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I have the honors to be

Gentlemen.

Your most Obedient &
very humble Servants -
Jas Stuart.

Fort St George
10th Feby 1780.

Sent this Evening to Brig Gen Stuart Extract of the Letter
to the Court of Directors respecting him of this date.
Received the following Letter from Brig Gen Stuart
which was sent in the Packet to the Court of Directors of
yesterday's Date via Luck -

To the Honble Sir Tho: Rumbold Bart
Presid: & Governor: Select Committee
Fort St George.

Gentlemen

I was favored with an authenti-

Trusted containing
observations on the
Committee to

icated copy of the particular address you have been plea-
sed to make to the Honble the Court of Directors after
you came to the Resolution, in consequence of this
orders for my trial.

England & alleging
that his only objection
was to a particular
Person as Judge
associate

This communication came to me
late last night that I was in bed at the time & it can-
not be supposed that the present late hour will admit
of entering particularly or by the Page into the subject
matter of the Six folio Sheets were it ever necessary
But after reading it over twice I remain of opinion
that every part of the General & particular reason-
ing there made use of by your Honor &c has either
already been fully answered by my former correspondence
upward

* See correspondence
Feby & March 1778.

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upwards of twenty months ago or by the letters I lately
had the Honor of addressing you, I shall therefore on
that head refer myself to the Judgement of the Honble
the Court of Directors, to determine betwixt your Honor
& me on which side Justice of Argument Fair-
ness in conclusion have mostly prevailed and as yet
on the former occasion after reference to the Honble
Court of Directors they were pleas'd to give a preference
to the reasoning then urg'd by me & determin'd accor-
dingly, so I flatter myself they will now have more
reason than ever, to continue that preferable Opini-
on, upon the comparative view of what is now
to come before them & I shall only here request their
Attention, to the scope of the general reasoning contain'd
in the address now communicated, whether it does
not tend to predetermine concerning those very
points which ought regularly to have first come
before the Court martial order'd to be held, & indeed are
more in their province to Judge of

What remains for me now, is
with your permission to make some observations
where your Honor has are pleas'd more particularly
to mention, my Name, in the Address now communi-
cated.

You there say that I speak of my
right to demand a Court Martial. & you give your
reasons why, in your Opinion, I have no founda-
tion to demand one as a Right. In answer I take
leave.

* para. 7 of Letter
23^d Dec^r 1778 Rec^d
18th Sept^r 1779.

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leave to say, that I know perfectly well upon what terms
I serve the Hon^{ble} Company. But with all due respect I add
that I had and have right under the circumstances
of my case, supported by the positive orders and autho-
-rity of the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors to demand a Court
Martial, than your Honor ^{Y^e} had, or have to refuse
me one, when in opposition to that Authority & to those
Positive Orders.

I am at a loss to know from what
Source or authority, your Honor ^{Y^e} have by probabili-
ties, drawn your reasoning upon the case of Lord Geo.
Sackville. Therefore until the Authority is known I
trust it only, will be look'd upon as a matter of suppositi-
on. I repeat that the case of Lord Geo Sackville is in
general in point but most particularly so, towards
establishing my right to a fair hearing. And that is a
leading point for as to the event of the trial after a fair
hearing I am not by far so anxious about that as your
Honor ^{Y^e} seem to be, and I take this occasion to say your
Honor ^{Y^e} would have laid me under a very great per-
sonal obligation without hurting the cause of truth
or Justice, if you had been less concern'd for the event of
the Court Martial, I mean if I had been allowed to
state my case to that Court without anticipating ap-
prehensions about the consequences. I say this, be-
cause your Honor ^{Y^e} never could be affected in any
point of view by those consequences & I believe it is
an established Maxim that the Principals (the East
India)

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East India Company, are alone responsible for the orders they gave you.

I observe what your Honor has been pleased to say of your continued hearty disposition still to fulfill the Company's Intentions & my own wishes respecting my trial. & I have read with becoming attention what you were pleased to suggest in order to avoid future difficulties.

I observe also what you are so kind to say of the probability of my having reason to wish the Embarrassments cleared before a Court Martial was summoned, in answer to this last kind caution respecting me, with my thanks to your Honor for it, you will excuse me if I am of a different opinion in thinking that I have judged fully as well for myself by the steps which I have hitherto followed. Upon the other point, I mean the supposition of the business returning again here. I take this occasion to acquaint your Honor in case no immediate orders be arrived, that I shall from this present time use my utmost efforts by applying to the Justice & (I would even add) to the Mercy of the Hon^{ble} the Board of Directors to take any other Method but that of again giving you further trouble by employing the mediation your Honor & Select Committee concerning my trial.

I have already told the reasons why I am now compelled to send home the defence of my conduct.

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conduct. But after it arrives in England that some method will be fallen upon by a final determination there, to answer every Public & Private purpose, now that my own repeated efforts & wishes have again failed of success in this Country, & I shall submit the whole with deference to my superiors in England.

Your Honor &c are pleased to bring forward the opinions which as a Private Man I wished to submit to the members of the Select Committee separately, & which after Exchange of notes with the President I did consent to be put upon record. Since you have now brought it forward I shall candidly tell you why I was induced to give it in at that time, it was from a motive of delicacy & in order to avoid the necessity of a Personal objection by name, to a Gentleman who it was almost universally believed without doors was to have been appointed the Judge Advocate upon my trial. The general principle advanced by that private opinion is I believe right, & yet I admit that every man may be heard upon oath as the evidence to prove a fact but not as prosecutor on the part of the Crown.

I allow that I may have been misinformed in the whole of this. Your Honor &c know best whether any other than the Principal Judge Advocate was ever talked of to officiate upon my trial.

As to your observations after citing this private Opinion. His upon record. I have here only to observe that I do not know of any Off.
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cer in the course of the roster who according to the Com-
pany's Orders could have been summoned as a member
of my Court Martial who stood in the predicament
I pointed out in the paper cited. But as objections
of this kind on my part never would have proceeded
upon suppositions but upon the most palpable & cer-
tain Facts so you will excuse me if I maintain a
contrary opinion to that of your Honor &c concerning
the effect consequent of the position alluded to, had it
even been stated as from authority which it was not
but was in truth meant as a private opinion or
conversation / as already said to avoid the necessity
of objecting to a Judge Advocate / supposing I had a
right to do so / who I conceived to be under the predic-
ament described - Nothing from thence could or can there-
fore in my humble opinion be urged to prevent or to
obstruct the giving countenance to what you name
the intended prosecution. And I can in truth assure
your Honor &c that with respect to my own defence
I could be under no difficulty on that account be-
-cause it will soon appear that I never meant to
have brought any other evidence in the support of
my cause than the Company's own Orders & the testi-
-mony of the public records.

I beg leave to refer your Honor &c
if you think proper to my letter of the 9th Inst for an
answer to what your Honor &c state as my com-
plaint for not having earlier notice of the embar-
-pements

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assurances which have prevented the Execution of the Company's orders Your Honor &c. I grant may not have wrote to the Company since the 15th Octob^r last, but can it be argued from that circumstance that if you had been pleased to proceed upon the Business & to have come to a conclusion soon after receiving the Company's orders in the Month of September last Year I might not in that case have had nearly five Months earlier Intelligence of the result so as to have conveyed it at my own expence in the quickest way to England?

And now to Conclude with what Your Honor &c. say concerning the Company's orders of the 11th April last Year, I shall state the facts Viz^t that the same Gentleman who was entrusted with the Company's dispatch, over land carried also a Letter from a friend in London, inclosing a copy of the paragraphs concerning me which were known both to that Gentleman to Mr. Bristow, to Capt^m Hilsop. Several to many others who left England about the same time, but these three Gentlemen particularly sent me their congratulations by letters on the road from Arrango & from Palamcottah. it so happened that my private Letter with the copy arrived a few days before the public Dispatch. The first use I made of this circumstance was to wait on the President with the copy, not only from compliment & respect to his public Station, but because I believed at the time, as a Private Man, that he would be happy to know the favorable Opinion the Directors

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Directors entertained of my conduct as there mentioned
the general result of the business. The President
knew of this Letter early in the evening of the 8th Dec^r
1779. and I am almost sure that no member of
Council knew of it till next day. The letters upon the
road from the Gentlemen above mentioned made it pub-
lic in the Settlement in the course of that day. After sta-
ting these known facts I leave it to others to draw, if
they can, any inference to my prejudice from the cir-
cumstance, of the Company's paragraphs concerning
me of the 14th April last year being so soon known in
the Settlement. In candour I fairly say, I did not
expect to see it stated in the address.

After having said thus much,
allow me to add that I should not have thought of men-
tioning the Letter of the 14th April in my Letter of the 9th Inst
if your Honor &c. had not first done so in yours of the
preceding day, for it seems to me impossible to do my-
self Justice when you first mention a Letter in open
possession. If I am not at liberty to refer to the same let-
ter & this reference in my ^{humble} opinion, to have been in my
power from an official copy previously delivered
to me even altho' your Honor &c. as individuals may
have known from myself that I had a copy from some
other quarter.

I have now to request that this let-
ter even in its present uncorrect state on account of the
shortness of time may go by the present dispatch by
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Suez.

I have the honour to be.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and very Humble
Servant.

The Secretary having acquainted me that the Ori-
ginal of the preceding Letter was sent by the Packet
by Suez, from the want of time to make a Copy, I have
now compared & signed this as Exact.

Jam Stuart.

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Write the following Letters.

To Messrs Woolley & Shippey.

Gentlemen

Herewith you will receive a Packet

for the Honourable the Court of Directors which we desire your par-
ticular care of & that it may be conveyed to them by the way of
Suez in the most safe & expeditious manner.

Should the Vessel on which you pro-
ceed from hence to Suez, or from Alexandria to any port in
Europe be in danger of being taken by an Enemy you
will destroy the Packet but not till the last Extremity.

Should you meet with any detenti-
on in passing from Suez to Alexandria, or after your
arrival at any port in Europe & a safe opportunity
should offer of forwarding the Packet to the Company
by any other means We desire you will do so.

We have ordered 500 Pagodas to
be advanced to you for your necessary Expences on
account.

To Messrs Woolley
& Shippey with
letters to England

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account of this packet. We wish you a safe & speedy
Passage and are

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Gentlemen

Your most Obedient serv^t
Thomas Rumbold &c
Select Committee.

To George Baldwyn Esq^r
at Cairo
Sir

To George Baldwyn
at Cairo

It was with much concern that
we heard of the disturbances at Cairo, which have oc-
casioned so much trouble to you & so much interrupted
the Gentlemen who came here last Year with Packets
from the Company. The consequence of keeping open
the communication with England by the way of Suez
is such, that we have it thought it proper to request
Sir Edw^d Hughes the Commander in Chief of the Majis-
ty's Ships to dispatch a Frigate to Suez & to desire he
he would take such farther measures as he might
deem expedient in his Character to assist in ef-
fecting this desirable purpose. The Coventry Frigate
is accordingly now dispatched to Suez and we have
sent with her the Dutch Nancy, belonging to the Com-
pany. They will both remain at Suez (if necessary)
till the 10th of Aug^r to receive any dispatches that
may come from England.

We have entrusted to the care of Mess^{rs}
J^r Wooley, Wilkes & Poy. who go by this conveyance to
Suez

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Suez a Packet for the Honble Court Court of Directors
and We beg leave to request you will give every assistance
that may be necessary to enable them to proceed on their
Journey,

We are
Sir

Your most obed^t humble servants
Thomas Rumbold & Co
Select Committee

Fort St George.
13th Febry 1780

To His Britanic Majestys Consul at

Sir

occasional letter
to a Consul

We take the freedom to acquaint you that
we have sent under the care of La Wooley & Miles Shipping Es^r
a packet for the Honble East India Company, with which
they are desired to proceed by the way of Suez in the most
expeditious manner possible. We request therefore
that you will give them every assistance in your power
to enable them to fulfill our Instructions.

We are

Sir

Your most obed^t humble servants
Thomas Rumbold & Co
Select Committee

Fort St George
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To Capt^m Shefferman

of the Company's Fleet
Nancy

Sir

To Capt^m Shefferman
with dispatches
for Suez

Having determined to send your
Vessel to Suez in company with the Country Frigate, We
desire

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desire you will proceed to join that ship at Trincomalee
Spent yourself under the orders of her Commander, to
whom the Admiral has at her request given such
Instructions as We deem expedient for the service
expected from your Vessel.

We desire also that you will re-
-ceive on Board. Mess^{rs} Wooley and Shipsey, who are
charged with Dispatches from the Company.

We wish You a speedy & pleasant
Passage & are

Sirs

Your most Obedt Servants
Thomas Rumbold Secy
Select Committee.

Delivered at 8 o'clock this Evening
a Packet for the Honble Court of Directors, to Mess^{rs} Geo^g
Wooley, William Shipsey, who embarked with the
same on the Nancy Ketch for Suez.

At a Select Committee Present.

The Honble Sir. Tho^s Rumbold B^{us}
John Whitehill. Sir Hector. Munro M^B
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read
I approved.

Resolved that the Field Officers who
were directed by G. O. the 19th Jan'y to repair to Im-
draft, be now directed forthwith to return to their
respective

The Field Officers
ordered back to their
Stations.

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Tuesday
the 15th

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respective stations.

St Egour of the Ben-
gal Establishment
applies for a supply
of 100 Pags
Granted.

Read a Letter from Lieut Edgour
of the Bengal Establishment who is come here for his
health requesting an advance of 100 Pags on current
of his Pay. Orderd that it be advanced upon his Receipt
& Bengal Presidency debtd.

Read the following Letter from the

Auditor of Accounts.

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

Honble Sir & Sers.

1 I have received the Letter from the
Secretary of the 19 Aug^r last accompanying the Accounts
from Auditor of of the Charges of the Expedition to Pondichery, in 1778 for
accounts wth remarks my Examination & the forming therefrom a clear & dis-
on the accounts tinct Account of the Extraordinary Charges attending
of the expedition that Service to be charged to the Nabob, together with a mi-
to Pondichery nute of the Honble the President dated the 16th of the same
Month for my Guidance in this Examination. & Adjust-
ment.

2 The Accounts together with an At-
tachment thereof are sent your Honor &c^s herewith, but as those
which were first laid before your Honor &c^s contained ma-
ny charges that were not incurred on account of the Expe-
dition, it has been necessary to make an entire new
Copy of them, which together with the time that has una-
voidably been taken up in collecting together the Accounts
from.

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from the Subordinaries & different offices at this Place on account of the Expedition hath prevented their being laid before your Honor &c. sooner.

3. There is still however wanting to complete the Expences on Account of the Expedition, Accounts of the Stores that were sent to the Siege from the Mornut, Ponnammalee, Chingleput & Bangalore. The Accounts of the Stores sent from this Place & the Company's Factories, being entered in the Accounts of the Expedition sent herewith. If the Accounts of the Stores from the beforementioned Places were received, all the Stores will then have been charged for that can be carried to the Nabob's Account, since he has already been charged with such Stores as may have been sent from his own Garrisons to the Siege. The Nabob should therefore have credit for all the Stores that have since the Siege been returned to this Place, & other Garrisons of the Company without Damage at the Prices they have been charged at. In a Book kept in the Military Storekeeper's Office there has been entered some Accounts of Stores returned from Pondicherry amounting to Page 29950. 5. 37. and there is I understand a considerable quantity more of Stores received from Pondicherry here, which have not been entered in the warre Book as they have not yet been examined by the Company's officers. This Article will however be extremely difficult to adjust at this time with Accuracy, which may therefore induce your Honor &c. to agree on a specific Sum at once to be given the Nabob credit for in lieu of the Returns of

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of Stores in proportion to the whole Amount of the Stores charged in the Accounts. Or to refer the same to the Committee of Stores for their Opinion & Report who are most competent to give a clear & exact State of this Article.

I shall now proceed to make such observations as have occurred to Me in the Examination of the Accounts of the Expedition, collected together from the several Places & Offices where the Expenses were incurred.

Agent at Madras.

The whole Amount of Cart Hire & Draught & Carriage Bullocks at Madras from July to December 1778 on account of the Expedition to Pondicherry is Pag^s 36163.24.5 of which the Charges of their Attendance alone for the same time amount to about Pag^s 17600. but I cannot find that they were ever mustered by the Commissary; Upon Enquiry, however I understood that heretofore all the Agents Bullocks were daily mustered under the orders of the Commissary, which I am of opinion should be punctually attended to in future, & that the Commissary should not countersign any Monthly Bill of the Agent unless they agree with the Accounts made up from his daily Musters.

Deputy Agent at Camp.

Cart Hire, Draught & Carriage Bullocks & Drivers employed at Camp from July to Nov 1778 amounted to about Pag^s 72445. Returns were Monthly sent with the Deputy Agent's Accounts signed by the Commissary, specifying the Number of Draught and

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Carriage Bullocks & time of their attendance. This article is so extremely considerable in all Field Service, that every possible attention should have been paid to have rendered it as little expensive as possible. No muster was ever sent up during the whole Expedition of the Bullocks, nor any Return or Certificate specifying under whom they were employed. It appears to me however that the Bullocks should have been mustered once if not twice every month in the presence of the Commander in Chief, the Commissary, the Commo of Stores and Artillery, with such other Persons as the Commander in Chief might have thought necessary, to have appointed for that Purpose, & that for such Bullocks as might at the time of the General Muster be employed, Certificates should have been sent of their Number by the Persons who they were under whom the total Number of Bullocks at Harp, on the Day of the General Muster would have been known which Muster with the Certificates for such Bullocks as were employed should have been sent Monthly with the Deputy Agent's Accounts.

At Camp.

Bamboo, Marmoty & Dooley,
Coolies & Vaccine Makers amounted to during the Expedition to about Pag^s 11000. Returns of them were sent up with the Accounts from Camp specifying the several Persons they were under signed by the Commissary, but which however would have been

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more accurately checked by the certificates of such Persons.

8 The Hospital Expenses at Camp amount to about Pags 9600 exclusive of Pay & Gratia to the Surgeons & Surgeons Assistants, of which Sum. there was charged in the Month of September on that account Pags 1571. The Honble the President has already taken notice of the greatness of the Hospital Expenses which is at present under no Regulation on whatever respecting Services in the Field, but left entirely to the Surgeons, to charge what they think proper.

9 The above are all the principal Charges I have been able to Discover, that do not appear to have been supported with sufficient exactness & Attention. There may in the course of such Disbursements have been several Charges of less consequence both at this Place and Camp irregularly paid & others for which sufficient Vouchers were not sent which could only have been checked by a strict examination at the time the Charges were made. I am
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant
George Proctor
Surd. of Act.

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Abstract of the Expences on Account of the Expedition to Pondichery in 1778 Viz^t

At Madras. ^{Page} ^{P. R. S. P. R. S. P. R. S.} At Camp. ^{Page} ^{P. R. S. P. R. S. P. R. S.}

July 1778 - 1 475.36 20
August - 14 4658 7 15
September - 33 7109 32 32
October - 49 1350 12 58
November - 63 11820 2 25
December - 73 6304 10 -
January 1779 - 75 102526 13
February - 76 68139 58
April - 26 7 14

August 1778 to }
January 1780 } 155/346 30 48

At Vellour

July - 2 4750 11 35
August - 16 2255 37 35
September - 34 73 30 20
October - 52 525 21 50
November - 65 30 100 40

At Chingleput

July - 26

At Trichinopoly

July - 8 5482 15 47
August - 18 15315 12 66
September - 34 2452 39 56
October - 52 396 17 56
November - 65 454 2 36

At Camp

July - 11 10360 34 11
August - 28 32400 1 60
September - 47 52272 13 13
October - 52 32328 20 65
November - 67 27241 37

At Ongole

July 1778 - 11 211 35 40
August - 29 26 30 40
September - 48 449 39 20
October - 59 7

February 1779 76 121 26 32

Sepoy Paymaster at Madras

August - 15 1101 25 12
September - 33 214 28 50
October - 51 444 8 50
November - 64 973 37 46

At Madura

August - 10 165 13 47
September - 35 10 7
November - 66 128 18 54

At Palamcottah

August - 10 4 9 30
September - 35 26 26 55
November - 66 143 6 66

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Pago Pag 4 & Pag 5a & c

At Permauid

August Sept - 29 162 18 50

September 47 113 20 76

October 59 106 2 38

At Tanjour

August 31 2129 26 16

September 48 249 16 40

November 72 1170 2 4 23

At the Mount

November 64

At Pondichery

December 74

At Carangoty

December 1778 14 236 1 66

February 1779 76 24 33 48

Superintendent of the
Nabob's Accounts

Transferred from
him in April 1779 78

Civil Paymaster

July 1778 to } 89

April 1779 }

Civil Storekeeper

July to Oct 1778 96

Masulipatam

July to December 1778 101

Canjam

July 1778 to } 102 1168 17 72

June 1779 }

Cuddalore August to October 104 1347 9 26

Harical 104 1083

Vizagapatam

July 1778 154 866 11 46

September 1671 25 57 2337 37 28

Military stores

From Madras 154 1303 22 35 32

Masulipatam 153 29 52 2 12

Cuddalore 154 513 24 75 2760 49 29 46

Agent for Draught &
Carriage Bullock & Victual

of the Troops

At Madras

July 1778 79 8990 14

August 82 13731 17

September 84 1947 31 4

October 85 10472 8

November 86 2861 30 48

December 87 18529 8 26163 24 5

At Camp

July 1778 80 814 28 16

August 82 18545 21 79

September 84 18235 28 57

October 86 51384 16 4

November 2493 20 26

122404 9 24

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Brought Over
Detachment under the
Command of Lieut Col.
Horne

Page Page to be Page 4 C
16662 3324 37644 24 46

September - - - - - 84 535 14 48
Deduct - - - - - 156 16148 5 77
53724 7 35 43

Amount of several Articles & im-
properly charged in the Accounts. 1226 25 18

Profit on Bullock Hire on acc't
of the Expedition - - - - - 36017 24 17
27244 12 35

Page 534003 23 8

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George Proctor

Audt of Accts.

Ordered that the 3^d Para of the Au-
ditors Letter be referred to the Committee of Stores & that
they be directed after making the most accurate Enqui-
ry in their Power to repeat their opinion of the Sum
which ought to be carried to the Nabob's Goldch for Stores
returned since the siege of Pondicherry to this place
& to the other Garrisons of the Company.

Ordered that the 5th Para be sent
to the acting Commissary & that he be directed to ex-
plain the reason why the Bullocks at Pondicherry for
the time therein specified were not regularly mustered
& that he be positively enjoined to attend to this neces-
sary duty in future.

Ordered that a copy of the 6th Para
be

orders thereon

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be sent to the Commissary, acting in camp during the Siege of Pondichery for his Explanation. The Instructions therein pointed out, are so absolutely necessary, that they must be strictly executed in the Field services.

The Checks mentioned in the 7 Para is very proper & must in future be attended to.

There is certainly a very great want of proper regulations for the Hospital. This is a matter which must be taken up as soon as possible.

Upon the 4 Para the Committee think it proper to remark, that as the Expedition to Pondichery was undertaken & executed with so much haste, it became impossible to attend with that exactness which was necessary to the proper examination of every part of so extensive a Service, which would certainly have been observed had time permitted it.

Read the following Letter from

Mr John Torin

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

As the circumstances which

From Mr Torin
applying to be
reinstated in the
Service

laid me under the necessity of requesting leave to resign my Appointment in the Honble Comr's Service were irregular I now take the liberty to make your Honor &c a Representation of them.

in

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in the hope that you will be pleased to take my case into consideration & restore me to my Rank on this Establishment.

In Feby 1777 I was appointed by the Governor & Council back in the Honble Company's Service & permitted at the same time to retain a commission of Cornet which I held in his Highness the Diabol's Cavalry. On this footing I continued untill the Month of Dec^r following when Col Lang who at that time commanded the Company's Troops on the Coast insisted on my resigning either my commission from the Diabol or my Appointment from the Company telling me at the same time that it was to be a general Regulation & giving me to understand that even permission from the Board was insufficient without his Sanction which he positively refused to grant.

However much I was inclined to prefer the Service of the Company I did not think myself at liberty to make the choice for the Regiment to which I belonged being then on Actual Service in the Field I could not reconcile a step of that kind to my own feelings. It appeared to me a bad return for his Highnesses favours & conduct that might justly expose to censure.

Thus situated I had in fact no alternative I was obliged by Col Lang to resign my Appointment which I did upon a supposition that

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The permission I had obtained from the Board
required also his concurrence but as the Indul-
gence which at that time was refused to me has
been granted to many others I hope your Honors
will see the Hardship of my Situation & gra-
ciously pleased to restore to me my former Rank
in the Service

I have the Honor to be with profound
Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient & most
faithful humble Servant
John Form.

Feb'y 14th 1780.

The Committee are of opinion that as

Mr Form's Case is so singular, he may be with propo-
riety indulged, & it is resolved accordingly that he be pla-
ced in his former Rank which brings him next below
Ensign. Sandwich Serd^t. "

John Whitehill

Nicolaus Muro

Charles Smith

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Wrote the following Letter to Brig Genl Goddard.
To Brigadier General Goddard
Commanding the Bengal Army at
Surat

Sir

To Genl Goddard advi-
sing him of the com-
barkation of the
Sloops to Surat.

Agreeably to the Information We gave
you in our Letter of the 6th Inst. We have taken the first
Opportunity that has occurred of sending to you the
Battn of Sepoys, we promised, together with 2 How-
itzers. They are divided among the Ships, Atlas Bepi-
bosough & Duke of Grafton which are ordered to pro-
ceed directly to Surat. We have written to the Chief
& Council of that place on this occasion.

We have the pleasure to inform
you that Sir Edw^d Hughes is arriv'd with 6 Ships of
the Line & a Battn of His Majesty's 73^d Regiment
We hope the appearance of this Armament in
India, & the formidable force now under Your
Command will enable you to make a speedy
peace with the Marattas, an Event w^{ch} we
daily see ^{to wish} more & more occasion for.

Sir

We are,

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

Thos^t Rumbold Esq

Select Committee

Wrote the following Letter to Bengal.

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16th Febry 1780

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General. Council of Fort William
Gentlemen.

I Bengal adv.
sing them of our
Transactions with
Bazalut Jung rela
tive to the Gundoor
Circar.

We have received your Letter of
the 30th December

It would afford us a very sensible
Satisfaction at this juncture, if we had sufficient cause
to asport to the Arguments you have brought against
our Suppositions relative to the Designs of Hyder
Ally, but the more we reflect on the ^{late} Conduct of that
Chief, the more we are satisfied in our own minds
that his Intentions are really hostile & that he on
ly waits for a favorable occasion of acting from
those Intentions. We allow that his System of Po.
sicy, untill lately has been to guard against the
views of the Marattas, which have extended to
the entire Conquest of his Country & occasional
ly to take advantage of their internal Divisions
or their Employment upon other Objects to over
see the conquests they have at various times made
from him. It is owing to the constant Wars car
ried on between these two Powers that the farna
tie has not for several years been disturbed
but the scene becomes entirely changed by the part
which the English have taken in the Divisions of
the Maratta Empire. Hyder Ally has already
so far justified by these Divisions as to reconquer
several

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several Countries from the Marattas & to make further Acquisitions, which as We understand have been lately confirmed to him by a new Treaty, with the view of engaging his assistance in support of the ministerial Party at Pondich. Hyder therefore has now no immediate Object to employ him on that side. Being at full liberty to exercise his restless & ambitious Spirit, whenever he thinks proper, it is natural to suppose that he will exert it against those persons he pretends to have received Injuries, & whom he has openly ventured to threaten with his Exertments. His Enmity to us & his attachment to the French are equally strong. He was by no means pleased at our success against Pondichery & he loudly remonstrated against the Expedition to Madras declaring by Letter & Speech his Vow that he would take vengeance for it on the Carnatic. After these Acts We conceive ~~the~~ hostile intentions will hardly admit of doubt. Why they have not yet been put in execution may be easily accounted for. The opportunity has not yet been favorable. We expected some succours from the French Islands which have not arrived & at present he is held in awe, by the appearance of Sir Lord Hughes's fleet & the reinforcement of English troops, but his Disposition is not We believe in any shape altered & the moment We meet with an unfavorable turn of Fortune, or that he has reason to think our Enemies

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are superior to us, that moment it is probable he will openly declare against us.

For our part We shall carefully avoid giving him any just cause of Complaint, at the same time that we mean to shew a proper degree of firmness upon every occasion that may call for it.

In consequence of the Sanction we received from you to enter into a defensive treaty with Bazabul Dzung in order to obtain possession of the Guntoor Circar We did in the month of April last execute such an Agreement with him as appeared necessary at that time to secure the principal object leaving it to a future period to settle the subordinate articles & execute the Treaty in form. In virtue of that agreement a copy of which is enclosed for your Information the Circar of Guntoor was granted to the Company at rent, &c. as required by the agreement. ordered a detachment of troops to proceed to Bazabul Dzung's own territories for their protection in the room of Mr Lally's Party which he had dismissed. In the mean time both the Vizier & Hyder Ally appeared extremely jealous of these proceedings, & used all their endeavors with Bazabul Dzung to make him keep the Guntoor Circar in his own hands & stop the march of our troops. The Vizier went so far as to propose in strong terms to his Brother, that this District should be given at rent to Hyder & Hyder with the view of terrifying him.

invaded

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invaded his country with a considerable force & threatened the entire conquest of it. if he hesitated to break off his agreement with us. Bazarah Jung was much surprised by these efforts to counteract his Measures & as he seemed exceedingly anxious for the arrival of our troops he was enabled to make the necessary Provisions for their March. They were kept some months in the Guntoor Circar without moving a foot. At length the Danger with which he was threatened by the operations of Hyder Ally, & the earnest persuasion of the Vizier, induced him to write a Letter to us, representing the necessity he was under of submitting for the present to their will, & desiring in consequence that we would stop the March of the Detachment. & cause the Guntoor Circar to be delivered back to him. The first part of his request which he seemed more anxious about. We instantly complied with but as we have done every thing in our power to fulfill our part of the Agreement. We deemed it by no means incumbent on us to deliver up the Circar & more especially, as we had so much reason to believe that in that Event he would have been compelled to give, or rent it to Hyder. We therefore told him upon this article that he had already granted the district to us on certain terms that we could not think of restoring it. but that we should account with him for the rent of it.

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& after paying the Expences which had been incurred or might further be incurred by the Troops We tried & persuaded for the defence of his Country, remit the Surplus to him. We informed him likewise, that this Body of Troops should still be set apart for the original Purpose of the Agreement & that he might call for them, whenever the Situation of his Affairs should require their assistance. Thus the matter now rests.

Not having it in our power to send you all the Recruits that came for your Presidency by the Ganges & General Barker, We have in this Room forwarded every Man of the Recruits destined this Season for Fort St George agreeably to the enclosure turns, by which you will observe that We have sent 60 more than We detained. They are embarked on the Ships now dispatched to you, under the Charge of Capt. Erskine of your Establishment.

With regard to the Recruits of your Presidency that were detained for the Service at Pondichery, were we restore an equal Number to you, our European Corps would be reduced to an alarming State of Weakness & especially now that We have sent on a Reinforcement of Genl Goddard near 700 European Infantry & Artillery belonging to this Establishment. We hope therefore as these Recruits did little more than supply our actual Loss before Pondichery that you will not under the above Circumstances, expect them from Us.

We

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We are
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants.

Thomas Rumbold Sec
Select Committee

Fort George
28th Febry 1780

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Tho Rumbold Bart Pres.
John Whitehill. Sir Hector Munro MB
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read & approved.

* The President's Minute relative
to the raising the Secundu Corps for the purposes
of the collections at Tanjore, which is enter'd on the
Minutes of the 11th Ult^o is now read.

a Corps of Secundu
to be raised for
Tanjore
Mr Taylor Paymaster
Gen.

+ Resolved that the Plan or command
ed by the President be adopted. The necessary order
issued in consequence. Resolved also that Mr Henry
Taylor be appointed Paymaster to the Secundu
Corps. Ordered so soon as a sufficient number
of Secundu Sepoys be raised to supply the immu-
diate calls of the Rajah for the collections that
Captain Davis's & Captain Mackenzie's Batta-
lions do march to the Cantonment at Pondicherry
that the Garrison of Tanjore do in future con-
sist only of three Battalions of Sepoys & no more.

Regulations esta-
blished.

Ordered likewise that such out
Commands in the Tanjore Country as are not ab

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wholly necessary be immediately recalled & the rest
so soon as the Sittandy Corps shall be in a state
to admit of it, when the Officers at those Commands
are to join their respective Corps & no regular sta-
pays are from that time to be allowed to go into
the Country, but on the application of the Rajah which
must be communicated to Us, Your Permission
first obtained, except in cases where the Emergency
of the Service may require, an instant compliance
from the Officer commanding the Garrison of Tan-
jore.

Ordered that a Letter be written
to the Rajah of Tanjore acquainting him that
We have in consequence of his Request established
a Corps of Sittandy for the Service of the Collections
in his Country, that We have appointed a few Of-
ficers to preside in this Corps in order to remove the
Complaints he has repeatedly made of the Num-
ber of Europeans spread thro' his Country, that
this Corps will be put entirely under his Direction
& the Expence of maintaining it will be about
30,000 Pagodas p^a Ann^o. which is about 15000 R^y
more than the extraordinary Pay of the Troops
which have hitherto been employed in his Country
As the new Corps will be more useful to the Rajah
than those Troops & will be constantly employed
in his Collections, We hope he will have no objection
to pay this extra Expence of 15,000 Pagodas p^a Ann^o.
Jf

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If however he should have any the Company will themselves pay it rather than forego the advantages of so necessary an Establishment.

As the Rajah has repeatedly expressed his wish that no Officers might be employed in his Country. We are apprehensive that some improper Interference has been used by our Officers in lending Money to his People or in other Transactions of this Nature in which they are not warranted but on the contrary expressly forbid by the most positive Orders. As it is entirely in the Rajah's Power to put a stop to all Transactions of this Nature, it is now earnestly requested him to do it. We give the strongest Intimations in his Power to his People to that Effect.

The Plan recommended by the President for the Establishment of the Artillery Corps being sufficiently extensive for all the Purposes required it is resolved that no Innovation be permitted to take place which may add to the Expence at which it is now estimated.

Minutes of the President's Committee that Sir Edward Hughes has applied to him regarding the Allowances to the Captains of His Majesty's Squadron, & as by the Number of Ships which compose the Squadron since the arrival of the late Reinforcement the Expence of these Allowances is likely to become very

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very heavy burthens to the consideration of the Committee to determine what is proper to be done in this case.

In Reference to the Records the Committee find that during the last War, when His Majesty's Ships were employed in India, there was no settled Allowance granted by the Company to the Captains except Palanqueens. After the conclusion of the War in the year 1770 & 1771 Sir John Lindsay & Sir Robt Harland came here with some of His Majesty's Ships & the several Captains were then accommodated with Apartments & Palanqueens. Sir Edward Hughes succeeded to these gentlemen as commander in chief on this Station in 1774 & soon after his arrival here he went down to Bengal where the Captains were (as the Committee understood) in lieu of Apartments & Palanqueens allowed each a Monthly sum of about 450 Rupees which amounted the Expence much higher than we had before paid here for Apartments & Palanqueens, as the Apartments were chiefly the Company's. however in January 1777 upon some application from Sir Edward Hughes as the Committee suppose (for there is no Minute that can be traced on the subject) founded on the Practice at Bengal the Captains were allowed while they resided at this Place in lieu of Apartments & Palanqueens the Monthly sum of 126 Pagodas each which has been continued since

Thus from the single allowance of
Palanqueens

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Palanqueens only about 7 or 8 Pagodas p month the Expence has been gradually swelling to the sum above mentioned, which in the course of a Year & for the Squadron now here wherein there are twelve Captains besides the Admiral & Commodore, comes to 18000 Pagodas. The Admiral's allowance for a Table which is 150 pag^s p month or 1800 Pag^s p annum. & the Commodore if he be allowed the same, will together make the whole amount of the Expence to the Company 21600 Pagodas p annum.

The President's Council in Dec^r 1771 seeing that the Allowances to His Majesty's Officers were gradually increasing, & being desirous of obtaining from the Honble Court of Directors some precise & invariable Rule for their Conduct wrote particularly on this subject by the Stag Frigate under date the 17th October that Year. But to this part of their Letter no Answer has ever been received, so that in fact there is not at this time, any express Authority from the Company for more than the original Allowance of Palanqueens, but after what has been done here at different Periods in favor of the Captains of the Squadron, were the Committee of themselves to reduce the Allowances to the Footing they were up on last War, it would probably be considered a great Hardship & construed into a design of interrupting the Harmony & good Understanding which ought always to subsist between His Majesty's & the Company's Servants.

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Under these Circumstances the Committee are of opinion that the Allowance of 125 pag^s per Month which has been made so long to the Captains of the Squadron ought not to be discontinued or lessened at this juncture, but they are of opinion & accordingly resolve that the Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors be requested again by the first Dispatch to draw such a strong line for the guidance of all the Presidencies in this respect as cannot be departed from; for until this be done, their servants will be under great Embarrassment & never be able entirely to answer the End proposed by such Indulgencies, were they even to go on increasing them to double what they are at present.

In the meantime it is agreed that the Allowances to the Captains of His Majesty's Squadron be continued at the rate of 125 pag^s per Month each under the following Regulations.

1. That it be paid to the Captains from the Company's Cash here, while their Ships are at this Presidency or employed on Services from whence they are to return immediately to it. But if the Squadron or any part of it go to Bombay, or to any other Presidency, then the Captains are to be paid at this Place to the end of the Month preceding their Departure & the Presidency to which they are destined advised thereof.
- 2^d In like Manner when the Squadron or any part of it shall come from Bombay or any other Presidency

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severance to this Place, the Captains shall be paid here their allowances from the time they were discontinued at such Presidency.

The Captains of the ships lately with Sir Edward Hughes are to draw their allowances from the day of their arrival. And with respect to the Captains belonging to the ships that were here before that Period, as these Gentlemen according to the former regulation only received their allowances while they were actually residing here, it is resolved at the particular Request of Sir Edw^d Hughes communicated by the President, that it be granted to them during the time they were last at Trincomalee, from whence they returned immediately to this place.

From the Rajah
of Travancore
expressing his
Apprehensions
of Hyder.

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore dated the 8th Feby, (as entered in C^o) advising us that he is under apprehensions from the large force collecting by Hyder Ally at Calicut & requesting the Assistance of this Government in case Hyder should have any hostile Design upon his Country.

Interposed of Pro
tation

As the Rajah of Travancore is included in the treaty of 1769 with Hyder Ally, as a Friend & Ally of the Carnatic, East India Company has been always such as to merit the favor & support of the Company & the Board it is resolved that the President do write a Letter to the Rajah acquainting

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acquainting him that in case My dear Ally, should
contrary to our expectation attempt any thing to
the prejudice of this Country; We shall yield him
every assistance in our power to defend him.

The President delivers in the
following Representation from the Contractor for
Gun Carriages.

Representation
from the Contractor
for Gun Carri-
ages.

The Measures I have been oblig'd
to take in consequence of a scarcity of Timber &c.
will be productive of great detriment to me should
the Contract be stop'd & the heavy Charges incurred
by making up those Carriages in hand, would ra-
ther be attended with loss than an Advantage. -
The Yard has been taken on a lease, & of course can-
not be given up before the expiration of it. Should
the scarcity of Money be the only obstacle to the Contract
going on, I am willing, if the Committee will per-
mit me to proceed in the Business to wait for
Payment, untill it shall be convenient for them
to Pay me, the Bills for the Carriages to run at In-
terest from the time of delivery, & I am inform'd
that Mr Benfield on similar occasions, was always
allow'd Interest.

The Contractor to
finish the Gun
Carriages for Ma-
draz.

Agreed in consequence of the fore-
going Representation, that the Contractor be permitted to
go on with the remainder of the Gun Carriages wanted
for Madraz, but that nothing further be undertaken
without our express orders.

As

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As the Garrison of Madras & Palam-
cottah are at present paid by one Person, who cannot
properly attend to the Duties of Paymaster & Storekeeper at
two Places so distant from each other, Resolved that
Mr. Light the Present Paymaster be in future con-
fined to the Duties of his Employ at Palamcottah & that
Mr. Robt Barclay be appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper
at Madras.

The following Appointments are

Military App. now made.

Ensign Samuel Davis to be an
Assistant Engineer to do duty at Tanjore & that Mr.
Richd Baker be appointed a Practitioner Engineer
from this Day.

Captain Jas Eddington to relieve
Captain Burrington in the Command of Palam-
cottah.

Read the following Letter from
Sir Hector Munro Messrs Craufurd & Digby who
in consequence of the Complaints of some of the
Seapoy Captains were directed to examine whe-
ther all the Seapoy Stops due to the Carnatic Bat-
talions for 1777 had been issued.

To the Honble Sir Tho Russell Bart
President & Governor & Gentlemen of the select Committee
Fort St George
Gentlemen.

Having met this morning in
consequence

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Letter from Command
of Seapoy half moon
tong

consequence of your commands, of the 8th Febry 1780.
We are of opinion that it will take considerable time
to execute them in so full & satisfactory a manner as
we wish; but the 8th Battalion being ordered on im-
mediate Service, & we not having been able to find
a Receipt for Stops issued for that Battalion for
1777 we recommend that the amount of Murr for
that Year be paid to the Battalion, taking an Obligation
on from the Captain Commanding it to return or be
answerable for the same, should it afterwards appear
that stops have already been issued.

We are, very Respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble servants
Hector Munro
Du. Crauford.
H. Digby.

Ordered that the amount of Murr
due to the 8th Battalion be paid to the Seapoys taking
a Receipt & Obligation from the Captain command-
ing it to return or be answerable for the same should
it afterwards appear that stops have been already
issued.

Read the following Letter from
from Captain Hefferman of the Company's armed
Ketch Nancy.

To the Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Barrnet.
and members of the select Committee.

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt
Hefferman
a Spanish pri-
soner off Nagore

I have the Honor to inform you
that on the 16th Instant about 11 in the morning I
fell in with a Spanish Snow belonging to Manila
(as I imagine from her course) bound to Legahatam
or Tranquebar she being at about fifteen or twenty
leagues to the Eastward of these Ports & steering for
the Land. The reports of the Spanish Fleet having
joined the French in the Bay of Biscay, their be-
sieging Gibraltar, the Armaments preparing in
Bengal (as we hear to go to the Eastward) against
them, altogether induced me to believe that I should
act consistently with my Duty & with your Honor's
Approval, in making her a prize. I therefore
seized her as such, & secured her Papers, & a fine
her Officers, & people with respect & tenderness. As
the winds have been mostly to the southward I found
it impossible to beat up to Trincomalee, as the prize
sails very heavily, I therefore bore away last night
for Nagore & arrived here this Morning. The Vessel
about 150 Tons Burden, belonging to Manila,
has no other Subjects than of Spain on board
& is entirely Spanish property. & from the best
Accounts I can collect she has on board Insurre
near two Loads of Dollars, besides Red Wood &
some other trifling articles of Commerce. She was
bound for China, but having lost her passage, bore
away for Malacca & not being able to procure

Victuals

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Virtual, or other necessities there, was forced to
stand for this Coast, as no one board the Nancy,
understand, Spanish I am not able to be as par-
ticular as I could wish in giving your Honor full
Information, but humbly hope, that you will
please to make such enquiry, & give such orders as
you may think proper towards honoring my son
-dust with your approbation, & condemning the
Vessel as a lawful Prize. Mr Lind to whom I have
applied for assistance, will communicate to your
Honor's such steps as may be taken in future,
as I am in the greatest hurry, in preparing for
my departure from hence this Evening - nothing
but an accident so unexpected, & of such great con-
sequence could have delayed me a moment, in
meeting the greatest dispatch for Trincomalee
but I hope your Honor will be pleased to favor
me with that Indulgence which an Affair so
Critical encourages me to request. There will
be immediately a ship, & a crew of great value on
the Coast who have been situated in every respect
as the one already taken.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Richard Hefferman.

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Read also the following Letter from Mr Lind at Nagore

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From M^r Lind
on the Subject
of the Spanish
Prize.

I beg leave to inform your Honors
that Captⁿ Heffernan Commander of the Wm^{ts}
Company's Ketch Nancy, anchored in our Roads
this Morning. on the 16th instant. She fell in with
a Vessel under Spanish Colours of which he made
a Prize. As she has not been searched it is impossi-
ble to say with any degree of certainty, of what
her Cargo consists. The Crew differ very widely, rela-
tive to her real value, but since the Captain &
Officers have acknowledged one Lack & five thou-
sand Dollars. I do suppose she has much more
of Specie on board than they are willing to confess.

Captⁿ Heffernan being un-
able to spare any ^{part} of his Lascars to Pilot her to
Madras without running a great risque of
losing his Passage to Suez I have hired twenty
Hands for that purpose, & I hope she will be rea-
dy to put to sea to morrow.

As Lascars could not be de-
pended upon in case the Crew attempted to regain
their Vessel for that reason I strongly recom-
mended to Captⁿ Heffernan to land all the
Prisoners, whom by his Account amount to a
very

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very considerable Number, not less than 50. Malay, Spaniards, he very readily followed my advice & I have sent Chelungoes to bring them on shore. Mr. Prain has received my Directions to victual them at the Noble Company's Expence & I have directed Mr. Hughes to take charge of them. I shall be particularly careful that they be well treated during their confinement.

As a further security to the Vessel, I have applied to Capt. Hughes to furnish a Guard consisting of one Flautist, one Dray, & 2 Musketeers to proceed on her to Madras.

The Captain 2^d Mate a Purser & 2 Passengers go likewise on her. The Chief Mate being of an Artful & intriguing Disposition, it was not judged advisable to trust him on Board. I intend therefore to entertain ^{him} at my House till I am Honored with your Commands, respecting him & the Seamen.

The Papers that were found in the Possession of the Captain & Officers will be delivered to your Honor Sea by the 2^d Officer of the Maney, now commanding the Ship.

Captain. Hefferman having in the Letter he addressed the Board this day assigned his motives for seizing the Vessel & having communicated such other particulars as have come to his Knowledge I beg leave to refer your Honor to them, they being too long to recite in this Letter.

I remain

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I flatter myself that your Honor
will approve of the steps I have taken in
this Affair

I have the honor to be with much respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Sr Lind.

Agreed to advise Sir Peter Hughes

of the Capture of the Spanish Snow. & to acquaint
him at the same time, with the Intelligence con-
tained in Capt. Jefferman's Letter concerning the
Probability of another Spanish Ship & Snow be-
ing shortly on the Coast.

General Munro acquaints the

Committee that Mr. J Harrington has desired
leave to resign the service. which is granted.

John Whitehill

Robert Munro

Charles Smith

Nagone.

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Sir Peter Hughes
to be advised of
the above.

Mr Harrington has
resigned the Service

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18/ Wrote the following Letter
To Lieu^t General Sir Eyre Coote K^tB.
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's
and the Company's Forces in
India.

Sir

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 7th Dec^r with the Enclosures, & beg
leave to return you our Thanks for the Communica-
tion therein made to us

To S^r Eyre Coote
giving reasons for
not sending one
Company of the
73rd Reg^t to Bengal.

On the arrival of Lord M^cLeod
with His Majesty's Troops. General Munro applied
to us in consequence of Orders he had received from
You, for a conveyance of one Company of the 73rd Reg^t
to be sent to Bengal as your Body Guard. Our de-
sire of giving you all possible satisfaction, upon
every point of Service, would lead us to acquiesce
as far as we have the power in anything you might
propose, & confident as we are in your Zeal for the
Company's Welfare. We place the most implicit
Trust in your assurances of paying the utmost re-
gard for every representation. We may make to
You on this subject. Having promised them much we
shall state to you, what the Court of Directors have
been pleased to say, relative to Lord M^cLeod's Reg^t
in their Letters to us, & afterwards acquaint you
with our reasons for being of Opinion that in the
present situation of Affairs / which is not the
same

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same as when you sent the order to Genl Munro /
it would be imprudent to divide the Force of that
Regiment.

The Court of Directors in their Letter
of the 23rd Dec^r write "The Troops now sent are design-
ed for the Presidency of Fort St George, but if the pub-
lic Service shall require them to proceed to any other
of our Settlements due care must be taken to pro-
vide them with necessary Accommodations for
that purpose".

It appears to us that any pub-
lic Service that may require the removal of the
Troops from our Settlement to another, can only
be determined by the State of the Company's Affairs at
the different Presidencies & that wherever the ser-
vice of His Majesty's Troops is most wanted, a
Requisition should be made by the President Coun-
cil of that Settlement to You as Commander in
Chief & proper representation made at the same
time from the Presidency wanting the Troops to
the Presidency where they may be stationed that
effectual measures may be taken to provide them
with Accommodations.

At this time We apprehend it
would be imprudent to remove any part of the Regt
from hence for the following Reasons.
First. Because we have sent from this Coast near-
ly 700 European Infantry & Artillery to join
General

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Goddard at Surat, together with a Battalion of
Sepoys, besides which there is another Battalion
& a half of our Sepoys acting in defence of Bellich-
erry against the Nairs.

Secondly. Because we have no doubt that the In-
tentions of Hyder Ally are hostile & that nothing
will induce him so soon to declare himself openly
against us as an appearance of weakness in our
Force upon this Coast, & a great deal in our own
minds that he is kept in awe at present by the
strength which we derive from Sir Edw. Hughes's
Fleet & the King's Troops.

Thirdly. Because if the French or Spaniards have
any designs upon our possessions in India the
Attempt will in all probability be made upon this
Coast, or on the Malabar Side in either of which
cases the strength of this Presidency will be called
forth, & particularly if Hyder should join to favor
such an Attempt.

These reasons we hope will ap-
pear satisfactory to you Sir, & induce you to ac-
cuse in the Troops remaining together until the
Situation of Affairs shall be more favorable, or
until our Troops be returned from the ^{Service on the} other side
of India.

We have the Honor to be

Your most obed^t hum^l Servants
Thomas Rumbold
& John Forrester

Fort St George

18th Feb'y 1780

Sir

255. Fort St George, Feb'y 1780

1/ Wrote the following Letter
To Sir Edward Hughes R B.
Rear Admiral of the Red, and
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships
in India

Sir

To Sir Edw. Hughes
requesting a convoy
to the Cape.

As we are informed by some Intel-
ligence from the Mauritius that there are four Ships of
the Line & several other armed Vessels in that Port. We are
anxious to give as much Security as possible to the
Company's Homeward bound Ships to the length of
the Cape of Good Hope. We request therefore that you
will be pleased to grant us a sufficient Convoy to
the Cape for four Ships of the Company which will be
ready to sail from hence by the 5th March at the
earliest to which we much wish to get away by that
time. We have received secret advices from England
which inform us that an adequate Convoy is appointed
to protect the Company's Ships from the Cape to Europe.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George
21st Feb'y 1780.

Your most obed^t & most humble Servant,
Thomas Rumbold
Secy Select Committee.

23/ Wrote the following Letter
To Sir Edward Hughes R B.
Rear Admiral of the Red, and
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships
in India

256. Port St George July 1780

Sir

We have the honor to inform You that the Company's Armed Ketch Nancy fell in with a Spanish Snow about 15 or 20 Leagues to the Eastward of Negapatam & made Prize of her. She is said to have belonged to Manilla from whence she was bound to China, but having lost her Passage, bore away for Malacca not being able to obtain their Provisions & other things that she wanted was forced to stand for this Coast. The Commander of the Nancy in his Letter to us writes "There will be immediately a fresh Sea Snow of great Value on the Coast who have been situated in every respect as the one already taken"

We have the honor to be:

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Thomas Rumbold

Secy Select Committee.

Port St George.

23rd July 1780

The following Letter of Instructions was this Day written

To Captain Thomas Burrowes.

Sir

Having appointed You to the Command of a Subsidy Corps to be raised for the service of the Collections in the Tanjore Country. We desire You will proceed as soon as possible to Tanjore. & comply yourself with the Permission of the Rajah in erecting this Corps by the most expeditious means in your power.

Yrs

To S^r Capt. Burrowes
informing him
of a Spanish
Prize being taken

To Capt Burrowes
with Instructions
regarding a Subsidy
Corps in the Tanjore
Country

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In the general Orders of this date a Copy of which is herewith enclosed, you will observe the Nature, Strength, & Pay of the proposed Establishment of Secundy with the services expected from it; This order you are to consider as a part of our Instructions & to adhere to it in every particular.

The Number of Arms necessary for the Secundy Corps, will be delivered to you by the Military Storekeeper from Among the Company's repaired Arms.

As one of the chief reasons for establishing a Secundy Corps is to prevent that Interference which the Rajah complains, had been used in his Country by European Officers you are hereby strictly & positively prohibited from engaging in any Transactions with the Rajah or any of his people by Loans of Money, or otherwise on pain of our severest displeasure. & this prohibition is to extend to all the Officers under your Command.

The Secundy when raised are to be quartered in the Country, at such places as the Rajah shall appoint, & you are to comply fully with the requisitions which may be made by the Rajah for any number that he may want for the purposes of the collections.

We are

Sir,

Yours

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Port St George
24th Feb 1780

Your most Obedient Servants
Thos. Rumbold
As a Select Committee

25/

Wrote the following Letter to Ganjam.

To Mr Morgan Williams
Resident at

Ganjam

Sir

Y^r

To Ganjam
Capt. Burr appoint
ed to the command
of the Subundry

In order that Capt. Bourcier's
Battalion may be kept together as much as pos-
sible. We desire that the three Companies of Subundry
in your District may be put under the Order that
the Regular Companies be kept together in stan-
dard and not employed but in cases of Emergency.

We have appointed Capt. Burr
to command the three Companies of Subundry
which are to be under the Directions of the Resident.

We are

Sir

Port St George
25th Feb 1780.

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
As a Select Committee.

At a Select Committee Present
Saturday The Honble Sir Tho Rumbold B^t Pres^t
the 26th John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro B.
Charles Smith.

Minutes of this Committee read

& approved

Read a Letter from Vizagapatam
Dated

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dated the 15th Insty. with several Papers enclosed (as entered in the Miscellaneous Book under this date) containing Disputes between the Commanding Officer & the Paymaster at Chicacole.

Read also a Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 27th Insty. (as entered in the Miscellaneous Book under this date) respecting the Affairs of Paulcondan Sattaceram & the Hill Rajah's dependent on the Zemindary of Vizianagrum. Also a Petition from Sitteram Raut, setting forth the Disturbances committed in his Country, thro' the means of Aryedeg the Manager of Rimmidy.

81
We are concerned at the Troubles that are raised in Vizianagrum Country, & much wish to see them speedily removed. By the Petition from Sitteram Raut on the subject, there appears great reason to believe that Aryedeg by molesting the Family of Sitteram Raut has chiefly occasioned these Disturbances. As Mr. Duggarow late the Company's Dubash has not been inactive. Agreed therefore to desire the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam to make particular Enquiry into this Affair & if they find that Duggarow is guilty of any Improper Interference to send him up to the Presidency, & at any rate we would have them publish throughout the Circar that Duggarow hath no authority whatever to interfere in the Business of the Country. We think too it will be proper

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proper measure. You would accordingly have the
Gentlemen at Vizagapatam insist on Shiveram
Rauzes Family being brought thither; & that
were they be informed that if the trouble do not im-
mediately cease, We should remove him from
the management of the Rhimidy Country.

It appears by the Letter from Viza-
gapatam of the 27th Inst. that the Chief Council
have declined paying to the Family of the late R.
nearon the 10,000 Rupees a Year which we promi-
sed for their maintenance, because they have not
conformed to the conditions on which such a main-
tenance was granted, it is agreed however in
consideration of their distresses that the said Al-
lowance be paid to them, in any manner that
they may choose, and that they be permitted to live
in any part of our Territory, & enjoy their Allowance
while they behave well.

The Committee cannot help ex-
pressing their surprise that the Fort of Paulcon-
dah should have been delivered up to the Sepoys
of Rarnbadranze particularly after their Let-
ter of the 23rd October, wherein they desired it might
be garrisoned by the Company's Soldiers or they
wish to see all the Small Forts in the Circars
destroyed conformably to the Plan of Policy
recommended by the Company. It is resolved
that Sathaveram & Paulcondah be demolished
and

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and as Paulconer has been delivered up the Gentle-
men at Vizagapatam must manage so as to get
Possession of it, without using force, but it is order-
ed that all Places of Strength which may infa-
cture come into our Hands be in like manner
destroyed.

Read the following Letter from the
Resident at Ganjam dated the 26th Dec^r inserted
in the Miscellany Book under this Date with
a report of the State of the Coffee Company in
that District, shewing what part may be with
propriety retained in the Service, what Men
may be dismissed & what Men are proper for
the Pension.

The Committee approve of the
said report, but resolve that positive orders be
given to the Resident at Ganjam not to exceed
the number proposed to be retained in the Ser-
vice by Recruits or otherwise, on any account
whatsoever. X

Read the following Letter from
Lord Macleod.

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to represent to
You that the Hospital Expenses for the Sick of my
Regiment during the three Months that the Fleet
remained at the Cape of Good Hope exceeded the an-
nual Allowance for Soldiers about six thousand
pounds.

From Lord Macleod
regarding Hospital
Charges

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A most undesired, & a sum that surely cannot fall upon
on those, who had the misfortune to have been in
the Hospital at the Lake.

I have therefore to request that
you will take the matter into consideration &
give such relief to the Soldiers, who incurred their
Expence as to you may seem proper

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

21st Feby 1780

Your most Obedient

humble servant

MacLeod

The Hon^{ble} Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart.
Governor, and the Select Committee
Fort St George.

Agreed to inform Lord Macleod
in answer to the foregoing Letter, that we have no
Precedent of Expences similar to that menti-
oned by his Lordship nor have the Company
provided for such an Expence in their Instruc-
tions to us, but that we are ready if it be agree-
able to him to refer this matter to the Company
to be adjusted as to them shall seem proper

Not granted

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote.

Alachai Gaol D^y 7th 1779.

Gentlemen

Having been advised by Gen^l
Sir

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From Mr Lya Foote
Desires that one
Company of Lord
Macleod's Regt
may be sent to
Bengal, and
enclosing Copy of
his Commission

Sir Hector Munro, that part of the King's Force
are arrived at Madras. I think it necessary
to transmit to your Board the enclosed Copy of
my Commission as His Majesty's Commander
in Chief in India. This power for ordering and ap-
proving Gen Court martial.

The Public Opinion will feel the
advantage as to the Honor of this appoint-
ment, since by uniting the King's & the Compa-
ny's Commissions in one Person, all such dis-
putes & disagreements, as have formerly hap-
pened between the two Services must be pre-
vented. & I have only to assure you gentlemen
that my Zeal for the service is equal to the Power
placed in my Hands.

I have directed Genl Munro to
send me as soon as possible a certain Number
of Lord Macleod's Regt to form a proper Guard
for my Person as his Majesty's Commander in
Chief. I must request of you to give the necessary
orders to the earliest of your ships coming to
Bengal to receive them on Board. When the
Regiment arrives in India they will be dis-
posed of as the situation of affairs seems to re-
quire, and I shall always pay the strictest
attention to such requisitions as may be made
to me from any of the Presidencies where the ser-
vice & Protection of His Majesty's troops may
be

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judged necessary

I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect

Gentlemen

Your most Humble
and most Obedient
Eyre Coote

Humble Sir Mos Rumbold Barr

President & Members of the select Committee
Fort St George

Signed George R

George the Third by the grace
of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland
Defender of the Faith &c. To our Trusty & well beloved
Sir Eyre Coote Knight of the Most Honorable Order
of the Bath, and Lieutenant General of our Forces
Greeting We, reposing especial Trust & Confi-
dence in your prudence, courage and Loyalty, do
by these presents, constitute & appoint you to be
Commander in Chief of all and Singular our
Land Forces to be employed in our service in the
East Indies, during our pleasure; You are there-
fore carefully & diligently to discharge the said
Trust of Commander in Chief, by doing & perform-
ing all things belonging thereto, and that
our said Forces may not be unsupplied with
Officers to command them, whilst they are
in the said service, We do give you full power
and

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and Authority, in case of Death, removal by sentence of Court Martial, or the putting of any of the Officers of the said Forces, to supply the said Vacancies, under the Degree of Colonel, by granting commissions to the Officers in their Room, having regard to the merit of such Officers, as well as to their Seniority, which last is to give way to the good of the Service, if you can give a sufficient reason for setting the same aside, which you are to deliver the Account you transmit to our Secretary at War for our Approbation. And such Persons as you shall make choice of for the purposes aforesaid are to be acknowledged, and Commanded in their respective Stations, as if they had received commissions from Us. Continue in their said Employments until our further Pleasure shall be known. And we do hereby command all our Officers and Soldiers who shall be employed in our Land Service in the East Indies, to acknowledge and obey You as Commander in Chief aforesaid, according to the Rules and Discipline of War in pursuance of the Trust We do hereby repose in You.

Given at our Court at St James's the Twenty second Day of April 1780 in the Eighteenth Year of our Reign.

A True Copy
Wm Hervey

Secy to the Commander in Chief
in India

By His Majesty's Command
(Signed) Weymouth

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Signed. George R.

Whereas an Act has been made and passed this present session of Parliament for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters from & after the 24th Day of March 1778 until the 25th Day of March 1780. - We have therefore thought fit to direct and We do hereby Authorize and empower You, to call, Assemble & appoint Courts Martial from time to time as you shall see occasion for the Trial and Punishment of Mutiny & Desertion and False Murders & also for the Trial & Punishment of any other the Offences mentioned in the said Act of Parliament, or of any Misdemeanour or Misbehaviour of any Officer or Soldier of our Forces to be employed under your Command in the East Indies, against the Rules of Military Discipline. Every of which Courts Martial shall consist of a President by You to be appointed & of a competent Number of other Officers who may be conveniently summoned to attend the same, regard being always had as well in the Appointment of such President as in the Rank & Quality of the other Officers composing such Court Martial to the Rules prescribed by the said Act of Parliament and to the Articles of War established by Us for the better Government of our Forces which

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which are herewith annexed. And according to
the Judgment of such Court-Martial. You are
to cause Sentence or Sentences to be pronounced
against the Person or Persons offending, either
of Pains of Death, or such other Pains and Penal-
ties as shall be thought fit to be inflicted by such
Court-Martial which Sentence or Sentences
You are hereby empowered to cause to be put in
Execution, or to mitigate or remit the same, as
in your discretion you shall see cause, or to re-
prieve any Person under sentence till our Plea-
sure be known. And for executing the several Pow-
ers, Matters and Things herein Expressed, there
shall be as well to You as to all others whom
it may concern, a sufficient Warrant.

Given at our Court at St James's this 24th Day of
April 1778 in the Eighteenth Year of our Reign

By His Majesty's Command
[signed] Weymouth.

To our General & Commander
in Chief of our Forces to be Employed
in the East Indies, or to the Officer commanding
our said Forces for the time being.

A true Copy
William Grenville
Sec^y to the Com^o in Chief
in India

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Read the following Letter from Sir Edw Hughes —
To Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart & Governor &c
and Select Committee. Fort St George

Sir and Gentlemen

From S. C. Hughes, ordered
a conveyance to the
Cape

I have been favored with your Letter
of the 21st Inst. and will order three writ of the Line to con-
vey the homeward bound Trade of the Company to the
Cape of Good Hope, as soon as the ship of war, of which
I am in daily Expectation, shall arrive from Trincomalee.
but I am very apprehensive it will not be possible to
supply them with a sufficient Quantity of Biscuit before
they proceed on so long a Voyage before the 20th of March. You
may however be assured, that the greatest Dispatch
shall be made in forwarding them, and I have already
given orders to complicate the Provisions Stores of the
Asia which is one of the Ships intended for this
Service

I am with great regard

Sir and Gentlemen

Superb. in Madras Road.

26th Feby 1780.

Yours most Obedient and
most humble Servant.
Edward Hughes

To Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart & Governor &c
and Select Committee

Fort St George.

Sir and Gentlemen

I have

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From S. East Hughes
I have this day been favored with
your Letter of the 23rd Inst. to inform me, that the com-
pany's armed Ketch Nancy, had made Prize of a
Spanish Sloop, belonging to Marilla off Negapa-
sam, and that a ship, and another Sloop of great Vo-
lue are immediately expected to arrive on the Coast
from the same Place

I am extremely obliged to You for
the Intelligence, and remain with the greatest
 REGARD.

Sir and Gentlemen

Robert Macrae Esq

24 Feby 1780

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Edward Hughes

The Commander in Chief lays be-
fore the Committee the following Certificate, concerning
the Death of Captain Matthias Calvert.

Certificate of Capt
Calvert's Death

I do hereby certify that Mr
Matthias Calvert a Captain on this Establishment
died at Origole on the 27th Day of Oct^r 1779 that his
Widow Mr Catharine Calvert was left in very in-
telligent circumstances, and is hereby recommended to
the Honble Company as entitled to the Provisions
made by the said Head.

Given under my Hand at Fort St George

the 1st Day of Feby 1780

Hector Munro

To the

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To the Honble the Court of Directors
of the united Company of Merchants of
England trading to the East Indies

We the President & Select Committee
of Fort St George do approve of the foregoing.
Given under our hands at Fort St George, this
26th Day of Feby 1780.

Thos Rumbold.

Secy Select Committee.

Ordered. that all the Expenses in-
curred on account of the Reinforcement sent to Genl
Goddard at Surat, be carried to the Debit of the Ben-
gal Presidency.

Ordered that the Sum of Money
which were advanced at different times to Mr Ark-
Stanhope on Account of the Nabob for the Demoliti-
on of the Works at Pondicherry be carried to the
Head of the Nabob on account of Demolishing the Works
of Pondicherry.

Ordered that such Money as may
be received from the Nabob on account of the Rent of the Gun
powder car be carried to the Credit of Bazaret Tung —

John Whitehill

Richard Munn
Clerk of the Court

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The following Letter was this day written to Sir
Edward Hughes.

To Sir Edm^d Hughes. K^t B.

Near Admiral of the Red, and
Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships in

India

Sir

Letter to Sir Edm^d

Hughes thanking

him for the Con-

voys to Ships go-

ing home.

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 24th Inst. & beg leave to express our
Thanks for the convey you have promised for our
Ships to the Cape. Our Anxiety to hasten the depar-
ture of these Ships is founded not only on the late-
ness of the Season, but in the great advantage which
the Company will reap by their Arrival in time
for their September Sales, & on another conside-
ration no less important which is that the
Ships from China & the other parts of India
will probably be detained at the Cape until the
arrival of our Ships, that the whole may have
the benefit of the convey expected there from England.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
Sec^y Select Committee.

Fort St George

28th Febry 1780

EA

Fort George Feb^y 1786

Tuesday
the 29th

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Tho^s Rumbold P^r Pres.
John Whitehill Sir Hector Munro K^tB
Charles Smith.

Minutes of last Committee read
and approved.

The President delivers on the follow

ing Minute.

President's Minute
on the increased
expences of this
Presidency.

On an Examination of the different
Charges at the Presidency and Subordinates for the last
six Years I have made some few remarks on the in-
creased Expences under different Heads which I sub-
mit to the consideration of the Committee that some
directions which I have pointed out may be given
in consequence.

Accounts at the Presidency.

Charges General

The three last Years that is to say from the 1st of May
each Year to the 30th of April the Year following the
Account stands as follows.

1776 & 1777	1777 & 1778	1778 & 1779
Rs 17247. 3. 41	19339. 31. 5	27254. 31. 79

NB in former Years the Amount was still less be-
ing only from Fourteen to Fifteen thousand Pagodas

Charges Extraordinary

The three last Years stand as follows

1776 & 1777	1777 & 1778	1778 & 1779
26004. 3. 7	45844. 34. 31	40604. 23. 43

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As in former Years the amount never exceeded from
Ten to Twelve thousand Pagodas.

Charges Garrison.

Till the three last Years never exceeded from Six to
Seven thousand Pagodas. The Amount of the three
last Years are as follows.

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
10,170. 24. 68	10,764. 9. 16	11,838. 26. 26

Charges Hospital

The last Years are as follows

<u>1775 & 1776</u>	<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
22,271. 23. 18	22,261. 32. 75	27,561. 26. 6	11,596. 12. 3

*The two former Years
the charges did not ex-
ceed 18,000 Pagodas

Military Charges.

The last Year amounted to 42,4137. 15. 78 in former
Years they did not exceed 33,5840. 9. 76 and seldom can
be so much. has this been occasioned by a greater num-
ber of Troops being in the Garrison or from any ex-
traordinary expenses.

All the Above Accounts to be enquired
into by the Accountant & Auditor General, and
to report from what Circumstances the Extraordinary
Charges have Arisen. An order should be issued to all
Paymasters either at the Presidency or the Subordinates
that whenever the Charges under any one Head in
their Accounts exceed Monthly, or in any one Month
what has been the usual or Medium Amount,
generally charged, that such Paymasters in a Letter
to the Board at the time they deliver in their monthly
Accounts

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Accounts do particularize the reasons for such extra charges pointing on what Account, or by whose Orders they have been incurred that they may without delay come under consideration.

Accounts at the Subordinates

Masulipatam

Account Charges of the three last Years, that exceed former Years.

Charges Hospital

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
5512. 24. 12	5084. 28. 79	5140. 36.

In former Years the Charges Hospital have not exceed'd Pay^t 4500 and seldom amounted to so much.

Military Charges.

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
53507. 33. 13	51750. 23. 53.	51421. 33. 55

In former Years the Military Charges never exceeded 46000 & seldom amounted to so much.

Military Paymaster General

1778 & 1779

3876. 2. 26

This appears an Extraordinary Charge to be explained no such Charge occurring in former Years.

Viragapatam

Account Charges

that exceed former Years.

Charges Merchandise

1778 & 1779
1827. 24. 40

Informer

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In former Years the Charges have not exceeded 5 or 6 Hundred Pagodas. does this exceeding arise from extraordinary quantity of goods provided, or from what other cause?

Charges Garrison

<u>1776 & 1776</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
269. 7. 69	800. . 18	1720. 14. 32.

In former Years from three to four Hundred Pagodas was the amount exact in 1773 & 1774 when they amounted to 624. 9. 79

Charges General

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
1228. 35. 19	2323. 33. 44.	2480. 26. 56

In former Years from 11 to 15 hundred was the utmost amount charged under this head.

Cuddalore.

Charges Garrison

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
21308. 31. 4	24956. 19. 24.	26207. 35. 40

In former Years the Charges did not exceed 21400 except in 1773 & 1774 when they amounted to 25374. 21. 65

Charges Batta.

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
1129. 27. 54	425. 19. 38.	2164. 30. 60

This is the only Factory where a separate Charge is made for Batta and the Charge each Year is made very irregular in general it has amounted to 2 or 3 hundred Pagodas.

Charges

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Charges Hospital

This charge each Year has amounted to Two or Three thousand Pagodas it will be necessary to enquire what troops have been left there to require, so constant charge.

Charges General

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
1975. . 13.	3104. 6. 1.	3614. 30. 30

The two last Years exceed any former Year from one thousand to sixteen hundred Pagodas.

Ganjam

Charges Garrison

<u>1776 & 1777</u>	<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
898. 12. 42.	1256. 10. 16.	1409. 9. 20

In former Years from 6 to 8 hundred Pagodas has been the amount of this charge.

In the Ganjam Accounts for the last six Years exclusive of the Military Paymaster's there is an account of Field charges, which have varied but seldom less than from Eleven to Fourteen thousand Pagodas. viz. the two last Years amounted as follows

<u>1777 & 1778</u>	<u>1778 & 1779</u>
27400. 19. 39	14386. 26. 39

I recommend that the Subordinates may be wrote to on the several increased charges I have mentioned with strict Injunctions not to admit of any extra expences, without orders from the Presidency.

Tho Rumbold.

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Approved and ordered accordingly,

As by the latest Accounts that

Resolutions res-
pecting Lieut Col.
Baillie's Detachment
to the Northward

have been received there does not appear any probability of the Guntoor Circar being disturbed by attempts from Hyder or from the Vizam & the season being now far advanced it is resolved that Lieut Col. Baillie be directed to march his Detachment to Ellore, from its arrival there to strike off all unnecessary Expenses. As this Detachment however is meant for the Defence & Protection of Bazabb Jung's Country - whenever he shall think proper to call for it. The Committee propose that it shall be kept together under the command of Col Baillie & subject only to the orders of the Committee.

The Committee having been informed that the Spanish ^{Ship} seized by the Commander of the Company's armed Ship the Marry, (as advised of in his Letter entered on the Minutes of the 21st Inst) was on her coming into this Port yesterday morning taken by the Admirals orders from under the charge of the Company's Officer who was put into her by the Captain of the Marry. The said Officer (Mr Ronblade) is now called in & being questioned by the Committee as to the truth of the above circumstance, he informs them that he stood into the Road with the Spanish Ship yesterday Morning & that soon after he anchored one of the Officers of the Squadron came on Board

The Officer of
Marry called
before the Board

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Board told him that he was ordered by the Admiral to take possession of the Vessel & that he left her in consequence under the Charge of the said Officer - he is then directed to withdraw.

81 Having received no Intimation whatever from the Admiral of this Proceeding & being clearly of opinion that he is not justified in seizing the Spanish Vessel under the circumstances in which she was taken, it is resolved that a Letter be written to inform him of the Accounts that have been received of a rupture between the Courts of England & of Spain - that We conceive from those Accounts the Company's armed Ship Nancy was fully warranted in seizing Spanish Property, that it does not appear consistent with the Rights of the Company's Charter to wrest such Property from them - Agreed also to enclose to him a Copy of His late Majesty's Letter Patent granted to the Company in 1758.

Read the following Letter from

Major Maule.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your commands
I have examined the State of the Barracks at Pon

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Letter from Major
Moultrie reporting
state of the
works at Paramaribo

damallie and am to acquaint you that when the
three officers Quarters now in hand are complet-
ed which must be in a few days, there will be
still wanted Accommodations for Twelve Officers
three Surgeons Mates, and Ten Volunteers. The Pri-
vate Men lodged in the Barracks are much more
crowded than they should be even in a colder cli-
mate. There are so numerous within a small space
that on the approach of the warmer season this
situation must become exceedingly unhealthy.
The Verandas which are full of Cots, should cer-
tainly be kept clear in the hot Weather for the benefit
of Room and Air, and the spaces within the Bar-
racks intended only to contain three Cots each, are
now occupied by four. The Regiment having many
Stores that should be Drily, and properly lodged
has occasion for places to this purpose which
the Fort does not supply. Another inconveni-
ence the Regiment at present labors under, and
which it is the commanding Officers's most earnest
wish should be speedily remedied is that the Non-
Commissioned Officers are from the present want
of Room obliged to quarter and consequently
associate with the Private Men. The necessity of
a distinct Provision for the Noncommissioned
Officers with I must assured forcibly, appears to your
Honor &c. The want of an Hospital you are alrea-
dy made acquainted with. When I had the honor
of

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of your commands on the subject you were pleased
to express a Wish that a Pandal might be contri-
but^{ed} for this purpose, and another to house the Men
now lodged in Tents. I beg leave to suggest to your
Honor Ye a the Danger such Buildings must con-
stantly be exposed to from Fire, with Inhabitants
whose sobriety cannot at all times be depended
Upon, and as the Hospital must necessarily
have lights carried about at all hours of the Night
for Attendance on the Sick. It must become peculi-
arly liable to Accident, and I must beg leave to
add that expence of erecting these Temporary
Buildings is on all occasions far greater than
their Service compensates. As the Trausbray of
the Fort is Roomy and convenient for the pur-
pose I beg leave to propose to your Honor Ye a
that tiled Sheds for the required additional Bar-
acks for the Men, and the Hospital may be e-
rected therein. The Wall of the Fort will enable
us to execute these with more convenience & at
a less expence than any other mode of supply-
ing the Necessity that I can devise. I the rather
wish your assent to this proposal, as the situ-
ation within the Ditch of the Fort will confine
the Men to the Trausbray to which there are
several communications through Sally Ports
from the Fort, and I hope it will be no less an In-
ducement to your Honor Ye a than it is a satis-
faction

the

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fiction to myself that Major Elphinstone highly approves of the Idea & wishes it carried into Execution. The two Regimental Store Rooms must be erected within the Fort where there are convenient Spots for the Purpose.

Although I have not yet had Time to prepare the Estimates, yet I can venture to assure your Hon^{ty} that the sheds I propose for the Additional Barracks & Hospital with the Regimental Store Rooms will not incur any considerable Expence.

The only Economical mode I can point out for lodging the rest of the Officers, the Surgeon's Mates, Volunteers will be the erecting a Range of Rooms for them on the place near the new Quarters, each Room to accommodate two Gentlemen.

I desire to assure your Hon^{ty} that the Work already done at Pondicherry will not prove expensive & that in whatever else you may think proper to direct shall be carried on there, I shall deserve the strictest Attention to Economy.

I am with much Respect
Humble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
Devoted Humble servant
Geo Mordaunt
M^{or} & L^{td} En

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James Thomson

Agreed that Major Maule be directed to set about the Buildings that are further required at Penamallee without loss of time making out however an estimate of the Expence for our Information.

Allowances to
the Auditor of
Accounts settled

The Committee taking into Consideration what allowance it may be proper to grant to the Auditor of Accounts as a Compensation for the labor requisite for so extensive a Business as that of examining all the Company's Accounts & controuling all improper Charges are of opinion & accordingly resolve that he be permitted to draw a Salary of Pagodas 100 per Month from the time he was appointed but as the Committee do not think this a sufficient reward for his Trouble & cannot with Propriety allow more from the Company's Treasury, it is further agreed that whenever the Office of Agent for Sepoy Half-Mounting now held by Mr Charles Mor-dant shall become Vacant Mr Proctor be appointed thereto.

Resolved that Mr William Jackson who acts as Deputy to the Auditor of Accounts be allowed Pagt 50 per month.

Read the following Letter from

Mr John Ruddleston.

To the Honble Sir Wm Rumbold Bart

Presid^t and Governor Sec^y & Select Committee
of Fort St George

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been furnished with an Extract of a Letter to your honor &c^a from the Auditor of Accounts dated the 12th Feb^y 1780 together with a Copy of your Minute thereon.

From M^r Huddle-
ston in reply to
the Auditor of
Accounts Remark.

I am at a loss to conceive upon what grounds the Auditor has thought proper to assert that "No muster was ever sent up during the whole Expedition of the Bullocks nor any return or certificate specifying under whom they were employed" as I did not fail to transmit Monthly to the Honble the President a General Muster of the whole Army including its Attendants of every denomination in the Company's Pay and specifying under whom the Bullocks &c^a were employed and to what Corps attached

If the Bullocks were not mustered exactly so often as the Military Regulations prescribe, and the Auditor recommends it was owing to the Severity of the Service, and to many of them being employed out of camp: some drawing Guns, and Mortars and carrying Ammunition &c^a to the Trenches, and others bringing Stores from different places. As to the expence it could only have been lessened by dismissing some of the Bullocks, a Measure which in case of any winter event might have been attended with fatal consequences, and which tho it had been proper I could

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I could not have presumed to venture upon unless
ordered by the Commander in Chief.

With respect to the certificates
which the Auditor recommends, the Indents sent
by the Commanders of the different Corps answer
exactly the same purpose as those Indents, cum-
tersigned by the Commissary, are the Deputy Agents
Vouchers for his Issues, and he forwards them as
such to the Agent at Madras.

I have the Honor to be with the great.

est Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedtth humth servant
J. Huddleston.

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29th Feby 1780.

The President acquaints the Com-
mittee that Messrs John Taylor & Rich^d Pories who
were made Cadets at his recommendation, & have
been in turn promoted to the Rank of Ensigns are,
not yet arriv'd from England but that their Vouchs,
may be properly secured to them on their arrival
he requests that they may be considered as absent
with leave & returned accordingly, which is ap-
proved

Read the following letter from

Bengal.

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
President & Council of
Fort St George.

Messrs John Taylor
& Rich^d Pories
absent on leave

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Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of
the 31st Dec^r

You have misconstrued our In-
tention, where you attribute your Letter of the 29th
November to a desire of assuming an Unwar-
ratable Authority over your Presidency. It was
not our Intention to use any kind of Authority,
nor does our Letter contain any expression, which
can admit of that construction. We simply exer-
cised that privilege, which even an Individual
subject to your Authority would have been justified
in asserting. Had you furnished him with a si-
milar occasion by withholding from him any-
thing, to the possession of which he had a legal
claim, whether as his own property, or as a trust.
You had thought proper to intercept & detain the Letters
which our Common Employers had consigned to this
Presidency for the service and defence of their Posses-
sions dependent on it. We know our right, which you
had to detain them; We apprehend from its Conse-
quences of immediate Danger to the safety of Madras
try, and were yet more alarmed by the intention im-
plied in your Letter of the 6th Oct^r to extend this discre-
tionary power to undefined lengths. it became there-
fore incumbent upon us to make the demand, which
you appear to have construed into an exertion
of our controuling powers & an act of authority.

Yours

Letter from Ben-
gal again demand-
ing the Accounts
may be sent them

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You have laid us under the necessity of repeating the demand, since notwithstanding the length of your Letter written expressly and solely on this subject you have not thought fit to comply with it, or even to reply to it.

We do not think it necessary or becoming in us to answer the other parts of your Letter but shall transmit a Copy of it to the Council of Directors by the ships now under Dispatch & shall leave it to them to take such notice of it as they may think fit.

We are with Esteem

Fort William
the 25th Janry 1780

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Rich^d. Barwell
P. Francis
Edw^d. Wheler

The following Draught of Answer to the foregoing Letter is read and approved.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq
Governor General & Council
of Fort William

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 24th Ult^o to which We think it necessary to reply. It is extremely painful to Us to write upon a subject in some measure personal and

Letter to Bengal
in Reply.

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and foreign to the proper business of the Company, but as we conceive ourselves to have been treated with much disrespect by your Letter of the 29th Nov^r relative to the Detention of the Recruits for your Presidency, by Mr Ganges and General Barker we cannot in justice to our feelings, avoid returning as far as we are able every plea that has been urged against the propriety of our conduct with respect to those recruits or of the Letter which was grounded upon it

Our task will be the more easy because you have been pleased to pass over the Reasoning & Proofs which we advanced to show the necessity of detaining the recruits. We confine ourselves to an explanation of the style of your Letter of the 29th November which you say we have miscontrived by attributing to you a desire of assuming an unwarrantable authority over this Presidency, and that your Letter contains an Expression which can admit of such a construction. That you simply exercised that privilege which every individual subject to our Authority would have been justified in asserting had we furnished him with a similar Occasion, by withholding from him any thing to the possession of which he had a legal claim whether as his own property or as a Tenant. You then quote your reasons for making a demand of

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The recruits that were detained and supposed that
We construed this Demand into an Exertion of your
Controlling Powers & an act of Authority.

We could hardly conceive that
such an interpretation, would have been put up
on our meaning. We well know that an Individ-
ual may make a demand of any thing to which
he has a legal claim. That public bodies may
do the same, and that such demands neither con-
vey nor are understood to convey the smallest
Implication of Authority, in the person or persons
demanding, over the Person or Persons on whom
the demand is made. This We understand very
clearly, and upon reference to our Letter We do
not find that We have said any thing to contradict
it, but testimony against the ~~tenor~~ of Authori-
ty assumed in your Letter of the 24th Nov^r was found
ed on its general tenor and particularly on the
following Passages - "The Reasons you have
assigned for this act are not satisfactory. A
"Course of three Weeks during which the Recruits
"were or might have been on shore at Madras.
"was sufficient" &c. "of this you yourselves should
"have been aware" We desire that you will cause
them to be delivered to such officers immediate-
ly on their Arrival and grant them every acqui-
site Assistance" &c.

As to the privilege of demand-
ing

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ing the recruits. We cannot perceive that it is war-
ranted or is warranted by that sort of Privilege
which an Individual or which any Public Bo-
dy has, to demand anything to which it has a
legal Claim. The Company only have a legal Claim
to their Soldiers. Recruits that are sent from En-
gland for the service of your Presidency, do not
even come under your Authority until their Ar-
rival at Bengal. In the way to the Place of their
destination, whatever Presidency they may
call at, the servants of that Presidency, are allowed
upon any Emergency, to make use of them as
the Recruits of the Company, upon giving satis-
factory Reasons to the Court of Directors, & repla-
cing them as soon as the Service will admit such
an Authority, naturally & properly, & resulting from
the discretionary Powers which the Company
have vested in their several Governments, but
as we are not under the necessity of confining our-
selves to so general a plea, permit us to re-
cite express Authorities in justification of the
Act of detaining the recruits for the service at Pon-
dicherry. As to those by the Charges & General Bar-
ter We have already as we flatter ourselves gi-
ven the most convincing proofs of the Necessity
of detaining them.

On referring to our Records We
find that the Company usually deemed it so
expedient

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requiste that this Presidency should in particular
Cases have the power of detaining ^{for} Recruits consign-
ed to Bengal that in almost every year when Re-
cruits have been sent out. They have given us an
express authority to detain such of these for Bengal
as we might absolutely want. We beg leave to trans-
mit some of these Authorities in a separate Pa-
per & to refer here ^{only} to a general Latitude given for
that purpose by their Letter to this Presidency of
the 11 November 1768.

"Nevertheless if the circumstances
" of Affairs on the Coast should indispensably re-
quire your detaining part of the Recruits design-
ed for Bengal their Situation justifies you there-
in but not otherwise. you may land such part
" of the Men designed thither as your pressing
" Occasions shall warrant you to detain. but
" the Number must be replaced as soon as their
" Assistance shall be no longer necessary on the
" Coast. This Latitude is allowed on the established
" principle that the general Preservation of our
" Possessions is to be considered as a common
" Cause & must be a rule from which the respec-
" tive Presidencies are never to depart. Directions
" similar to these are given to our Presidents &
" Councils at Fort William and Bombay."

We hope after seeing this & the
other Extracts contained in the separate Paper
enclosed that you will allow We had sufficient
authority

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Authority from our Employers to detain the
Recruits intended for your Presidency, and that
the Urgency of the case fully warranted the
measure. with respect to the Alarm taken
from our Letter of the 6th Dec^r which you say
"conveys an implied intension of extending this
discretionary power to indefinite lengths"
We cannot perceive the smallest ground for it.

We certainly never meant, nor could mean
any such thing. We beg leave to assure You
that nothing but the most pressing Necessity
shall ever induce us to detain a single Man
of the Recruits designed for your Presidency.

You are pleased to say that
notwithstanding the length of our Letter writ-
ten expressly and solely on the subject of your
demand for the Recruits, We have not thought
proper to comply with it, or even to reply to it.
We request you will be so good as to refer again
again to our Letter. You will find that We ex-
pressed our Intention in no less than two
places, of complying with your Wishes as
soon as far as we were able. As to the De-
mand, it was made in such a manner that
it was impossible however anxious We might
have been to comply with the terms of it.

We are much obliged by the In-
tention you express of transmitting a Copy of
our

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our Letter of the 31st Dec^r to the Court of Directors
and We hope you will have done us the favour
to send with it a copy of the Letter from your Pre-
sidency of the 29th Dec^r to which it was in
answer. For this case We shall be in no pain
about the Judgment that may be passed by
them either on our conduct, or our correspon-
dence. We can readily dispense with your reply-
ing more fully to our Letter, if you think it
unbecoming or unnecessary to do so. but the
first epithet We conceive might have been sha-
red after the writing of that Letter which so
severely reflected on us & that some sort of ex-
planation, or retraction of the exceptionable
Passages contained therein would have been
in no shape unbecoming or derogatory from
the Dignity of your Station

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
24th Feby 1780.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Thomas Ruesseld
Secy to the Committee

Extract from Sir Francis's General Letter dated 14 Jan
uary 1765

Para. 69th

On the other hand if you shall
be under a real necessity of dismissing any of the
Officers & Recruits designed for Bengal. You
have

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have our Leave to do so for so long as they may
be wanted under the like regulations of deem-
-ing them Detachments from the Presidency.

Extract from Company's General Letter dated the
13th December 1765.

Part of Para 54th If it shall happen that the situ-
-ation of our Affairs upon the Coast may render
it absolutely & nearly necessary for the General In-
-terest of the Company, that otherwise to stop any
of the Bengal Recruits. You may detain du-
-ring such Emergencies, only so many of them as
may be wanted, provided as before observed they
are not more immediately wanted in Bengal.

Extract from Company's General Letter dated the
25th March 1768.

Part of Para 53^d The surplus of the Recruits exce-
-ding the above number intended for the service of
the Coast embarked on the several Ships consigned
to you must be expeditiously forwarded to Ben-
-gal. We direct that you do not diminish their
Quota by the Detention of any part thereof, except
under the most evident necessity, expecting in
such case that the general advantage of the
common Cause. Another motive does absolute-
-ly govern.

Extract from Company's General Letter dated the
7th December 1769.

Part of Para 12th By the Ships of this Season We
propose

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propose to send two thousand Military Recruits
for the Service of our three Presidencies. About
99 of these are now on board the Europa for
Bengal. Neither they or any others that may
take Passage on the Ships ordered to call at Fort
St George in their way to the Bay are to be detained
by you, unless the Circumstances of your Affairs
shall absolutely require it. In such case when
the necessity for their Service shall be at an end
you are to forward them to Bengal, or to supply
that Settlement with an equal number in
lieu of them.

Ordered that the foregoing Letter
be dispatched to Bengal "

John Whitehill

Robert Munnis
Charles Smith

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I Sent the following Letter to Sir Edw Hughes.
To Sir Edward Hughes H B
Rear Admiral of the Red
and Commander in Chief of
His Majestys Ships

in India

Sir

We had the Honor to inform
You in our Letter of the 23^d Ult^o that the Com-
mander of the Companys Armed Fleet Harry
had seized a Spanish Ship to the Eastward of
Negapatam, in which he thought himself jus-
tified by the accounts which have been received
of the Situation of Affairs between the Courts
of England & Spain. He carried the Ship to
our Settlement at Nagore from whence she
was consigned to us by the Companys Resident
Mr Lind, and for her greater Security, a Mid-
dler and Twelve Seafarers were put on Board
of her.

The Vessel arrived in Madras
Road the 28th in the Morning. We understand
from the Person who was entrusted with the
charge of her that soon after she anchored, one
of the Officers of the Squadron, came on Board
and took possession of her in consequence of
your Orders.

We make not the least doubt

Sir

To Sir Edw Hughes
regarding the
Spanish Prize

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Sir that in this Proceeding you have been actuated by what appeared to you to be proper. We place so much confidence in your zeal for the Honor & welfare of the Company, that we can never allow ourselves to suppose you would intentionally do any act which might affect their rights or injure their consequence in any respect whatsoever. With this assurance, We shall unceasingly communicate to you our Ideas of the manner

As the Spanish Schooner was taken by a Company's armed vessel employed under our regular Commission - was consigned to us, and had six boys of the Company's on Board. We did not conceive it possible that she would have been thus seized in the Road of Madras without any previous notice being given to us of such an Intention. A Proceeding of this kind toward the Company may We apprehend prove hurtful in many respects. As to the manner of it, We hope it was not considered in any shape necessary to act on this occasion with the smallest appearance of a surprise, because such a conduct would not be consistent with the assurances We have received. Because We ourselves felt the most perfect disposition to act with you at all times upon the most sincere, open & confidential footing.

With respect to the Measure
itself

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1. itself We beg leave in support of the Rights of the Company, send you a Copy of His late Majestys Letters Patent by which they former Charter they are empower'd to fit out armed Vessels & to make Reprisals in time of War & to appropriate to their own use such Plunder or Booty as may be taken by Ships armed & employed at their own Expence. If there be any doubt with you as to whether in the present State of Affairs between the Courts of England and Spain. the Company be authorized to seize any Spanish Vessels We think it proper to mention, that We are in possession of the London Gazette of the 19th June last publish'd by Authority which contains His Majestys Order in Council for granting general Reprisals against the Ships, Goods & Subjects of the King of Spain. This We conceive to be a warrant amply sufficient to justify the Company in pursuing themselves of the Vessel in question, but We apprehend even that His Majestys Letters Patent without any other Authority gives them a latitude to do it under the present Circumstances of Affairs & especially the following Clause "Provided always that the said Plunder or Booty as aforesaid be taken or seized during Wars or Hostilities begun & carried on, in order to right & recompense the said Company upon the Goods, Estates, or people of those parts

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"parts from whom they shall sustain, or shall
"have just and well grounded cause to fear any
"Injury loss or Damage" &c
We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient &
most humble servants
Thomas Rumbold
His Secretary

Fort St George
March 1st 1780

Dispatched the following Letters
To M^r. Alex^r. Davidson
Chief and Council
at Visagapatam
Gentlemen.

We have received your Letters
of the 11th and 24th January.

To Visagapatam
regarding the
Troubles in that
District

We are concerned at the troubles
that are round in Vizianamrauz's Country &
much wish to see them speedily removed. By
a Representation from Satteramrauz on the
subject there appears great reason to believe
that Orzer-leg by protecting the family of Saver-
ram rauz, has chiefly occasioned these distur-
bances, and that Suggarow late the Company's
Dubash has not been inactive. We desire you
will make particular Enquiry into this af-
fair. If you find that Suggarow has been guilty
of any improper interference, he must be sent
up

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up to the Presidency. Not any rate We would have
you publish throughout the Circar that Dugga-
row hath no authority whatever to interfere
in the Business of the Country. We think too it
will be a proper Measure and We accordingly
desire that you will insist on the circum-
stances family being brought to Vizagapatnam
and that Arzubeeg be informed if the troubles do
not immediately cease We shall remove him
from the Management of the Whimdy Country.

We direct that the 1000 Rupees
a Year which We promised to the Family of the
late Pyparra be paid to them in such a man-
ner as they may choose & that they be per-
mitted to live in any part of our Territory & en-
joy their allowance while they behave well.

We are surprised that the Fort
of Paulcondah should have been delivered up
to the Rebels of Rumbadaraunge, particu-
larly after our Letter of the 23^d Oct^r wherein
We desired it might be garrisoned by the Com-
pany's Sepoys. As we wish to see all the small
Ports in the Circar destroyed conformably to the
Plan of Policy recommended by the Company
We direct that Sattiaeram & Paulcondah be
demolished. As Paulcondah has been delivered up
you must manage so as to get possession of it with-
out using force. We desire that all places of strength
which

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which may in future come into our Hands be in like manner destroyed

In reply to your Letter of the 11th Insty We must observe that it is exceedingly irksome and disagreeable to us to attend to disputes of such a nature as those between Captⁿ Lysaght & Mr Butlerford which might easily be avoided I can answer no good purpose whatsoever. The Custom Officer is an Officer of the Revenue, neither is nor ought to be subject to the Authority of the Commandant or Paymaster nor do we allow the Commandant or Paymaster to exercise the smallest degree of Authority beyond what is annexed by us to their respective Offices. You have yourselves drawn the proper line to be observed in all disputes that regard the Duties, and We desire that you will see it strictly pursued.

We desired in our Letter of the 23^d Oct^r that Yeshuma Donra or his Valet might be told, that they had our leave to come to the Presidency. We desire you will acquaint us whether such Intimation was given to him & what Resolution he has taken upon it.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
In Select Committee

Fort St George.
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To

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To the Right Honble Lord Macleod
My Lord.

To Lord Macleod
regarding Hos-
pital Charges

We have the Honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of your Lordships Letter of the 21st M^o
informing us that the Hospital Expences for the
Sick of your Regiment at the Cape exceeded the usual
Allowance for Soldiers about 6000. And Request
and requesting us to take the same into Conside-
ration & give such Relief to the Soldiers whom
-curied this Expence as to us may seem proper

We beg leave in reply to acquaint
your Lordship that as we have no Precedent of any
thing similar in the last War to guide us. We are
at a loss how to act in this case for subjects no pro-
-vision has been made by the Company. But we
propose if it be agreeable to you to mention the
circumstance to the Court of Directors by the ships
now under dispatch, and leave it to them to act
herein as they shall see proper.

We have the Honor to be
My Lord.

Your Lordships most Obed^t
Humble Servant
Thomas Rumbold
New Settlement

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2nd March 1780.

To Sir Edward Hughes K^t B.
Rear Admiral of the Fleet and Commander
in Chief of Her Majestys Ships in India

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Sir

We think it necessary to inform you that We understand Mr Macey late a Lieut. in the French Service at Chandernagore entered in Bengal as an Officer on Board the small Imperial Ship now in the Road. Which is to sail for Europe in a few days. He is said to be an active Intelligent Man. & as his going from hence at this time may be of prejudice to the Company's Affairs We request you will take Measures for preventing his departure in that Ship.

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.
Thomas Rumbold
In Select Committee

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2nd March 1780.

To Lieut. Col. Baillie

Commanding the Detachment

in the Guntoor Circar

Sir

As there does not appear any occasion for keeping your Detachment any longer in the field. We desire you will march it to Ellore where it is to be cantoned & all Extraordinary Expences of Batta & Car are to cease upon its arrival there.

We are

Your most Obedt Servants
Thos Rumbold
In Select Committee

To Lt. Baillie
to Canton at
Ellore.

Fort George
2nd March.

303. Fort St George. March 1786

To Mr Morgan Williams
Resident at

Gangam.

Sir

We have received your Letter of
the 16th Dec: & approve of the Proceedings of the Com-
mittee appointed to examine into the state of
the Coffee Company. We would have that Compa-
ny reduced in the manner they have recom-
mended. & you are on no account to add to the
Number retained in the service or fill up any
Vacancies that may happen.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold
A Select Committee

Fort St George

2nd March 1786

To Mr Peveron

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the
President & Select Committee to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter together with an Address
from sundry persons of your Nation who are
answers were discontinued by their Order & whom
you recommend to them as objects of distress
& worthy of their compassion.

They desire me to observe to you
that the Indulgences which have been shown
to the

To Mr Peveron
regarding the
allowances to the
French Prisoners

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to the French Prisoners & Persons under every Description who were found in Pondicherry at the time it was taken, are much greater than could have been expected or indeed than they are properly authorized to grant.

It is true that by the Capitulation, the Servants of His Most Christian Majesty were promised a Subsistence until they could be sent to Europe or the Mauritius. Mr Chevreau the Intendant in their Behalf preferred their being sent to the latter place. Vessels were accordingly provided at a great Expence & the *Lancorne* in the Month of October was ordered to Pondicherry to take in as many as she could receive. Then it was that every one of the Persons who have signed the Address to the Committee held it in his option to embark. It was offered to every one in turn, but they all declined under various pretences & thereby relinquished all claim to future Allowances. As to what they urge concerning the Expence of the Vessel I am directed to observe that the Vessel was regularly surveyed by our Master Attendant by whose report the Committee was governed in respect to the Number she might conveniently accommodate & Provisions &c were laid in at a great Expence for that Number.

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However notwithstanding the refusal made by the Persons who have signed the Address, to proceed on the Seneca, the Committee were so indulgent as to admit the Excuses of some under particular Circumstances that others who were real objects of distress might not be driven to total want. They directed Col Bronne the late Commandant at Pondichery to make particular Enquiry after such objects, and describe their situation to them. This was accordingly done, and they directed the Paymaster at Pondichery, to pay them such Monthly Allowances as appeared sufficient to relieve them from absolute distress. More than this could not reasonably be expected.

You are pleased to say that His Most Christian Majesty, would no doubt reimburse the sums that might be advanced for the Relief of his subjects in such a situation. In reply to this I am directed to observe that in the last War the Company advanced immense sums of Money for the Subsistence of French Officers, Soldiers & others of your Nation, who had fallen into their Hands, though in this case they had an absolute right founded on the custom of War to be paid for the Subsistence of French Prisoners, their repeated Applications to this Effect were to no purpose.

The Address

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The Address mentions that there are many Persons at Pondicherry who have always lived there with their Families & are strangers to any other Country. What more Persons would be deprived of all Resources whether in the Isle of France or any where else.

If there be such objects of distress who cannot remove I am desired to ask why have not these Persons received some Relief from your own Government? Our last Ship the Success Galley was at the Islands & returned from thence in July last. The Governor there might with great propriety & equal safety have permitted Money by that Ship for the support of such People. The Committee do not think it reasonable to expect that after these Persons have been neglected by their own Government, they should become a Burthen upon ours.

Nevertheless it is not in their Disposition to see Persons of any Nation in real distress, without attempting their relief. They have enquired after such objects at Pondicherry, and relieved them if there be any, which have been overlooked. They are willing to include them in the list. They have directed Mr Brathwaite the present Commanding Officer at Pondicherry to make a further Enquiry.

and

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and report the result to the committee.

Having thus mentioned the efforts made in behalf of your people from a principle of Humanity, the committee cannot help contrasting their conduct, with that of the Governor of the French Islands towards such English Prisoners as have fallen into his Hands. They understand that those unfortunate Persons have been stript of every thing they had even to their wearing apparel, that they have been thrown into Prison, without distinction of Persons & subsisted in the same Manner. In short that the whole are as ill treated as Men can be in such a Situation.

I am
Sir

Fort George
11th March 1780

Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Outkley.

Received the following Letter from Sir Edw^d Hughes
To Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart. Governor &c.
and Secret Committee

Fort George

Sir and Gentlemen

Yesterday received your Letter

of the 2nd instand informing me Mons^r Macey late
a Lieutenant in the French Service at the Capver-
gore, was serving as an Officer on board the Small
Imperial Ship in this Road, & as he is going from
hence

From Sir Edward
Hughes M^r
Macey taken
out of the Com-
munications

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hence at this time might be of prejudice to the Company's Affairs, requesting me to take Measures to prevent his Departure on that Ship.

I am now to acquaint you, that in consequence of your request to me, I ordered an Officer of the Squadron to demand from Mac-ay of the Commander of the Imperial Ship, as a Prisoner of War, He is now on board the vessel where he cannot be well accommodated to await your Determination for the future Disposal of him.

I am with great Respect
Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant
Edward Hughes.

Supert
in Newcastle Road
5th March 1780

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Tho^s Burnet B^t Pres^t
John Whitehill. Sir Hector Munro KB
Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee
read & approved

The President acquaints the Committee that the Hatch has nearly paid in the amount of his first Hist. on account of the Post of Melguntoon since that his the President is yet unable to ascertain the exact Expence that has been incurred by Lieut Col. Baillie's Detachment appointed for the Service of

Barracks

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Bazaleet Jung, but in order to shew Bazaleet Jung that We mean faithfully to perform the conditions of our Treaty, with him, the President proposes that twenty thousand Pagodas out of the sum paid in by the Nabob be remitted to Bazaleet Jung in part of the sum agreed to be paid him annually for the Guntoor Service after deducting the Expence of the Detachment above mentioned that the same be carried to the Detel of Bazaleet Jung which is approved & ordered Accordingly,

Read the following Letters

from Bengal
To the Honble Sir Tho^s Rumbold B^t
President &c Select Committee
Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 31st Dec^r and 15th M^{ch}

We return you thanks for the readiness which you have shewn to cooperate with us in the prosecution of our Measures on the other Side of India by detaching a Reinforcement of your Troops to join Gen^l Goddards Army at Surat, in lieu of those under the Command of Col Porathuade, which had been unexpectedly diverted from this Service. We have no doubt that the Number you inform us you proposed to send will be fully sufficient

From Bengal
regarding the
Treaty with
Bazaleet Jung

W^m

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We come now to reply to your letter of the 15th Janry. We shall not dispute with you, the right of this Government to interfere in such of your Political measures as tend to disturb the Peace of India, or Treaties subsisting with other Powers, which you think proper to yield to the Exercise of it, I hope that We shall not be compelled to the disagreeable necessity, of enforcing it. One General Observation however We shall state in this place, on the subject of Negotiations, whether of a Hostile or Pacific Nature, undertaken by the Subordinate Presidencies with any of the Country Powers, without the Previous Knowledge & consent of this Government; We state it not so much with a View of its being applied, as it might be, to the case now before us, as to smother the General & dangerous Doctrine which We conceive is implied in that Para of your letter which ends with the following Words "But if it had led to a Treaty, there is no reason to imagine that We should not have required your consent in due time, & concluded in all proper form"

When all the previous Steps are once taken, which necessarily lead to the conclusion of a Treaty, which if not productive of such a conclusion must be deemed obligatory, in themselves & offensive to the other

Contracting

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contracting Party. The requisition of our consent to the Treaty becomes a mere formality & in effect leaves us no option. If this observation be true of Negotiations of a Pacific nature, it holds much more strongly & becomes of infinitely greater importance to the common Interests of the British Empire in India when applied to Acts done or declarations made by the subordinate Presidencies, which without literally denouncing War, tend directly to provoke it, or to render it inevitable. Under the Letter of the Act of Parliament, they are then to defend themselves against Hostilities, which they have themselves excited or which they may suppose to Expect. But defence in many cases supposes the necessity & includes the Authority of acting Offensively, and a War may actually be begun, before this Government has time to interpose. By means such as these the Governor General & Council may, in every Instance, be deprived of the Powers vested in them by Parliament, or which amounts to the same in effect, their advice & consent may never be desired, until it must arrive too late to prevent the Operation of Steps already taken.

Respecting the other Subjects of your Letter & of the Voluminous Minutes of

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of your President, as We cannot apply them to
any advantage either of our own Measures or
yours. As we do not know for what purpose
they were addressed to us, unless for that of gra-
tifying a resentment excited by the part which
We have lately taken in your Negotiations
with Sir Isaac Millican, a Part to which
our Duty & strong necessity, compelled us. We
shall make no Reply to them; but if you are
sincere in your professions of a desire to avoid
every circumstance which may interrupt
the Harmony which ought to subsist between
the two Presidencies We hope that you will
confine your Correspondence with us to such
Points only as relate to your own concerns
and reflect that your censures on our Acts
as they are irregular & highly, Unbecoming
the relation of your Government to ours, &
must be in every Instance liable to cor-
rect conclusions, whether derived from
false or defective Materials, or from both,
as in the Instance now before us, cannot
fail to revolt upon yourselves.

We are willing to allow you
all the Credit which is your due for the pro-
perous state of your Presidency, but you
must leave to us the choice of the Measures
which depend solely & exclusively on our
Government

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Government & a higher & competent Autho-
rity to Judge & to decide on the Propriety of
those, which have a relation to Shaw Allam,
the Rohillas, & the Marattas or any other sub-
jects, which do not as pertain to your Autho-
rity, & of which you do not possess any authen-
tic Information.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort William

the 14th Feby 1780.

Your most obed^t & hum^l Servants

Warren Hastings

" P. Francis

Esq^r & Wheler

To the Honble Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart
President & a Select Committee at
Fort St George.

Gentlemen

The Governor General has re-
ceived a Letter from Vizam Alifawn with a
Copy of your President's Letter to him notify-
ing the Recall of Mr Holland. We are sorry to
perceive that the suddenness of this Resolu-
tion & the abrupt manner, in which it has
been conveyed to Vizam Alif. have contribu-
ted to excite instead of allaying his Suspi-
cions; For this reason, & because he has desi-
red that We will supply the place of Mr

Holland

From Bengal
regarding the
Recall of Mr
Holland from
the Vizam's
Court

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Holland by a similar appointment from
this Government, which instantly following
his recall would have too visible an appear-
ance of a Disunion between your Government
Yours. We request that you will permit that
Gentleman to remain in the quality of our
Minister at the Court of the Nizam. At
his favor for the purpose of negotiating such
points as remain to be adjusted between Us
For this End we have granted him our Cre-
dentials & desired him to continue in that Sta-
tion until We shall have been informed of your
Sentiments & Resolution respecting the pre-
sent proposal.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort William

The 14th Feby 1780

En^d

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Warren Hastings

P Francis
Edw^d Wheeler

Minute

The Committee are of opinion
that after what has passed relative to our
late Proceedings at the Nizam's Court & the re-
peated orders that have been sent to Mr Holland
to come to Madras, it would be highly improp-
er in this Government to allow of his continuing

at

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at the Directors Court for the purposes mentioned by the Governor General Council - it is resolved therefore that another Letter be written to Mr Holland, positively directing him in case he should be still at Hyderabad to take his leave from the Presidency & acquainting him at the same time that should he remain there after this third Repetition of our orders, We shall be under the necessity of exercising that authority which is vested in Us by the Company for the due support of our Authority.

Ordered that Draughts of Letters in answer to those above entered from Bengal, be prepared & laid before the Committee at their next meeting.

Read the following Letter from
Ensign James William May.
To the Honble Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart^l
President &c. Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

Being much reduced by a long
obstinate illness for which I had your Permis-
sion some time since to embark for Europe
for the recovery of my health. Not meeting with
the benefit I expected. I am again to beg your
leave to embark on board the General Barker
Capt^r Todd for Europe, & also request your favo-
rable mention of me to the Company. That as
soon

From M^r May
requesting leave
to go to England

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sworn as my health permits me to return to India.
I may not be deprived of my rank in the service

I have the Honor to enclose a
Certificate from Mr Parley, I am with great respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs.

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March 2nd 1780

Your most Obedient
Obedient little Servant
James W Hay

Certificate

This is to certify, that Enr.^d Hay by means of li-
ver complaints & fluxes has been reduced to ex-
treme weakness & as his Constitution is much
impaired & a bold Climate necessary to his reco-
very he is advis'd to a Voyage to Europe.

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Capt. Parley. Surgeon

Granted

Agreed that Mr Hay be per-
mitted to embark for England on Mr General
Parker's recommended to the Company to return
With his rank as soon as his Health shall
be reestablished.

Read the following Letter from

Lieut Col. Malcolm

To the Honble Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart
President the Select Committee of
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to address

You on the Subject of my Disappointment as Adj-
tant General with the nominal Rank & Merit
attached

From Lieut Col.
Malcolm on the
Subject of his
appointment as
Adjutant General

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attached to that station on this establishment.

I beg leave to acquaint You that, besides the Adjutant-General for the whole of the Army at Home, there are Officers generally taken from the list of Captains who are appointed in that capacity, with the parts of stations in America, Scotland & Ireland, that the Officers thus named on the Staff for those Stations always receive his Majesty's commission appointing them Lieut Colonels in the Army.

When I take the liberty to quote the practice of His Majesty's Military Service at home in regard to the rank given to Officers holding the same Military appointment there that I have the Honor to fill in your Army here I request the further indulgence of the Honble Committee in observing, that the Mutiny Act "For the better Government of the Officers & Soldiers in the Service of the East India Company" establishes the rank of the Company's Officers with those of the King. That in every other respect the line & manner of conducting the Military duties is founded on the Practice of the Army at Home, for these reasons I in justice to myself as an Officer honored with one of the first Appointments on the Staff in your Army, more particularly at this

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this time as Thingo's Troops are on the Coast We act
with those of the Company when my line of duty
will extend to the whole. I flatter myself that the
Honble Committee will see a propriety in my re-
presenting to them the peculiarity of my situa-
tion as Adj General with only the nominal
rank of Lieut Colonel. I beg leave to add, that
it will be found, on enquiry, to be a singular
Instance in the line of Military Appointments.

Altho' my Predecessor in
the Post of Adj General never, I believe, addres-
sed the Honble the Select Committee in order to
have rectified what appears (on reference to
the custom of the Army at Home) much easier
to have been overlooked when the Appoint-
ment was first established on the Coast, yet I
trust you will not deem improper my ap-
plication at this time to have it placed on
the same footing as is warranted by the prac-
tice of the Army in England.

I have the Honor to be
with great respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
and humble Servant
Hesary Malleson
Adj Genl.

The Committee cannot take

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This Request
to be referred to
the Court of
Directors

upon themselves to give any other Rank to
Lieut Col. Malcolm, than that which has
been so long attached to the Office of Adju-
tant General, but they will refer his appli-
cation to the Court of Directors & leave it
to them to act as to them shall seem proper.

Read the following Letter

from Major Maule.

To the Honble Sir Thomas Pennhould B^t
President & Governor &c. Select Committee of
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Major
Maule with
Plans & Sections
of the high Ground
to the N.W. of
the Fort.

I have herewith the Honor
to lay before you Plans & Sections of the High
Ground in the N.W. Environs of the Fort, with
a calculate of what I imagine the Expence
will be of reducing it to a proper level.

The Plan No 1. particularly
specifies, by the Part colour'd with Yellow the
Extent of the high Ground it is wished to re-
move: I have increased this Area from what
Major Stevens originally proposed on the
hurry of his Departure for Pondichery, &
finding from the Sections I have now taken
that the height of the Ground does not di-
minish in the Proportion he imagin'd it
did, where he has fix'd his North. Boundary
Another Motive for enlarging this Space

has

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has been in order to lay the Environs more open than they could be were this Portion of the Black Ground kept entire it will not only affect the fine Appearance this Esplanade must have, but afford also from the Buildings therein, cover to an Enemy which ought to be as much as possible avoided. And at a less commanding Level than the more Southern Part of the Ground.

The Plan N^o 2. Shows the Area of the Ground (formed into Triangles) on a large scale with the different Levels thereof above the Base of the Works on the West Front of the Fort, taken at every ten feet distance in the higher Parts of the Ground. Though only marked at each 20 feet in the Plan to avoid a Confusion of Figures on the several Lines.

The Section taken through the N^W Face of St. George's Bastion. & continued in the line marked A B. on the Plan will more clearly shew the height of the Ground above the Base of the Works & that the Front of it is nearly on a level with the Crest of the Plain at only 550 Yards from the face of the Bastion. I am convinced there is no Occasion for my dwelling upon the ill Consequences that may result from this Evil should Fort St. George ever be attacked by an European Enemy, your Honor &c are too well apprized of them Will I doubt not

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near as we are to the entire completion of the Works of this Fort fall upon some Mode of remedying the only Inconvenience it derives from Situation.

The Estimate of the Expence of removing this Ground, the greatest Part of which must be thrown into the Sea. I have endeavoured to be as exact in as I possibly could. The Amount of it is Page 113 & 116

I have aimed at giving your Honourable, as clear Information on this essential Point as was in my Power. The Principles of the Calculation will plainly appear from the Plan & Sections N^o 2. The Valuation of the Private Property, on the Ground not having fallen within the Line of my Duty, this is to be understood as an Expence entirely annexed to the levelling the Earth.

Permit me to say Honble Sir & Sirs that Fort St George must derive essential Advantages from the Accomplishment of the Plan now under your Consideration

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
Geo^d Moule
Major &c. &c.

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Estimate of the Expence of removing the Ground
contained in the figure B C D E F G H I K L in
Plan N^o 2.

Number of cubic feet in all the Trenches
above the level of the outer Base of the
Works on the West Front.

19923677

Number of Square Feet 21182221

Level of the surrounding Ground

above the level of outer Base — 3 feet thick 71546663

Remains above the former level of
the ground in front.

11577011

Allowing one half for a regular Slope
leaves the quantity to be removed.

5788507

At the rate of 5 cubic feet to a cart is 1157701
loads which charged at one farthing I
shall think to throw it into the sea inclu-

ding all contingent expences that may
arise from carelesse settling & all other acci-
dents/ amounts to P^{er}age —

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4th March 1780.

Geo. Claude
Major & Ch. Eng.

Ordered that the Plans & Secti-

ons referred to in the foregoing Letter be transmitted
to the Court of Directors & that they be particu-
larly advised upon the Subject thereof.

Read the following Letter
from General Goddard —

To the

Minute

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To the Hon^{ble} Sir Tho^s Pumbold Bart^t
President &c. Select Committee

Fort St George.
Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

From General
Goddard regarding
the Detachment
to be sent from
hence

Altho' I have not been furnished
with any Advices from You in Answer to a
Letter I had the Honor to address you of the
24th Sept^r on the Subject of the Reinforcement
which the Hon^{ble} Governor General & Council
informed me would be sent to join their forces
under my Command from your Presidency.
I am however hopeful that my Letter which
was dispatched in Triplicate will have reach
ed You safe & that your Troops are now on
the way to Surat the place of Rendezvous.
I took the liberty of mentioning to You accor-
ding to the Instructions I had received from
the Bengal Government.

The irreconcilable Obstinacy
of the Ponnah Administration rendered
ineffectual all my Endeavors to conclude
an honorable & advantageous Peace & an
open War is now declared between them &
the Hon^{ble} Company to prosecute which
by every effectual Means that may conduce
to our Interests & the Distress of the Enemy I
have now taken the Field & am marching
to subdue the Marhatta Possessions in the
Ponnah

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Province of Guzerat with the combined Forces
of the Bengal Army and a Detachment from
the Presidency at Bombay. The Reliance I have
placed upon the expected Aid of your Government
to complete the Success of the present important
Enterprise in which I do not doubt having soon
to cope with the whole or the greater Part of
the Marhatta Empire, has been the source of
much disappointment from the temporary
Delay I have experienced in the detention of
that Proportion of your Reinforcement intended
to join me immediately from Mahé. With this
Circumstance I believe that have contributed
to it you must be fully acquainted and as I
have now lost all hope that Col Pococke
will detach any Part of His Force to join me
I am induced to be the more anxious Sollici-
tous with You to reinforce me from your Pre-
sidency with all convenient possible Expe-
dition.

I have the Honor to remain
with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Head Quarters
Camp near Kullase
8th Janry. 1780

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Thomas Goddard.
The above Letter from Genl.

Goddard requires no answer or remark from
the Committee.

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following Certificate relative to John Clark, who is this Season appointed a Cadet by the Honble Court of Directors.

This is to certify that John Clark has served the Honble East India Company 2 Years & 8 Months as a Matros in the Corps of Artillery in the course of which time he was whipt by the sentence of a Garrison Court Martial at Pondicherry for robbing his commanding Officer when sentry at his House.

Certificate of
John Clark

Given under my Hand at Fort St.
Febry the 14th 1780

Joseph Mouhouse

Adj^t of Artillery

Edw^d James.

Col born!

Ordered in consequence of the above Certificate that John Clark be struck off the List of Cadets the Court of Directors advised thereof.

John Clark
struck off the
List

The President lays before the Committee a Letter from Sir Edw^d Hughes to him together with his Answer.

To Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart Governor of
Fort St George.

Sir

On board the Spanish Snow
Nostra Señora de Saragosa there is a De.

Lachman

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From Sir Edw
Hughes

Detachment of Seaprops belonging to the East India
Company that was put on board her at Nagore
These Men are now of no further use & therefore
intend landing them, but will do it either this
Evening or to Morrow Morning as may be
most agreeable to You, or convenient for provi-
ding properly for those that are ill
I am with great regard

Sir

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Edw^d Hughes

Superb
in Madras Road
1st March 1780

To Sir Edw^d Hughes K^t
Rear Admiral of the Red
and Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships in
India

Sir

I have had the Honor of recei-
ving your Letter of this date

As the Snow Notra Signora
de Saragossa was taken on the 28th Ult^o by an
Officer of the Squadron, from under the charge
of the Company's Officer, the Seaprops who were
put on board for her security, And as the Seaprops
have been kept on board ever since, I have
consider'd them in no other light than under
confinement by your authority, being unable
myself

To Sir Edward
Hughes in answer

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myself to release them, it will rest with you to do so, whenever you think proper, & I have no doubt but you will pay due attention to those who are ill

I am with great regard

Sir

Fort St George
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Your most Obedient

Amos Little Servant

Tho^s Rumbold

Read the following letter

from Sir Edm^d Hughes

To Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart Governor & Co
and Select Committee

Fort St George.

Sir and Gentlemen

From Sir Edward
Hughes regarding
the Spanish
Prize

I have received your letter of the 1st Inst on the Subject of the Spanish Snow which was seized by the Commander of the Company's Armed Ketch Nancy, to the Fort of Negapatam, giving me at the same time the reasons why the Commander of the Nancy made a Seizure of this Snow, & a Detail of her subsequent Proceedings until her Arrival in this Road.

On the 28th Ult^o the Snow sailed into the Road with Spanish Colours under those of the Company, the usual mode in which Ships and Vessels captured from an open Force

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are conducted into Port, under this Circumstance alone without any other Consideration, it became the absolute Duty, of my Station, as Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in these Seas to enquire into the Nature & Cause of the Capture, and to enable me to do so effectually, an Officer from my Squadron was by me directed to possess himself of the Vessel and her Papers. The Papers had been conveyed out of the Vessel but the Declarations since had from the Master, Second Mate and a Passenger leave no doubt but the Vessel & Cargo are Spanish Property.

For this reason I have detained the Ship, and as you are pleas'd to say in your Letter of the 1st inst that you make not the least doubt that in this Proceeding I have been actuated by what appears to me proper, I now beg leave to assure you, that I wish my Conduct in this Instance is perfectly consistent with my Duty, which at the same Time that it points out to me the Support of the Honor & Wellfare of the East India Company, also obliges me to maintain the Rights of his Majesty's Flag.

I shall be extremely concerned if either the Manner or Manner of the Detention of this Vessel should prove hurtful in any Respect to the Company, or cause the least Doubt of

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of my Inclination to preserve the most candid
& confidential Communication with you.
which I assure you I most earnestly wish
to do, and had no Intention to act by surprise
but on Mrs Snow appearing in Sight of the
Squadron in the manner she did showing
Reason to think the Commander of the Fleet
had not what could be deemed a legal Autho-
rity to make Prize of her. I thought it my
Duty to seize her & propose to retain the
Vessel & the Property contained in her on the
account of the Squadron, until it is known
whether they are to be restored to the Spani-
ards, or made Prize of; in which last Case
the Orders of His Majesty, and the Decision
of a competent Court will declare to whom
they belong; which when they have done the
Amount of the Produce of the Vessel & Cargo
shall be immediately paid to the Persons they
deem entitled thereto.

I have carefully the Letters
Patent of which you were so obliging as to
enclose me a Copy but cannot find any-
thing in them that I think ought to induce
me to alter my former Determination.

I am with great regard

Sir and Gentlemen.

Respect in Accord as Read

3^d March 1780 —

Your most obed^t & aff^o Servant

Edu^d Hughes —

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The following Draught of an
Answer to the foregoing being prepared is now
read.

To Sir Edward Hughes K. P.

Rear Admiral of the Fleet
and Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships

in India

Sir,

We have received your Letter of
the 3^d Inst. acquainting us with the reason that
induced You to take Possession of the Spanish Ship
which was seized by the Company's Armed Ketch
Manny. That "You propose retaining this Vessel
" The Property contained in her on account of the
" Squadron until it is known whether they are to
" be restored to the Spaniards or made Prize of, in
" which last case the orders of His Majesty & the
" Decision of a competent Court will declare to whom
" they belong, which when they have done shall
" amount of the Produce of the Vessel^{& Cargo} shall be imme-
" diately paid to the Persons they deem entitled
" thereto"

In our Letter to You of the 1st
Inst. we confined ourselves as much as possible
to the bare relation of Circumstances not choos-
ing to enter particularly upon the subject of
the Company's Rights, until we were informed
by

To Sir Edw.
Hughes pointing
out to him
the Rights of
the Company
to Armed Vessels
for taking
Prizes and in star-
ing Extract from
the London
Gazette

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by you of the motives which led to the Proceed-
ing complained of in our letter; Having now
received this Information, we deem it expedi-
ent to communicate to you our Reasons for
thinking that the Rights of the Company, as well
as their Honor & consequence have been very se-
riously affected by this measure.

From the several Charters which
have been made in favor of the Company, they
derive within the limits of their Trade sovereign
and independent Powers - such is the Power of
keeping up a Military & Naval Force, of making
Peace ^{off war} with any of the Indian States - and of
"taking and surprizing all & every Person; or
"Persons with their Ships, Armours & Ammuni-
"tion, & other Goods as shall in an hostile manner
"invade or attempt the defeating, or destruction of the
"said United Company's Settlements or His Majesty's
"Subjects inhabiting therein, upon just Cause to in-
"vade & destroy the Enemies of the same."

Without these advantages it
would be impossible for them to carry on their Af-
fairs in Security, & therefore the King has always
been extremely careful to preserve them in the free
and full enjoyment of Privileges so essential to
their Existence. On this account it is as we con-
ceive that whenever His Majesty has been graci-
ously pleased to send any of His Land or Sea
For

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Forces to this Country, the declared object has been to defend and assist the measures of the Company & their Servants by co-operation & not in any respect to direct, controul, or alter them, because if such a Power were lodged in His Majesty's commanding officers in India, the Chartered Privileges of the Company would be annihilated at once

In the present case of the Seizure of the Spanish Vessel, the Company's Servants were acting in strict conformity with the Powers granted to them by Charter. From Authentic Intelligence which had been received of a Rupture between the Courts of England & Spain. Particularly from the Publication of His Majesty's orders in Council for granting general Rescripts upon the Spaniards. We had the most ample ground to consider them as Enemies & to apprehend from the Subjects of that Nation in this Country, every kind of attempt to destroy the Company's Possessions & Trade. Under these Circumstances we were fully authorised, as we conceive to compensate them, as far as we were able, by seizing the Vessels, Property, or Estates of the Spaniards in any manner we might think proper.

We do not see how the Rights of His Majesty's Flag can be in any way affected by our exercising what we have no doubt

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doubt the positive and express Rights of the Company granted to them by His Majesty, His Parliament, or how the Company or their Servants can be amenable for their Conduct here in to any authority less than that from whence they derive their Powers.

You are pleased to say Sir that as the Spanish Vessel stood into the Road with Spanish Colours, under the Company's Colours the usual mode in which Ships captured from an open Enemy are conducted into Port, under this Circumstance alone without any further Consideration, it became the absolute Duty of your Station as Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in these Seas, to enquire into the Nature & Cause of the Capture & that to enable you to do so effectually, an Officer from the Squadron was by you directed to possess himself of the Vessel & her Papers. In reply to this, which is the only express reason given in your Letter for the Proceeding we complain of. We beg leave to observe that exclusive of the Privileges derived from the Company's Charters, by which they have the Right of seizing the Subjects or Property of any Power European or Native from whom they have just & well founded cause to fear Injury, it appears to us that His Majesty's Order in Council

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Council granting general Repairs upon
the Spaniards constituted to all Intents & Pur-
poses an open War on the Part of Great Bri-
tain fully authorized in us in behalf of the
Company to make repairs by virtue by
His Late Majesty's Letters Patent dated the
8th Janry 1753. confirmed & extended by other
Letters Patent dated the 14th Janry 1758. We
enclose herewith an attested copy of the Order
for Repairs upon the Spaniards taken from
the London Gazette published by Authority
and We think upon this Occasion it may be
proper to observe, that when the Company in
April 1778. directed their Servants to make
an attack on Pondicherry, if they judged it
expedient, there was no war in Europe, nor
even any Order from His Majesty for Repari-
als against the French, nor had Sir Edward
Vernon the then Commander in Chief of His
Majesty's Ships in the Seas, the least Notice
of the Design against Pondicherry, but only
general Instructions to co-operate with us
in any Plans we might recommend for
the Company's Interest. The Reduction of
that Fortress was the Act of the Company &
their Servants under the Rights of their Char-
ter, their Conduct in it has been approved
in such a distinguished manner to leave
no

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no doubt of its propriety. As you have been
pleased however to inform us of your Determini-
nation "to retain this Vessel & the Property con-
tained in her on account of the Squadron until
"it is known whether they are to be restored
to the Spaniards or made Prize of" all that is
now left for Us to do, in which the Duty We owe
to our Trust Indispensibly requires of Us is
to protest against the Act of seizing the Spa-
nish Snow Puerta Señora de Lavagesa while
in the Port of Madras under the charge of
a Company's Officer with a Detachment of His
Majesty's Seapoyes. We do hereby in behalf of the East
India Company. Protest against it according-
ly as a Violation of the Company's Charter rights
declaring that We hold You, Sir, as responsible
for whatever Injury, Loss, or Damage may
accrue to them by this Act, with respect to
the Property of the Vessel and Cargo so seized
and detained by You. We hold You responsi-
ble to the Company for the Produce, & for the In-
terest, which may lawfully become due them
in case the Vessel shall hereafter be adjudged
to have been a legal Prize.

Before We close this Letter, We
cannot avoid complaining again of the man-
ner in which the Vessel was taken from un-
der the charge of the Company's Officer & the Sea-
poyes

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poys who were put on board of her.

Nevertheless We beg leave to observe, that whatever our feelings may be on this occasion, We shall not suffer them in any Degree to affect the Resolution we have taken to show You all the attentions due to your Rank and Character. Upon every point of public Service to act in perfect Harmony & concert with You for the Benefit of the Company and the Nation.

We are, with great Regards

Sirs

Fort St George
7th March 1780

Your most Obedient, and
most humble Servants.
Thomas Rumbold
Sea Select Committee.

At the Court at St. James's the 18th June 1774
Present

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas the Ambassador of the King of Spain has, by order of his Court delivered to Lord Vincent Keymouth a Paper, in which it is declared that His Catholic Majesty intends to have recourse to Arms, under the Groundless Pretence of obtaining Reparation for Injuries supposed to have been received, and whereas the said Ambassador has received Orders to retire from this

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this Kingdom without taking Leave; His Majesty being determined to take such measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honor of His Crown, is pleased by and with the Advice of His Privy Council to order. It is hereby ordered that General Reprials be granted against the Ships, Goods & Subjects of the King of Spain, so that as well His Majesty's Fleet & Ships, as also all other Ships & Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letter of Marque, or General Reprials, or otherwise by His Majesty's Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain shall & may lawfully seize all Ships, Vessels & Goods belonging to the King of Spain, or his Subjects, or others inhabiting within any the Territories of the King of Spain & bring the same to Judgment in any of the Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions & to that End His Majesty's Advocate General with the Advocate of the Admiralty are forthwith to prepare the Draught of a Commission & presenting the same to His Majesty, at this Board authorizing the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, or any Person or Persons by them empowered & appointed to issue forth and grant Letters of

Marque

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Marque & reprisal to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or others whom the said Commissioners shall deem fitly qualified in that Behalf for the Apprehending, seizing & taking the Ships, Vessels, and Goods belonging to Spain, and the Vassals & Subjects of the King of Spain, or any inhabiting within his Countries, Territories or Dominions & that such Powers & Clauses be inserted in the said Commission as have been usual & are according to former Precedents. And His Majesty's said Advocate General with the Advocate of the Admiralty are also forthwith to prepare the Draught of a Commission & present the same to His Majesty, as this Board, authorizing the said Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to will & require the High Court of Admiralty of Great Britain & the Lieutenant & Judge of the said Court, his Surrogate or Surrogates, as also the several Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions, to take Cognizance of & judicially proceed upon all & all Manner of captures, Seizures, Prizes & Reprisals of all Ships & Goods that are or shall be taken & to hear & determine the same according to the Course of Admiralty & the Laws of Nations to adjudge & condemn all such Ships, Vessels & Goods as shall belong to Spain, or the Vassals & Subjects of
The

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the King of Spain, or to any others inhabiting
within any of His Countries, Territories & Domini-
ons That such Powers & Clauses be inserted in
the said Commission as have been usual, & are
according to former Precedents; & they are like-
wise to prepare & lay before his Majesty all this
Board a Draught of such Instructions as
may be proper to be sent to the Courts of Admi-
ralty in His Majesty's Foreign Governments
& Plantations for their Guidance herein; as also
another Draught of Instructions for such
Ships as shall be commissioned for the Pur-
poses aforementioned.

Approved & ordered to be im-
mediately dispatched. "

John Whitehill

Attest Memo

Charles Smith

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Monday
the 13th

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

Minutes of last Committee
read and approved.

Read the following Draughts
of Letters to Bengal, in answer to those received from
thence & entered on the Minutes of the last Committee
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.
Governor General & Council,

of Fort William
Gentlemen

We have received two Letters
from You - both dated the 11th Feby

We are obliged to You for the ac-
knowledgement you express of the readiness with
which We detached a Body of our Troops to join
Gen Goldard but We apprehend You have ^{seen} pleased
to give an object to this Reinforcement which
We did not altogether intend by it. We did not say
in our Letter to you, on this occasion that We
sent these Troops to "cooperate in the Prosecuti-
on of your Measures on the other side of India"
because We knew not what Measures you
might really have in contemplation, or what
turn might be given to the State of Affairs on that
Side

To Bengal
regarding the
Detachment
sent from hence
the Measures
that have been
taken with the
Vizam

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In order therefore to prevent any mistake with respect to our Intention in detaching Troops from this Presidency, We declared expressly that the object was to enable Gen Goddard to conclude an honorable and immediate Peace. You had in a Letter dated the 5th April last communicated the terms of your intended Negotiation with the Marhattas whose terms which were to restore things to the footing of the Treaty made by Col. Upton at Poonah appeared to Us after the Disaster suffered by the Bombay Troops both safe & honorable. Here then is fully explained the Intention of our Reinforcement. So far we see our Way clearly. I am conscious that We are acting for the true Interest of our Employers. but if any other Measure differing materially either in form or complexion from the Object We have mentioned, be pursued without our knowledge and concurrence We do ^{not} mean by sending the Reinforcement to join our agent to such measures, or to be answerable in any shape for their consequences.

When we wrote our Letter to You of the 5th Instant on the subject of your late Interference in our Proceedings at the Nizam's Court, We did it under the impression, that you had exceeded in a very essential Point, the controlling Powers lodged in your Government. The just alarm occasioned by this conduct

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By the right You had set up of "general Control and Direction in the Political Affairs of this Presidency" put us upon a careful perusal of the Authorities from whence these powers might be supposed to proceed. We were indeed before satisfied in our own minds that they had not the smallest Foundation but by the manner in which they were now advanced and exercised, We were led to think it possible that our Judgment might have erred, for We could hardly conceive that Gentlemen placed in high trust & acting under the sacred appointment of the Legislature would assume any Powers not warranted by their Commission, because it is evident that the least opposition to such Powers must create Inconveniences of an embarrassing Nature, & because real Authority is always much more respected when it acts within its just & proper sphere, than when it is mingled with Powers of an ill founded or doubtful Nature.

Such were our Reflections at the time We examined into the Claims that had been advanced, & as our Credit much depended upon the manner in which We were able to support the positions We might establish, We determined to go to the Bottom of the Subject & to treat it in our Letter to you with

Respect

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closeness that We might have the benefit of a particular Reply. Your Errors if We had formed any, removed by new lights We referred to the Act of Parliament & quoted the Clause which forms the only true & proper Test of the controlling Power. We shewed that it expressed nothing like the Power you had claimed & exercised, but that it restrained the other Presidencies only from "making Orders for declaring War or for negotiating or concluding any Treaty of Peace or other Treaty without your previous consent" We shewed also that this was the sense in which the Court of Directors understood it & in which you yourselves formerly understood it. The Clause is indeed expressed with perspicuity & the Limitation is so clearly & precisely marked that We do not see how it can be mistaken. We expected however when you were so pointedly called upon to defend the Powers you had claimed & exercised that you would have endeavored to prove them by the same Test that We had employed to disprove them. Instead of this you tell Us only in general Terms that You shall not dispute with us the right of your Government to interfere in such of our political measures as tend to disturb the peace of India, or Treaties subsisting with other Powers

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"Powers which We think proper to yield to the
"Exercise of it. I hope that you shall not be com-
"pelled to the disagreeable necessity of enforcing it."

The first observation that occurs upon this Passage is, that you were not called upon to dispute with us, but only to shew the Authority, on which your Powers rested. No man can expect Obedience to Powers which he is unable or unwilling to produce. It would be unjust to the last degree to think of enforcing such Powers, before they have been produced. The second Observation is that We have never yielded as you suppose to the Exercise of the rights you claim. If you allude to our withdrawing the Application to the Vizarr, for the Remission of the Restriction We reply, that We did not withdraw it because you disapproved or interfered in the measure, but because the application could not be properly supported after you had encouraged the Vizarr, to reject it. & because We were unwilling to contest a point of Right with you in a Place where no disagreement between us should even have appeared, much less have been continued by our persevering under these circumstances in a fruitless Demand.

In order however to remove

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all further Misapprehensions upon this subject We now declare in express terms that We have not yielded and that We cannot yield to the Power you have asserted of general controul and Direction over our Political Affairs until you shew us your Authority for it & this favor We think you should & may easily grant upon our application, if your claim be of the Nature you would wish us to believe. In the mean time the only Power We can acknowledge with respect to this Presidency is the Power of controuling our Right of "making orders for War or for negotiating Treaties". We can never admit the least extension of this Power while it shews so clearly defined & answers us We are sure it does all the Purposes intended by it.

But in your Letter now before us though you have treated the Points We had contested in such a manner as if they were totally indefensible upon any ground of Authority, yet you seem extremely unwilling to yield them to us & with the View as we suppose of maintaining the appearance of your new Powers as long as Possible, a new Phrase is introduced and repeated in more than one Place: We mean that by which we are called a "subordinate Presidency".

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siderency; When words We do not remember to have crept into your correspondence at any time before, even when your claims were not disputed. We little expected to see them in your present Letter standing without a shadow of report. "Subordinati" is a word of extensive signification & as it is here used, may be construed into a general Inferiority. So Patna is subordinate to Fort William & Masulipatam to this Presidency. But for our Part We totally disclaim any such Subordination, and declare that any Idea drawn from such a Word is inapplicable to the relative Situation in which we are placed. As well might We say, Fort William is subordinate to this Presidency, as this Presidency to Fort William.

You are pleased also in your Letter, after expressing the Intention of not entering into a Dispute with Us concerning the Powers We contended to make our General Observation on the subject of Negotiations undertaken by the other Presidencies which you ^{say} stated not so much a view of it being applied as it might be to the case now before You, but to meet the general and dangerous Doctrine which You conceive is implied in that Part of our Letter which ends
with

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with the following Words "But if it had led to a
treaty there is no reason to imagine that
We should not have required your consent
in due time & conclude it in all proper form"

Permit us to remark in this
Place that when You were taking from our
Letter a Quotation which you thought im-
plied a general & Dangerous Doctrine, it
would have had the Appearance of Candour
if you had been pleased to insert the whole
Paragraph, because it sometimes happens
as in this case, that a partial Quotation
may convey a very different Sense from
that of the whole Passage taken together.
This omission which you have made We
shall now supply. Speaking of your Inter-
ference in our Proceedings with the Nizam
saying it by the Powers of the Act of Parlia-
ment We said "There was no order made or gi-
ven by Us for declaring War against the
Nizam. We neither made, nor gave any order
for negotiating a new Treaty with him. All
that We did was to take advantage of Mr
Holland's residence at the Nizam's Court to re-
quest a favor for the Benefit of the Company.
The Nizam's compliance would have been
led to no new Treaty, because We offered no-
thing to engage it but general Expressions of

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of Friendship. But if it had led to a Treaty (that is if any Circumstance had arisen which might have made it requisite to offer specific Terms to engage the Vizars's Compliance) there is no Reason to imagine We should not have required your consent in due time that is when those Terms had been communicated to You and concluded it in all proper Form.

Here then is the plain, genuine sense of the whole Paragraph. We appeal to the Judgment of any one, whether there be any expression, which can convey the least idea of a general & dangerous Doctrine, or any Doctrine inconsistent with the just Powers of your Government. Yet you have been pleased upon an Imperfect Quotation of our Words to draw conclusions directly opposite to those which were meant or warranted by the sense of the whole Passage. From these erroneous conclusions you have supposed that We intended generally in our Negotiations to take all the previous steps which necessarily lead to the conclusion of Treaties so as to make your consent a mere formality. This We have never done in any Case, nor do We mean it for the reason you have yourselves given. But there is nothing in the Act of Parliament which restrains
our

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our Endeavors to serve the Company by applicati-
ons to any of the Country Powers to do justice, or to
show favor to them in any thing which comes un-
der our immediate Cognizance, nor are We prevent-
ed by that Act from making any Declarations
(except that of War) which We think necessary in
support of the Rights & Honor of the Company,
as far as they are committed to our Charge. If
such Requests & Declarations from the Miscon-
struction of the Persons to whom they may be
addressed, or from their weakness, or from their
propensity to quarrel with Us, or from any
other Cause, should at any time bring on a
War, there is no Help for it that We know of &
all that We have to do in such case is to avoid
declaring, or committing Hostilities without
your previous Consent, unless the Necessity
be so imminent as would render it danger-
ous to wait for it. All this is perfectly
clear & the Line is most distinctly traced by the
Act of Parliament. But by your Interpreti-
tion, after making erroneous conclusions
supposing bases upon them which do not
seem to affect the Question between Us, which
in some parts are not very intelligible you
say "By means such as these the Governor
General and Council may in every instance
be deprived of the Powers vested in them by
Parliament."

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"Parliament, or which amounts to the same in
"Effect their advice and consent may, never be
"desired until it must arrive too late to pre-
"vent the operations of Ships already taken"

But your consent let it arrive ever so early, can
not in any case prevent the operation of our
Measures, nor do We suppose you wish to
prevent any Operations at all by your consent
to them.

With all due Respect how-
ever to your Judgment We conceive that besides
deviating from the Powers granted by Parlia-
ment & extending them to undefined lengths,
you seem to have misapprehended the Nature
of the Power which is actually granted to You
& the Inconveniences proposed to be remedied
by it. You will not trust excuse a suggestion
of this kind from Us who are by your conduct
become particularly concerned, that every
thing which appears doubtful upon this
interesting point should be cleared up. We
said in a former Letter We now repeat that
the protruding Power with respect to War
& Treaties was in our humble opinion in-
tended to remedy a most glaring absurdity
in the former System which was, that
the three Presidencies being totally inde-
pendent of each other, though all under
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one common Master made political & other Treaties with the Country Powers of the most contradictory Nature. When it happened that the Company were sometimes exposed to Insultations of Breach of Faith & other Inconveniences arising from the opposite Relasting Engagements of their different Presidencies. To remove this Absurdity, as We conceive a restraining Power was lodged in Your Government sufficient to prevent this or any other Presidency from negotiating any Treaty or making War without your previous Consent by which means they prevent attention on Your part it is impossible for the Company to fall into the Inconveniences above pointed out. But there is nothing of a positive nature in this right. It cannot direct us to make or alter any Treaty, to declare any War, or to pursue any Interest that We deem incompatible with the Welfare of our Employers. In short it has no one power of compulsion. It has only the Power of a simple Assent, or Negative upon a Question necessary to be proposed by Us before We can begin any Negotiation for a Treaty or make any order for declaring War, yet it is sufficient for all the Purposes intended by it.

We have now urged every
thing

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thing that appears necessary to Us upon this important subject. We have done it with Deliberation and Candour We hope with all due respect for We are not conscious of the least degree of Warmth Passion or any other feeling which is inconsistent with our public or private Character. If you really possess the Right you have claimed, exercised & promulgated of directing & controuling the "political Affairs of this Presidency" or any other Right except that which the Act of Parliament has so expressly defined. We are ready to afford it the most implicit Acquiescence. We make it our particular Request only that you will produce the Authority for it, or if you think it is contained in the Act of Parliament, that you will show Us how or where it is expressed that We may assent to it if We possibly can. But until this be done We hope and expect that you will refrain from the exercise of such Rights, as We cannot in duty to our Trust acknowledge. From using Language & Expressions in your Letters denoting them; because, neither can answer any other Purpose than to Provoke Differences. We assure you it is not our wish to disagree, but to act with You in perfect Harmony & Good Understanding, to pray You

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every respect & attention which are justly due to you. We co-operate with You most heartily in all Measures that shall appear to be calculated for the Honor & Interest of our common Employers.

You are pleased in the latter part of your Letter after speaking of the Minute. We sent you from our President to express your hope "that We will confine our correspondence with You to our own concerns & reflect that our censures on your Acts are unbecoming the Relation of our Government to yours &c." You will be pleased to remember Gentlemen that We have never written to you upon any thing which did immediately concern us; that We have not censured any of your Acts & have only remonstrated against such as directly tended to deprive Us of our Authority, or weaken the Respect due to it. If you mean "by confining our correspondence to our own concerns" that We are not to offer an opinion upon any public Measure which may affect the Peace of India &c. in which We may be consequently called upon to act We hope you will pardon Us if We declare that in such cases We consider it as an indispensable Duty We owe to
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the Company to deliver our Sentiments, that
by so doing, We act perfectly consistent with
the Relation in which We stand to your
Government.

You have been pleased like
men to insinuate that what We have urged
in support of our Remonstrances is de-
rived from false or defective Materials. We
beg leave to assure You, that We have used
no Materials but such as are perfectly
authentic, being your own Letters & such
other Letters & Papers as have come to Us of-
ficially or from Undoubted Authority.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants.

Thomas Burrill &
Jas. Macdonald

Fort St George
13th March 1780.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq
Governor General &c. &c.
of Fort William

Gentlemen

We have received your se-
parate Letter of the 11th Ult^o acquainting Us
that the Governor General had received a Letter
from Vizam Allypore with a copy of our
President's Letter to him notifying the Recall
of

To Bengal regard-
ing the Recall
of Mr. Hollond
from the Vizam
Court.

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of Mr Holland. That you are sorry to per-
ceive the suddenness of this Resolution &
the abrupt manner in which it has been
conveyed to Vizam Ally, have contributed
to excite instead of allaying his suspicions
For this Reason and because he has desired
you will supply the Place of Mr Holland by a
similar Appointment from your Govern-
ment - which instantly following his Re-
call would have too visible an appearance
of Disunion between our Government & yours
you request We will permit that Gentlemen to
remain in the Quality of your Ministers at
the Court of the Nabob Vizam Ally Saun for
the purpose of negotiating such Points as
remain to be adjusted between You. For this
end you have granted him your Credentials
and desired him to continue in that Station
until you shall have been informed of our
Sentiments & Resolutions respecting the
present Proposal.

The Reasons We held for re-
calling Mr Holland from the Vizam's
Court were in our Judgment sufficient, &
as we can only be responsible to the Court
of Directors for this Measure. We are a lit-
tle surprised that at the same time when you
are speaking of the Impropriety of our
censuring

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censuring any of your acts / though we have
only demonstrated against such as imme-
diately concern ourselves / you should af-
firm the Privilege of censuring those of
ours, with which you have not the same
best Right to interfere.

We think it a little surpris-
ing also that the Pizarn who could hardly
be prevailed with to admit Mr Holland in
quality of our Resident who repeatedly de-
sired us to recall him, should on a sudden
become so anxious to have him continue
at his post or his place supplied by another
from your Government. Be assured Gentl-
men that this Anxiety does not proceed from
any Alarm or Suspensions that may have
been excited by our Notification of the Re-
call of Mr Holland for unless the Pizarn be a
composition of Weakness itself, he could not
possibly feel any after what our President
wrote to him on the Subject. We trace this ap-
parent anxiety to other causes. We verily be-
lieve that if the Pizarn were to speak his real
Sentiments, he would tell You that he has no
suspensions whatever, at least from our con-
duct that he neither wishes for Mr Holland
nor any other Person to be at his post.

However this may be after
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what has ^{happened} passed We should stamp with
our own consent the unjustifiable Attempts
(as we conceive) which you have used to weak-
en and disgrace our Authority, were We to
allow the same Gentleman whom We em-
ployed in behalf of those Measures which
were disappointed by your Interference, to
be employed instantly afterwards by you
in negotiations the nature and tendency
of which we are unacquainted with. We do
not clearly understand either what you mean by
requesting him "to be employed for the purpose of
negotiating such points as remain to be adjust-
ed between you & the Vizier." We hope you have
not without our knowledge employed him to
adjust or negotiate any points hitherto, but when
We see you encroaching upon our Authority so
far as to write Letters to Mr Holland desiring
him to suspend the Business which we had en-
trusted to him, and desiring him also to re-
main at the Vizier's Court in quality of your
President without waiting for our consent. Af-
ter you knew that We had ordered him to come
away We are apt to imagine that he has been
more under the Direction of your Government
than of ours.

Mr Holland's Duty to the Com-
pany & to this Government required him

not

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not to suspend any Business He had entrusted
to his Management, unless by Directions from
us. Your regard for Mr Holland should We
think, have made you extremely cautious
of giving such orders to him as he could not obey
without flying in the Face of our Authority,
& thereby hazarding his Situation in the service

Upon the whole Gentlemen,
We are convinced from what We have said that
you will see in every point of view the Impro-
priety of your recalling the Orders We have sent
to Mr Holland to come to Madras, & particu-
larly as you have on your Establishment ma-
ny Gentlemen of sufficient Qualifications
for the trust you wish, to confer on Mr Holland
who being properly under your Authority, will
be better able to execute any points & measures
now remaining to adjust with the Enemy.
We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
13th March 1780

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold
Sec. Select Committee
Approved & ordered to

be dispatched.

Read the following Letter
from Mr Cha Jones.

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To the Honble Sir Tho: Rumbold Bt
President and Governor & Council of
Port St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

From M^r Jones
requesting to resign
the Paymastership
of Tanjore and
go home

The situation of my Private
Concerns in Europe, after an absence of seven
teen Years, requiring my personal attendance
I have to request Your Honor &c's Permission
to Resign the Employment. I hold as I suppose
that you will be pleased to Indulge me with
leave of Absence, to proceed with my Family
to England on one of the Honble Company's
Ships that may be dispatched thither in the
course of this season. requesting at the same
time, that your Honor &c will be pleased to
make mention of me in your General Let-
ter to the Honble Court of Directors, in such
a manner that I may be permitted to return
in my Station, to their Service in India, as
soon as my Private Concerns are settled in
England.

I have the Honor to be
With the Greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Faithful and
Obedient humble Servant
O E Jones

Agreed that M^r Jones be
permitted

Tanjore
15th March 1780

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His request granted
permitted to resign the Paymaster Ship of Man-
-jore. & to proceed to England agreeable to his
Request.

*Ensign Webb an-
dott permitted
to resign*

The Commander in Chief lays
before the Committee a Letter from Ens. Webb
requesting Permission to resign the Service which
is granted.

*Mr D. Baine
appointed Pay-
master & Town-
Keeper at Tanjore*

Mr D Baine is now ap-
-pointed Paymaster & Townkeeper at Tanjore, in
the room of Mr Jones and Mr Favel
Wordsworth, Seaport Paymaster in the
room of Mr Baine.

*Thirty six
Recruits for
Bombay arrived
on the Sandwich*

The President acquaints
the Committee that by the Alteration
that has been made in the Destination
of the Sandwich, thirty six, Recruits who
came out on that Ship for Bombay
have been landed at this Place, and as no
Opportunity is soon likely to offer for send-
ing them round to that Presidency: he begs
the Committee will come to some Determi-
-nation about them — Resolved that
the above Recruits be incorporated with
our Military, that the Gentlemen at
Bombay be advised thereof & informed
that We shall replace them by the
first proper convenience.

Mr.

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Mr Chasick
is app^d Cadet.

Mr George Chasick is
now appointed a factor.

John Whitely

Hubert Mours
Charles Smith

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th Received the following Letter from Lt Col Baillie

The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart Governor
President &c Select Committee of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lieut Col
Baillie, the
Detachment to
march to Ellore

In obedience to Your commands
of the 2nd Inst^t the Detachment marches to morrow
by the Route of Rezowra for Ellore. On its arrival
there all extraordinary expences of Balla &c
shall be struck off.

I am with most perfect respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Camps ten miles north
of Secaram 7th March 1780.

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Wm Baillie

th Dispatched the following Letters

To Sir Edward Hughes K.B. Rear Admiral of
the Red, Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships
in India.

Sir

Wm Baillie

We have received your Letter of the
5th Inst^t and are obliged to you for taking Mr Maw
out of the Imperial Ship. We request you will
be so good as to send him on shore upon his Pass.

We are advised that the China
Ships of last Year were at Malacca in their way
homeward on the 1st Febry and proposed sailing
the next

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1st The next day for the sake We mention this circumstance to you as an additional reason for our wishing the Ships from hence to sail as soon as possible

We are with great regard

Sir

Fort St George
13th March 1780.

Your most Obedt & most humble Serv^t
Thomas Rumbold Secy.
Select Committee

To Mr John Holland

Sir

Letter to Mr
Holland ordering
him to the
Presidency.

We hope in consequence of our orders of the 1st Febry that you have left the Puzam's Court & are on your way to Madras. We say we hope because we have received a Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal informing us that they had sent Credentials to you with their desire that you should remain there on the part of their Government for some time, & requesting We would permit you to stay, but as we neither see any cause sufficient to induce us to consent to this measure, nor can we agree that any Servant employed under our Authority, shall act in Behalf of other persons independent of us, and whose Designs may be contrary to the original Intention of your appointment We positively direct an intire Compliance with our Orders even should You have received any Letter or Credentials from Bengal.

Yours Truly
Ben Rumbold

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Our Reasons for being a particu-
cular in this Injunction, is that as the Gentleman at
Bengal in consequence of your communicating
to the Governor General the Instructions you received
from us regarding the Pithuath, have most improp-
erly and unwarrantably interfered in that Transac-
tion. We cannot think of stamping such an Attempt to
disgrace our Authority, by allowing the same Gentle-
man whom we employed solely under our Orders
to receive Directions & Credentials from the Governor
General & Council of Bengal after we have ordered
him to come away. As these orders to You have
been already twice repeated, if we find that this last
order has not been effective, We think any delay is used
after receiving this Letter. We shall be under the Necessi-
ty of exercising the Powers vested in the Committee
by the Company, for the due Support of our au-
thority.

We desire you will furnish us
with copies of such Letters as you may have received
from the Governor General & Council of Bengal since
your appointment in quality of our Resident & of
your Letters to them.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Pumbold Secy
Select Committee

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Wrote

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St. Frangoise named Du Pel who deserted from this Place some
regarding a Months ago is now concealed in Frangoise we
French Deserter request that you will cause search to be made
for him & if found that you will please to have
him secured until he be delivered over to Us.

We are
Honorable Sir & Mrs

Fort St George
14th March 1780

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Thomas Pumbold Secy
Lieut Commr.

16th Despatched the following Letters

To Edward Lotsford Esq^r

Chief and Council

of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the

20th Janry

You judged very properly of our

To Masulipatam
with Orders respect-
ing Lieut Col.
Baillie's Detach-
ment.

Intention respecting the Troops of your district in
case it should have become necessary, to employ
Lieut Baillie's Detachment. We did not mean, or
we so expressed ourselves, that they should ^{remain} there
until they were required for such an Emer-
gency, as we pointed out in our Letter.

We now think it proper to inform
You that we have directed Lieut Baillie to march
with his Detachment to Ellore, and encamp there
till further

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all further orders of which you will give notice to Captain Long and desire ^{him} on Lieut Col Baillie's arrival to deliver over the command. As this Detachment is reserved for a particular Service We mean that Lt Col Baillie should command it immediately under our orders. & that no part of it be employed in the collections or for any other purpose without our express Permission. It is not our Intention however to abridge your authority in any shape with respect to the Troops in your District that do not compose any part of the Detachment, & that Lt Col Baillie by being the Senior Officer will have the Command of the whole Garrisonment at Gore. We mean that he shall comply with all such Directions as you may think proper to give in regard to the Sailors that are not of this Detachment.

We have considered your Representation, as to the Propriety of laying in a Stock of Garrison Provisions. but as We do not apprehend any troubles in the country & as there is generally a considerable Loss attending the Sale of Provisions that have been some time in Store We would have you lay in none for the present.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Rumbold Secy
H. Committee

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To Lieut Col Baillie

Commanding the Detachment to the
Northward

Sir

Having directed You to march
the Detachment to Ellore. We now think it necessary
to acquaint You that it is our Intention to keep the
Detachment after its arrival there immediately,
under our Orders. No part of it is to be employed for
the Service of the Collections or for any other pur-
pose without our express leave.

Altho' by being the Senior Offi-
cer on your Arrival at Ellore, you will of course
have the command of the whole Cantonment, it is
our meaning & we accordingly direct, that the
Chief & Council at Masulipatam shall exercise the
same Authority they now possess in regard to such
of the Troops belonging to their district as do not
compose any part of your present Detachment
and therefore whenever they shall direct any
Troops cantoned at Ellore, which come under
this Description, to be Detached for any Service
you are immediately to comply & to observe any
other Regulation that has been laid down with
respect to such Troops.

Yours
Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servt
Thomas Rumbold Secy
to the Committee

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To Major Alex. Maclellan
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

We have received your Letter of
the 20th Janry & 1st March.

We are concerned at the Intelligence
you give us of the Attempts made by the Colliers of the
Kabols Country to root up the Grass on the Tanjore
side of the Annawatta We hope that such Proceedings
will not be again repeated but if any Irregulari-
ties of this kind should happen We trust to Your
Discretion & that of the commanding Officer at
Trichinopoly to put a stop to them with as little
violence as can be employed consistently with the
absolute necessity there is for preventing such
abuses

We would have the Lady whom
you mentioned in your Letter of the 1st March to have
been confined for cruelty treating all Monarchs of the
Princes she received truly a general Court Mar-
shal.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servts
Thomas Rumbold Sec.
Select Committee

Fort St George
18th March 1/80.

To Major Maclellan
to prevent the
Colliers rooting
up the Grass

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

Minutes of last Committee

read and approved

Read the following Letter from

the Committee of Works.

To the Honble Sir Tho.^s Rumbold Pres^t

President & Governor & a Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformably to your orders We

have called on Mr Geo Baker for the balance of Pagoda

1728, 11. due from him to the Company on account of

his proportion of the cost of the Water Cisterns; he

has addressed us a Letter in reply the contents of which

we now submit to You a copy setting forth that he

was under the necessity of building a small Cistern

about Six Years ago, which Cistern was indispens-

ably necessary for the supplying the different parts

of the Town with Water, & is still required for that

purpose, that he therefore conceives the cost of this

Cistern should be allowed for: his request appear-

ing to us to be very reasonable, & consistent with

his Engagements to the Company, we are of opi-

nion it should be complied with, the Chief Engi-

- Secr

Letter from the
Committee of
Works enclosing
Letter from Mr
Baker.

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never hath surveyed the Eastern Wharfe it must
have cost Mr Baker 500 Pagodas; we request
your orders on this Subject.

2. We have received a Letter from
Messrs Strange and Roebuck the Contractors
for Bricks and Churnam, a copy of which your
Honor &c will receive herewith; the disadvantages
they represent to have laboured under for
the last two Years we are sorry to say are true. They
have entirely arisen from the whole of the Churnam
brought in having been applied to the Company's
use, in consequence of your orders that the Forti-
fications should be carried on with all possible
Dispatch. The Contractors from this circumstance
have not been able to sell their 2nd & 3rd Sorts of Bricks
as without Churnam the Inhabitants could make
no use of them. The large Stock of Bricks thus
unavoidably thrown on their Hands on account
of the Publick Service has been a very considerable
detriment to them, and the grievance must of course
continue to increase until the Works are finished.

3. The Contractors from the nature
and great extent of their business are under the neces-
sity of making large advances to a great number
of Labourers and poor People, who are even in Arrear
to them; these Arrears can only be collected in by
degrees, & the Contractors to save themselves must
commence the drawing them in some Months
before

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before the expiration of their Contract, the method of effecting it is by the Contractors advancing monthly less than the Amount of Materials received from their People. These having mostly spent the money advanced them, together with their aversion to work out Balances, the monthly quantity of Churnam falls off from the time the Contractors begin lessening the Arrears due to them. if they begin now to lessen their advances, we cannot expect to receive sufficient quantities of Churnam; that the Supplies of Churnam therefore may not decrease at this critical situation of the Works, it is advisable to fall on measures to prevent the Contractors from calling in their Pullances till the Works are finished, but they cannot defer it without exposing considerable Sums to great risk, unless they are somehow or other adequately indemnified, & ^{this} can only be done at the expense of the Company, if the Contractors are to look no further than their present Contract which is within a few Months of expiring. In order therefore to prevent the Supplies of Churnam from being lessened at this time to give the Contractors an Opportunity of selling off the very large Stock of Bricks that will remain on their Hands and to prevent any loss falling on the Company, we think it but justice to both to recommend to your Honor Gov^t to renew the Contract for a further term of three Years, in the opinion that

it will

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it will require that time to enable the Contractors
to extricate themselves from the distress they have
been brought into, thro' the necessity of the Pub-
lick Service, we the more readily recommend this
indulgence to Mess^{rs} Ruebuck & Strange, from their
having supplied Materials, particularly Churnam
in greater quantities than were ever delivered by
any former Contractors

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most

Humble Servants

P Ferring

Edw^d Saunders

Geo Maule

C B Dent

Fort St George
1st March 1780

Sir

from Mr Baker

I have received your favor bearing
date the 14th instant advising that In consequence
of Directions received from the Honble the Select
Committee for that purpose, The Committee of Works
are pleased to call on you for the Payment of Pagodas
1728. 11. Which (beside the Pagodas 2000 that I
have already paid them on that account) they
conceive to be still due to the Company from me,
To make up my full Proportion, for the Expence
of constructing Reservoirs.

Pagodas 3728. 11. as indeed

The

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The sum which was supposed by Col Bosc to be
what the Reservoir would cost me, or such by any
Contract I should be obliged to construct, and it
was what I agreed to pay the Company on their
determination to build Bomb Proof ones. But
seeing no Prospect of those being immediately car-
ried into execution, I was necessitated Six Years ago
to build a cistern at the South East corner of the
Fort Square, for the purpose of conveying Water
to the different parts of the Fort Sea, this Cistern
is now & will still be useful, and has cost me Pagods
500, which I doubt not the Gentlemen of the Com-
mittee of Works, as well as the Honble Select Com-
mittee, will see with me, that it is but just and
proper should be deducted from the sum

3728. 11 That having been adjudged the extent
of the expence I should have been at on account
of the Cisterns. If the Gentlemen should have any
doubts to the cost of this Cistern I am very wil-
ling to receive for it whatever the Chief Engineer
may be pleased to Estimate it at, and the remain-
der I am ready to pay as soon as you shall be
pleased to favor me with the Committee's deter-
mination with regard to the amount thereof
I am

Sir

Fort St George
15th Janry 1780

Your very obed^t Servant
George Barker

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To Mr John Balfour
Clerk to the Committee
of Works.

A true Copy
J Balfour
Clerk to the Comm^y of Works

To Peter Perring Esq.
Sec^y Committee of Works.
Gentlemen.

Letter from
Mess^{rs} Strange
& Roebuck

It gives us pain to be troubled some
but situated as we are at present from the nature
of our contract with the Herd^{ts} Company, we
find ourselves obliged to address you.

We have at present employed
in the carrying on our Business a Capital of 55000
Pagodas. The Points which we have on hand ac-
mount to above 30000, the Remainder of the sum
is due from the People employed by us in bring-
ing Firewood, Shells, Charcoal and Churnam
part of this sum may be looked upon as irre-
coverable, we were from particular circumstan-
ces obliged to take some Balornesche from the
people to the last Contractor which we shall
find a difficulty in recovering, and we allowed
within this twelvemonth 1500 Pagodas due
by Raveenapathi and Nellana to the Herd^{ts}
Company to be carried to our Debt which

Debt

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Debt they never could have recovered & it is very uncertain at what period we shall receive Payment of any part of it. at present a considerable quantity of Materials are wanted for the Works, were we to attempt to draw in our Capital, a total Stagnation, would take place in our Business. Inve we not still to make further advances, our Business would not go on with that Spirit which the Situation of the publick Works and Season of the Year require it should.

It is a condition of our Contract that the Company should have the first sort of Bricks and that we were to supply the Inhabitants with 2^d & 3^d sorts but you must be sensible Gentlemen that so far from our having the benefit of supplying the Inhabitants with anything equal to the quantity made of these sorts they have not been able to take of us an eighth part of them on account of their not having been allowed Bricklayers or Chimneys, the whole of the Churnam made in the last two Years has been applied by Govt to the publick Works which lately prevented the Native Inhabitants from carrying on any Buildings when we entered on our Contract it was a time of peace, and we could not foresee that the Fortifications would have been carried on with such rapidity, as to require all the Churnam thereby preclude us from the vending of our 2^d & 3^d sorts of Bricks, during the time of the former Contractor

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Contractor great quantities of Churnam were supplied to Individuals as will appear by Your Records private Buildings went on as well as Publick. A ready Sale was met with for all the 2^d & 3^d sort of Bricks made, so much so that none remained on our having possession of the contract.

Tridely different has been our case for your Records will shew that during the greatest part of our contract, hardly a single Para of Churnam has been spared to Individuals, when Private Buildings have been at a stand and our 2^d & 3^d sort of Bricks left on our hands.

The Measure of keeping all the Churnam & Bricklayers for the Works ever since the first rumour of War with France, however necessary it may have been for the Public Good, You cannot but allow has operated greatly to our Detriment, knowing as you of course do that the Company take only the first sort that a Sheln of one Sack does not draw above half a Sack of the Company's assortment & that almost half of every Sheln made these two Years nor were in our hands uncalculable from the Inhabitants having neither Churnam nor Bricklayers these circumstances are of so important and alarming a nature to us, that we see no prospect of being extricated from the difficulties and losses they have involved us in, unless you will be pleased to afford

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to afford us some more effectual remedy than any
We can possibly derive from our contract during
the few remaining months of it, which instead
of relieving, are likely to bear as hard on us as
any of the preceding ones, we therefore request
the favor of You Gentlemen, to represent our situa-
tion to the Honble Board & to recommend the
renewing our contract for a further term of three
Years which as the Fortification will probably
be finished in this Year, will enable us to sell off
our Materials and retrieve our losses, without
some such relief, we have no hopes of doing it
We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
Jas. Strange
Benjⁿ Reebuck

A true Copy
of Palfour
Bk. to the Comm^y of Wks -

Agreed in consequence of the

Recommendation from the Committee of Works
that Mr Baker be allowed the sum of 500 P^{as}
for the Expence of the small Cistern built by him
for the convenience of supplying the different
parts of the Town with Water, and that the
Remainder

Mr Geo. Baker
allowed P^{as} 500
for building a
Cistern

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remainder of the Balance due from him, after deduct-
ing the above Sum be received by the Committee of
Works.

Agreed also for the Reasons
given by the Committee of Works that the contract
with Mess^{rs} Roebuck & Strange be extended for
a further term of two Years after the Expiration
of their present Engagements, but that the Com-
mittee be expressly enjoined in their new agree-
ment to stipulate such conditions as may
secure to the Inhabitants as well as to the Com-
pany the strictest Justice, with respect to the
quality of Materials which may be required
for their use & to take such measures as to them
shall seem necessary for giving entire Satisfac-
tion upon this & every other Article of the
Contract.

Mess^{rs} Strange
& Roebuck
Contract prolonged
for two Years

M^r Cha^l Smith
objects to the
above

M^r Smith desires leave to
minute his objections to extending the Term
of the contract at all beyond the Expiration of
the present agreement.

President's Mi-
nute respecting
the Rent to be
paid Bazarat
Jung for the
Gurtoo Circar

The President acquaints the
Committee that as Bazarat Jung has never been
acquainted with the specific Sum to be paid by
the Company to him as Rent for the Gurtoo
Circar. he proposes that Bazarat Jung be inform-
ed the Company will account with him
annually for the Sum of 175000 Nadoas

Pagdas

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Pagodas & after reimbursing the Company for
the Expence of the Troops which are kept
apart for the Defence of this Country, whenever
we shall call ^{for} them, will punctually remit
the Surplus to him which is approved & ordered
accordingly

Read the following Letter
to Lord Macleod, to the Governor

To Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart. &c &c &c

Sir

I beg leave to inform you that

From Lord Macleod
regarding Hospital
Charges at
Pondamallee

The bearer Doctor Macdougall Surgeon of my
Regiment has presented an Account to the mili-
tary Paymasters at Madras of contingent Expens-
es incurred for the Hospital which he has kept
at Pondamallee but was refused Payment with-
out your authority, he has since made applica-
tion to me to the same purpose, but as Govern-
ment has made no provision regarding an
Hospital for the Troops here, I hope you will
be so good as to give such Instructions as you
may think proper for the payment of the Sur-
geon's Bills that it may enable him to render
the sick such Comfort and Assistance as may
be necessary

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Yours

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Fort St George
17th March 1780

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Macleod.

Ordered that the Military Pay-
master do refer to his Books & report whether
any & what Allowances were made by the Com-
pany for the Hospital Expenses of His Majes-
ty's Troops last War

Recd the following Letter from
Lieut Col. Baillie to the Governor.

To the Honble Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart &c.
Honble Sir

From Lieut Col.
Baillie with
Bill for Intell.
ligence.

I take the Liberty to send you
enclosed an account of the Money Intelligence
now cost me since commanding in this Circar
and to which I beg your Signature in order
for Payment

In the Honble Committee's Let-
ter of the 2^d nothing is said particularly with
regard to Lascars & Bullocks I cannot sup-
pose it meant to keep in the Service or discharge
the whole of either. yet fear of myself to Judge
an Order therefore to the purpose would
oblige

I am respectfully

Honorable Sir

For up at Quila polam
8th March 1780

Your very obedient & Affectionate
Wm Baillie

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The Committee are of opinion
that all Extra Expenses on account of Lt Col
Baillie's Detachment, be struck off on his ar-
rival at Ellore, & it is resolved to write him
accordingly.

Recd the following letters from
the Master Attendant and Garrison Storekeeper
in reply to the complaints made by Lt Col Browne
relative to the Water & Provisions put on Board
the Horsemendon.

To The Honble Sir Tho^s Rumbold Bart^r
President Governor & Select Committee
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to your Orders

received this day requiring my reply to the follow-
ing assertion of Lt Col Browne in his letter of the
5th inst

"Had the quantity of Water been actually on board
which I am told Mr Jamell reported, there would
with the addition of the Pondichery Water have been

"great plenty, but I am very sorry to say he must
have deceived very much in his Report." I beg leave
to observe the report I made to the Governor was by
a calculation formed from the number & size of the
Casks delivered on board, in which there could not
have been a mistake of any material consequence
and I only wish on this occasion the assertion
had

From the Master
Attendant regard-
ing Provisions
& Water put on
Board the Horsem-
endon.

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had been supported by a plain statement of the quantity & quality of baskets. Col Browne found in the Ship on his embarking & that this statement had been taken from examination alone before a representation of so severe a tendency had been made. In which otherwise appears to be hazarded on report, & this method would have been more candid & have carried with it conviction.

Permit me to request your allowing a regard to the following causes from whence Col Browne's assertion might reasonably have its rise.

If the greatest attention was not observed in the Storage of the sacks when received on board. In which I particularly recommended to the Captain of the Horseidon at the time explaining to him that the hurry in which they were provided would not allow of their being in the best order / Leakage must have been a certain consequence.

If the smallest deviation from the strictest observance of Method, and the greatest regularity, & account was not attended to, in disposing of the particular & daily allowances to each Individual. & for general purposes circumstances not at all improbable with so large a number of people, unacquainted with the rules practised on such occasions, what

I rather

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Further suppose to have been the case I am more confirmed of this from the conduct of the Captain of the Horendor during his equipment here, it does not become a matter of surprize that they should soon discover themselves short in the provision laid in.

My report to the Governor of which a copy is inclosed N^o 1. allowed seven Weeks water for 500 Men of all denominations. Servants &c included, at 1 Gallon per Day each. I now beg leave to confirm this Report I am assured on a fair examination into Facts, the propriety of it will be clear.

I have also enclosed N^o 2 for your information of the full Allowances of Water given in the Company's Ships to each Man per Day.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

with the utmost Respect

Your most Obedient Servt

G. Taswell

Mast. Wth

Fort St George
16th March 1780.

Account of Water sent on board the Horendor.

80	Leaguers	at 130 Gall.	10400
51	Butts	at 120 "	6120
36	Punchons	at 90 "	3240
10	Half Leaguers	at 65 "	2600
36	Hogsheads	at 60 "	2160
			Gall. 24520

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21520 Gallons for 500 Men at 1 Gallon each per
Day allow 119 Days Water.

The following are the full Allowances given in the com-
pany Ships to each Man per Day

	Quarts	Pint.
Served for his drinking	2	—
for boiling his Pint of Pease each Day	1	—
for boiling his Pease Soup & such		
he is allowed only 5 days in the Week	—	1
	3	1

The Two days in which they are not served Pease,
may be allowed for massage & Village, so that each Man
per Day does not exceed more than 7 Pints.

On the Days they are given Punch the quantity of Wa-
ter required for making it, is generally deducted from
their Allowance of two Quarts.

Salt Provisions are sold in Salt Water.

The Live Stock of which I will admit a Provision
is made for 30 Officers, will by no means in
the number of 500 Persons for which I formed my
Calculation, be adequate to the proportion of each
Man's 1 Pint per Day, so that every allowance included
should not have amounted to 1 Gallon per Day.

To Charles Cokerly Esq
Secretary
Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt

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From the
Garrison Store
Keeper on the
same

of your Letter of yesterdays date enclosing an Extract
from Del Browns Letter in reply to which I request
you will please to acquaint the Honble the President
and Select Committee, that 238 Bags of Bisquit were
sent to the ships Horrendon & Morning Star; containing
^{Handy 12 21} 38. 12. 21. Salt Fish 48.500 of different Sizes: Ghee
& Dippers or 2¹/₂ Candy. Two months provisions be-
ing thought necessary for the Troops, the same was
got ready, as well as the shortness of the time would
permit, being only 12 days but as there was a great
deal of rice on board the Horrendon, 838 Bags of
225. Mercalls were sent to the Morning Star it was
deemed sufficient, that the Men should have Bis-
quit every other day, for there was not time to get
a greater Quantity baked. With respect to the
Salt Fish, I sent all on Board, that could be perfectly
procured, either at Madras, Puthcal & but Mr.
Shroed wrote me from Pondichery that the sar-
cans on board had stole near half of it out of
the Baskets.

In answer to what Col Browne
says about the ghee. I must observe that it is the
same, as I use myself. It was the best that could be
purchased; but all ghee in Dippers is more or
less rancid I must be first purified before it is used,
the preparation for which, altho' simple it is
evident they either did not understand or had
not the means of doing it on board but they
would

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would not have had no cause to complain
of the want of quantity had not the follow-
ing articles been returned.

Bisquits - 48 Bags or ⁶ 7¹¹

Flour - 1 Hoghead

Onions - 14 Viss

Salt Fish - 4100

Tirewood - 39000

The ship Horsenden was so
lumbered and in such confusion previous to
her departure from hence, that I am inform-
ed they had scarce room to receive anything
upon deck and upon their refusing to take them
articles they were sent to the Morning Star
which being likewise underweigh they also
refused. The Boats returned at 4 o'clock in
the afternoon when application was made
to the Town Mayor who wrote a Letter to the
Commanding Officer of the Morning Star
to receive these articles, but the Vessel was so
far distant that no Boats could reach her.
The Salt Fish & Onions have been & are disposed
of the rest remain in store.

In the victualling of these
Ships I took uncommon pains, as Captain Syden-
ham well knows, and was particularly
careful that they should be supplied not only
with a sufficiency, but the best of Quality

I am

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I am therefore exceedingly concerned to hear
that my exertions have not had the desired
Effect.

Sir

I am

Fort St George
16 March 1780

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
C. B. Dent.

As Lieut Col Boscawen by
reason of his absence cannot bring the neces-
sary Proofs in support of his complaints
the Committee are unable to pass any Reso-
lutions, or to make any further Enquiry into
them until his return.

The President acquaints the
Committee that at the time he had under con-
sideration the Removal of the Houses situated upon
Hog Hill he requested of Mr Popham a per-
son skilled in the Law to point out the Mode of
proceeding necessary to be observed in executing
such a measure & that Mr Popham in consequence
delivered him a Letter on the Subject which
he now desires to be entered on the Minutes
& that he (the President) would not recommend
that anything be done towards removing the
Houses, or travelling the ground upon Hog Hill
until the Orders of the Company can be obtained
upon this Subject & his opinion that
The

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The Information given by Mr Popham maybe very useful & that it should be communicated to the Court of Directors which is approved & ordered accordingly.

To the Honble Sir. Tho^s Purnell old B^t Gen^l &c
Sir

From M^r Popham
regarding the
houses on Hog Hill

In consequence of your invitation I now address you on the subject of that part of the Black Town, which extends from the Westward to the Wth Sth West of the Fort & is commonly known by the name of Hog Hill

In its present situation it is a public nuisance both in a civil and a Political Light.

In a civil Light it becomes almost pestilential by the sufferance given to the Natives to use it as their common place of Ease.

In a political Light its Proximity to the Fort and the large Mounds of Earth & Rubbish which are formed there from the Remains of demolished Houses & other causes render it a matter of serious consideration to those interested in the defence of Fort St George.

I am you therefore Sir as Governor of that Fort I am persuaded the following hints will meet a welcome Reception

The Judge

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The subject is reducible to three heads -

1st The Expediency of the Measure. 2^d The manner of putting it into execution if found expedient. 3. The Expense thereof.

On the first point you are in possession of so much better authority than I can presume to advance that I shall be silent about it.

On the second, there seems an argument enough to justify the execution of the Measure (if expedient) from the Principles laid down by the best Civilians and from the face of the Charters. As to the manner of executing it the Forms used in England where Private Property is taken for public Purposes may be adopted.

The First Rate Writer on Political Law says that - The sovereign Power has a right over the Gardens, Lands or Houses of Private Subjects, situated in any place which is to be fortified, & that their Houses & Trees may be beat down to the end that the Enemy may not be sheltered by them, or the Garrison incommoded - In such cases the Proprietors should be indemnified as near as possible either by their fellow subjects or by the Exchequer. But if the subjects have voluntarily exposed themselves by building Houses in a Place where they are to be pulled down in time of War there

Th: State

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"the State is not in rigor obliged to indemnify them & they may
be reasonably thought to have consented to the Loss."

The Charter gives Express Power "To the Military Com-
manders to assemble exercise in Arms, martial array
and put in Warlike Posture the Inhabitants &c. for their
special defence & safety, and in time of War or open Hos-
tility to rise or Exercise Martial Discipline & the Law
Martial in such cases as occasion shall necessarily
require."

From the above it is in my humble
opinion clearly in the Power of Government hereon
your requisition as Governor of the Fort to take into
possession for the better security of the Fort all that
Ground & the Houses on it which may be thought
necessary for the more effectual & complete defence
of the Fort by enlarging the Esplanade nor can a
better reason than the present ever offer for justify-
ing such a measure, when we are in a state of open
and declared Hostility with the French & Spaniards
and by no means in a State of Amity with the four-
ty Powers.

As to the manner of effecting the
the Business I do not think any one can be adopted
which will create less dissatisfaction to the occupiers
or Proprietors of the ground, & be more consistent
with the spirit of the British Constitution than
the one laid down for the conversion of Private
Property to Public purposes in an Act passed in

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the 13th Year of his Present Majesty's Reign entitled
an Act for the Amendment & Preservation of the
Highways

By that Act the Surveyor is
bound to complain of the want of Repairs of the
Highways & to report the State of them - If any way
is to be widened, Two Justices give an Order for the pur-
pose & if any person be suspected of, or interested in,
the Ground taken for such Highway the Surveyor
is to agree with him for a Sum in recompense
If the Proprietor should not agree to the reasonable
offer of the Surveyor the Justices of the Sessions up-
on a certificate of such refusal &cth impanel a Jury
out of the Persons returned to serve at such Sessions
who upon their Oaths fix the Value, & on payment
or tender of the Money so to be awarded, or leaving it
in the Hands of the Clerk of the Peace if the Party enti-
tled to receive it cannot be found, or refuse to accept
it, the Interest of such Person, shall be diverted out of them
and the said Ground, after such Agreement or
Verdict as aforesaid shall be esteemed and taken
to be a public Highway to all intents & purposes

During former Governments
when the Fortifications were extended the Business
was not conducted with so much form, but in
these more enlightened times it may be advise-
able to act with every legal Circumspection lest
a British Judicature, should at some future
Day

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They adopt the Doctrine of the Supreme Court at Calcutta, and under the Colour of Law put the Son of some ^{Mr. Dyer} Ghilly in Legal Possession of an important Outwork.

To avoid therefore as much as possible every murmur & to prevent future Complaints or Litigation I take the Liberty to recommend the following Plan

That the Chief Engineer write a Letter to the Committee stating the present Necessity & recommending such & such Alterations the Committee approve, & report their Wishes to the Justices - The Justices by themselves or a person properly authorized offer to each Individual a fair Value for his respective Lot should such Individual refuse Let the Jury be chosen out of those impanelled for the last Sessions & be sworn to fix the price - If the Sum fixed by the Verdict of the Jury be still refused, let a formal offer be made, and a Protest served on the Proprietor, and a Copy thereof entered on the Records.

The last Consideration relates to the Expence of this Improvement of the Emplacements

On that head there might I am satisfied be a most important saving if the Titles of the present Occupiers of the Ground were properly investigated as I have reason to believe

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not a fourth of them can prove any shadow
of right to their present possessions - Perhaps
too it may not be totally unjustifiable to raise
one half or two thirds of the Expence by taxing
all Buildings within the Black Town Wall
with a certain Percentage on their Estimated
Value.

If after perusing the above You
should wish for any further information in my
power I shall be happy to give it. If those hints
which I have now taken the Liberty to suggest
should induce You to recommend an immediate
Execution of the Scheme I shall receive with plea-
sure & thanks any orders from You towards
assisting therein.

Sir I am

Madras
January 12. 1780

with all due respect
Your most obed^t & faithful
Humble Servant

Stephen Popham

Read Letter from the Nabob (as

entered in L No 14) addressing of the troubles that
have been lately occasioned by the Polygars in
the Tinnevely Country & requesting that We
will spare him two Battalions of Sepoys & a
Company of Artillery to act under Col Cosby a
Company's Officer now in his Service

From the Nabob
Desiring Assis-
tance against
the Tinnevely
Polygars

Am

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Minute thereon The Committee are of opinion that the Nabal should be assisted with two Battalions of Sepoys as soon as they can be spared, but as he has native Artillery of his own, the Committee think that they will be sufficient without any of our European Artillery for all the purposes required in this undertaking.

From the Nabal desiring to exchange some Villages at Buddalore Read Letter from the Nabal (as entered in L. 822) requesting that a Village called Ariacottly belonging to the Company near Porto Novo may for the reasons given in his Letter be delivered up to him on his making over to the Company another Village of equal Value near Buddalore & desiring also to rent five Villages belonging to one of the Company's Farms near Buddalore for which he promises to pay a greater Sum than the Company now receive from it.

The Committee wish to oblige the Nabal in both these Requests if it can be done with Propriety. It is resolved to write a Letter to the Justices and Council at Buddalore to make the necessary Enquiries.

Read the following Letter from Capt. Pringle to the Commander in Chief
To Major General Sir Hector Munro KB
Commander in Chief of the Forces &c

Sir

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The uncertainty of procuring people out of the Villages to conduct our Army through this country, the Indubitable generally flying at the approach of a Body of Troops, whether Friends or Enemies, renders the Establishment of a Corps of Guides or Mercenaries of more importance here than perhaps in any other part of the World.

Your having signified your intention of proposing that such a Corps should be formed on a permanent footing has induced me to address You on the subject, as I am the person who of course will have the command of it. I hope you will not be dissuaded at the trouble I give you on this occasion, or at the Liberty I take in reminding you that the small additional Expence that may attend their being of a somewhat greater Number than may be thought absolutely necessary will be amply counterbalanced by their acting not only in the capacity of Mercenaries but as Seapoys that very often it may be presumed, on several occasions the most trying that Seapoys can be engaged in.

As I know it is your wish that this Corps may become truly useful to You & the Service, there is the strongest reason to suppose that your Expectations will be greatly disappointed & much detriment to the Service arise from my being sent out to reconnoitre the Road the Army is to march over with Lieut. of Seapoys senior to one in Rank, which must frequently happen, I hope it will not be deemed presumption,

in the

From Capt. Pringle on the Subject of his Employ as Captain of Guides

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in me when I express an earnest desire that it may
be submitted to the Wisdom of the Hon^{ble} the Select
Committee or whether a Privet as Youngest Captain
in the Army, whilst acting in the Field only, might
not attend me, or no possible inconvenience can
arise from it to the Officers betwixt me and a company
except only in the Situation above described, on Detach-
ment; I as I do not propose to myself any sort of Em-
olument by it, but am actuated solely by an ardent
Soul for the promotion of that hazardous part of the
public Service, so as that no room may be left me to
blame others if it should not be performed entirely to
the satisfaction of the Commander in Chief. I hope You
will be inclined to do me the Honor of laying the
Matter before the Hon^{ble} the Select Committee, inspired
by such Arguments as you may judge proper to make

I have hitherto, Sir, executed that
necessary Branch of my Employment as Capt of
Guides, Surveying, without my Allowance having
been made me on that Score, which has been greatly
distressing to me & has repeatedly sent me back to the
Presidency much impoverished in my Finances. But
particularly the Extraordinary Expence I was obli-
ged to be at in your going to Madi; alone, before the
March of the Army fell heavy upon my Circumstances.

As I have had sufficient experi-
ence of the bountiful Dispositions of my Honorable
Masters to know that it is not their Intention that

only

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any Person in their Service, who in the course of his Duty is obliged to make Extraordinary Expenditures of his Money, should suffer thereby, I am induced to apply through You, Sir, to the Honble the Select Committee that they may take this matter also into consideration and if I should be fortunate enough to be esteemed by them deserving of having the Allowances of a Surveyor whilst employed in the Field as settled in Parliament Nov^r 1776 (except the Batta which I cannot expect at such times as I draw Batta in another Capacity) in addition to my former Pay & Allowances as Capt of Light, I shall be encouraged & enabled to perform these laborious & important, but hitherto expensive part of my Duty with cheerfulness & without hurt to my private Affairs

Accompanying this I send a Book of Roads I have discovered being the 3^d of the kind I have had the Honor of presenting to the Board & which if it meets with your Approbation, I hope you will do me the Honor of giving into the Select Committee

Relying on your Orders for the favorable acceptance of this Address, Sir the Expectation that its contents may meet with Your Approbation

I have the Honor to be
with the most perfect Respect
Your Obedience

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Sir

Fort St George
March 30 1780

Your Humble Servant
John Pringle
Captⁿ of Guides

The Commander in Chief acquaints
the Committee that he has considered of the Propriety of
establishing a corps of Scapoy Guides & recommends
the following Plan to their Consideration

Proposed Estab-
lishment of Guides That a Corps of Scapoy Mercenaries or Guides be formed
which including the present Captⁿ of Guides, shall be
composed of

1 Subedar

2 Jemadars

2 Drummers

1 Pichaly and

63 Scapoys, being three from each of
the European Battalions out of which Captⁿ Pringle
shall afterwards appoint five Havildars & five Naikes
as soon as he finds which are the fittest for those Stations
in the Corps will the complement of

1 Subedar

2 Jemadars

5 Havildars

5 Naikes

2 Drummers

1 Pichaly and

53 Scapoys

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with the most perfect Respect
Your Obedience

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We wrote the following Letters

To Colonel Braithwaite

Commanding at

Pondichery

Sir

We desired M^r Brown when
Commandant at Pondichery to enquire into the circum-
stances of several French Families who had petiti-
oned us for some Allowance to keep them from ab-
solute Want. He accordingly sent us a List of such
Families (of which we now transmit You a Copy)
and We established a suitable provision for them.
If M^r Brown has crushed any Objects in the
same situation with those who were recommend-
ed by him We would extend the same Indulgence to
them. We desire you will make enquiry to let us
know the Result.

We are

Sir

Fort St George
14th March 1780.

Your most obed^t Servants
Thomas Rumbold Sec^y
Select Committee

To the Honble Mr. Atterbie Esq^r

President Governor &c Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having received Information
that a Private Soldier of the Pondichery Regiment
named