon.ble Sir and Sir

From Col Boreare

When I received the Commands from Major Marcelle the 23.d instant he informed me that all the Staff which had been here when the Fortifications remained and while they were destroying had been struck off excepting the French Interpreter on the Left position that none was necessary

Permit me Hon.ble Gentlemen to

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I do assure you that it is not possible to regulate
the Duty where there are so many Corps
without a publick Officer of some Denomination,
I do hopes that your Honor will see the Deficiency
a Commanding Officer must feel in Enquiring
the Details as well as with the Returns
without the Assistance of one whose business
it is to do that Duty I have presumed to
recommend Lieut. Chase for Brigade Major
to the Cantonment Lieut. Wright who was
the French Interpreter has gone to joyn his
Battalion permit me to request that Ensign
Pielat may be Appointed in his room I assure
your Honors that from his knowledge of
the Language he is perfectly qualified and
besides being respected by the Inhabitants he will
be much more useful in that Capacity than
a Stranger would be

I have the Honor to be with
the most profound respect
Honble Gentlemen
Your very Obedient and
most Humble Servant
George Browne

Pondichery
25 Novr 1779

Lieut Chase appt Brigade Major in Pielats French Interpreter

Agreed for the reasons given by Lieut Col Browne, that Lieut Chase be appointed Brigade Major to the Cantonment

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at Pondicherry and Foreign Ports Inwards

Lat. Inspector

Lieut. Whyte appt. Assistant to Capt.n Polgrave's Batt.n

Agreed also that Lieut. Whyte be appointed Assistant to Capt.n Polgrave's Batt.n in the room of Lieut. Chase

Read the following Letter

From Lieut. Bl. Browne

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.t President & Governor & the Select Committee

From Bl. Browne on regard to the case of Mr. De Roche

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have been duely honored with your Letter of the 26th Instant desiring I would make particular enquiries into the Situation, & Circumstances of Mr. De Roche's own Account agreeing in every particular with the best information I have been able to get, upon the strictest enquiries

I hope your Honors will be thanks it unnecessary my troubling you any further than with his own account which is that he was ordered on the 9th of October, to embark on three days on the Success which he would with the utmost pleasure have done, having nothing here which could induce him to remain but his wife been far advanced in her Pregnancy for so much that she was actually delivered

the

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the 31st he further says that he had no means of Subsisting himself & family consisting of a Wife & four Children, but his employ, of which means of Subsisting being now deprived, he declares they are next to Starving which they must very soon come to If the Honble Committee do not Commiserate his Distressful Situation & indulge him with the retreave of his allowance, he further says that he will be happy how soon the Honble the Committee will enable him & his family to proceed to the Island &c.

I have the honor to be with the most profound respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your very Obedient

& most humble Servant

George Brown

Pondichery
28th Novemr 1779

The Committee are of Opinion that the case of Mr De Roche is singular, and merits their indulgence, as he and his family are said to be in the most indigent Circumstances - agreed therefore that he be permitted to draw his former allowance from the Company until he can be sent away - and as it appears from several Letters which have been addressed to the Committee, that there are other French Families whose miserable Circumstances, may merit some Consideration it is resolved that Lieut Col Browne be desired to point out such objects to us, giving his opinion how far they may deserve our attention.

To draw his former Subsistance

Lt Col Browne to point out the objects of distress in Pondichery

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Read the following Letter from Bombay
Select Committee

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

from Bombay with Journal & Manifesto

Gentlemen

The Governor General & Council have acquainted us of their Resolution to form a respectable Army on this Coast and of the Quota of Troops to be furnished from your Presidency of which you have been duly advised by them and We await your Advices on the Subject but as We understand the Forces at Mysore are intended as a Part of the Proportion to be contributed by your Presidency and as Matters with the Mhorattas appear to wear a Just & Pacific Aspect, We have, on General Goddard's Representation of the Necessity of having his Army provided with a Considerable Train of Artillery and Stores, sent with a sufficient Number of Transports to bring off the Forces Ordnance and Stores from Mahe, and hope Colonel Braithwaite will have been furnished on being on the Spot for Orders from you for complying with our Requisitions.

The Fortifications of Bombay having lately been considerably augmented with several New Works, We were much in want of Cannon for them and observing by a Return sent us by Colonel Braithwaite the Considerable Quantity of Ordnance taken at Mysore, We judged it a very good Opportunity for

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For expeditying our Wants and ordered them to be transported to Bombay on the Company's Vessel which will also save the very heavy expence of freighting them round to Madras and We hope be satisfactory to you.—

We Yesterday received Advices from Bussora dated the 25th Ultimo enclosing Extract of a Letter from his Majesty's Embassador at the Porte to the Consul at Aleppo dated the 24th of July and Copy of a Paper delivered by the Spanish Embassador on the 16th of June to the Lord Viscount Weymouth which amounting to a Declaration of War We have not hesitated transmitting you this Intelligence and Copies of the said Letter and Paper—

By the same Channel We learn that Sir Charles Hardy with a Fleet of fifty Sail of the Line was to oppose the Combined Fleets of France and Spain which had not then joined, and that the Latter Fleet of Indiamen consisting of nine Ships had sailed from Spithead the 11th of June convoyed to a certain Latitude by the Squadron for North-America under Admiral Edwards—

We enclose Packets for the Governor General & Council and Admiral Vernon and request the former may be forwarded with all possible Expedition—

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
H. Lloyd
Jon.a Lamac
D. Draper

Bombay Castle
31st Oct.r 1779

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Translation of the Spanish Manifesto

The whole World has been a
Witness of the Noble Temperateness of this Kingdom
during the Contests of the Court of London with
her American Colonies and with France. Besides
that his Majesty, having been informed
that his Powerful mediation was wished
for generously made the offer of it, which was
accepted by the Belligerant Powers, and for that
sole motive a Man of war was dispatched by his
Britannick Majesty to one of the Ports of France.
The Kingdom has pursued the most energetick conduct
and such as ought to have been productive of
the most effect to lead these Powers to an
Accommodation equally honorable to both Parties
prospering to that end, since hostilities be
endeavoured to remove dissensions, and prevent
the calamities of War. But although the Proposals
of his Majesty, and particularly those of his
Mediation may have been conformable to such,
as on other times the Court of London herself
would have judged proper to produce an
Accommodation, and although they have all been
so moderate, yet they have been rejected in
a Manner which sufficiently evinces the little
desire the Britannick Cabinet has for restore
peace to Europe, and to preserve the friendship
of this Kingdom. In effect the conduct of this Cabinet

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with regard to his Majesty during the course
of the negociation, has had in view to prolong it
for more than 3 Months, either by vain pretences,
or inconclusive Answers, whilst during that
Interval, they continued to an incredible
excess to insult the Spanish Flag and violate
the Territories of the King: they have taken
Prizes, boarded and plundered Vessels, burnt a great
Number, whom they obliged to defend themselves
and have opened and torn the Dispatches and Packets
of the Court itself found on board the Courier
Packet-boats of his Majesty - They have threatened
the Domains of his Crown on America, and have
even proceeded to the horrible extremity of
causing the Indian Nations called the Chatcas
Cherequises and Chicachas to revolt against the
unoffensive Inhabitants of Louisiana, who would
have been the victims of the fury of these
Savages, if the Chatcas themselves had not
repented, and revealed the whole scheme of
Seduction by the English: they have usurped the
Sovereignty of his Majesty on the Province of
Darien, and on the Coast of St. Blas; the
Governor of Jamaica having granted the Patent
of Captain General of these Provinces to a Rebel-
lious Indian. Lastly they have lately
violated the Territory of the Bay of Honduras
in exercising Acts of hostility there, and other
excesses against the Spaniards whom they have
imprisoned,

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unfortunate and abhorr'd Deeds they have invaded;
Besides that the Court of London has scandalously
neglected to fulfil what was Stipulated with
respect to that Island in one Article of the last
Treaty of Paris —

Such numerous Grievances several and reiterated
Grievances have been at different times the
Subject of Complaints carried in the name
of the King, and represented in the Memorials
that have been addressed to the Portuguese
Ministers at London, or conveyed to them by
means of the English Ambassador at Madrid.
But although the Answers that have been received
may have been friendly, until this time his
Majesty has received no other Satisfaction
than withheld the Insults repeated robberies have
lately amounted already to the number of one
hundred —

This King Proceeding with the Sincerity
and Frankness which characterize him, formally
declared to the Court of London at the commencement
of her Quarrels with France, that the Conduct pursued
by England would be the Rule by which Spain
would regulate herself —

His Majesty declared equally
to that Court, that at the same time that her disputes
with that of Paris should be accommodated, it would
be absolutely necessary to regulate those which
had arisen or which might arise with Spain, and

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on the plan of mediation sent to the Embassador signed the 28.th September last, and which he remitted to the British ministry about the beginning of October / of which plan Lord Grantham was immediately entrusted by having had a Copy sent him / His Majesty announced on purpose to the Belligerant Powers that considering the Insults his Subjects and Domains experienced, as well as the attempts made upon his Rights, he should be under the Necessity of taking his Party, provided the negociation, instead of being preserved with Sincerity, should be broke off, or should be productive of no effect

The Grievances offered by the Court of London being contested, and that Court shewing no disposition to redress them The King has resolved and ordered his Embassador to declare that the honor of his Crown, the protection he owes to his Subjects, and his personal dignity do not permit him longer to suffer the continuance of those Insults, and to neglect the reparation of those already received, and that on this View, notwithstanding the pacific dispositions of his Majesty and even the particular Inclination he has always expressed to cultivate the Friendship of his Britannick Majesty, he finds himself under the necessity of employing all the means that the Almighty has entrusted to him, to procure

that

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That Justice which he has collected so many
ways on Board being able to attend at Leasure
on the Equity of her Cause, does Majesty hopes
that the consequences of this resolution will not
be imputed to them, either before God or Man,
and that the Natives will soon open their Eyes
to their Resolution on comparing it to the
Conduct that they themselves have experienced
from the British Ministry —

The Marquis D'Alorodavan

London
16th June 1779

Agreed to acknowledge the receipt
of the foregoing Letter — and to acquaint the —
Gentlemen at Bombay with such Circumstances as
may be necessary for their Information

Read the following Letter from
the Garrison Storekeeper —

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
President and Governor, &c. &c. Gentlemen of the
Select Committee of
Port St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

I was duly honord with your
Letter of the 19th of August last, through Mr Secretary
Oakeley, wherein you sign a severe Censure —
on my Conduct, for having Withheld —
your Sanction, received into Store 80 odd Garces
of

from the Garrison Storekeeper in consequence of this Resolution

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of Paddy wet by rain without reporting it at the time, I acknowledge, I was to blame, for not making that official Report, of the Condition it was then in, before I stored it, though I conceived it could have been of no advantage to the Company, as I had previously received it from Mr. Cochrane the Contractor in good Condition.

I cannot express the great Concern, the Reproof I met with upon me has and does still give me, particularly as I flattered myself that my explanation to the Committee of Garrison stores would have been satisfactory.

From my Report to your Honor &c.a of the 10.th of March last, there was Reason to imagine that the Company would has sustained a Considerable Loss by this Paddy, and tho' the that my Duty compelled me to take every measure to prevent it, I exerted myself to the utmost in the Sales and beg leave to acquaint Your Honor that on a further examination, I found the Paddy, was by no means so much damaged as it at first appeared to me, in the heaps before it was stored, and have now the Satisfaction to inform Your Honor &c.a that instead of the Company suffering a Loss, by the Sales of the Paddy, wet by Rain, it has sold to an advantage over the Contract price. What now remains in Store is about 35 or 40 Garces of the old Stock in good refreshing Condition and about 250 Garces received from

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From Mr. Cochrane last year a stock Cattle is of an excellent Quality far Superior to the Masters at first delivered and Doubtless will all be an advance on the Contract price

Agreeable to the Custom that has been adopted for several years past, I have limited the Retail to a certain Quantity or order to regulate the Market, and keep down the Prices of Grain which has fully answered the good purposes of Government in relieving the poor Inhabitants, for had the Command of the Grain been in the Power of the Merchants there's no doubt from the late Scarcity that a Famine must have ensued

I have the honor to remain respectfully

Fort S.t George
30.th Nov.r 1779

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
C. B. Dent

The Committee are glad to find that the Paddy, on which the Company were likely to lose, has sold for a Profit and they are willing on this Occasion to testify their sense of Mr. Dents diligence as they would before to shew what appeared to them neglect

Read the following Letter from C. C. Brathwaite to the Governor

Sir

1630 Port St George 6th Decem 1679

Sir

From Pt Braithwaite
a Violent Storme
interrupts the
imbarkation of the
Stores &c Consigned
to Charge the Compa-
ny with a Loss
Sustained by him
on that occasion

I am sorry that the duty of my Station
obliges me frequently to give you disagreeable
accounts, on the Season of the year when it was
not to be expected, after our Embarkation had gone
on prosperously for six days, on the tenth at
night arose a violent gale of wind Came on Accompanied
with the darkest Sky and the most violent storm
Never saw it Continued the next day, when we
saw that the Success a Dutch Snaid sailed for Cochin,
with one of the Large boats under her Convoy on
which had imbarked Several unfortunate families
of this place with all their little property, and
on which were seven of my Servants who had
been Anxious to get from hence among which
was one charged with two thousand rupees, had
returned, and were anchored about a league from this
place to the Northward where they rode very hard
as did all the Ships and boats the weather moderated
a little towards noon and the boat in general got
into a Cove behind some Rocks under the Command
of Fort Make, when they all lay pretty safe except
the two largest, which were those loaded with
Powder and which still lay so that every sea
broke over them—I endeavoured to send one of my Servants
off in a boat to the Assistance of the boat in which
my Servants were but the bad weather returning
with encrease after two hours Labour the boat

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sent was driven among the rocks and my servants
and the people saved their lives with Difficulty and
much trouble — as the Day advanced the Gale increased
and the night was one of the most tempestuous I ever
knew — on the morning neither of the Ships were to
be seen, nor the Large boat above mentioned — the
Storm Continued all the fourteenth and at night
the fourteenth it grew more moderate when I learned
that the boat had been dashed to peices on the
Sorrounding night on a Shoal of rocks between Moylon
and Pellicherry — every thing was lost and about
three and Thirty persons drowned among them were
many women and Children — a French Gentleman
an inhabitant of this place had the Misfortune to
Escape after seeing his wife and two Children
dashed to peices on the rocks, and the Whole that he
was with Swallowed up two of my Servants have
escaped back but terribly burnt one Large Gallivat
in the Tombs are endeavouring to get out the Love
was dashed all to peices upon some rocks but the
people saved — but not a vestige of her
in two hours the Longs got into the River safe
I am very anxious for the Ships, as they must have
been in a Situation much Lamented — the weather
has been very moderate all day and I saw no
two Vessels at a great distance to the Northward
which we take to be the Bombay Boat and Eagle,
they appear distressed — I shan't Hoist Flags of the
Large boats sent to Pellicherry the next week

Gun

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Gun Carriages are lost on the rocks there where
is also found one of Hyder Gallwalls out of which
twenty one persons have escaped with life - alarge
Snow also in Tellicherry road belonging to a black
Merchant with a Lack and an half on board is
totally lost, crew and all - from the morning of the tenth
till this day we have had no moderate weather
sufficient to have any Communication with Tellicherry
where I know Affairs are much in the same
State as they were in regard to the Nairs, except
that at Tellicherry they have strengthened their
lines and have been joined by 1500 men from the
King of White Dutch in the end, this does not daunt
Hyder openly upon them.

Our Lands have mostly perished in the gale
and many of our people are gone into the Hospital
in consequence of it - People who have lived here forty
Years say they never saw such a one - I must
for request that you would stand my Friend so
far as to allow me to charge for Hundred two
hundred and twenty Seven rupees, which I have lost
in this Cask, as I was sending it to Pay Mr.
Abraham of Cochin for rice and other Articles
and Victuals by him for the Subsistence of the troops,
the apparent Security of the weather and the
going of a trusty Servant induced me to take this
Opportunity. It is a Matter which has only my
own of honor to vouch it - I hope that is sufficient

and

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and my own personal Safe and expence already on
this Service enables me to assure you that even
this Trifling Sum is a Consideration to me a Bombay
Sloop going from Bombay to any ports with Letters
from General Goddard will Mr. Braithwaite on former
me if they were then continues moderate and this
might and gave me this Opportunity of writing
and I hope you will excuse the roughness of this Letter
having only this moment heard of this Opportunity
and such a Moment

I have the honour to be Sir
Your most Respectfull
Your much obliged
& obedient Servant
John Braithwaite

Mahe
November 1779

The Committee are much Concerned at the
Effects of the terrible Storm which has happened on
the other Coast, and hope that no further Damage
may have happened thereto what is mentioned in the
above Letter as to the Loss of 2227 Rupees which
Mr. Braithwaite requests may be charged to the
Company's Account the Committee are of Opinion
for the reasons given by him that it may be so
charged and resolved Accordingly

Request granted

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Colonel Nixon

From Colonel Nixon
forwarding Proposals
of the Detachment to
remain

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
&c &c &c Select Committee
Honble Sir and Sirs

Fort St. George

In consequence of your order of

1634 Fort S.t George 6.th December 1779.

of the 17.th Instant I ordered the Detachment of Seapoys which have been employed on the Nabobs business to return to this Garrison since which I have received so many remonstrances from his Manager of the Danger & Detriment which might ensue to his service by recalling the whole, that I have ventured to allow two Companys to remain till the 10.th of Each Month hoping for your Approbation Remain

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Most Faithful Serv.t

26 November 1779.

Eccles Nixon

The Committee approve of what Lieut.t Col.l Nixon has done

approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Thomas Bedford Director of the Laboratory to the Governor

Honble Sir

From Mr Bedford to have his former Pay continued

Having lately had my Pay as Director of the Laboratory Reduced from five to four Shillings p Day upon the Idea, I am told that it is an Appointment of the same Nature as a Conductor of Stores, beg leave to Represent to you Sir that my Predecessor as well as myself have for many Years constantly received five Shillings p Day, and that the office has been hitherto Considered as entirely distinct from that of a Conductor as it is in his Majesty's Service

very.

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Service whose the Direction of the Laboratory
has a great allowance in proportion to the
additional Trust that is reposed in him

As the making up every Species of
Ammunition for the Artillery is entrusted to me
under the Direction of the Military Storekeeper;
I hope, Sir, that the Responsibility of my Office,
the Gratuitous Allowance I have paid to my Duty
which Struck Mr Boultenay can be Satisfy - will
induce you to think me deserving of the
Pay I have received until now and that you
will be pleased to order it to be Continued to me

Port St George
6th December 1759

Sir

With the greatest Respect
I have the
Honble Sir

Your Most Obed. Humble
Humble Servant
Thomas Bedford

To the Honble Sir Tho. Rumbold
Baronet Gov.r &c.a &c.a of Fort St. George

allowed

Agreed that Mr Bedford be permitted
to draw the allowances mentioned in his Letter

The Secretary deliver him the following
Abstract of the Expence of demolishing the Works
at Pondicherry.

Abstract of demolishing Expence of Pondicherry &c.

1636

Dr. His Highness the Nabob on Account of the Works at Pondicherry in Account Current With Arthur Stanhope Esqr. } Cr.

1779				Pags. Fans. Cash	1779			Pags. Fans. Cash
April	To Cash expended in this Month as p Account Particular			2552. 17. 60	April	By Cash received from the Nabob as p Account Particulars		8000. — "
May	To Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	6967. 32. "	June	By Ditto	Ditto	3000. — "
June	To Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	8114. 34. 72	July	By Ditto	Ditto	10,000. — "
July	To Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	9023. 22. 32	Augt.	By Ditto from the Companys Treasury on Account of the Nabob		5000. — "
Augt.	To Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	8909. 22. 20	Septr.	By Ditto	Ditto	10,000. — "
Septr.	To Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	6851. 23. 20	Octr.	By Ditto	Ditto	5000. — "
Octr.	To Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	6905. 1. 40	Novr.	By Ditto	Ditto	8325. 10. 4
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Port St. George 27th Novemr. 1779.

Errors Excepted

A. Stanhope
Paymaster to the Nabob

1637 Fort St. George 6th December 1749

Read the following Minutes from
the Committee of Stores

Fort St. George 1st. Novem 1749

at a Committee of Stores

From the Committee of Stores regarding Present Major General S. Hector Munro K.B
Coll Edward Fames
Major George Maule
Mr. Bryan Godfrey
South

The Proceedings of last Committee
Read and Approved

The Military Storekeeper is Directed to
make use the Eight 12 Pounder Field Carriages
agreeably to the order of the Select Committee of
the 18th Ult. but no others are to be made till
further order

The Commissary of Stores Says before the
Committee has reckoning of Shells necessary to compleat
the Establishment the Return of Stores the
Number of Shells that will be wanted of those on
the Carcass are not included 12 shells each
as will be wanted allowing those now on the
Carcass to form a part of the Compliment necessary

The General observing to the Committee,
that as there is a probability of Service going on
after the Rains, he cannot but think it necessary
every thing depending on the Committee should
be compleated and in readiness, he therefore

Desires

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Desires the Commissary of Stores to prepare a Return of such Stores as will be requisite, together with the equipment of a small battering Train

The Commissary of Stores lays before the Committee a List of Ordnance & Military Stores received from Pensacola in October 1779

The Commissary of Stores lays before the Committee a List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper on October 1779 Musters of which being examined are Approved of

The Committee have examined Twelve 6 Pounder Carriage for the use of the Salutating Battery, which are Approved of and the Committee remark that they are no additional Expence, as they were included in the last Estimate given in

Hector Munro
Edwd James
Geo. Maule
B. Scottowe

A Return of new & old Serviceable Tents remaining in the Several Garrisons Dom Command (exclusive of those on the Troops) with the Number wanting to compleat the Establishment of the 8th Oct 1779

	General & Field Officers	Officers	Private	Bell	Laboratory
Fort St George		October Returns	5	13	16	13
Pensacola		August Do				5

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Pennacoil	Sept. Return			"	" 1	"
Manoult	Do	Do		"	" 1	"
Pondicherry	Oct. Do			"	" 1	" 6
Nagore	Sept. Do			"	11. 18. 10	"
Vellore	Do	Do		"	6 1. 10	"
Tanjore	Aug. Do			"	2 19 5. 2	"
Mahe	Do	Do		"	4 10. 11 42	
European Cavalry	Oct. Do			"	1 18. 22. 24	"
Pongole	Sept. Do			"	3. 14	"
				"	2 2 20	"
			Total		12 94 89 248. 6	
Wanting to Compleat					1 6 144 329. 28. 6	
Establishment					1 18. 238. 418. 276. 2	

N.B. Four Private Tents ordered to be Supplied the Legion Marksmen & not included in the Establishment to be added to those wanting

Fort St. George
16th November 1779

J. Hammond
Comm. of Stores

A Return of new and old Serviceable Tents remaining in the several Garrisons and on Command with the Number wanting to Compleat the Establishment of the 8th October 1779

Fort St. George	October Return					5	13	16 43
Chunglepat	August Do					"	"	" 5 "
Pennacoil	Sept. Do					"	"	1 " "

General | Field Officers | Staff Officers | Private | Bell | Land Tent

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Mount	September	Return			1	1
Pondicherry	Octobr	do			11 18 105	
Nagore	Septem[r]	do			6 1 10	
Vellore	do	do			2 19 5 2	
Mahe	August	do			1 28 22 25	
Tanjore	do	do			4 10 11 62	
Christian Cavalry	Octr	do			3 14	
Ongole	Septr	do			2 2 20	
7th Circar Battn Seapoys	Octo	do			8 9 19	
Masulipatam 8th Battn Seapoys			June	return	16 9 11	
More 3d Circar Battn Seapoys	Octr	do			5 6 16	
Samul Pollah	do	do			6 6 10	
Condapilla	Augt	do			9 7 14	
Vizagapatam	July & Septr	do			10 5 11	
Artillery & Pioneers	Septr	do			7 13 7	
Gingee, no return since June 1778						
Tanjore	Septr	do			6 5 18	
Pol Harpers Detachment no Return						
Total					12 159 1493 1	
					1 6 79 269 1	
Wanting to Complete Establishment					1 18 238 428 276 2	

NB. Five Private Tents ordered to be dispensed the Seapoy Marksmen and not included in the Establishment to be added to those wanting

S. Manners
Commissary Stores

Fort St. George
16th November 1779.

Ordered that the Committee of Stores do order thereon deliver in an Estimate of the Expence of making up the Number of Tents specified in both the Returns

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Douglas

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet
From Lt Douglas President & Governor &c. &c. Select Committee
Fort St George

Grandeur evidenced by his own people

Honble Sir and Sirs

I herewith have the honor to transmit to you a Return of the Troops under my Command

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Command, as also a Return of Military Stores for the Month of November 1779 —

Sagar Dean Cawn the Nabobs Amelden having informed me that Gundanna Commandar of Tarcondah was preventing him coming to Cawn to settle the payments of the Revenue by his own Power and other Oppressions as he recommended his Cause — he also read to me a Letter from Gundanna wherein he said that on his sending a Guard of two Companies of Sepoys was sent to his Assistance he should not be able to leave Tarcondah — Accordingly at the Amildars request sent a Detachment of Sepoys with an European Officer from hence the 25th Ulto on their Arrival there the People shut the Gates, and made more little show of Resistance, but soon after dispersed — Gundanna arrived here yesterday —

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient

and most humble Servant

Walter Douglas

Guntoor

1st Decemr 1779

To

The Honble Sir and Sirs

Read the following Letter from Major Macalister

From Major Macalister

representing the

State of the Walls

of the Fort

Yesterday I received your Commands

of the 20th Instant I have signified to Capt. Baird

your directions respecting the Marquis who Commanded

the Detachment which went into the Danish Bounds;

and I have represented in the most favorable terms, the orders

for his leaving

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forbidding any Guard, Detachmt. or even Single Sepoy from going beyond the Limits of the Tanjore Country on the requisition of any of the Rajahs Amildares or other Servants — I have also informed the Rajah that you greatly disapprove of the Conduct of the Amildare at Mayaveram, so that I hope nothing of the Kind will happen in future

Capt.n Johnstone the Engineer having reported to me that the retaining Wall of that face of the Little Fort which denides it from the Large one was in danger of falling down, I went with him and examined it. We found it Rent in several places from Top to Bottom — To save money it had originally been built, some years ago, on the foundation of the old Sandy Brave Wall, this has given way the Wall is Seperated from the Rampart so much that, if the rains continue heavy a Breach is very probable that it will come down — To raise any temporary Work to Support it would not, in my humble opinion answer any good Purpose as I have already said that the Foundation is bad — For that reason as that Face of the little Fort is very weak having no Flank fire to prevent an Enemy from possessing of the Large Fort from Retaining the Gate of the little one, I desired Captain Johnstone to make a Sketch of such a Work as appeared best Calculated to answer the Purposes required from it at the least expence; this he has

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has done, it is transmitted to Madras, and should
your Honor & be pleased to call for it Major
Mackie will lay it before you — Captain
Johnstone has laid down, on his Sketch, the
works which he thinks necessary for the Defence
of the South & West Faces — I entirely agree with
him as to the utility of those Works, but should
you and think it proper to carry every part
of the plan into execution, at present I think it
my duty to inform your Honor of the necessity
that exists for making the Lines down the
Little Fort will be Paid Pettah upon, on the side
next the large Fort. Should this endeavr Your
Honor & to determine that something shall be
done on that side I beg leave to Submit it to your
Consideration whether it would not be better, & cheaper
in the end, to build a stronger Work at once than
to Construct any temporary one

I have the honor to be with the most
Perfect respect

Honble Sir and Sir

Your Most Obedient
Most humble Servant
Alex.r Macleod

Tanjore
30.th Novem.r 1779

The Commander in Chief acquaints
the Commodore that he has received a Letter from
Lieutenant Col.o Baillie informing that it would be
necessary

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necessary to have an Engineer appointed to this
Detachment, as also a Conductor of Stores —

Resolved that Captain Theobald
be appointed Engineer to Lieutenant Col.o Baillies
Detachment and Lieu.t Hector Munro is desired
to Recommend a proper person to be appointed
Conductor of Stores —

Capt.n Theobald appointed Engineer to Col Baillies Detachment —

Fred.k Rosenbold

John Chesterly

Hector Munro

Charles Lumsden

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The following Letter was this day written

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council

at Fort William

Letter to Bengal with two Letters from England

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to enclose you herewith two Packets for your Presidency just received from England via Suez by Lieutenant Hirlofs Danish Colours

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Most Obedient

& Most humble Servants

Thomas Rumbold

& Select Committee

Fort St. George

11th Decemr 1779

At a Select Committee Present

The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet Pres.t

Tuesday John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K.B.

the 14th Dec.r Charles Smith

Members of last Committee read and

Approved

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Baronet

Letter from Beng.l President & Co.s Select Committee at

respecting the Fort St. George

Further Loans given

to Mess.rs Holland Gentlemen

The Governor General has laid

before us a Letter which he has lately received

from Mr. Holland your Minister at the Court of

of the Nabob Nizam ul Mulluck dated the
3d September which contains Matters of such great
Importance to the General Interests of the Company
as in our Judgement of them to require our
immediate Interference

We consider it to an Official
omission that we have never yet received the regular
information of Mr. Hollands Appointment of
which the first Notice was conveyed to us by an
early Letter addressed by him to the Governor
General with a Copy of his Instructions, we were
indeed advised in your Letter to us of the 7th of
February last that you had Appointed a Minister
to this Court for the Special purposes of facilitating
the Acquisition of the Guntoor Circar and generally
to support the Nabob in the Interests of your
Government such also we understand to have
been the Substance of your Instructions to Mr.
Holland, from the Governor Generals recollection
of them, this having been by some accident
unfortunately mislaid with an explanation in
addition to them of the Causes which had
compelled you to withhold the regular payment
of the Peshcush due to the Nabob by Treaty
for the Northern Circars, and a promise of
discharging the Arrears and greater punctuality
in the future payments of it

Such were the original objects
of this Deputation, and they appeared to us

to

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to have been most wisely and seasonably adopted
by Us to the relation in which we stood to the
Nabob Nizam ally Cause, and to the general
Exigencies of our Affairs at a period when as you
very justly observe "we were engaged in a War
"which required the exertion of all our force and
"the good will of every State in Alliance with us"
At this design we professed only to
conciliate and to confirm our Alliance and Peace
already established, not Apprehending any Cause
new Engagements, & required no Special Sanction
from the contending Powers which are vested in
this Government, and We Patiently waited the
issue of it, in the persuasion that the same
Providence which planned, would direct the
execution of it to the most happy termination
We are not sufficiently acquainted with the
progress of this Business to discover the intermedi-
ate Causes which seem unperceptibly to have
led the negociation into every different Channel
but we perceive by the Copies of Mr Hollonds
latest Correspondence with you to the beginning
of September that the first objects of it have been
totally dropped, and new Points introduced which
have given great Offence to the Nabob and have
even been construed by him as a Resolution on
your part to violate the Treaty subsisting
between him and the Company we allude chiefly
to your Demand for a reinforcement of the Detach
which

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struck from the Argent and Guarded terms on which it was conveyed, accompanied with a denial of the Right on which it was originally founded — antecedently to the Treaty, and the Affirmation of utter Inability to discharge either the Arrears, or Current Payments of it, and without any Composition or Condition offered to engage his Compliance with it, did too strongly Warrant the Construction which the Nabob appears to have given to it, and as are implied but decided Resolution, from which you could not afterwards depart without hazarding the imputation of Inability to support it. What impression your last Proposals may have made upon the mind of the Nabob we are yet unacquainted but if they are communicated to him with the declaration and defiance with which you conclude your Instructions upon them to Mr. Wedderburn, We fear that they may yet fall of their effect, and the Candor which dictated them be misunderstood —

Exclusively of any other Considera-tions we should be exceedingly concerned at a Rupture grounded on such a Plea as it would severely reflect upon our National Faith, and require a long Tale, to which the World in such Circumstances never attends to convince it that the Charge was without foundation

Neither do we think it prudent in the present State of our Affairs to expose them

to

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To the Hazard of a Rupture with a Power, which at any other time we should have held in much higher Estimation, than we now do, with so many weighty Concerns upon our Hands, which will demand your Attention to them

In this delicate Crisis we have judged it expedient, and encumbent upon us to endeavour our Mediation and Authority, and to prevent the Consequences which have appeared to us inevitably on one side or other, without such an Intervention; and we have chosen such Means for this Purpose as appear to us most likely to produce their Effect, and at the same time to retrieve the Credit of your Government, without occasioning any Inconvenience we have written a short Letter to Mr Holland on which We have desired him to suspend his Negociation until he shall receive further Instructions from you; and to the Nabob we have written strongly more at large to the same Effect

For your Information we transmit you an English Copy of this last Letter which will sufficiently point out the Line which we wish to have observed in your future Instructions to Mr Holland, and we require your strict Conformity to it.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Most Obed.t Servants
Warren Hastings
Geo. Pitt. Barwell

Fort William
1st November 1759