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Nagore being a central Place, the Men to be sent off from their respective Battalions, without their Arms & Accoutrements, so as to arrive there on the 1st Day of June next

As there are 2 Companies & 1 Subaltern of the 15th & 1 Subaltern of the 18th Battalions already with the Captain of Guides, the fourth Battn is not to furnish any & the 19th only two Subalterns. The commanding Officers of the Subaltern Corps, will be careful to send such Men as they think best qualified for this kind of Duty

Lists of such Subalterns as the Captn of the Seapoy Battns have chosen to be transmitted by their respective Adjutants to Lieut Pringle as soon as they are sent off

To enable the Captn of Guides the better to execute his Duty, that he be allowed a Brevet as Youngest Captain in the Army on this Establishment Field only whenever it shall so happen that the Person holding that Post is of a Rank inferior to that of a Captain and to enable him to execute that laborious Branch of his Duty, Surveying that he be permitted to draw the allowances of a Surveyor while employed in the Field as settled in Consultation November the 8th 1776 except the Batta at such times as he draws Batta in another Capacity in addition to his former Pay and allowances as Captain of Guides *

† Resolved in consequence of the Generals Recommendation that a Corps of Guides be formed under Capt Pringle & that Lieut Pringle be allowed

* If having been customary so to allow to any of our Officers who have been employed on that kind of Service

To have a Brevet as youngest Captain with Surveyors allowances when in the Field

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allowed such a Brevet as the General proposes Vide Surveyors Allowances exhibited employed in the Field

As the Committee will have occasion for a Spanish Interpreter & Translator & Mr R. T. Popen being qualified to act in those Capacities both for the Spanish & Portuguese Languages

Resolved that he be appointed Spanish & Portuguese Translator with an allowance of 20 Pagodas p.r Month, & that the Dutch Translator who has at present only 15 Pagodas p.r Month be permitted to draw the same Allowance of 20 Pagodas p.r Month

Mr R. T. Popen appointed Spanish & Portuguese Translator at 20 Pag.s p. Mo.th

Dutch Translator to have the same Allowance.

The President acquaints the Committee that the repeated attacks of ill Health which he has suffered since his arrival in this Country, oblige him at length to come to the Determination of proceeding to England, and that he means in Consequence to embark on the General Baxter now under Dispatch

The President declares his intention of going to England

Sir Hector Munro informs the Committee that he proposes to deliver in a Minute at their next Meeting in Consequence

of the

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of the above Intimation given by the President

" John Whitehill

Wallet Attends

in Council Sir Hector

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Wrote the following Letter to Bombay

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

Gentlemen

We transmit You herewith a Duplicate of our last Letter

In consequence of the Sandwich Destination being allowed 36 Recruits intended for your Establishment by that Ship have been landed at this place We propose sending them to you or an equal number in lieu of them by the first proper Conveyance, unless you should upon our Requests think proper to share them entirely to us, which we hope will be the case, when you consider how much our Establishment must be weakened by the large Detachments sent to reinforce Genl Goddard, and by the casualties that happened among our Europe and at the Siege of Pondicherry

Two days after the Deserters of the Atlas for Surat We had intelligence that two of our Recruits who were missing had secreted themselves on Board of that Ship, We request you will make particular Enquiry after them & inform us whether you have been able to recover them Their Names are Bartholomew Cunningham and Patrick McDaniel

We are

Letter to Bombay Recruits for Bombay detained here — To search for the Deserters

altered

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Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Thomas Rumbold &c
Select Committee

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To Sent the following Letters

To Mr William Cunning
Chief & Council
of Cuddalore

Gentlemen

The Nabob has represented to us that the Village of Arianetty belonging to the Company, by being situated near Porto-novo gives rise to complaints & Disputes between the Company's People & the Inhabitants of the latter place & he has therefore proposed that an Exchange be made by giving up to him this Village, for a Village called Nutpet in the Purgunna of Tonadaday and only two Cos's distant from Cuddalore The Rent of this last Village is 891 Pagodas which the Nabob tells us is rather more than the Sunnabundy settled this year for the Village of Arianetty

With the same view of preventing Disputes between the Nabob's People & those of Kellatour & other Villages in the District of Beermunpoor on account of Water Channels &c. the Nabob is desirous of Renting those Villages for which he offers to pay more than any one else there

To Cuddalore desiring Information regarding some Villages

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These Villages are Nellalcor, Pinburry, Trimoosa
&c. poss. Mr Hermon wellaser & Wonalpeetta, notwithstanding
his account now pays a Summadendy altogether
of 2960 Pagodas.

As We wish to oblige the Rabob
in both these Requests, if it can be done with Propri
ety, We desire you will make Enquiry & Survey and
as with such Particulars regarding the Villages
above mentioned as may be necessary to enable
us to come to a Determination

We are

Gentlemen

Your most obed.t Servants

Fort St George
21st March 1780.

Thos. Rumbold &c.a
Select Committee

To Lieut.t Col. Baillie
Commanding the Detachment
to the Northward

Sir

We have received your Letter of the
5th Inst. & the President has laid before us your
Letter to him of the 8th

We would have all Extraordi-
nary Expences of Batta, Bullocks, Peons &c.a
struck off on your arrival at Ellore. If it should
be necessary for the Detachment to take the Field & your
Bullocks & Peons may be provided sooner enough
Mr Westcott by his agreement with us is always
obliged

To Col. Baillie
all extra expen
ces of his Detach
ments must be
struck off

obliged to keep in readiness 150 Bullocks and these
with such others as may upon any Emergen-
cy be procured, makes it quite unnecessary for
us at any present Expence

Enclosed is the Bill you sent
for the secret service with the President's Signature
to it

We are

Sir

Your most obed.t Servants
Thomas Rumbold &c.a
Select Committee

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23d Received the following Letter from Sir Edw.d Vaughan —

Sir Thos. Rumbold Bart. Governor &c.a
and Select Committee

Fort St George

Sir and Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of the
4th Inst. enclosing an attested Copy of an Extract from
the London Gazette of the 19th June 1779 containing
His Majesty's order in Council to the following purport for
executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great
Britain to grant Letters of Marque & General Re-
prisals against Spain, which I had not before
seen, but neither that, nor such Part of your Letter
as relates to my Detention of the Spanish Xebec
Nostra Segnora de Saragossa, contains any thing
that

From Sir Edw.d
Vaughan with
Declarations of
the Officers of
the Spanish
Prize

that I think ought to induce me to alter my former
Determination to take the opinion of a Court of
a Court of Admiralty upon the Subject which
I shall do in the most amicable Manner I have
therefore enclosed to you an attested Translation
of the Declaration of the Spanish Captain Second
Officer & Passenger, & shall direct that you be furnished
with a Copy of the particular Contents of the Cargoe
which I intend to order to be sold, to prevent its
perishing or spoiling & shall direct Messrs Thos
Moore & Arthr Cuthbert as opportunity may
offer to remit the Produce to England, where it
will remain in immediate Readiness to be dis-
tributed in the Manner his Majesty's Proclam-
ation, & the Determination of the Court shall
direct, for in the Case of the Restitution of the Spanish
Ship it does not at present seem to me that any
Powers granted to the Company by Charter have
been broken in upon, or that Mr Heffernan had
what will be deemed by a Court of Admiralty a
legal Authority to make Prize of her —

I assure You Sir and Gentle-
men I neither wish to direct the Measures of
the Company, nor to attempt to controul the
Conduct of their Servants in their several De-
partments but will chearfully co-operate
in whatever appears to me for the general
Good, & I earnestly wish on all occasions to
maintain

maintain the most friendly Intercourse, being thoroughly convinced that the Public Service is never so well carried on, as when there is a mutual Confidence between the several Parties to whom it is entrusted

I therefore once again must say I shall neither the Matter, nor the Manner of re-taking possession of this Vessel in behalf of his Majesty & the Squadron will cause the least Interruption to the perfect Harmony and Confidence I have ever preserved with the Gentlemen of this Presidency to whom nothing offensive was intended in any part of the Proceeding

I am with great Regard
Sir and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
and most Hble Servant
Edwd Hughes

Superbe in Madras Road
9th March 1780

Don Felix Rodrigales Captain & Owner of the Ship
Nostra Signora de Suragossa, Native of the City
Balbastre in the Kingdom of Arragon Citizen
and married in the City of Manilla aged twenty
nine Years, of the Catholic Apostolic & Roman
Religion Subject of the King of Spain
Don Joseph Formento Second Officer of the said
Ship, Native of the City of Cadiz in the Kingdom of
Andalusia married & settled in the City of Manilla
aged

aged Twenty Six Years of the Catholic Apostolick Romish Religion Subject of the King of Spain Don Nicholas Bellotti Passenger on Board the said Ship & Interested in her Cargo, Native of the City of Rome, married and settled in the City of Manilla Aged Thirty Nine Years of the Catholic Apostolic & Romish Religion

Wedeclare that the said Ship is of the Burden of one Hundred and Seventy Tons, more or less. Ships Company Forty four Mariners

Her Cargo consists as follows Pcs

Property of the Captain	Red Wood	1560	
Do of Don Emanuel Caniaga	Beetlenuts	360	
Do Do	Salt Petre	186	
Do Do	Dried Fish	36	
Do of the Captain	Ebony	20	
Do said Joseph Sorrento	Chinaes	1084	Pcs
Do Don Joseph Monteiro	Bird Nests	25	Do
Do Captain	Timber	4	Pcs

Money on Freight 644 Chests

A Little Coral which was not to make Part of the Bill of Lading before it was delivered at Manton to a Chinese Merchant named Peeques Also three Bales of Coarse Cloth delivered to Mr at Malacca to deliver at Madrass to Johannes Jacobus Armenian Merchant

Amount

Amount of the Silk Chests of Pastes

To the Captain	Pastes	60,000
To Augustin Maria		15.000
To Don Joseph Sorrento		15.000
To Don Nicholas Bellotti		12.000

The 11th December 1779 We sailed from the Port of Manilla for Macao in the Kingdom of China when by the height of Semboles we met with a Violent Gale of Wind which obliged us to go to Malacca. The Portuguese not willing to have us winter at Malacca, we resolved to come to Madrass the 16th Febry of this present Year. We perceived a Sail on the Latitude of 11 Degrees 42 Minutes at three Leagues distant from the Coast. The Squall need the Land of Man to induced us to put a Work in our Colours & to fire a Gun. At this Signal of Distress the Brigantine hoisted English Colours making Sail all the time which obliged us to hoist out our Boat to have some Assistance, our Chief officer entrusted on Board the Boat & got up to the Brigantine in about Two Hours The English small Boat came aboard us with Two Officers & Armed Men. They requested the Captain to go on Board the Brigantine which he did. There were left with us One Officer and some Armed Men. The same Day they sent for the second Officer & Chaplain. They hoisted English Colours over the Spanish. This Operation astonished us who are certain that War had

not

not been declared between the Two Sovereigns by the last News of the Month of April arrived in a Ship which came to us from Europe.

Our Ship making the same Course which the English Buigantine did, the Officer who commanded on board us assured us that we were going to Tranquebar. The next day the Captain perceiving that we delay'd him much conducted us to Nagore, where he landed the Ship's Company. The Chief Mate placed in their place Twenty Lascars & Twelve Sepoys & an Officer by whom we were brought to Madras the 25th Febry 1780

We declare also that generally all the Papers concerning our Effects were taken from us by an Officer. They took also from us some Guineas & some pairs of Pistols. They took also the Key of one Hatchway & nailed up the other of which there was no Key. We declare most sincerely that our Declaration is very true in faith whereof we have signed this present Declaration.

(Signed) Felix Rodrigales, Joseph Fernandes & Nicholas Bellotte

I declare that the present Translation is conformable to the Original in Spanish

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(Signed) Delatour

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I declare that the above is a true Translation as near as can be from the Original in the French Language which is signed by said Delatour.

Madras 2d March 1780

(Signed) Stephen Popham.

A true Copy
By order of the Admiral
Thos Nore
Secry

Je Louis Pierre Du Pavillon upon my Parole of Honor to Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath, Rear Admiral of the Red Squadron, and Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Fleet in the East Indies, that I will not leave the Precincts of St Thome without first having Permission so to do from the above named Sir Edward Hughes or in case of his absence that of the Governor & Council of Fort St George. — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal to a Duplicate hereof on board His Britannic Majesty's Ship Superb this 17th Day of March 1780

S. Pierre

Sir Thos Rumbold Bart Governor &c
and Select Committee
Fort St George.

Sir and Gentlemen

I have been favored with your Letter dated the 22d Inst enclosing a Copy of a Letter

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From Ed Hughes desiring a meeting on the Destination of the Homeward bound Ships

Letter from the Governor General and Council relative to the intended Dispatch of the Ceres on the 15th of this Month from the River of Bengal to rendezvous at Achen; to which Port they recommend the Indiamen now here, with the Convoy, should proceed in order that the Ceres may join them. I have also received the Copies of the Opinions given by the Master Attendant & the several Commanders of Indiamen now here, whether "there is any Delay, "Risk, or Danger to be apprehended from the "Homeward bound Indiamen with the Con- "voy touching at Achen supposing them to "sail from thence by the End of this Month" All of which together with the Contents of your Letter to me I have seriously considered & as there are many very important circumstances necessary to be maturely weighed before a Determination is formed upon this Subject, I wish it were agreeable to You to have a Meeting for that Purpose

I am with great regard
Sir and Gentlemen
Your most Obed & most
humble Servant
Edwd Hughes

Rept Madras Road
23d March 1780

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At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bt President
John Whitehill, Sir Hector Munro KBt
Charles Smith

Friday 24th } Minutes of last Committee read
and approved

Sir Hector Munro delivers in the following Minute

General Munro's Minute on the intended Resignation of the President

The President having signified his Intention of resigning the Government this Season, on Account of his bad State of Health, I cannot help expressing my sincere Concern at the Necessity which compels him to quit the Chair & deprives us of his able Assistance

As the very critical & alarming State of Affairs on this Coast at the Time of Sir Thos Rumbold's Appointment to the Chair rendered the restoration of Domestic Peace, & good Government the first & principal Objects of the Company, the Success which has attended his constant Endeavours to preserve unanimity in our Councils & Peace in the Carnatic, is the strongest Testimony that he studied the true Interests of the Company & made them the first Objects of his Attention

It were needless to enumerate the Instances of Events which during his successful Administration have reflected a Lustre on our Government, Considering a State of

Warfare

War save as hurtful to the Commercial Interests of the Company. Peace has been our object, and altho it has not been in our Power to stifle the Clamours that consume the Company's Treasure on the other side of India, it is but Justice to our President to acknowledge the concern he has ever testified on that Account. Whatever Effort has been employed by him to promote an Honorable Peace

His Endeavours to that End, have it is true proved ineffectual, but it is not a little to his disinterested Conduct, that we owe the Tranquility which has reigned during his Government in the Carnatic. I say disinterested for I speak from my certain knowledge that had he preferred the filling of his Coffers, to what he considered his Duty to his Employers he might have done so, for he had the Choice before him more than once. This however may be considered as a Negative Merit, but for my own part as I wish not to plume myself with the Credit of that which belongs to another, I must be confess'd that in all matters of Civil & Political Arrangements the labouring Oar has constantly rested with the President.

His Indefatigable attention has been directed to every branch of the Company's Concerns, but a Member of this Govern-

ment

ment I acknowledge with pleasure the Superior claim his Superiority lays to the Exertion of our Gratitude. This claim which the Records prove incontestably and the Company having already expressed their high Sense of his Services, I now move that the Thanks of this Board be given the President for the Steadiness & Propriety with which he has maintained the just Dignity of this Station and for his unwearied Constant attention to the important Concerns of this Government, and I also move that a paragraph to the same Effect be inserted in our Letter to the Company by Dispatch

Despatch

Hector Munro

Minutes of the Board

The Committee acquiescing chearfully in the motion made by Sir Hector Munro the Thanks of the Committee are given to the President in the Terms of his Minute & the President on giving his acknowledgements to them for this Mark of their approbation of his Conduct

In consequence of a Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal to the Admiral & to the Board on the Civil Department recommending that the Convoy of His Majesty's Ships might proceed to Madras to take up the Treasure which they proposed dispatching thither from Bengal the 15th of this Month, the Admiral & Company were requested at the Committee Meeting

they

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they might consult & finally determine with them upon the Expediency of the Measure recommended from Bengal.

The Admiral being now according-ly introduced the Committee proceed to consider with him upon the Subject of that Measure. It is resolved unanimously for reasons which are entered in a separate minute to be communicated to the Court of Directors that it will not be advisable to send the Convoy to Ateheen to take up the Corps.

Sir Edward Hughes introduced to the Committee

Resolved not to send the homeward bound Ships to Atcheen

The Committee taking into Consideration the Allowances drawn by Mr Hugh Maxwell Surveyor of the Roads are of opinion that they are inadequate to the Trouble of that Employment. It is resolved therefore that he be permitted instead of his present Salary for that Office to draw Surveyors Allowances as established by the Minutes of Consultation 1st Nov.r 1776."

Mr Hugh Maxwell to draw Surveyors Allowances

John Whitehill

Hector Munro

Charles Smith

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Wednesday the 28th

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

Minutes of last Committee read & approved.

General Letter read

A Letter to go to the Honble the Court of Directors by the General Barker & Norfolk under Dispatch is now read & approved Ordered to be Copied & Sent.

Six Pieces of Ordnance presented to the General.

The President requesting the Committee that he had ordered six small Cannon to be mounted on Carriages & Trunnions for Pondichery to be presented on Carriages & Trunnions they should be presented by the Committee to Sir Hector Munro as a Testimony of their Regard for him & a Sense of his Services in the reduction of that important Fortress. The Committee chearfully embrace the proposal and request the Generals acceptance of this mark of their regard accordingly

Lord Macleod to have the same Allowances as the Captains of the Navy

The President represents to the Committee that as Lord Macleod Allowances from the Company as Colonel Commandant of His Majesty's 73d Regt fall considerably short of the Allowances granted to the Captains of the Squadron he is of opinion & accordingly recommends that he be paid the same sum that they receive from the Company until the pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known which is approved

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approved Ordered accordingly

Mr Hugh Alex Craig is now appointed Deputy Secretary to the Select Committee in the Room of Mr Duncan Andrew Bain Esq the place of Deputy Paymaster which was annexed to that Employ is conferd on another Servant, it is agreed that Mr Craig be allowed 70 Pags p month for his trouble as Deputy Secretary.

Mr H. A. Craig appointed Dept Secretary to the Select Committee

Read the following Letter from Mr Norris Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart

President & Governor & the Select Committee of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I last night received a Letter from Mr Thos Palk, in which is mentioned that he was authorized by the Governor to Signify to me that your Honor &a had been pleased to resolve on my removal from the Paymasterships of Trichinopoly, What Honors to succeed thereto, but in consideration, that it might be prejudicial to my Affairs from the sudden notice given me Your Honor &a would further be pleased to grant me some time to settle them I have therefore to request of your Honor &a as the most particular favor, that you will allow me to remain in the Employ

From Mr Norris requesting leave to remain at Trichinopoly till August

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till the Month of August which will compleat three Years from the time I took charge thereof and enable me to settle my Affairs

I have the Honor to Remain with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed humble Servant

Henry Norris

Trichinopoly 18th March 1780.

Mr David Graham appointed Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Mr D. Graham appointed Paymaster at Trichinopoly & Mr R. Palk at Trichinopoly

Mr Edward Graham is appointed Paymaster at Tanjore & Mr Rob. Palk at Trichinopoly

Capt. Wood to be allowed Major's Batta

Capt. Wood who lately arrived from England has been disappointed in his Expectation of the Office of Town Major and as the Committee have not yet had an Opportunity of compensating by any other Appointment, it is agreed that until Capt Wood can be otherwise provided for he be allowed to draw Major's Batta to defray his House Expences &a

Colonel Braithwaite allowed an extraordinary Sum of 100 Pags p Month

The Commander in Chief recommends that Col. Braithwaite as a Commanding Officer of so large a Cantonment as Pondicherry, where he must necessarily be at considerable Expences for his Table, be allowed besides his Batta an Extra Sum of 100 Pags p Month which is agreed to

Mr John

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Mr John Uttersons Bill

Mr Uttersons Bill for Naval Stores to be paid

for Naval Stores landed at Pondicherry for the Servia of the Siege is ordered to be discharged in consequence of the following Certificate from the Commander in Chief

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I remember applying to Lieut Vernon to land whatever Articles the Chief Engineer would want from the Squadron for it seems the Articles charged in Mr Uttersons Acct were landed for the purpose of making a very necessary use of them at the Siege of Pondicherry the Account ought to be discharged But as the Articles at least many of them must be still forth coming the Enginer should endeavor to find out who it was that took possession of them

General Munros Certificate regarding Naval Stores Landed at Pondicherry

Hector Munro

The President lays before the Committee Bills from Mr Wilkens Assistant Engineer who was employed in surveying the Ground

Mr Wilkens Bills for surveying Hog Isle ordered to be paid

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upon Hog Isle for two Months Pay as a Surveyor, which are ordered to be paid.—

John Whitehill

Hector Munro

Charles Sweetenham

Fort St George March 1700

30 Wrote the following letter to Sir Edward Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

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

Sir,

As we have still upon our hands several French Soldiers who Composed the Garrison of Pondicherry whence we could to Convoy to Europe as expeditiously as possible agreeably to the articles of Capitulation before, We Shall be much obliged to you if you would order to be Received on board his Majestys Ships going as Convoy to the Cape as many of them as can be Conveniently Taken, on their arrival at the Cape they may be distributed among the Company's Outward bound Ships from thence or on board Such Convoy as may be appointed for their Protection from that Port

We have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St George
30 March 1700

Ordered

To Sir Ed. Hughes, requesting him to give a Passage to some French Officers to the Cape

be

Fort St George 1st April 1700

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart
1st April. Present John Whitehill, Sir Hector Munro
K.B. Charles Smith

Minutes of last Committee

Read and Approved.

The President lay before the Committee the following Minute & a letter from Mr John Holland both which he desires may be entred

I Beg leave to lay before the Committee a letter which I have received from Mr Holland at Hyderabad, and to trouble them with a few observations upon it.—

President's Minut, with letter from Mr Holland.

It is already known to the Committee that the Interference of the Governor General and Council of Bengal, in our late demand for the Ceeded of the Circuars due to the Nizam was occasioned upon a Communication made by Mr Holland our Minister, of the Instructions we gave to Treat upon this Business; which he ordered in a letter to the Governor General and this Communication was followed by his remaining also to the Governor General Copies of the letters which passed between the Committee and him during the Course of the Negociations.—

As the steps taken by the Governor General Council of Bengal in Consequence of this Communication, has now the Effect to restrict the interest of the Company from unauthorized Measures, & every proceeding that may have contributed to promote

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d, and especially such as have originated with Mr Holland should be fully explained and understood.—

Mr Holland in his letter says that his transmitting the particulars of his Negotiation to the Bengal Government, included in the Copies of his Letter to the Mails as bound forwardness wonder Governor Hastings have merely an Official act of duty conformably to the instructions he had received from us.—

Mr Hollands Instructions from us (whom he has appointed Resident at the Subahs Court during his employment only to Communicate to the the Governor General Mercht of Bengal every material Intelligence by which he Conceives nothing more Could be understood than that Mr Holland (the by Residing at a publick Court might be acquainted with many particulars relating to the several Presidencys Should Communicate directly to Bengal (for the sake of Expedition) such Intelligence Concerning the affairs of that Presidency as might be necessary for their early information.—

The Reasons of the Council for taken up after Mr Hollands arrival at the Nygrs Court in quality of our Resident, and Mr Holland his particular instructions relative to it. Have induced us not direct Mr Holland to communicate the Copy of his Negotiation to Bengal. Nor do I conceive Mr Holland has in any Manner authorized by our foregoing General Instructions to have as Resident which I have above explained to Communicate to the Governor General of Bengal the particulars of a Negotiation which he had in charge from us. his superiors and

Confidential Instructions to a Public Minister are Generaly deemed Sacred, and he is not at liberty to divulge them to any one without enforceden or permission from his Employers Mr Holland ordered no Sort of obedience to the Governor Genl he was the Servant of this Government, and if this Government had thought it proper or necessary that he should Communicate his instructions and Correspondence to Bengal it would have directed him to do so.—

Mr Holland should have Re:

flected too, that Copies of our Instructions would be to him, if it were thought necessary to Communicate them to Bengal, might have been sent directly from hence and if made non Secretly there by way of Hyderabad, and through his hands. I should also ask how Mr Holland took a Step of this importance without giving us the smallest intimation of it at the time? He could not Possibly Consider it as a Matter of Concern to Fort S.t George Particulars of his Negociation to Bengal or to Decern it unnecessary even to mention it to us.—

I am extremely unwilling to think unfavorably of the Conduct of a Gentleman who has Served by this Committee for so long and Confidential a Trust as that of a Public Minister but when I compare this unauthorized Communication of all our Instructions and Letters to Bengal with other circumstances that have come to my knowledge I cannot Possibly force myself to think that Mr Holland has in the efforts in his Letter used his endeavours

endeavors to accomplish our Ends; or that they have been throughout Sincerely and uniformly Sincere and Zealous. — At present I Shall content myself with Shewing Some Facts that have appeared in the Course of our Correspondence with him that there is Room to Suspect this has not been the Case. In our Several Letters to Mr. Holland we Intended him to Continue unreservedly the Negociation concerning the Peishcush and to bring it to a Conclusion as Speedily as possible yet by a Letter from him it appears, that he took upon himself to Suspend it Alledging as a Reason that he thought it might be taken up again with greater prospect of Success on the arrival of his Majesty's Ships, and Troops, that have been expected. —

It appears likewise that although this Committee thought it unnecessary for Mr. Holland to continue any longer at the Nizams Court and directed him in his Seperate Letters to come to Madras, yet he seems not to have made any Shew to obey our orders. He attributed his Residence upon the Nizams sending a Letter desiring he might Remain until he heard again from us. He wrote again telling Mr. Holland that there was Not the Least occasion for his stay at Hyderabad, and absolutely directing him to Come away this Order had the like effect than the other, at Length the Governor and Council of Bengal, who had been so much Alleged, and Gratified by his ample communications wrote him a Letter directing him to stay at the Nizams Court as their Intelligencer

this Appointment which seems to have been the Object that prevailed against both our orders for his departure, he Regards as he tells me in his Letter of "a further Valuable mark of distinction we added to the Honor conferd on him by us in his former Commission and Receives it with suitable Satisfaction" This sends every thing that went before — Mr. Holland by a very indirect, and unwarrantable Conduct in his Negociation to Mr. Hastings, the Governor Genl. of Bengal, with whom he was not even authorized to Correspond upon any Publick Business much less to furnish him with all our Instructions and Letters. In consequence of this communication the Gouvernment of Bengal unwarrantably interfere in our Proceedings and Oblige us to put a Stop to them in a Manner very degrading to our Dignity. Mr. Holland instead of Acting as Servant employed by us should have done, for Reasons best known to himself occasioned under a Confidence even with our Repeated orders to him to Come away, waits to Receive a Commission from that Government which had treated us by this means with so much disrespect, and then tells us he Regards this Appointment as a Valuable Mark of distinction and Receives it with suitable Satisfaction. — Shows the whole Mr. Hollands Conduct in this Negociation whether intentionally or not, seems to have been more Calculated to Effect the Views of the Nizam and to promote the unreasonable Interference which took place from Bengal than

thank to answer the purpose for which he was Employ'd
Immediately I do not think it proper at present to move
any thing against him but as the Commissioners have
sent us Word positive order to leave the Nizam's Court
Notwithstanding the Commission he had Received from
Bengal I strongly recommended to them that if the
least delay be used in Complying with this order Mr
Holland be instantly suspended the Service. —

To The Honble Sir Thomas Pearnbold Bart
President & Governor
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I Received last night a letter from
the Governor General and Council of Bengal inclosing a
Commission dated 7th of February appointing you to act
as their Publick Resident at this Court — also informing
me that they had written to you and the Madras Coun.
cil to request your concurrence in this appointment
and desiring me to Remember how much I should
hear further from them on this Subject.

Being so already bid to Regard
this appointment by the Bengal Government as
a further Valuable Mark of distinction in addition
to the Honors already conferred upon you by you
I Receive it w.th suitable Satisfaction and I Remember
myself that the same friendly disposition towards
me which Induced you to Intercede for me for this Service
will now induce you to Concur towards Removing Every Ob-
stacle in it —

As the Commission from this

adopted by the Bengal Government relative to
the Negociation concerning the Particulars for
the Circars they Possibly from some Mistaken
opinions you may have formed of my Conduct
have Conducted to discharge you in some degree
from my Instructs I put myself now Called
upon to assure you and I did both the Board
Regard to truth that my endeavors to accomplish
your Trust in that affair Notwithstanding the
manner in which it commenced were Throughout
perfectly Harmonious Sincere and Zealous. Any
to ascertaining the particulars of the Negociation
to the Bengal Government inclosed are the Copies
of my Letters to the Madras Board forwarded
under Cover to Mr Hastings that merely as of
ficial act of duty conformably to the instructions
you had given me which I conceived to have
been founded on a previous Communication of
Sentiments between the two Governments likewise
done without any thought of a view of any Incum-
of whatsoever Kind expected to be reflected on the
occasion by the Bengal Presidency I had omit
ted writing to the Governor General to the Depth
I was then (proceeding on the Ground of your
Instructions) so sensible of myself that I thought
it my duty to apologize for not having spoken
before as you took Leave by the inclosed Copy
of my Letter. Excepting this Letter I did not address
a Single Line to the Governor General from the
9 of May the 3d day following my arrival at
Hyderabad to the 8th December after the receipt of
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the orders for discontinuing the Negociations, I have never at any time dont have Copies of any Letters whatever Received from or addressed to you Singly although being all of a Packet Cover they might have been seen without any impropriety and having written since a Short Letter of the 7th May intended to have accompanied Copy of my Second Letter to the Commander of the Same date Inclosed as the Matter appeared I did not send it knowing there at the time uncertain for the Reasons I mentioned to you whether the Letter to the Commander in Chief to be delivered, my Sudden Recall from Hyderabad & the Silence you observed Respecting occasions Contrary to the Spirit of your former Public and Obliging Instructions Emboldened me I acknowledge at the time to adopt a hardy Conclusion that the Measure had proceeded from Personal discontent & ill will towards me & resented at I supposed upon Some mistaken View of my Conduct & although this Idea was in Some Measure Removed by the friendly tenor of your Short Letter of the 17th January yet the want of Cordiality observable in your Letter of the 13th having Strengthened the former impression that did not to Suspend them Should be a foreseeing on my being three Years Exclusive with Respect to the Loss adopted by the Bengal Government Regarding the Berkenrode it was in fact of very little Consequence so far as Related to their

Interposition whether I had at all written Concerning it the Nabob himself as I now told having written and he dwelt fully to the Governor Genl upon the Subject.—

I flatter myself that I have Some Ground to hope for your Concurrence in my pursuit of Measurements with Respect to any Loss that the Negociation Regarding the Surrender of the Berkenrode as I Mean to answer Ld I have the Satisfaction to obtain your Cordial Approbation I How disagreeable Soever the interposition of the Bengal Government on that occasion may have been to you it cannot by any Construction be imputed to any Wilful Misconduct on my part but an Idea Concerning it having entered my Mind to the time of my Receiving on the 29 of November the Bengal Board's Letter on that Subject— You will observe further by the former to my Letter to you of the 17th that I had now any intention of that interposition had not been Taken place to have Commenced the Negociation as Soon as the arrival of one Fleet and Troops brought give me an opportunity of doing it with hopes of more Success than had attended my former fruitless endeavors.—

The Nabob is Still confined but I am informed that he is better than has been the Intention for Some time Past of his enlargement.—

In case of your Consenting to my

to my Friendship how I shall be obliged to you if you will do me the favor to appoint Mr Fitzhugh in his room.

I am in the greatest Respect

Hyderabad March 11 1790.

Horble Sir

Your obliged Humble Servant

John Holland

To The Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c &c &c

of Bengal

Horble Sir

I do myself the honor herewith to enclose to you Copy of my last address to the President & Select Committee of Madras, & likewise to transmit to you Copies of two letters of prior Date together with Copies of 3 Letters from the Committee to one I should have sent them to you separately at the time I made them but desired doing it in expectation of being able to give you some more decisive information with regard to the objects they relate to. The Subah talks of taking the field as soon as the Rains are over but his Movements will depend I think principally upon the turn the Negotiations may take that are now on foot with the Poorah Peishwy. I am with great Respect

Hyderabad 3 September 1790

Horble Sir

Your most obt & Humble Servt

John Holland

The President acquaints the Committee that he understands the Paymaster in the late Regulations for the Silladey Corps at Tanjore, to be govern'd by the Subah's is a mistake that no person keeps for this Station in that rate into the Corps and he recommends therefore that the pay of the Subadars instead of being at the Gold Star rate is about 3 Rup.s p. Month be paid at 8 Pagodas p. Month the rate which is approved and ordered accordingly.—

The President recommends an Increase in the Pay of the Subadars in the Tanjore Silladey.

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Ordered that the Paymaster at Tanjore be directed to supply the Paymaster of the Silladey Corps from time to time with such sums as he may require for the Payment of that Corps.—

Paymaster at Tanjore to supply the Silladey Regt with money.

The President signifies to the Committee that he understands the power invested by the different Commanding Officers at Tanjore has been such that the Raja's Relations is little superior to that of a State prisoner that no person, at least no European can visit the Raja without the leave of the Commanding Officer.— That nothing can go in or come out of the Fort whether belonging to the Raja or not without his permission.— In short that the Commanding Officer is the medium through which almost every thing relating to the Raja passes.— He (the President) therefore proposes that a Letter be written to the Commanding Officer at Tanjore pointedly directing him to confine himself to the Discipline of the Troops and Safety of the Garrison and not to interfere

The President proposes that the Commandant at Tanjore be written to on the subject of his Treatment of the Raja.

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Interfere in any thing beyond their duties — that he be directed also to allow any European Gentleman in the Company's Service to visit the Raja without any previous application to him as the Raja shall think proper. & that the Raja also have power to pass any thing both in & out before it through the Gates of the Fort — without any previous application to the Comm. Commanding Officer. — He recommends it likewise that whenever the Raja comes to go into the Country he shall upon application to the Commanding Officer be instantly furnished w.th a Guard a Court Consistency of 4 or 5 Companies of Sepoys who shall be entirely under his orders till his Return —

with who shall.

The President also is of opinion that the Raja should be informed of the Limitations provided to the Commanding Officer, and Regarded not to suffer any person in that Station to commit any Violence or Injustice. — that the Raja be further told that neither the Commanding Officer nor any other person is to have any concern in the Correspondence or any other business here, as this Government do it upon that all Translations shall be carried on without the Intervention of any Person unless such as shall be expressly authorized by us for that purpose —

without shall

The Committee agreeing entirely with the President in all these points it is Ordered that Letters to the Raja and to the Commanding Officer at Tanjore be written accordingly —

The President proposed to the

that so

soon as the Works now in hand to compleat the fortifications here shall be finished the Commander will in Conformity to the orders & instructions of the Court of Directors immediately set about the necessary works for putting Tanjore in the best posture of Defence agreeably to the plan recommended by Sir Hector Munroe upon his late Return from that place —

The Works of Tanjore to be repaired.

The Company have for some time past been put to a considerable Charge for Godowns Here both on their own account & on account of Her Majesty's Squadron and as this is an Article which if not frequently attended to will always be liable to great Waste & Embezzlement & it is Resolved accordingly that all persons and as it is Resolved accordingly that all the Company's Bonds proof Godowns whether Here for our management we more than Sufficient to for Management we more than sufficient to secure any person to be put under sole charge & under any person to be put under sole charge & under the Inspection and direction of the Chief Engineer that the Inspection and direction of the Chief Engineer that the Several Conductors in the Company's Several Conductors in the Company's Service whose Service whose Business it shall be to receive Business it shall be to receive & Issue the Stores & Issue the Stores & Provisions & Provisions & Quantity of the Stores & other Quantity of the Stores & other Articles necessary to be put in there that the Articles necessary to be put in there that the Stores may in Consequence perform out the Godowns Stores may in Consequence perform out the Godowns in such manner that they may be properly in such manner that they may be properly and fully secured — Provided also that no and fully secured — Provided also that no person Holding an Employ in the Company person Holding an Employ in the Company Service be permitted to charge any Godown Service be permitted to charge any Godown Rent after this month unless he produce a Rent after this month unless he produce a Certificate from the Chief Engineer to there

Engineer to have charge of all the Godowns in the Fort.

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that he cannot be answerable both for
Goods from the Company
Resolved likewise that a
Letter be wrote to the Admiral requesting that
he will inform the Admiral that Goodwin Gouge the Pilot
Gouge for the Service of the Squadron that we
may give directions accordingly
as by reason of the
arrival here to Assist and the detention of our
Troops at Tellicherry for the defence of that Fort
our Military Establishment is so much broken
to attend if we Sending any body if more able
the Field and as the Nabob has lately applied
to be for a Force to Invade the Oppositing
Polygars in the Inimicable Country it is applied
to him Instantly to March the Detachment
Tellicherry Inland as soon as possible to enforce
all the Nabobs Subjects here there. —

The Committee Sitting Inclined
that Mr Proctor the Auditor of accounts should
have the Agency of Surgery hereby Vacating
thereon it shall become Vacant — that the
his Employ as an Office will be sufficient Employ
all his Attention it is agreed that so soon
as he shall have Surrender to the said Agency
the Office he now holds in Superintendant
of the Nabobs Settlements be bestowed on
George Mowbray — Mr Smith thinks the ap
pointment of Mr Mowbray Premature as
there is all present no Vacancy. —

Read the following Letter

The Admiral to be written to, to know what Number of Seamen he requires for the Squadron.

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Attention

Mr. Mowbray to be appointed Inspector of the Nabobs Affairs on Mr Proctors Resignation

Mr. Smith dissents

from Mr George Gray.

To the Worble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.
Governor and the three Members of the
Select Committee of
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Pursuant to your orders of the 4th
Jany I went to Seringapatam before I arrived
on the 15th February. —

The Nabob Hyder ally Khan
heard of his arrival ordered the Gentlemen there
Enlargement I was directed to Solicit to that
reply Recommended for me to return their thanks
for the friendly manner we should be treated
his Country. When I had done this I took occasion
at the same time to inform to the Nabob the
Sentiments of regard and friendship towards
the Government of Fort St George and the English
Nation in General entertained towards his Highness
but I am sorry to say my Instructions on that
Subject did not meet with the Reception which
I expected for they were answered both respectfully
of Friendship between and the English
Nation was Established with a positive Breach of Treaty
Notwithstanding this unfriendly Manifestation of
the Nabobs sentiments I continued at Seringapatam
in hopes of finding some favorable opportunity of
an explanation but I was completely disappointed,
for he never Summoned me to Audience again
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From Fort George Gray with an Acct of his Embassy to Hyder Ally.

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till the 19th March before he sent for me particularly to give me an audience of leave and delivered me the accompanying Letter for the Governor.

I have to observe that every Exception at the Court of Directors has further greatly but Gratefully a few Instances of Peddling have overbalanced by many Grounds of Commendation and Rights, and I will venture to say that the Letter had the appearance of being cordially Countersigned.—

I have the honor to be with Respect

Gentlemen

Your most obedt Humble Servt

George Gray

Fort St George
31st March 1780.—

(Read also a Letter from Hyder Ally as entered in Country Correspondence No 29)

From Hyder Ally by Mr Gray.

Agreed that the Court of Directors be acquainted with the purport of Mr Gray's Mission to Hyder & the Tenor of Hyder's Letter to the President on this occasion.

Mr Court of Directors to be informed of the above.—

The President acquainted the Committee that Mr Woodworth the Sepoy Major was anxious to be relieved from his Command in the Company's Army, and he understood it will be attended with no disadvantage to the Company, he recommended that Mr Woodworth be indulged in this Solicitation—which is agreed to.—

Mr Woodworth the Sepoy Major to be relieved as.

The following Appointments are now made.—

Mr John Clerk to be Assistant

Mr John Clerk appd Assist. to the Comptr of Garrison Stores

Assistant to the Commissary of Musters at Bengal &c on the Same footing that Mr Daniel Graham was lately employed in that Station & with the same allowances.—

Deputy Military Storekeeper

Mr Wm Webb appd Clerk to the Court of Stores

Mr Wm Webb to be Clerk to the Committee of Stores with the allowance of 30 Pagodas p. Month.—

The President delivers on the following Memorandum which is Read.—

The very bad State of health which obliges me to quit the Government and return to Europe I deem it necessary to submit some Points to the Consideration of the Committee and the Board before my departure.

Points for Consideration on the Subject of his Departure.—

It affords me a heartfelt Satisfaction, that the State of the Carnatic and the Company's Northern Possessions are at present undisturbed and in perfect Tranquility notwithstanding the Unsettled State of Affairs both in respect to the Marhattas and the Connections entered into by the Nabob with the Bengal Troops, and the Country Powers, to wit, however both inclined Hyder Ally may be to give disturbance neither he nor the Nizam have as yet thought proper to put any of their Threats into Execution and from the Arrival of the Bengal Troops I think there is the greatest prospect that this part of India will remain quiet especially if the Government here cautiously avoid taking any Measures that may be likely to bring on troubles this appears to me to be a Line of Conduct absolutely necessary to follow at all

all times efficacy in the present situation of affairs. The delay of the Peshwah to depose to the Treaty and the Ruling Politicks of the Gentoo Princes are the points that have given him some uneasiness he has no reason to Complain of the latter which has obtained from his brother on fair and equitable Terms, and both respect to the former I must own it is a burthen upon the Company I wish it was there Relieved from and chiefly because I think they never ought to have agreed to the payment of it. The Conduct of the Nizam whenever he has had an opportunity has always been unfavourable to the English as I have pointed out to the Company in some Considerations I have had occasion to submit to them on the Present Political State of their affairs in India. As the Governor General and Council have known in a letter to the Select Committee under date 6 Nov. 1779 expressed their unwearying endeavours upon every occasion to distress the Peshwah. Means must be accepted to satisfy the Subah should he frequently demand their payment of it and absolutely proceed to an invasion of the Circars. From the State of the Company's Finances at this Presidency more immediate in order to [illegible] and the last advices, I see no way to Satisfy the Subah but by Granting bills upon Bengal at Different Stated Payments or by sending Troops from this Government on the Circars with such an Intelligence of them as may allow the Surplus Revenue to be appropriated for that purpose.

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I am for prosecuting the Subah with proper Vigour and if by General Instructions or by Appearance of Preparing the direction of the Business to the Company and learning their Sentiments upon the Subject matters can be kept in the State they now are, and the payment of the Peshwah be avoided till the Company's determinations are known I am of opinion that such a mode of Conduct should be followed being as before observed persuaded that the Circars should have been reinstated and Possessed on the Basis of the Mogul Phirmaund exempt from all Subah Extortion and although the present Peshwah or Subah can agree to be bound by Subah Conduct and Sentiments like England to the Company and Circars which fully appear in several Papers and Letters now on our Records justify the latter Party at from here. It is plain he would long ago have Circars to be ours. I must have opportunity offered and the Payment of the Peshwah's Assistance to be furnishing Reasons against ourselves.

The following Extract of the General Letter and Council Instructions to Mr. Elliot when he was sent to Treat w. Modajee Boosla of the trade it Contains is not supposed would be a sufficient Reason for withholding the Peshwah if our Reasons did not furnish us with many Reasons of his disinclination towards the Company and knowing our Strength to Subvert the Confederacy numbers to our own Inclinations he will in my opinion be very Cautious what Step he takes against

against us especially if we should be so forthcoming as to accommodate our differences with that Maharattah.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General and Council to Mr. Elliot dated 18th July 1780

"The Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn has always been connected with the French and is now in close Union with the Commanders of Pondch!

As the heavy work of the Fortifications is now finished and what Remains of the Brick Work we are assured by the Engineer and Contractor will be Completed in a very Short time, this Presidency will be saved from a very great and heavy Expence and it will depend on the Select Committee to prevent any new works from being undertaken, without just Reasoning the Company's Expences

It is with Pleasure I observe the Nabob has punctually paid us the Engagements entered into for the last Year: there remaining but a trifling Balance from him on account of his February Visit. The Rajah of Tanjore has also punctually paid us his Visit for February on account of his Subsidy tho' no further part of the Peishcush money has been received and in his last Letter he has Constantly professed his inability to make it good. So much depends on the punctuality of the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore in the Payment of two Sums that become due from them that I cannot too Strongly

Strongly recommend to my Successor to give his most Good attention to this particular point and as the Northern Revenues will now be coming in more regularly than they have for some time past / as our Letters from the Northern Circars give us reason to expect / I am in hopes the Government will not be so much distressed for Money as it has been: and has been expended especially if there are no troubles in the Country and our Troops are not obliged to take the field The Building operations we have been engaged in have been stated upon the Presidency which on a peace Establishment will do no more than answer the Current Charges and provide for the Investment. The maintenance of the French Prisoners and the sending them to Europe and the Islands have also been a great Charge from which the Government will now be relieved as most of them will embark in the Ships now under dispatch.

The Jaghire having been granted to the Nabob for three Years of which Father three years a Year and half is yet unexpired and the Nabob having both to me & to several Gentlemen of the Council declared his wish to have it granted him for a further term of Twenty Years which Letter has been laid before the Board and Enclosed to the Company: it is probable the Board will not think it necessary to take any further Steps Relative to the Jaghire till their Pleasure is known. I have thought only to mention that the Nabob has fully paid into

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the Treasury the amount of the last Year's Revenues.

It is greatly to be wished that the Expences both Civil and Military could be reduced. It is the Extra Charges at the Presidency, and out Garrisons that are left by the Company and the Naval and not the fixed Salary and Allowances to the Civil and Military Servants and as we have already Enhanced the Benefit of Establishing our Affairs under Mr Proctor for Economy all Accounts I am in hopes by degrees all Superfluous Expences will be struck off and the Charges be greatly reduced. It may be necessary to Remark that our Revenues are in some measure diminished by an almost total Stop to the Trade of Surratte which from the troubles in different parts of India, and the late Warr betwixt France & Spain in no Demand this Encouragement & the Sum formerly allowed by the Company to be drawn annually on Europe for the use of their Servants on this Establishment formed a Considerable part of the Supplies. Mr Whitehills length of Service to the the Company Cannot fail to have given him a thorough knowledge of every branch of the Company affairs and the directors having Selected him to bring out their Instructions for the true Arrangement of the Government in which he is to have to be considered as a Person has a very Convincing proof of their approbation of his Conduct and I have no doubt but he will find there every further instance of his Zeal for their Service in the Important Station he is now about to Succeed to.

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It affords me a particular Satisfaction that I leave a Gentleman at the head of the Army, who has on different occasions rendered Such Essential Service to the Company and the Nation whose Character as an Officer has been so well Established and who has by Manner of the whole Course of the present Government of this Presidency Such a disposition to forward the true Interests of the Company, and who has on every occasion endeavoured to promote Unanimity in our Councils and the Prosperity of the Company's affairs I most Sincerely hope nothing will induce Sir Nicholas Morse to quit his Command during the present unsettled State of India.

As the Company have fallen to support the present Government of this Presidency at a very Critical Juncture when they have greatly alarmed for the Consequences of the Revolution and the Apprehensions they have been under that their affairs would suffer Materially in every department I flatter myself they will know Reason to be Satisfied with our Conduct and that the Measures we have Resolved will undergo no alteration, the Instructions at this Juncture Sent by the Ships now under dispatch being Convinced that any Innovations will only tend to Great Confusion and Detriment to their affairs. For all Regulations and Arrangements I require a proper time to form a Judgment from Experience of the advantages that Result from

from them. —

I Cannot conclude this minute without returning my thanks to the Select Committee, and the Board for the Respect I have received during my Government and withal recommending to them that Unanimity which is always necessary for conducting the Company's affairs and on many accounts is more particularly so in this Government. —

Thanks the Secretary for his diligence & attention.

The President also takes this opportunity of thanking the Secretary Mr Bisley for his great diligence and attention in conducting the Business of his Employ and for the assistance he has received from him during his Government. —

Read the following letter from Mr Bisley

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.

President & Select Committee

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs.

Vacancys in the Surgeons by the Deaths of Mr Canne and Mr Simpson may be filled up if the Hon'ble Board approves of it by Mr Crokat & Howel the two eldest assistant Surgeons on the Navy upon their Coming into the Service here, the latter assuming whatever Country Ship of this presidency Mr Griffin cannot proceed to before agreeable to his appointment

Wrote Mr Bisley recommending Mr Crokat & Howel to be appd Surgeons

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united Testimonials is suspected to be a Surgeon in his Favour. If the Hon'ble Board should think proper Mr Simpson may be removed from Madura & Mr Blackden Surgeons assistant at Vellore to supply his place. —

I am with the greatest Respect

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient

and Humble Servant

Gilb. Bisley

Fort St. George
1st April 1700.

Ordered that the appointments recommended by Mr Bisley do take place. —

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Mr Smith delivers in the following Minute in Consequence of his Dissent in Comm. of Mar. to the Belonging the Contract entered into by Mssrs Roebuck & Strange

Having in Committee of the 6th March the Approval of the Renewal of the Contract for Bricks and Chunam for two Years, I stated briefly the Reasons on which that Approbation is founded. — The Contract has given to Mssrs Strange & Roebuck on very advantageous Terms not only the Service of Pr Admirals but Ships Yard but it was further Covenanted that the Company should always be in Advance to them the Sum of 2000 Pagodas — The full quantity Contracted for has never been delivered and by this failure the Works have not only been Considerably impeded but Undertakers have been subject to this Singular Hardship although their Bonds should be Released by the Contractors, they were not permitted to supply themselves. — it is to be observed that

Minute of Mr Smith on the Subject of the Contract with the Mssrs Roebuck & Strange

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that the Contract does not Expire till October and as the Companys demands for Materials will be very inconsiderable after the months of July next I see no Reason for Extending the terme of the Contract — a Reasonable assistance may be given to the Contractor to Collect their outstanding Balances but I am of opinion that the Renewal of the Contract on the present Conditions is very prejudicial to the Company and Dishonour to the Community at Large —

Charles Smith

Read the following Letter from the Count de Maillac Governor of Mauritius brought from thence by Capt. Paddy of the Snow Lawrence

(Translation)

To the Gentlemen of the Commander of Madras

Gentlemen

I have Learned by M. Jarnet Patch Commander of the Snow Lawrence, the Letter You addressed to the Sieur Chevalier de Labillaudiere my predecessor to inform him that this Corvette Vessel was sent in quality of a Cartel to transport to this Island a certain number of the Subjects of His most Christian Majesty and to Request of them a passport for the safe Return of this Vessel — I have granted one and She need be under no apprehension of danger from French Ships or Corsairs —

The Captain of the said Snow will inform you of the Gentile treatment he has received at this place; I have furnished him with Provisions and other necessarys for the safety of his

From the Governor of Mauritius — Complaining of your infringing the Articles and Threatening to stop the next Cartel Ships —

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of his Voyage — You will observe by that Gentleman that I pay a strict attention to the articles of the Capitulation of Pondicherry and to the Rights of Nations. But I am astonished when invoking those same articles that you should have suffered yourselves to have infringed them in so many respects I am informed you the longer pay the Inhabitants are prejudiced by this and as the Capitulation for the French who remain at Pondicherry and that your presence where can only of the Snow Lawrence upon which you have effected these Passages is Many unprofitable in the first place on account of the Smallness of the Vessel and secondly as it is contrary to the third Article of the said Capitulation to which you Justly declare that they should be Transported according to their Choice either to Europe or to the Islands of France. The French who are at present at Pondicherry have no Reasons for Preferring Coming to these Islands and are entitled to depend upon the Inhabitants of these Islands and are entitled to depend upon the Inhabitants of these Islands and are entitled to depend upon the Inhabitants of

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send.

this Engagement for want of the parties there to have
been being dispatched for Europe but I promise to send
you the first that may be at my disposal. ~

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your very humble and very
Obedient Servant
The Court of Directors

At the Island of Sumatra
the 6th January 1780

At a Select Committee Present. ~
the Honble Sir Thos Rumbold Bart. ~
President, John Whitehill, Sir Hector
Munro K. B., Chas Smith. ~

Monday
3 April

Minutes of last Committee
Read and approved. ~

The General Letter to the Honble
Court of Directors read and approved. Ordered
that the Packet be closed ~

2 Dispatched the following Letter
to Major Alexr. McLellan.

To Major Alexander Macdellan
Commanding
at
Tanjore.

to Majr. McLellan pointing out the Line of his Duty respecting the Rajah of Tanjore.

Sir,

With the view of answering the intentions of the Company in restoring the Rajah of Tanjore to his Government, We have in our several Orders to the different Commanding Officers endeavoured to restrain them as much as possible within the proper Duties of their Stations, which is to take care of the Discipline of the Troops, and provide for the safety of the Garrison, & it has been the ground work of all our Instructions, to prevent any Sort of Interference in the Affairs of the Rajah or any Diminution of his Authority or Consequence in any Shape whatsoever ~

The Rajah has however at different times complained that the Commanding Officers have not regarded these necessary Restrictions, and that his Authority suffers much by his not being allowed the free exercise of those Rights & Privileges which are annexed to his Government ~

We therefore now again repeat that the Commanding Officer at Tanjore, is to confine himself solely to the Duties of the Garrison — that he is not in

any respect to interfere in the Rajah's affairs, or employ the least check or restraint over him, but on the contrary he is to protect the Rajah in all his rights & priviledges, & to use every means in his power to support the Dignity of his Government —

The Rajah is to be at liberty to see any Gentleman in the Company's Service who may with his leave be desirous of paying their Compliments to him, & the Permission of the Commandant is not to be considered as a necessary form in making such visits.

The Rajah is likewise to be at liberty to pass any thing belonging to him, or his people through the Gates of the Fort without the previous permission of the Commanding Officer, provided such things have the Rajah's Chop, or any other mark or Certificate by which it may be known that they have his Sanction to pass —

We Desire also that whenever the Rajah shall signify to you his wish to go into the Country either for Business or pleasure, he may on his requisition to you be furnished with a Guard or Escort of four or five Companies of Seapoys to attend him —

We have appointed Mr. Duncan Andrew Baine to be Paymaster & Storekeeper at Tanjore in the room of Mr. Jones who has resigned — And we Desire you will apply to the Rajah that he may have Permission to live in the house now

occupied by Mr. Jones —

We are

Sir,

Your Obedient Humble Servts.

John Whitehill.
Dca. Select Committee.

Fort St. George
2d April 1780 —

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Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Peter Mitchell Secretary at the India House —

To Peter Mitchell Esqr.

To the Secretary at the India House enclosing the Minutes of the Committee regarding the Homeward bound Ships going to Achien

Sir,

I am ordered by the President & Select Committee to enclose you a Copy of their Minutes in Consequence of an application made by the Governor General & Council of Bengal that the Convoy under Departure from hence might go to Achieen to take up the Ceres and to request you will lay the same before the Honble Court of Directors,

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servt
Charles Oakeley
Secy

Fort St. George
3d April 1780.

3th

Wrote the following Letter to Dr. Bob. Lt. Low

To Lieut. Robert Low

to Lieut. Low with permission to go to Europe

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the

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President & Select Committee to acquaint you that you have their Permission to proceed to England agreeably to your Request signified through the President,

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servt.
Charles Oakeley
Secty

Fort St. George
5th. April 1780

Friday 7th. At a Select Committee Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr. Pres.
Charles Smith, Sir Hector Munro Kt B.
Samuel Johnson

Saml. Johnson Esqr. takes his Seat at the Committee

A Vacancy having been occasioned in the Committee by the Departure of Sir Thos. Rumbold for Europe, Samuel Johnson Esqr. the next in standing to Mr. Smith is admitted to a Seat accordingly

Mr. Thos. Lewin appd. the Govs. Private Secretary & sworn to Secrecy

The President requests that Mr. Thos. Lewin, whom he intends to employ as his private Secretary may have an Oath of Secrecy administered to him, which is agreed to, & Mr. Lewin being called in, the following Oath is administered to him.

"You do swear that you will "not upon any account whatsoever divulge any "Transaction or Proceeding of this Committee, "which may come to your Knowledge as

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"private Secretary to the Governor — So help you "you God"

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Hector Munro

12th. Wrote the following Letter to the Governor General & Council of Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General &ca Council
of Fort William.
Gentlemen

To Bengal, regarding Recruits left sick in the Hospital

We are now to acquaint you that Sir Thomas Rumbold our late President having embarked for Europe on the General Barker, the vacancy occasioned in this Committee by his Departure has been filled up by Samuel Johnson Esqr.

Enclosed we transmit to you a Certificate of non commissioned Officers & privates whom we have permitted to serve the Remainder of their contracted Time at Bengal, also a Return of Recruits belonging to your Establishment, who were left sick in our Hospital at the time the last ships sailed. The whole number of men specified in both these papers are embarked on the Ship Goculdest, William Haig Master; We have put provisions on Board for them, but the freight is left to be paid by you & we have agreed with the Captain at the rate of 5 Rupees each man for the voyage, which we think reasonable.

Ensign Abercrombie of your Establishment who came here on the General Barker would have returned with the recruits for Bengal, but as you will perceive by the enclosed Certificate from the Surgeon, he is Dangerously

ill, & in too weak a Condition to take charge of them.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble Servants
John Whitehill
&ca Select Committee.

Fort St. George
12th April 1700

Friday. 14th At a Select Committee Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr President
Charles Smith, Sir Hector Munro, Knt
Samuel Johnson.

Minutes of the last Committee read & approved

Read the following Letter from the Auditor of Accounts.

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

Letter from the Auditor of Acct.

Masulipatam & its Dependencies
Paymasters in the Circars

1st Mr John Briggs Assistant Surgeon Draws Pay and half Batta as Surgeon which

To be discontinued

should be discontinued in future agreeably to what your Honor &c: have ordered in similar Instances heretofore.

Gangam & its Dependencies.

Paymaster at Aska.

2d. The same observation here occurs in respect of Mr. Stephen Croker Assistant Surgeon, as has before been made in respect of Mr. John Briggs. — To be Discontinued.

Nagore.

3d. The Officers & Assistant Surgeon there draw half Batta — Your Honor &c: will judge of the expediency of their continuing to receive the same, which is not allowed the Officers and Surgeons at any other Residency or Chiefship on the Coast. — this is allowed

At Carical

5th. Mr. Oram has charged in the Accounts there for the Months of September last and for every Month following Captain's Pay & Batta as Paymaster — As it was the Intention of the Committee that Mr. Oram should be the Paymaster at Nagore, here

As I cannot find upon Enquiry that Mr. Oram has ever been appointed Paymaster there by your Honor &c: or by the Honble the President & Council, but only to be an Assistant at Nagore, the Allowance of Paymaster appears to me irregularly to have been charged for, and which ought therefore to be refunded for the several Months it has been charged & not permitted to be drawn for in future — appointed & allowed the sums he has drawn on that Account —

Cuddalore Factory & Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts

5th. Sundry Expences having been Monthly incurred at Cuddalore on Account of the Nabob the Paymaster there used Monthly to send the Account Particulars thereof to the Superintendant. There hath however been no Account sent since the Month of July 1775, by which Means the Superintendant stands a Debtor in the Cuddalore Books the 30th April last in the Sum of Pag. 2510. 5. 56 — & which for the same reason has not been charged to the Nabob. That — Ordered accordingly.

Sum should however now be carried to the Nabob's Account, & the Head of Superintendant in the Cuddalore Books to the 30th April last should be balanced by the Head of Account Current at Fort St. George, & which should en future annually be balanced in like manner, and agreeably thereto the Superintendant will adjust his Books that his & the Cuddalore Books may agree with the General Books of the Settlement.

Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks &ca

6th The Mistake that hath lately arose in the Charge of Bullock Hire at Pondicherry which I reported to your Honor &ca. the 26th May & 26 November last, owing to the Book of printed Regulations not being sufficiently explicit on that Head, together with the Neglect there has been for some time past in sending the Accounts of Bullock Hire and Victualling the Troops from Chica-cole and Aska, hath induced me to draw out some Regulations

The Regulations alluded to in this Para: are approved & ordered to be observed in future.

those Branches which are sent your Honor &ca. enclosed. I shall forbear to remark further on the Neglect of sending the Accounts of Bullock hire &ca. from the Places before mentioned as the Agent here has, I understand, written to the Paymasters thereconcerning the same, but which however will be the Subject of a future Report if it shall be found that the Company have sustained any Loss on account of such Neglect.

10th The Contract for Draught & Carriage Bullocks and Victualling the Troops expired the 28th February 1759. It was however ordered in Consultation in the Military Department the 13th of that Month that the Commissary General should keep the Books in the same Manner the Contractors did, in Order that it might be seen at the Close of the annual Books what profit or what Loss had accrued to the Company by taking those Branches into their own Hands, that the Honble Board might be better enabled to determine what method to pursue in future.

— Approved & ordered accordingly.

The Commissary General and Agents Books have accordingly been kept agreeably thereto from the 1st. March 1769 to this time. But as that Mode of keeping the Agents Books is attended with great additional Trouble & intricacy to the Agent, & I may add the Military Paymaster General & Superintendant of the Nabob's Accounts who receives the Agents Bills Monthly, I have Adjustments with him at the close of the Books for their respective Proportions of the Annual Profit on Bullock Hire &c. & as the Cause seems no longer to exist for which the Contractors mode of keeping the Books was ordered to be continued, since the Profit or Loss on Bullock Hire & Victualling the Troops can now be seen for ten years last past, I submit to your Honor &c. the expediency of the Agents being directed from the 30. April last to enter all Accounts of Bullock Hire & victualling the Troops at the neat Expence that by the proposed Regulations they are to be charged

charged at, without any Entries for the same being made at the former Contract Rates.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servant
George Proctor
Asst. to Accts.

Fort St. George
8th. February 1700

Proposed Regulations respecting Cart hire, Draught & Carriage Bullocks & Victualling of the Troops

Deputies Agents & Paymasters & others acting as Deputies Agents are in all places under this Government both in the Field & in Garrison in future to charge for Cart hire, Draught & Carriage Bullocks & Victualling the Troops at the following Rates viz.

10 Carts with 2 Bullocks & 1 Driver at Pay			6. 21	Month 60. 5
10 Do. with 2 Buffaloes & 1 Driver at Do.			5. 21 Do.	50. 5
50 Draught Bullocks	@	1. 21 Do. Do.		15. 0
100 Carriage Do.	@	Do.		150. —
1 Mastry Driver for 50 Draught Bullocks at 3 Fs Day				30. 2. 6
2½ Common Do. for Do.	@	2 Fs Do.		35. 30.

(In the Field 2 Drivers are allowed to 3 Draught Bullocks)

1 Mastry to 100 Carriage Bullocks at 3 Fs Day 2. 6 — 345. 10

for

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The Owners are to find Common Drivers for the Carriage Bullocks.

No Price can be fixed for the Articles for Victualling the Troops which are always to be provided for their Quality at as low a Rate as possible, Nor can the Number of Servants necessary to be employed in this Branch be limited, which will depend in a great Measure on the Difficulty or ease with which in particular Situations the Necessaries for victualling the Troops can be procured. The following however are the Number usually allowed for Victualling 500 Men daily & so in proportion for a greater or less Number.

6 Conicopolies	@ 3 & 4 Pags.	p. Month	Ps. 22.
10 Butchers	@ Fs. 2	p. Day each	30 Days 15 12
10 Wood Cutters	@ 2 Fs.		15 12
1 Shepherd for 20 Bullocks or 50 Sheep	at Do.		1 10
2 Men for Measuring Arrack, Rice & Salt	at Do.		2 36
2 Boys	@ Fs. 2	p. Month each	4 -
1 Master Shepherd of 20 Shepherds			
1 Do. Butcher of 20 Butchers, & 1 Do. Wood Cutter of 20 Wood Cutters	at 8 Fs.	each p. Day	6 10

For such Articles as may not be supplied in the victualing the Troops are to be paid in lieu thereof as follows,

For 1 ℔ Wt. of Beef or Mo. as Sheep	Fs. C. 1
℔ Measure or 1 ℔ Wt. of Rice	1 ..
2 Drams of Arrack	1
5 Billets of Rose wood	0 20
℔ 16 Measure of Salt	10

Fs. C.
3 30

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Pots & Pans are always to be furnished the Men Batta in lieu of full Provision each Day Fs. 2. 30

N.B. The Troops are not in general furnished with Beef above twice in the Month.

The Accounts Particulars of the foregoing they are Monthly to send to the Agent at Madras on or before the 25th of the following Month, subscribing their names thereto as Deputies Agent, but which in their Accounts for all other Disbursements, where they act also as Paymasters, they are to charge in a Gross Sum in the following manner Viz.

To Agent at Madras advanced A.B. Deputy Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks & Victualling the Troops Pags. 375. 10

If it should ever become Necessary in the Course of Service from the Difficulty in procuring Cattle, Draught & Carriage Bullocks & Necessaries for Victualling the Troops, to encrease the foregoing Rates, the Deputies Agent must in their Letters accompanying their Accounts explain the Reasons for such Increase, which will not otherwise be admitted.

The Commander in Chief & Commandants of all Detachments in the field are to countersign the Deputy Agents Accounts and to be particularly attentive that the Articles for Victualling as Bullocks, Sheep, Rice, Salt, Biscuit &c. be charged for at as reasonable a Rate as they could be procured, & that this Branch be in every respect conducted with as much Frugality as possible.

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The Article of Bullock Hire is so very expensive in all Services in the Field that every posible Attention should always be paid to render it as little as posible. All Draught & Carriage Bullocks therefore in the Field are, once, if not twice, in every Month to be mustered in the presence of the Commander in Chief, the Commissary, the Commissaries of Stores, & Artillery, with such other Persons as the Commander in Chief may judge necessary to appoint for that purpose, & that for such Bullocks as may at the time of the General Muster be employed, Certificates should be sent of their number by the Persons who they are under when the total Number of Bullocks at Camp on the Day of the General Muster will be known, which Muster signed by the several Persons who were present at the taking of it, together with the Certificates for the Bullocks that could not be brought to Muster is to be sent Monthly to the Agent with the Deputy Agents Accounts. The Commander in Chief should moreover be particularly attentive that no more Bullocks are employed than the Service renders absolutely necessary. For which purpose the Commissary should Monthly make out two Returns of all the Bullocks at Camp, specifying the respective Persons, Corps, & Services to which the Bullocks are attached, One of which Returns should be delivered to the Commander in Chief, & the other to the Deputy Agent to be forwarded with his Monthly Accounts.

N.B. If there is no Commissary at Camp the Paymaster is to do every thing that is herein requisited of the Commissary

Fort St. George 14th April 1700

Commissary

Every information that may be further necessary for the conducting of the Business of the Deputy Agent may be found in the Book of printed Regulations Pages 52 & 65. Forms for keeping the Accounts must be had by application to the Agent at Madras

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.

President & Governor, &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Masulipatam desiring permission to make a new Gate, & enclosing Petition from the Inhabitants

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor of your Commands under Date the 16th Inst. & have in consequence sent the necessary Orders to Capt. Long

We have enclosed for your Perusal a Petition to us from Sundry Inhabitants of this Fort & Pettah and Copy of a Letter with Plan & Estimate which accompanied it from the Engineer of this Garrison. The Utility of the Work which is there proposed is so manifest that it is unnecessary almost to enlarge upon it. Since the clearance of this Town begun & much forwarded by Mr. Sadlier, several Houses of Value have been erected & Streets brought into form & there are many Persons of Property who only wait for the convenience of the entrance which is now proposed to be made to the Fort to build upon the vacant Ground by these several Additions and

& improvements, the Fort itself will become a more valuable possession to the Company, affording greater resources in times of Distress, & to the Revenues, & general welfare of the Country, by promoting trade; altho' it may be in a small degree greater increase in times of Peace — We are so fully convinced of the expediency of this work, which has been recommended by successive Engineers, & which would certainly have been undertaken before now, if the Pettah Gate had not continued open, that we had intended previous to the receipt of your late orders on the Subject of our Expences to have put it in hand as a measure that did not require a reference & for the same reason it is that we are at present so late in submitting it to your Honor, viz. We cannot but beg leave therefore very particularly to recommend it for your approbation — The cleaning of the Ditch now in hand affords an opportunity of doing it with a very great saving of the Expence it will occasion if undertaken at any other time & as that work is now far advanced, we beg your early reply on this subject, that if it should be in the negative the business of the Ditch may be completed without Delay

We are with Respect

Masulipatam
26th March 1780

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Edward Colsford,
John Peter Boileau,
Thos. Barnard
Alex. Pringle

To Edward Colsford. Esqr.
Chief of Masulipatam &c.

The humble Petition of the Native Inhabitants, Merchants & Tradesmen Dwelling within the Walls of Masulipatam

Sheweth

That during the administration of the Moors, (who first erected a Fortress in this Settlement,) they had four Gates to the Fort, which were always kept open by the Successive Governments both English & French, & the Inhabitants derived Considerable advantages from the free Access they had through any Part of the Garrison; but since fourteen years ago the Honble Company fortified in a regular manner & retained two Gateways, besides the Sea Gate, namely a Pettah Gate & a West Gate, thro' which your Petitioners & their Families used to fetch in Water to Drink, as the Spot does not produce that essential Article — but in the time of Mr. Sadleir's Chiefship, the Pettah Gate was shut up & your Petitioners forced to use none other but the West Gate.

That the inconvenience attending this Step is innumerable, whereof your Petitioners will presume to point out a few only; In the first Place your Petitioners are at a great trouble & an extraordinary Expence in procuring sweet Water — Their Cattle cannot be either drove in or out of the Garrison to graze, without incommoding the Passengers on account of their number, & the constant

constant run of Carriages, Bandys, Horses & Palankeens belonging to the European Gentlemen & others endanger Lives by reason of the great throng of People who pass at one & the same time through so narrow a Passage & the Charges of Cooley hire on carrying out or fetching in are very considerably increased from the Distant situation of the West Gate —

The foregoing your Petitioners humbly submits to your Worship's sagacious consideration & beg to be relieved from their present inconvenient situation, by ordering the Pettah Gate to be once more opened, & your Petitioners suffered to pass & repass through it as before without hindrance & your Petitioners will in Duty bound.

Pray.

For Ever

A true Copy
Alex.r Pringle
Secy.

To Edward Colsford Esq.r Chief &c.a
Council of Masulipatam —

Gentlemen,

Accompanying this I have the honor to lay before you a Design of a Gate & Bridge, such as I would recommend being opened between the Pettah & North Bastion —

It seems to me that a Gate in that part is much wanted not only because it would be convenient to the Inhabitants particularly to the black inhabitants who chiefly

chiefly reside in the North part of the Town, but that it would add considerably to the Strength of the Place — Where it requires it much, the North Bastion, I am convinced being the weakest part of the Fort from the Nature of the ground before it, from its having the least flanking fire, & no possibility of increasing it, which there is in every other part — An enemy attacking that Bastion or indeed any of the Bastions on the North face, would have little to fear from sallies on account of the Distant situation of the East & West Gates from his Attack — & for the same reason the besieged must needs be very cautious in Sallying, lest their retreat might be cut off — a Gate such as I have proposed with a spacious Place of Arms before it would have every Advantage to be wished, for it would favor Sallies, it would enable the besieged to make a Line of Counter approach which would be of great use & as work might be erected within it, if occasion required, it would considerably increase the Defence of the North Bastion —

The Estimate of the whole amounting to Mad.r Pag.s 2400 - 29 - 32 — I have sent with this —

I am with respect
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Humble Servant
C.K. Beatson
actg. Lieut. Engr.

Masulipatam
March 1780
A true Copy
Alex.r Pringle
Secy.

Fort St. George 14th April 1700

Estimate of a Gate & Bridge proposed to be opened between Pettah & North Bastion

Wall Bricks	375000 at 1.8 P.T. P.r Mill		440	10
Stone Chanam	103 Candies @ 2.34.40 P.C		303	11	40
Pistmah Sand	103 Candies @ 15 P.r D.o		69	31	
Jaggree	9 D.o @ 8.23 P.r D.o		76	23	0
Pegu Beams	4 @ 6.34.40 P.r ea.		27		
Rajamundry Short Timbers	16 @ 2 P.r ea.		32		
D.o Long	D.o 45 @ 3 P.r D.o		135		
Broad Plank	717 Feet @ 4 Feet P.r Pag.a		179	11	40
Common Plank	1484 Feet @ 9 Feet P.r D.o		105	23	
Ship Nails	903 lbs. at 2 P.s P.r Pound		39	12	
Iron	1050 D.o @ 1½ P.r P.r Candy		29	10	32
Tar	100 Gallons @ ¼ P.r Gallon		25		
Lead	1 Candy		16		
Bricklayers & Coolies &c.a			345		
Carpenters & Sawyers &c.a			54	23	
Smiths & Charcoal &c.a			42		
Tank Diggers for Cutting			181	4	
Total M.r Pag.a			2400	29	32

Masulipatam
20th March 1700

C. Beatson
Act.g Lieut. Eng.r

A true Copy
Alex.r Pringle
Sec.y

Fort St. George 15th April 1700

Minute of the Board

Resolved in consequence of the recommendation from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam that a Gate be opened between the Pettah & North Bastion but they must be strictly enjoined to confine the expence within the Estimate which they have transmitted hous

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Tanjore

Tanjore 5th April 1700

from Maj.r M.cClean regarding the Powers to be exercised by the Commd.t at Tanjore

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

I have this morning received your commands of the 2d Inst. I hope that no complaint of the Rajahs against any part of my conduct towards him has been the cause of the renewal of the orders repeating the powers to be exercised by the Commanding Officer at Tanjore, as in a conversation, which I had with him very lately, wherein Mr Swartze interpreted, He expressed the fullest & most unreserved approbation of the manner, wherein I had conducted myself towards him I can therefore only say that as, I always have so I always shall, do every thing in my power to support the Dignity of his Government & and I beg leave to asure your Honor, &c.a that I never have interfered in the Management of his Affairs, neither have, in any one instance improved the smallest check or restraint over him, nor have I in the slightest Degree, to the best of my knowledge gone beyond the Line of my Duty

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I have never prevented any of the Company's Servants from paying their respects to the Rajah when they have desired it, & he has permitted it, nor indeed has my previous consent, to the best of my remembrance ~~remembrance~~, ever been once asked; Every thing belonging to the Rajah & his People has at all times been permitted to pass & repass the Gates without asking the permission of any Person whatever; Arms & Military Stores excepted. There is an old standing Order that any of these which may be brought to the Gates should be stopped & reported to the Commanding Officer. I beg to know whether it is your pleasure that that order shall be revoked, or remain in force.

I

In obedience to your commands of the 16th. May, I informed the Rajah that when he wished to go into the Country either on business or pleasure, He must previously signify his intentions to you that you might give such orders as you thought proper respecting an Escort. I shall now let him know your further Orders on that subject: & also Your desire that Mr. Baine may have the house in which Mr. Jones at present lives.

I have the honor to be with great respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant,
A. Macleod

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The Committee did not mean as by their letter of the 2d. Inst. that Arms & Military Stores of any kind be allowed to pass the Gates of Tanjore without the permission of the Commanding Officer, of which Major Macleod is to be advised.

Permit them

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Tanjore.

From Major Macleod representing Capt. Watts' Situation

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have been honored with your Commands of the 16th. Inst. For some time past every thing has been quiet at Annaveth. I beg to assure you that every thing in my power shall be done to preserve peace & to prevent Disputes. I am very sorry to inform you that Capt. Watts who commands the 18th. Battn. of Seapoys has lost his senses, in so much that he has been confined to prevent his doing Mischief for some time past. As this is not the first attack of the kind that he has had, Doctor Buchanan has informed me that he thinks it absolutely necessary that he should be sent to some place where he may have the benefit of Sea Air & Bathing, & recommends his going to Madras, where he can have the best Medical Assistance. I beg to know whether it is your pleasure that he should be sent there immediately as he is in a very melancholy situation.

Permitted to come to the Residency

I have the honor to be with perfect respect
Tanjore, 22d. March 1780. Honble Sirs & Sirs, Your most obedient Servant
A. Macleod

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Agreed that Capt.n Watts be permitted to come to the Presidency, but as he appears by Major Maclellan's letter to be in so melancholy a situation the Committee are of opinion that he should be no longer entrusted with the Charge of his Battalion.

Capt. Geo. Smith appointed to the Command of the 18th. Carnatic Batt.n.

Resolved that Capt.n George Smith be appointed to the Command of that Battalion.

Read the following Minutes from the Committee of Stores.

Minutes of the Committee of Stores.

Fort St. George 30th. March 1780

At a Committee of Stores

Present, Maj.r Gen.l Sir Hector Munro, K.B.
Colonel Edward James,
Major George Baule,
W.m Bryan Scotney

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved.

Agreeable to the Orders of the Honble Select Committee, The Committee meet to consider the the allowance necessary to be made to the Nabob, for Stores received back into the Company's Garrisons, after the Siege of Pondicherry. The Commissary of Stores in pursuance of the orders of the Committee, Lays before them, The Account No.1, of Military Stores remaining at Pondicherry immediately after the Siege, Deducting those sent to Vellore and which are to be returned to Fritchonopoly. The Commissary of

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Stores, further lays before the Committee the Account No.2, of the Sum which the Nabob was Debited for on account of Military Stores sent for the expedition against Pondicherry, as well as the Sums he is to be credited for. These Statements being carefully examined by the Committee, are much approved of.

Agree therefore that both the Statements be sent herewith to the Honble Select Committee;

The Commissary of Stores lays before the Committee, Two Indents, from Masulipatam & Ganjam which it is agreed to comply with, as remarked upon the Indent.

The Commissary of Stores lays before the Committee an Account of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in last Month, Musters of which being examined, are approved of.

Hector Munro,
E.d James,
Geo.e Baule
W.m Scotney

on.

Fort St. George 14th April 1780

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Account of Military Stores referred to in the above Minute be sent to the Auditor of Accounts & that he be directed conformably to this Report to adjust the Expence of Stores for the expedition to Pondicherry

Read the following Letter from

Bengal

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

From Bengal.
respect. the Treaty with Nabob Bazalet Jung. and the Detention of the Recruits

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters of the 18th & 29th February

The former of these Letters contains the first intimation we have received from you either of the final agreement concluded with the Nabob Bazalet Jung or of the Detachment of a part of your Forces for the defence of this Country, altho' it appears by the Date of the Agreement that it was executed in April last

We have received the Recruits which you have now sent us under the charge of Captain Erskine — we understand from him that Lieutenant Abercrombie one of the Officers under his command remains still at Madras to accompany those Men, who were left in the Hospital when the rest sailed, as not being able to embark with them — We are satisfied with the Quota of Men thus supplied, and

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Dr. — Nabob on Account of Military Stores for the Expedition to Pondicherry — Cr.

1779 Sept. 21	To Amount of Stores sent to the Expedition as per Invoice & Bill of Lading dated 21st Instant	3 20		
	To Amount of Stores sent from Pondicherry as per Account	181201 24		
	To Ditto sent from Pondicherry as per Account	110 —		
	To Ditto from St. James's as per Account	6870 3956		
	To Ditto from Tanjore as per Account			
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	Victory Ditto			
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	By Stores remaining in Pondicherry as per Account	10481 3 20		
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	By Ditto as per Account	1 —		
	By Ditto from Tanjore as per Account	6870 3956		
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J. Manners
Comm.y of Stores

Commissary Stores for the Expedition to Pondicherry

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readily admit the reasons which you have urged for desiring to retain those who were furnished to you from our Establishment for the Siege of Pondicherry.

In reply to your last Letter we think it necessary to observe that the Quotations which you have enclosed from the Honble the Court of Directors appear to us to contain only special Instructions intended for those particular occasions to which they allude, & can not be taken as general, but were they such they were given at a Period of time, & previous to the arrangements which were made in the Government of the Company's Presidencies in 1773 and when those Presidencies were totally independent of each other; Whereas at present the General Defence of the Company's Possessions in India is immediately entrusted to our care, of course we are the ultimate Judges in this Country of the necessity for the Service of the Recruits who may be sent out for that Purpose. We therefore request that in future you will not detain any of the Men intended for the Supply of our Establishment on any account whatsoever, without our consent previously obtained.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servants

Warren Hastings
P. Francis
Edwd Wheler

Fort William
20th. March 1780

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The Secretary lays before the Committee the following Letter from Mr. William Bolts

Charles Oakeley Esqr.

Sir,

Letter from Mr. Bolts with the Protest

I request the favour of your laying before the Board at their first meeting, the accompanying Papers, in order to be transmitted to Europe in the most regular Channel.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant
William Bolts.
Lieut Col. in the Service
of their Imp.l Royal
& Apostolick Majesties

Madras
the 3d. April 1780

Protest

To all to Whom these Presents shall come, I Edward John Holland Esquire, Mayor of Madraspatnam Do hereby certify & attest that Mr. James Taylor who hath set his Hand to the annexed Affidavit is Register of the Mayor's Court of Fort St. George Town of Madraspatnam & the Districts thereof, that to all Acts & Instruments by him signed & passed full Faith & Credit is & ought to be given in Justice Court or thereout.

In Faith and Testimony whereof I the said Edward John Holland

Hollond have hereunto set my Hand & caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at Madraspatnam this 25th day of March Anno Domini 1780.

Edwd. Jno. Hollond. Mayor.

(L.S.)

James Taylor
Reg.

A true Translation of the foregoing Affidavit.

Lewis Mace Native of St. Brieun in France maketh Oath & saith that at the time Chandernagore in Bengal was taken by the English that is on or about the 10th Day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & seventy eight. He was on board a Dutch Vessel then at the Dutch Settlement on the River Houghly, called Bannagore from whence he went & resided at the Danish Settlement of Serampore untill the 24th day of August following, when he embarked on a Danish Ship & proceeded to the Danish Settlement of Trankebar where he resided for a considerable time, untill he entered as a Marine Officer into the Service of the Imperial Asiatic Company of Trieste, having for that purpose on or about the 24th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy nine taken the Oaths of Fidelity & Allegiance to her Imperial, Royal & Apostolick Majesty Maria Teresa Empress Dowager Queen

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of Hungary &c. &c. which Oaths were Administered to this Deponent by her Lieut. Colonel William Bolts in consequence of the full Powers given to him by her said Majesty, under the Seal of the Empire & her Sign Manual dated at Vienna the twenty Seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Six which Powers have been shewn to this Deponent who hath read the same, And this Deponent further saith that he hath never been a Prisoner of War or otherwise in any part of the Dominions of Great Britain; And further saith that on or about the Fifth day of this present Month of March being then Commanding Officer on board the Imperial Ship, Count Hollowroth in the Roads of Madras, Her said Imperial Majesty's Colours then flying on board the said ship, an Armed Boat with two Officers belonging to the Squadron now under the Command of Rear Admiral Sir Edward Hughes came on board the said Ship and forcibly took this Deponent away a Prisoner and conducted him on Board the said Admiral's Ship, the Superbe, now in the roads of Madras. And this Deponent saith that on his representing this Situation to the said two Officers as aforesaid, they replied they must take him away as they acted by the said Admiral's Orders; And this Deponent further saith that he was continued on board the said ship, The Superbe, untill he signed his Parole not to depart from the precints of St. Thomé, which is in the Neighbourhood

of

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of Madras, and where the said Admiral resides, that in Consequence of his said Parole of Honour he resided himself at St. Thomé, & to this Hour with the leave of the said Admiral resides in Madras without being able to obtain his full Liberty, notwithstanding Severall applications, which he hath had the honor to make for that purpose to the said Admiral & the Council of Fort St. George, at whose requisition the said Admiral told this Declarant that he had caused him to be taken from on Board the said Ship the Count Rollowrothe

eral.

Fort St. George 25 March 1780

Sworn to before me

Edwd. Fra. Holland Mayor

Registered upon the Records of the Hon^ble the Mayor's Court of Madraspatnam this 25th March 1780

(James Taylor)

To all whom it doth or may concern,

I the underwritten William Bolts as Lieutenant Colonel in the Service of their Imperial, Royal & Apostolick Majesties, namely, Maria Teresa, Empress Dowager of the Romans, Queen of Hungaria & Bohemia &c^a Archdutchess of Austria &c^a &c^a and Joseph the second, Emperor of the Romans, Hereditary Prince of the States of Austria, and Co Regent with his said August Mother, and also as chief Director in India

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India for all affairs of the Society of Merchants united for carrying on the Trade to & from Trieste,

Greeting

Whereas on the 1st day of March 1780, by order of Sir Edward Hughes, Bart., Rear Admiral & Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's Squadron, now at anchor within the roads, & Jurisdiction of Madras, a boat armed with men & Officers belonging to the said Squadron, came suddenly on board the Imperial Ship, Count Rollowroth, then also peaceably at anchor within the jurisdiction aforesaid, Her said Imperial, Royal & Apostolick Majesty's Colours being then flying on board the said Ship, and did forcibly take from the said Count Rollowroth, one Louis Macé, by birth a Native of Port L'Orient in France, but by naturalization a subject of their said Imperial Royal, & Apostolick Majesties to whom he hath taken the Due & customary oaths of fidelity & allegiance, the said Louis Macé being then the commanding Officer on board the said Ship Rollowroth, and did then & there forcibly take & conduct him on board a Ship of the said Squadron of his Britannick Majesty under the command of the said Rear Admiral

And Whereas on the sixth day of the said month of March, another Boat armed with men & Officers belonging to the said Squadron did come on board the said Imperial Ship Count Rollowroth, did take from on board of her one Julius Lindeman a Native of Germany, who was then chief Carpenter on board, having duely entered himself upon the said Ship's Books under the usual penalties & received his advance

advance Money for the voyage to Trieste, and did conduct the said Julius Lindeman on board his Brittannic Majesty's Ship, called the Burford.

And Whereas several applications in writing having been made by & on behalf of me the said William Bolts in the name of my August Sovereign Her said Imperial, Royal, & Apostolick Majesty to the said Rear Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, Bart. for to procure the enlargement & delivery of the said Louis Macé & Julius Lindeman, but without effect.

And Whereas I the said William Bolts do conceive that the said acts of the said Sir Edward Hughes are, in general violations of the universally acknowledged Rights of Nations, & in particular, acts of Hostility against the crown and dignity of my Sovereigns.

And Whereas the said Louis Macé is a man well experienced in the celestial observations on which I the underwritten greatly Depended for the safe direction of the said Ship's path to Trieste, and the business of a Carpenter is also very material that without the said Julius Lindeman whose place I have not been able to supply, the said Ship proceeds on her voyage under great risques.

For all these reasons I have thought it my indispensible Duty to protest against the British Government, and against all persons, who have acted under the Authority thereof respectively in the

in the name of my said August Sovereigns, for such reparation as may be justly due to them for the injuries which I the underwritten humbly conceive are done by the acts aforesaid to the Imperial Crown & Dignity, and in the name of the said Society of Merchants united for carrying on the Trade of Asia from & to Trieste, for such losses, charges & damages as may have already arisen & been incurred, or which may hereafter accrue or be sustained on account of the premises, and particularly in case of the Loss of the said Ship & her Cargo on her intended Voyage to Trieste.

I have therefore thus publickly protested and by these Presents, do for & on behalf the aforesaid, publickly protest against the British Government, and against the said Rear Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, Bart., The Honble the President & Select Committee & Council of Madras, & all others who may have acted in the premises under the Authority of the said Government at the same time assuring each Individual Member thereof, that impressed as I am with the highest veneration for their Publick Stations & Characters, and persuaded in my own mind that they have acted in the premises in conformity to the orders received from their Constituents, I hope they will construe this act on my part as it really is, an act proceeding from a sense of indispensible obligation & duty, & not from any other motive whatever.

In Witness whereof I the said William Bolts have on the behalf aforesaid, hereunto set my hand & Seal in Madras this third day of April in the year of

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Year Seventeen hundred & Eighty

In the Presence of
Thos. Bambridge
John Mullens

William Bolts
Lieut. Col. in the Service
of their Imperial, Royal
& Apostolick Majesties

Registred
upon the Records of the Honble the Mayor's Court
at Madraspatnam this 3d day of April 1780
James Taylor
Reg.

Agreed that the Court of Directors be advised of this Proceeding of Mr. Bolts by the first Dispatch

Mr. Thos. Lord Cadet resigns the Service

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Committee that Mr. Thos. Lord, Cadet, has applied to him for Permission to resign the Service which is granted

John Whitehill
Charles Sonnerat
Hector Munro

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Wrote the following Letters

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

To the Governor Genl & Council
Nancy Ketch
takes a Spanish
Prize — and
Dismasted in her
homeward bound
Ships & Dyers
Bristol Indiamen

Gentlemen)

We have received your Letter of the 21st March

The Nancy Armed Ketch belonging to the Bengal Marine, fell in on the 10th February with a Spanish Snow off Negapatnam, which she seized and sent into this Port — On her arrival, an Officer from the Squadron went on Board & took possession of her by orders of the Admiral — This occasioned a Correspondence between us & Sir Edward Hughes, a Copy of which we enclose for your Information —

In consequence of your Letter recommending that the Convoy of His Majesty's Ships with the Indiamen, lately dispatched from hence, might proceed to Achieen to take up the Ceres; We requested the presence of Sir Edward Hughes at our Board to consult with him upon the propriety of this Measure, & we transmit for your perusal, a Copy of the Minutes & Resolutions, which passed on the Occasion —

In our late Correspondence with you, We have mentioned some striking Instances of Hyder Ally's hostile disposition towards the English Early in the Month of January, upon receiving Intelli-

ce,

tic Information, that several Persons of our Nation had been seized at Callicut by Hyders Manager; who took from them their Papers & Effects, & threw them into Confinement. We judged it Expedient to send a Gentleman (Mr. George Gray) to Hyder Ally to demand their Release. Before his Arrival at Seringapatam, the Persons had been released, & were on their way to this Place. Mr. Gray proceeded however on his journey, but met with so unfriendly a reception from Hyder, that he staid but a very short time with him. A Copy of Mr. Gray's Letter to us on this Occasion, & of one from Hyder Ally, we enclose for your Information.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servants
John Whitehill
&c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
18th. April 1780

To Edward Cotsford Esqr.
Chief &c. Council
at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam giving him Intelligence

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 26th Ultimo with the Enclosures; and in consequence of your earnest Representation of the necessity of having a Gate opened between the Pettah & North Bastion, we have consented to the Measure, but we desire you will be particularly careful that the

transmitted to us.

We are,
Gentlemen.
Your most obedient Servants,
John Whitehill,
&c. Select Committee

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19th. The following Letters were this Day sent.

To Alexander Davidson Esqr.
Chief &c. Council
at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

To Vizagapatam to know the reason for detaining the Guns belonging to Capt. Chesyre's Batt.

By a Letter from Captain Chesyre to the Commander in Chief, we are informed that a detachment of the recovered Men of his Battalion were on their March to join him at Masulipatam, when the Officer commanding them had been required to proceed with them upon Service in your District. We desire you will acquaint us with the reason of this Detention, and that you will order the Detachment to join it's own Battalion, as soon as the Service will permit.

The Commander in Chief having represented to us the Propriety of having the Lascars at Chicacole trained to the Service of the Great Guns, We Desire that one half of the Lascars at a time, or as many as can be spared, be instructed in this duty, that they may occasionally be employed, when it becomes necessary for small Detachments to take the field,

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We are

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servants

John Whitehill

&c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
19th. April 1780

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding at
Pondicherry

To Colonel Braithwaite
to send 4 pds Prin
to Trichinopoly
Ens. Bruce to take
Sutions of the
Ground there

Sir,

We have received a Letter from Major Marcellin acquainting us, that two Frenchmen are lately arrived at Pondicherry from Seringapatam. But he does not deserve them sufficiently to enable us to determine what Orders to give concerning them. We Desire you will make Enquiry, and let us know who they are, when they went to Seringapatam, and upon what Errand they are now returned — If they be soldiers, We would have them sent to Madras —

We some time ago directed the Commandant at Pondicherry to send four French Fieldpieces to Trichinopoly, but as we understand they have not yet been forwarded, We Desire you will see that our Order in this respect be complied with as soon as possible —

We enclose a Certificate from the Brigade Major of your Cantonment relative to Mr. Beaudoin, a French Surgeon's Assistant, also a Letter from Mr. Ruelle, & Desire you will enquire into the Subject of them —

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We have appointed Ensign Bruce to be Assistant Engineer, to take Sections of Ground about Pondicherry, which he is to perform without any additional Expence to the Company.

We are

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants

John Whitehill

&c. Select Committee

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To Major Macellan
Commanding at
Tanjore

To Major Macellan
Capt. Watts to be sent to
Madras & Capt. Smith appd
to his Battalion

Sir,

We have received your Letters of the 24th. March & 5th Instant —

Captain Watts may be sent to Madras — As he appears by your Account in so melancholy a situation; We have thought proper to appoint Capt. George Smith to the Command of his Battalion —

When We directed that every thing belonging to the Rajah, or which might have his Chop should be allowed to pass the Gates freely, We did not mean Arms or Military Stores of any kind, which must still continue subject to the Order you mention.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient Servants

John Whitehill

&c. Select Committee

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At a Select Committee, Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr. President
Charles Smith, Sir Hector Munro Kt.
Samuel Johnson

Minutes of last Committee read, and approved

Read the following Letter from Bombay.

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

From the Govt. of Bombay dated at Bombay 7th Jany 1780 — enter into a Treaty with Futty Sing — send a Gentleman to Hyder's Court — Major Colgrave's Detachment detained at Gellitchey — enclosing Letters to & from Hyder —

Gentlemen,

We have been favored with your Letters of the 17th December and 3d. 6th 9th 13th of January & have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Detachment under Colonel Brown is safely arrived at Surat —

We are very sensible of your attention to the general Interest of the Company in furnishing such a respectable addition to the Army under General Goddard, for as Matters now stand, the prosecution of the War with vigor appears the only means of obtaining a safe & honorable peace, for which we wish with as much Ardour as you do — General Goddard has hitherto proceeded with Success, having concluded a Treaty with Futty Sing one of the Marratta Jaghiredars, by which he has engaged to separate himself from the interest of our Enemies, & to make some Valuable Cessions of Territory to the Company, in Consideration of which our Army

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has reduced the City of Ahmedabad, the Capital of the Gwazurat Province, which is to be put in Possession of Futty Sing, if he duly performs his Engagements —

It will be of such great importance to keep on Terms with Hyder Ally during the Continuance of the Maratta War, and to compose the Troubles on the Malabar Coast, that We have determined to send a Gentleman to his Durbar to endeavour to cultivate a good Understanding with him — The present Juncture seems favorable, and We have been the more encouraged to this Measure from some late instances of attention shewn by the Nabob to this Government — These are explained in the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Nabob to our President, in which having expressed some Dissatisfaction at the Conduct of your Government, the President has taken Occasion in his Answer, likewise enclosed, to offer the Nabob to make use of his good Offices with you, Gentlemen, to remove all grounds of Jealousy, & We shall accordingly instruct Mr. Rossley, the Gentleman appointed to this Commission to receive Hyder's representations on this Subject, and to transmit them to you with such Information as he may be able to obtain of his Disposition towards the Honble Company —

The European Force under Major Colgrave is not so considerable that a temporary delay in their joining General Goddard can be very material, especially since the Arrival of the respectable

respectable Reinforcement under Colo. Brown, whereas their quitting Tellicherry at this Juncture might greatly endanger the Safety of that Settlement, and give an unfavorable turn to the Negociations, which appear likely to be opened with the Enemy ~ The moment, Circumstances will permit, We will send the Europeans to join the Army, and return the Seapoys belonging to your Establishment to Anjango ~

We are of opinion that Major Cotgrave in some parts of his Conduct at Tellicherry, has greatly exceeded the Authority vested in the Military Commanding Officer in such Circumstances, by the late Regulations, but as we hope, before your Interference can take Effect, that a Cessation of the troubles will have left him at Liberty to quit Tellicherry, it is not necessary to enter into particulars, tho' we flatter ourselves that on any future occasion the impropriety of sending Military Forces to this Coast, independent of our Authority will not escape your Observation ~

We request You will forward the enclosed Packet to the Governor General & Council by a safe & expeditious Conveyance, & have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servants,

Wm Bornby

D. Draper ~

Bombay Castle
7th. March 1780 ~

Translation of a Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn Bahadre, without date received the 1st. February 1780 ~

After Compliments;

I have received your Honor's friendly Letter saying "my People do not permit the English ships to anchor in my Ports and desiring that I will order the release of nine or ten Englishmen their families, & equipage, Papers &c. who are detained at Calicut", all which I observe & Answer ~ That a Dispute has arisen upon Account of the present Governor of Madras his not observing the Treaty subsisting between the Company & this Sircar ~ He did send his army to destroy the Settlement of Mahie that is in my Dominions and he moreover wrote me that he was assisting Rasalet Jung & had for that purpose sent his army to pass to Adoney through my Country. My people therefore opposing these Troops occasioned a Skirmish between them, at last the said Governor's army retired back into its limits ~ but Limits are very close & this people do always molest mine & ruin the Country, in this unfriendly manner he treat me & Quarrels with my people always ~ I did thereupon order my Officers to take Care of themselves & to fight with the English people upon entering my Country.

The Country of Nairnars came into my Possession five or six Years ago ~ since which time the Resident of Tellicherry has protected them, & their families & by supplying them with Powder,

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Balls & Musquets disturbs my Country, by which a Territory of twenty Lacks of Rupees is entirely ruined & I cannot get the same encreased. I wrote him that as a friendship has subsisted between me and the Governor of Bombay for a long time, that therefore he should put a Stop to these disturbances, but he did not, all which has obliged me to prepare. The English Factory for a long time never met with any hindrance on my part & I deliver to them the Sandal, Pepper, &c. as usual. The Balance that was due to the Factor of Onore I have paid him agreeable to his Account. Some time ago Your President at Onore advised me that he was in Consequence of your Orders returning to Bombay, leaving his Brother (meaning the other Factor) in the Factory and which he did accordingly. Your Honor will therefore Order the present Factor at Onore to bring the usual things agreeably to my Indent, Deliver them to me & receive the Quantity of Sandal Pepper, &c. I have in consequence of your Letter Dispatched the aforesaid English with their Families, Equipage & Papers to Tata Guddah in the District of Madrass supplying them with Conveyances, Biggaroes &c.

No Dispute has come between your Honor & me, but upon the People who occasion unjust Quarrels, I present them. Your Honor will always favor me with your friendly Letters as it will afford me the pleasure to hear of your welfare.

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Copy of a Letter to Elyder Ally Dated

Bombay 8th. February 1700

After Compliments,

I have received your Letter and have great pleasure in the instances it conveys to me of Your friendship, particularly in Your ready compliance with my application for the release of the English Gentlemen who had been detained by your Governor at Callicut & To observe what you write with regard to the Dissatisfaction you have received from our English Troops having taken Mahé which you say is in your Dominions, and from the protection given by the President at Tellicherry to the Nairs; to both these Points it is proper I should give you a clear & friendly answer. Mahé as You will know had been for many Years in the Possession of the French & During the former War between us & them, We conquered it as well as all their other places in India, when Peace was made between Us, our King shewed favor to them & gave back to them Pondicherry & Mahé, of which places on the breaking out of the present War, We have again dispossessed them. They are our Enemies, You are our Friends, & should rejoice at our Success. The French held Mahé as we hold Tellicherry long before you conquered the Country of the Nairs. There could therefore be no breach of Friendship with You in our attacking Mahé. These things I make no doubt have been

represented

represented falsely to you by Your Enemies & Ours,
as to the Conduct of the Resident at Tellicherry in
protecting the Nairs, this is the Truth — The
Persons who come to live at Tellicherry, if they live
peaceably & quietly there, are protected — This can
occasion no difference between you & Us; But when
our Troops arrived to fight with our Enemies, (the
French at Mylie) the Pherika Nair went with his Nairs
to help them, though We gave him no offence (Mr.
Church, our Resident is not such a Man) He said it
was by your Order, but this I cannot believe because
it would be contrary to Your friendship with us —
When he assisted our Enemies We had no occasion
to deserve his Friendship, We had other Friends —
Past I assure you, the Resident, Mr Church, of Tellicherry
never could intend to give assistance to any one against
you, for which he had no orders, & if he had done so I
would I would have punished him for it — You say
"no dispute has arisen between you & me, but the
"people, who raise quarrels without a cause. You re-
"sent their Behaviour — My answer with regard
to the Pherika Man is just the same — If the Pherika
Nair hears your Orders, send him Notice of our
Friendships, as I shall do to the Nairs, who are now
fighting against him and the Quarrel will cease,
for I have never intended to give any hindrance to
your Business in the Malabar Country — Our Troops
have long ago left Mylie, which we do not desire
to keep, but only to root out our Enemies — This may
convince you — I intend in a few days to send to you

an English Gentleman, a trusty & a wise Man, who
will satisfy You of all Things that you Desire to know
& convince You how much I wish that our Friendship
may still encrease — I shall Direct the things You which
You will write to me to be provided & bought and in all
other respects shall be glad always to give you every
Mark of my Sincerity & friendship — I am very sorry
to hear of the differences that have happened between
you & the Governor of Madras on the Subject of
Bazalet Jung, because the Governor of Madras &
I act under the same Circar — I return you thanks
however for informing me of these Affairs & though
they are not in my hand, yet I hope a true Friend-
ship may be able to come between & accomodate all
matters of Dispute & Doubt, that the Friendship
between you & our whole Nation may increase —
If what I propose is agreeable to you I hope you will
send Your Hoohums & Vandanies to Mangalore &
Onore, that on the abovementioned Gentleman's Ar-
rival at either place, he may proceed without Delay
& meet with Treatment suitable to His Character,
I am convinced of your Friendship & honorable Con-
duct towards the late Resident of Onore, who
has informed me of all particulars for all which
I return You Thanks —

But I have a matter of Com-
plaint to make to you with respect to the Delivery
of the Sandal Wood of your Country which I send
is Delivered in a large Quantity to the Agent of Mr.
Bolts at Mangalore & Billiapatam to the great

detriment

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Detriment of the Honble Company & myself. this Agent of Mr Bolts is selling it to People who are no ways concerned either with me or the Company to my Prejudice — I wish you health & may our Friendship daily increase. —

True Copies.

Edwd. Ravenscroft
Secry.

Read the following Letter from

Vizagapatam —

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bart.
President, &c.a Members
of the Select Committee —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Vizagapatam on the Subject of the Disturbances in that Country and the means taken to compose them.

We have received your Commands of the 2d. March.

You therein express your Concern at the Troubles that had been raised in Vizeram Rauze's Country, & your hope of their being speedily removed.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that Peace & tranquillity are restored among the Hills, except at Gundeporum, on the Southern Borders of Pimmedy; in a short time we expect favorable Accounts from that Quarter —

Capt.n Lane who succeded Capt.n

Fort St. George 21st. April 1760 —

Lysaght in the Command has effected this Service with four Companies of Grenadiers & five Battalion Companies of Sepoys assisted by the Rajah's Troops under the direction of Vencata Rauze who was joined by Vickram Deo the Zemindar of Jaipore with his irregulars; The Junction of Vickram Deo gave a favorable turn to the Hill Troubles —

On Capt.n Lane's penetrating to Koyaguddah fifty six Cos.s N.W. of Vizagapatam, we had undoubted Intelligence that chosen Bodies of the Enemy intended to make inroads on the low Countries by Vizeramnagarum, Bizenagarum, & even as far as Ankapilly — to levy Contributions or in failure, to carry off the Seed for Cultivation, destroy the Implements of husbandry, ravage the Country, burn the houses of the Farmers, & hurt as much as lay in their power the different Manufactures. If they succeeded in their Incursions the hill people of the Southern Districts of Jingramcotah, Madigul, & Golgondah had it in meditation to rise —

To awe these Zemindars, & to protect the low Country we thought proper to assemble at a Central situation four Companies of Sepoys well appointed with two light Field pieces — The Command of this flying Detachment was given to Lieut. Archd. Brown who had Instructions to take post at Vizeramnagarum — cooperate with Capt.n Lane in keeping open his Supplies of Money, provisions, Stores &c.a & when necessary to move the whole body, or to detach occasionally as Danger might present itself — We have

reason to conclude that this Diversion in favour of Capt.n Lane had a great effect in promoting the views of the Campaign ~

On the present occasion as on a former one we were obliged to apply to Ganjam for a Detachment of Officers to work the Guns, who have been of great use ~ We take leave to observe we are in great distress for a small body of Artillery Men; in case of danger our resource is a few Lascars who have never seen service ~ In August 1778 we had the Credit among the Zemindars & other Country Powers of being garrisoned by Europeans; having had at that period, Effective, Invalids, & Pensioners Fifty five Men. The greatest part of these were ordered, at that time to Madras; but we understand never went further, than Masulipatam we beg respectfully to submit that those ordered from this at that time would be of use here; & we request they may be ordered to return: Vizagapatam is the cheapest place on the Coast for Invalids; when a Distribution is made therefore of Invalids & Pensioners you will be pleased to consider this Place as the most calculated for their Residence ~

Besides which a Sergeant & Twenty five Artillery Men, half the Men to be effective, would be of the utmost use for the Service of this District ~

We understand that some of the Natives of Kimmedy have assisted in the

Deo, as well as Arzé Beg, are unwilling to Deliver up the Family of Sheveram Rauze, we are taking such measures as will oblige them, & expect that Family in a short time at Vizagapatam ~

We have made enquiries concerning the Interference of Jugga Row late Company's Dubash into the Hill troubles, but have not learned any thing to his disadvantage; on the Contrary we conceive his Enemies have misrepresented him to Sitteram Rauze ~ Jugga Row alarmed at this second censure of his Conduct in consequence of Sitteram Rauze's Representation, some time since left Vizagapatam & is gone into the Masulipatam District 'till the troubles be at an end ~

The Chief by our desire in conformity to your Commands has signified in writing to the several Zemindars that Jugga Row having been displaced from the Company's Service as their Dubash hath no Authority whatever to interfere in the Business of the Circar ~

The Widows of Pykeron shall in future receive the ten Thousand Rupees Pannum in any mode of payment they may think most proper ~

Our reason for delaying to Garrison Palconda was the Commotion that had taken place between Palcondah, Vizeram Rauze and Yrakanah Dooraih, set forth particularly in our Letter of the 21st January and in our Consultations of the 13th December 1779, and 3d January last ~ The ~

Intimation

Fort St. George 21st April 1780

Intimation to Palconda Vizeram Rauze, and to Yrakanah Dowrah that they, or their Vakeels, had your leave to proceed to the Presidency was duly mentioned to them as signified to you at large in our Letter above referred to, and on our Consultation of the 13th December 1779

The Troops at Satteaveram have been withdrawn, & the Mud Fort delivered over to Muckendoo Rauze the Rajah's Manager who has already destroyed the greatest part of it

In regard to the destruction of Palconda we are of Opinion that it would be impolitic at the present Juncture before the hill Troubles are entirely adjusted, to order a Force against that place to destroy it — to attempt it might excite fresh Troubles

Capt. Lysaght & Mr. Rutherford shall be made acquainted with your Opinion concerning the Disputes and differences of Opinion which arose between them

We are, respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Alex.r Davidson
M.r Crawford
Nath.l Barlow
Chas.s Maxtone

Vizagapatam
7th April 1780

Fort St. George 21st April 1780

Minute
Consideration thereof deferred 'till Mr Davidson's arrival

The Committee are of opinion that the Consideration of several Points in the foregoing Letter may be deferred until the arrival of Mr. Davidson from Vizagapatam however they think it necessary to repeat again the Impropriety of withdrawing the Company's Peapoys from Palconda, after it was taken, Resolved, that the Chief & Council be desired that they will summon the People who are in charge of it, to deliver it up to them, & acquaint them that in case of refusal, it will be forcibly taken from thence —

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Cuddalore —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Select Committee
at Fort St. George —

From the Chief & Council at Cuddalore — on the Subject of the Villages, to be exchanged with the Nabob — enclosing a Petition from the Renters of the Farms.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your Commands under date the 21st Ultimo, & beg leave to inform your Honor &c.a that the result of our Enquiries on the Subject of the Nabob's proposal of exchanging the village of Arriavetty in the farm of Trevendepooram for the Village of Nadpet in the District of Trivady, & of renting five other villages of this farm situated near Trivady viz.t Vellatore, Purbury, Tirnevoypoor, Vitennunellore, & Worgalpet is perfectly consonant with the representation made to us by our Renters; Copy of whose Petition we have the

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honor to enclose you

We shall only beg leave to observe to your Honor &c.a that if any innovation takes place in the limits of the Trevendapuram farm, which has been for such a number of years under the jurisdiction of the Company, We apprehend it will be attended with many disagreeable Consequences, particularly as it will be a means in all probability of involving us in Continual Disputes with the Nabob's Managers, which at present seldom or ever occur from the present bounds of the several Villages being by long custom exactly ascertained, & confirmed by Mr. Cudogan who was sent from Madras to make a Survey of the Farms dependant on Cuddalore

It may be proper also to inform your Honor &c.a that there are considerable Ballances due from the husbandmen of all these villages to our Renters, & that their only prospect of collecting them must proceed from their being continued in the rent of the Trivendapuram farm in its present Condition

We have the honor to be very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
William Cuming
J Daniell
Ed Pallofield

Cuddalore
15th. April 1700

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To the Worshipfull William Cuming Esqr.
Chief &c.a Council of Cuddalore

The Humble Petition of Vellapermall Pulla & Conary Pulla
Renters of Trevendapuram
District

Sheweth

Your Petitioners humbly assume liberty to represent you, the many Obstacles & Loss the Company may attend to their Farms & Investments, likewise constant Disputes & Controversy which will accrue between the Company's People & those of the Circars, by giving up to the Nabob the great & important place of Arriavetty in the District of Trevendapuram Sagier of the Company for an Exchange proposed by the Nabob of his Village of Nuttput in the Purgana or District of Trevedy, also by letting out to him Nellatore &c.a 5 Villages of the Company

The situation of the said Arriavetty Village is adjacent to the Sea & great River of Porto Novo, several large Vessels are always brought into the said River, which runs contiguous to the Southward part of the said Village & is a very convenient & advantagous place for Importation & Exportation of all sorts of goods & Commodities by Sea & Land if the Company should chuse to have a Factory settled in the said place, & there are upwards of 250 Looms of the Weavers,

making the Company's assortments of Cloth & Piece Goods
or Sets of the Blue Dyers, who constantly dye great
quantities of Cloth for the Company in preference of
others, in Chay or proper Colour — In view & Consi-
deration thereto the said Arriavetty was formerly
reached to lett it out to the Nabob, when requested
of the then President Josias Dupré Esq.r & the Gen-
tlemen of Madras —

As to what the Nabob said that
in view of preventing Disputes between his People &
those of the Company's Jagier on account of Water
Channels &c.a here is desirous of renting Nillatore
&c.a 5 Villages of the Company Your Petitioners must
acquaint you, there will happen no Disputes if the
Nabob's People should observe & keep up the Rules
& Customs established & practised time immemorial
regarding the said Water Courses &c.a as the Company's
People are always ready to do it, & desires no Inno-
vation to be made, but keep up Harmony, Peace,
& Tranquillity with the Circar's People — the said
Nillatore &c.a 5 Villages are the only principal Vil-
lages of the Farm of Trevendapuram, the Landhol-
ders thereof are substantial Persons & cultivate their
Lands chearfully in preference of other Landholders
of the Farm; it will not only be a great detriment
to the Farm of Trevendapuram, but will also be
a very great Difficulty to supply Water to the Farm
of St. David's bounds, if the said Nillatore &c.a Vil-
lages should be rented by the Nabob — All which your

bound shall Ever Pray;
Sign'd Nallapermalpilla
Cunarapilla —

April 3d 1700 —

A true Copy
Wallofield Sec.r

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing
Letter & of the enclosed Petition be sent to the Nabob —
Read the following Letter from Colonel
Browne &c —

To the Honble Sir Thomas Rumbold Bar.t
President & Governor, & the Select Committee —

from Col. Browne,
the Troops under his
command arrived
at Surat.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor of acquainting you
of my Arrival here with the Troops embarked at
Madras & Pondicherry, except the two Companies which
were put on board the Hawke; concerning whom I
have wrote the Honble the Committee at Bombay; I
have also requested they would enable Major Lotgrave
to join me speedily that the Detachment may be in
readiness, to move on General Goddard's return from
the Guzurat Country, which Mr. Beddam seems to
think will be soon — the object of his going there being
accomplished by the Reduction of Ahmed-Abad the
Capital of that Province; which fell to him on the
15th Inst.t by Storm, with a very inconsiderable Loss;
He has also to the Northward accomodated Matters
with Sata Sing, & made an Agreement with him for
Brodera: he has joined him with his Troops. The next

Object

Object (if we Do not go to Poona before the Rains) is, I understand, the Attack of Bassein, but it seems not yet determined upon, which of the two will take place. I only give you this as the Report of the Place: there is at present within two Days March of this Place two Armies of Maharrators, amounting (they say) to Thirty Thousand Horse, with a numerous Train of Artillery, whose Intentions were, to come down to Surat, but by Intelligence received this Morning, they mean to cross the Tapty, & move Northwards towards the Narbara, on which the City of Broach stands. This Change in their Resolutions I conceive to be owing to our Arrival here, which gave great Spirits to the Nabob & Inhabitants.

General Goddard found his March was so much retarded by the Tents & Stores of the Bombay Detachment, whose Regulations were the same with our's, that he found himself under the Necessity of putting the whole on the Bengal Establishment, which as many will be the case with us, as soon as he arrives, I shall however, you may rest assured, keep as close to the Letter of the Book of Regulations, as Circumstances will permit, but notwithstanding all my Care, from the Unwillingness of People to go with the Army, the hire of all those necessary, have been raised to a most exorbitant Price.

The Mode in which the Stores are carried, is on Bullocks & Camels, no Carriages being permitted, neither of which are to be hired, which will lay me under the necessity of purchasing them on the Company's Account, which as it is unavoidable, I hope you will approve.

Inclosed you will please to receive a Return of the Troops landed here, including the Company of Infantry at Tellicherry, & the two Companies on board the Hawk, by the next Opportunity I shall write your Honor's more fully.

I have the Honor to remain

with Respect,

Surat 24th February 1706

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

George Brown
Colonel

Read the following Letter from the President & Select Committee of Fort Marlbro'.

To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esqr.
President, &c. Members of the
Select Committee
Fort St. George

from Fort Marlbro' referring to Mr. Manningston

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Phillip Manningston Esqr. 4th in Council here proceeding to Calcutta on the Company's Business, & there being a probability of his being obliged to proceed to your Presidency We request you will pay Attention to the Representations he may make of our Defenceless & precarious Situation & afford him the Assistance he requests,

We have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your

Fort St. George 25th April 1780

Your most obedient Servants,

Will.m Brogg.
Hew Stuart,
John Hutcheon,
Edward Coles

Fort Marlbro'
8th Nov.r 1779

Their Indent for Stores to be complied with.

M.r Mannington having addressed a Letter on the subject of the Company's Affairs at Fort Marlbro' which is entered in the Civil Department, & having in that Letter enclosed an Indent of Ordnance, & Stores wanted for the service of that Presidency, it is agreed, that the said Indent be referred to the Committee of Stores, & complied with as far as the several Articles can be spared.

Read the following Letter from Captain Patch

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President & Governor, &c.a Members of the
Select Committee
Fort St. George

from Capt.n Patch commanding the Luconia.
on the subject of his charges for the French Passengers to Mauritius

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received a Letter through the Channel of your Secretary dated the 17th Inst.t wherein I am acquainted that you had given orders to the Military Paymaster to adjust my Account for provisioning the French passengers to the Islands, when I called on him to receive the Balance of my Account he informed me that you had given him orders to pay

Fort St. George 25th April 1780.

Vessel was taken up on this Service I received your Orders to provide for 60 Passengers, 20 of which I was to accomodate at my own Table & the remainder in the best manner I could, I of course laid in provision for that Number, if they did not choose to come on Board it was not my fault, I was ready to receive them, it was likewise mentioned when I agreed to Victual those Passengers that in all probability I should not have them on Board more than three Weeks, instead of which they were two Months — I hope therefore your Honors will duly weigh every circumstance of this business, & Issue Orders for the Payment of my Bills as I really laid in provision to accommodate the whole Number & they were the same Expence to me as if they had been on board; If you consider the long Passage I had to the Islands, the very low rate I agreed to take them on & the little advantages that has accrued to me by so disagreeable a Voyage I persuade myself you will readily comply with my request —

The Bill for provisioning the Luconia & sundry other Expences on her Account is Cash I have advanced; as to my own Pay I have received none since you have taken the Vessel into your employ; Altho' four Months advance has been given the Crew before their departure for the Islands, & as I have been excluded totally from Trading & am allowed one Eighth Privilege of the Vessels Tonage when taken up solely for the Company's Use — I hope you will find that my Charge of Pag.s 100 p.r month to be very moderate, & when you consider that I was obliged

&c

give up my Apartment to accommodate the Passengers & how very dear I paid for the Provisions I was obliged to lay in on my return from the Mauritius; The payment of this Bill I am sorry to observe you propose referring to Fort Marlbro' — I am well convinced the Gentlemen there will never advance me a Cash having wrote the Vessel off their Books immediately on his Dispatch to be sold off — but as you has occasion for her Services you took her into your employ, of course this Government in my Opinion ought to bear her Expences —

I am respectfully Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
James Patch

Fort St. George
24th. April 1700

His request complied with

The Committee being of opinion that the Reasons given by Capt.n Patch for claiming the fixed Allowance for the whole Number of Persons, intended to have been sent in the Luconia, are satisfactory; it is agreed that the Military Paymaster be directed to issue the same to him accordingly —

With respect to Captain Patch's Allowance as Commander of the Luconia, & the Charges which have been incurred for the Service of the Vessel — the Committee are of opinion that these Accounts should be adjusted & paid by the Presidency of Fort Marlbro', to which the Vessel belongs, but it is agreed that Capt. Patch be advanced out

carried to the Debit of Fort Marlbro', Captain Patch giving the usual Receipts for the same —

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Charles Rumley —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President & Gentlemen of the
Select Committee —

From Capt.n Rumley applying for off reckonings

Honble Sirs & Gentlemen,

I am given to understand by the Agent for Cloathing, that at the meeting for settling his Accounts, the Gentlemen appointed for that purpose thought fit to deprive me of my share of the off reckonings for the last Year, giving for a reason, that I did no Duty with any of the Company's corps; which, Gentlemen, I cannot conceive a sufficient reason, as my absence is with permission & I have always done the Company's Duty when ordered, both During the time I was with the Nabob, & since my being lent to his Excellency Omdit-Ul Omrah Bahander, with whom it is well known, I have neither corps, nor Emolument, nor do I conceive those Gentlemen had any right to attempt to deprive me of the Advantages allowed me by my Honble Masters; I therefore now take the Liberty to request the favor of your taking the matter into your consideration and giving the necessary Orders for my receiving the Advantages, my Rank, & the Indulgence my Honble employers entitle me to,

I have the Honor to remain
with the greatest Respect

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I am respectfully Hon.ble Sir Sirs
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
James Patch

Fort St. George
24th. April 1760

The Request complied with

The Committee being of opinion that the Reasons given by Capt.n Patch for claiming the fixed Allowance for the whole Number of Persons, intended to have been sent in the Luconia, are satisfactory; it is agreed that the Military Paymaster be directed to issue the same to him accordingly —

With respect to Captain Patch's Allowance as Commander of the Luconia, & the Charges which have been incurred for the Service of the Vessel — the Committee are of opinion that these Accounts should be adjusted & paid by the Presidency of Fort Marlbro', to which the Vessel belongs, but it is agreed that Capt. Patch be advanced out of Cash, 500 Pagodas, in part of these Expences, &

and

carried to the Debit of Fort Marlbro', Captain Patch giving the usual Receipts for the same —

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Charles Rumley —

From Capt.n Rumley applying for off.t Reckonings —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President & Gentlemen of the
Select Committee —

Honble Sirs & Gentlemen,

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I have the Honor to remain
with the greatest Respect

of

April the 22d. 1780

Your very obedient & very humble Servant.
C. Rumley

Permit thereon. Secretary to search the Records —

The Secretary is Directed to search the Records to ascertain what has been the Usage with respect to the Diversion of the Offreckonings, & to write a Letter in the mean time to the Military Agent, desiring him to keep the Money in his Hands till further Orders —

Read the following Letter from Colonel James to the Commander in Chief, enclosing one to him from Messrs. Rutlidge & Speedman Cadets.

To Major General Sir Hector Munro
Commander in Chief;

From Col. James enclosing Letter from Messrs. Rutlidge and Speedman on the subject of their Rank.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a Letter I have received from Messrs. Rutlidge & Speedman — I am of opinion that as their appointment by the Court of Directors was prior to Lieut. Fireworkers, Lantwer, O'brien, Taafe, Bell & Jones, they are entitles to rank above those Gentlemen — I remember Lt. Gibson in a similar Case, obtaining Rank of Lt. Baillie, Speedman & Trenbolt —

I am with Respect
Sir,
Your obdt. humble Servant,
Ed. James
Lt.

St. Thomas's Mount
23d. April 1780 —

To Colonel Edward James,
Commanding the Artillery.

Sir,

Being by the Honble the Court of Directors appointed Cadets for this Establishment in the Year 1778, and observing by the orderly Book that Messrs. Lantwer, Obrien, Taafe, Bell, & Jones, who are now Lieut. Fireworkers, were not appointed Cadets in the Service till the Year 1779, We beg to submit to your Consideration how far we are entitled to rank above those Gentlemen, & should you be of Opinion that any Orders of the Company, or any other Circumstances give us a Right to such Rank, we beg of you to make such Applications to the Honble the Select Committee, as you think necessary to get us appointed Lieutenant Fireworkers to rank next below Lt. F. W. Charles Carlile.

We are with great Respect,
Sir
Your very obedient,
most humble Servants
Wm. Rutlidge
James Speedman
Cadets of Artilly.

St. Thomas's Mount
April 1780 —

Granted

Resolved that when it comes to the turn of Messrs. Rutlidge & Speedman to be promoted, Commissions be given them of a prior Date to those of Lieut. Fireworkers Lantwer, Obrien, Taafe, Bell & Jones —

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Fort St. George 24th. April 1780

The President lays before the Committee a Bill from Mr. Geo. Gray for the Expences incurred by him on his Embassy to Hyder Ally amounting to Pagodas 2.009..12..20 ; which is ordered to be discharged

Mr. Johnson his Minute on Mr. Grays Expences

I am unacquainted with what Engagements the Committee may have entered into with Mr. Gray, & consequently cannot properly judge of the propriety of Ordering his Bill to be paid; but as the President declares, that the greatest part of it, has already been advanced, it seems to Me superfluous & indeed absurd, to appear to debate on a matter, that has already passed

Mr. White appointed Deputy Persian Translator

Mr. Charles Nicolas White is now appointed Deputy Persian Translator with the Usual Allowance

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Hector Munro

Fort St. George April 1780

26th. Wrote the following Letter

To Capt. William Keating,
Commanding at
Amboor,

Sir,

To Capt Keating to release Hyder's People from Confinement

In consequence of your Letter of the 5th. March, I am directed to desire you will release the men whom you have confined on suspicion of enlisting Men for Hyder Ally, warning them at the same time that if ever they are found again on the Nabob's or Company's Territories, they will be severely punished.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Charles Oakeley
Secry.

Fort St. George
26th. April 1780

27th. Sent the following Letters

To Edward Cotsford Esq.
Chief &c. Council,
at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam on the Subject of Capt. Johnson's Battalion & the Commandant of Condapille

Gentlemen,

We transmit enclosed a Copy of a Letter from Capt. Johnstone, who commands the 3d. Circar Battalion to the Commander in Chief represening the dispersed state of that Corps, with other Circumstances, which have contributed to prevent his keeping

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it in any kind of Order or Discipline, and to weaken the Authority which properly belongs to him as Commanding Officer of the Battalion.

As far as We can judge from the Perusal of his Letter, the representation appears but too well founded. If the Demands of Seapoys for Garrison or Country Duty have been harder upon his Battalion, than others, the Matter should be enquired into & rectified; The same should be done with respect to what he has urged concerning the Refusal of the Commanding Officer at Condapilla to admit an Officer of the Battalion to join his Company there, & concerning Sergeant Bourne, who has been detained, & appointed Sergeant Major at Condapilla though still continued upon the Rolls & returned in one of his Companies at Ellore.

This kind of Interference in the Detail of the Battalion is not only improper but very discouraging to the Commanding Officer of the Corps, and we desire that you take particular Care to prevent any such Complaints in future & that you pay due Regard to Captain Johnstone's Representation.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servants,
John Whitehill
&c.a Select Committee

Fort St. George
27th. April 1780

To Major Alex.r Macllellan,
Commanding
at Tanjore.

To Major Macllellan
Remissr of the
6 Battalion to be
tried.

Sir,

In consequence of your Letter to the President & Select Committee of the 26 Inst., I am directed to acquaint you that they would have Armogum Jemidar of the 6.th Battn. tried for the Crime you enclosed to them,

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Oakeley
&c.a

Armogum

Fort St. George
27th. April 1780

To Alexander Davidson Esq.r
Chief & Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

To Vizagapatam
To take Possession of
the Fort of Pauconda.

We have received your Letter of the 17th Inst. Upon Mr. Davidson's Arrival here, We shall consult with him upon some of the points of that Letter, but we think it necessary to repeat again the Impropriety of withdrawing the Company's Seapoys from Pauconda after it was taken, & We now desire that you will summon the People who are in charge of it to deliver it up to you, & acquaint them that in Case of refusal it will be forcibly taken from them.

We

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servants
John Whitehill
&c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
27th. April 1780

Monday 1st. May At a Select Committee, Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr. President
Charles Smith, Sir Hector Munro K.B.
Samuel Johnson

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote

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

Gentlemen,

From Lt. Eyre Coote in Relation to a Detachment from the 73d Regt. for a Body Guard.

I am honored with a Letter from your Board of the 18th Ultimo. Acknowledging the Receipt of a former Letter of mine of the 7th Decemr. last: Also, that General Munro, had regularly applied to You, in consequence of Instructions received from me, for Conveyance for one Company of his Majestys 73d. Regiment, ordered by me to Bengal, as my Guard.

Before I gave the above Order, I well weighed the Consequences: Nothing particularly interesting

has happened on your Coast, since I issued the Order, except, that your Situation is much more formidable, than I imagined it would be, on the Arrival of the Kings Regiment. His Majestys Fleet, appears in force, superior to what was expected; with, I am informed, a very fine & strong Corps of Marines, on board.

The Detachment sent to Brigr. Genl. Goddard, from the above Cause cannot eventually be looked on, even as having weakened your Situation. The Centrical Position of his Majestys Squadron, & 73d. Regiment insures Security, as far as our Resources in India can do it, to the Carnatic; & the grand Chain of Defence in India, is much strengthened, by Your Board, having with very great attention to the Public Service, reinforced Brigr. Genl. Goddard's Army, with the strong Detachment of Europeans, ordered for the Malabar Coast. So allow the conclusion drawn by you, as a Reason for not sending the small Detachment, ordered as my Guard, viz. "that in the present "situation of Affairs, it would, in your Opinion be imprudent to divide the Force of his Majestys Regiment" would be subscribing to Ideas, which I neither allow in a Military Sense, nor as carrying with them, Conviction from Argument: So small a Detachment from the Regiment, can hardly be said to divide its Strength, and the argument, "that Affairs are not the same "as when I sent the Order", would, if such was necessary be in favour of the Detachments Proceeding; for as I said before, your Settlement is more in Force than it was

was at that Period

Ever attentive to the Public Service, as well as to supporting that Dignity, which His Majesty, has been most graciously pleased to honor me with, by His Commission of Commander in Chief, of his Forces in India; It is my firm Resolves to support to the utmost, the former & to guard inviolably the Honor of the latter; with these objects as my Guide — I depend on obedience from those immediately under my command, & look up, on all occasions, for Assistance, & Cooperation from the Company's different Presidencies in India

My Power over the King's Troops I need not explain to you, They are known to, & acknowledged by your Board, but that there might not, from my requisition remain even a shadow of slackening your force at Madras, I waive the proceeding of the whole Company, agreeable to my former Order to General Munro, and require from your Assistance for conveying to Bengal, as soon as possible for the duties of my Guard, a Detachment of one Captain, two Subalterns & fifty five, non commissioned & Private, from his Majesty's 73d. Regiment

I have the honor of assuring you, that I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t humble, Servant

Eyre Coote

Lucknow
28th March 1780

Grants.

* Mr. Smith seeing no reasons to depart from the sentiments expressed by the Committee under date the is still of opinion no part of the Kings Regiment should leave the Coast unless the Service require it

As Sir Eyre Coote has thought it proper, notwithstanding our Letter to him of the 10th Feb.y. to repeat his Request that a Body Guard of Lord Macleod's Regiment may be sent to him, it is resolved, that the first proper Opportunity be taken for furnishing him with the Number he has desired — viz.t

1 Captain,
2 Subalterns, &
55 Non Commissioned & Private *

Read the following Letter from the Captains Lieutenants of Artillery —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.
President, Governor &c.a. Select Committee
Fort St. George

From the Capt. Lieuts of Artillery respecting Rank

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We did ourselves the honor of addressing you the latter end of the Year Seventy Seven, on the Subject of our Supersession, & from the Minute thereon, & address to the Supreme Council for Official intimation of what Resolution had been taken respecting the Rank of the Captain Lieutenants of Artillery upon the Bengal Establishment, we had every reason to expect the affair would be brought to a speedy & proper Issue, & even now it rests with the Honourable the Supreme Council, as by their Letter of the 26th Jan.y 1778, they seem to have put a stop to this Government's coming to a final resolution on the subject by saying,

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"We have lately received separate addresses from the "Officers of that Corps, & the Infantry upon this Subject, which will be taken into Consideration, when the "Commander in Chief of our Forces, who is daily expected in Calcutta shall arrive; if we find it necessary "to make any alteration in our former order, We shall "duly advise You" — From which it might reasonably be concluded, as so much time has elapsed without any advice, no alteration had taken place, at the same time, as it is possible there may, We request the Honble Committee will be pleased to address them again & bring the Subject of our former Memorial to as speedy an issue as possible —

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your obedient Humble Servants,
" John Brigault,
" Arthur Jones,
" J. Manoury,
" Thomas Geils
" George Nodler.

Fort St. George
26th April 1780

Letter to be written to Bengal upon the Subject of the Application of the Captains Lieutenants of Artillery

Agreed that another Letter be written to Bengal upon the Subject of the Application of the Captains Lieutenants of Artillery —

Read the following Letter from the Honble Mr. Cadogan Paymaster to Col. Baillie's Detachment —

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.
Governor &c.a &c.a
of Fort St. George —

From Mr. Cadogan Paymaster to Col. Baillie's Detachment on the Subject of Rice purchased by Col. Harper

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to address you respecting some Rice belonging to the Company which was laid up in Store to be carried with our Detachment in case we went to Adoni —

This Rice was purchased by Col.o Harper the latter End of last Year I suppose he had proper Authority for so doing & on Col. Baillie's Joining the Detachment was delivered over to him, & He desired me to take it under my Charge, & a little Time after, finding a great Scarcity of Grain in the Guntoor Circar, ordered me to send it to Ongole & Muconda 1500 odd Bags to the former, & 200 to the latter, in order that the Bullocks kept up for carrying it might be employed in bringing in Supplies for the immediate use of the Camp —

Thus it remains at present, they write me from Ongole it is wasting very fast, & unless some Directions are shortly given about it, the Company must lose it all — If you think any further Information necessary I suppose Col. Harper can give it —

I am concerned no further in it than Col. Baillie's having delivered it over to my charge as Paymaster; & that I may not be blamed for Neglect, I wish for some Orders relative to it — Col. Harper in September last applied to me for 500 Madrs Jag.s for

for the use of the Service, which I paid, & took his Receipt for — and upon my asking him about it when he left the Detachment he desired me to charge it to the Company as advances for Rice —

I wrote two or three Times to Sir Thomas Rumbold on this Subject; but I suppose his Hurry of Business so near his Departure, prevented him from answering me — A Line from you therefore would set this Matter right, & greatly oblige,

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient
& very humble Servant
Geo: Cadogan —

Ellore
21st April 1780

Ordered that Mr. Cadogan be directed to dispose of the Rice immediately for the most it will fetch —

This Rice to be disposed of immediately

Read the following Letter from Captn. Robert Wood —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.
President &c. Council
Fort St. George —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Wood enclosing Copy of a Paragraph from the court of Directors

My appointment to my Rank in the Company's Service having already been given out in general Orders, permit me to lay before you the Commission I received, from the Honble the Court of Directors as Town Major of this [illegible] Letter

with an Extract of their General Letter to this Presidency, which accompanied it, I submit these Papers with the utmost deference to the consideration of the Honble Board & will only beg leave to remark that I am the first who possessed a Commission as Town Major & that it is granted by the same authority which constitutes all Governments in India —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithful
and obedient Servant
Robert Wood. Capt.

Fort St. George
7th April 1780

Copy of a Paragraph in the Honorable Company's General Letter to their Presidency of Fort St. George —

"In our Letter of the 14th Ultimo you "were informed that Captain Wood had our permission "to return to our Presidency, and to enjoy the Post of Town "Major which he formerly held there, by our General "Instructions of March 1774 — The Nomination of Town "or Fort Major is in the Governor only, and it is not "our Intention to take this appointment from him in "future; but in the present instance We have no other way of serving Captain Wood whose Sufferings merit our Attention —

P. M. Secty.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Subject of Capt.n Wood's appointment was agitated whilst the late Governor (Sir Tho.s Rumbold) was in the Chair, & a paragraph inserted concerning it in the General Letter to England of the

Extract thereon

Febry. viâ Suez — that he (the President) having in Consequence of the Company's Military Instructions dated in March 1778, & the Latitude given him by the Company's Orders relative to Captain Wood's appointment nominated Captain Sydenham to act in the Office of Town Major and the same having been given out in General Orders, he is of opinion that nothing further can be done, until the Pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known; The several Members of the Committee agree in int.o this opinion with the President, except Mr. Johnson, who thinks that the Company's Orders relative to Capt.n Wood should be complied with —

Read the following Letter from Major Maclellan —

From Major Maclellan

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have this morning been honoured with your Commands of the 19th Inst.t —

With regard to Capt. Watts, when I addressed you respecting him on the 24th Ultimo — His health was in a very deplorable state indeed, and I mentioned it in the strong terms wherein Doctor

d.

Buchanan reported to me, because the Doctor was of opinion that the sooner he could have the benefit of Sea air & bathing, together with such medical assistance as the Presidency could afford, the better it would be for him — In a few days after my application however he got very much better, & on the first of this month I had the honor of informing you he was so, that Mr. Buchanan thought his going to Adreapatnam would have the same effect as his going to Madras, that I had seen him perfectly cool & composed, & that it was hoped with care & attention that his health would be perfectly re-established — He has continued ever since extremely well, nor has the change of full of the Moon in any Degree affected him —

I take the liberty to mention these particulars to your Honors &c.a, in Justice to a very Honorable, Worthy Officer, who will I am convinced feel extremely distressed & hurt at finding himself deprived of the command of a Batt.n, at the head of which he has been ever since it was formed & which is in as high order as any Batt.n in the Service — I shall let him know that he has your permission to proceed to the Presidency,

I have the honor to be with perfect respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most humble & most obed.t Serv.t
H. Maclellan —

Tanjore
22d. Apl. 1780

Capt.n Watts to take charge of his Batt.n

Resolved in consequence of the favorable Report given by Major Maclellan of Capt.n Watts Recovery that he Capt. Watts be permitted to take

take charge again of his Battalion, & the appointment of Captain George Smith to the Command of it be reversed

Read the following Letter from Col. James

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.
Presidt. &c. Select Committee

From Col. James regarding his debt from the Nabob

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been favored with a Translation of His Highness the Nabob's Letter to the Governor regarding the Money he has so long owed me. It is painful for me to trouble you again on the Subject, but in Justice to you & myself, it is necessary to inform you that his Highness has deceived & disappointed me, & that so far from a Promise to pay me so as to enable me to go Home in October, which he told me was the Subject of his Letter it contains only a Promise to pay me on the last of that Month & with a reservation "if the Country is in Peace"

This conduct of his Highness & his deceiving the Honble the Court of Directors & you by the following Paragraph of his Letter dated the 2d November 1778, leads me to solicit your Support & as my Life & every thing dear to me depends on my going Home I beg you will take Measures to induce his Highness to pay me, so as to enable me to leave the Country in October.

Extract of a Letter from the Nabob, dated 2d November 1778

"I have fallen on a Method to satisfy Colonel "James for the Demand he has made on me for the Money "advanced by him to one of my Regiments of Cavalry "with the Interest due to him nothing but my distress- "ed Situation, which Col. James is fully acquainted with, "has prevented my not satisfying him before I am "concerned that he should again have troubled you with "his Complaints

(signed) D. A. Baird
Depty. Secry.

'Tis needless to say much on this Extract there can be no greater proof of its want of Truth than the necessity I am now under of addressing you concerning the the money his Highness then owed me

I have the Honor to be with much Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful obedt. Servant
D. James

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper

The President is requested to speak to the Nabob, on behalf of Colonel James.

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Alex. Munro

4. Wrote the following Letter —

To Mr. Alexander Brodie,
Military Agent —

To the Military Agent regarding the Distribution of Off reckonings —

Sir,

Captain Charles Rumley having addressed a Letter to the President & Select Committee representing the Hardship he suffers by being deprived of his share in the Off reckonings for last year, and the Commander in chief having, in consequence laid before them the proceedings of the Committee of Officers on the Subject of this Fund — I am directed to communicate to you their Opinion thereupon, & to desire you will lay the same before the said Committee —

The President & Select Committee find that that by the Rule established for the Division of the Off reckonings, the shares at the Rate of 600 Pagodas each were to be distributed as far as they would go among the Officers according to Seniority, beginning with the Commander in Chief, & no Exception whatever seems to have been made to Officers entitled by their Rank to partake of this Fund, who were lent to the Nabob or otherwise absent with leave from their Corps — In short the Claim of such Officers to their proportion of Off reckonings would appear according to the original establishment of this Fund, of the same validity with their Claim to Pay, which in the like Circumstances have never been taken from them —

The President & Select Committee

understand indeed that there are some Instances of where Officers lent to the Nabob have voluntarily relinquished their Claims in consideration of the Advantages they enjoyed in the Nabob's Service, but such acts are not sufficient to take away the Rights of others in the same Situation, who think proper to assert their title to a proportion of the Fund —

The Select Committee are nevertheless of opinion that there is much reason in the Argument which has been alledged against the Claims of Officers who are lent to the Nabob & derive considerable Advantages from his Service; & they mean in consequence to write to the Honble Court of Directors on the Subject, but until an Answer can be obtained from them, they wish to have the shares of such Persons held in Deposit, & distributed according to the Determination of the Court of Directors upon this Point —

With respect to Capt. Rumley, the President & Select Committee are clearly of opinion that he is entitled to a share of the Off reckonings & that the same should immediately be paid to him — This Officer has Leave of absence to be with the Nabob's Son Omdah Ul Omrah at his Request, & has neither Corps-Pay nor any other Emolument in the Nabob's Service —

I am,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Charles Oakeley
Sec.y

Fort St. George
1st May 1780

6th This day the following Letters were dispatched —

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

Gentlemen

To Bengal regarding Brevets granted to Lieut Goddard, detachment and rank of the Corps of artillery

Having received applications from some of the Officers belonging to our Detachment with General Goddard requesting to be allowed Brevet Rank during the present Service, We shall be much obliged if you would inform us what Resolution you may have taken upon this point respecting the Officers employed with Bengal Troops —

The only Brevet Rank we have granted is that of Colonel to Lieut. Col. Brown, who commands the Reinforcement sent from this Presidency, & whose situation seemed to require this mark of Distinction, but we wish to avoid extending the like Indulgence to any other Officer as we see no necessity for it, & are sensible of the many Inconveniences that must attend the granting of Brevet Commissions, where Troops from different Presidencies are employed on the same Service —

We wrote a Letter to you the 9th Decr. 1777 on the Subject of an Address presented to us by the Captains Lieutenants of Artillery on this Establishment concerning their Rank, which they requested might be

of the Capts. Lieutenants of Artillery at Bengal. You were pleased to acquaint us in your reply dated 26 Jan. 1778, that "you had lately received separate Addresses from "that Corps (the Artillery) and the Infantry upon this Sub- "ject, which would be taken into Consideration, when the "Commander in Chief of your Forces, who was daily ex- "pected in Calcutta, should arrive, & that if you found it "necessary to make any Alteration in your former Order "you should duly advise us —

We now request you will inform us what Determination you may have come to upon this point, as we have received another Address from our Captain Lieutenants of Artillery requesting we will bring the subject of their former Memorial to as speedy an Issue as possible,

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill
&c. Select Committee.

Fort St. George
6th. May 1780

To Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's
& the Company's Troops in India —

Letter to Sir Eyre Coote — the Detachment from the 73d Regt. to be sent to him

Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 28th. March, & in consequence of your re- quest we shall provide the necessary Assistance for

con veying

conveying to you the Number of Men you have requested from his Majesty's 73d Regim.t to be with you as a Guard —

We have the honor to be
with Esteem
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servants,
John Whitehill
&c.a Select Committee.

Fort St. George
6th May 1780

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding at
Pondicherry.

To Col. Braithwaite to prevent all communication between the French & Country Powers —

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 24th Ultimo —

The reasons you have given for not sending here the two Frenchmen who lately came from Hyder, are sufficient — We trust you will use every means in your power to prevent all communication or correspondence between the Inhabitants of Pondicherry & any of their Countrymen in the Service of foreign Powers or any where else with respect to Arms & warlike Stores, we understood that every thing of this kind belonging to Individuals had been deposited in the Company's Storehouses immediately after the Surrender of the Place — But if any still remain in the Hands of Individuals they must be demanded

and sent up here to be lodged in our Godowns, untill the Owners can send them away, & for the Purpose of ascertaining the Property, the Owner's Name must be affixed to every Parcel —

Our Committee of Stores will consider in what manner, the Powder in your Magazines can be best disposed of —

Altho' we informed you that our Appointment of Ensign Bruce to take Sections of the Ground about Pondicherry — was not to be attended with any additional Expence to the Company, yet as he has represented that a few Staves, measuring Rods & some other things, which may cost altogether about 15 or 20 Pagodas, will be absolutely required for the Survey, we would have the Paymaster supply him with these Articles —

We are
Sir
Your most obedent Servants
John Whitehill,
&c.a Select Committee —

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6th May 1780

To the Honble George Cadogan,

To the Honble Mr. Cadogan to dispose of the Rice in Camp —

Sir,

The President having laid before us your letter of the 21 Ultio: respecting the Rice purchased by Col: Harper & put under your Charge, We desire you will now dispose of it to the best advantage for the Company & advise us of the particulars,

&c

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We are
Sir
Your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
&c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
6th. May 1786

Wednesday 10th. May

At a Select Committee, Present,
The Honble John Whitehill Esq. Pres.t
Charles Smith Sir Hector Munro Kt.
Samuel Johnson

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Letter to the Rajah of Travancore to be sent with a Present

The President acquaints the Committee, that the Letter which it was agreed to write to the Rajah of Travancore, before the late President's departure, as entered in Country Corres.: No. 18. has not been despatched. It is now resolved, that the said Letter be sent, as soon as possible, & that a Present, not exceeding in value, 1500 or 2000 Pag.s be prepared by the President to accompany it.

Mr. Geo. Proctor appd. Depoy Agent

The Office of Agent for Depoy Hall mounting, having become vacant by the Death of Mr. Chas. Mordaunt, Mr. Geo. Proctor is appointed thereto, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee the 29th. Febry. & Mr. Geo. Moubray, is also appointed, to take charge of the Office of Superintendant of the Nabob's Accounts, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee 1st. April.

Mr. Moubray appd. Superintendant of the Nabob's accounts

Mr. Johnson informs the

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Committee that he will deliver in a Minute on this occasion.

Mr. Smith, is of Opinion that the Office of Agent for Depoy Hall mounting should revert to Mr. Paul Call, who held it before the Court of Directors ordered it to be given to Mr. Mordaunt, and that Mr. Moubray should not be appointed to the Office of Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts as he is already sufficiently provided for in the Service. & delivers in the following Minute.

Mr. Smith's Minute against the above appointments

When Mr. Mordaunt was restored to the Service & to his Employ, by the Court of Directors, the Agency for making up Depoy Hops was taken from Mr. Call & made over to him & therefore I thought it but reasonable that whenever this Employ should be vacated, it ought to revert to Mr. Call; especially as he had no Provision whatever from the Service, but the Committee had previous to the death of Mr. Mordaunt (at a meeting when I happened not to be present) given the reversion of it to Mr. Proctor to compensate in part for the great fatigue & trouble of his Office, as Auditor of Accounts. I am very sensible of the Merits of Mr. Proctor, but think he should be provided for in some other way rather than by enjoying the Post which Mr. Call appears particularly entitled to. Yet allowing that Mr. Proctor succeed to the Agency for Hops & that he is not permitted to hold the Office of Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts also, which I think he should not, still I am of opinion that it ought not to be given to

Mr. Moubray, whose appointments in the Service are already very considerable & much superior to those held by Mr Proctor, who has been indefatigable in bringing the Nabob's Accounts into their present regular & clear State, & who may with great Reason complain of Partiality, if under these Circumstances it be taken from him & given to Mr. Moubray —

Charles Smith —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Gilbert Pasley —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
Wm. Select Committee —

Letter from Mr. Pasley recommending mode for the Hospital —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I beg leave to offer the following thoughts for your inspection — such as, on mature deliberation, appear to me the most eligible for establishing an Hospital for the Regement —

From a calculation of the Battalion's Strength — supposing it to consist of eight hundred Men — that upon an average 120 are Sickly; the expence according to the Company's established rule by Contract at Six fanams ₱ day each Man brings the Monthly charge to five hundred & fourteen Pagodas, 12 fanams — To obviate this — that the Surgeon be allowed for the same given Number 4 fanams ₱ day — the extra

Pagodas, 36 fanams — An allowance which he is independently to draw every Month — The Company in this case to furnish Cots, Quilts &c. by which is saved 172 Pagodas Monthly — except that which is incurred by the first Supply of Cots &c. The Surgeon's allowance being fixed, will have less occasion for Hospital Apparatus — by admitting those only who are real Objects of consideration — which will be altogether a saving to the Company & more Satisfactory, I should think to the Surgeon — Every sick Man's deduction for victualling is, still to be considered, & appropriated for that purpose, as the Surgeon shall think necessary to furnish, either by himself, or any he chuses to nominate, for that purpose, I am with much respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
& most humble Servant
Gilb. Pasley —

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adopted —

The Letter from Mr Pasley being taken into consideration, The President, Mr Smith, & Genl. Munro, are of opinion, that altho' there is no precedent for the Mode recommended by him, yet as it seems the most equitable, that can be established, Resolved that it be adopted, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors, can be known, respecting this Charge & that in the mean time, all the Expences, incurred on Acct. of the Hospital, be carried to the Head of his Majesty's 73d. Regt —

Mr.

Mr. Johnson on this occasion de-
sires to enter the following Minute —

Mr. Johnson's dissent.

Mr. Johnson begs leave to observe
that he wishes to defer giving an opinion upon the
Subject of Mr. Pasley's Letter of the 6th May relative to the
allowances proposed to be made to his Majesty's Surgeon
for the Hospital Charges; but as the Committee seem
to think it necessary to come to an immediate reso-
lution thereon, he apprehends that the concurring
in the proposal now made, would be establishing an
expensive & unusual precedent, & that a variety of
disagreeable consequences will result from our ac-
quiescing therein; he therefore is against the Measure
& will explain his reason at some future meeting —
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Mr. Smith's opinion —

Mr. Smith, thinks, that as Mr.
Johnson desires it, the Consideration of Mr. Pasley's
Letter should be postponed —

Read the following Letter from
Lord Mc. Leod —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.
Governor & President, & the Select Committee —

From Ld. Mc. Leod, re-
commending that the
King's Cadets have the
same Pay as the Com-
pany's. —

Gentlemen,

The Volunteers of my Regiment have
sent me the enclosed Memorial, begging that I would
present it to you, & at the same time recommend it to
your Consideration, which I the more cheerfully do,

knowing the disagreeable Situation they are at pre-
sent in, & I flatter myself you will grant them such
Relief as to you shall appear reasonable,
I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
& most humble Servant
Macleod —

Fort St. George
8th. May 1780 —

Memorial of the Cadets or Volunteers of his
Majesty's 73d. Regiment —

To the Honble the Governor & Council of Madras —

Honoured Sirs,

Before we left England we were
flattered with the expectation, that upon our arrival
in the East Indies, we should receive the same pay with
the Honble Company's Cadets, this hope gave us the
increased pleasure of serving the Honble Company
without distressing our friends — We own our con-
siderations in not guarding against the disappoint-
ment of our not receiving the same pay with the
Honble Company's Cadets, which now by being at
such a distance from the assistance of our friends
renders our situations so miserable, that we are
forced to lay this our memorial before you, & we
confide, Hond Sirs, in your goodness, that when
you have considered the distressed peculiarities which
attend our present situations, you will give us such
relief — and

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relief as your goodness & humanity may regulate & direct, & we shall ever remain with the utmost respect & gratitude,

Hon.d Sirs,

Your most humble & most obedient Servants,

George Brunton,
Alex.r Forbes
Daniel Brayne
Robert. Mac Gregor,
Hugh Cuthbert,
Will.m Oliphant
Alex.r Mc.kenzie

Poonamalee
4th May 1780

Agreed to

As the Company have directed that His Majesty's 73d Regiment, should be put on the same footing with respect to pay, as their own Troops, the Committee having resolved, in their Minutes of 9th Feb.y 1780, to allow the Company's Cadets 1 Rupee each p.r diem, for their Subsistance, untill they were promoted, it is Agreed, that his Majesty's Cadets be permitted to draw the same Allowance

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Robert Wood

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Select Committee
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Capt. Wood with Letter & Papers

Being Ordered by the Right Honble

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to the Honble Company in September 1776, the Accompanying Notes, Inclosure, were presented by my Attornies for payment shortly after my departure, but they not being able to point out the Grounds, upon which my Claims were founded, some of them were set aside from want of Precedent, & that for procuring Intelligence for want of Lord Pigot's Signature, who at that time was under confinement; As I am able to obviate both these Objections, I take the Liberty of laying the Accompanying Notes before the Honble the Select Committee humbly requesting they will order them to be discharged — The Order of my Appointment as Aid de Camp to Lord Pigot, I have now the Honor to enclose you; as such, I was mentioned in his Dispatches to the Honble the Court of Directors, & as such received by them — the small sum of Pag.s 300 was laid out on the Part of the Company, with a much larger one of my own, upon the Town Majors House at the particular Desire of Mr. Wynch — Col. Ross, & Mr. Benfield, being too much engaged with the Company's Works, to attend to — Matters of such little Import, the other Allowances allways have, & still continue annexed to the Office of Town Major — I have the Honor to be with the most profound Respect —

Honble Sirs Sirs,

Your most faithful & Obedient Servant,

Robert Wood
Captain

Fort St. George
2d April 1780

300

As the Bills, enclosed in Capt.n Wood's Letter amounting to Pag.s 1209. 19. 36 appear to be just, it is Resolved that they be discharged, but as Capt.n Wood, stands on the Company's Books, as indebted to them, in a Sum, larger than the Amount of his Bills, It is Agreed, that, that Amount, instead of being paid out of the Company's Cash, be carried to his Credit, & that he be required to discharge the Ballance, that will then be due from him.

As Capt. Wood is indebted to the Company, agreed that the Amount of his Bills be carried to his Credit.

Read the following Letter from Mr. John Holland.

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

From Mr. Holland with his reason for not obeying the orders of the Committee to leave the Nizams Court.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am this day honored with the Orginal & Duplecate of your Letter of the 13th. Instant.

In my Letter to the President, of the 7th. & 11th. Instant I informed him of the Nizam's being confined by indisposition; his Highness has for some days past been occasionally again in Durbar, but he is still so much indisposed that he is unwilling to see me on business, & has for that declared reason excused himself to me, notwithstanding my former declaration to him mentioned in my Letter to the President of the 7th. March of my having your Orders to return to Madraß, & notwithstanding my having informed him by Message twice that I had business from the Governor General.

him

Under these circumstances, had no other intervened, your Honor &c.a will perceive that it would have been impossible for me to comply with your Orders to leave the Nizam's Court instantly, I never conceived it to be your intention that I should quit Hydrabad without taking leave of his Highness, nor did I suppose it was expected: neither did I think the occasion was such as would have justified my hazarding so abrupt a procedure under the assumption of a discretionary Power, I am therefore led to suppose that what you have been pleased to declare in your letter of the 13th. March of former orders not having been effectual & of the consequences of further delay must have proceeded from an Idea that an order expressed or implied to the purport above mentioned must have existed.

I informed the President under date the 11th. Instant of my having on the 10th. received a Commission from the Gov.r General & Council of Bengal appointing me their Public Minister at this Court, I herewith further enclose Extract of a Letter from them of the 11th. Feb.y by obeying the injunctions therein so forcably & pointedly expressed & declared by a Government constituted by Parliament, the Guardians of the public Peace of India, to be founded on the present critical Situation of Public Affairs, I do not conceive it impossible I can incur your displeasure

displeasure; Altho' I am covenanted to act under the Authority of the Madras Presidency, yet as a Servant of the Company zealous for their prosperity, I cannot divest myself of the relation in which I stand to them taken collectively nor of the duty which in a superior degree I owe to them in that relation; there are situations in which the consideration of General & Public objects, supersedes the Regard due to Particular & Partial Systems or the attention to private & personal Interests, the situation I am now in, I know to be of that kind, & I feel myself under the indispensable necessity of complying with the Order from the Govr. General & Council, who after being made acquainted with your determination regarding me will no doubt relieve me from the Public Trust, which they have deemed it necessary to done me the Honor to commit to my Charge.

Conformably to your Orders Herewith transmit to you, Copies of the Letters, which in quality of your Resident, I have sent to or received from the Govr. General & Council since my arrival here; their Letter to me of the 14th Febry. containing their Commission under which I am necessitated in obedience to their pointed injunctions to act will not perhaps be construed to come under the same description.

In quality of your Resident & solely as an act of Duty in conformity to the order contained in your Instructions of the 22d Febry. I likewise

transmitted to the Govr. General Copies of the several Letters received from & addressed to you to the 31st Augt. the Transmitting these Copies having appeared to me to be the best & most perspicuous as well as the easiest mode of communicating to the Bengal Government the intelligence the Letters contained, my sending them under cover to the Governor Genl. & Council, rather than immediately to the Governor Genl. and Council was because I conceived there would be an appearance of disrespect in my sending intelligence to their Public Board under that secondary form.

The President was informed by my Letter to him of the 7th. of the reason of my not having left his Highness the Nizam's Court to that Date.

I am Honble. Sir Your's with great respect

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
John Hollond

Hydrabad
March 29th. 1780

To the Hon.ble John Hollond,

Sir,

The Governor General having laid before us your Letter of the 8th. September with the several Papers inclosed in it, We observe that a Line had been prescribed for your Negociations in the last Orders which you received to that date differing very essentially from your original Instructions, in its consequences tending to create a Rupture with Nizam Ally Cawn, We have therefore deemed it incumbent upon us to endeavour by a timely interposition to prevent

any such misunderstanding for which purpose we enclose a Letter to him, which we desire you will immediately deliver, a Translation of it is likewise inclosed for your Instruction and we direct that you suspend your Negociations untill you shall receive further orders from the President & Select Committee of Fort St. George to whom we have written more fully on the Subject

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

(agned) Warren Hastings
Richd. Barwell
Edwd. Wheler

Fort William
1st. Novr. 1779

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.
Gov. General & Council of Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I received your letter of the 1st. of Novr. on the 2d. of the same Month, & not having been able to see his Highness the Soubah, on the day following I delivered it to him, on the 1st. Instant His Highness expressed very great satisfaction on reading it, & I have since been waiting for his answer which I applied to him for on the 6th. Instant, his Highness promised to send it to me immediately, but not having yet received it I think it necessary to inform you without further delay of my having complied with your wishes

I remain Honble Sir & Sirs with great respect,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Holland

Hydrabad
Decr. 8th 1779

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.
Govr. General & Council of Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I herewith transmit you his Highness the Soubah's answer to the Letter which I had the Honor to deliver to him, enclosed to me in yours of the 1st. Nov.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs with great respect,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
John Holland

Hydrabad
18th. Decr. 1779

Extract of a Letter dated 14th. Feb. 1780 from the Governor General & Council of Bengal to Mr. John Holland at Hydrabad

altho' you are a Servant of the Company belonging to another Presidency & therefore not dependant on our Authority, yet we deem it so essential to the general Interests of the British Empire in India that an English Resident should be stationed at this juncture with Nizam Ally that we enjoin you to remain at Hydrabad in that quality: as you shall answer for the consequences of your departure

Do

departure to the court of Directors — We are thus pointed in our injunctions, because the order for your recall may be repeated before the President & Select Committee are in posession of our Letter to them requesting that you may be allowed to continue, because in case of their refusing their consent to this request it may be proper for us to depute a person from hence to succeed before you can relinquish your Station with safety to the Company's Interest, with which you are thus intrusted —

Debate thereon.

The foregoing Letter having been sent round for the perusal of the several Members of Mr. Johnson having had sufficient time to inform himself of every thing that has passed, relative to the recall of Mr. Holland; the President now delivers in the following Minute —

The President's Minute moving Mr. Holland's Suspension —

The Letter from Mr. Holland having been just read, I think it necessary to say a few words previous to the motion I have to make relative to that Gentleman —

When a Servant of the Company can proceed so far as to disobey repeated & positive Orders from his Superiors — to avow his Disobedience in a public Letter to them, & accompany it by disrespectful & reproachful Language, I am at a Loss to conceive upon what principle such Conduct is to be defended for a moment, or how the person who is guilty of it

first duties of which he so openly violates —

Mr. Holland founds his Excuse for remaining at Hydrabad after the receipt of our last Letter upon the Orders which have been sent him, from the Governor General & Council of Bengal, but Mr. Holland must know that the Governor General & Council of Bengal have no sort of right to give him any Orders whatsoever much less to give him Orders in direct Opposition to those we had sent him —

With respect to the particular stress laid by the Governor General & Council of Bengal upon the Necessity of Mr. Holland's remaining at Hydrabad, I confess it has very little weight with me, for if those Gentlemen thought the Affairs of the Company at this Juncture required the Continuance of a Public Minister with the Nizam, why did not they instead of directing Mr. Holland to stay at Hydrabad after they knew we had ordered him to come away, send one of the Company's Servants from Bengal to reside there, why was it thought necessary to degrade our Consequence & weaken our Authority by keeping Mr. Holland at the Nizam's Court in opposition to our will, when they had it in their Power to adopt another Method much more proper & equally efficacious —

It is now more than two Months since we wrote the Governor General & Council of Bengal that we could not permit Mr. Holland to continue any longer at Hydrabad, & yet we do not find they have taken any Steps to relieve him —

The Motives for this Conduct in the Gentlemen of Bengal & for their Partiality towards Mr. Holland

Hollond may be clearly traced in the late Correspondence & Proceedings relative to the Peiscush & will there appear to have very little to do with the professed Object, the Company's Interest; since nothing was more unlikely to advance that Object than the attempts which were so directly made to weaken & depreciate our Government in the Eyes of the Country Powers, & to deprive us of the Authority we possess over our own Servants But that Mr. Hollond one of those Servants employed by us in a very important & confidential Station, should join in such attempts by openly refusing us his Obedience & putting himself under the Orders of another Government is I confess to me wholly unaccountable

Mr. Hollond however not content with these Instances of Disobedience is pleased to cast a censure upon our public Measures But as the Court of Directors have not given to Mr. Hollond the power of judging our Conduct or determining whether the Systems we adopt are better or worse than those of the Bengal Government, I consider these Reflections as a great aggravation of his Crime

To conclude, as we cannot pass over Mr. Hollond's Offence without yielding up our Authority in a most essential Point to the Governor Genl. & Council of Bengal & without openly manifesting to the whole Service, that we have not the Power or the will to punish the most glaring disobedience that could have been shewn to our Orders I am of opinion that Mr. Hollond be suspended

from the Company's Service, & I now move that he be suspended accordingly John Whitehill

The President's Motion being put; I

Mr. Johnson am against the Motion & will deliver in a Minute on the occasion

Sir Hector Munro I am for the Motion agreeably to the former resolution of the Committee signified to Mr. Holland in their Letter to him of 13th March, wherein, he was directed to leave the Nizam's Court, & told of the Consequence that would result from a disobedience of that Order

Mr. Smith Altho' I have disapproved of the Conduct of Mr. Holland in having kept up a Correspondence with the Governor General relative to the Negociation he was carrying on with Nizam Ally Cawn, & joined likewise in Opinion with the Committee that in Case he delayed any longer to obey our Orders for leaving the Nizam's Court that we should exercise the Power vested in us for the due Support of our Authority Yet the Reasons he has since urged in his Letter of the 29th March are so powerful that I am clearly of opinion he has been justified by the pressing Necessity of the Case, in remaining at Hydrabad until he can be relieved in consequence of our having refused to permit him to remain there on the part of the Supreme Council Their Orders to him are extremely pointed, & I cannot suppose

suppose they would have thought it necessary to provide against the Effects of a second order of Recall, in Case it had been dispatched previous to the Receipt of their Letter requesting he might be allowed to continue, unless they had foreseen the evil consequences that were to be apprehended from his leaving the Nizam's Court, at this critical Juncture of Affairs; indeed they have expressly declared that they deem it essential to the general Interests of the British Empire to have a Resident there — our present Situation with the Marattas & Hyder Ally make it obviously a proper Measure & it may I think be reasonably presumed that had Mr. Holland complied implicitly with our orders by leaving the Court immediately on receipt of our last Letter, so abrupt a Departure under the Circumstances he has represented would have given great Offence to the Nizam — It appears to me evident from the whole of Mr. Hollond's Letter that he has been overawed by the Consideration of National Importance, which have been so strongly placed before his view by the Supreme Council & that he has in consequence thought himself not warranted to quit the Court untill he should be relieved — For these Reasons as I have before observed, I think Mr. Hollond has been justified in remaining at Hyderabad & seeing that the Supreme Council judge it of so great Moment to have an English Minister at the Nizam's Court — I think we ought to send Orders to him to continue there untill he is relieved

in his Embassy, rather than for the Sake of Punctilio in making an Individual sensible of the Efficacy of our Power hazard the Interests of the Nation —

For the foregoing Reasons I dissent to the Motion of the President for the Suspension of Mr. Hollond as being in my Opinion a very severe & unmerited Punishment —

Charles Smith

Mr. Hollond suspended the Service

The Votes being even, Mr. Hollond is now suspended from the Company's Service by the President's casting voice —

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam —

To The Honble John Whitehill Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

From Vizagapatam with Letter from Capt. Rowles Executors, for payment of a Charge for Secret Services.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have received your Letter of the 6th.

The Enclosed copies of Letters from the Executors of the late Capt. Rowles with our Letter in reply we beg leave to refer for your Consideration & Orders —

Tho' we are convinced Capt. Rowles disbursed the money in question, yet the Sum is too considerable for us to pay without your Sanction first obtained; we therefore have transmitted the Papers to

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receive your Commands concerning them,

We are, with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Alex.r Davidson
Wm. Crawford
Nath.l Barlow
Chas. Maxtone

Vizagapatam
17th April 1780

Copy of a Letter from the Executors of the late Capt.n Thomas Rowles

To Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

We flatter ourselves you will excuse the Liberty we venture, in thus intruding on your Time; but as Executors we conceive ourselves obliged in Duty. Amongst the Papers of Capt.n Thomas Rowles's Estate, we find Disbursements to have been made by him, for Secret Services during the time he commanded a Detachment in your District, against some refractory Rajahs; We understand this Account has never been discharged, & are led into this opinion from a Letter to the deceased, from Mr. Robt. Rutherfurd of which

Paragraph relating to this matter — The Amount is Seven hundred Rupees (700) — we also enclose you a Bill for this Money drawn out, & signed by the Deceased — We now request of you, Gentlemen, if it is in your Power, to discharge this, & pay it to W.m Henry Crawford; or otherwise recommend its Payment to the Governor & Council —

We have the honor to be
Your very respectful
humble Servants
(signed) James Powell
Geo. Westcott

Ellore
29th. March 1780

A true Copy
Chas. Maxtone
Secry.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Robert Rutherfurd to Capt.n Rowles dated Chicacole 7th. August 1770

I spoke to Mr. Davidson concerning your Intelligence money, who seems well inclined to pay you, but thinks it necessary you should write to the Chief & Council telling them of your having expended the Sum you intend drawing for (which I told Mr. Davidson was about 700 Rupees) for Secret Intelligence, which you hope they will order to be reimbursed you, & send them the Bill enclosed; I return you the Bill you left with me & think you had better fill it up, & transmit it to the Chief & Council —

A true Copy
Geo. Westcott

A true Copy Chas. Maxtone Secry

Fort St. George 10th. May 1780

The Honble Company ... Dr

For Secret Service money while employed in the field in the Madgul Country for the Months of May, & June, & July: Anka pilly July 18th. 1778 ..... 700 Ps.

(signed) Thomas Rowles
Captain Commanding

A true Copy
(signed) Geot Westcott

A true Copy
Chas. Maxtone
Secy

Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Executors
Capt. James Powell
Mr. George Westcott
Executors to the late Capt. Rowles.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 29th. Ultimo: & to inform you that agreeably to your recommendation they have referred your Representation to the President & Council, & recommended the payment of the sum mentioned in your Letter, which the Board have little doubt will be discharged. Capt. Rowles lost his life in the Publ Service & was an Officer of Merit.

I am

Fort St. George 10th. May 1780

Vizagapatam
27th. April 1780

Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Chas. Maxtone
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A true Copy
Chas. Maxtone
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The Committee having taken into

Not granted

Consideration the request made by the Executors of the late Capt. Rowles for the disbursement of Money expended by him on Secret Service, are of Opinion that as the Charge is said to have been incurred in the Months of May, June & July 1778, & as the Committee at this distant period of Time, cannot form any Judgment of the propriety of it, it would be irregular & inconsistent with the Rules of Service to pay it.

Mess. William Oliphant to John Baillie appointed Cadets

Mess. William Oliphant & John Baillie appointed Cadets, on this Establishment at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief.

John Whitehill
Charles Sweeting
Hector Munro

Fort St. George 15th. May 1780

At a Select Committee, Present,
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr. Gov.r & Presid.t
Charles Smith „ Sir Hector Munro Kt.
Samuel Johnson

Monday. 15th. May.

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Mr. Johnson his Motion

Mr. Johnson moves that the Gov.r Genl. & Council of Bengal, be furnished with a Copy of the Resolution of the Committee, regarding the Suspension of Mr. Holland & all the necessary Papers

The President thereupon puts the previous Question

The President puts the previous Question

Mr. Johnson ..... Against the previous Question
Genl. Munro ..... For it
Mr. Smith ..... Against it
The President ..... For it

Resolution thereon

Resolved however that the Gov.r Genl. & Council, be informed of the Resolution of the Committee for suspending Mr. Holland the Service

Read the following Letter from Mr. Piveron

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.
Presidt &c.a &c.a & Select Committee
of Fort St. George

From Mons.r Piveron on the Subject of the Stoppage of the Subsistence & the Passages offered on the Luconia

Honble Sir & Sirs,

When I was honored with the Letter Mr. Co. Oakeley, Your Secretary wrote to me by your Direction the 4th. of the last Month in

to mine of the 20th. Febry. last — You had so many important Affairs to settle concerning the departure of your Ships for Europe, that I thought it advisable to postpone my further Applications to you to a more convenient Time & now take the earliest opportunity to assume this Business —

(2) I can see by this answer that you are sensible that by the Capitulation all the persons employed in his most Christian Majesty's Service were to be subsisted at the Expence of the Government of Madras until proper passages could be provided to transport them to Europe or the Mauritius —

(3) You observe also that Mr. Chevreau Intendant of Pondicherry, having preferred to be sent with the King's Servants to the latter place, Vessels were accordingly provided at a great Expence & that the Luconia in the Month of October was ordered for the same purpose to Pondicherry to take in as many as she could contain: But tho' it had been offered to every one in his turn to embark on board the same Vessel, those who have since signed an Address to your Board, declined it & thereby relinquished all Claim to future allowances —

(4) To this first Paragraph I have the honor to answer that the Luconia has indeed been provided & sent to Pondicherry to take in & transport to the Mauritius as many of the said Persons as she could receive, & that it was offered to every one in turn to embark: But in what manner has this Offer been made? They have been ordered to embark without their Wives and

and Children ~

(5) You'll scarcely believe that such an order has been intimated under the Sanction of your Name; For my part, the high Notion I entertain of your humane & generous Sentiments, makes me sensible that you never gave such Orders — These were however the very Words that were made use of by Mr. Chase, Brigade Major, when he proposed to the Persons, who have signed the address to embark? but it was not in their power to accept such an Offer, they could not (by the Terms of the Address) without injuring the first Laws of Nature & Duty, leave at Pondicherry (which has now no more Communication with the Mauritius) their Wives & Children, destitute of all means of Subsisting, without being able to give them the least Assistance, & consequently exposed to sink under the Burthen of their Distress ~

(6) On the other side, it is a positive Fact, the Truth of which can be ascertained to you by the Captain of the Luconia, who is now in this place, that he could receive no more Passengers on Board than he had taken in, & those who have been left behind, were therefore entitled to the Continuance of their Allowances, since there was no room to admit of their embarking ~

(7) In order to enforce their Petition, those, who have signed the address, have represented to You, that there are many instances of reimbursements made in such Cases, during several Wars & among all Nations ~ To which you are pleased to

object that in the last War, though your Company had advanced large Sums of Money for the Subsistance of the French Officers, Soldiers & others, who had fallen into your Hands, nevertheless their repeated applications for the Reimbursement of those Sums were fruitless. I take not on me to answer this Observation; but as far as I can remember, I think that there arose great Debates about this Subject between both Companies, the French Company pretending that the said Advance ought to be compensated by other Objects: However I'm fully satisfied that his Most Christian Majesty, under whose immediate Dominion in India the French Settlements were, when they fell lastly into your Hands, will punctually reimburse any Sums that may be advanced for the relief of his Subjects ~

(8) It is asked why the different persons mentioned in the Address, who are deprived of all resources whether in the Isle of France, or in France, have not received some relief from the Government of the Islands, when the Cartel Ship the Success Galley returned from thence, & that it is not reasonable to expect, that after these Persons have been neglected by our own Government, they should become a Burthen upon Yours ~

(9) In answer to which I beg leave to observe, that when the Success Galley was sent to the Mauritius, the Allowance of all the Persons employed in his Most Christian Majesty's Service, were regularly paid & that the Government of the Islands

Islands, according to the Terms of the Capitulation were fully persuaded that the payment thereof would be Continued untill those Persons & their Families could be provided with Vessels to transport them to Europe or to the Mauritius, & there was therefore at that time no reason to make any application for their relief to the said Government; But after the Departure of the Luconia, those persons as well as some other Families who were entitled by the Capitulation to no Subsistance, having applied to the said Government, I understand that those who claim their Title to a Subsistance from the Capitulation have been recommended to you by the Chiefs of the Islands after they had been informed that the Luconia could contain no more Passengers than what she had taken in; at the same Time they have sent me some Assistance for the Others, with strong Assurances of further Succours —

These Paternal Cares are quite contrary to the Neglect implied by the Answer —

(10) The Acts of Benevolence You have exercised in behalf of the Inhabitants of Pondicherry mentioned in the said Answer are very true & known by every one, & those Inhabitants cannot but entertain & express the highest Notion of Gratitude for them. But I am very sorry to find your contrasting this Noble Behaviour of yours with the bad Treatment, You are told, the English Prisoners have met with at the French Islands — The Sentiments of Honor & Generosity, which

whole World, are the Characteristic of the French Nation, Who is a strict Observer of the rights of Nations, War, & Nature — these Sentiments, I say which the Viscount of Souillac, Governor of the Islands possesses in a high degree, leave no room to doubt that you have been misinformed in this respect —

Recapitulation & Conclusion.

(11) By the Capitulation all the Persons employed in the Civil Service of his most Christian Majesty are to be subsisted by the Government of Madras untill Vessels are provided to transport them to Mauritius or to France — The Lists & Accounts for that purpose have been settled by Your honourable Board together with Messrs. de Bellecombe & Cheveraux —

(12) In the Month of October 1779 You fitted out the Luconia in order to transport to the Mauritius as many persons as she could contain. Twenty four took their passage on board this Vessel, no more could be taken in — This is a Fact past Conviction; Which was however not taken notice of when the Subsistance of those who remained, was discontinued —

(13) You were on the other hand induced to stop the payment of the Subsistance, because when it was proposed to every one to embark on board the Luconia, they declined it, to which they were compelled not alone on the Account of the Capaciousness of this Vessel, but principally because they were told that their

Wives

& Children should not be allowed to go along with them & they chose rather to expose themselves to the Loss of their Monthly allowance, how necessary soever it was to their maintenance, than to abandon their unhappy Family to the Horrors of Famine & Distress. I repeat it, they were ordered to embark without their Families, though this Circumstance is not come to your Knowledge

(14) But now that you are informed Honble Sir & Sirs, that this barbarous Order which you have never given & which you disapprove, has been the chief Motive that caused them to decline embarking, & since you are convinced that the Luconia could contain no more passengers than those she transported to the Mauritius, & by which it appears that they have a just Claim to their Allowance being continued to them agreeable to the promise made in the Capitulation, I am persuaded Youll comply with their Petition, and direct the immediate Payment thereof from the Day it has been discontinued. They confide in your Justice & distinguished Sentiments on which they rely & ground their hopes of meeting with speedy relief on the Premises

I have the Honor to be most respectfully

Honble Sr & Sirs

Your most obedient Humble Servant

Madras
15th. April 1780

Minute — Enquiring to be made in the subject of the above Letter.

As Mr. Piveron has so positively asserted that the Luconia, was not capable of receiving more Passengers, than she actually had on board; It is resolved that the Master Attendant & Capt. Patch, be called upon to state precisely the Number, she was able to accommodate & that the Commanding Officer of Pondicherry, be written to in consequence, of what Mr. Piveron has said relative to the intimation, given by Mr. Chase, the Brigade Major of that Cantonment

Read the following Letter from Mr. Piveron —

To The Honble John Whitehill Esq.
President &c. &c. & Select Committee
of Fort St. George —

From Mr. Piveron. on the subject of the Pension being stopped.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In my Letter of the 15th. Instant I applied to your Honourable Board touching the Discontinuation of the Subsistance allowed by the Capitulation to the different Persons heretofore employed in the civil Service of his Most Christian Majesty; which were to be paid them untill they could be transported to France or the Mauritius. I now beg leave to apply to you equally touching some particular allowances of another kind, which were also Discontinued, without its being taken Notice of that by a particular Treaty with Mr. Bellecombe & Cheveran, You had engaged your Self-

to pay them without Interruption, according to the List of which I enclose a Copy in order to be better understood

(2) The Persons mentioned in that List, are ancient Servants, whose Services have been recompensed by Pensions from the King & Widows whose Husbands are Deceased in his Most Christian Majesty's Service; And it terminated by a Sum of Three Hundred & Thirty Eight Rupees proceeding from the Monthly Interest of a Capital one Mr. Ballieu bequeathed to the poor Widows & Orphans of Pondicherry, & was to be distributed every Month by the President of the Superior Council of Pondicherry, the Attorney General & the Curate; The said Capital agreable to the Terms of the Bequeath has been laid out in the King's Treasury — This Charity has accordingly been distributed among Eighty Persons, as you'll perceive by the Repartition List —

(3) The miserable Situation of these People having Sensibly affected Messrs. De Bellecombe & Chiverau after the Surrender of Pondicherry, & being willing to secure the payment of their allowance during the Time of the absence of the French Nation in India. They applied to your Honble Board requesting you to make the necessary Advances for that purpose, which request you granted —, but upon Condition that they should personally oblige themselves for better Security of the Reimbursement of the Sum so

advanced — They have accordingly signed a formal Bond, by which if they are on the one Side obliged to reimburse the Sum thus advanced, You have on the other, engaged your selves to pay them punctually —

(4) The greatest part of these allowances have been to this Time regularly paid; But by a Mistake Messrs. Cabace & D. Heredieres Allowances & the aforesaid Sum of Three Hundred & thirty eight Rupees Destined to the Relief of Eighty poor Persons has been discontinued though these Objects are included in the same List —

(5) I am confident that as soon as you will please to take take Notice of this Reciprocal Bond of Your's & Messrs. Bellecombe & Cheveau, & satisfy yourselves that the abovementioned Objects, (the payment of which has been discontinued) are included in it. You will be pleased to Direct the payment thereof, from the Day it has been discontinued — It is an Act of Justice, the Equitable Sentiments by which you are actuated will I hope induce you to grant my Request in behalf of the Distressed,

I have the honor to be most respectfully
Honble Lord Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Peveron de Morlai

Madras
15th April 1780

Agreed that the Records be examined to see whether what Mr. Peveron asserts, be true, in order that the necessary Orders may be given in consequence.

Records to be searched & Minutes taken

Pensions

Pensions and Subsistances which are to be paid by the English Company, the Amount of which is to be reimburced by his Most Christian Majesty, in consequence of the Bond signed & Delivered by Messrs de Belle Combe & Chevreau to the Select Committee of Madras

	Officers Widows & others	Veterans & Invalids
	Mrs Bourut	Biche
	" Clerot	Mallet
	" Willeme	Jacquet
	" L'abbé	Lipreux
	" Laroque	Jansin
Discontinued	Mr Cabau	Jardinet
	Paradis	Galleux
Discontinued	Mrs D'herrilliers	Patin
	Colonia	Bagot
	Cardin	La Caroche
	Meder,	La Hubilité
	Gallimet	Mignot
	Cornet	St. Medare
	Marechaure,	La Fond,
	Mainville,	St. Sauveur
	Bunier	Guillaume Emery
	Decamps	La Force
	Dr Entier	La Harpe
	Buret	Beauvillain
	Lebon	L'Oiseau
	Eveillard	Le Grand
	Boucher	Doseveze

Adenet	Blondet
St. Lew	Garandel
Duclos	Velsenhauze
Coulent	Caran
Coppe	La Vinois
Grenoble	Baptiste Lenge
Montaubar	Brindamour
La Teinture	ancien Conseiller
Brindamour	Caffres
Sauvage,	Francois
La Ramée	Grand Louis
La Noie	Silve
Mallet	Cotte
Vallet	Louis,
Renaud	Petrus
Noel	Socolla,
Mr Dandrés	Invalids Widows
Vitré	widow Guillon,
La Poterie	" Jacques Paquette
Barjon	Invalid Popasses & Widows
Gosin	
La Fleur	Widow la Corrone
Beavais dit Bradon	Laurent,
De Guerse	La Pierre
Soliman dit la Verdure	Augustin Esperance
Menessier	Nicolas Abraham
Pilatro	Andre Joseph
Tailer	Manuel de Creux
Durup	Thomas de Monte
Gallop	Jean Abraham

Nicolas Manas — Anne Dias, widow
Antonia, widow — Francoin Dureyr, Widow

Discontinued, To the Padry Sebastian for the Bequest of Mr. Ballieu, rupees 338

List of the Alms Distributed among the Widows & Orphans of Pondicherry proceeding from the Bequest of Mr. Ballieu

	Widow Yon	20	Widow Du Vrere — 4
	... Noblot ...	15	.. Du hoche — 4
	... Launay ...	15	.. De kuide — 4
December	... Chaufour ...	9	.. Chevalier — 4
1779	The two Orphans Charbeau	8	.. Bellais — 4
	Widow St. Nom	6	.. Madré — 4
	Orphan Manes ...	6	.. Tournay — 4
	Widow Damois	6	.. Le Tebure — 4
	— Guibache	6	The Orphan St. Florentin 3
	St. Charles Guine	5	Widow Dalmeide 3
	Widow St. Bernard	5	.. Le couture — 3
	— Breche ..	5	.. Dacosta — 3
	— Adelot du Roche	5	.. Gaillard — 3
	Two Orphans Lerognon	5	.. Melikan — 3
	Widow Brunes	5	.. Bataille — 3
	— Maussué	5	.. Bethi Geneve 3
	Correa	5	Orphan Rencontre 3
	Soullet ...	4	Widow Dulartre — 3
	Poupon —	4	.. Sandré — 3
	.. Cambray —	4	Orphan Petre — 3
	St. Pierre	4	

	Widow Flore. —	3	Brought over 294
	Two Orphans Barclas	3	Widow Castel — 3
	Orphan Lakive —	3	.. Remande — 3
	Widow Maria Dubois	3	.. Blanchette — 3
	— L'Escaut —	3	.. Lubée — 3
	.. Provençal —	3	.. Carlier — 3
	.. Born —	3	.. Jason — 3
	.. Jacob Petre —	3	Widow Parasol — 3
	.. Livel —	3	.. St. Menard 3
	Orphan Francoise Mollet	3	.. L'Epine — 3
	Widow Geroflée —	3	.. L'Etot — 3
	— Vilaine —	3	Orphan Debiare — 3
	.. Marchand —	3	Widow Chevreu — 3
	.. Cleson —	3	.. Vibé — 3 3/3
	.. Avene —	3	Total 341
	.. Lebrun —	3	Widow Pobeur — 3
	.. St. Jacquet —	3	344
	— Martin —	3	
	Orphan St. Francois —	3	I the underwritten
	Widow Picard —	3	declare the above List
	.. La Folie —	3	to be true —
	— La Verdure —	3	S. Sebastien,
	— Dubois Laviel —	3	Capuchin of Vicars —
	— Fontaine —	3	Riveron de Morlai
	.. Brechel —	3	Attorney General
	— Trebon —	3	
	.. Hubert Toussaint —	3	
	.. La Borguerie —	3	
	Carried over	249	

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Read the following Letter from

Mons.r Pveron

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r

President &c.a &c.a &c.a Select Committee,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mons.r Pveron complaining of the Interference of the Commandant at Tanjore at Pondichery — and regarding Justice to be administered to the Inhabitants —

Having by my Letters of the 14th & 15th Inst. to your Honourable Board claimed your Justice in favour of several Frenchmen for the recovery of their Subsistance, I now beg leave to claim it also for the following Objects, which are of equal Concern as well to the French as to the Malabar Inhabitants of Pondicherry —

(2) These Inhabitants having by the total Destruction of Pondicherry in 1761, lost their Houses & the greatest part of their Moveables, were obliged, when this place was re-established in 1765 to contract Debts in order to rebuild their Houses — They had scarcely retrieved a part of their Losses, when their Houses in the Fort were again Damaged by the last Siege; And those with their Gardens situated in the Precints were entirely demolished; & thus by a Complication of Disasters, they find themselves incapacitated for a long while to clear their former Debts — (3) Sensible of their unhappy Situation, the equitable Col.l Baillie Declined, during the whole time, he commanded to interfere in any ancient Affair [illegible]

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silence those, who by a Spirit of Chicanery, were willing to Disturb the public Tranquillity. But as soon, as he had left the Command, the reign of the Dubashes commenced — These wicked & insatiable people abusing the Trust reposed in them by their Masters gave way to their iniquitous Views by reviving among the Malabars ancient Law Suits in order to establish their own Benefit upon the Public Calamities —

(4) Two Relations of one Vanapa Chetty who pretended to force him to make a partition of his Goods, though it was proved that the partition they Petitioned for, had been made eighty Years before, viz. in the Year 1701, applied for that purpose to Col.l Baillie, who had settled this Matter. But Col.l Brown's Dubash having been promised a Sum of Money by the said Relations revived this affair again, when his Master Commanded & protected them against the said Vanapa Chitty; After Col.l Brown's Departure, Mr. Quate's, Brigade Mayor, Dubash took this Affair immediately into his hands, he was also actuated by the Sum promised, which at the same time allured Major Marcell's Dubash; These two Dubashes pretended both of them to judge the Matter; there arose a Contest between them on this Occasion, & Vanapa Chetty in these Circumstances with Reason looked upon himself as a Booty, which two wild Beasts contended for, uncertain into whose rapacious Hands he should fall being in equal Dread of both. But Major Marcell being then the Commanding Officer his Dubash prevail

prevailed, but being at the same time obliged to set out for this Settlement, Major Chase's Dubash resumed the Business with the same eagerness, till at last Mr. Amatrice, informed of these transactions sent for the said Ponapa Chitty, who is his Merchant, & prevented him by this Step from becoming a Victim to this piece of iniquity. This Man is now here implores your Justice & Protection.

(5) To this first act of tyranny I shall add another concerning one Nilla Chitty, an ancient inhabitant of the same place, who was forced out of his house at Eleven at Night by Peons & Seapoys & brought before Major Marcell's Dubash by his own proxy Order, where he was accused of having been an Accomplice in an Affair, finally Decided by Colo. Baillie, though he had never been accused of it before. There he was abused in the vilest manner & flogged by this Dubash, & from thence carried to Gaol, where he remained for some time, & was upon the point of being flogged in the public Market, If I had not informed Major Marcell of this Oppression & the infamous Behaviour of his Dubash, upon which he set this Man at Liberty.

(6) Some other Malabars accused by this Dubash, without more Reason than the said Nilla Chitty, & concerning the same affair, which had been judged by Colo. Baillie, were treated with equal Violence, kept in Prison a long while & condemned by him to be flogged in the public Market the Day before his Master Departed for

this place; this Sentence was to be carried into Execution, but all the Malabars going to Major Marcell and complaining of this piece of injustice after having informed him of the innocence of the accused, obtained their Liberty.

(7) There are many Instances of Affairs of this kind, which though they had been formerly Decided by the French Tribunals, were reversed by these Dubashes, which it would be too tedious to relate. Houses are sold every day for the eighth part of their Value at the prosecution of the Creditors, pushed on it by the interested views of these Dubashes, though they well know the incapacity of the Proprietors to clear their Debts on account of their ruinous Circumstances.

(8) On the other side the Proprietors of the Lands are often deprived by the Farmers of the Water necessary for the watering of their Grounds which of course cannot be cultivated, yet the Rents of which they are nevertheless obliged to pay. There are some others who have been stript of their very Lands, though they had been granted them by concessions from the French Government, & authentic Titles thereto, which are in their possession.

(9) With respect to the Europeans. The Son of an honest Inhabitant of a low Station has been publicly flogged by Peons for a slight Fault & consequently, according to the prejudices of our Nation, for ever Dishonoured on account of this punishment, which is only inflicted on Slaves & black People. An

(10) An officer in a public Station at Pondicherry has threatened an European to get him & his wife flogged throughout all the Streets & to turn them afterwards out of the Town, without any other reason than that this European, who had first claimed his Authority to be put in possession of a House belonging to him having failed in his Address applied to Major Nilson then Commanding Officer who granted him his Request

(11) We have newly seen a Lawyer obtain a Decree from the Mayor's Court of Madras in Order to apprehend an ancient Member of the Superior Council of Pondicherry; he sent a Bailiff, who carried this Decree in Execution in the very Streets of Pondicherry & who would have ignominously brought his Prisoner to this Settlement, had not the Commanding Officer apposed his Design as being contrary to the Laws of England

(12) There are Officers who after having hired Houses for fifty Rupees proposed afterwards only five Pagodas to the Owners, alledging that they got no more of the Company for that purpose, & upon the Refusal of the Owners, they left the Houses after having spoiled them.

(13) Other Officers remain in spight of the Owners Teeth in the Houses rented them at a fixed price, & only pay whatever Rent they please; Some have hired Gardens, the Fruits & Benefits

of which they were authorized to enjoy, provided they should put them in Repair; & though they have not stood to their agreement, they continue nevertheless in the possession of them to the utter ruin of the Owners, who have applied in vain to the Commanding Officers

(14) All the English Laws are directly opposite to those Arbitrary & blameable proceedings, Two extracts whereof will be sufficient to convince it

(15) The first is taken from the Collection of Peter Williams Tom the 2d., Page the 75th on the different Decisions of the Court of Chancery in the Year 1722, when it was Decided by the Lords of his Majesty privy Council, That his Britannic Majesty has a Right to impose whatever Laws he pleases over a Conquered People; But until His Majesty makes known his pleasure, in the interim, the People ought to be judged according to their own Laws, provided they are not contrary to Religion, & they Contain nothing bad in themselves

(16) The second is taken from the Regulations of the Kings Bench worded by William Salkeld, who says, page 412, That the Laws of a Conquered Country cease not to be in Vigour by the Conquest gained over it by his Britannic Majesty's Servants, But that in the Cases only where these Laws should be contrary to the Divine Law or should not speak at all; The conquered Country ought to be governed by the Laws of Natural

natural Equity

(17) The inhabitants of Pondicherry are at Liberty by the Capitulation to remove wherever they think proper, & those who remain in this place can be imposed such Laws as it pleases his Britannic Majesty, but untill new Laws are promulgated in this manner the said Inhabitants ought to be governed according to the French Laws. and the ancient Malabars agreeable to their former Regulations —

(18) Now what would be the Consequence according to the French Laws of the strange Transactions I have mentioned, & of many others of the same Nature, which Daily happen at Pondicherry & which it would be too tedious to enumerate here — They are very severe in these Circumstances.

(19) Such is however the miserable Condition of the unfortunate Inhabitants of Pondicherry, both French & Malabars; were they not sufficiently punished by the Losses they suffered by the Events of the War without having continually the Dread to see their Honor exposed by the Brutality of the one, the remains of their Fortunes usurped by the Covetousness & the Iniquity of the others —

(20) In this sad perplexity they implore the Assistance of your honourable Board & lay before you their Complaints, which they are —

are no longer able to withhold: You are known to them only by Your repeated Acts of Beneficence & Humanity; They beseech You in this Circumstance which is worthy of Your Justice to free them from the Oppression under which they now Labour.

First in making express prohibitions to all whom it may concern to interfere no longer in the affairs of the French & Malabar Inhabitants of Pondicherry which are relative to the Contracts & Bonds they have signed previous to the Date of the 18th Octo. 1779, or which concern any Claim whatsoever antecedent to the said Date —

(2d) In prohibiting equally under rigorous Pains to the Dubashes, these Covetous & cruel Tyrants of the Malabars to interfere in any affairs whatsoever, new or ancient, concerning their people —

3d In giving Orders to the Farmers to trouble no more the Cultivators in the possession of their Lands, & to grant them the quantity of Water of the great Tank they are entitled to for the watering of their Lands —

4th In giving also strict Orders to inflict no Disgraceful & ignominious punishment on the Europeans of a low Degree for the Redress of Grievances, which are not of a Criminal Nature.

5th In directing the Officers mentioned in the premises to quit the Houses & Gardens which they occupy against the Consent of the Owners

Owners, unless they fulfill the Conditions they were agreed upon with them ~

It will remain afterwards to your Honourable Board to establish in Consequence of the Laws of Great Britain aforementioned a Distributive Justice to settle the affairs of the French which are posterior to the Surrender of Pondicherry according to their own Laws until His Britannic Majesty will be pleased to give them others; & the affairs of the ancient Malabars of the same place agreeable to their former Regulations ~

Then to the Tyrannical Anarchy which at present reigns in this City will succeed the Welfare & Tranquillity of its Inhabitants who in experimenting the benefit of your Protection in this Circumstance will for ever profess the most sincere Acknowledgment for your repeated favours & acts of Beneficence,

I have the Honor to be most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient &
most humble Servant,
Piveron de Morlai.

Madras
16th April 1760 ~

Ordered that a Copy of this Letter be sent to Col. Braithwaite, in order that he may make enquiry into the Complaints alleged by Mr. Piveron, and as the several Propositions mentioned

Minute
Copy of the above to be sent to Col. Braithwaite.
2 Permit to be complied with.

mentioned by Mr. Piveron, (except the 3d. which cannot be admitted) appear very reasonable, It is Resolved that they be recommended to Colonel Braithwaite & complied with as far as circumstances will permit ~

Read the following Letter from Bombay ~

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

from Bombay inclosing a Copy of a Letter to Major Colgrave.

Gentlemen,

As it is not impossible but the Troubles at Pellicherry may prevent Major Colgrave from quitting that Settlement before the Rains. We request for the good of the Service & to prevent the Confusion and Embarrassment, which will continue to subsist, whilst he has the Sanction of Your Orders for withdrawing from a Disagreeable Station to a more eligible Service, that You will revoke Your Orders for his proceeding to join the Detachment under Colonel Brown & put him under the Orders of this Government, assuring You that We will expedite his Junction with Colonel Brown as soon as Circumstances will permit of it being done with any Degree of Propriety. ~

Enclosed is Copy of a Letter We lately found it necessary to write to Major Colgrave

Fort St George 15th May 1780

Colgrave, whose subsequent Conduct has encreased the Necessity of the measure We have above recommended to you.

The Interruption to our Communication with the Continent in Consequence of the Rupture with the Maharattas having caused a most alarming Scarcity of Grain in this Island, We earnestly request You will, if possible, supply Us with twenty or thirty thousand Bags of Rice as early as You may be able after Receipt hereof, Dispatching the Vessels on which you may lade it by the Southern Passage in which Case a Supply will arrive in time to be of the most essential Service to this Settlement & prevent much Distress.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Wm Hornby
D Draper.

Bombay Castle
5th April 1780

To Major Colgrave

Select Committee.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 21st January, and should have been very glad, had Circumstances permitted of your quitting Tellicherry with the European Detachment in

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Bombay Castle
6th April 1780

To Major Colgrave

Select Committee.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 21st January, and should have been very glad, had Circumstances permitted of your quitting Tellicherry with the European Detachment in order.