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Copy of the Answer to the foregoing Letter

Trichenopoly 25 April 1756

Sir

I have been honor'd with your Letter dated
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Pagodas
Nabob
Sir

I am Sir &c.

(Sign'd) J. Caillaud

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Rao is very
of any further Disagreeable concerning the Deduction
demanded on Account of that District
Middle from the Rent for Tenants

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Calcondavie March The King has left his Capital for a
Tour of three Months He is now at Fedarmeen on the Sea
Coast

Inclosed is the Translation of a Letter
receivd from the French Commissary at Seringham with
the Copy of my Answer, Regarding to which I shall not
send wait your further Orders. I am with the greatest
Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient & faithfull Servant

Jos Cuthbert

Translation of a Letter from the Commissary of the French Troops
at Seringham

24 April 1756

Sir

As Commissary of the French Troops in the
Carnatic I am injoind by M. D. [illegible]
to communicate to the [illegible]
the Cap[illegible]
[illegible] That ge[illegible]
Cuddalore formerly Held and Now in Possession of
which are there and also to the Account of
be paid [illegible]
[illegible]

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Regulation propos'd by the Commissary of the Prisoners at Tyrinkam for the Subsistence of the Prisoners of Exchange only; we felt great Inconveniences during the Year from the Surmising those same Prisoners made Use of Rice at a time when our own People were in great want of Provisions. The French have for above a fortnight past taken care themselves to find Provisions for their Prisoners. It cannot therefore be difficult for them to continue to do it, and it is on all accounts advisable for us to keep them to that Method. Agreed therefore to direct Captain Caillaud not to admit any new Regulation concerning the Prisoners

Two Letters from Captain Lovedon one to the Honble George Pigot Esqr

Honble Sir

From the daily accounts I receive from Nabob some time past, I flatter'd myself I should have the honor ere this of informing you that every thing had been settled between him and Mundaz ally Cawn to your Satisfaction, on waiting on the Nabob this morning he tells me he has lost all hopes of an Accommodation, that a Letter from Velour the Killadar denies Authorizing any person to treat on this Subject, and disapproves what has been done; on the contrary the Nabob says Person he sent was his proper Vackeel and that it was by his own orders employ'd to go

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That the Killedar only intended to bufs is probable, as he has all along kept up a close Correspondence with Mr Leycrit, My Hircarras has this Information from his who were together on Pondichery, and it is certain He has taken into his Service a considerable Addition of Horse & Sepoys many of which were discharged by the Nabob, I am credibly informed by the Seicars that within this Fortnight he has taken into pay 700 new Horse and 1000 Sepoys or Coss 300 of which have European Arms

Thus matters the Nabob desired to know my sentiments whether if the Army moved from Arcot, there sepoys were employed in taking care of the Elder Begums would be left there; I told him that entirely depended on the Instructions you was pleas'd to give, and that it was necessary he should address you if he was in want of them, He told me he did not forget his Interest to keep the peace without our Assistance that would be of Service to him as it was not in his power taking in new ones, and they would naturally go where they were assured of the best Pay, the enclosed Letter the Nabob tells me will explain the Situation of his Affairs more particularly.

I am Most respectfully Honrs &c

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entirely broke with the Nabob it is very probable [illegible]
attempt the Recovery of his Forts and Villages, the [illegible]
represented by the Inhabitants to be very defenceless [illegible]
therefore be glad you would get me to honour me with your
Orders, how far you approve of my supporting Vizagapatam in
case of necessity, by any further Detachments from hence

I have been with Lieutenant Lindsay and
Quarter Master Rumbold to examine the Sick and Hurt
Camp Equipage; a State of both I have the honour to enclose
you and am, Honble Sir, with the greatest Respect

Your most Obliged most obed & humble Servant

Wilson Kt

Accot
26th April 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
President and Govr &c Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received the honor of your Letter of
the 21st Instant also the Names ordained for, agreeable to the
List sent up by Mr Lynch; and as soon as I can collect the
Men from the Topaze company &c on the Island Detach-
ments to be exchanged for those taken from the Battalion I will
send down all that are remaining sick

As I found Mr Maltby was re-
luctant Upon issuing out Powder & Money to pay
Salary for, I sent for Narrain to give me a particular

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Account of what expectations he had to get the remainder of the
2000 Pagodas, and if there was any probability of Bomma-
raiza paying the 7000 Rupees, in answer to the first he
says Mer Maloney meets with great obstruction in
collecting the Grain and finds it very difficult to get it. He
but still thinks the Company may be in hopes of receiving the
Remainder in ten days more with the Money now paid by
Narang, the Sum received from Mer Maloney is 5000
Pettyput Pagodas, and 110 from Bommaraiza on account of
the Sepoys Batta, who wrote me he would pay the Ballance
as soon as I sent the Account. I have yet received no
Answer to it, or index to any Letter I wrote him Inclos-
Narang also is of Opinion he will not discharged the Sepoys
Note I should therefore be glad to be honord with your
Instructions whether or no you would have me recall Serj.
and the Sepoys as soon as Mer Maloney has paid in his
April 1756. Account. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sirs

Your most Obliged and most Obedient Hble Servant

G Pelham Sec

army

Number

By the Report of Captain Lee and the
Quarter Masters it appearing that all the Field Pieces
in Camp are much worn by the long Service they have
done, and is very necessary above all things that the Army
should be provided with a good Artillery it is Agreed
that four new Brass Six Pounders be sent from hence
that Captain Lee be directed to dispatch the Sloop

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I Buttocks necessary to transport them and
them to return with the Field Piece that are now
Army except one three Pounder which is Ordered
to Encamp with forty Rounds of Ammunition in
compliance with the Instant transmitted by Capt Young
for Horse necessary to secure that Work against a Sorprize
Order'd also that the other Artificers of the Said Artillery
be Employed from thence

In answer to the other Parts of Capt Lord
foregoing Letter It is Agreed to direct him to make use
of the Force under his Command to secure the Pagoda Cattle
taken from the Poppulations of Velore against any Attempts
Mustazally Cawn or any make for the Recovery of them
and to use his best endeavors to get the Money due to the
Company from the Velore Zemindar by sending a
a more peremptory Demand and using such other mea
as he shall think mo proper to enforce the said Demand

To
Letter from the Commissioners at Madavan
begun dated the 2d and 3d Instant read as order'd
N° 19 & 20 on the Book of their Proceedings, setting
forth divers Excesses committed in the Country Districts
by the French Troops in the Last encreased their
Number of Sepoys near one Thousand, for Preven
them on every Villa preventing by open Force the
Grain from being ca and introducing into the

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Innovations particularly the Fact mentioned in the Letter N° 20
by which we find that on the 29th and 30th Ult. May 64 pags
by force three hundred Bullocks laden with Grain for
Pondichery Viz. the Villages of Padoy in Place of the Pondich
Districts without Suffering them to pay the usual Duties
for Custom which was regularly demanded by our Amildar.

From such a Conduct it may be concluded that
the French are resolved to proceed no further on the amicable
Discussion of our respective Pretensions. It is therefore unanimously
and unanimously Resolved to direct our Commissaries to
attend to the Preservation of our Authority over the Pondich
Districts in the best manner they are able with the Force
they have.

Two Letters from Mr Drake at Vizagapatam
read as follow

To the Honble George Pigot Esq
Vice President & the Select Committee

Honble

Instant with
a Cowle
Your Commands
obey'd, as
best defence

I am honour'd with your favor of the 4th
ult. Letter for the next Station &
Commanders of English Ships or Pacquets
in regard to both shall be very strictly
the Fort be immediately put into the
best
have not the least Concern of
and but very few

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of which comes enclosed, wrote against each Article, the Number or respective Sums, Also comes enclosed a Letter from Jaffier Cawn to me with the underwritten particulars, accompanied with Indents of Artillery and Quarter Masters Stores which he thinks absolutely necessary.

I have already sent to enquire what Rice and Paddy and Rice there is now in these Bounds and shall endeavor to purchase the whole as soon as possible at the cheapest Rate, if not sufficient I shall strive to get it elsewhere- and as a Supply of Cash will be immediately necessary I have wrote to the Gentlemen at St. David for a Supply of four thousand Pagodas or more if they can well spare it

As fast as the Paddy comes in, it shall be lodged in the Fort in heaps agreeable to the manner you direct. I think it not amiss to acquaint you that the Commandant of Chittumbrum has already laid on a Supply of upwards of four hundred Garce and has orders to make more to be laid on as soon as possible - I am also informed that this Grain is the produce of their own Bounds but as our Limits do not produce anything near that Quantity, I should be glad you would favor me with your Orders how much you would have me lay in

As soon as the Troops from Trichinopoly arrive, they shall be kept in readiness to move at a moments warning as you are pleased to direct - I am with the utmost Respect Honble Sir Your

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Per Catch Wyay Agent 56. Your most Obedient, and Most Humble Servant

Pierre Come Pouke.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
&c &c &c Governor of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I Inclose my address to you and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee, I have enquired what quantity of Cadjan there is in these Bounds and find there is about a hundred Garat, as to Rice there is not a Grain. I sent for the Renters Agent & endeavoured what I could to purchase the whole of him but he had positive Orders not to sell it till the latter End of next Month, however if I would consent to give him forty five 65 Pagodas a Garat he would venture to sell it me, which he told me was less than he should get for it if he had it a short time, but as that is above ten Pagodas more than the Market Price I could not think of purchasing it of him, but agreed to refer it to your Honor & Board with Messrs Orme and Smith at Madras which I hope will meet with your approbation, In the mean time I have ordered it to be brought into the Fort as soon as possible and have bespoke a quantity of other things necessary for the use and support of the Garrison

The Troops from Tuticorin are not as yet arrived, nor have I had any news of them but I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs

Your

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Dove Cotah
24 April 1756

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Dansonne Wacke

P.S. I think it but proper to acquaint you that the Market Price of our Bazar is no Standard Price for Corn because the quantity that is sold is very small, from fifteen to Twenty Pagodas a day, and that procur'd with some difficulty.

Agreed that the Store of Grain for Dove Cotah be one hundred Garce of Paddy and that the Corn be settled with the Renters here. Mr Smith having returned from Dove Cotah and able to furnish sufficient Proof against Captain Speare upon the Matters mentioned in Committee the 12th and 26th January Agreed that he be Embarked up to Madras and that Lieutenant Home who is return'd in very good Health, and is besides qualified in some measure as an Engineer be sent to Dove Cotah in his Stead; that the several Indents accompanying the Duke's Letter be refer'd to his Inspection, and that Mr Engineer Call to accompany him from Fort St David to Dove Cotah in order that they may jointly take a State of the Survey of the Fort, and report to us what is necessary to be done for its immediate Defence.

It appearing by the Fort St David Cash books for the last Month that the Casualties are not paid at the Fort in the manner directed by the Militia Regulation

Agreed that it be remanded to Mr Starke in order

that

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That he may dowel the Paymaster to be more carefull in future, And it being mentiond in a private Letter from Mr Starke to the President that Some of our Men who have Deserted lately are entertained in the Service of Pondichery contrary to the Articles of the Cartel it is Order'd that particular Enquiry be made into the Circumstances of that Fact, what are the Men's Names, when they deserted and from what Place, after which a regular Complaint may be sent Mr De Leyrit

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Letter from Captain Peter Vaux accompanying a French Deserter who came lately to Chingleput and who has already been Deserted from the French and been returned since the Cartel Agreed nevertheless that Notice be given to Mr De Leyrit that he may send a Guard to receive him.

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Letter from the Dutch Secretary in the Country Correspondence N°101 Read advising that he has recd the Tribute due from the Dutch at Porto Novo for the Year of Phasely 1165 (the present year) being Chuckrams 5162.8 which is equal to Fortonova Pagodas 1067 1/2 the half 2 1/2 Cent Discount, Current Pagodas 1040 Remains at eight hundred and ninety Seven, sixty three Cazeas and fifty one Cash 897:93:51

Deduct the Premium for the Bill 1/8 per Cent 12:38.

Current Pags 4830:11:13

to be sent Letter by Batavia Brahmadesam Packet

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or House for account the Company

Order'd that Report be made to the President and Council of the Receipt of the said Bill that they may give Directions concerning it

Being inform'd that a large Quantity of Gunpowder was taken at Surra it is Agreed to write to the President and Select Committee of Bombay to request they will send us in the Month of August as large a Quantity of that if it be good if not of any other they can Spare as they can send Conveyance for — And as by the Packing Lists not arriving we are disappointed of the Assortment as by Law it is further Agreed to desire the Gentlemen of Bombay to Supply us with as many as they can pro of the Boys Twelve Pounders and Six Pounders Last Year

Geo. Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bourne
Robert Orme
Wm. Monckton
Wm. Fordyce
Rob. Clerk

Bombay

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Sent the following Letter to the Select Committee at Bombay
Richard Starke Esq. Capt. Cadman, Mr Dawsonne
Drake and Captain Lee pursuant to the Resolutions
of the foregoing Consultn

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq. President & Governor.
& the Gentlemen of the Select Committee at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We request the favor you will send us in the
Month of August as much of the Cowries taken at Tellicherry if
it be good as you can send Conveyance for; If that is not
from your own Stores.

And as we are disappointed of the Gold
Pagodas intended us by the Dodington we are also to desire
you will send us as many as you can Spare of the Europe
Six Pounders and Twelve Pounders you received last Year.

His Majesty's Ship Bridgewater arrived
here the 28th April We have not received any remarkable
Advices since we had the honor of addressing you the
7th May 1756. We are Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bromley
W. Pocock Coll. Orme
R. Peirth. H. Mayne

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To Richard Mascke Esqr
Deputy Governor at Fort St David

Sir

Upon Examination of the Pay Rolls of your Garrison for the Month of April we remark that the new Regulations are not observd in the noting the Cannon which ought to be Inscribed at the foot of each Pay Roll as well as in the Monthly Return. Some New Inspectors are entertaind in that or the former Month; we conclude this is not done without your Approbation, however if they are not extraordinary Good Men we are better without them. The Method of entertaining must be order this whereon you approve of an Man presented to the proper Officer you are to signify such approbation to the Paymaster by whom the Mans Name must be entred in a Book with the Day of his admission into the Service by which Means the Paymaster will be able to see if the Payrolls are wrought

You will please to give the Paymaster a Copy of this Order directing him to take particular Care that the Payrolls are made out conformably to the Regulation and that in all the other Business under his Management the Rules therein laid down are punctually observd.

We have appointed Lieutenant Hume to be Commandant at Porto Nolao He is to call at

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I David on his way and we desire Mr Call will accompany him to Dove Colah that they may jointly take a Survey of the State of that Garrison and acquaint us what is wanting for its immediate Defence

We mention in your Letter to the President that some Deserters from us are detained according to Captain Pascalls Information at Tranquebar Endeavor to get a certain Account how far this is truth and what are the Mens Names, whence they Deserted and at what time and acquaint us with the Result of this Enquiry

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pitt

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Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonney — Robt Barker
Alexander Wynch — Wilson Percival — Robt Pitts

To Captain Isaac Maillard

Sir

We have before us your Letter dated 23d April with regard to the Request of the French Commissary at Tranquebar, we cannot pretend to take upon us to answer their Demands with any sort of Precision upon that Subject but hope that Affairs upon the old footing and if the French Commissary knows that he must find a proper Person to provide for them

We have given Directions that Mr Chester the Surgeons Mate may go with Captain Call to Dove Colah

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We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants
George Pitt

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To Mr Pawsonne Drake.

Sir

We have received your Letters dated the 19th & 21st April, with the Copy of Captain Spears Letter to you concerning the State of the Garrison and the Orders for Artillery & Quarter Masters Stores

Captain Spears Presence being very necessary at Madras upon an Enquiry we are about to make, we have appointed Lieutenant Hume Commandant at Devecotah directed him to set out as soon as possible, On his Arrival You are to direct Captain Spear to repair hither.

As Mr Hume has acknowledge also in the Examinating Way we have referr'd all the Cadets to his Examination and shall wait Mr Call's & his Opinion concerning the several Works recommended in Capt. Spears Letter. Mr Hume is to receive 45 Pagodas a Month as Engineer besides his Pay. Lieutenant Penrod is to go to Captain Callendars Party, which altho' there are to be kept in readiness to march at a short warning, is nevertheless not to be Distab'd or maintain'd at any extraordinary Charge. Let Mr Lenrod the Surgeons Mate remain at Devecotah untill Captain Callendar shall march, when he is to accompany the Party.

The Store we would have in your Garrison is one hundred Candy of Paddy; We shall endeavor to agree with the Renter upon the Cost, you will by however

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in the mean time to purchase of any Ships that may come
at your Place Beside Paddy nothing but Salt & Tobacco
will be necessary to be laid in. We are. &c

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Your most Obedient Servants George Eyre
Stringer Lawrence Henry Bourne Robert Byne
Alexander Wynch William Percival Robert Bilke.

To Captain William Lee.

Sir

We have before us your Letter of the 27th April
and your Letter to the President of the 28th We have perused
also the Reports of the State of the Artillery and Stores in Europe.
Send down the number of Bullocks necessary for transporting
four new Six Pounders which we hold ourselves readyto supply
you with; and on receipt of these you may return to us the
old Brass Six Pounders you have with you of the Iron three
Pounders, the other Iron three Pounders is to be sent to
Cuddalore with a Gunner and a Matross to be under
the Command of the Commissaries; Mr. Gaupper and
Bannatyne whom you will address accordingly. We have
to about Sixty Rounds of Ammunition with the four new
some Grape; a Cannoner, Sixty Grape Shot and you are
to take care that the Gunner as well Powder, Ball
as he must have the Charge of the Stores. One Foot of the
Ammunition for three Pounders you will send Either

Our chief Reason for keeping the Dutch
at Anjengo is to prevent their

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insulting the Circars Districts and to maintain the Tranquility of the Sayeers fair it. You are to endeavor therefore on all Occasions to fulfil these Ends not exclusively after the manner the Nabob shall recommend but according to the Intelligence you yourself may receive detaching any Body you shall judge necessary with such Instructions as you shall think proper.

You are to use your utmost Endeavor to receive the Money due to the Company from Bommerazo We leave it therefore to your own Discretion to recall him again or not to withdraw the Sepoys or to send more. You may by what effect a more peremptory Letter will have on that Polleygar, giving him to understand that we will no longer be trifled with

We are

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot &c Consulters

Dd Arrivd the Honble Companys Ship Delaware from England

Received a Letter from Duval De Leyrit Esqr to the President dated the 6th Instant as entrd in the French correspondence N° 29

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&c

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Ponsonby

Robert Orme — Alexander Wynch

William Percival — Robert Palk

Monday 10th

Letter received ex Ship Delaware addressed to the Select Committee at Fort St George being opened is found to contain the Directions of Roger Drake Esq. Peter Godfrey Esq. Christopher Burrow Esq. and John Payne Esq. the Secret Committee of the East India Company for the time being under date the 14th October 1755 ... previously recommending the Preservation of the Harmony subsisting between this Coast & the Government of Bengal & Treaties, concerning which Treaties no Determination was made between the two Companies at the time of the Date of the beforementioned Letter, the Disputes between the two Nations having proceeded ... any Overtures for that purpose.

The Delaware who touch'd at the Cape brought no news of Mr Boscawen & is much to be fear'd that will prove bad Intelligence of the Arrival of the Reinforcements intended us by her more particularly the Royal Company of Artillery would be considerably reduced

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case the War should break out, the Detachment now at Fort St David under the Command of Captain Clive is insufficient for the Number of Field Pieces intended to be carried on Service with the Regiment. It is Agreed therefore to write by express Dattamar to the Select Committee of Bombay requesting that they will send hither as many of the King's Artillery and other Reinforcements which came out with Colonel Clive as they can possibly spare. This the Committee think the more necessary as by the Advices lately received from Salabat Jungs Camp / contained in the Country Correspondence N° 107 / we are informed that an Alliance was concluded between Balazarow, the Head of the Morattas and Salabat Jung, and that their Armies were join'd before the Fort of Savanore where they had block'd up Mirasow and were preparing to besiege him — If Balazarow should continue in friendship with Salabat Jung it will give such additional Weight to the Authority of that Cast, and Power Soar to his Measures the French, as will make it more than ever necessary for us to be prepar'd with all the Force we can collect together to support the Company's Possessions and Government

It is further Agreed to propose to the Select Committee of Bombay to dispatch the Honorable Company's Ship Protector, if She is not already dispatch'd

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of with all Expedition hither, the English Fleet having taken many French Ships on Europe and Bengal it is not unlikely the French may attempt to make Reprizals on India, by setting out as they did in the last War Some of their Company's Ships for Fighting and Plundering one or more of Point Palmiras and in other Parts of Bengal to secure for our Company's Ships and Effects. And in such Case the Protector would be of particular use, and the Gentlemen at Bombay may take the Opportunity of her coming round to send us the Reinforcements above requested as well as the Gunpowder and Field Pieces mentioned in last Consultation

Agreed also to approve the Secret Letter to Bombay, that we have not received by the Dolphin any Copies of the Letters and Instructions from the Secret Committee intended us by the Admiralty in order that they make the best Method of forwarding to us the said Copies if they have not already sent them by the Squadron.

Mr De Leyrits Letter dated the 6th Inst. No 29 Read in answer to the Presidents of the 14th 22 April, On the Subject of the Passport given by Mr Dautsaul to the Eastern Deserters as mentioned in these Minutes the 13th April & the Steps on the Subject

ordered that these Men reported they had been [illegible]
some Years in the Service of the Moors. It may be

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remark'd on this Occasion and prov'd by the Receipts
Letters to Mr De Leyrit that whenever a Man of the
French Service has arrived in any Garrison of ours
Regular Notice has always been sent to Pondichery
conformably to the Terms of the Cartel, and no Credit
given to the Report of the Deserter himself such Report
being certainly very insufficient Foundation for any
Publick Proceeding.

Geo: Pigot

Roger Lawrence

Henry Lowry

Robert Orme

Wm Mackett

Wm: Peirce

Robt Palk

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Sent the following Letter to the Select Committee at Bombay pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Consultn

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq. President and Governor and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressd you by the Pattamar Sloop dated the 7th Instant The Delaware carrying the 3 from Europe we take the first opportunity of advising you of the State of Affairs there at the time of her Departure the 1st November last

At the War was not declard between Great Britain and France, yet our Men of War had for some Months made Captures of every French Ship they met with. Already two Men of War of Sixty and Seventy Guns and above two hundred Sail of Merchantmen had been taken; The French had taken only one Ship from us: Her Blandford Man of War of twenty Guns and 60 Men was retord with all her Cargo by order of the Court of France. The War was vigorously carrid on by Land also in America and thus being the Situation of Affairs between the two Nations, no Overtures had been made between the two Companies concerning the Commissariat Treaty and Truce concluded how to reckon we have therefore no answer. Advice hereof sent by the Duke

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on our Guard

In these Circumstances we think it probable the French may attempt to make Reprizals on India ships by setting out some of their Companys Ships for Hire now Stationing them off Point Calimere and on other Coasts of Advantage fall in with our Europe Ships as well as Private Traders The Protector we imagine would be of great Service to us, if therefore she is not sold before these Reaches you we recommend it to you as a Step we think very much for the Benefit and Security of the Company Affairs to send her round to us as soon as possible, so may bring such Powder and Guns as you can spare in consequence of our Request of the 5th and as the Bridgwater who touch'd at the Cape brings no news of the Dodington we almost despair of receiving the Supplies intended us by that Ship, among which was a whole Company of the Kings Artillery and about 100 Military The loss of these and especially of the Artillery we shall most heavily feel if the War should be renew'd on this Country, as in all probability it will, we request therefore that you will send us by the Protector, if She comes round, if not by any other Conveyances, as many as you can possibly spare of the Artillery Companies, and Military Reinforcements that came out along with Colonel Clive, The Kings Troops now on this Coast consists of a very small Number of Men by no means sufficient for the Artillery

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The Regiment should carry into the Field

We do not yet hear of Admiral Watson on this Coast, we hope you have sent us by him the Duplicates of the Letters intended us from the Secret Committee by the Dodington, as we have not received any Copies of them by the Delaware

We have not yet received any answer from Balazarao on the Subject of the Corporal mentioned in Ensign Revells former and Letter of the 11th Ulpo But we last Advices he was besieging Monarow on the Coast of Sumatra & the same Accounts say that Salabat Jung with the Assistance of a Party commanded by Mr Bussy had joined Balazarao If such an Alliance is actually made and should continue we have reason to dread the most evil Consequency to the Company's Affairs on this Coast, such as will render it absolutely necessary for us to be assisted by the utmost consequences} with Men and Stores from your Side We have the honor to be Gentlemen Your most obedient Hble Servts

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Tuesday the 11th May

Ordered on Advice arrived from St David

A Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governor, President
Stringer Lawrence
Robert Orme
William Percival
Henry Conway
Alexander Reynolds
Robert Palk

Letter from the Admiralty Dated

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N°108 in the Book of Country Correspondence Cloath in answer to the Presidents N°97 concerning the Affairs of Tetarapah Moodelliar for renting the Tinnevelly Country which Affairs are detailed in those Records the 22d & 26th April last. The Nabob does not enter into any clear Argument for or against those Affairs but by the General Tenor of his Letter shews that he is not inclined to engage at any Rate with Tetarapah Moodelliar, the only objections he mentions are, that he Moodelliar remained a whole year in Trichinopoly without employ, and that his Father or Father in Law's Head was cut off by Morarow when he was in possession of Trichinopoly for not paying him Money according to an Agreement made between them. From these Circumstances the Nabob takes occasion to conclude that this Moodelliar is not an honest Man and that he will not perform his promised Security. We refer however the final Judgement whether to engage with Moodelliar or not to our Determination.

The Objections mentioned in the Nabobs foregoing Letter are so very ill founded that we cannot help judging they are started solely with the view of keeping his Brother Makojee Cawn in the Government of the Tinnevelly Country. Our Opinion on the contrary is that he should by all means be removed and the Country let to farm in order that the Company may reap some Advantage from so considerable a Province as Moodelliar

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being an old and considerable Inhabitant there, we are of
opinion no other Person so proper to undertake it, the Security he offers
as is remark'd in these Minutes the 20th April last is as
good as any that can be got, and the Signal of it can be
attended with no bad consequence, especially if Mahomed
Yusof Cawn be directed to remain there with the Troops
until the Time when the Security is to be given shall be
Elapsed, by which means the very possibility of Mirdullas
executing bad Designs will be prevented, although we do
not Suspect him of any such

And as a further Security a Part of the
Company's Troops may be left to Garrison one of the Forts
in that Country agreable to the Nabob's Recommendation
Mirdulla paying the Expence of the said Troops over and
above his Rents

The President is desired to give Notice to
Mirdulla to attend to morrow morning, that he may finish
the Business before mentioned, and send him away to the
Nabob without further loss of time

Agreed that the Letters from the
Admiralty for Admiral Matthews and Admiral Brook
which came by the Deluma be sent under the Charge of
Lieutenant Lane, who will set out on Tuesday or Wednesday
for Port Oxford

Ord that a Letter for Admiral Matthews

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be lodged at Fort St David in readiness to be delivered him on his Arrival, acquainting him that his Packets are to be sent by Lieutenant Hume and informing him also of the Heads of the News from Europe.

The Governor acquaints the Committee that pursuant to the Order made the 6th Instant for purchasing the Dworchah Paddy, he discoursed with the Revd Mrs Brome and Smith who consent that the Company shall have the whole Crop at the Rate of Sixty Pagodas p Garse. Agreed that it be purchased, that Mr Drake be advised thereof, directed to receive it, and acquaint us with the Quantity

The following Letter from Mr Dawsonne Drake Read

To the Honble George Pigot Esq: Vice President & Governor of the Council &c

Hond Sir & Sirs

Yesterday arrived the two Companies from Trichenopoly under the Command of Captain Calderhead, which I have ordered to be kept in readiness to move at a moments warning agreable to your Honrs Vice Direction

As the Gentlemen at St David may probably be sometimes not supplied with Cash to supply me with what I have occasion for, be pleased to acquaint me if I may in that case be permitted to draw upon you if I am with the greatest Respect Honrable Sir & Sirs

Your

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Dove Colah 1st May 1756.

Your most Obedient humble Servant Dawsonne Drake

As Mr Paddy bought of the Dove Cutch She
was will be paid for here, Mr Drake will be supplies without
difficulty from Fort St David with such Stores as he may want
for the Current Expences he will have no occasion to draw on us
Agreed to write him as in answer to his Letter

Captain Clive writes that Nevoy the Renter
of Chanoplyput has sent into the Fort five hundred & thirteen
Cutcums and 9 Morcals of Paddy in part of twenty Garce he
engaged to deliver within this Month ——— See another
Letter Captain Clive represents that it is always customary
among the Swiss Troops for Officers to be try'd by their own
Officers and punish'd before their own Company, Regiment
or Corps of which having appriz'd Colonel Adlercron &c
Colonel gave orders that the Deserters of Captain ———
Peters Company should not be tried in the same part as
that of Captain Schaulb wherefore Captain Peter desires
that the said Deserters & his Company may be Shor'd from
Fort St David to Chanoplyput and that Colonel Adlercron
will allow him to try them there, as well as the one then
already confin'd there for Desertion.

The President represents the Comanding Officer
spoke on the Subject of the abovementioned Letter to Colonel
Adlercron who has promised to write to Captain Peter and
give him leave to try the Man who is under confinement
for Desertion at Chanoplyput. With regard to the Men
Schaulb because that they belonged to another Company &
it is Agreed to write Captain Peter that the reasons

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Men from one place to another would subject the Company to a great Expence, and often to Inconveniences, which we think may as well be avoided by paying them Wages at the Place where the Offence is committed.

And the President further acquaints the Board that Colonel Aldercron shewed him a Letter, which he received by the Ship Devonshire, wrote him by the Secretary at War, by order of his Royal Highness the Duke, the Purport of which Letter was nearly to this Effect; "That upon the Complaints which have been "made to his Royal Highness by the Court of Directors that "Colonel Aldercron exerted too great an Authority in their "Settlements, He was order'd to apprize him that the East India "Company are Sovereigns in their own Settlements, & accounts "Ble to the King and Parliament; & further that he is to "look upon all Allowances made to himself or the Regiment "by the Company, as a Bounty and free Gift, no Officer "or Soldier in his Majesty's Service being entitled to any "thing more than his Pay"——. Colonel Aldercron assur'd the President that he received these Orders with great Pleasure, as they would prevent any Disputes on future the Points we disagreed on being such as he before thought himself Obliged by his Commission to insist on.

George Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Lovell

Robert Orme

Wm Pearkes

Wm Petrie

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Sent the following Letters to Rear Admiral Watson, and Mr Dawsonne Drake pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Committee.

To Charles Watson Esqr Rear Admiral of the Red & Commander in Chief of his Majestys Squadron in the East Indies

Sir

We had the honor to communicate to you by Letter dated 14th April the Reports we at that time received by a French European Ship arrived the 9th of that Month at Condichery. The 9th Instant we had the pleasure to see the Companys Ship Delaware from England, She sailed the 7th November and brings an account that although War was not actually Declard with France yet the British Ships made Capture of every French Vessel they met with, this Season time before the Delaware sailed, for two French Ships of the Line and above two hundred Sail of Merchantmen were already carried into English Ports, Of our Ships only the Bedford Man of War of twenty Guns had been taken and She was immediately retook by Order of the Court of France.

In the Companys Dear came several Packets directed for you, and judging them to be of particular Consequence we had thoughts of dispatching Lieut Smith to carry them on the Bridgewater and wait your at St David; but considering afterwards how precarious the Passage would be, we have given them in charge to Lieutenant Hamond who sets out overland to morrow.

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and has Directions to Deliver them to Mr Stevenson if he should not be arrived.

The Disputes between England and France have prevented any Overtures being made from the Two Companies on the Subject of the Provisional Treaty and Treaty concluded here, to which therefore we have no Defenitive Answer. We inclose a List of Ships taken up by the Company for this Year. Those intended for the East and China were to sail the beginning of December, those for the East and Bay the beginning of February.

We have the Honor to be, Sir, Your most Obedient humble Servants. George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonney — Robert Orme — Alex Lyon — William Percival — Robert Palk.

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To Mr Damonne Drake

Sir

We have before us your Letter of 4th May. We have purchased the Paddy of the Dove Colah Renters at the Rate of 60 Pagodas a Garse; You are therefore to send us immediately an account how much you have received.

The Money for the Paddy is to be paid for the Supplies of Cash you may want for other occasions cannot be very large, we doubt not therefore but you will be furnished without difficulty from S. David.

We are Sir Your most Obd Servants.

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq Governor President

Wednesday the 12th

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney

Robert Orme — Alexander Hyndeford

William Percival — Robert Palk.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob had in conversation with him last night on the Subject of Adoniapah Medallas Offers for renting the Tinnevelly Country, gave him to understand that the Nabob is very averse to accepting those Offers and chusing to part with the Management of that Country out of his own hands, and that he believed the Nabob would rather chuse to keep the Country himself, and give Security to the Company for five and a half Lacks out of the Rents being the same he should receive from Maddura.

If the Country can be disposed of agreably to the Advantage of the Company, with the Approbation of the Nabob, the Committee would much rather fall into that Method than do any thing disagreable to him If it is accordingly Agreed to write the Nabob conformable to the Minutes of yesterday, but leaving it finally to his Choice either to accept Adoniapah Medallas Offer, or to keep the Country in his own hands, giving Security to the Company by Bills on the Farmers for five and a half Lack of Rupees.

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And Mondulloo being in Attendance
desir'd to wait the Nabob's Answer

Sheriff Linga Chitty Security for Royapooram
Renter of Teppasore, Appazey Naigar Renter of the two
Conjeverams and Malchery, and Cushyenadar Naigar Renter
of Tevadore now offer Payment of the following Sums in
further part of the four Lack of Rupees due the 1st Instant
out of the Eight Lack assign'd by the Nabob & the Company
from the Rents of the Arcot Countries, particulars
enter'd in the Minutes of Committee the 8th October last

Payments offer'd by Linga Chitty viz.t

On account of Royal Cunt Renter of Teppasore
Pagodas 20,000 valued @ 3.75 Rup.s P Pag. 75000
being on part of 25000 Pagodas due from
him on account of this first Payment

On Account of Appazey Naigar Renter of the
two Conjeverams and Malchery 37,000

On Account of Cushyenadar Naigar Renter of
Tevadore Country 24,000

being the half of their respective Obligations & in full of what is due from them
on account of this first payment

In all Rs 156,000

Arcot Rupees one hundred & fifty Six Thousand

Ordered that Report be made thereof to the President & Council that they may give Directions for the Receipt of the said Money.

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And the President also produces the following
Bills given Same by the undermentioned Persons on Account
Part of the four Lack before mentioned

and

Four Bills on Buckingpoo Cafeedars Durcan or house
Viz.t
On Account of Hamedally Cawn Renter of Poyaumal Cove &
Viz.t
and of Saddeemaid Cawn Kill Dar of Coorpaud &
1 Bill payable 3d June for 45000 Arcot Rupees
1 D.o 10 D.o 12288 57,288

On Account of Mustaid Cawn Renter of
Solangavaram &c Countries
1 Bill payable 6 June for 40000
1 D.o 10 D.o 2042 42,042

4 Bills Arcot Rupees 99,250

Ninety nine thousand two hundred and fifty being the Sum
of their Respective Obligations and in Lieu of what is due
from them on account of the first payment. —

Order'd that Report be made thereof to
the President and Council that they may give Directions
for the Disposal of the said Bills

Abstract of the Receipts on
part of the four Lack to
this day.

Cash
15th Apl. 21000
12 May 136000 157.000
Bills
26 Apl. 12200
12 May 99250 221.250
Recd in part 378.250
Remaining due
Sundanga Chitty
m.rch of Royal
Port Renter of
Tergasore
5000 Pgs. inclusive
37½ Vlp 100 Pgs. 18,750
400000

Henry Lawrence
Robert Orme
Wm Wollaston
Wm Fowke
Rich.d Pulle

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Late this Evening the President received Advice from Mr Starke of the Arrival of Admiral Watson with his Majesty's Ships Kent, Cumberland, Tiger and Salisbury at Fort St David Road the 14th Instant

At the same time came in Letters from Admiral Watson dated 14th May, and Robert Clive Esq. dated 15th May accompanied with a large Packet from the Select Committee of Bombay.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governor, President.

Monday the 17th	Stringer Lawrence	Henry Vansittart
	Robert Orme	Alexander Wynch
	William Percival	Robert Balk.

The Packet receiv'd from the Select Committee of Bombay by his Majesty's Ship Kent containing Copies of the Instructions sent us on the Dedington from the Secret Committee of the East India Company, it is Agreed to meet to morrow purposely for the perusal of them; and Order'd that the Proceedings which may be had thereon be enter'd in the Book of Private Committees.

The following Letter from Rear Admiral Watson Read.

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To the President and Council
of Fort St George

Gentlemen

I have recd your favor of the 19th April
informing me of such Intelligence as had then reached you from
Europe from which I judge this Settlement to be the
farthest Station for his Majestys Squadron to be at, until
I receive further Advices from Europe for my future Conduct
which I hope are arrived in the Delaware as by Letters
with acquaints me there are Letters arrived for me,
which, I beg the favor you will immediately dispatch to me
by the safest Conveyance

When I left Bombay which was the 29th
April they had heard nothing from Europe but were daily
in expectation of a Ship from Bussorah

As it seems more than probable that no
more Companies of the Kings Troops are left at Bombay
as I think they might be much more advantageously
employ'd on this Coast, and indeed that was one Reason
when I left Bombay

The Squadron being in want of Provi-
sions and Water, and make the best of her way to
Fort St George, I shall be oblig'd if you will procure
all the assistance you can in getting it on board

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I beg leave to return you my sincere thanks
for your Congratulations on my Success against Gheriah
and am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant
Charles Watson

Kent
Fort St David Road
11th May 1756.

Ordered That a Letter be wrote to
Admiral Watson to acknowledge the Receipt of his Let to
congratulate him on his safe Arrival with his Majestys
Squadron at Fort St David

A Letter from Robert Clive Esq. read as follows
To the Honble George Pigot Esq
Paul Hyde &c &c Gentlemen of the Committee at Fort St George.
Honble Sirs

I was honord with your favor dated 24th
January 1756 upon my return from Gheriah, and was in
hopes a Committee would have been held soon enough for me
to have sent an answer thereto by one of the late homewards
but no Committee being held until I hope I stand excused me to
your Honrs &c for not acknowledging the Receipt of
your Letter before.

The Committee of Bombay have sent on
board the Kent a Packet containing Duplicates of the Letters
Papers &c sent Gr Dodington which I have caused to
be forwarded by the first safe Ship conveyance not
judging it prudent to hast it by Land. Mr Stanley

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informs me the Success Galley will sail on Sun or Monday
for Madras which I think will be a proper Opportunity
and on which Ship I propose embarking my Baggage for
Fort St George

I have likewise received your Honr Favr
Favor of the 14 April, the Committee of Bombay to which
Letter I must beg leave to refer your Honor & Council
acquainted you with their reasons for not sending with the
Kings Troops I am with Respect Honble Sir &c

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Your most Obedient, humble Servt
Robert Clive

As we may expect to see Mr Clive on Sunday
three days it is unnecessary to write any answer to his
above Letter

Recd the following Letter from Mr Clive &c

Stanhope Esqr

To the Honble the President and Governor
& the Gentlemen of the Conducting Council of Affairs
Honble Sirs & Sirs

I have received your Favor of the 4th Instant
and shall observe the Method you have been pleased to
prescribe with regard to entertaining Men on the Musters
I have delivered a Copy of your Order relating thereto
our Military Paymaster, and directed him to take parti
lar care that the Recruits are made out conformable
the Regulations, and that on all the other Branches
under his Management, the Rules therein laid do

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are punctually observd.

Inclos'd is the General Account of Disbursements for the Kings Troops for March 1756 with Copies of Vouchers, as also a Paper delivered me by Captain Pearse in consequence of an Order I gave him, which I flatter myself will fully prove that the four Men I advised the President the 30th Ultimo were deserted from hence are actually detain'd at Pondichery.

When Lieutenant Hume arrives, Mr Pitt shall accompany him to Dove Sebah. I am with respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obed. humble Servant

Richd Starke.

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William White European Enlisted in my Company informs me that when he was at Pondichery he saw John Goodwood a Deserter from my Company and then in the English Company; who told him that John Franks and John Andrews were in the same Company with him, and moreover declares that Serjeant Hawes formerly on our Service assured him that the two above Men were actually in Pondichery, and that the reason of their being detain'd was that they had formerly deserted to the French and had taken Service

Ralph Crozier declares that Thomas Bromage formerly on our Service assured him that Goodwood, Franks, Brazier and Andrews served first in the French Service and in the English Company

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only that Brazier Ed Lane Lapsle sent to Tellicherry Fort with some Portuguese Merchant or Writer, moreover that he saw him very well dress'd and a Silver Watch in his Pocket and that the day he Deserted, came away Brazier sent him word he would call and see him.

A French Deserter arrived here and immediately return'd declares that some few days prior two Europeans from this place were immediately sent to French Regimentals

Two Deserters from this Garrison and that day Declare that the Reason of their going off was that they knew the French intended war against

N.B. Goodlad and Andrews deserted December, Brazier and Franks the latter end of April all from this Fort and are Engaged

Edmund Sweet

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Order'd that the account Disbursements of the Regiment for the Month of March amounting to Pagodas one thousand, eight hundred and thirty nine, fourteen and forty five Cash / 1839 . 13 . 45 \ be entered in the Book kept for that purpose.

And Agreed that a Copy of the Informations taken by Captain Coral concerning Deserters detain'd at Pondichery be transmitted to Mr. De Leyret and Restitution demanded of the four Men Benjamin Andrews and Brazier

John Goodlad John Franks John

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The following Letter from Captain Coulson

Read

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President and Governor
&c &c Gentlemen of the Committee at Madras

No 28 Honble Sirs & Sirs

The last Letter I had the honor of addressing
you, was dated the 26th of April informing you of Captain
Calliaud's March, I fear that I made a mistake in the
Number of my last, marking it 28 instead of 27 which I
hope you will please to excuse

It has unluckily fell out that during the
absence of Mr Stewart the Surgeons Mate Doctor Wilson
was taken ill, upon which I took the liberty of sending
Orders to Mr Stewart, immediately on his arrival at the
Party at Dux Kotah to return to the Garrison with all
Expedition, as at present the Sick were without Attendance
Mr Wilson is however out of Danger, and recovers very fast

As the Strength of my Garrison now will
admit I believe of no more Detachments, I propose with
your approbation to lessen the Number of Lascars, & Reduce
them to the common Complement for this Fort of 100, which
is sufficient for their work in it, those I discharge
may be sent down with Certificates of their Service here
and if wanted at any of the Settlements, taken into Pay
there, at a less Expence than here with Pay and Batta

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I shall carefully examine all the other Articles that upon the same Account of the Garrison being Effected may Bend of retrenchery

I have now in the Magazine near Eight Rupies worth of Paddy and it also comes in every day. By the end of the Year I hope the whole will be compleated. It is not it is reckn the Killedare Gould. But with your Leave he shall be answerable for it out of his own Magazine where are pretty Gills, and over which I have a watch that not a Grain shall be Sold untill the Quota to the Compa-ny is first made up.

May I by Leave to remind you Gentlemen of the two French Deserters, and one Swiss Listed from the Bombay Detachment, all here confin'd under your Orders.

I transmitted in my last the Translation of a Letter receivd from the French Commissary about the Subsistence of their Prisoners here, in my Absence. He has this day enforced me over, and that the Prisoners are to be paid

Inclos'd I have the Honor of sending the Monthly Returns, and Account of Disbursements for the Garrison as also a return of the present Effective State of the Garrison. I am with great Respect

Sir

Your most Obed't & faithful Servant

Sr Tho: Saunders

Trichinopoly
3d May 1756.

Honble Jn Payne Esq

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Order'd that the two French Deserters confin'd at Trichinopoly be return'd to Tyrungbaun, with Mr Mason whom Commandant there injoin'd to detain up all Deserters who deserted from us in the same Circumstances, but never putting Us such a Conduct to depose Mr De Leyret of any the slightest Ballance of Reason for detaining any of our People.

The Committee approve of Fourteen Cadjans to Defray the retrench the Expence of the Garrison of Trichinopoly on every Article that will Permit of it, and it is Agreed to direct him to send down all the Supernumerary Lascars to Receive the ginning Certificates to such of them as he has found to be good Men.

Country Letters N° 118. 119. 120 & 121 Read.

N° 118 from Balazarow desiring that we will not molest the Districts of Mardaza Ally Cawn Killedar of Hoor.

Agreed to write Balazarow in answer that we do not interfere any further in the Management of the Affairs of the Province than we are desird by the Nabob taking only such Steps as he represents to be for the Lascars Benefit, and that we doubt not but the Nabob will be able to give Satisfactory Reasons for his late Conduct with regard to Murtazally Cawn. Order'd accordingly that a Copy of Balazarow's Letter and our answer be transmitted to the Nabob.

N° 119 is a Paper of News from Salabat Jung's Camp giving an account of the Transactions of the united Armies of Salabat Jung and Balazarow after the Fort of Savanore whereof having made a Breach Abdul

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Hakeem Cawn the Killedar and Nowroon agree to pay them
Lacks of Rupees upon which Terms an Accommodation was
concluded. If Balazaroo remains in the Dispondent some
time it may be hoped the French will soon lose part of their
Influence over Salabut Jungs Person and Government.

No 120 from the Nabob with Copies of Letters
address'd to him by Mahfoz Cawn at Chinnerdroog and Cawn
Cawn at Madura containing Complaints of Mahomed Yusuf Cawn
the Nellour Subedars arrogations over them, of the Government
of the Countries, founded on his having sent his Deputies towards
Madura & Nademdalum to take upon them the Manage-
ment.

The Committee judge that the Complaint of
arisen from Hoof Cawns having plac'd Amildars for the
Management of the Nademandalum Districts which he con-
quer'd lately and when it was absolutely necessary for them
leave some of his own People in the Countries as Observers
none of the Nabobs. Perhaps also he may have applied to
Mahfoz Cawn on the Name of the Company for half the
Revenues of all the Districts which may have render'd him
Disagreeable to Mahfoz Cawn but Hoof Cawn ought not to
be blam'd on that Account as it is conformable to the
Instructions given him, and to the Agreement we made
with the Nabob when first Colonel Heron marched into the
Countries — Agreed to write the Nabob an answer
conformable to our above Sentiments remarking on
General that we look upon Mahomed Yusuf Cawn as
faithful

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Faithfull Servant with to form and is

N 121 From Nezar Mahomed Sons
Killedar of Chittput complaining that the Nabob has sent
an Order on him for five thousand ₹5000/ Rupees and required
him also to settle the Affair of the Moratta Chs for 2 years
Representing that he has no Money to answer the said
Demands and desiring therefore that the President will
write to the Nabob not to demand the Moratta Chs
of him at present, that after the Peace of the Country is
settled he will act according as others do.

Altho we are of Opinion the Killedar of
Chittput ought to pay the Customary Tribute to the Nabob
yet as we are well convinced it is the Resolution of that Nawab
not to part with any thing without being forced to it we
think it best to forbear making any Demands on him until
there shall be an Army ready to back the Demand
Agreed accordingly to advise the Nabob not to trouble the
Killedar of Chittput at present, and to acquaint the
Killedar that we have agreable to his Request wrote to
the Nabob in his Behalf

Geo: Pigot
Nicholas Lawrence
Henry Lowrey
Robert Orme
Wm Fraser
Rob: Lake

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Sent the following Letter to Rear Admiral Watson
pursuant to the Resolution of the foregoing Consultation.

To Charles Watson Esqr Rear Admiral of the Red
& Commander in Chief of his Majestys Squadron on the East Indies

Sir

We are favour'd with your Letter dated the 14th
of this Month, and beg leave to congratulate you on your safe
Arrival with his Majestys Squadron at Fort St David. We
have given Directions that the best Conveniences the Place
affords be furnish'd to You and the Gentlemen of the Squadron,
and if there is any thing further which it is in our Power to
contribute be assur'd Sir, we shall most chearfully do it
upon the first Notice

We have given Captain Smith every Assistance
requisite towards the Speedy Dispatch of the Bridgewater,
and we believe he purposes to sail the day after to morrow
This Gentleman has been so obliging as to carry some
Gunpowder for the use of the Garrison of Fort St David

Agreable to what we had the Honor to
write you last Lieutenant Hamet was the Bearer of the
Publick Letters directed to You and Mr Peach from the
Admiralty. He left this place the 15th in the morning and
we hope has reach'd you before now.

It would have given us Pleasure if the
Gentlemen at Bombay had thought proper to have sent
us the three Companies of the Kings Troops as we judged

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with you from the Probability there is of a War that will
most likely to have occasion for them. We are &c.
Your most Obedt humble Servants George Pearl

Fort St George 8th May 1750. Wing Lawrence — Henry Powney — Robert Brown
Alexander Wynch — Wm Perceval — Robert Orme

To Richard Starke Esqr
Deputy Governor of Fort St David.

Sir

We have recvd your Letter of the 13th with the Account of Disbursements for the Regiment and Copies of the Vouchers for the month of March last.

You may give the Subedar Keyser Sing a Piece of Broad Cloth or some Compliment of that kind as an Encouragement for his Diligence in training the Sepoys, we do not approve of giving an extraordinary Allowance on him as it would be making a bad Precedent. The proper Pay of the Colourmen is only five Rupees a month you will therefore make no Alteration our Intention being to reduce them to five whenever they now receive more. We are

Fort St George 19th May 1750. Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot [illegible]

To Captain Lewis Stringer

N° 31.

Sir

We have received your Letter N° 28 dated the 3d Instant. Notwithstanding our Orders of the 1st

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You have our Permission to buy Mr Stevens
Mr Wilson's State of Health requiring it

We approve much of your
all Expences as far as the Service will Admit
Reduced Lascars as you have power to do
Certificate and send Home to Dove Court
to employ it as occasion for their Cure

We have already given you
concerning the Deserters returned from Tanjore
up the other two Men to the French Commander
the Method you recommend the delivery of
the Goods to be lodg'd in your Magazine
We are Sir Your most Obed Servants

At a Committee
George Pigot Esq Governor
Stringer Lawrence
Robert Orme
William Percival

Present
President
Mr Brown
Mr Hyndman
Robert Balk

Thursday
the 20th

The following Letter from the Deputy
Governor & Council of Fort St David with the Journal
Copies thereof were Ordered to be Read

To the Honble George Pigot Esq President and Governor
& the rest of the Gentlemen of the Select Committee at Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Pursuant to your Orders of the

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purchas'd the Elizabeth and Normanby Cargoes of Rice amounting to one hundred ten Garce; greatest part of which is Lay'd on the Fort, and upon occasion we can get the whole may. We have also laid on Twenty Garce of Gunny and contracted for twenty Garce more to be deliver'd in Twenty five days, and we have reason to believe more may be procur'd if you judge it necessary.

Lt Major Fitzpatrick set out for Bengal before your favor of the 14th Ultimo arrived. He drew on Captains Lascal and D'Allons to accompany him on a general Review of the Situation of the Fort and to Report thereon, as also what further Supplies of Men were requisite in consequence of which they have given in the accompanying Letter and Abstract of Men now in Garrison and what more are wanted. We have only to observe on it that we have Order'd the damaged Gunpowder to be removed and are using all proper Measures to encrease the Quantity made Monthly at the Powder House, but we are afraid it will not much exceed the necessary Expence of the Garrison.

We have applied to Mr Call for a General Plan of the Fort and Outworks, and a Description of the Mines, but you will observe by the enclosed Copy Copy of a Letter from him, that he cannot furnish us with one untill he is ajusted in the drawing part. We must do Mr Call the justice to say that what he alledges in regard to his whole Attention being taken up with the Works and Carpenters Yard is very true and We have long thought he was much in want of Assistants in both Branches.

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and as a General Plan of the Forts as at that time considered

absolutely necessary. We hope it will

Assistant founded

We also order you

sustain a Siege of six Months, supp

its proper Garrison of 500 Europe

500 Lascars, Coolys and Artificers

we have already a sufficient Quantity

Dove Cobak for Provisions but we cannot

that Article without your express

cannot help laying the Liberty to

Garrison at present as above by Sea

particularly the Artillery and Stock

to Curde it with Caddalore.

We have Shaken d

with the Cruizer to the Coromandel

Spit, and we shall not fail when

sight to send off your Letter and the

procure from Pondichery your Letter

delivered on his Arrival.

By the next above

Garrison consists of 60 Europeans

for the Service near so cheap as

We request you will furnish with

We are with respect

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Your most Obedient humble Servants

Rich.d Starke — Hugh Norris — Rich.d Fairfield

Robt Sleper — Charles Turner

Of the several Articles mentioned in the Calculate of Provisions only the following appears to be necessary to be laid in for a Siege, Rice and Paddy, Salt Beef some Live Cattle, Batavia Arrack, Madura Wine, and a Quantity of Firewood.

The Rice and Paddy they have already provided and contracted for is sufficient for the Garrison they mention consisting in all of two thousand Souls for Six Months

The Salt Beef prepar'd in this Country decays so soon that it turns out extremely expensive, and as the Admiral Watson is provided with for the use of his Majestys Ships is so large that he constantly keeps a Quantity lodg'd in Cuddalore on Shore, the President is desired to request of the Admiral to keep a part in Fort St David, the which may be made use of in Case of a Siege to be then paid for by the Company who will be Subject in the mean time to no Risque or Charge.

Live Cattle may be drove in from about the Bounds upon any Emergency

Arrack may also upon such an Occasion be call'd in, and bought from the private Dealers within the Bounds; the Waste upon this Article being inconsiderable, we would avoid laying it in

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upon the Company's Account

Madura Store House there is at present remaining in the Godowns of the Ship of that Season (Said) and at Fort St David the Gentlemen there may make use of the Stores as they wanted there if the Ship should come Directly hither the usual Supply will be sent as soon as possible to Fort St David.

Ordered being an Article not subject to Waste Damage which a large Quantity must be necessary it is Agreed to direct the Deputy Governor and Council to lay in a more proportionable to the Calculation of Provisions

That Account of Military Stores sent Fort St David, and the List of what more are wanting being read examined it appears that as well as most of our other Garrisons, the Quantities of Military Stores sent not properly assorted, and Arranged as the Number of Shot proportionably to the Number of Guns of the same Size Sent It is Ordered therefore that our General Return be form from the Lists of Stores remaining in the several Garrisons and a proper Duplicate made out for the more ease the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St David may Supply themselves out of such of the European Ships as may be Sent here with the Recruits they stand most in need of With regard to Gunpowder the Smallness of our own Stock will not enable us to send them any Supply, It is thought necessary therefore to Direct them to use their

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Endeavors to encrease the Quantity made in these Bounds
also to be as frugal as possible in the Expence of it, observing
always to employ the worst for Salters

Order'd that Mr Coxwell who has for two
Years past kept Drawing under the Engineer have proceed
immediately to Fort St Davis to assist Mr Call in the Business
of his Imployt

And as the President and Council have given
Directions to Land the Military at Fort St David from all the
European Ships that may touch there, it is likely the Garrison
will receive a sufficient Supply by that means

The Calcutta Men belonging to the Agency Company
having received on some of the Garrisons Six Rupees a Month
in Mess Eight, it is Agreed that in future they be every
where paid only Six, and that an Order to that Effect be
dispatch'd immediately to each Garrison

The following Letter from Captain Lee Read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq President and Governor
&c &c Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence

Vizagapatam Sir & Sirs

I recd the Honor of your Letter of the 7th Inst.
this morning, and immediately sent away one of the three —
Pounders with Ammunition and Stores for Carriages, agreable
to your Order, I gave them Directions to go by Chingleput
& wrote Captain Polier to desire he would forward them
& give an additional Escort if he thought any necessary.

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On account of the Rains some days past the Velon People have not ventured over with their Boats, so that I have not received any Letters from Bengal since my last, I shall therefore take particular Care to get good Men to row the Boat and sent their returning over of the Dubash people to the Island with a Detachment of Sepoys have stopped two Bullocks loaded with Stone containing 10,000 pieces for Velon, I have wrote the Subadar to send them here but if you receive your Orders

The Draft Bullocks set out this morning for Madras to bring up the Ice Pounder which as soon as I receive shall send down the Old ones agreable to your Instructions

I have wrote to Bommaraauze agreen to the Money and a Note bearing Interest for the remainder I told him to send here his Packet immediately with the Ready Money he could pay, and I would then give him the answer, as I could not make any other Agreement till I knew what part of the Money he would pay, he has promised he will comply with this and return immediately with the Packet and pay down at least half the Sum. I am with the greatest Respect

Hon'ble Sir Your most Obed't Humb'l Servant

Hallam Lee

Arcot
May 20th 1750

Although H. Dr Sepoys Supplyes encourages him to commit Disorders yet as the Company

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The two Bullocks mention'd in Captain Lee's Letter may be made a Present for intercepting some Stores of ours it is Agreed to Direct him to let the Bullocks go

A Letter from Mr Maunsell Commissary at Camps read advising that he has received seven Thousand two hundred and Eighty [7280] Pollyput Pagodas out of the Eight Thousand for which Mr Semaloing was Security on Account of Bommenauze Pollygar, and that the present Exchange of those Pagodas is 130 ½ for 100 Star Pagodas; Requesting therefore Directions for the Disposal of the Money

Order'd that the Pollyput Pagodas be exchanged for Star at the most advantageous Rate; that Mr Maunsell credit Mr Commissary Orme for the produce and keep it for the Payment of the Troops, the Risque of remitting the Money hither, and sending out a Supply for the Occasions of the Camp being Save'd by that Means. Order'd also that Report be made thereof to the President and Council that they may be enabled to regulate their Treasury accounts conformably.

Letters from the Commissaries at Madaramlegum dated the 7th and 10th Instant read as Entr'd N° 22 and N° 23 in the Book of their Proceedings giving an Account of the present

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Measures taken by Mr Pitt[illegible], the Town Company to prevent an[illegible] of his Inhabitants upon the Monday preventing by Force the Cutters of the Grass Rope and Spreading on the Ground, and depriving them of the use of even the common Garden Grass, the daily and almost only food of the poor People. For Proof the Commissaries transmit three Letters which are Order's after than aforementioned Letters, One as are Collect- published by Mr Pitt[illegible] throughout the Districts in which his Powers his Hands to Cause which are able to pass down Rain for the use of every and will likewise to hurt down Thatches Cells on the Roads of the Wicked That Second is a Petition Said were Signed by two Merchants whose Queen Cooly with sent with Paddy to Pondichery and the Boys of the caper'd on the Open Field for five or six days together a great part of the said was Damaged and they never Declaration Signed by two said Inhabitants of the Formyvenna Magan representing that the Proud Boys (Cooly) of Lyons or Grow Tellugs and prevent the People from gathering even the most common Grass which his Inhabitants come in Crowds to Madras Co Station in presence of the President his Truth of their

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Declaration imploring Relief from the Misery they labour under.

Agreed to send Copies of the Above beforementioned & Copies to Mr De Leyrit with a Letter acquainting him that if he does not immediately Resolve upon some Method of putting an End to the Excesses committed by his People on the Coast to the South, we shall be obliged to augment our Force there and take Measures for relieving the Inhabitants from the Oppression they Labour under.

Also that a Copy of our Representation to Mr De Leyrit be transmitted to the Commissaries with a Letter acquainting them that we shall reinforce their Number, so as to enable them to repel Force by Force if the French do not Discontinue their Violences.

The Commissary lays before the Consult a Bill from Captain Callender, for the Charges of marching the Detachment under his Command from Tschoumpoly to Dovrakah amounting to five hundred & six Rupees and Eleven fanams 506.11 / concerning the Payment of which he / the Commissary / requests Directions — Captain Callendar having charged fifteen Rupees a day for himself as Commanding Officer of the Army instead of Six as Captain the Commissary is Order'd to Deduct the Overplus of nine Rupees a day and three to discharge the Bill.

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Thore appearing on the Sale Bills a Charge of Buttocks at the same time that there are Buttocks constantly mantained at Trankenbar for the Company's Service Mess Ogilvie is order'd to write Captain Caillaud that he is on all Occasions to make use of those Buttocks instead of hiring fresh ones

Thore Being Daily Sollicited for Cloyal Cant Rents of Tripassore now offers Payment of Six Thousand Pagodas which valued at the Rate of three hundred & seventy four Rupees for a hundred Pagodas make Twenty eighteen thousand seven hundred & fifty Rupees in full of the four Lack due the 1st Instant

See the minutes of Consultation the 12th Instant

Order'd that Report be made to the President and Council that they may give Directions for the Receipt of the Money

Geo. Pigot

Nath. Lawrence

Henry Vansittart

Geo. Stratton

Hugh Boscawen

Rich. Prideaux

Rob. Fitch

Fort St George 25th May 1756

Sent the following Letter to Richard Starke Esq Deputy Governor &c Council of Fort St David, Capt Lockhart & Captain Lee pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Committee.

To Richard Starke Esq. Deputy Governor
&c Council of Fort St David

Gentlemen

We have had under Consideration your Letter of the 9 May with the several Papers communicated us with it.

The Quantity of Rice and Paddy you mention to have purchased and contracted for if sufficient for the Garrison you propose for six months, you need not therefore lay in any more. You are to be particularly attentive to the care of your Grain so as to preserve it from Damage, Waste & Pilferage, and none of it is to be sold without our express Permission. Tho we would not have the Company put hard with in Case Quantity upon their hands yet we recommend to you to encourage the Merchants, Dubassees Poyds and other Inhabitants to purchase all that is brought into the Place in order to guard against a future Scarcity.

We have requested of Admiral Watson to Lodge a part of the Salt Beef on Shore for the Squadron at Fort St David, the which may be made use of in case of a Siege, and the Company subject on the mean time to no Charge.

The Loss by laying in Stock is also an considerable that we think it should be avoided as long as possible. Upon an Emergency you may call into the Fort

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To Captain Caillaud

Sir

No. 322

We enclose a List of the Pay of the Company's Ships Officers compared from which you are to pay the Officers in the future Pay of the Ships according to the Regulations, and observe to pay those Officers Wages

We have received a Bill from Capt. Gilbert for the Expences of the Settlement on the Coast to which there is a Charge of Pallack, as there are some Vessels kept on the Companys Account at Tranquebar you will have sent them with Captain Caillaud

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants Stringer Lawrence Henry Penny Robert Lord Alexr Lynch William Brereton Robert Bulk

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21 May 1756.

To Captain Lee

Sir

We have received your Letter dated the 6th Inst proceed on their Journey.

We should be glad to hear of the Payment of any part of Bommeraunes Bond not have you taken his Interest Note, but we would Trust because it is high time, as you may tell him the whole must Discharged

We enclose a List of the Pay of the Officers

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Mem.d That the Deputy Compassers have orders given
them to fill up the Blanks in the Second Page of the Book of
Military Expectations and observe to pay three Pagos
accordingly We are Sir Your most Obed.t Servants

George Pigot &c Council

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22. This Evening arrived Robert Clive Esq.r from Bengal
last from Fort St. David.

" 25. Sent a Letter of this date from the President to Mr
De Leyrit as order'd in the French Correspondence Book
on the Subject of the Affairs of the Confederates &c. &c.
mentioned in last Consultation and the Deputies
mentioned in Consultation of the 17.th Instant —

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq.r Governor President
Robert Clive Esq.r takes his Seat, the Oath
of Secrecy ordered to be administered to him by the President
having been first administered to him by the President

Wednesday
26 May

Stringer Lawrence Henry Bonney
Robert Orme Alexander Wynch
William Lovedat Robert Pack

A Letter received this Instant from
the Commissaries at Madavendegum dated 25.th Inst.
as order'd N.o 25 in the Book of their Proceedings
Read enclosing three Papers containing their Demands

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and Replies to the Pleas accompanying Mr De Leyrits
Letter of the 31st March last, and giving an Account of a
fresh Act of Violence committed by the Revenue Troops on the
Contested Districts the 24th Instant on the Morning before
Day break. The Debait of this Fact as related by our
Commissaries is as follows. Rama Chunda Reddy.
"Inhabitant of Tomapetum who was Calcly at Madras,
"sent the 22d Instant to Acheravaram where he resided by
"some French Peons were sent to Seize him. On our
"Peons opposing his being carried away by force,
"Eighty French Peons precipitately advanced which
"occasion'd our Armed and Peons likewise to go after
"the same Place where they contended for two days, the
"French to carry away Rama Chunda Reddy by force
"and our People to hinder it. This morning the 25th
"a Party of one hundred and fifty Coopays who were
"quarter'd at Mungil (a neighbouring Grandsmen)
"arrived at Acheravaram before Day break, the whole
"Body fired upon our People, kill'd one of our Peons
"with a double Shot and then fell upon the People
"who had no Firearms to resist such a Treachery
"treated them cruelly, took Rama Chunda Reddy and
"several of our Inhabitants, and carried them by force
"away. The Dead Corps of our Peon was brought here
"and were before our Eyes, which after having
"seen and examined we order'd to be buried."

The Truth of this Debait is

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Supported by a Deposition taken by the Collector of Covg &
in presence of a Multitude of People who were Eye Witnesses
of the whole Affair. This Deposition is entered in the Book of
Procidings of the Commissaries after their Letter before mentioned.

This Fact, if true with all its Circumstances
as set forth in our Commissaries Letter and the Deposition
accompanying it, is from the Beginning to the End, both in
Design and Execution an open Act of Hostility committed
against us, by the French, in a place belonging at least
equally to us, Acheveraucom being a Contested Village
Apparently the Design was to fix on Some Chief Inhabitant of the Contested Districts, and to Shew him
some Severe Resentment for having complained to us of the
Oppressions practis'd by the French throughout those
Districts, in order to Deter others from bringing their
Excesses to Light, and this Design they carried into
Execution by the violent means above recited, regardless of
the Treaties subsisting between us and indeed of the com-
mon Law of Nations.

Such a Conduct on their Part would doubtless
justifically authorize any Steps we might take in Order to
arrive at a just Satisfaction. But as it is not impossible
that M. Duvelaer the French Commissary may have
committed this Rash action without the Order of his
Governor it is Agreed to lay a State of the Fact before
M. De Leyrit demanding immediate Satisfaction
Dispatch to the Nature of the Insult offer'd to our

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Nation in the Death of a Person employd in our Service in the
Contested Districts by a Mob from a Body of their armed
Sepoys

And in order as well to promote the
giving the Satisfaction required, as to secure the Persons of our
Contested Districts from the Sudden Attacks of the French Sepoy
It is Resolvd to give Directions to Captain Lee to send down
Capt.n Gaupp's Company of Sepoys from Arcot to Carangoly, to be
under the Orders of the Commissaries, to whom it is directed
to Send a Copy of our Letter to M.r De Leyrit, and to Signifie
to him as the Occasion
Satisfaction is given for the
the mean time either in the
Place as will best enable the
maintain our Authority
French

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

Letter from Ca
Lee dated
Hon.ble Sir

I received the Honr of your Letter of the
1.st Instant, and as Lieutenant Gordon was much used to
Order, and in the Fort Captain Markelyne desired
him the charge of the Garrison till he receive
Instructions
Sepoys
Sepoy
Sepoy
Sepoy

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now nine of them in the Guard only one of which belongs to Captain Schaub's Company

The Payment of Meer Malongs money is compleated, but I fear Bomanarauze will not Discharge the Seventy thousand Rupees without he is absolutely forced to it. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sirs

Camp at Fort 21 May 1756

Your most Obliged and most Obed Servant

William Lee

Order'd that the Ballance of seven hundred and twenty [720] Pollypilt Pagodas received from Meermalang on account of Bomanarauze Polygars in part of his Security Bond, be dispos'd of at Cost applied to the Payment of our Troops and reported to the President and Council in like manner as to Diredas on last Committee with regard to the former Payment.

Order'd also that Captain Lee do exert his Endeavors to procure Payment of the Seventy thousand [70000] Rupees remaining due from Bomanarauze on his Cadjan Note.

Agreed further that Captain Lee be directed to send the first Deserter spoke of in his Letter under Escort of the Detachment before mentioned to Captain Gaupps, who may try as many of them as belong to his own Company; and send the Remainder those belonging to Captain Polier & Lieut Innes Companies, that Captain Polier may enquire them to

continue

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Tryal there

The following Letter from Rear Admiral Watson

Read

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
&c Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Gentlemen.

I have the favor of your Letter of the 17th Instt
and am much obliged to you for the Directions you have
given for my reception here, and the Gentlemen of the Company
I am sorry to tell you that Mr Watson's
not yet arrived, and of course I have not received any
Publick Letters at which I now begin to be uneasy, but
still hope, as I have done for several days, that one day
more must bring him here. I am Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Chas. Watson

Fort St Davis
20th May 1756.

By a Private Letter from Mr Watson
to the President of a later Date than the above I have
the Satisfaction to find that Lieutenant Rumbold safe
arrived with the Assiento Packets.

Letter from the Nabob &c ended. Ordered
in the Country Correspondence, Read, & answer to be
the President last wrote him concerning Shrapnel
Mr Billy setting forth that he could not support
& accepting the Offer if that Man without a promise

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Security given and that he can say nothing to the Proposal of keeping the Country on his own Management on condition of giving Security to the Company for Love and as Lady Lock could have acquainted with the Opinion of his Brother Mahojee Cawn to whom he has wrote on the Subject recommending therefore that the Determination of the Affair be suspended until the Receipt of the said Answer

Agreed to wait according to the Nabobs Request, but that he be desired to make known his Resolution to us with all possible Expedition, as the Time of Letting out the Countries for the ensuing of July draws near

Country Letters N° 131 & 132 Read

from Mahomed Yusef Cawn & the Nabobs Dubash dat Tanjore; giving an account of some Countries alienated by Mahojee Cawn for the Payment of the Company's Troops, also under his & the Nabobs Command from which Countries nothing can be collected under three or four Months, but he shall endeavor to make them fruitful by encouraging the Inhabitants

That he applied to Mahojee Cawn for the Ballance of one hundred, twenty one thousand & 121,000 Rupees due from him to the Company but received only Excuses being answer'd that all the Money that had been collected had been disbursed on the Pay of the Troops and that there was Nothing left

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containing

Mr

Fort George 26th March

Until a Resolution is made concerning
the Affairs of Telegraph Harbour so as what other
we can only Direct that Crown be endeavour for Lands
to preserve the Timber, in Order that the Industri-
ous may be encouraged to return to their Villages or
cultivate the Lands by which means the Revenue
increase

Ordered that Henry Pierce enclose
the Remarks and Notes of our Commissioners to the
Lands Office which accompanies his Letter of this
March last, by the earliest Opportunity for Perusal and
Consideration

By Order

Robert Stanley

Secretary

Henry Pierce
Esq
Victoria
Vancouver's Island

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Sent a Letter of this date from the President to Mr Lyrel pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Consult entered in the French Correspondence N° 32, like the following Letter to Captain William Lee.

To Captain William Lee.

Sir

The Situation of the Affairs of the United Districts making it necessary to augment our Force there we direct that you immediately Detach all the Officers and Men of Captain Gaupps Company of Carangolis and one Company more of Seapoys as can possibly be Spar'd under the Conduct of the Commanding Officer of the said Company with Orders to follow the Orders of Captain Gaupps

Under this Escort you are to send down all the Irish Deserters confin'd at Vsoor to Fort St George to whom we have given Directions concerning them

We have order'd Lieutenant Lopinck to proceed to Camp and are

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Sir Your most Obedt Servants

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Hector Munro
Robert Clive
Alexander Lyndsay
Henry Lawrell
Robert Kirk

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Fort Moosa 31 Mar 1756

Sir

Your Lordship shall in future be strictly observed, that no Europeans shall be employed as Cartouch Boxes and other Stores to carry the whole, have therefore ordered an Additional Subsist for such as are wanted for that purpose

Yesterday a Party of Marhatt Cavalry Horse and Sepoys attack'd a Village near Ageroon in which were about Sixty of the Nabob's Sepoys most of which they have kill'd or taken Prisoners and are now endeavouring to reduce that Fort, they the Aware of the Nabob, sent from a representation made by the Officer who Commands there, I have detached two Companys of Sepoys more to join the Nabob's People and relieve the Place

The Nabob informs me he has received certain Intelligence from Salabat Jungs Camp that the French and he have had some Disputes and that the former were marched to force the latter from their Post for Majulipatnam

Agreable to your Orders the List of Pay of the following Officers of the Sepoy Companies are inserted in the Book of Allowances Establishment allowed in Camp.

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which I thought the only proper Method to be
Money he owes the Company, & shall make
Agreement with him I am with the most

Camp at Arcot
26 May 1756

Hon.ble Sir &c.&c.

Your most Obed.t & most Hum.ble Servt

Wellsley Lee

318 Sepoys (with two Officers) & Cavalry
Muskeeters, and 2 Field Pieces have this Day
gone out on Command, and shall return
soon possible for

Sir

Yr Commands Approve & Hon.ble
Account of Sepoys sent to relieve Morgan from the
Attempts of Murtaz ally Esqr &c at Arcot

Ordered that the Horse drawn
by Captain Lee be sent out, and as Captain
Maskelyne has the President's Leave to come to
for a few days it is Agreed that Captain
charge of the Garrison of Fort William for the

Sir

The following Letter from Mr

Dansenne Dirks Read

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
&c.a Gentlemen of the Secret Committee

Honble Sirs &c.a &c.a

I have received your Letter of the 12th
Instant and have laid on near fifty Corce of Paddy
belonging to the Readers as I wrote you two days ago,
would you please to have me lay on any more?

I am sorry that I should not have been
understood in regard to what I wrote you concerning
Bills, my only reason for it was that in looking over
former Accounts I found that the Chief of this Place has
been frequently obliged to advance his own money for want
of a due Supply from St Davis and in case of a War it
might be of very dangerous consequence to be in want of
Cash, besides Bills would be saving the Charge of Freight
& Conveyance which is an inconvenience sometimes
in time of War.

Four German Deserters are just come in,
one from Tanjore and three from the Tinnavelly Country
it seems they deserted from their Colours long before any
Corps was sailed, would you therefore please to have me
entertain them in the Service? I have as yet only
advanced each of them a Pagoda for their present Subsis-
tance, the one from Tanjore represents that
there are several more would be glad to come if

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Deptford
16 May 1756

would give them Encouragement, please to favor me with
your Directions Herein. I am with Respect
Sir Your most Obed Servt
Daniel Drake

The 1500 Guns & Bullets delivered to Mr
Drake at Deptford by the Hunters upon our Contract
will we judge be sufficient for that Service
Agreed therefore to write Mr Drake not to keep on any
more, and as the German Deserters mentioned in Mr
Drake's Letter are supposed a part of those which were
sent to us from the Tower before the Cartel and afterwards
Deserted from the Army under the command of Colonel
Howe, Ordered that they be put upon the Rolls of the
Deptford Company and that Mr Drake after Tender
to us many others as well returned

Examin'd so far by Mr Hudson

Geo Pye
Robt Hucks
Wm Lowndes
Henry Bonny
Robt Orme
Wm Strutt
Rob Palk

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Sent the following Letter to Capt. Lee pursuant to
the Resolutions of the foregoing Committee

To Captain William Lee

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 26th
and have ordered your Indent for Quartermasters Stores
to be complied with. We are concerned at the Disturbance
Muntazally Cawn creates and approve every measure of
yours sending the two Companies of Sepoys. You will
continue to give any further Assistance you may
necessary.

Captain Pye whom we have appointed
to the Grenadier Company will set out this Evening for
Camp with Lieutenant Smith and Mr. Ironside
a Volunteer. On their arrival you may prevail Lieut.
Samson to come to Madras.

No more Recruits are already arrived
from England, and more in daily Expectation of more
we would have the Grenadier Company compleated
with the best of the Men now in Camp and at Arcot.
And as Captain Maskelynes Affairs will make his
Stay here some time longer, you are to give the Charge
of the Garrison of Arcot to Captain Pye and recal
Lieutenant Campbell.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants.

George Pigot, Robt. Clive, Stringer Lawrence,
Henry Pawney, Robt. Orme, Alex. Wynch.
William Percival, Robt. Palk.

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At a Committee Present.

George Pigot Esq. Governor President
Robt. Clive — Stringer Lawrence —
Henry Powney — Robert Orme —
Wednesday Alexander Wynch — William Percival
June the 2. Robert Talk

The two following Letters from
Captain Rob. Read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Gentlemen of the
Committee of Correspondence

Honble Sirs, & Sirs.

I am this instant honord
with your Letter of the 26th Instant. and early to morrow
morning Captain Gaupp's Company with the Recruits
will march for Carangoly. I will also detach one
Company of Sepoys with Ensign
Instant of my reinforcing the Detachment employd
in Securing the Jaguers taken from Mr Mackally
Lawn, and from the accounts I receive, I fear I
shall rather be oblig'd to encrease than diminish
the number, there is also a Company on Mr Bonnets
ranges Country, and the remainder there of two
Companies and a half are near Tripasore

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to do the present duty, the Nabob has a Seapoy as well as European Guard, and the other necessary Guards and Detachments require a greater number than we can now afford.

As the Nabob informed me he had your authority to apply to me for ammunition I have hitherto supplied his Seapoys with it at the Expence of those and ours together encreasing very considerably, should be glad of the honor of your Instructions how I am to act, he appears me he is not able to procure it any other way.

I am with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obligd, most Obedient, and most humble Servant.

William Lee.

Camp at Arcot
May 29th 1756.

To the honble George Pigot Esqr
President and Governor and Gentlemen
of the Committee of Correspondence.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of your orders of the 26th Instant. Yesterday morning Captain Gwyn's Company with 7 Deserters and a Company of Sepoys marchd for Canangoly agreeable to the Inclosd return, 2 of the Deserters are still in the Hospital, and were unable to be sent with the Command.

This morning I received adv

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from our Subadars Head on the 29th at night the Velore Seapoys got profession of Ageroum on the 30th the Nabob sent 600 Horse 500 Seapoys and 300 men with Matchlocks to join the Companies Seapoys and release the place, but on their marching within a few miles of the Fort, and hearing that the Velore Troops had surrounded it, the Nabobs people absolutely refusid going any further, and turnid back because they had no pay, our Seapoys finding themselves unable alone to relieve the place Retreated to Trevalum a Strong Fort 15 miles from Arcot 330 of the Nabobs Seapoys were taken prisoners and 200 horse left there as part of the garrison had some days before either joind the Velore Troops or runn away the Subadar who commanded Ageroum, was recommended to the Nabob by the Velore Subadar and as I am told always behavd well to the Company Service, he writes that he defended the Fort as long as the Nabobs Seapoys had either provisions or ammunition and that necessity obligd him to harrass with his men people on the right, and I dont hear that any of the Companies Seapoys have sufferd in this affair he adds that Mortazally Cans has been joind by many Polligars and has four Guns and a few Europeans which remain at present on and near Ageroum the Nabob taking into his Service such a number of Horse and Seapoys will never recover his pay without they are more regularly supplyd with and Ammunition, for as soon as Seapoys Service for them, they either plunder or desert

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have supplied him with Ammunition as far as I
thought it consistent with my duty, he always telling
he could get very small quantities any other way.

The Nabob does not propose any
method for recovering this place, as he finds how little
he can depend on his own people, and from the accounts
I have received, the risk would be too great to attempt it
with the Companys Forces alone, this Fort is at least
35 Miles from Sea, and directly on the other side
of Tabor, I was entirely unacquainted with the Situation
of these places, except from the intelligence I had from
the Amuldar and Sabedars, I was on a great
occasion obliged to give them discretionary orders,
to act in the manner that should appear to them
most conducive to the Interest of the Nabob and
Company, and I shall now keep those on
Detachment as near together as possible, to receive
further Orders from you. I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir Your

Your most Obligd most
Obed.t and most Hble Servant.

William Lee

Camp at Arcot
31 May 1756

I gives the Committee great
concern to observe the advantages mentioned in Captain
Lees above Letter, to have been gained on more
than

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entering

Upon one Occasion by the Troops of Hundrally Cawr-
Nellodan of Velore, upon those of the Nabob, particularly
on the retaking of Agoram, the most considerable
of all the Velore Jagoers had remained at the time
of Major Killpatrick's entering those Districts with
the Army. It appears that these Misfortunes
may be attributed to great Slowness in the Nabob
himself who, forgetting the advice we have so often
given him, has entitled more Horse and Sepoys than
he is able to maintain, and therefore those Troops
not being regularly paid, often leave him and go over
to any Service or else desert to the Enemy.
Agreed to represent once more to the Nabob the
Hurt his Affairs suffer from such a Conduct not
only in point of Credit, but also by the waste of
Ammunition & the Expence of which Capt. Lang
represents to have been considerably increased by
that means.

attention

As Agoram is at so great
a distance as Thirty four Miles from Velore &
lies between them it would take up more time &
and a larger Force than we were about to employ
at this time on both Services, and more exposed
than the Consequence of it deserves to be attended
from the Insurgents
Cawn. It is Agreed therefore to content ourselves
for the present with writing both to the Nabob and
Captain Lee to send us a List of the Velore Jagoers

which

remaining & one for the Nabob's Sepoys with
an account of their Strength & Duties, formerly

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we
may judge whether their Revenue will answer the Expence of maintaining the Expedition, and how best to do it. In the mean time Captain Lepto seems Bent by all prudent Means in his Power against the Efforts of Mootazuddy.

On the Subject of Ammunition it is Resolvd to write Captain Lee to supply the Nabob hereafter with such Quantities only as the Captain Lee shall judge to be absolutely necessary on material Occasions.

And as by the many Drafts of Seapoys from the Army, Enough are not left for the Camp Duty; it is Agreed that the Company Sent into Arcot Fort in March last be returnd to Captain Lee.

Letter from the Commissaries at Madarantegum dated 30.th May as Entered N.o 27 in the Book of their Proceedings. Read, enclosing a List of the French Seapoys employd in, and on the Borders of the Contested Districts, Amounting in all to the number of one thousand and twenty five, Representing that the onnie French Agent who was at the head of the Bettenevaneum affair on which our Peon was killd, publishes throughout the Contested Districts, that he shall soon cut off more of the People belonging to the English, and Seize all the Inhabitants who favor them. Also requesting to know, whether in case of an open Rupture, they should give a General Leave to the

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The Inhabitants to carry away their Grain.

The Committee were of opinion
it will be best to give such General Leave to the
Inhabitants in case of open Hostilities, Whereby
the French by the help of the Assistance of their
Seapoys and Peons quartered in the different Villages
of the Contested Districts will be enabled to secure
the greatest Part of the Grain to themselves. Upon
the other Matters recited in our Consultations
beforementioned Letter, We must an answer to
the Representations lately made by Mr. Bedgeot.

Ordered that the two Companies
of Military which marched lately under the Command
of Captain Callender from Trichenopoly to
Devecotah do proceed from thence to Fort St. David
where they will be in readiness to take the Field
with the Kings Troops upon any Occasion and
in the mean time serve to reinforce the Garrisons
of Fort St. David and Cuddalore which are
at present very bare of Men.

It having been represented to
us, that the Detachment of Royal Artillery under
the Command of Captain Kelsey, consists of so
small a number of Men as will by no means
be able to serve the Guns purposed to be carried
into the Field with the Regiment. We do Agree
to draft twenty five men from the Military Corps
nies at Fort St. David, after the Arrival of the

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Five above mentioned, and put them under the Command of Captain Bishop who will discipline them and keep them on duty with his Majestys Troops.

And Orderd that these twenty five men be struck off the Military Rolls the 1.st next month, and put upon the Roll of the Fort St. David Train Company, to which they will hereafter be returnd.

George Pigot
Robert Clive
Roger Lawrence
Henry Berney
Robert Orme
Wm. Monckton
Wm. Frazer
Rob.t Palk

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Sent the following Letters to Richard Starke Esq.
Mr Dawsonne Drake, and Captain Callender
pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing
Committee.

To Richard Starke Esq.
Deputy Governor of Fort St. David

Sir

We have directed Captain Callender
to march from Fort St David to your Garrison with
his own and Major Kilpatricks Companies which
came under his Command from Trichinopoly.
On their Arrival Captain Lieutenant and Major
Kilpatricks Company to the few men he now has
of his own; you will then have three compleat
English Companies at Fort St. David.

As the Detachment of Royall
Artillery under the Command of Captain Hislop
has been represented to us as insufficient for the
Service of the Train they have to carry into the
Field, we Direct that a Draft be made out of
these three English Companies of twenty five men,
to be approved by Captain Hislop, under whose
Orders they are to be put, to be disciplined by him,
and to do duty only with his Majestys Troops.

And these twenty five men
are to be struck off the Military Rolls the 1st of next
month, and put upon the Roll of your Artillery

Company

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Company.

Observing you have 60 Europeans
and no More besides what are recruited, we would have
you send the half of them Soldiers as Opportunities
offer.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot &c.a Committee

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2 June 1756.

To Mr. Dawsonne Drake

Sir

We have received your Letter dated
the 18.th of this month. The fifty Garce of Paddy you have
laid on, with the twenty Garce to be replaced by Mr.
Hopkins will be a Sufficient Stock for your Garrison.
You are therefore not to purchase any more without
further Orders.

Let the Deserters be entertained
in the Service and placed upon the Rolls of the
Company belonging to your Garrison, and use
your Endeavours to get the others from Tanjore by a
Promise of Pardon, which is the only Encouragement
we can give them, - We suppose they are a
Part of those Germans who deserted from the
French and were entertained in our Service before
the Capitulation.

We enclose a Letter, which you
will deliver to Captain Calliaud & an Order for
Troops

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him to march to Fort St David with the two Companies he brought from Trichenopoly. You are to give the Regt Batta for so many days as you judge they will be on the Road.

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We are Sir
Your most Obedient Humble
George Pigot &c Committee

To Captain William Lee
St David

We have before us your Letters of the 29th & 31st We have given Orders that the Guard be drawn from Devi Cotah and Chillumbrum and who have always attended from whence they have been sent on any Service. We have now wrote to him again on this Subject, and told him also that it is impossible for us to supply his Troops with Ammunition. Send us a List of what you have furnished him with during his Command of the Convoy and we shall judge absolutely necessary upon the Occasion.

You must Direct that we do not purpose to attempt for the Present the retaking it. Make a particular Inquiry what Colour Sayers remains in the Possession of the Natives, and what is their Value, after which we shall send you further Directions

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on the mean time, You are to endeavor to secure to
the Possession of them by all prudent Orders in
your Power. We have directed the Commanding
Officer in Arcot Fort to return you the Company
of Seapoys just under Captain Maskelynes command
on March last; which is the only Addition we can
at present make to your Numbers.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Humble
George Pigot & Committee

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2. June 1756.

1st Received a Letter from Mr Dupré to the President
dated the 1st Instant as entered in the French
Correspondence No. 35

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governor President.
Robert Clive, Stringer Lawrence,
Henry Lowney, Robert Orme,
Alexander Wynch, William Percival,
, Robert Palk.

Thursday
the 10th

Mr de Dupré's Letter No 35

dated 1st June Read, acknowledging the Receipt
of the Presidents Letters dated 25 & 26 May which
contained Complaints on the Subject of those
Violences committed by the French Commissaries

Agents

Killedâr.

Chunder

Durocher

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Agents on the Untaxed Districts and particularly
of the Affair which happened at Ochenvaneum
the 24th May wherein one of our Peons was killd.

Sent Letter of Mr Boyle inclosed
Proceedings, consists entirely of Recommendations without
Proofs, when every Article of the Complaints against
on our Part was accompanied with a Copy of the
Representations laid before us by the Sufferers
Inhabitants — In the same manner the Relations
of the Death of our Peon at Ochenvaneum was
attested by three Principal Inhabitants, and that
Kistnen of Carangoly, who declares that thirty or
forty other Persons were also present, But Mons.
Du Leyrit instead of offering to enlarge the Inhabitant
Rama Chunder Ruddy whom they Seized on that
occasion, Carried Prisoner to Pondicherry
to give a Suitable Satisfaction for the Death
of our Peon, transmits the Copy of a long Letter
wrote him by Mr Durocher by which it appears
that our People were the Aggressors —— Offensive
he proposes to have the Affair enquired into at
with his Complaint of the 26th March on the
Subject of a Mosque in Cadapery taken possession
of by our People —— Hind he concludes with
declaring that he is ready to concur in any means
we can propose to bring about an Accommodation,
is treated at large in three numbers the 30th March,
last

The Affair of Cadapery Mosque

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last wherein it appears that Cadapeny is a Village belonging incontestably to us, and that neither the French Seapoys nor any of their Attendants entered that Mosque at the time our Seapoys for want of Sufficient Quarters took Possession of it.

The Truth of this we can prove beyond all doubt, by seven Concurrent Depositions declaring that the Mosque was not inhabited nor had been for fifteen days before our Seapoys took possession of it. These seven Depositions are ready to be proved on Oath, and are entered on the proceedings of the Commissaries after No. 28. Agreed to Send a Copy of the Seven Depositions to Mr. de Leyrit as an answer upon this Article, remarking to him at the same time that it is an Article of a much less important Nature than the Injury done us at Acheravancomp.

And then it is Agreed to point out to Mr. Leyrit the many obvious Improbabilities, and ill grounded Assertions contain'd in Mr. Du Pleichen's Letter on that Subject, Such as our Commissaries having sent Seapoys armed with Muskets, of which there was absolutely not one on our Side, throughout the whole Course of the Affair, And to conclude with declaring to him that we shall with pleasure concur in any Reasonable Means of Accommodation, but as we have produced such plain Proofs of the Violent Injury done us at Acheravancomp

we

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we must previously to all Proceedings insist on the Release of the Inhabitant Rama Chounder Ruddy and a proper Satisfaction for the Death of our Peon renewing our Protest in case of his Refusal.

Letter from Captain Gaupp at Carangoly Read, as entered No 28 in the Book of Proceedings of the Commissaries advising of the Arrival of his Company there, with a Company of Sepoys who have not any good Soulders among them.

Ordered that Eighty Shipaid Arms be sent to Carangoly for the use of the said Company of Sepoys and that Captain Gaupp be desired to send in the necessary Returns

William Lee. Read.

The following Letter from Capt

To the Honble George Saget Esqr
President & Governor and the
Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received the honor of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo last night by Captain Gaupp, who immediately had the charge of the Garrison delivered over to him, and Lieutenant Campbell returned here, join'd the Camp: Lieutenant Thompson in Consequence of the Commission you were pleased to

Grant

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grant him, set out for Madras.

Agreable to your orders the
Grenadier Company shall be completed immediately
there are in Camp and Arcot a Sufficient number
of good men for that purpose.

The 2 deserters who were left
Sick here, are recovered and will be sent for Carangoly
to morrow.

Since I did myself the honor to
to write you the 31st, nothing extraordinary has happened
Murtaz ally Cawn's Troops have marchd from
Ageeum and are within 6 miles of some of our Sepoys
who are divided into three Forts, but as the Nearest
of them is not more than 10 Coarse from hence I
can Safely reinforce them if there should be occasion
these Posts I am informed Sufficiently cover the
remaining Sageers and till I am favord with your
further orders Shall keep them for their Selvation, as
from all the Accounts I receive of Murtaz ally's
Force, it would be impracticable to retake Ageeum with
the Sepoys would Spare from hence, and the
Nabob has not any he can depend on to give the
least Assistance.

Inclosed is a general muster of
the Troops in Camp, and also the General Returns
of Stores. I am with the greatest Respect

Arcot Honble Sr & Sirs

56. Your most Obligd most Obedient
Humble Servt

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Agreed to give orders to Captain Lee to protect the same Fort which cover the remaining Velar Rogues on the Nabobs Service

And as an Opportunity may offer some time hereafter of calling Murtazally Cawn to an account for the Disturbances he has at several times raised and is now carrying on the Country it would be useful to have some authentick Proofs of those Disturbances to produce on such an Occasion and Agreed therefore to recommend to Captain Lee to procure Personal Attestations from the Inhabitants of the Villages belonging to the Circar which may be plundered by the Troops of Murtazally Cawn, and to transmit them attestations to us.

Two Letters from the Select Country Correspondence giving an Account of the Irregularities committed by Murtazally Cawn and recommending first Measures to be immediately taken to punish him, and desiring Advice

of too much Offence and too great a Risque to be undertaken at this Critical Time unless [illegible] the most extended Concessions from Europe Agreed therefore to write Nabob that we must wait for Opportunity to punish him and desire Advice

to Captain Lee [illegible]

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Acts of Hostility committed by Murdazally Cawn on the Districts of the Carnat which Troops will serve as an answer to any Applications that may hereafter be made to us in his favor and justify any Measures we may at a proper time resolve to take to prevail him for his Disturbances.

Captain Polier writes that the Renter of the Changlepat District has delivered for the Store of the Garrison twenty Garse Paddy which he has received in consequence of the Order formerly sent him, but the Renter offering five Garse more / saying that his Agreement was for twenty five Garse / he desires Directions whether to receive it or not. Ordered that it be received as an Addition of five Garse of Paddy will not make the Store of that Garrison too large, and it may be sold out again whenever it shall be thought proper.

Captain Pye by Letter the 9th Instant advises of his Arrival at Arcot, and receiving the Keys of the Garrison, that of the Money advanced by the Nabob for carrying on the Fortifications, only nine hundred Rupees were left, which will not be Sufficient to pay the People employed for this Month, he therefore requests Orders how to proceed Agreed to direct Captain Pye, conformably to our repeated former Resolutions, not to advance any Money of the Company's

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for the Repairs of the Country Vessels, but to let the Works stop when the Money advanced by the Nabob is expended.

Mr Drake advises of the Arrival at Devicotah the 31st May of Mr Engineer Call and Lieutenant Hume appointed on Commission the 6th May to Survey the State of that Garrison and make a full Report to us.

The following Letter from Captain John Caulland Read,

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President and Governor &c Gentlemen of the Committee at Madras.

N 29 Honble Sir & Sirs

Since my last of the 3d May, I have been honord with your several favors No. 29. 30. 31. 32. dated the 27th April and 7th 19th & 21st of May. I have carefully observd and followd all the orders, and directions which they contained

As I did not receive your favor of the 19th until the 27th approving the reduction of the Lascars that Service could not take place entirely the next month. 60 is the number discharged but great many of them chose to stay here, as they may get work, those who went down were not worth recommending. The Serangs & Tindals I have kept, being approved Good men, & their Service necessary

necessary here.

Permit me with deference to your Orders, to mention a word in favor of the Colonnary and the Seapoys, whose pay you have thought proper to reduce. They are chosen Seapoys, always picked out of the Company for that Service. We have seen among the Lofs of their Colours a disgrace. They have persons to carry them whom most they can depend on. Their Letter inclosing those Orders, also not coming, until the end of the month; that Regulation could not take place, but for the last 15 days, and they Voyage money shall, from the last Payment, one Rupee each. Next month it shall be observed, unless you please to favor the Colonnary, whom I have taken the Liberty to recommend.

I had the honor of addressing the President the 21st of last month, informing him, that the Nellour had Settled the payment of the Arrabet money, from two of the Polligars, Kattabommanaig and Ettierampaud. The Securities were at his desire, and Agreement with their Masters, to be sent to Cuttabicodah, Tondimans place of Residence. And when arrival there been made known, the Nellour was to receive the money, and the men to be set free. Carpanaick had also been settled with, but in a different manner. Part in ready money, the remainder monthly, so his Securities still remain here, until it is performd.

Since writing that Letter to

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Sir President, I have received another from Capt Nelson, with the further account that the Enemy had marched to Calapetty (for order to bring that Villyan to Reason, and make him pay the money due. But after having waited some days to no purpose for the execution of his promises, the Nellour attacked his Fort, and took it by Storm. The Villyan and 3 killed. The Villyan made his escape with a Subidar. The Pallygar made his escape but I expect soon to hear they have brought him to terms.

I hope you will be pleased to overlook my error, which has drawn on me your reproof for having neglected sending Bullocks from hence with Captain Callenders party. Assuming to myself on my account of Change, Carriage & Draught Bullocks (the Service being only proper for him for made you guilty thereof. Had Sudey returned in for Draught ones. My reason was, the one being dead & pressed, and the other of great Service, and kept constantly employed in bringing in large Loads for the Garrison, as well for present use, as for Store for any Emergency hereafter. Which made up, (for which I beg pardon) of mentioned in my Returns) then more what I was Garrison Carriages for 13. 12. & 9 Pounders, four Bullocks for field Piece, a large Transport Carriage

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and eight new Tumbrils, and all the rest in necessary repair, and fit for Service.

Accompanying this are two Estimates to be laid before you, for the Repairs of the French Prison and the Grain Magazines. The one of the Former by the Late rain having broke in and soften in, and the others not keeping the wet out, even after the Paddy. The beginning of July closes the year. By that time I shall be careful that you have an exact account of the Grain, and State of the Magazines.

Inclos'd I have the honor to send the monthly returns, and Accounts for May

I remain with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
Faithfull Servant.
John Caillaud.

Trichenopoly
3 June 1756.

Order'd that Copies of the Estimates inclos'd in Captain Caillaud's Letter Viz.t
One for the Repair of the French Prison amounting to Trichenopoly Pagodas 7313
The other for Repairing the Paddy Magazines amounting to Trichenopoly Pagodas 3251
be transmitted to the Nabob with a Letter requesting him to Send an order for the Money.

The monies made up by Captain Caillaud in favor of the Colours men belonging to Fort

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Seapoy Company at Trichinopoly being brought
recommended & Agreed, that they be continued at
the Rupees a Month, but that they be promised to
of the Coheroon filled with such Seapoys as shall
desire Commissions continuing them at Seapoys Pay
16 Rupees Month for the Encouragement of Standing
will have the Encouragement of Standing
Preferment, in case of Vacancies

Voted

Resolved to the Calicut Troops
to such Agreements for their Encouragement
of the Rebels money as shall be made with their Chiefs
by the Nellore Subsidy Affairs, who according
to the advice contained in their Letters lately received from
here as well as the Country Correspondence
152. 157. & 158 have already settled with them
Polygars and Malabar Inhabitants

In the Letter N.o 19 Page
Caron mentions that a Portuguese Merchant offered to
give twenty Packs a Year for the Honourable Company
The President is desired to write to him for a particular
Account of the offer, what is the Name and Quality
and Character, what are his Views with regard to
the Effects of the Troops and what Security will
he give; as it may be necessary to make a Treaty
with this Man, the Nabob not having yet sent
any answer as the Subject of the Offer of
Edmund Monckton, who does not seem to know
in Committee 16th May

Voted

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Nixar, Mahomed Cawn & Mahomed
of Chittepeet by Letter Endorsd No 136 in the County
Correspondence, advises that Corporal Glen who com-
manded the small Detachment posted at that
Garrison deserted with another man the 1st Instant
Ordered that a Letter be wrote to the Killedar to tell
he will make strict Enquiry which way they are gone
and advise us. And that Serjeant Willcocks be sent
to command the Detachment who being a prudent
Man, and of some Judgment, may be directed to
make such Remarks as may be useful hereafter
on the Situation of the Fort, taking care not to give
the Killedar any Room for Suspicion &c

Geo. Pigot
Robert Gwe
Wm. Lawrence
Henry Brooke
Peter Perkins
Wm. Maxwell
Wm. Stevenson
Robt. Park

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Pursuant to the foregoing Resolution I sent a Letter dated as endorsed on the Back of Enclosed Correspondence & Captain Lay

To Captain John Caulfield

Sir. No. 33.

We have received your Letter of the 3 June with the monthly Papers enclosed. We have sent the Estimates for repairing the Garrison Bason, and the Paddy Magazines, to the Naval Department, ordering him to dispatch Orders immediately for the Surveying the Money.

Subidar may settle with the Pallegars with your Approbation for the Payment of the Tribute Money due on account of the Seasons left on your charge you may conform to, by Bonding the Peons due to such Place as shall be agreed on. The Subidar has orders to remit you all Monys he may receive, which you will give Credit for to the Commissary and keep it for the use of the Garrison

In compliance with your Recommendations of the Columnies, we agree that they be continued at 8 Rupees a month, & that first promoted to be Naigues, and fill the places of the Columnies with Sheds of the Seapoys as best deserve Preferment, entertaining them at Seapoys

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Pay, but the next for Promotion which will be my
Encouragement for their good Behaviour on the
Occasion of extraordinary Pay

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St George
11th June 1756.

George Pigot, Robert Clive, Stringer Lawrence
Henry Powney, Robert Orme, Alex. Wynch
William Percival, Robert Talk

To Captain William Rea

Sir

We have received your Letter dated
4 June. We are glad to find that the three Forts which
were threatened by Pagan Sahen from Mundas
ally Town lye so near to Anot, you will certainly
yourself with protecting them, and in case Mundas
ally Town should ravage or plunder the Company
Medlows against any Place belonging immediately
to the Circar which was not dependent upon
Velour, we recommend to you to procure from
the Principal Inhabitants of such Place full
and well attested Informations in writing of
the Circumstances of the Fact, and the time of
its being committed, which Informations You
will transmit to us They will be a Justification
of any Measures we may resolve hereafter to
take.

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Wears Sir

Your most Obedient Servants.

George Pigot &c.ca Committee

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At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esqr. Governor President
Robert Clive, Stringer Lawrence,
Henry Powney, Robert Orme,
Alexander Wynch, William Percevall,
Robert Palk.

Monday
the 14th.

The following Letter from Captain
William Lee Read,

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca &ca Gentlemen
of the Committee of Correspondence at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received the honor of your Letter
of the 2 Instant, but could not get the account of the
Velore Sepoys till this morning, the Nabob has been
much out of order, and kept his room some days
past, but is now better, he intends discharging many
of his Horse and Sepoys immediately as it is impo-
ssible for him to pay so great a number, I have
enclosed a State of the Sepoys and a Returne of
Ships

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the Ammunition expended by the Company's and Nabob's Seapoys in the late of those Districts, Morattoe & allys people have made no other attempts to reduce any of them, and I believe the Seapoy Force I have on command is Sufficient to oppose them if they Should at least till they can be reinforced from hence. Captain Pye has returned the Company of Seapoys to Carrige, agreable to your Order.

The Seapoys continue on Demand on Bommenaiques Coomby, Narang writes they put him off from day to day, with promises of paying the Money, and that he believes they have no intention to do it, he has not yet received any Money.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obliged & most
Obedient humble Servant
William Lee.

Camp at Arcot
10th June 1756

By the Post of Velore Dagees accompanying Captain Lees above Letter, it appears that they yet remain under their Nabobs Seizure and Management to the Amount of above a Lack of Rupees yearly Income, the which it is to be hoped Captain Lee will be able to Secure against any Attempts Mustapha by

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Cawvi may make to recover them. Ordered that the Let be copied after these Minutes.

Agreed that the Seapoys remain in Commendance Country and that Captain Call be directed to continue to pay the Batta Payment of their Lodgings Note for Seventy thousand Pagodas due to the Company.

Letter from Captain Campbell Assign Barnaby Commissioner for Contested Districts, as Entered Fol. 30 in the Book of these Proceedings, dated 10th Instant Read. advising that Pondichery. That all the French Seapoys & People belonging to them have left Cadapery, and Encamped at Tandanoy a Village about two Englishes Miles from the Fort of Carangoly, whence two other Gentlemen are arrived from Pondichery. Captain Campbell writes under date the 11th that he expected the French Gentlemen intend to take up their Quarters again at Cadapery and desires to know whether he should oppose them on the Encroachments of that Design as Cadapery is Situated within a Mile of the Fort of Carangoly.

Although the Customs of Nations would justify our opposing any Encroachment that should attempt to great or Encroach within a Mile of a Fort belonging to us, and although the M.r Seapoys have not given us any Notice of their

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Changing his Commissaries, so that we can take regular Rec Gentlemen newly arrived on the Coast of Coromandel Yet as we could not without an absolute Necessity an Opportunity of Rendering a War on the Contested Districts it is Agreed to direct the Commissaries in case the French should move with a design to return to Cudapong, to content themselves with protesting against the Commanding Officer for the Consequences of an Action which he must well know to be contrary to the Customs of Nations; to acquaint us therewith the Result of their Protest, and wait our further Orders.

In a letter from our Commissaries is a Detail of many Violences committed by the French Party on their March from Conjeeveram to the Contested Districts which it is Agreed to defer taking Notice of until we receive Mr Leyrits answer to the Letter wrote him the 17th Instant.

Captain Pye writes from Vizagapatam of the Desertion of Corporal Glen & another Man from Chittapet as mentioned in last Committee, and that he has Sent a Serjeant and two Men in their Room. Serjeant Wildcock being gone from hence pursuant to the Order of last Committee. Agreed to write Captain Pye to order back his Serjeant and two Men.

The following Letter from

Received

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An Account of the Villages within the Pettah Cutcherry from Mootapally Cutcherry

Paddagoodla Villages	Villages	County Rupees
	36	At 18126 - -

Allahcherry Vallangherry Pereddy
Cattaneddy Vallavatta Nunniatoor
Venattapore Perumballimba Cheruvellamy
Chittavanoor Vedavanoor Cottambed
Chempladdy Madamanoor Tripalore
Coodiyandatoor Eruvaveddy Chinamgoorea
Cannoor Vellinkinny Mullapet
Chinnoorcamp Navianpuram Pereddy
Ediatore Canapuram Grandanpuram
Annamallapatting Meenanda Allapuram
Weylore Vanapuram
Madanpuram Periyanpuram Cheatpet

Paddyveddu Villages Connettoor 26. 30000 - -

Modern
Ayyanpet Annadapuram Singanaikul
Kanthavasthe Mathapore Kanganavenkil
Pennakonapollam Midapollam Vandalore
Ponnathoram Vellore Cupany
Cattacopang Anchampet Valore
Angiyanoo Kakundy Cornatoor
Shanthavasthe Rendanpet Amynaicull
Tellaboy Pillore

Swallow Villages Connettoor 56 30000 - -

Thachiyaperum Pennadicopang Pullipuram
Cheruvore Paguncopang Cunnapally
Nagoorpuram Pillore Tammapenang

Carried over Pag 68 At 28126 - -

Madiya Mangalam

Pallery

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Brought over Villr. 68. Rx 28126.

Nellinanally	Vafsore	Dallawaypala			
Pettatock	Tongumaum	Ongorepalla			
Areapacom	Pettary Coopang	Mashanodypala			
Amundy	Buchapatnam	Trimolemicknpala			
Cannambompetta	Reddypala	Cotahoor			
Vennumbally	Lowypetta	Gadacondayathpala			
Codacomtkugel	Pitabramredypala	Wagorepalla			
Vujpadamettore	Topapspala	Sargaampalla			
Maradompacum	Dosenypala	Mellanel Pagdea			
Mellyaudy	Condredypala	Arvathmayapala			
Vellyonalle	Annonypala	Battayangapala			
Sharoptanguel	Ingom	Chiradaveypala			
Coderaipang	Vicatore	Keshavanaicko			
Vincompetta	Cattapattay	Papaveyp			
motentanguel	Ragavacoypala				
mbantanguel	Coondypett		118		d.
Shivalore	Villages and	Mettons	25	18000	

of which Canady Lawn got 3 Villages & 2 Mettons Rx 9000
The 20 Villages Remain as follows Rx 9000
Rx 18000

Shivandapettore	Shotenvaney	Nellampett			
Vennamangolam	Mavonandell	Kunnimedu			
Vaicattore	Cattushatnotrom	Cattpettay			
Anantapooram	Perenatum	Pusparaney			
Cheneny	Seevanandel				
Combanandell	Cadlvaskell				
Seppanandell	Mallimoos				
Sehembaddy	Putramapett				
Augaram	Villages		33	25000	

Villag[s] 176 Rx 131126

Mudeva, Vithavanadapooram, Singeny Sanguel — adjicoopang, Shanepaddy Coopang, Cottayecopang — Cheenapaty Coopang, Pett, Achenapett

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Brot Over Villages

Carnadaty	Callanycoopang	Cadapett
Tollepaddy	Goonany	Carany
Tremelly Coopang	Vannantanguel	Tremelly
Mallialay	Nanaloperum	Arnachalle
Mahomedperum	Madanpet	Tollapaddy
Pallaleecoopang	Jangamancoopang	Ongoram
Condduro	Comaipet	
Vepaycoopang	Sortamp	
Ledypore	Callyperu	
Vadayady	Vellyputt	
	Callyputt	

Ongoram & the above Villages retaken by Montazaly Cawn's Troops. Amounting to Pd 2500.—

Pursuant to the above Resolution, and the following

Letter to Captain Smyth

To Captain William Smyth

Sir

Herewith you receive the 10th with the List of Rebel Pagoda's and the Salary of Commanders, Supplyd the Nabob.

You are to proceed for the Coopang near with Nabobs, and continue to purge the Country for the Honey.

Have a Eye

upon Kumar Chetumb

Guard Pagot &c Commandg

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Fort S. George 22. June 1750

18th Robert Clive Esqr Sent for Fort S. David

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq Governor President

Stringer Lawrence, Henry Powney,

Robert Orme ——— Alexander Wynch

William Percival ——— Robert Palk ———

Tuesday
the 22.

Letter from the Nabob entered

N°160 in the Country Correspondence Read, complaining against the Renters or Farmers of the two Conjeverams Tonsatore & Tenpasore, Inhabitants of Madras, and proposing to discharge them, and an order that they may be no difficulty about their Proportion of the four Lacks which will be due to the Company in September he incloses a Bill on Buchrenjee's House for the whole Sum.

Conjeveram

The Nabob having last year let out the two Conjeverams and Tenpasore for three years and taken good and Sufficient Security for the payment of the Rents, It is unreasonable that he should discharge them without very Strong Proof of their ill Management and Oppression of the Inhabitants — The Complaints that have been made against these Renters have been only upon Causes which are practised by every Ren

years.

Security

of

Inhabitants

Renter in this

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far

this Country, but Sea life by those under our
Government there under the Name upon the whole
is the Opinion of the Committee that the forming
and the old Quarters and putting two new will answer
no good End: and with regard to the Company
Money, that Security given by Senga Chetty to make
sufficient. It is therefore Agreed between the Gent.
in Buckingham the Nabob and the Committee to
leave to the Nabob to remove from Chittapet
as the breaking the Agreement with the Renters with
out any Sufficient Cause of Complaint will
discourage others from entering into Contracts.

The Business of Settling the Accounts of the Country Powders
Lease is now had on the State of Receipts and
Disbursements on the Nabobs Account in order
to form a Judgement what Disbursement should
be made to the Company out of the Rents of
the approaching Year. The Committees Books
being call'd for, it appears that the Disbursements
on account of the Nabob from the 1st May 1755 to
30 April 1756 will exceed the sum of Ten Lacks
of Pagodas without reckoning the Cost of Stores;
And although when the Rents of Conjeveram
Tripetti, Condeng, Manumangalum and Nun
Salem Nagore, with the Money received from

Pr		R
Conjeveram	47.250	52.000
Tripetti	32.000	
Condeng	2.000	
	34.000	
	20.000	
	100.000	
	191.250	352.000
	70.000	
	10.500	

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from the Collegars are added to the eight Lacks assigned by the Nabob out of the Rents of the Circars Country, the Amount of the Debt will not increase yet very little, or none at all, will it increase and if a War should breack out which seems at this time very probable, the whole collected Sum above mentioned will fall far short of the annual Expences so that in such case the Debt will go on increasing

The Consideration of the large Arrears due to the Troops employed in the Circar Country during Abdul Nabab Cawns Government, which Arrears were to be paid by the Nabob was the reason we did not press him for a larger Assignment out of the Rents of this Year, but as according to the best Accounts we can get of the produce of the Circar Countries now assigned by the Nabob, their Annual Revenue amounts to fifteen or Sixteen Lacks of Rupees, we think that at least twelve Lacks should be made over to the Company to pay all Charges of Troops &c. by which means the Occasions of the Nabob for Money ought to be so very small, that he might without Embarassing himself assign over the said Sum of twelve Lacks.

And it is Agreed accordingly to write to the Nabob that the Expences exceed the Eight Lacks he assigned out of the Years Rents, in consideration of which, and his large Debt to the

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The Company we must profess Sirs to entertain very
at least twelve Lacks for the approaching Year
and also to determine upon settling the Corres-
pondency to Telinapatam Pondelly, so that the half
of those Rents may come into the Company towards
their Discharge of this Debt.

Letter from the Nabob, as
entered N° 166. P 161, in the Country Correspondence,
enclosing Copies of two Letters, one from Chuckmyer
of Cuncapatam to the Nabob, the other from the Nabob
from Washendewa Count on Salabat Jungs Camp,
all which being read are found to confirm the
News before received of the Departure of Mons.
Bussy with the French Troops from Salabat Jungs
Camp. The Nabob of Cuncapatam writes further
to Inform his Army he is preparing to set out accompany-
ing and progresses to the Nabob, to march with his
Troops and the English at the same time. As the
Nabob desires our Answer on this Subject it was
Agreed to write him that we enjoy in expectation
of a person Sent by Salabat Jung to discourse
upon Affairs on whose Arrival we shall express
Ourselves fully of our Intentions.

Letter from Majr Preston

Commanding

and

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Bannatyne, Commissaries, as Entered on the Roote of their Proceedings N° 32. Read, enclosing four Papers in reply to some Assertions contained in Mr de Leyrits Letter of 1st Instt — Ordered that they lye on the Table untill we receive Mr Leyrits Answere to the Presidents Letter of 18th Instt

Letter from Captain Eyre at Arcot Read, advising that he has recalled the Serjeant he Sent to Chittapet, and that he has sent on two Frenchs and a Topaz, Deserters from Chingee.

The President is desird to ac-quaint M^r De Leyrit of the arrival of these Deserters and that they are ready to be delivrd to such Escort as he may send conformably to the Cartel. At the Same time various Reports give us Reason to believe that M^r De Leyrit has not always on his part acted with the same Regard to that Treaty Particularly Serjeant Heems belonging to Captain Schraub's Company who went last month from Cuddalore to Pondicherry has not been relievd — As his farther Information is much wanted upon the Scrutiny now making into Captain Schraub's accounts, The President will desire M^r De Leyrit to order Enquiry to be made after him so that he may be sent back

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The following Letter from Richard Markes Esq. Brot.

To the Honble the President & Governor and the Gentlemen for conducting Country Affairs

Honble Sir & Sirs

Admiral Watson having appointed for one hundred & fifty Lascars, that number has been sent on board his Majesty's Ships, but the Dashe requires me that not one Lascar is yet arrived from Trichinopoly, and so far from being able to Spare any of the men, he is absolutely in want of twice the number he has for the indispensible Occasions of his Garrison. You will therefore please to let me know what Lascars endeavour to raise more Lascars and whether such Lascars who were lately taken into pay are now on board the Squadron, are still to be paid by the Company.

I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Richd Markes

Fort St David

16th June 1756

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In answer to the above Letter

it is Agreed to write Robert Clive Esq. that we
have been entertaining in this Company's Service
as many good Lascars as he can meet with, but
with regard to the Pay of those who have been on
board the Squadrons as they will enter on his
Majesty's Pay the Day of their going on board
they are from that time to receive nothing from
the Company.

Captain Gampy writes that
a Court Martial was held the 12th Instant at Carom-
goly on the four Prisoners of his Company who
were sent from Arcot and all four Confessing
themselves Guilty of Desertion were condemned to
dye but he mitigated the Sentence, and ordered
that they should draw Lots and only one dye, who
was executed accordingly the 13th in the morning.

Captain Gampy advises further
that there are at Fort St David one Serjeant
and Seven Private men belonging to his
Company of whom one is Prisoner for Desertion.

Ordered that they be sent
further, as well the Men that are there belonging
to Captain Polier, by the first Sea Conveyance.

&c

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So that Regiment Join their respective Companies

George Pye

Arnge Laurence

Henry Kenny

Robert Crow

Jeffreys

Denny

Mic: Tierney

Eyre Pye

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Sent the following Letter to Robert Clive Esq
pursuant to the above Resolutions

To Robert Clive Esqr
Deputy Governor of Fort St David

Sir

We received a Letter from Mr
Starke desiring to know whether the Lascars sent on
board his Majestys Ships should be continued in
pay of the Company in answer to which we have
to acquaint you that they enter on his Majestys
Pay the day of their going on board, and therefore
they are to be paid nothing by the Company from
that time.

You will be pleased to send
hither by the first Sea Conveyance all the Slops
belonging to Captains Polen and Captain Goreyn
in order that they may form their respective
Companies. One of Goreyns Company who is no
prisoner for Desertion may be sent under Guard
of the party.

We had given Directions to Mr
Starke to send for Lascars from Devicotah, where
we expected a Supply would have arrived from
Trichenopoly, But the Lascars that were discharged
at Trichenopoly having found other Employment

Yours

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there, we would have you entertain all the good Seamen you shall be able to engage for the Companys Service.

We are Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney

Robert Orme — Alexander Wynch

William Percival — Robert Palk

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governor President

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney

Robert Orme — Alexander Wynch

William Percival — Robert Palk

Wednesday the 23d.

Letter from Ship Nabob as entered No 162 in the Country Correspondence Read. Setting forth that he does not approve of letting the Sunnewolly Country to Mundaloy, and for reason he repeats the same groundless Dislike as is contained in his Letter No 108 reading in Committee 18th May. He concludes however with

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with desiring that we will send up to him any
Person we shall think proper and who can give
a Security and he is willing to give him a Sanad
for the Country.

We defer'd so long the finishing
with Moodille at the Nabobs Request in order
that he might have time to receive an answer
from Mahofez Cawn, by which to judge whether
it would be better for him to keep the Country in his
own hands and give a Security to the Company
for five Lacks of Rupees; or to concern with
us in letting it to Moodille, he to receive half
the Revenues the Company half.

Now as he says not a Word
of an answer from Mahofez Cawn we conclude
that Mahofez Cawn neither chusing to give the
Company five and a half Lacks, nor to part
with the Country out of his hands to any Body
has wrote a Letter to the Nabob full of Complaints
against Tolaraja & Moodille, and represented
him as a person unworthy to be trusted. And
the Nabob too readily espousing those Sentiments
of his Brothers, declares his Disapprobation
of Moodille, consenting only on Personal Terms
that we may dispose of it to any Person who
can give a good Security. He knows at the
same

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some time that no other Person offers and that it would be impossible for any one to produce a Security untill he should be put on professions of the Countrey, and be soon Himself enabled to raise a Credit so as to procure Security.

Mahafoz Caun hopes that these Impediments Wherein in his own way will Stop over further Proceeding and so the Country remain in his hands, for him to give Nabob such a Share of the Revenues as he shall chuse to grant with[out] and Squander away Honest proceedings no Benefit at all to the Company, nor [illegible] the Payment of their Debt to them contracted in Colonel Clive's time.

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The Countries are let from 12 July being the first day of the Bengal Chasly

But as we thinke this has been the Case long enough, and the Season for letting out the Countries is so very near at a waiting even for Moff Cauns Answer concerning the Person mentiond in his Letter, we Resolv'd to close with Moodaly without it have offer'd twenty Lacks of Rupees for the [illegible] must be untended the Company should out of this twenty Lacks bear all Expences, they Nett Revenue would scarce amount to so much as Sotanpatee Moodelee offer'd

we should besides be upon no Contingency.

Ordered that a Couple be drawn out accordingly for Selarajahs Mordilla upon the Terms of his Proposals received on these consultations the 22 April last Viz. that he takes the Country for three Years from the 12th July next, to pay for the first Year eleven Lacks of Rupees, for the Second Year twelve Lacks of Rupees, and for the third Year thirteen Lacks of Rupees: Securety to be given three months after his Arrival in the Country.

Ordered also that the following Clauses be inserted

That Uoff Cawn the Nabobs Subidar and the Companys Troops do stay with him untill the Two given for Securety.

And that we have Liberty to Keep a Garrison Such and so many Sorts of the Removeable Country, as we Shall judge necessary.

These Clauses will be an effectual Securety against any such Designs on the part of Mordilla, as the Nabob intimates a Suspicion of; As Uoff Cawn will be able to Stop the Execution of any Evil Intentions

The President is desired to appoint

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appoint Tetiapaka Mondelay to meet the Committee on Monday the 28th Instant. Mode the Cowle may then be reciprocally Signd.

Letter from Majr. Callard Hermo dated 11th Instant Read, containing their Report and Opinion of the Situation of Dovere. Sch acts to Defence, together with a Plan of every additional Works, and a Calculate of their Cost.

Ordered that it be delivered to the President and Council for them to give such Directions thereupon as to them shall seem proper.

Geo. Pigot

Peter Lascelles

Henry Berney

Robert Orme

Stephen Sulivan

Wm. Frazer

Tho. Hall

Fort St. George 28th June 1756.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney

Robert Orme — Alexander Munro

William Percival — Robert Palk

Monday the 28th

A Cowle for the Tonnevelly Country conformably to the Minutes of last Committee having been drawn out, is now read as follows:

A Cowle granted by the Honble George Pigot Esqr President and Governor of Fort St George and the rest of the Gentlemen of the Committee to Tatvaprahy Moodelliar, on the following terms and Conditions

1st Whereas Nabob Mahomed Alley Cawn Behauder &c. has assigned over to the English East India Company all the Tonnevelly Country, and Tondeiman and places thereunto belonging, and the Revenues thereof for the Space of three years Commencing the 1st day July 1756. Now the President & Committee of Fort St George on behalf of the said Company, in Consideration of the Rents hereinafter mentioned to be paid by the said Tatvaprahy Moodelliar and other things to be performed and done by him do grant him this Cowle, and do hereby assign over

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over to him the Rents and Revenues of the said Fortunetty Country, and Jurisdictions thereunto belonging, and all Benefit and Advantages to accrue thereby for the space of three Years commencing the 1st day of July next.

2. The said President and Committee do hereby promise and Agree that the Troops now in the Fortunetty Country or such part thereof as the Stores shall remain there under the direction of the said Interpreter Moodliar to be employed in governing the Country and collecting the Revenues thereof.

3. The said President and Committee do hereby promise and Agree that in case any of the Pollygars should take up Arms, and refuse to pay the usual Duties to the Company the Troops already in the Fortunetty Country should not be sufficient to reduce them, they will send a larger Body of Troops for that purpose, and they do further Agree that the Troops already there, and those which may be sent thereafter Shall be supplied with sufficient Ammunition and Warlike Stores from time to time, as the same may be wanted.

4. In Consideration of the Indefatigable and Assistance

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Assistance hereinbefore Agreed to be granted to the said Selanagah Moodeliar, he does hereby promise and Engage to pay unto the said President and Commander, or to such person as they shall appoint as a Rent for the said Seemandy Countries and in full Satisfaction for all the Revenues there of Viz^t for the first Year of the said Term of three Years hereon before granted Viz^t, Commencing the 1st of July 1756, and Ending 30th June 1757, Eleven hundred Thousand Arcot Rupees. For the second Year thereof Commencing 1st day of July 1757 and ending the 30th of June 1758. Twelve hundred Thousand Arcot Rupees, And for the third and last Year thereof Commencing the 1st July 1758 and ending the 30th day of June 1759. Thirteen hundred Thousand Arcot Rupees. The said Rent in each year to become due at two Several Visits or Terms of Payment, that is to say, the 1st day of October and the 1st day of March in every Year the first Visit, or 1st day of October in every Year One third part of the Yearly Rent shall become due, and shall all be paid in at three payments the last whereof shall be made before the expiration of the month of December, One at the second Visit, or the 1st day of March in every Year, the remaining two third parts of the

Yearly

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Yearly Rent shall become due, and shall all
paid also in three payments, the last whereof
shall be made before the expiration of
month of June.

5 In case any part of the Rent herein before
becomes due to be recovered by the said Stamps
shall be recoverable, the said Stamps
to use his best endeavors to collect in and recover
the same, and render a just account to the
said President and Committee of all sums
shall be so recovered.

6 The said Stamps Hamilton doth hereby promise
and engage, that besides the Rent herein before
agreed to be paid by him, he will also pay all the
charges of the Troops now agreed to be kept under
his direction, in the said Territory, and also
from that of Detroit, and also of those to which
may be sent here, and also the cost of the
Ammunition and Provisions that may
be lost or expended by the said Troops whilst
employed on the Service of the said Country

7 The said Stamps Hamilton doth hereby promise
that he will forthwith set out to take possession
of the said Country and that within Twenty
Months after his Arrival in the said Country

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he will give good Security to the said President and Committee by Sufficient and responsible Soucars for the payment of the first Years Rent as aforesaid before [illegible] dated, and that before the Expiration of the first year he will give other good and Substantial Security by responsible Soucars for the payment of the second Years Rent, and likewise in manner that before the Expiration of the Second Year he will give other good and Substantial Security by responsible Soucars for the payment of the third Years Rent.

8. Notwithstanding any thing herein before Regulated the said President and Committee do reserve to themselves the Liberty at all times or whensoever they shall think proper to place Garrisons in all or any of the Forts in the said Tinnevelly Country and to withdraw the same again when and as often as they shall think fit.

In Witness whereof the said President and Committee have hereunto set their hands and Seal the said Congrancys Seal, and the said Setarapah Mandeliar hath also set his hand and Seal in Fort St George the 28th day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven

hundred

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hundred and fifty Six

(Illegible) Sigrid
Telanapaka Moodelliar (Illegible)
Sigrd. Georgi
Stranger
Robert Orme
Henry Flannery
Alexander Hyndm
Robert Call
William Percival

Whereas Cou
Moodelliar in the Malabar Lang
and agreed to, are now recipro
Copies, and Telanapaka Mood
he will set out tomorrow for
the Nabob, and proceed with
from thence to Tinnevelly.

Ordered That a Copy of
the foregoing Agreement be immediately
dispatched to the Nabob with a Letter desiring
him not to detain Telanapah Moodelliar
the time prefixed, but immediately to give him
a Sunnud upon the same Terms as over Cou
or else to send us one.

And as Tel
has engaged to make his Payme
us. It is Agreed to write to
we will secure to him the half
we may recover, reserving the

Copy

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Company

Two Letters from Mahomed Hoff Cawn dated 30th May & 11th Inst. Read, as Entrd N.o 166 & 167 advising that the Arrears due to the Company's Seapoys under him and Mahafoz Cawn in the Tinnevelly Country amount to two Lacks of Rupees and recommending in Case the Country should be Let to Setarampauk Moodilier that an order be given for him to pay the Arrears.

As Mahafoz Cawn has received the whole Revenues of the Tinnevelly Country for the present Year and likewise collected Large Sums from the Polygars, from whom he is still levying Contributions. It is but reasonably that we insist on his discharging all Arrears and Pay that Shall be due to the Troops on the 12th July next, from which day they will be paid by Setarampauk Moodilier. Agreed to write according to Mahomed Hoff Cawn and to desire the Nabob to give proper Orders on the Subject to Mahafoz Cawn.

Geo.y Pigot

Wm.m Lawrence

Hen.y Vansittart

Tho.s Saunders

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Recd a Letter from the Nabob as
Phirdaut dated 26th
French Correspondence

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq. Governor President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Vansittart
Robert Orme — Alexander Wynch
William Percival — Robert Talk

Tuesday the 29th

Letter from the Nabob as
entered 1765, in the Country Correspondence
Recd, advising that Monsr Ally Cawn had lately
sent his Vakeel with Proposals of Accommodation
and at length had consented to pay the follow-
ing Sums, amounting very nearly to the am— one
Lack of Pagodas he agreed in February to— last
Major Kilpatrick: Dr. Rupees pay
A Bill on Her Servants for
Orders on certain Villadars
for Sums due to him
Orders on the Renters of the
District of Conimamp

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One hundred & twenty five thousand Rupees
and sixty four thousand six hundred

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Pagodas and Three Sixteenths.

On Condition that his four following Requests should be granted.

First That Footeped and Ageerum which he formerly held as a Sageer, be farmed to him, he paying to the Nabob the annual Rent of Seven Thousand Two hundred Star Pagodas for Footeped, and eleven Thousand Rupees for Ageerum.

Second, that three Villages be granted as a Sageer to Lagameel Abadeen Cawn.

Thirdly, that the Nabob give him (Murtazally Cawn) a paper of Confirmation in his Government of Veloor, forgive him the Taxes and Fees of the Phousdary for the time past, and not demand any in future; also that he assist him against his Enemies.

Fourthly, that he have a Letter of Protection from the English

And Fifthly that the Fort of Chettoor and the Sageer of Madrawoot be given him after the Distractions are over.

The Nabob at the same time gives it as his Opinion that in case we judge we

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we shall have an Opportunity of attacking the Fort of Velour the accommodations afford'd should not be accepted, as it will on all occasions be more advisable to root out effectually our Enemy.

The Committee cannot determine upon the probability of an Expedition against Velour until the Arrival of some advices from Europe. In order therefore to gain time it is Agreed to write the Nabob to give Monsieur Lally Leave to understand, as from himself that he imagines the English will insist punctually to all Agreements or a Reimbursement of the Expences of the March of their Troops to Velour in February last. prior

Mr Robert Orme Secretary to the Council of Fort St George Presents before the Committee the Accounts of Disbursements for the Months of January February March and April last with the following Report.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
President and Governor &c Gentlemen
of the Committee for conducting Affairs
at Fort St George

The last Report which I

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myself the Honor to present to you, inclosed my Remarks on the Disbursements at Camp, ending the 31st of December

One Week Accounts for the months of January, February, March & April & find no Charge which appears to me extraordinary excepting that in the month of February Lieutenant Frazer and in the month of April Lieutenant Gerrard commanding a Detachment, are both paid Seven days Batta, at the rate of five Rupees pr. day, whereas their Batta as Lieutenants is only four Rupees pr Day.

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Robert Orme Commissary.

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The Committee imagine that the Mistake in the payment of Batta to Lieutenants Frazer & Gerrard after the Rate of 5 Rupees a day instead of four, has proceeded from a wrong Understanding of the List of Field Batta contained in the Regulations of 30th November last, wherein it is said a Lieutenant on a Separate Command

Shall

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Shall have 6 Rupees a Day By this we only that a Lieutenant commanding a Detachment, and immediately underneath marching a few men from one Garrison to prevent such Mistakes in future made an Order that no Captain or Sub Officer although on a Separate Command more than the usual Batta, due to them without particular Directions from the of Fort St George.

Letter from Mr Le dated 26th June as Entered No 38. in the B French Correspondence. Read, Inspexion in Silence the Affair of Acheveveveum of our Peons was killd by his People, and the Importance of this Insult considered him by our Peopye taking Inspexion March last of the Morgue at Cadapee

Per Answer to this above Letter it is Agreed to Sum up a compleat Recapitulation all the Argum have passd on both Sides concerning that made by Mr De Leyrit upon the Affa Acheveveveum. Such a Detail will make it appear that no Injury at all

we meant speatate orders not for to another it's now Subaltern do receive rank. the governor

Leyrit Book of over almost where one insists on committed against on the 24th Cadapey De Leyrits in one arguments that complaint affair of Cadapey Sufficiently was done

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to the French by our Seapoys taking Possession of an uninhabited Mosque at Cudapang, and that an Insult of no high a Nature was committed against the English by the killing one of our Bears at Acheravaccum, as we can never cease to insist on Satisfaction for.

Ordered therefore that the Operations of our Commissaries with respect to the French Commissaries do remain Suspended, and that they continue to give their Attention to the Preservation of our Rights over the Contested Districts and to the Relief of the Inhabitants from the Oppressions of the French.

The Recent Instances of their Oppressions mentioned in these Minutes the 10th & 22d Instant are ordered to be represented to Mr Le Geyt in the Letter to be now wrote him.

Received the following Letter from Robert Clive Esqr.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your Instructions shall be complyd with, I have already sent orders for the Seamen employd on board his Majestys Squadron to be struck off the Company's Pay-Rolls from the time they embarked

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Embarked.

Thirteen of Captain
Gaupers Companies shall be sent to Madras by
the first Sea Conveyance, and with them
Deserter belonging to Captain Gaupers Company
under a proper Guard.

I will give orders for the [illegible]
Entertainment of all such Lascars as can be
Compassed any Service, and am with Respect

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
Robert Clive

Captain Caye writes from [illegible]
that he has received News that Corporal
the Sentinel Bradfield who deserted [illegible] and
Chittapet have been taken up by the [illegible]
and carried into Pondichery.

Agreed that Mr Clive be
advised of this Intelligence and desired to acquaint
us whether those two Men are returned
Fort St David, conformably to the Orders
Cartel or not; and in general to advise us
the manner, and time of Arrival of all
returned from Pondichery that we may be
enabled to make the proper Representation
to Mr De Leyrit whom he seems to be

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with the Stipulations of the Cartel; and to make on the other hand all ill grounded Complaints

The following Letter from Captain Lisp Reed,

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governor and the Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received the Honor of your Letters of the 11th & 12th Instant, and shall act agreable to those orders.

I would have acquainted you sooner of a Vakeels being with the Nabob from Velore had he not desird me to defer it, till he knew whether or no Mustapha Cawn was really desirous of an Accommodation, or only trifling as usual. The Nabob sent for me yesterday and told me the Articles were Signd on the part of the Killedar of Velore and Sent to him, Copies of which he would immediately enclose for your approbation, and bare no Hopes further on the Affair till he received your Answer, the Conditions are the Same as those offerd in January, except that Tourtapet, and Ayeaun, with their dependencies are not given up to Mustapha Cawn as his Property,

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but submit to him during the Nabobs pleasure
and for which he is to pay a yearly Revenue
Viz. Eleven Thousand Rupees for the Sonnoy
and Seven Thousand Pagodas for the Cattery.
This is the purport of what the Nabob told me
and that he would write upon the particulars of
the whole Affair.

A French Officer is arrived
near Pant gordy from Salabat Jungs Army and
an Escort of 25 Horse, there is a Black man
in a Palanqueen with him, the Officer has wrote
to Pondicherry, which is granted him; They
read his name Padrin: I cannot hear there
are any certain accounts that the Shanoky
have quit Salabad Jung: Several Messengers
who set out from their Camp within these
25 days, assure me they still continue encamped
within a few miles of the Grand Camp

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Oblig'd and
most humble Servant
Williamm Lee

Arcot
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The Nabob having himself
wrote

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wrote us a full Account of his Negotiations with Mundarally Cawn we have no orders to give to Captain Leep on that Subject.

The President acquaints the Committee that Captain Spears since his Arrival from Devecotah has made Application and Obtain'd Leave to resign the Service.

As Captain Spears requires to Mr. Smith the six hundred Rupees demanded of him, the Examination proposed to be made into his Conduct is rendered unnecessary by his Resignation.

The President by desire of the Council communicates to the Committee a Report from the Committee of Accounts recommending that in the Several Disbursements of the out Garrisons, be more particularly described in the Monthly Accounts transmitted from thence; and that the Accounts of Disbursements for the Nabob, be countersigned by his Sheddar.

Ordered that Directions conformable to the Recommendations of the Committee of Accounts be sent to the Commanders of Trichinopoly and Chamgleput.

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Letter from the Deputy Salsedar and Renter, as entered N.o 169, Vol.o Read, inclosing a Bill of Exchange for six thousand /6000/ Pagodas, in part of the Sum or third Rest of the present Year.

Ordered that Report be made thereof to the President and Council, that they may give Directions for the Receipt of the Money.

George Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Lascelles

Robert Orme

Jas Wynch

Wm Jervis

Rob.t Palk

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Sent the following Letters to Robert Clive Esqr
Captain Caillaud & Captain Lee.

To Robert Clive Esqr
Deputy Governor of Fort St. David

Sir

We have receivd your Letter of the 26th It has been reported to us that — Glen Corporal and Benjamin Bradfield Centinel, who deserted lately from Chelleput, have been taken up by the French and carried into Pondichery: We desire you will acquaint us if they should be returnd to you, and we would have you in General inform us when any Deserters are sent back to your Garrison conformably to the Stipulations of the Cartel.

Inclosd is an order to be added to the Book of Military Regulations, and to be Observed by your Paymaster.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Vansittart
Robert Orme — Alexr. Wynch
William Percival — Robert Palk

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To Captain John Caillaud

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Sir

In consequence of a Representation from the Committee of accounts we must desire that when you transmit your monthly Papers, the Accounts of all Disbursements made on the Nabobs account may be signd both by You, and the Military

And also that on your several accounts you will describe each Disbursement as particularly as possible.

Inclosed is an order to be added to the Book of Military Regulations and to be observd in your Garrison on all Occasions

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot &c. Committee

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To Captain William Lisp

Sir

We have receivd your Letter of the 21st The Nabob has forwarded to us Copies of Murdaz alley Cawns Offers and Requests which do not as yet occasion any alteration in our former Orders

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Orders to you regarding the Velour Sugars.

Inclos'd is an order to be added to the Book of Military Regulations and to be observ'd by the Commissary, or whoever acts for him.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants.

George Pigot &c.ca Committee

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July 3. Letter receiv'd fr. Rear Admiral Stafford from the Secret Committee of the East India Company was this day Read, and the Proceedings had thereupon entered in the Minutes of a private Committee of this day.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governor President

Stringer Lawrence —— Henry Powney

Robert Orme —— Alex.r Wynch

William Percival —— Robert Talk

Sunday the 4th

The following Letter just now receiv'd from Robert Clive Esq.r Read, with Copy of a Letter from Rear Admiral Watson to him and Translation of a Letter from M.r De Leyrit to M.r Watson.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this moment received the
inclosed Letter from Mr Watson accompanied with
one from Mr De Leyrit Translate of which &
now forward

I cannot take upon me to give
any advice upon the Affair subjected on the one side
the Peace of Pondicherry, on the other if may serve
to Strengthen our Alliance with the King of
Tanjore on which account will expend in case
of Rupture between the two Nations.

I have ordered Mr Watson to
joyn Major Lawrence to take the command of
the Forces, and to give Mr Watson his own Directions
It seems to me also that the
Governor of Tranquebar should not apply to the
English for their Mediation.

Inclosed you will receive Intelligence
I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servt
Robert Clive

Fort St David
2 July 1756
9 o'Clock P.M.

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To Robert Clive Esq.r
Deputy Governor of Fort S.t David.

Sir

The inclosd is a Letter I receivd about one o Clock, it was brought by a Catteramaran fellow, who said it was given him by some Person in Fort S.t David, I have just now been able to get a Translation of it; And as it appears to me a little extraordinary the Danes should apply to the French for Assistance rather than us, I send it you for your perusal & Opinion.

I beg the favor of you to return the Letter to Night or very early tomorrow morning, as it will be necessary I should write some answer.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Charles Watson

Copy
Fort S.t Davids
2nd 5 o Clock
July 1756

Sir

The Gentlemen of Council at Tanjuebar having deputed to me an Officer with a Letter to explain to me the Melancholy Situation

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on which they send Commodore, and the most they
saved me of immediate Assistance against the
People of the Country, who are ready to form the
Siege of that Place.

The alliance which Subsists
between my Nation and theirs does not permit me
to refuse the Succour which they have demanded
and of Consequence I shall not lose a moment
of time in dispatching the Ships Galatea with
Detachment of Military and Seapoys.

I thought that in the present
Circumstances it was proper to give you this Not
I have the honor to be with the most perfect Es

Sir
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Duval Dr Leyrit

Pondichery
4 July 1756

The Committee not having
received the least Information of this Difference
between the King of Tanjore & the Danes thou
it proper to make some Enquiry one Mr Hubbert
from the Tanjore Vakeel, who being accord
desired to attend, represents the Commissary
he has only heard in General that the Dif
occasioned by an attempt of the Danes to Ca
by force of Arms a Polygar of the Tanjore

against the King. Whether this is the real Case or not, it is somewhat Singular that the Gentlemen at Tanjauebar, should chuse to apply to the French for Assistance, rather than to the English and not less extraordinary that the King of Tanjore should engage in an Enterprize against Tanjauebar, without apprizing us. As Mr. de Leyrit has given publick notice to Mr. Watson that the Armament he is embarking is destined for the Relief of that Place, the Committee judge they cannot have any pretence for detaining the Admiral to stop the Ships; At the same time it is much to be fear'd the French will Seize the Opportunity of this Junction with the Dane to form to themselves some new Establishments at the Expence of the King of Tanjour, and we see no Method of endeavouring to prevent this but Negotiation as they using our Interposition to put a Stop if possible to hostilities, by recommending to both Parties to enter upon an Amicable Accommodation of their Disputes, and to render the Assistance of the Franchs to Tanjauebar unnecessary.

Ordered that Letters conformably to the above Determinations be immediately dispatch'd to Rear Admiral Watson.

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Watson, the Governor & Council of Fort St. George
the King of Tanjore & Robert Clive Esqr

George Pigot

Roger Lawrence

Henry Strong

Robert Lyme

Wm. Frankland

Wm. Fraser

Rob. Palk

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Sent the following Letter to Rear Admiral Watson,
the Governor and Council of Tranquebar, and Robert
Clive Esq.r pursuant to the above Resolutions.

To Charles Watson Esq.r
Rear Admiral of the Red
and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Squadron
in India &c.

Sir

We have received this morning
from Colonel Clive a Copy of your Letter to him dated
the 2.d of this Month and Copy of Mr. de Leyrits to
you of the 1.st As Mr. Clive mentions his leaving
referd you to our Opinion, we delay not to communi-
cate to You our Sentiments on this Occasion.

After the publick Notice given
you by Mr. de Leyrit that the Destination of his
Ship Galetea is to carry an Assistance of Military
& Seapoys to the Succour of the Danish Settlement
of Tranquebar we think that we cannot decline
you to oppose their Passage. We are at this time
writing to the King of Tanjore, and the Gentlemen
of Tranquebar to endeavor if possible to finish
the Differences between them by the way of
Accommodation.

We are Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants
George Pigot &c. &c. &c.

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To the Honble Thos George Esqr
Governor and the Gentlemen of the Council
of Fort Dansborg at Tranquebar

Gentlemen

We have heard with great
Concern of a Difference that has arisen between you
and the King of Tanjore, and that you have
applied to the Governor of Pondicherry for an
Armed Force to assist you.

Considering Gentlemen the
Friendship which at present subsists on Your
Country we think it would have been more adviseable
to have kept first the Copy of Recommendations
between our two Nations, and we are also in
duct Alliance with the King of Tanjore you
might have availed yourselves of our Good Offices
which you might have been assured we
would most readily have employed.

Even now, Gentlemen, we are
writing to the King of Tanjore to endeavour to
settle this Difference amicably and to your
Satisfactory in which we flatter ourselves we
we shall succeed, and therefore we beg you will
avoid the Commencing of Hostilities, the which
might not unprobably involve that Coast in

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fresh Troubles

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servants
George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence
Henry Powney — Robert Orme
Alexander Wynch — William Percevall
— Robert Palk —

To Robert Clive Esq.r
Deputy Governor of Fort S.t David

Sir

We inclose open for your Perusal
a Letter to Mr. Watson, which will make you
acquainted with the advices receiv'd by the Company's
Ships Suffolk & Dormont.

This moment we have receiv'd
your Letter of the 2.d with the Copy of Mr. Watson's
To You; and of Mr. De Leyrit's to him. We
enclose our Letters to Mr. Watson, and to Mr.
Governor & Council of Trangueber open for your
Perusal — Our Letter to the King of Tanjour we
forward direct.

You will send off our Letters
to Mr. Watson, and forward that to Trangueber
as soon as you have perus'd them.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot P.t Committee

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Robert Palk

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Dispatched also a Letter on the same subject
to the King of Tanjour which is entered N.o 5
in the Country Correspondence

5.th Sent a Letter of this date from the President to
M.r De Leyrit as entered in the French
Correspondence N.o 39

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq.r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonnet
Robert Orme — Alexander Wynch
William Percival — Robert Palk

Monday
the 5.th

The Advices received from the
Secret Committee being further considered and a
Comparison made between the Number of Recruits
we have to expect, and their Number the French
are likely to receive; the Committee unanimously
think it incumbent on them to settle, while
there is yet Peace, every Point, which if left
unsettled, may in case of a War, draw off a part
of our attention from more important Concerns
For this reason, as well as in consideration of
the Money that is to be received, it is Agreed to
recommend to the Nabob to finish the
Agreement with Mortezali Cawn upon the
terms

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terms recited in the Minutes of last Committee
excepting only an Amendment which we think
Ought to be made in the third Article — The Nabob
might not to promise to release Mirdan ally Cawn
from the Payment of the usual Fees and Taxes of
the Boundary for the time to come, as that will
be rendering him independent. Those Fees and
Taxes for the time past may be forgiven him in
consideration of the Sum to be stipulated for
he thinks he ought to pay annually for the time
to come (a Sum to be stipulated on the Agree-
ment) as an Acknowledgement of the Nabobs
Superiority. Ordered that a Letter be wrote
to the Nabob accordingly.

The President acquaints the
Committee that he lately received Intelligence that
upon some parts of the Coast near to Fort St. David
there is such a Depth of Water, that not only
Merchant Ships but even the Ships of the
Squadron might come near enough to be protected
by Batteries of heavy Cannon if such were
erected — That Judging such a Work might be
useful in the present situation of Affairs he had
consulted with Mr Engineer Brohiere who gave it
as his Opinion that two or three Battery or two
in proper Places would not be very expensive
and that they would answer the desired End. The
Committee

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Committee considering the Intelligence rec
from Europe do judge the Executions of such m
to be most highly necessary, and the Provide
is accordingly desired to direct Mr. Clive to g
the necessary Orders to Mr. Engineer Call without
Loss of time.

G. Hy. Barlow
Jonathan Lawrie
Henry Rivers
Robert Ormsby
Hill
Wm. Petrie
Rob. Ralt

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The President Sent the following Letter to Robert Clive Esq. pursuant to the Resolution of the foregoing Committee

To Robert Clive Esq.
Deputy Governor of Fort S. David

Sir

The Gentlemen of the Committee thinking with me that a Battery or two erected as near the Sea side as possible at Fort S. David with a few large Cannon mounted thereon would not only effectually Secure any trading Shipping you may have in your Road in case of a War, but even be a protection to the Ships in Your Squadron Should a French Fleet arrive that they judge an over Match for them. I have consulted Captain Bratton who thinks as I think, and that the Expence will be inconsiderable. You will please therefore to direct Mr Call to Set about this work as Soon as possible and let the same be erected at Such place as he judges most proper.

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I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot.

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At a Committee - Present -

George Pigot Esq. Governor President

Stringer Lawrence Henry Stevens

Robert Orme Alexander Wynch

Saturday William Percival Robert Palk

the 10th

The following Letter from

the Governor and Council of Bengueela Viz.

To the Governor and the Council

at Fort St George

Gentlemen

Because we can receive no answer

all expectation from the King of Bengueela's

Barbarous manner with vollyes of Shot many

robbery and plundering upon the Territory of

our Royalty Danish Company in regard of which

we have askd Assistance and Succouring from

the Government of the most eminent Europe

Nation Seated unto us here, for to make the

better to defend us against cruel thing. For

this reason we make known this unto you as

friends and Allies in Europe, to the end that

you not at all on the least occasion will op

Thes

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This Heathens against us being a Christian
Nation, but rather advocate us to forward our
righteous weapons against this unhuman
People

We remain with all Consideration
Gentlemens
Your most humble and
most Obedient Servants

H. G. Krog.
H. H. V. Castonviers. J. C. Hoyer.
J. H. Gilles.

Fort Dansborg
the 4th 1756

The Committee having already
wrote to the Gentlemen of Tranquebar and the King
of Tanjour in hopes to finish the Despute between
them by an amicable Accommodation think it
unnecessary to take any immediate Notice of the
foregoing Letter

The following Letters from
Robert Clive Esq. Read.
To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Letter of
the 30th June, and upon Enquiry found that
Corporal

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Corporal Glen, and Benjamin Bradfield
Centinel, ever welcomed the 8th of last Month, I
shall not fail informing you when any Deserters
are send back, Agreable to the Stipulations of
the Cartel

John Baptista Freiniery
came here two days ago, Says he has been out of
the French Service these 9 Years, during which
time he never one Men Said a word to me,
please to give your Directions about him.

The order signed by the Hon.ble
the President, Shall be added to the Book of
Military Regulations agreable to your Instruct.
I am with Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t Servant
Robert Clive

Fort St. David
3.d July 1756

To the Hon.ble George Pigot Esq.r
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I have received your favrs of the
5th inclosing two Letters open for the Westward, and
one open for the Governor of Trangambar, all
which have been forwarded agreable to your
Directions

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I am much obligd to you for the Intelligence contain'd in one of Mr Watson's Letters, Intelligence of a very serious Nature indeed, which calls for every Expedient in our Power, to ward off the Blow so much dreaded by Gentlemen of the Committee at home.

It is recommended to us particularly to avoid Hazardous Enterprizes, were Hazardous Enterprizes ever undertaken by men of Prudence? but in desperate Circumstances, and can there be a more effectual method thought of to Save our Settlements from the Hazardous Enterprizes of our Enemies, than by the vigorous Assistance of his Majesty's Squadrons, which give me leave to say ought to be reinforced by all the ways and means possibly in our Power, the Protector is wrote for, and if there be time, I cannot two of the Bombay Grabs be sent for likewise, cannot one or two of the Coast and Bay Ships where they cannot be spared and occasionally, I am sure there never was a time which required more vigorous Measures

Whether Mr Watson's Letter to Mr Du Leyrit has had any effect, or whether the affrightened Second of Svanguebar acted misrepresented Matters in a worse Light than

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what they really were, I know not, but it is
certain the Design of sending a Reinforcement to
that Place is entirely dropt, for another of a more
important
Nature, is carrying on, I mean the embarkation
Yesterday morning of 600 Men and five other
Officers with 150 Militia for Vizagapatam
I have not heard that the Ships are sailed

I have one more leave to offer to your
Consideration, the State of the Garrison as to
Provisions, which at present is stocked with
nothing but Rice & Ghee, Biscuit a very
necessary Article there is many, and as to other
particulars, I must beg leave to refer you to an
Indent for 6 Months Provisions for the Garrison of
Fort St. David sent by the Gentlemen some time
ago, You will be pleased to give what orders you
think proper, as it is certain the Garrisons are
Ridgue but from the want of Provisions.

I suppose the Admiral will
inform you that Salisbury is the with a Vessel
Ship this Morning from the Havannah.

Inclosed you will receive Copy
of a Letter from Mocanger & some Intelligence
I am with Respect
Honble Sir Your
Your most Obedient Servant
Robert Clive

Fort St David
6 July 1756.

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A Dispatch being under Dispatch for Bengal, Ordered that a Copy of a Letter from the Secret Committee dated 22 December 1755 be transmitted to Governor Drake for his Information of the Force which may be expected to annoy this Coast on the part both of the English and French sending to him at the same time, that as it is most probable this Armament of the French is design'd against the Company's Settlements on this Coast or at least that it will appear first appear at Pondichery we think it is unnecessary and would be imprudent to send him as yet any Reinforcement from hence, but that he may depend on our Assistance if there should be Occasion

The President acquaints the Committee that having received Information that Captain Lee is so much indisposed as to be unable to attend the Charge of the Army he appointed Captain Charles Campbell to relieve him, giving Commission to Captain Lee either to retire into Fort St. George, or to come hither if his Strength will permit

Letter from the Commissaries Read, inclosing their Accounts of Expences from 1st January to 30th June last — Ordered that

Do

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Mr Commissary Orme to Examine the said Accounts, and make his Report to the Committee

Geo. Pigot

Wm. Lawrence

Henry Lowry

Robert Orme

Wm. Brereton

Rob. Palk

Fort S.t George 15th July 1750

Sent the following Letter to the Honble Roger Drake Esq.r President of Fort William pursuant to Resolution of the Foregoing Committee

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq.r
President & Governor of Fort William

Sir,

We inclose the Letter we received from the Secret Committee by the Ships lately arrived.

And by Intelligence brought within these few days from the Islands to Pondichery we have reason to expect that the Force mentioned by the Secret Committee joind by some additions from Manritius will very soon appear on this Coast.

Their Design is most probably against the Companys Settlements on the Coast of Choromandel, & we are preparing for the best manner possible for their Defence, but while there is a likelyhood of our being by so vast a superiority we are unable to send off any part of our force to [illegible] to reinforce ourselves, we hope indeed [illegible] will not have Occasion for it as we flatter ourselves they will make no any attempt [illegible] against this Place have first beyd their Success against us.

Sir

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The moment we hear of their Arrival and Destination we will give you the earliest Intelligence and all the Assistance in our Power, Should it be necessary.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Pigot &c. Council

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11 July 1756.

At a Committee.

George Pigot Esq. Governor &c.
Stringer Lawrence — Henry
Robert Orme — Alexander
William Percival — Robert Palk

The President acquainted the Committee that a French Sloop arrived at Pondicherry the 6th Instant from the Islands and as it is reported that she left a ship expected, but the most particular account he can get of the Intelligence brought by that Sloop is contained in a Letter he produced

Ordered that the Letter from the Augustin be read

produces to the

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Pondichery, That the day before Yesterday arrived a Sloop from the Isle of France, and brought the news of 12. Men of War soon a coming, 4 belonging to the King, and 8 to the Company and besides 2 Frigates more, all fitt and manned with more.

I am

Honble Sir &c &c &c

The Information contained in the above Letter so nearly corresponds with that given us by the Secret Committee, that we think there is great Reason to conclude it is true, and that a Fleet may very soon be expected at Pondichery. The Committee therefore think it necessary to proceed without Delay to make the best Disposition possible for the Defence of the Company's Several Forts and Settlements on this Coast which will undoubtedly be the first and principal Scene of Action because here the Chief Strength of both Nations

Colonel Aldercrone presenting being thought necessary now takes his Seat at the President's Right hand, and the Intelligence from all Quarters having been communicated to him It is first Laid down by way of General Rule that first such a Number of Men be allotted to each Garrison as shall be judged necessary for

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For the Defence all that can be afforded at the Presidency of Fort St George where the largest Force will be required because of the unfinished State of the Fortifications and because of any Attacks Service should offer it is from hence the Supplies must be most readily made and all Resolutions Thro' Fort with us

The Situation of Fort St. David being considered, Colonel Adlercron and Admiral Lawrence gave it as their Opinion that for the Defence of the Fort with the Troops that will be sufficient for its defence. These being at present four Companies of Military at Fort St. David containing about the number of four hundred men, and also so many of the Bellonas Company of Artillery as with the addition of Captain Hislop will compleat the Number of Colonel Adlercrons to move the Kings Regiment and Train hither. But we are in Hopes of transporting the 39th Regiment Upon arrival of the Squadron and sending over from Bengal as many more to be interrupted

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Since the Detachment was sent on board his Majestys Ships; and we are the more excited to request of Admiral Watson to transport them with all their Guns, Stores &c. as we know, his presence, at least for a few days, very necessary, in order that we may deliberate together upon the advices we have received and form a Judgment whether it will be best for the Service that he endeavour to meet the Expected French Fleet or avoid the Risque of being overpower'd by too great an Inequality of Force, because it may be imagin'd that as the French know exactly the Strength of our Squadron they will not appear without a great Superiority. If it should be agreed to sail in with them, Mr Watson may return with all Expedition to the Southwards leaving first applied his Ships with their Europe Stores lately arrived and which we have no method of conveying to them.

It is therefore unanimously Agreed to request of Mr. Watson to receive on board the Regiment and Train and proceed hither as soon as possible, leaving at Port St Davids for the use of the Garrison four hundred Barrels of Powder Ruby Corks

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of Foot provisions and Stores as per Diaries of Vessels replaced them

Colonel Aldercron with Send the necessary orders to Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw for embarking the Regiment and it is now Agreed that Provisions conformable to our above Instructions be sent to Vizagapatam with this further Instruction that in case of the appearance of an Enemy we do not mean to defend Fort Augustus but that upon all such Occasions Military Stores and whatever can be got to an Enemy be kept in readiness to be removed at a short Warning

Vizagapatam Provisions for Arcot and Chandragiri Fort for 3 months and Company of Military besides Lascars Pioneers &c. Company, It is judged they will be able to make their present Establishment, the Factors will be encouraged on Enemy will make any attempt against them with Provisions

Ordered it is now further Ordered that a Ship be sent to Vizagapatam with

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with all Expedition upon the old Fortifications of the intended Fortifications to be supported with Earth for a Rampart of the same Thickness with that which has been lately carried on, so that Guns may be mounted, and the Town be safely Secured, till the works can be finished in the manner they are intended

That the Tanks under the new Bastion be immediately cleaned and filled with Water, and proper care be taken of wood, Provisions, Arrack &c. by the Gentlemen mentioned in the List entered hereafter.

That the Nabob be desired to without Delay
draw with Alacrity all his Army that they may proceed from Arcot

That Captain Campbell be directed to hold the Army in readiness to move as soon as the Nabob shall acquaint him he has joined with Mundazally Cawn, in the mean time that he send on the Eighteen pounders with three Battalions, and in General all Stores that will not be wanted for his Majesty

And that Captain Gough do also hold his Company in readiness to move
Likewise

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hither at a moments Warning, with all the
Seapoys from the Contested Districts except a
few to be left for the Defence of the Fort of Carango.
ly.

The following Letter from Rear
Admiral Watson Read, in answer to that wrote
him the 4th Instant
received from the Secret Committee

Gentlemen

I
I was yesterday evening favord
with your two Letters of the 4th Instant. They
advise me you are pleased to communicate to me
secret that I think we cannot be too much
upon our Guard; so large a Force as they
French is said to have sent from Port L'Orient
must necessarily alarm the Gentlemen of the
Secret Committee at Home, to
first notice of their Sailing
considered
Fort have received no
from
Fleet
much considerably
Seapoys

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Force out, but if it should be so, I can only say I will endeavor to do my best with the few Ships I have.

The Squadron being in the greatest want of Naval Stores I must desire you will order one of the Company's Ships to bring them here for at this critical Juncture I don't think proper to spare a Man of War for that Service. Tis very unaccountable that the Ships that bring out Stores and Provisions don't first call here.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Charles Watson

Rent
Fort St. Davids
Rec'd 7th July 1756

As we may expect to see the Squadron here shortly in consequence of our above Resolutions it is unnecessary to consider of any means of Conveying the Stores to them.

Received the following Letter from Robert Clive Esq.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee
Honbleds & Sirs

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To the Nabob, after having waited on the Nabob at Arcot, arrivd here three or four days ago. He brought a Letter from Salabad Jungs to the King of England, and another to the King of France, with Copies of them, the Translations of which are Entered in the Country Correspondence after the Nabobs Letter 4th Inst. He requests the President that Salabad Jungs Letters to him are coming by another Person who may be shortly expected, and desires that our Troops may be in readiness to march. By the Nabobs Letter abovementiond we understand that it is Salabad Jungs Intention to give him the Government of the Northward Provinces before assigned to the Nawabs for the Maintenance of the Troops. He & the Nabob, and he may send to Salabad Jungs Assistance.

The Intelligence lately received of the French Fleet of 12 Sail from Europe makes it doubtful how far we shall be able to conform to the Resolution recorded in our Committee the 15th June, to send a Detachment to Sea; Salabad Jungs Affairs, although we do not doubt they require it as a Step most highly necessary for the Security of the Troops of the English on that Coast, which will be Opposed

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Exposd to other Ruin of Mr Boyey by encouraging a Stand against Salabat Jung Sending Troops him to his own Terms It is however necessary to proceed to further Rebatement his subject until the Arrival of the Person shortly expected from Salabat Jung with full Instructions by which time also we may have further Light or fresh Intelligence to guide us

Agreed to dispatch a Pattamar to Bombay to advise the Select Committee there of the Intelligence containd in the Secret Committees Letter to us dated 22 December last and assist in the utmost Consequence to the Security of the Company Settlements on Indus that Admiral Watson should be enabled to keep the Sea and oppose the expected Fleet of the Enemy It is incumbent on us to use our utmost Endeavours to reinforce him The Contents we have already wrote for to the Gentlemen at Bombay and it is also Agreed to recommend to them to send also the Revenge, a new twenty Gun Ship built there The Junction of these two Vessels would we judge be of very material Service as they would be a match for some of the French Ships and more especially

would

forewent

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prevent their getting into Contractors favour of the Engagement

Geo: Pigot

Wm: Lawrence

Henry Stanley

Robert Pratt

Hy Powell

Will Fowke

Rob: Palk

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Disposition for the better care of Provisions
Stores &c. for the use of the Garrison of Fort St George

Boats and Catamarans	Mr Brown
Bricklayers Coolys Sadars Carpenters	Mr Brohier
Firewood	Mr Cornwall
Arrack	Mr Smith
Salt Petre	Mr Brooks
Water	Mr Walker
Beef	Mr Brown
Oil	Mr Smith
Candles	Mr Bourchier
Military Stores	Mr Bourchier
Intrenching Tools	Mr Rumbold

Sent the following Letters to Admiral Watson
Robert Clive Esq. & Captain Charles Campbell
in consequence of the Resolutions of the foregoing
Committee.

To Charles Watson Esq.
Rear Admiral of the Red and Commander
in Chief of his Majesty's Squadron in India

Sir

We have received the favor of
yours

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your Letter dated 7th July.

We have now received advices
which came originally from Pondichery that a
Fleet consisting of 12 Sail, the most of which
are Ships of Force will shortly appear from
the Islands, this news is a Confirmation to
us of the advices receivd from the Secret
Committee, and a Confirmation that those
Gentlemen have judgd right in thinking the
French will make a vigorous Effort against
us on this Coast.

It is our Opinion that this
Effort will if begun with any Success against
you at Sea, be pushed by them into an attempt
against this Place by Land, the Fortification
of Fort St. David with a proper Garrison
will we think sufficiently secure that Place.

We are now taking all the
Measures that we best Judgment can direct
for our defence, amongst those the first &
most necessary appears to be the immediate
Removal of his Majesty's Regiment and
Artillery to Join our Troops here.

We have considered of the measures
to execute this Intention in the safest and most
Expeditious

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Expeditious manner, to move them by Land
would Subject them to the imminent Dangers
of being attacked by a Superior Force from
Pondichery, to Send the Company's Ships to
S.t David to return with them, would be Tedi-
ous & take up too much Time, as well as render
their Passages to China precarious.

We therefore are to request of
you, as the properest method, immediately to
take on board your Squadron all the Company's
Troops as well Regiment as Artillery, under
the Command of Colonel Lawrence, with their
Stores &.ca and that you with proceed with
them to Madras as soon as possible.

Arrived here you will be ready
to take in the Stores with more Expedition,
than we can send them to you, and we shall
have the Advantage of communicating and
deliberating with you on the present critical
Situation of Affairs.

On your Departure from
Fort S.t David we request that you will
furnish Colonel Clive with four hundred
Barrels of Gun Powder, and Sixty Casks of
Salt Provisions for the Service of the Garrison

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and you may depend on having the Cordage and as much as we can procure of Provisions repaid to You on your Arrival here.

We shall also be oblig'd to you for Spareing Colonel Clive with what Ammunition he requests of you, for the use of the Garrison, we shall immediately replace it here.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants.

George Pigot &c Committee

To Robert Clive Esqr.

Deputy Governor of Fort St. David

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 23d & 26th Instant We now inclose you a Letter to Mr Watson, which after having perused you will seal and deliver to him, that Letter will explain to you our Determinations and Intentions, with which you will be pleased directly to comply, as our present Circumstances will not admit of the least Deviation from the Plans

We

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We have laid down, We are of Opinion that the best method of Securing the Company's Forts and Estate, is to assemble all the Forces in one Body, and the reasons are evident why this Assemblage should be at the Sea side, having consulted Colonel Adlercron and Admiral Lawrence, they are of opinion that 600 Rank and file, 60 of the Train of Artillery & the Companys of Seapoys, besides the Seamen may be very useful on Occasion, will be sufficient Force for your Garrison. You are to draw from the Garrison of Devecotah to make up the 600 Rank and file, & send an one Company of Seapoys without Officers

In case you Attacks, we do not expect you will be able to protect Cuddalore, therefore all Valuable Effects and Military Stores and indeed whatever can be useful to an Enemy Stores to be destroyed so be withdrawn.

We have desired Mr Watson to leave 400 Barrels of Powder 60 Casks of Salt Provisions, and what Arrack he can Spare, We Judge that between 30 or 40 Lascars will be Sufficient some part of which no doubt may be purchased at St David.

These with what you have in

Store

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Store of Rice and Firewood are the principal things mentiond in the Indent you refer to, Such others as you may Judge indispensibly necessary, as Col. Caudles &c. you are to provide, We Bombay will supply you with Cattle on any Emergency.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot &c. Committee

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P.S.

We have received your Letter of the 10th you may continue to advance part of the Lascars Pay to their Families, and on the Admirals Arrival We will endeavor to Settle it.

Observing that you have made a large Demand for Musket Shott, We desire you will apply to Colonel Bagshaw, & we shall replace them here.

To Captain Charles Campbell

Sir

You are to hold yourself with the Utmost under your Command in Order to proceed upon the first Order you may receive from the President or as Oft the

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mean time you will send forward the two 18
Pounders with the most Dispatch you
can have, & you will constantly employ those
Boats you have in Sending in the Stores

If you can Raise any good
Seapoys we desire you will, and send them
in here.

We are

Sir Your most Obedient Hble
George Pigot &c Committee

Fort St. George
12 July 1756.

13th Sent the following Letter to the Select
Committee at Bombay pursuant to the
Resolution of last Committee

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor and the Gentlemen of
the Select Committee at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Hons
& Mrs Letter of the 19th May and as we have
certain News of Balajarow & the Nanahs
moving towards his Capitol you lay more
conveniently

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conveniently to correspond with, I hope and we
hope your Correspondency will be attended with
the Success we very heartily wish for, which is
the Settling a firm Friendship with that
Prince, we are daily in search means to answer the
establishment Thing.

In a Letter received by
the Ships lately arrived from the Second Commit-
tee of the East India Company is the follow-
ing Intelligence.

"It can hardly be supposed that
"the French Nation will submit to the Capture
"of such a number of their Ships as have been
"taken and are Continually bringing into his
"Majesty's Ports without running a Blow where
"they can do it the most Securely, where that
"may be done cannot at present be known, but
"we are under great Apprehensions that the
"weight of it may fall upon the Company
"especially as we have received Information
"that eleven of the Marine Company's Ships
"sailed from Port L'Orient the 19th of last
"Month with about three thousand men on
"board, six of the largest being only half loaded
"and carrying about sixty Guns of different
"Sizes each intended for a Year & an Empty
"for the other four which are loaded as usual

These

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"These Eleven Ships, with four that sailed some
"time before make already fifteen gone, and
"there is a Report they intend to send some
"more. This whole Force is probably design'd
"for the Coast of Choromandel and Bengal
"as we are well assured no French Ships proceed
"to China this Season. An account of this con-
"siderable Armament has been laid before the
"Administration, as well as the General Situa-
"tion of the Company's Affairs, and if any Mea-
"sures shall be agreed upon by his Majesty's
"Ministers for the more effectual Support of
"the Company before the Departure of these
"Ships, they shall be communicated to you,
"in the mean time the use you are to make
"of the abovementioned Informations (which
"we have too much Reason to believe is true)
"must be, to Stand well upon your Guard,
"and as our Presidency of Bengal (on the
"most Defenceless Conditions you must
"forthwith communicate this Intelligence
"to the Governor at Fort William, that
"he with his Council may take the
"properest Measures for its Security, and
"you are to be aiding and Assisting therein
"as far as lies in your Power."

And by Intelligence brought
with him

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within these few days from the Islands to Pondichery we have reason to expect that the Force mentioned by the Secret Committee to which no doubt some additions will be made at the Mauritius as all their Homeward bound Ships have been detained, will very soon appear on this Coast.

These Designs as most probably intended against the Company's Settlements on the Coast of Choromandel, We are preparing in the best manner for their Defence, and it will be a most fortunate Circumstance if this Reinforcement we have heard from Bombay arrives on Them; Should they not have already Sailed, We most strenuously repeat our Request that they may be sent immediately, and that the Transports may be ordered to call at Negapatam for Intelligence.

We are Unanimously of Opinion that if you send round the Protector and Revenge properly manned, that there Ships Joined to the present Squadron under Mr Watsons Command will enable him if he is reinforced from England with

Ship

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only two Ships to oppose the Armament now prepar'd by the French, and thereby prevent the fatal Consequences which may fall on the Company's Settlements in India Should he be defeated, or not able to keep the Sea? By this you will see Gentlemen how much we Wish it in our Power to prevent these fatal Effects.

The moment we hear of the Arrival and Destinations of the Ships from the Islands we will give you the earliest Intelligence and should it be necessary we will reinforce you again by the Return of Mr Watsons.

We are
Gentlemen &c &c
Your most Obedient
humble Servants

George Pigot, Stringer Lawrence,
Henry Powney, Robert Orme,
Alexander Wynch, William Percevat,
, Robert Palk,

Fort St George
13th July 1756.

Wednesday
the 14th

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esqr Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Henry Powney,
Robert Orme, Alexander Wynch,
William Percevat, Robert Palk
Esqrs

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C.C.

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The President acquaints the Board that he received Intelligence this Night from the Governor & Council of Fort William of dangerous Disturbances raised in Bengal by the new Nabob, & that he was resolved in Council this morning to send Brethen a Reinforcement of two hundred Men under the Command of Major Killpatrick, and that Captain Lieutenant Godwin, Lieutenant Edwards and Ensigne Lenga and Flaction being appointed for this Expedition, he had sent them Orders to repair immediately hither.

Agreed to dispatch a Pattamar immediately to Bombay to advise them of the Select Committee's Resolve of the Intelligence received from Bengal, and of the Draft of Men it obliges us to make from thence; acquainting them that if we can spare so much more, necessary we should be reinforced to the utmost of their Power without loss of time.

And as this Garrison will be left very bare when the Detachment is gone for Bengal, it is Resolved to write Captain Campbell to march the Army hither without waiting for further Orders as soon as he shall be acquainted that the Nabob has finished his Agreement

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Agreement with Murlazally Cauny.

Resolvd also to represent
again to the Nabob the necessity of his forthwith
that Agreement as soon as possible, that he
may be enabled to remove hither with the Army

The following Letters from
Captain John Caillaud, & Captain Charles Campbell
Read,
To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
President and Governor &.ca Gentlemen
of the Committee at Madras.

No. 30

Honble Sirs

Inclosed with [illegible] monthly returns
and accounts of the Garrison. [illegible] the favor to
transmit you the Returns of the Vegetables for
Provisions, and Grain.

The selling off the old grain has
been attended with difficulty; every body regretting
it, while they could get new. I cannot therefore
dispose of it at a better price, or more than 11 Seers the
Rice, and 28 for Paddy: which tho, I believe
you will think better, than waiting longer
at a certainty of more loss; unless there should
be a war. I hope to dispose of it all by the
latter end of August. You will please to

Honors

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Honor me with your Orders what is to be done with the money arriving from the sale of Salt and the Battaney already in my hands.

As to the Grain Sharp agreed so far with the Gentlemen at Bengal That all the Paddy is reckoned with his consent at that price. Provided that on his Representation to the Nabob, he should get your Consent Gentlemen to take it. I should not have insisted on my bargain. That I only provided, as all our bargains here must with the exception of your Orders and Approbation be made. Here are Letters from Europe Ships in every Road that have Orders at over at 28 for a Rupee, if the price continues the Company will buy by the Measurement if they take it so for in Store even hereafter; as to Wont the old Grain, and encouraging it with Part of Smaller duty to prepare the Nabob inclined to that, at his own Cost and Expence. And Sir I Consider you Honor the Quantity now in Store sufficient for Officers wanting to be Home, to do a Hope of Investment for a Cargo of three Thousand Tons for Europe, at a reasonable

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of Rice each man a day.

What remains due of the Loan

agreed for 25000 Rupees. The Killedar has not power
Caddy to give me, but will make the Deficiencies
good with money, or other Grains.

The Danes sometime ago asked
from the King of Tanjour an Enlargement of their
bounds; as some of their Fort was washd down
with the Sea; which the King refused. They have
since entrenched out with 200 Europeans, five pieces of
Cannon, and some Horse, and attacked two Pagodas
belonging to the Tanjour about three miles from
Trangnebar, the one called Tyllyanee, the other
Vanadayan angelebang. The last they have taken
the other Monage informed me by letter yesterday
they had attacked, but with no Success, for a
Detachment of Horse, & some Sepoys leaving
avoid Marg from Tanjour, had attacked the
Danes, killed them about forty men, and wounded
an hundred more. The rest having escaped to
the other Pagoda, which they were fortifying.
Upon the Kings refusing any more Grounds
to the Danes, the pretext they made use of for
attacking those two Places, was on Account
of some trifle of money due to them from two
Polligars thereabouts. The Naick writes me

For C

Fort S. George 11th July 1756

Dated the 10th Instant, as entered on the Books of their Proceedings No 35 Read and also their Representation and Petition of the Inhabitants of one hundred and Thirty Inclosed Writings setting forth the vast Loss they have suffered by means of the French, who forbid and prevented their sowing the Grain that had been cut in that it is totally rotted & Spoilt, and the rest for the Ground to be tilled

The Committee have Examined so many Representations of the Nature of the Report mentioned to [illegible] Despair without Effect, that they see no Prospect of providing for the Safety of the Inhabitants of those Districts by any other Method but ordering a Superior Force there; which in the present Situation of Affairs we cannot prudently do; therefore thereby only recommend to the Commissioners to secure as far as the best manner they are able

George Pigot

James Law

Henry Vansittart

Robert Orme

Wm Hamilton

Hill Brooke

Eyre Coote

Fort S.t George 15.th July 1756

Sent the following Letters to the Select Committee at Bombay, and to Captain Charles Campbell pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Committee

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq.r
President and Governor, & the Gentlemen of the Select Committee at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receivd last night Letters from the Governor and Council of Bengal of the 5.th of last Month advising us of the great Loss their Company have already sustaind by the Surrender of Cassimbazar to the new Nabob, who marching with a numerous Army between that place and Calcutta, Surrounded the abovementiond Factory and obligd Mr. Wadle and his Council on promises of Fairness to pay him a Visit, and to give up the Fort: & the Army is now marching on towards Calcutta

This has laid the Gentlemen of Bengal under a necessity of demanding Troops from us which notwithstanding our own Situation, the necessity of preserving so valuable a Settlement, has obligd us to Comply with. We doubt not but this will be a further

endeavr

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Inducement to you, to reinforce us as soon & as much as possible &c

Yours

Henry Hartley for Wood

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

George Pigot &c Committee

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14th July 1756

To Captain Charles Campbell

Sir

You are already ordered to come on the Bellamina, Sick &c when the Nabob requests you that he has settled with Meerza Ally Cawn, you are immediately to march with the Nabob, and the Troops under your Command to this Place

Yours

Henry Hartley

Your most Obed. Servants

G. Pigot &c Committee

Fort St George
14th July 1756

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governor President

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney

Robert Orme — Alexander Upjohn

William Peirce — Robert Palk

Monday

the 19th

day

Fort St George 19th July 1756

Letters from Admiral Watson &
Robt Clive Esq. Read, dated the 14th Instant
in Answer to what we wrote them the 12th

Gentlemen

I have received your favour of
the 12th Instant, which I have communicated to
the Deputy Governor and Colonel Bagshaw
and agreable to your request shall supply the
Garrison with the Ammunition and Provisions
you desire, and as soon as the Troops and
Stores are embarked I shall make the best
of my way to Madras.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Charles Watson

Fort
Fort St Davids
Port 19th July 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee
Honble Sirs & Sirs

I have your favor inclosing
one for Admiral Watson, which was dispatched
to him the moment I received it.

Upon the Receipt of your Letter
I immediately called for a Return of the
Garrison, which is now before me and I
find

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Send the Europeans fit for duty onto Sprightly and Tote to which if you add the Sick being 37 the Total of Europeans Sick and fit will be 231 Sick and well. The Seapoys those which are on board the Squadron amount to 113, the whole Military Force of Bencoolen is but 93 Officers included of which not more than 40 are Europeans, and if I take one half the Garrison will be in a most defenceless Condition, and the Military will not even then amount to the number upon mention Inclosed in Returns of Fort St David Garrison I have Sent from Captain Calliaud Commander of Bencoolen for your Inspection.

The Artillery must still remain to make the number Specified in your Letter including the 25 which were ordered Captain Kislops Detachment and which have not left sufficient Gunners to be dispended on

I Shall always pay great Deference to Col. Adlercron & Colonel Lawrence, and Agree with them that 800 men of Artillery & 10 Companies of Seapoys will be a sufficient Force for the Defence of the Place but I beg leave to make Observations that

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included in the number 112 Topasses & 37 Lascars
and Sick and unfit for duty. If Batavia my self
they would Reinforce with me, as many good Topasses
would recruit the Company's Corps

It was formerly a Custom of
the Presidency to Supply their Subordinate
Settlements with the most indifferent of every
thing, this Charge cannot be laid to the Present
and Committee of Fort St George who have always
bestowed an equal Regard and Attention, on all
our Honorable Masters Settlements on Coromandel
and I am persuaded they will Reinforce this Garri-
son Stronger when they come to
send its Strength, with the Addition of what
can be Spared from Devecotah falls Short of
what they proposed for its defence

I must therefore offer to your
Consideration, whether it would not be a Step consistent
with the Safety of this Place, to detain one of
the Companys belonging to the Kings Regiment
might be left here, and 10 or 12 of the Kings
Artillery men, in such case I will be Answerable
for the Defence of Fort St David, it can be
attended with no Inconvenience to our Civil
Affairs, as I have the honor of his Majestys
Commission,

Yours

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You may be assured of my
Affiduity and Diligence in getting the Sea
Military Stores &c embarked with the
utmost Expedition, the Ordering the Sepoys
cannot Sail in less than 4 or 5 days as Capt
Ridge informs me he cannot have every thi
ready belonging to his Ornaments before that
time.

Mr Watson will supply
with the Stores you mention, and you
be assured I will prevent as much as
is absolutely necessary, nearly the whole
Articles may be saved when the Danger is
over which nearer than at present.

Your last Instructions about
Sepoys without Arms & the Payment of
Lascars Shall be obey'd

I am with Respect
Gentlemen Your
Your most Obedient Servt
Robert Clive

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Our Force is so small & so consi-
derably by the Draft made for Bengal that it
would not be prudent to leave any part of the
Regiment at Fort St David, the Garrison of
which Place is much in Danger of suspicion

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to the Fortifications they have to defend themselves
this, which besides will probably be the first attack
by the French Would have a Design against our
Settlements.

It would be doing Injustice
to Mr Watson were we not on this Occasion to
take notice of the Readiness he has at all times
shown to assist in any measures that have been
judgd for the Companys Benefit

The following Letter from
the Governor & Council of Tranquebar

To
To the Honble George Pigot Esq
Governor, and the Gentlemen of the Council
of Fort St George at Madras.

Gentlemen

We wrote already by a Letter from
us briefly demonstrated upon, how we have upon
the Company's Coast many Enemies, by their
Usage of Foreign people, in a most barbarous
manner, with defaming, burning, robbing and
plundering; but the manner and in which we
are most unjustly are attacked by the said King
of Tanjore, we have not yet explained upon, &
consists in the following. A person by name
Coverual Nauckan, who is the only Author
and

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and proper cause of the Heavy Expence, that already for one year ago Encreased us on the most extreme manner with to rob and plunder from the Inhabitants upon the Company Territory as well as in a long time expected and cut off the provisions that used to be conveyed further into the Country from whence it Commanded for the utmost pleases of the Company Lands, Hereby seeing himself exceedingly streightned to make his retreat with his people all things grew still more Extraordinary and this is that same Perumal Naickerpettah for 13 Years Space has been here upon the Country and accomplished even such wicked Deeds after that time he received orders upon demand of the King of Tanjore, we received him to our Nor Vigeander, being that Expedition then meant by the death of the former Vegieadeg, on the which Service he readily accepted and the no Longer, and about half a Coss, where he leaved his Office according formerly to the King of Tanjore territory, and mean while the dwelled there, which may be about 6 months he continually by his people let rob and plunder upon the Company territory, some hundred at a pellage, and afterwards set on fire and finally Invaded many in night of the Company's own Bottles to the Number of three

pieces from particular people. Besides of these we
did perceive that he along with the Subidar
gathered together a great Force of Troops at
Tegueleur; knowing none what he there went
designed to enterprize. We in the beginning
looked upon it with patience, but as it did
go the far, all toleration was over, and we
resolved us, ourselves to take Satisfaction from
Perumal Naicker, for that damage he had
caused us, by that we send a Command
into Arandamangalam, a Village belonging
unto him, and which else he has Set unto us
Pawn here by an Inhabitant of this Place,
according to his own Obligation, given us
for 18 Years ago / of the which hereby follows a
Copy / and now amounts together with the rents
there of above 6000 Pardaos, wherefore we were
intended to hold there post, till this matter
by means of the Court of Sangour could be decided
and made up. but our Command were hostily
attacked by them, so they must retire from Self
in a Pagode there of the said Arandamangalam.
Here, because of the multitude that surrounded
them. At the same we write against our
will, must hear that a great deal of horse
men and foot people, did invade unto our
Territory

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Sevitory, allady wasting it, with plundering and
robbing and Killing as for ourselves all the
Company's Villages, whence did they fall upon
a Command of 24 Men strongly Intrenched in
the Village Tillicully, gave Orders to bring
back a quantity of Nelle belonging to the Company
and misused them vilely, Over the damages
could to our Company by Perumal Naicke
and the Tanjour Troops, amounts to above
one Lack Pagodas, not to say, that their
Grounds of the Company hereafter must lay
untilled for want of Seed Nelle robbed away
by the said Tanjour people. For this reason
we cannot have much damages can come to
Satisfaction for this irrecoverables
damage cannot into us, wherefore
craved help & relieving from the
Nation, which also had been willing
to put it in execution we have got
a deal of people, which daily is to
besides a great many more we could
been necessitated to take in our own
Now the hope for all these, as soon
upon Gentlemen to Shew us the
awake up this Difference to
Composition with the Court of
that the King-maker over to our

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Some Districts, or no other conceivable means
gives Satisfaction to the Company; and also
removes from us the reproaches and troubles of
Perennial Naicker, then presently shall we
on our Selfe all differences and totally be laid
aside, and therefore shall we not undertake the
any thanks of hostility, till we receive Gentlemen
your kind answer hereupon. Hence may
you Gentlemen without doubt say that not we
but the King of Tanjour and Perennial Naicker
only are the Causes of the Trouble of the Country

Here next we counsel for us
to tell you also Gentlemen that we have more inform
ation of, that Perennial Naicker has knavishly
belyed and slandered us by the Court of
Tanjour, accusing us to have plundered
and ruined Majaburam and Tregundaver,
which however is a manifest Lie, for then
we are advertised that yesterday is gone Agam
an Olla from him to the Court of Tanjour,
about this matter, because that whereas
man he trusts not, that in all things he
finds approbation with Monajapa, who is
the real Source of all importunacy brought
upon us from the King of Tanjour

We make ourselfs Gentlemen

this

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Your Sure persuasions, that not only our Consideration
of that Friendship and alliance which is between
both our Nations, but also in regard of that close
Consanguinity of both our Courts in Europe
You shall please to show us the Kindness
and procure for us such favourable Conditions
with the Court of Tanjour, as will Content
our King in all Manner.

We remain with much respect
and Consideration

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

H. G. Krog
C. F. Hoyer J. H. Gille F. Holguard

Letter also from the King
of Tanjour on the subject of this dispute with the
Danes Read, as entered in the Country Corre-
spondence No. 122

By the account given of this
Dispute in the King of Tanjours Letter, as
well as by the confession of the Danish Gentlemen
in their Letter, it appears that in order to
obtain Satisfaction from the Polligar Cerumal
Navajen they marched a Body of Troops against
the Territories of the King of Tanjour and

took

Anandamangalam

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took possession of the Village of Anandamangalam belonging unto him. The King of Tanjore has upon sent his Forces to recover his Country out of the hands of the Danes, and prevent their further Incursions. This being the State of the case, the Committee of the Company are all sincerely inclined to use all their Endeavours to bring about an Accommodation; and to favour a Nation so intimately allied to ours as the Danes, yet they cannot but be of opinion that the Danes have on this Occasion taken a wrong Method to obtain Satisfaction for the Injuries they complain of for we cannot regard the King of Tanjore as answerable for the actions or the Debts of the Polligars Perumal Nargue and the only Method of Accommodation which can now justly be proposed is that the King of Tanjore became a full Satisfaction to be made to the Danes by the Polligar Perumal Nargue and all his Subjects who have joyned them, and the Danes do on their part quit the Fortalices of the King of Tanjore and retire into their Bounds.

Resolved to write an

Answer

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Answer conformable to the above Opinion to
the Letter received from the Governor & Council
of Fort St David & Inclose them a Copy of the
King of Tanjore's Letter

Received another Letter from
Admiral Watson as follows

Gentlemen

From the Opposition you
are under of a Superior Force now
riding in Madrass Road it is undoubtedly necessary upon which
endeavor to collect together all the Forces you
can for your better defence and as the Squadron
Regiment by those Vessels from England
are in Consideration Body of Men at present
Opinion they should be kept exclusive of those
the Squadron do for the only method
can propose for this, is your putting in Execution
the Agreement made by the Company on their
Charter Party with the Owners of the Ships
employed in their Service to land as part
their Seamen, or any other
to Storm from each Ships for the
defence of their Factory, or any other
emergent Occasions, they being Compensated
the Expence made by the Company on each
Ship.

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of necessity, I think the present Situation of your Affairs call upon you to make a demand by which means there would be the best dispatch made, that possibly can be, both ashore and on board the Squadron, as you would then be able to send me the Seamen you get from your own Ships, and in the mean Town receive the Kings Troops.

I take leave now, to offer this to your Consideration, that you may determine by the time of my Arrival at Fort S.t George, where you may expect me with as much dispatch as I can possibly make. I am Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant.

Charles Watson.

Kent.
Fort S.t Davids Road
10.th July 1756.

The Charter party Agreement made between the Company and the Owners of their Ships only empowers their Governor & Council to Land thereby more from the Crew of any Ships or Ships that may be in the Port for the Defence of their Settlements if they are

in

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in danger from the Attack of an Enemy; but
we conclude that these Men cannot be
returned on board before the Ship can be
dispatched the Ships now in the Road are
bound immediately to China and cannot be
detained, therefore it is impossible to take out
any of their men. The President is desired
to explain this Matter to Mr Watson on
his Arrival here.

By Letter from Captain
Campbell and Captain Coje we are advised
of our great Concern of the Death of Captain
Lee at Arcot the 16th Instant

Received also the following
Letters from Captain Charles Campbell

To The Honble George Pigot Esqr
President and the Gentlemen of the
Committee of Correspondency

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday evening I had
the honor of receiving your letter of the 12th
Instant. I am obedience to your Orders shall
send forward with all Expedition the Cast[illegible]
to Dindigal

Pounders, heavy Stores and such of the Sick as can't bear the fatigues of Travelling.

Narrain the Companys Linguister arrived here three days since and brought three principal Inhabitants of Bommeranzes Country, who were sent by him as Securities for the payment of forty thousand Rupees, or 13333 3/4 Pollegat Pagodas, which by his Agreement with them, is to be made on Saturday the 17th Instant I have examined these People, and all this they promise to comply with their Agreements. Yet I believe they want to gain further time, I shall therefore if they are not prepared to their day, March them with the Army unless I have your Order to the Contrary. Bommeranze has promised to pay the remaining thirty thousand Rupees in three months, but has not offered any Securities.

The Company of Seapoys that were sent with the Linguister Narrain into Bommeranzes Country

Still

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Still remain Here, but as I look upon them as a part of my Command, I shall, when I have your Orders to march, recall them from Cuddalore to Join the Army unless I have your directions to the Contrary.

I shall endeavour to collect as many good Topasses as possible and send them down to Madras.

The Doctor thinks that Captain Lee cannot live many hours.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir Your most Obedient & most faithful Humble Servt

Charles Campbell

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
President &c. Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Thos Manning
Despatcher

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dispatched to Madras the two 18 Pounders, Shot
and heavy Stores under Escort of two Companies
of Seapoys for Return of which I herewith send
There are 6 Sick Soldiers sent on the Carriages
the Surgeon having apowred me they were in no
Condition to travel in that manner without
prejudicing their health, and which will
save the expence of Doolies.

Captain Lieutenant Godwin
is the Bearer of this, Lieutenant Erdman
with Ensigns Youngs and Flaction are likewise
on their Journey agreable to the Presidents
orders

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect.

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most faithfull Humble Servant
Charles Campbell.

Chundas Choultry
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Agreed to leave it to Captain
Campbell to call in the Company of Seapoys from
Bommiancotta bounds, in case he judges they
will be of more use in the Recovery of the Money
Due

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Dear Sam That Pellegrin & the Company

Captain Campbell under fire
Carangoly that he has made the necessary
Dispositions as to be able to march from thence
dately on the Receipt of our Orders, and Capt
Coker Commander of the Cuttack requests
Leave to come to Madras for a few days to
settle some private Affairs — Agreed to
grant him Leave but that he be cautioned
to direct the Officer to whom he may entrust
the care of the Garrison to be constantly on his
Guard

The President acquaints the
Committee that Mostapha Hamet dun the
person expected with full Powers from Salabat
Jung arrived two or three days ago and delivered
him a Letter which is a Copy of that we received
the 15th of last Month importing that he had
discharged the French, and desires an Alliance
from us, and that he is inclined to Show great
Favours to the English

As soon as the Regiment
arrives from Fort St David it is Resolved
before the Council of War with our Opinions, &
the

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The Force it will be necessary to Send to Salabat Jung downing they will form a Judgement and acquaint us whether after making such a Detachment they think there will be a Sufficient Force left for the defence of our Garrisons

And it is Agreed in the mean time to dispatch back Ebrumally Cauze, the Person who came first from Salabad Jung with a Letter acquainting him that our Troops with all proper Guns, & Stores, are almost in readiness to march.

Agreed also to write a Letter of Friendship to Nasoruaz Cauze, the Vizier of Salabad Jung, who is Said to have great Influence over his Council

George Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Lerwy

Robert Orme

Wm. Fowke

Wm. Fereaud.

Rob.t Palk

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Arrived in the Road, Rear Admiral Watson with his Majesty's Ships Kent, Cumberland, Tiger Salisbury, Bridgwater, and Kings Fisher Sloop with Colonel Adlercrons Regiment and Ship Kings Train under the Command of Captains Heslop on board

22 Sent the following Letter to the Governor & Council of Tranquebar pursuant to the Resolutions of last Committee

To the Honble Henry George Grey Esq.
Governor & the Gentlemen of the Council of
Fort Dansborg at Tranquebar

Gentlemen

Having heard of the unfortunate Differences which had arisen between you and the King of Tanjore, We addressed you the 4th Instant out of the great regard and Friendship subsisting between our two Nations, offering you our Mediation to accommodate the matters in dispute; and not doubting but you would accept of our good Intentions, We immediately wrote to the King of Tanjore, but before that Letter (to which we have not yet received any Answer) came to his hands, he addressed us on the Subject a Copy of

of which Letter we now inclose for your Perusal
We have also been favord with two Letters from
you, one of the 4th the other of the 11th Instant by
which we are informed that the original Cause
of your taking up Arms was some Injuries offerd
to you by one Perumal Naiker a Collegar and
Subject of the King of Tanjore to obtain Justice
from whom, you marched a Body of Troops
upon the Confines of the said King and
possessd yourselves of the Village of Anandavanam
galoon which belongs to him. The act of
Hostility is on the other hand made the Subject
of Complaint from the King of Tanjore; to
give you our Opinion freely on this Subject
so far as it is yet Stated to us, We must say it
does not appear that you ever made any
Application to the Court of Tanjore for Redress
of the Injury done you by Perumal Naiker,
had you made such Application without Effect,
the Law of Nations (which as the Case now stands
seems rather to Speak against you) would then
have justified your seeking Redress by the means
of Arms. This candid declaration of our Sentiments
as perswade ourselves you will look upon
as one of the strongest Instances We can give
of our

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your of our Diuision. Endeauour to bring this Affair
to an equitable conclusion by taking it at once
from its Source, and if you are heartily disposd
to concur in such measures, we dont in the
least doubt, but we shall be able to prevail
with the King of Tanjore to cause ample
Reparation to be made you, for all the damages
you may have unjustly sustained by his
Subjects, and on the other hand to shew a good
Example of Justice & our forwardness to relieve
you will readily agree to withdraw your
Troops within your own Bounds and restore
to them those Territories to which he has a just
right, these are the measures which as equitable
Mediators, We must recommend to you, and
to Jesus, to which we shall wait your Answer,
in the mean time

We are Gentlemen
Your Friends and very humble
Servants
George Pigot & Committee

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq. Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Henry Lowney,
Robert Orme, Alexander Wynch
William Percival, Robert Palk, Esq.

Fryday
the 23.

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The following Letter from
Robert Clive Esqr Read

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
& the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

All the Provisions, Stores &c
are landed from the Squadron, as will appear
from the inclosd Account, Signd by the Storekeepr

Three of our Deserters named
Thomas White, James Whitehead, Peter Sand
were retaken two days ago by Mons. Leyrit and
one Bachman was returnd by us.

Ten men from this Garrison
are missing, and there is a moral Certainty that
they are concealed on board the Squadron, 3 were
detected last Night in Sailors Habits endeavouring
to get on board, I have wrote to Mr Watson on
the Strongest Terms about them, and I must
further represent that if there is not some method
thought of to convince the inferior Officers on
Board the Squadron, that they will incur the
Admirals Displeasure by harbouring our Men,
there will be no End to Desertions of this Kind

And

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and the Company will receive no profit. Detri-
ment from those that come on purpose to
protect and serve them.

I am sorry to inform you that
brought the Obstinacy of the Boatsfellows in
coming ashore on the night time, one of
the Boats loaded with Powder has been sore
lost, I have sent to secure the Boatsfellows who
absconded upon the Accident happening.

Being greatly want of good
Drill men for recruiting the Military I have ap-
plied to Colonel Bagshaw, who has supplied me
with two for that purpose, and I shall order
both Officers and Soldiers out every Morning till
they are thoroughly acquainted with their Duty.

All the Articles the Governor
has wrote for, as far as this Garrison can supply
them, are embarked except 15 of the 9 Pound Gun
and I am in some doubt whether they can be
got over time, as the Admiral is determined
to Sail by 12 o'Clock this Evening.

I referd you will receive
a little Sketch of what Articles are sent on

Brea[d]

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Board. I am with the Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant.

Robert Clive.

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P.S. I have sent on board the Kent under
Charge of the Kings Grand five Troop Troop-
ers, & I suppose your former Orders about
Sending the men belonging to Europe &
Polier's companies, are overuled by your late
Instructions, ordering me to compleat the
Garrison to 100 men Rank & File.

The President is desird to
request of Admiral Watson to order search to be
made for the Deserters mentiond in Mr.
Cleves Letter and also to give directions on board
the several Ships of the Squadron not to receive
on board any more Men from the Garrisons
without regular Discharges.

Receivd the following Letters
from Captain Charles Campbell
To the Honble George Pigot Esq. Governor & the
Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence
Honbled Sir & Sirs
Last

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Last Night I had the Honor of
receiving your Letter of the 14th Instant and
immediately waited on the Nabob, who has informed
me, that he every day expects to receive from
Muntanally Canoy one Lack of Rupees upon
Payment of which all affairs with the Mundeor
of Veloor will be accommodated, he has requested
me to keep as Secret as possible your Intention,
of removing the Troops from this place, for
should such a Report be spread, it might be
the means of preventing Muntanally Canoy
from fulfilling his Agreement. The Nabob
has not Signified to me that he knows any
thing of going with the Army to Madura,
although I have hinted it to him. Under
Charge of a Subidar and European Sergeant
I have this day sent down three hundred men,
who have offer'd themselves for Sepoys on the
Companys Service, I have ordered the Subedar
to pay two small Fanams P. day to each of them,
till their arrival at Madras. I hope they
will be approved of and I shall send another
Detachment in a few days, I shall from
day to day acquaint you of the Nabobs Sentiments
and the instant he informs me of having
finished affairs with Muntanally Canoy

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I shall put your Orders in Execution. Be pleased to give orders that the Lascars & Carriage Bullocks which went with the 18 Pounders & Heavy Stores are returned. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most faithful humble Servant
Charles Campbell.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
President & Governor &c. Gentlemen of the
Committee of Correspondence.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Nabob has acquainted me that Muntazally Cawns Vakeel went last night to Velore, and he is expected back tomorrow morning, with the Rhaudas final Answer, upon his Arrival he promised to inform me if Matters were accommodated to his Expectations

The time being elapsed, when the Securitys from Bommerauzes Country were

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were to pay the forty thousand Rupees, upon demanding a Compliance with their Agreement they replied — That they were disappointed in these Merchants whom they had depended on, and requested a further delay of four Months on Ground that very little Credit could be given to their promises, immediately ordered them to be Prisoners, with hopes that severe treatment would have a good Effect — They advised their friends of their Situation, and this Evening they should me a Letter on Account, which gives them Assurances of their Money being raised as soon as possible and their Behavior hitherto, will not suffer me to have any great Apprehensions on them. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Charles Campbell.

Chunda's Choultry
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To The Honble George Pigot Esqr
President & Governor &c Gentlemen of the
Committee of Correspondence

Madras

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Honble Sir & Sirs

My Letter of the 18th Instant gave you advice of Muntaz ally Cawns Vakeel being gone to Velour, since which I have been hourly expectation, of receiving some Accounts from the Nabob, that would enable me to put your orders into execution, but I find for that his Answer differs nothing from what I had the honor of advising you in my last. I must still repeat that the Nabob has not signified any intention of accompanying the Army, nor can I learn from the Strictest enquiry, that he is making any preparations for the Removal of himself or Family.

To morrow I purpose sending another Detachment of about three hundred new enlisted Seapoys. I flattering myself that those already sent, are approved of. I should be glad to have your orders what number may be necessary. I am well informed that the French have for some time past been very industrious in procuring Seapoys, and still continue to enlist those who offer their Service.

Yesterday

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Yesterday I Sent a Sicke
Sergeant in a Boate to Fort St George.
I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant.
Charles Campbell.

Chunda's Choultry's
20th July 1756.
Gillock P.A.

eighty

The Kings Regiment being
landed, except the two hundred fifty Men
quartered on board the Squadron, the Enemy
of the Army from Ouret is not so immediately
necessary. Therefore as it is inconvenient to
the Nabob to remove with his Family it is
Agreed to write Captain Campbell to
remain there with the Troops until further
Orders, keeping them however in Readiness
to march at Moments Warning.

but

Agreed that Captain
Campbell do enlist altogether one thousand
Seapoys if he can meet with good ones, but
three

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that he be directed to be very carefull in his
Choice, taking only the very best that offer.

Geo Pigot

Jonge Lawrence

Henry Lowry

Robert Orme

Wm Percival

Rob Palk

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Sent the following Letter to Captain Charles Campbell, pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Committee

To Captain Charles Campbell

Sir

We have received your several Letters dated 11th 15th 16th 17th 18th & 20th Instant. The heavy Cannon & Stores are also arrived and the three hundred new Seapoys. If you can compleat the Number to one Thousand it will be sufficient, you may therefore be very chary of your ammunition, endeavouring only the very best that offer. We approve of the Measures you have taken to oblige the Seamen sent by Bommanauze to pay the money they are bound for. If you think the Company Effect towards geting the Remainder of their Money or Security for it you may tell them, they, otherwise you may order them to their Duty

The Presence of the Troops at Madras, is not now so immediately necessary, therefore as it is inconvenient to the Nabob to

Remove

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remove his Family, we would have you stay with the Army at Arcot until further Orders. You must however keep every thing ready to march at a short Warning. Advise us always of the State of the Troops, whether they are well or sickly, as this is a circumstance of great Weight regarding their stay or Removal.

I have &c

Your most Obedt Servants.

Geo. Pigot &c. Committee

Fort St George
24th July 1756

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President

Stringer Lawrence, Henry Powney,

Robert Orme, Alexander Wynch,

Monday — William Percival, Robert Talk,

the 26th July

The President introduces Rear Admiral Watson, and Rear Admiral Pocock. Mr Watson is presented to a Seat at the Presidents Right Hand and Mr Pocock at his Left.

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The President produces and reads three Letters received last night from Salabad Jung's Camp as entered N° 191, 192 & 193 in the Country Correspondence N° 191 is from Salabat Jung, 192 from Mahomed Hokeem Cawn, and 193 from Sagobin Lillay Cawn, being answers to the Letters wrote them the 16th June, entered in the Secret Committee Book Salabad Jung expresses great Satisfaction at the Promise made him from you immediate Assistance, the which he desires may be sent away with all possible Speed, and with directions to march first to Warangole, from thence to Moneyconda, from Moneyconda to Chintapelly then to cross the Kissna, and proceed to Gholcondah under Golconda, which is a direct Road, and a Road to which the French can have no Entrance. Accompanying these Letters Salabad Jung has sent the orders he desires to the several Zemendars & Pollygars on the Road to supply the Troops with Provisions &c. during their March.

Admiral Watson then addressing himself to the Committee represented that on Convergance

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of their Request in their Letter dated the 1st
Instant became hither with the Ships under
his Command bringing Colonel Adlercrons
Regiment and the Train of Artillery on board
which being landed here, he shall receive his
Supplies of Europe Stores, and then be in
readiness to act in such manner, as shall be
Judgd most conducive to the Good of the Service
that he is of Opinion the Squadron returning
to their Station to Windward of Pondicherry
might prove of singular Service in case any
inferior French Squadron should appear, or
in case their Squadron should by any accident
be Separated and come upon the Coast in
Divisions: nevertheless if the late news from
Bengal, or the pressing Demand of Salabut
Jung for Assistance, or any other Reasons
should cause the Committee to be of another
Opinion, he will be willing to assist in
whatever Measures shall be Judgd for
the General Good, and he concludes therefore
with desiring that the Committee will acquaint
him by Letter of their Resolutions.

Admiral Watson & Admiral Pocock to them

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The Committee entirely
Agree in Opinion with Mr Watson that his
Majesty's Squadron of Men of Warr to the Southward
to the Coromandel Coast on the Arrival of the French Squadron
upon such Intelligence of their Designs as Mr Watson could procure
with the Strength of our Squadron, it is not
to be conceived they will expose themselves to
such a Check, It is more probable from the
Intelligence contained in the Secret Committees
Letter dated 22 December last, that they will
appear with a Squadron far superior to Ours
or if they cannot collect together such a Force
then that they will stop at Karical and there
Land all their Men and Stores, as it will be
out of the Power of even small Squadrons to
watch both that Port and Pondicherry; and
to cruize at Sea against the Force of the
Enemy at this Season would be too great a
Strain upon the Ships which are besides already
Sickly. And it is further Considered that
all the Company's Settlements as well as any
Reinforcements

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Reinforcements of Men of War that may be coming from England, would be expected to estrange the danger of our Squadron should be overpowered or even should Mr. Watson be obliged to quit the Coast suddenly without Landing the Detachment which is on board, belonging to Colonel Adlercron's Regiment, the Loss of so many men would be most sensibly felt after the Draft sent to Bengal, and the Promise made to Salabat Jung.

The Advantages and Inconveniences on each side being duly weighed it is thought best for the Squadron to remain here untill the Receipt of further advices and Instructions from England and Agreed to Address a Letter to Mr. Watson accordingly.

Resolved also to recommend to Admiral Watson to entertain Lascars for the Service of his Majesty's Ships (as the former Commanders of the Squadrons in India have constantly practised) which will prevent the necessity of his making a further Draft of Men from the Regiment.

Agreed to meet to morrow morning

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morning for the Consideration of the measures
necessary to be taken in consequence of the
Letter received from Salabat Jung.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lemmy
Robert Orme
Wm. Percival
Rob. Palk

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governor President

Stringer Lawrence, Henry Powney,

Robert Orme, Alexander Wynch,

William Percival, Robert Palk,

Tuesday the 27th

Country Letters N.os 191, 192,

& 193, from Salabat Jung, Mahomed Moheen Cawn,

and Saphir Ally Cawn, which were read in last

Committee, now read a Second time

It having been Resolved in

Private Committee of the 15th Instt for the many Reasons

therein recited to send an Assistance to Salabat Jung

as soon as his expected Deputy should arrive, a

Letter of Promise was wrote to Salabat Jung accordingly

This Deputy Mootawy Ha-

meddeen is since arrived and has set forth

the great desire of Salabat Jung to be allied to the

English, and the Advantages which will accrue to

the English from this Alliance; and Salabat Jung

in his Answer to our Letter of the 16th June favors

us in Consequence of the beforementioned private

Committee, expresses the highest Approbation of

our Intention to Join him, and an earnest

Desire that the Force may be set out as soon

as possible. The Committee therefore now bring

under Consideration the Measures proper to be

taken,

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Taken for the Assistance of Salabat Jung consistent
by with our own Security.

The President acquaints the
Committee that the Hircaras who brought these
Letters from Salabat Jung's Camp and have been
only fifteen days on the Road gave an account
that Mr. Bussy arrivd without Molestation at
Hyderabad with the French Troops & Convoy
sent out a small Party from thence with all his
Bullocks to fetch Provisions from a Neighbouring
Place, a Party of Morrattas attackd them & carried
off the Bullocks. Mr Bussy thereupon sent a
Vakeel to Ibram ally Cawn, Salabat Jung's
Manager in the City of Hyderabad to demand
a number of Bullocks, a Dispute arose between
them, Mr Bussy's Vakeel stabbd Ibram ally Cawn
mortally, and was himself cut to pieces on the
Spot. Mr Bussy fearing this Disturbance might
leave some bad Consequences, immediately took
Possession of a large House in the Town, where
he has laid in a Store of Provisions by Plundering
the Bazars, and having mounted Cannon around
prepares to defend himself against Salabat Jung
who was about sixty Miles off with his Army.

The President further acquaints
the Committee that according to the Intelligence
he has received, the French have within these few
Days

days embarked and went away near five hundred
men: That he is not certain whether their Destination may be to Golconda or Bengal, but
considering the last accounts of Mr Bussy it may
be supposed they are intended to assemble at Metchle-
patam, and from thence to make an Effort to Join
Mr Bussy at Hyderabad.

If they should effect this Junction
which however will be difficult as they will have
a Fortnights March exposed to be continually
harrassd and alarm'd by Salabat Jungs Horse
the French will have a Body of near one thousand
Men at Hyderabad.

We Committee are nevertheless
of Opinion that four hundred men Rank & file
including the Train of Artillery will be sufficient
for the purpose Expedition for as there is no danger
of being opposed on the Road, the Junction with
Salabat Jung will be made without difficulty, and
the Presence of such a Party will be enough to keep
Salabat Jung from the Resolution to remove all
Influence of the French from his Person, and to
Secure him from any attacks of their Army: Mr
Bussy on the other hand being continually harrass'd
and surrounded by Horse, will find it difficult, if
not impossible, to gather any Supplies of Provisions,
and must in time either come to Terms or attempt
a Dangerous Retreat.

But

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But if Salabat Jung is left without European Assistance it is very probable that Mr. Bussy will gain some Advantage over him and oblige him to make such Concessions to the French Nation as will render them Masters of the Trade of the Country

The President lays before the Committee a State of our Strength on this Coast, according to the last Returns amounting to one thousand, nine hundred and forty two Men, non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, including Sick and well, Europeans, Topasses & Caffrees, belonging to the Company, as well Military as Train, but exclusive of Colonel Adlercron's Regiment and the Kings Train.

The Committee are of Opinion that a Party of four hundred men Rank & File as beforementioned may be detached, and a Sufficient Force remain for the Defence of the Company's Forts and Settlements in these Parts, the rather as the Union by the large Draft lately made from Pondichery will be less capable of forming any Enterprize against us, and are besides in daily Expectation of Supplies of Men from Europe, Bombay and the West coast.

Colonel Adlercron having been desired to assist us with his Advice on this Occasion, now takes his Seat; and a General View having been first given him of the Cause of Salabat Jungs throwing off the Yoke of the French and applying to us for Assistance, as well as of the Force under

MM.

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Mr Bussy and the Reinforcements Lately sent from Pondichery, and the State of our Present Strength being also Laid before him, his Opinion is desired upon the following Points

Whether a Party of four Hundred Rank & file will be sufficient for the purpose Expedition

Whether after sending away such a Detachment sufficient will remain for the Defence of the Company's Forts & Settlements in these Parts.

Whether more than four hundred Rank & file can be spaid for the Expedition

And what Officers & men are most proper to be Sent

Colonel Adlercron then presents to the Committee a Return of the Strength of the Regiment being 400 men Rank & file besides the Detachment of two hundred & eighty on board his Majesty's Ships, reserving us of his Readiness either to go himself upon the proposed Command, or send any of his Officers that shall be Judgd proper; He mentions it as his Opinion that a Sufficient Force will remain for the Defence of the Company Forts and Settlements, after detaching four Hundred Rank & File, but as all Plans of this Nature must be debated by the Council of War before they can be executed; he desires the Circumstances of the Affair in question, as they have been now related to him may be addressd to him in a Letter, which he will lay before the Council of War and acquaint us with the Result.

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must

Ordered that a Letter be addressd to Colonel Adlercron accordingly and

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on the mean time it is Agreed to returne Salabat Jung's Hircarras with answers to his & Mahomed Mohsin Cawn's Letters, assuring them that our Troops will march in Company with Moolavey Hamcaddeen without delay. This will be a means to prevent his hearkening to any Terms of Accommodation that may be made to him by the Peshy.

Agreed also to desire Salabat Jung to order two or three Thousand Horse to meet our Troops at the River Kistna, and to advise the Nabobs of Cuddapa & Curnoul of the Road which our Detachment is to take that they may Join us with their Armies on the Way, as they also have received Orders from Salabat Jung to attend him with their Forces

And Ordered that the Nabob be apprized of all the foregoing Resolutions, that he may prepare a few of his Horse to accompany our Troops to Salabat Jung.

Geo. Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Lawrey

Robert Orme

P. Dumas

Hild: Percival

Rob. Palk

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Sent the following Letter to Colonel Adlercron pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Committee

To John Adlercron Esq.r
Commander in Chief of the Land Forces on India

Sir

You have been acquainted that a Body of French Troops has for some years been Joind to Salabat Jung on the Decan, by which they have acquird an Influence over his Person and gaind to themselves very Extensive Possessions from whence they have drawn Supplies of money and Secured to themselves a Weighty Interest in the Country. By this they have been enabled to carry on the War in this Country with infinite Advantages over us.

And we have undoubted proofs that the use they have been endeavouring to make of this their Advantageous Situation even since the Treaty was to acquire to themselves the Dominion of all the Provinces of the Decan. About three months ago they began to manifest these Intentions by making such exorbitant Demands of Possessions from Salabat Jung as might well Alarm him. One

among

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among others was that the Fort of Golconda should be put into their hands.

Upon Salabat Jungs repre-
senting to Mr. Bussy who Commands the
French Troops that his Demands were
unreasonable, and that the Countries he had
put into his Possession were more than
sufficient for the Pay of the Troops and his
other Expences which was all he ought to require,
Mr Bussy grew more and more perplexing and
insolent till at last about the latter end of
May. Salabat Jung thought it imprudent
to confide on them any longer, he therefore
acquainted Mr Bussy that he had no further
occasion for the French Troops, and ordered
them to retreat quietly to Pondicherry

The Armies were then Lying
at Pavanore, a Fort on this Side the River
Kyra, Mr Bussy according to Salabat Jungs
Orders drew off the French Troops from his
Army, and began his March, as he said for
Mutchlypatam, by the way of Hyderabad the
Capital of Golconda.

Salabat Jung immediately
wrote

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wrote to the President on their moving, request-
ing an Assistance of Troops to prevent the
French from making any Conquests on his
Country and to remove them from the Possession
of those Provinces the Revenues of which he had
assigned to them for the Payment of their Troops
while they were in his Service.

An Answer was wrote him
the 16th June that we were very glad of the
Opportunity of Assisting in his Affairs and that
we cordially would dispatch a Force to him
immediately after the Arrival of the Person whom
he wrote he was Sending hither on quality of
his Ambassador to discourse fully upon the Affair

This Person is Since arrived
and also an answer to our abovementioned Letter
in which answer Salabat Jung presses the
immediate March of our Troops to him
as Soon as possible.

We judge the Reasons why
Salabat Jung is more pressing for our Assistance
are the Steps taken by Mr Bussy since his
Removal from Salabat Jungs Army. The
Accounts brought by the last Hircarras from

Hence

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thence confound by some other Intelligence are as follows.

That his Troops having committed some Disorders in the Countries they were passing through, Salabat Jung detach'd a Party of Maratta Horse to keep order in them on the Road and prevent further Disturbances, Mr Bussy however arrived safe at Hyderabad which as we have before said is the Capital of Golconda. From thence having sent out his Dingy and Carriage Bullocks to fetch some Grain which he had hired in a Neighbouring Village the Marattas attacked the men at the Bullocks, cut off their Ears & Noses & sent them back to Bussy thereupon sent all Party and took away all the Bullocks and a number of Bullocks belonging to Ibram Ally Cawn, Manager for Salabat Jung, on the Road from Ellore to Hyderabad, Ibram Ally Cawn, answered that he could not supply him without Salabat Jung's Order, a Dispute arose between the Subah and Ibram Ally Cawn the consequence of which was that the Subah killed Ibram Ally Cawn with his own hand and was himself immediately cut to pieces by Ibram Ally Cawn's People.

&c &c

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Mr Bussy upon the news of this Affair took
Post with his Troops in a large House in the
Town of Hyderabad, where he has mounted
Guns and prepard to defend himself against
Salabat Jung, who by the last advices, dated
10th July was at the Distance of 20 Coss (60 miles)
from Hyderabad having detached a large
Body of Troops before him to Join those
already there &c.

It is to be remarkd that
Hyderabad is an open City, the Fortress which
is called Golconda is in possession of Salabat
Jung. It is Said that Mr Bussy by plundering
the Bazzars has securd a good Stock of Provisions
and his Force according to our last Intelligence
consist of 400 Military and 3000 or 5000 Sepoys

And we have learnt that
within these last twenty days the French have
embarked from Pondichery four or five
hundred men which we Suppose are to be
landed at Medelepatam and to march from
thence to succour Mr Bussy. The March from
Medelepatam to Hyderabad may be reckond
about 15 Days.

If the French should get the
better

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Letter of Salabat Jung, they will no doubt oblige him to put them in Possession of such forts and Territories in the Decan as will best suit their Views, such no doubt as will make them entire Masters of it; and then the Trade of this Coast will be so much at their Disposal that our Settlements on this Coast if we should be able to hold them with become a Burthen to the Nation instead of an Advantage

We could not therefore but resolve to send a Detachment with all possible Expedition to Join Salabat Jung notwithstanding the Intelligence received from Europe of a considerable French Fleet having Sailed for India.

We think that about four hundred Europeans including the Train of Artillery and one thousand Seapoys, if more cannot be spared may be sent with Safety on this Expedition, for although Mr Bussy, if he should be Joind by all the Detachments lately sent from Pondichery, will have neare a thousand men, yet as he has no Black Troops he will be subject to be continually harrassed

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Incouraged while our Party will be found to
Salabat Jungs numerous Army said to
consist of fifty thousand Horse, who by the
presence of our Troops will be encouraged to act
with more Vigour should there be occasion.

Salabat Jung has formerly
found out the Road by which our Detachment
should march, and sent Orders to all the Pollegars
Amuldars, & other Officers residing in the
adjacent Countries to furnish Sufficient
Provisions on being paid for them; and it
is a Road to which he says the Enemy can
have no Entrance.

We lay before you a Compleat
List of the Company's Troops at present on
the Coast, and we beg the favor Sir of your
Opinion whether after detaching the number
abovementioned Sufficient will remain for
the Defence of the Company's Forts & Settlements,
whether you Judge a Longer number could
be spared for the Expedition, and what Officers
& Troops are most proper to be Sent.

It may not be improper
to mention that as the Provisions
made

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made so large a Draft from Pondichery
we are in the less Danger of any Enterprizes
from thence, and further that we some
time ago wrote very Strenuously to Bombay
for a Reinforcement which we may hope
to See next Month — We are besides
in daily Expectation of near one hundred
Men from Fort Malborough, and four
more Ships from Europe which will
bring each about Sixty Men.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants.

Ft St George
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George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence
Henry Powney — Robert Orme
Alexander Wynch — William Percival
— Robert Palk —

20th Sent the following Letter to Rear Admiral Watson,
pursuant to the Resolutions of the Foregoing
Consultation, the 16th Instant.

To Charles Watson Esqr
Rear Admiral of the Red & Commander in Chief
of his Majesty's Squadron in India

Sir

In consequence of our
Deliberations

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Deliberations with you in Committee the 26th are
think it proper to represent to you, that although
we Agree with you in Opinion that the Jetuation
of his Majesty's Ships to the Southward might
on some Circumstances prove very beneficial,
particularly if it should happen that a French
Fleet not Superior to yours or part of a French
Fleet seperated from the rest, should fall in with
you.

Yet when we consider the
Sickness of your Ships, their Inability to cruize
at this Season, the great Probability from the
Advices we received from the Company that the
French Fleet if any should come, will be far
Superior to yours, the extreme Danger all the
Company's Settlements would be exposed to, if
the Squadron should be overpowerd, which would
besides render any Reinforcement that may be
intended to Join you from England useless,
as well as their own Safety precarious, & the
hazard of your not being able to return hither
to Land the Detachment you have on board
belonging to the Regiment, the want of which
we shall feel the more, by the large Draft we
have been obligd to make from our Garrison
for

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for Bengal All these Considerations we say, being duly weigh'd, we are of Opinion it will be most advisable for the Squadron to remain here untill you receive further Advices and Instructions from Europe

As the Draft of men you have already found it necessary to make from Colonel Adlercrons Regiment for the Service of the Squadron it is a great Loss to us, and any further Draft would be of the utmost Detriment to our Affairs, we take the Liberty to recommend to you to entertain Lascars as the Commanders of his Majesty's Squadrons in India have heretofore done.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

& most humble Servants

George Pigot & Committee

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36 Receive the following Answer from Read Admiral Watson

Gentlemen

I

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I have received your Letter of Yesterdays Date, and have duly considered the Reasons you gave for the Squadrons remaining here, together with the critical Situation of Affairs in these Parts. I therefore Agree with you in Opinion, and shall continue, till I receive further Advices and Instructions from Europe, or am obliged to leave this Coast upon the breaking up of the Monsoon.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Charles Watson.

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30th July 1756.

At a Committee Present,
George Pigot Esqr. Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Henry Vernon,
Robert Orme, Alexander Wynch,
William Percival, Robert Palk,
Colonel Adlercron then
acquainted the Committee the Proceedings of the
Council of War held Yesterday upon the Letter
we addressed them the 27th Instant concerning
the intended Expedition to Golcondah.
The said Proceedings were as follow

Friday
the 30th

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At a Council of War held at Fort St. George the
29th day of July 1756.

Present { Colonel John Adlercron Comm.d in Chief
Lieut. Col.o Samuel Bagshaw
Lieut Col.o Stringer Lawrence
Major Francis Forde
Captain William Heslop Commanding
of the Detachment of the Royal Artillery

A Letter dated 28th July
1756 from the President & Gentlemen of the
Secret Committee to Colonel Adlercron, was
read to the Council

The Council having taken
the said Letter into Consideration, it was moved
whether or no the number of men proposed by
the Committee to be sent to the Assistance of
Salabat Jung, was sufficient for the Expedition
intended.

The Majority are of
Opinion it is insufficient, and that the
Detachment ought to consist of at least four
hundred European Rank & File, exclusive
of the Train of Artillery.

The following Questions
were

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from the Committee were then Submitted to the Consideration of the Council

1. Whether after detaching four hundred men, including the Train (as proposed by the Committee) a sufficient number will remain for the Defence of the Companys Forts & Settlements?

The Majority of the Council are of Opinion, that a Sufficient number will remain for the Defence of Fort St. George against any attack that seems likely at present to be made against it.

2. Whether a larger number of Troops can be Spared?

The Majority are of Opinion there may, as the only addition required is that the number proposed may be exclusive of the Train

3. What Officers & Troops are most proper to be sent?

The Majority are of Opinion that the Artillery should be entirely composed of his Majesty's, but the rest of the Detachment

to

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To consist equally of the Kings and Company's Troops.

John Adlercron
Samuel Bagshaw
Stringer Lawrence
Francis Forde
William Heslop

To the 1st Question Sam thinks for Defencelessness, I thinks it is hazardous at this time to detach so large a Body of Troops from the Defence of the principal Settlement, but if as the Committee say the Company's affairs will be so greatly hurt by the Success of the French, I that it is necessary a Body of Troops should be sent to Pulicat Fort to prevent the Success Sam of Opinion the four hundred named by the Committee should be sent to his Assistance. To the 2d Question I am of Opinion a greater number cannot be spared at this time

Sam! Bagshaw

To the 2 Question Sam of Opinion no more can be spared, than the number the Committee has mentioned in their Letter.

Stringer Lawrence

a true Copy Jn.o Carnac
Secretary

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Colonel Adlercron then acquaints the Committee that it is his Intention to go himself upon this Command with Major Brodie and Captain Mislop, and desires the Party may be made up, according to the Opinions of the Council of War, to four hundred Rank and File, besides the Train, and also that he may have fifteen hundred Seapoys instead of one thousand.

The Committee offer'd four hundred men Rank and file including Brig Train, as the most that could be spared and they observe that both Colonel Bagshaw & Colonel Lawrence are of Opinion that the Expedition may be carried on with that Number; the Committee therefore now again represent to Colonel Adlercron that a larger Draft cannot prudently in our present doubtful Situation be made from our Force. Accordingly a List of the intended Detachment is drawn out as follows

The Grenadier Company of Colo Adlercrons Regiment 70 Men rank & file

From the other Companies of the Regiment 100

The Grenadier Company of the Seapoys Troops 100

270 Men carried over

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Brought over 270 Men

From the Company's Battalion 72

318

The Kings Troops (Officers included) 83

401 Men

The above List being pres[ented] to
to Colonel Adlercron he told the Committee
would consider of it, and acquaint them
his Determination whether he could pro[ceed]
with such a Command or not.

With regard to Surgeons
Agreed that the whole number now
amounting to twelve or thirteen hundred
proceed on the Expedition.

Colonel Adlercron
enquired of the Committee whether he
take the Command of all Salabat Jung's
Army, to which he was answered that he
expect to be consulted concerning all Military
Operations, but that Salabat Jung would
doubt reserve to himself the General
conduct of Affairs

After which Colonel
Adlercron retired and the Committee

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the further Consideration of the Intended Expedition untill the Receipt of his Answer concerning the Command

Geo. Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Lascelles

Robert Orme

W. Wilkes

Wm. Percival

Robt Palk

Fort St. George 2 Augst 1756

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President

Stringer Lawrence, Henry Pinnery,

Robert Orme, Alexander Wynyard,

William Perceval, Robert Palk &

Monday the 2d.

The President acquaints the Committee that Colonel Adlercron returned to him, with the List of four hundred and one Men including the Train of Artillery, and told him he could not proceed on the Expedition without the number recommended by the Majority of the Council of War Viz.t four hundred men Rank and File, besides the Train.

By this the Committee judge that the Kings Troops cannot be employed on the Expedition without sending the Number propos'd by the Majority of the Council of War; and therefore it is to be consider'd whether it would be prudent to undertake it with the Number of the Company's Troops,

As the Road pointed out for our Detachment to march is such as the French can have no Entrance to, As our Troops

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Troops will march all the way through the Peninsula of Tinjendo and will be furnished without difficulty with Provisions by means of Salabat Jung's Orders to the different Chiefs. We are of Opinion that the Party we first propos'd, four hundred Rank and file, including Train, might with Safety be sent on this Expedition; and that such a Party, Joined to Salabat Jung, would be Sufficient to Secure him in our Interest, to stop all Progress of the French in the Decan, and even to oblige them to retire to their Settlements. Nevertheless as the undertaking the Expedition with a less Force than is recommended by the Majority of the Council of War, would be making ourselves entirely answerable for any unforseen Accidents that might happen, it is Agreed, to send the Number by them recommended, Viz. four hundred men Rank & File, besides the Train; and Ordered that the necessary Preparations be made for their March.

Three Letters from Captains Charles Campbell Read, as follows

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
President & Governor &c Gentlemen
of the Committee of Correspondence

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Nabob has informed me of Hyder Nayeck being returned from Velore and having brought with him Bills for 20 Lacks of Rupees which he expects to receive daily this Account is confirmed to me by the Droffs. There yet remains some Articles undetermined between the Nabob and Dewandar, which the former imagines will be Settled soon.

Yesterday Lieutenants Paschoud and Ford Joined the Army, I beg leave to remark, that there are only one Captain, one Lieutenant, & four Ensigns, for the Battalion, & one of the Latter does the duty of Adjutant

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant.

Chanda's Choultry's
23d July 1756.

Charles Campbell

The Hon. Honble George Pigot Esq.
President & Governor &c. Gentlemen of the
Committee of Correspondence.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ships

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This morning I had the honor of receiving your Letter dated 24th Instant. I have already enlisted and Sent into Madras Seven hundred & fifty Seapoys. I Shall not exceed the number you have ordered, and those only, who appear most fit for Service.

As I did not conceive that the Company of Seapoys which remained in Bommerauze Country, would facilitate or hasten the Payment of the money due from him — to reduce such an unnecessary Expence, I recalled them from thence.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that we have very few Sick, in Proportion to the number of men. The Troops in General being very healthy.

I Shall punctually observe your Orders, and be allways prepar'd to march the Army on a very short Warning, and I Shall be equally careful to advise you frequently of the State of the Troops, or any Occurrences that may happen under my Command, that may be worthy your Notice.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt Obedt Servt

Charles Campbell.

Chinna's Choultry
27th July 1756

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
President & Governor & the Gentlemen
of the Committee of Correspondence

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint
you that the Nabob has informed me of his
having received one Lack of Rupees from
Murtaz ally Cawn, also having settled every
thing with him.

Yesterday I sent to Madras
one hundred and fifty new enlisted Seapoys
under Command of an European Serjeant
and gave him Orders to pay two fanams
a day to each of them till their Arrival
there.

No material Alteration
in the State of the Troops since my last.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Charles Campbell

Mr Saundas Chowtery's
July 1756

&c

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As Captain Campbell mentions
that the Agreement with Morarao alby Cawny
Phousdar of Velore is finished; it is Agreed to
write to the Nabob for the Particulars, and also
to put him in mind to remit half the money,
he may receive, for the Company.

Geo. Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lowry
Robert Orme
Wm. Brooke
Wm. Percival,
Rob. Palk

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President

Stringer Lawrence, Henry Powney,

Robert Orme, Alexander Wynch,

William Percival, Robert Palk,

Fryday
the 6th

The President acquaints
the Committee that upon the fresh Intelligence
recevd from Calcutta of the dangerous Situation
of that Settlement, the Governor and Council had
resolved to send a further Reinforcement thither
and to suspend the Prosecution of the designd
Expedition to Salabat Jungs Camp judging that
the number of men required for that Service
could not be spared consistently with the Safety
of the Company's Affairs on this Coast, after Send-
-ing this Second Detachment to Bengal.

And the President further
acquaints the Committee that in Consequence
of the abovementioned Resolution of the
Council, he ordered Captain Smith with one
Company of Military from Arcot that they
might be prepard to embarke.

Agreed to despatch a
Pattamar to Bombay to advise the Select-
Committee.

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Committee Sensible of the necessity we are under of sending a Second Detachment to Bengal and requesting them in the most Strenuous manner not to fail to send us the Supplies of men & Stores we have so often wrote for

Letter from Robert Clive Esq

Read, advising that five of the ten men whom he imagind to be on board the Squadron were returnd to him the 29th Ultimo from Pondichery and inclosing the following Paper of Advice from Salabat Jungs Camp

Advice from Salabat Jungs Camp Recd 3 Augt 1756

Mons. Bussy & his men were besiegd by the Morattas in Goshamahal, but we had Intelligence lately, that the 9th of last month he marchd from thence with all his Forces and went into the Pettah of Golconda; He was attackd that day, a great many Frenchmen were killd, and several taken Prisoners, he still continues in that Pettah with the rest of his Forces, but they are now besiegd, and they will be taken in a few days Nabob Salabat Jung is arrivd near Golconda, he has sent one Mahomed Bunker to take Possession of Moortaza-nagar and other Countrys which were Jagueers to Mons. Bussy, he is also sending Amildars to take the rest of the Country from the French.

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Ebraim Cawn Head of the French Seapoys was going to assist Mons.r Bussy with his Forces from Seccacul and Rajahmundar, but Nabob Salabat Jung sent orders to Vizianagram Rauze, and other Pollegars to intercept them, they accordingly Waylaid & detain them from Proceeding to the intended Place; Salabat Jung appointed Jaferally Cawn Father in law to the late Subidar of Golcondah to the Subahship of Golcondah, Murzaphar Cawn has visited Salabat Jung and is desiring to be admitted into his Service; Ganjamal Cawn is attending the Nabob who grants him a Title called Shumshier Jung. Murzaphar Cawn of Cannoul has visited the Nabob, all the rest of the Jaguerdars, Pollegars &.c are come to the Nabob with their Forces.

The above Intelligence agrees nearly with the Information of the Mercaras mentioned in Committee the 27th Ultimo, and gives room to believe that if a Party of our Troops were Joined to Salabat Jung, Mr. Bussey would not be long able to maintain his Post in Hyderabad; It gives us therefore a very sensible Concern to be obliged to suspend the Execution of that Design.

But as it is still our Desire to make use of the Opportunity of Joining Salabat Jung if the arrival of any Reinforcement or of more pacifick Intelligence from Europe should render it not dangerous to the Company's Settlements

and

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and Poſſeſsions in this Province; it is Resolved to defer as yet wording to Salabat Jung of our having Suspended the march of our Troops

Letter from Captain Charles Campbell dated 1st Instant Read, inclosing monthly Returns of the Troops, Ammunition &c with a Jeneral Muster and an Indent for Stores.

As the Nabob has settled with Muxtarally Cawn, Phousdar of Velore, the Committee Judge it no longer necessary to keep the Army encamp'd at Arcot. Agreed that Captain Charles Campbell do repair to Fort St. David, to relieve Captain Pascal, that Captain Poye, take the Command of the Troops at Arcot, leave one Company of Seapoys with Captain Mastelyne for the Service of the Garrison, and march the rest of the Army to Conjeveram, which being Situated between this Place and Arcot, is convenient for sending Reinforcements wherever they may be requir'd.

And that every extraordinary Expence may be put an end to, on the Arrival of the Army at Conjeveram. Ordered that all the Draft and Carriage Bullocks, Lascars, and Cooleys, be sent immediately hither bringing with them the Guns, Ammunition & Stores,

cooleys.

excepting

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excepting only two Field Pieces with their necessary Furniture, which are to kept with the Army.

Ordered that Letters be immediately wrote to Captain Campbell, Captain Pye, and Mr. Commissary Maunsell conformably to the foregoing Resolutions, and also that the Nabob be advised of them.

The President lays before the Committee a paper of Representations delivered him by the Nabob's Brother in Law (lately Dewan) who the Nabob sent hither lately to discover more particularly on the Subjects of the several last Letters, entered in the Country Correspondence N° 174, 178, 181, 183, 186, and 202.

First, he represents on the part of the Nabob the good Consequences that must attend the Joining a Detachment of our Troops to Salabat Jung, and recommends their Speedy March, desiring we will Acquaint him with the monthly Expence of the said Detachment.

Secondly he represents that the Chiefs of Ullavnassore, Vencatagerry and Arnelour refuse to pay him the usual Tributes and Rents, wherefore he desires we will Assist him in regulating those Affairs

Thirdly

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Thirdly he desires an Obligation in writing, Signd by the Committee promising to pay him in ready money the half Revenues of Timmevelly Country for 3 Years, in the manner it is let to Moodelly. Viz.t 5½ Lacks of Rupees for the first Year, 6 Lacks for the Second, & 6½ for the third; Making no Allowance for Accidents, as the Soilieve of Moodelly, the Ruin of the Country by Enemies &c.a

Fourthly he represents his Inability to assign twelve Lacks to the Company out of the Present Years Revenues of the Arcot Country, that considering the unavoidable Expence he is obligd to be at in presents at Court, Payments to the Morattas &c.a it is with the utmost Difficulty he can Support himself, giving the Company Eight Lacks as last Year

And Lastly he desires they President will not object to his changing the Renters of Conjeveram, Serpasore &c.a as before Requested in his Letter N.o 160, it being for the Benefit of the Circar, and the Support of his Government

The Committee having considered the beforementiond Representations

Resolve

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Resolve to write the Nabobine Answer

To the first that we are very sensible of the advantages of a Junction with Salabat Jung, but that we are under a necessity of suspending our Intentions on that head by reason of the danger of Calcutta, which is a Settlement of the utmost Consequence to the Company, that whenever our Troops are sent to Salabat Jung we shall acquaint him with the monthly Expence.

To the Second that we shall take the first prudent Occasion of settling the Affairs of Illavanasore &c. according to his desire.

To the third that he may be assured we shall abide by our Promise and punctually pay him the half of the Monthly Revenues as we receive them from Moodelle, bringing the other half to the Credit of his Account, but that it is impossible for us to consent, & unreasonable in him to expect us to be answerable for all Accidents.

To the fourth, that it is as much his Interest, as the Companys, to supply us to the utmost of his Power with money, to enable us to carry on the War, and protect him & his Country. that with the eight Lack we have not Sufficient for the Ordinary Expences. Wherefore

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wherefore we must prefs him again for the
Additional four Lacks, and if it is inconvenient
for him to assign it out of the Arcot Revenues, he
may give us an Order for that Sum to be received
out of this half of the Tinnevelly Rents, which will be
no Loss to him as he has often repeated that to
this time he has receivd nothing from that Country

And to the Fifth that we
before recommended to him (Country letter dated 23.
June No. 163) not to turn out the old Renters of
Conjeveram and Perpanore, before the Expiration
of their Agreements as such Proceedings would natu-
ally deter all Persons of Credit from Renting his
Countries, and consequently must hurt his Reve-
nues; That our Opinion is still the same and
therefore we repeat the same Counsel Condole
-ing with a General Observance that all the advice
we give him is intended for his Benefit and the
Support of his Government; and therefore it is
reasonable and Advantageous for him to consider
in all things the Welfare of the Company.

Letter from the Nabob as

Entered in the Country Correspondence No 202,
Read. inclosing Copies of two Letters which he has
dispatched to the Great Mogul & his Vizir, repre-
senting the fidelity of the English to his Government
and requesting that he will give orders to preserve
them

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Thro' Settlements on Bengal upon the usual footing, free from any Disturbances

Ordered that a Letter

be wrote to the Nabob thanking him for representing Affairs in a proper Light to the Mogul, and his Vizier.

Letter from Mahomed Usoff

Cawn, the Nellour Subidar, Commanding the Company's Seapoys in the Tonnevelly Country Read, as entd N.o 700 in the Country Correspondency; advising that he has settled with certain Pollygars, and desiring a Supply of Cannon, Shot, and flints

Agreed that Captain Caillaud

be directed to Supply Mahomed Usoff Cawn with a few flints and Cannon Shot, and that a Letter be wrote to Mahomed Usoff Cawn expressing our Approbation of his Proceedings with the Pollygars, and our Desire that Moodilly may be Settled as soon as possible in the Management of the Country, so that he may be enabled to give his promised Security in due time.

Mr. Alexander Wynch acquaints

the Committee that in Consequence of the Company's Orders in their General Letter Dated 19th December 1755 he has delivered over his employ and is ready to proceed to Fort St. David, but as the Company in their said Letter mention another

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his Seat at this Board is vacated by his Removal
he desires the Committee will decide whether he
does continue to be one of the Members or not, and
whether Mr Clive is to regard him as such at
St David.

As our Honble Masters Letters
mention nothing to the contrary it is unanimously
Agreed that Mr Wynch does remain one of the
Select Committee, and is to be so esteemd at St David.

Ordered that Mr Clive be
apprized of this Resolution

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lowry
Robert Orme
Wm Frankland
Nat: Turner
Ed: Wallis

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Pursuant to the Resolutions of the foregoing Committee dispatched the following Letters to Robert Clive Esqr Captain John Caillaud, Captain Charles Campbell, and Captain Williams Pycl.

To Robert Clive Esqr
Deputy Governor of Fort St David

Sir

As we have received Intelligence that we have Cause to fear Monsr Bussy will endeavour to add to the Present Strength of your Enemy, we have thought proper to send you by the Bombay Grab the Remainder of the Troops that are ordered to Bengal, in hopes to see the Squadron before they leave the Coast, and to receive your Directions for the Disposition of them. We are sorry to find by your Letters dated the 14th & 30th July, the Enemy are so much superior to you in Horse, for although we do not believe the Reinforcement they have received from Europe, is sufficient to enable them to take the Field against you, if this Story be true, we do not comprehend the Reasons of the Conduct, yet as it may possibly not be true we are unwilling to give Mr Bussy even the Chance of an Help for detaining our men.

You will please to return Admiral Watson our Thanks for his Assistance to Pondichery, The President has desired Admiral Watson to order Search to be made for the rest of the ten men, that were missing from your Garrison and to give Directions for the preventing any of our men being received on board the Squadron or Fortune. As the Detachments

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Detachments of Wilcox and Knapp's Companies that are in your Garrison are very small and have no one of their Officers to look after them we desire they may send up by the first Sea Convey-ance, to Join their Companies. You must also send hither the Draft Bullocks that were bought on the Company's Account, and trained to the Service of the Field Pieces.

Our Intelligence from Salabat Jung's Camp agrees with that which you transmitted to the President under date the 3 August. Our Intentions of Sending a Force to join him are Suspended by the News of the Danger of Calcutta and the Draft made on us from thence.

Mr Wynch, who will shortly set out to be second at Fort St. David, being one of the Members appointed by the Secret Committee in the Nomination of the Select Committee at Fort St George, as the Company do not mention that his Seat is to be vacated by his Removal to St. David, we think that he is Still to be esteemed as a member of this Committee. You will therefore consult with him in all matters relating to that Branch of the Company's Business which falls under our Management.

We have directed Captain Charles

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Charles Campbell to repair to your Garrison to relieve Captain Pocock.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot &c Committee

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To Captain John Caillaud No 36

Sir

We have received your Letter No 30 dated the 3 July. You are to credit the Commissary for all Money you receive for the sale of Grain, keeping it for the Disbursements of the Garrison — The Commissary will credit the Nabob, so that the Nabob paying for the Store land on, and being credited for the Sales it is indifferent to us what Price it is delivered at, as we think the Quantity your Garrison & Store for seventeen Months is quite Sufficient. Your care therefore is only to see that the same Quantity is always kept in Store and that the Soldiers buy it at proper Seasons. We have wrote accordingly to the Nabob and reminded him also of the Money standing for the last Estimates

Ussy Brown writes that he is in want of Slates and a few cupboard

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Provided that with both vehicles you may supply him. We hope soon to hear that he has to answer melted you the money for all the money for all the Hostages.

We have wrote both to the King of Tanjour and the Danes advising them to accommodate their Disputes amicably and we believe they are now in Treaty your care to prevent the Tents from pillaging is very agreeable to us for we find the Article of Moors a very heavy Charge.

We are Sir
Your most Obedt Servants
George Pigot &c. Committee

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P.S. We have recd your Letter of the 27th Ult. with Forrister Bells.

To Captain Charles Campbell

Sir,

We have received your Letter dated 23d July & 31st July, Having appointed you to relieve Captain Pascal at Port St. David, You are to deliver the Command of the Army to Captain Williams Pye and proceed thither as speedily as your conveniently can.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot &c. Committee

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To

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To Captain William Pye

Sir,

Captain Campbell being appointed to do duty at Fort St. David, we have directed him to take upon the Charge of the Army

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After putting one Company of Sepoys under the Command of Captain Maskelyne for the Service of Arcot, and the Dependent Garrisons you are to march the Army with the Field Pieces, Ammunition and Stores of all Sorts to Conjeveram

On your Arrival there you are to quarter the Army on the Pagoda, putting an Intermediate Stop to the Batta and allo[w] extraordinary Charges. You are to keep the Field Pieces with a proper Number of Bullocks and the necessary Ammunition for their Service, with the rest of the Draft and Carriage Bullocks. Lascars and Coolys are to be dispatched hither on your Arrival at Conjeveram, bringing with them all the Ammunition Stores &c. over and above the Furniture of the two Field Pieces beforementioned

You are not to admit any more Sepoys Captain Campbell having supplied us with as many as we want.

You must immediately send in all the Supernumerary Elephants &c.

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we want Serjeants for the Garrison.

Advise us constantly of the State

of the Army, and all material Occurrences.

We are Sir Your most Obed.t Servants

George Pigot &c.a Committee

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7.th Dispatch'd by Pattamar to Bombay the following
Letter to the Select Committee there.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq.t
President and Governor and the Gentlemen
of the Select Committee at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd are Duplicates of the
two last Letters we wrote You.

It having been resolved upon the
first & more strenuous Application of the Gentlemen
of Bengal, to send a further Reinforcement of men there
We must repeat in the most forcible manner
our Solicitations that you will on no Account
fail to Assist us with the men, Guns & Powder
we have so often wrote for, and which we hope
indeed are already on their Way to us.

We are Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

George Pigot &c.a Committee

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Recd

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Salabat Jung, Mahomed Hoosein Cawn, Pedimma
Cawn, is entered in the Book of Country
Correspondence N° 210, 211, 222, 225, 226, 227 &
229. Read perusing the Departure of the Troops
intended to Join Salabat Jung Ordered that
answers be wrote conformably to the foregoing
Paragraph of these Minutes

Also that a Representation
to the same Import be addressed to the great Mogul
and the Vizier at Delly, and forwarded to Hyder
Nabob requesting that he will cause them to
be presented by means of his Vakeel there.
That Balaseeow be likewise informed of the Injury
done us by the Nabob of Bengal and that the
Nabobs of Europe and Arcot must be apprized of
the necessity we are under of altering the
Destination of our Troops intended for the
Assistance of Salabat Jung that they may not
wait for them

Several Letters from
Mahomed Usoff Cawn Commander of the Troops
on the Tinnevelly Country and Tulsagee
Mundelle Renter of Tinnevelly Country Read,
as entered in the Book of Coventry Correspondence
N° 208, 210, 217, 223, & 224 Usoff Cawn advises
that on the 30th July Tulsagee Mundelle's

Germans[illegible]

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Gomasta came to Sump, and the next day he
gave him an order in writing to take possession
of all the Districts which were under his
Management, and got him an Order to the
Amuldars of the Nabobs Districts to deliver them
likewise up to him, recommends Madura and
Polleamcotta as the Properest Forts to be kept in
the Companys Hands, incloses an Account
of the Monthly Expence of the Sepoys under his
Command, with an account of the money collected
from the Tinnevelly Country, and from the Polligars,
and of what remains due from them, and represents
that he is under great difficulties for want of
money for the Payment of the Arrears due to
the Sepoys — Mr Lille writes that his
Gomasta went to Mahomed Yusuff Cawn at
Chevelpetoor on the 30th July, and appointed
Manager over the Nadamendelum Country;
that Yusuff Cawn and his Gomasta set out together
for Tinnevelly but Yusuff Cawn wrote a Letter
beforehand, in consequence of which his Mr Lillys
People took possession of those Districts and he
hopes soon to hear that the rest of the Country
is delivered over to his Management, that he
shall exert himself for the Companys Benefit
and the Good of the Country

After consideration had on
this

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The above recited Letters it is Agreed to direct Ussoff Cawn to apply the Ballance due to him for the last year from the Districts under his Management, and the Ballances remaining due from the Polligars, to the Payment of the Sepoys Arrears, to put such a Garrison into the Fort of Polimcotta as he with the Concurrence of Captain Caillaud shall think necessary, to leave with Moodille so many of the Sepoys, Guns, Stores &c. as he shall require and then march with the rest for Arcot Madura being in charge of Danish mend Cawn the Nabobs Killedar, and maintained at his Expence, it is unnecessary to make any alteration thereof — And to write Moodilly that it is with pleasure we observe the greatest part of the Country is already put under his Management, that as things are so far settled we hope he will produce the promised Security in due time, that as long as he exerts himself for the Good of the Country and fulfils the Terms of his Agreement he may be assured of our Protection

Letter also passed N°311
from Mahomed Cawn the Nabobs Brother who had the Management of the Tinnevelly Country advising of his discharging his Sepoys upon the

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The News of the Loss given to Mondelly but the
money collected not being sufficient for their
Payment they are preparing Leave for Bengall
he therefore desires we will order Mondelly to
discharge out of this Years Revenues.

In answer to Mathews Letter
Letter it is Agreed to write home that if any
Ballances remain due to him out of the last
years Revenues Mondelle will use his Endeavours
to collect them for him, but that we cannot
consent to apply the Revenues of this present
Year to the Discharge of his old Debts.

Letter from the Select Committee
at Bombay Read as follows

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
President & Governor &c. members of the
Select Committee at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was under
the 19th Ultimo, since were favord with your
advices of the 5th & 16th on the 3 instant, esteeming
ourselves obligd to Your Honor &c. for their
early Information, of the State of Affairs on
Europe, receivd by the Delaware, which our
Honble masters have repeated, in every Particular

To

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To the Board

As we imagine the Gunpowder, would not prove of any Service, unless new made, we shall find some means of supplying you with such of your own, as we can spare, likewise a Part of the Field Artillery, recvd last Season from England, & tho' we acquainted your Honor &c.a by Mr Watson with those reasons which induced us to keep the Kings Troops yet on the arrival of our Ships in August, we find the Circumstances of Affairs will admit of our Sparing any, we shall take the best Steps in our Power, for assisting you with them.

In regard to sending the Pastorder, we cannot possibly comply with your Honor &c.as Request therein, having barely men enough, for the rest of the Guns now Mounted / according to our present Establishment, besides we expect his Majestys Squadron would arrive immediately after the Date of your Honor &c.as Letters, & we think that single Ships, would be of little Service in protecting the Trade on your Side, from the French Company's Ships, fitted as Men of War, and at the Bolla and Onglaseu those Their Station, off this Place, the last Year,

and

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and both our Honble Masters Ship Ansom, &
other Prizes, we Judge it absolutely necessary
to keep the Protector tho' dismantled at present
to be fitted on any Emergency

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt. hble Servants

Richard Bourchier, Cha Cromwell Close,
James Foulis, I. Spencer,
Sam.l Hough.

Bombay Castle
16th June 1756

It is with much Concern the
Committee observe that no Dependence can be
plac'd on receiving Assistance from Bombay
Such a Disappointment at this time has many
bad Effects. The Detachment for Bengal cannot
be made so large as the Importance of the
Expedition demands, for fear of exposing the
Settlements on this Coast to be overpower'd, and by
the Intention of Joining Salabat Jung which
might have been carried on if the expected
Reinforcements had been sent us from Bombay.
must now be quite laid aside. The Protector
would have been particularly useful in the
River of Bengal as it is doubtful whether the
large

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Large Ships of the Squadron can be refitted and we may add that Calcutta, our Representations ought to have met with more regard from the Gentlemen at Bombay, because the Secret Committee of the East India Company in their Letter dated 26th March 1766 to the Select Committee at Bombay the 10th Paragraph, direct that they Artillery with the Stores and Men be employd so as to render them of the greatest use that can be in Support of the Company's Affairs on this Coast;

Agreed therefore to write an answer to the Letter received from the Select Committee at Bombay Setting forth the great Reason we had to expect Assistance from them, and the bad Consequences of their failing to send us any; Desiring them also now again to Supply us in the most expeditious manner with Men, Guns & Stores before Requested.

The following Letter from the Governor and Council of Fort St. George,

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr Governor, & the Gentlemen of the Council of Fort St. George at Madras

Gentlemen

Fort St George 25th Augt 1702

Gentlemen

Your respective letter of the 22
instant together with a Translation of the King
of Tanjours writing to you yesterday duely
came to our hands; We cant utter how great
Wonderment the Letter of the King caused us
with its perusing. Seeing its Contents is nothing
but lies and monstrous Contrivances. How to
Say that the Sea had washed away a distance
of our Territory, is a meer unbreddy, and Bare
face falleth away by itself as a Non-entity
That we should have coveted another peice of
two miles Land in its place. We only have
been willing, as is related in ours of the 11th inst.
to force Peramal Naikker to cease from his
Robbery, Plundering & Skirmishings, he on his
Space of 6 Months continually had used upon
the Company & its Inhabitants, and also to
take in some measure any Satisfaction for
the damage he has caused us, and to this end
we made march out 5 Unandamerayeurs
a Body of about 11 Men, together with some
Sepoys, the which Village is a Property belong
ing to the said Peramal Naikker, of which
we did speak in our former writing, that
it in consequence of a Pawn bond given out
by

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by Pennual Naiken / whereafore a Copy in the Malabarean tongue is, and now a translation for the English be send / as devoted to our Royal Company, by all the which it manifestly appears That no transgression is committed on our Side / in so far. But no Sooner our young Lillop Body of men being arrivd at Devandavancangelumpo, they immediately were Surprized by Pennual Naiken for which reason, Seeing no Retreat for themselves, they went onto a Pagoda, & beaten Ground Naiken did order to attack them, three Small Cattoys of Clay were raisd up there, and Six Guns planted thereupon. These our People have not been in a real Skirmishing with the Tanjouriens, but at Tellialy, a village belonging to the Royal Company, had another more Lilly Detachment of about twenty Europeans of ours, Send thither to save some of the Company's Cattle, when hearing that the Tanjourian People did approach into our Territory / the misfortune, unaware to be assaulted and utterly / misplaced by a great many horse and foot men. After this, perceiving how that the King of Tanjour did meddle himself in this matter, we were come in with Pennual

Naiken

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Nainer because a great Troop of horse and foot men did ever-run our Soveriority, we presently call'd back our Body, which came into the Town the 1st day of this Month. Touching the said Pagoda at Anandamangalam, we charg'd our People to Spare the same with its appurtenances as much as possible without running any Hazard and therefore it is a great untruth that we have let burn the Chariots. Since they are to this day Still in the same State as they were, before the troubles beginning. Further, that we should have used as a Pretext that Perumal Nainer were in debt of money unto us, and that we had not acquainted the King of Perumal Nainers mal-feasances against us, is likewise but as great a falsity colour as the former, because it can be proved sufficiently by us, that of and many times, Sea, frequently have complained for the King of Tanjore and the Court as well as to the Subedar of Marjavam, and made them to know the Multifarious Chicaneries and great damage this Perumal Nainer has caused us from time to time; but the most times we got them upon no Answer at all, or receiving an Answer, it plainly did shew that the Court

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Court be partially, giving Perumal Naikers
Approbation in all his wrong dealings, but not
unto us obtaining of Justice. Yea, to but one
and half a Year ago, when on this Account we
wrote a Letter, desiring Therein to deliver us from
Perumal Naikers; which we also were promised
by the Subedar of Mageranay. Afterwards being
now one Year past, we have Corresponded about
this matter with Mr Newton at that time English
Resident there with the King of Tanjour, Informing
him of Perumal Naikers insolences against
us: who can bear Witness together with us, that
we have been not neglectful to complain with
the Court of Tanjour for the sake of Perumal
Naiker, but all Fruitless, & without any Effect.
Has also the King of Tanjour no proper reason
to make complaints against us, for having
Seiz'd upon Emandaveregalam to make
us Master thereof. Seeing 'tis, as above Said,
a Property now by Right belonging to the
Company, but if any one deserveth to be complained
against, forsooth 'tis none but Perumal Naiker
himself. Has he made a mistake, mortgaging
that which was not his own, what is that to
us, and what can we help it? Perumal
Naiker is oblig'd to be responsible for it to the
King; but not we: and it cannot be taken

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amiss to us, that we hold to us our Pledges, but
in the mean time, being our Affairs Here
we not yet have taken any Satisfaction for that
great damage the Troops of the King of Tanjore
has caused Here upon the Territory of the Company
with Robbery, burning & the like, which do
amount to above one Lack of Pagods in value,
altho we have the greatest Reason thereto All the
which now we did in regard of your kind
offer, Gentlemen, that you by Friendly means
will make up this matter by the Court of Tanjore,
to the which end we gave the accepted Friends
Troops leave to return home, tho further, for not
to give by their being here Occasion to any
Displeasure.

As we now upon our Honor
Sincerely can assure Gentlemen, that it is the
pure truth what we have related you, as well
in our former Letter of the 11th Instant, as in this
present Writing, and on the Contrary that all
what the King of Tanjore has mentioned in his
Writing, is a Rapsody of Lyings & untruth,
of which our Neighbouring Friend of English and
French Nation are not ignorant of, and
therefore can bear Witness with us of our Innocence
of the thing Feign'd upon us by the King of
Tanjore, wherewith we don't doubt, Gentlemen,

Yours

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you shall Reflect more upon our brief Narration
then upon the Wrongs laying Imputachments

We have also the Confidence
to you Gentlemen, that in Consideration of your
own good offer to adjust this Differences on a fair
Composition with the Court of Tanjour, you shall
endeavor, that we at least obtain the Village of
Amandamangalam, that the King must forsake
and give over to us for ever his Right on Account
of the Annual Pension we hitherto did pay him,
that Perumal Naiken must be delivered into our
hands, or by the Court Punished deservedly, for not
more to cause us henceforthen any vexations,
and that we be made Satisfaction for the
damage which is caused us upon our Villages.
For the rest committing the whole Affair to
your good Care; we assure to be always.

Gentlemen Your Friends and very
humble Servants.

Fort Dansborg
29. July 1756

H. G. Krog, J. C. Meyer,
J. H. Gille, J. Volquards.

Translation of a Paccan bond given out
by Perumal Naiker and the Inhabitants
of the Village of Amandamangalam, in the
Malabarian tongue to the Commander
Iver Bonsach, for 1000 Pardaos Courant money

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Anno 1743, May the 31st We the Subscribers of this Journal Naiker, together with no inhabitants of the Village of Anandamangalum have come out to the Commander Iver Bondarkyal Tranguebar this Bond following:

As we to our necessity did lend and received from Commander Iver Bondarkyal 1000 Pardaos in Silver Fanams do mortgage owe unto him by this Bond the Village of Anandamangalum, and oblige us also, to repay the money together with its rents, viz 16 fo 6 fo Pardaos, on the 30th March of the Year next coming: but in case of not paying at the time appointed, the said Village of Anandamangalum with its Rents thereunto belonging, shall be and shall be devolved to the Royal Company.

Thus in the manner as we all Unanimously done and Agreed, we subscribe to the one for all & all for one

The Witness of this Bond is Sarpp Sandaimam

Ramah, Servant Naiker
Ramah, Pattinen Chief Company
Collanda Naiker
Dasary Naiker
Vingata Naiker
Shiva Ramah Naiker
Sevadai Ramah Naiker
Pramanada Pattr
Whal Naiker
Wirappen, Son of Paradesi Varaatchy

a Copy
H. G. Nixon.

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Tranque-
bar

The Gentlemen at Tranquebar
still insist on the Validity of the Right conveyd
to them by the Mortgage of Tondal Naiker Pillga
over the Village of Arrundamangalum Company
that if the Pelligar has mortgaged what was
not his own, but the King of Tanjores, that
he, the Pelligar must be answerable to the King
but that the mortgaged Village is answerable to
them. This Argument appears to the Committee
to be inconsistent with the Laws of Reason and
Equity for it seems to us that if any Person
mortgage a Property belonging to another, the
lawful Proprietor cannot lose his Right, but
the Person who accepted the Mortgage must
seek Satisfaction from him who gave it. Thus
the King of Tanjore being the lawful Master
of the Village of Arrundamangalum cannot
lose his Right by means of the Mortgage bond
which the Pelligar Tondal Naiker hath given
him to Tanjore, but the Gentlemen of Tranquebar
must have Satisfaction from the Pelligar,
who gave it.

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The Committee therefore
are of Opinion that for the Equitable Determination
of the present Difference the King of Tanjore
ought neither to deliver up Tondal
Naiker the Pelligar to the Danes, or punish
him

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him, and oblige him to be answerable for the
Debt he owes, and the damage he has done
or caused to be done, to the Danes; and that
they on their part keep within their ancient
Limits without encroaching on the Dominions
of the King of Tanjour

Letter from Robert Clive Esq

Read, as follows

To the Honble George Pigot Esq
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Before your favor of the 6 Inst
came to hand the Major Part of the Draft Batta
belonging to the Company had set out for Madras
the rest Shall be sent immediately

The Deserter Brinton hath
been return'd agreeable to your Direction & the
men of Polier's & Gaupp's Company sent by the
first Sea Conveyance

I have received some Intelligence
which I think may be depended on, Viz, that
a Corps is arrived Cypres at Pondichery from
Salabat Jung with Proposals for an Accommo
dation. if there be any truth in this Report (as
I fear there is) you will best know what Reflec
tions to make or Steps to take upon so important
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a Subject, it is said Salabat Jung is under great Apprehensions of being left to the mercy of the Morattas if the French are destroyd, and that depended on the Assistance of the English to protect him against their Superior Forces.

I found it was the Practice of the late Deputy Governor to send the Paymaster a half monthly Account of Spy money expended, specifying the particular Places where such Spies were stationed & how employd, the Absurdity of this Custom made me Explanation and if you approve of it, will only make the Company's Bill to each expended on Secret Service, & transmit to you the Particulars of that Expence Monthly - there were several unnecessary Articles which I have struck off. and am with Respect

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedt humble

Robert Clive.

Fort St David
9th August 1756

The Committee are quite of Opinion with Mr Clive that the particulars of the Charges for Secret Service ought not to be communicated to any but the Hon. Board, and

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it will be sufficient if he transmits it
to the President. As Mr Love is expected
in three or four days it is Ordered that the
Minutes be communicated to him

The following Letter from Capt
Johan Caillaud Read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq
President & Governor & Gentlemen
of the Committee at Madras

No 32. Honble Sir & Sirs

My last was dated the 5th of
July, with the muster Rolls according to the
orders in your favor of the 6th No 35, a few days
before, I was also honord with yours of the 30th June
No 31.

I must beg your excuse
to excuse my not complying this month with
the order for the Rolls daily signing along with
me, all the Disbursements on the Rabobs
Account, as I am not quite certain, that I
understand the order perfectly, whether it is
the whole of the Monthly Account [illegible]
of the Military excepted, or what part of it, you
will please to inform me? I believe it will also
be necessary, for to devise the Rabob to let the
Soldiers

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Sir

Hillsdar horses, he is to pay those Accounts,
Sent on my asking Srocose the same Answer,
as I do to most things, that he has not the
Nabobs order

I have endeavord to be as
particular as possible in my Charges of the months,
The only ones or Extraordinary my Accounts, in Sobats,
I found I was not so, were, The Hospital Charges,
those for the use of the Artillery, Extraordinary Batta,
and Presents to the Moorish, and Colonies Dep
Particulars of the two first were given in to my
Monthly Signd by the Surgeon, and the Artillery
Officer those Accounts as received I now send,
and make a General Charge for them in my
Account, which method if your Honour may be
pleased to Direct in future, for the whole I mention in my
Accounts, I hope you will please to Direct

The Charges on the Articles
of extraordinary batta, I have particularized, I
shall always continue to do so, As to the last
Article of Presents to Moorish, & Colonies It would
be difficult for me to do it, As given for Intelli-
gence, rewards for Expedition, the usual Batta
of a Sepoy for Day to Hircarras, which I can-
not dispatche immediately, & presents upon
many other Occasions Should I beg Honour
if possible you will be pleased to dispense one
from

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from particulars, and also to do me the Justice
to think that I am as true to my trust as those
General Charges, do I am on those Articles of
which you, yourselves Gentlemen may be Judges
of their Exactitude, & truth.

As I have not been favour'd
with an Answer to my Letter dated 4th July I
did not think proper to apply the money
arising from the Sale of the old Gravey to the
Disbursements of the Garrison, Until I shou'd
receive your orders. Nor having yet received
the Polligars money (which the the Nellore news
time ago Inform'd me he had received & pres'd
into the Merchants to be remitted to me by bill)
I have drawn a small bill this month of 2600 Pa
which with the Ballance will answer the
Expence.

Tolarapah Moodelly is
arrived here, and sets out as he says in three or
four days for Tinnevelly Mahofez Cawn is
arrived at Madura, & there stopt by his Troops
until he discharge their Arrears of pay, as they
hear a new Renter is come to the Country the
Arrears amount it is Said, to no less a sum
then seven Lack of Rupees. Mahomed Usoff
Complains also much of wanting Money for
his

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has appeared, but as yet has not drawn on me according to your Permission.

I have no orders comp
yet from the Nabob to the Meltedar, to pay the
Expence of the two last Estimates given in. Tho
you were pleased to Inform me on your Letter
of the 11. June N.° 33 that you had wrote to the
Nabob concerning it.

I inclose Have the honor,
to transmit you the monthly Returns, & Accounts
and to remain with great Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and
Humble Servant

John Caillaud

Coromandel
2 Aug.t 1756

P. S.

Since writing the above I have advice of a
French Party marching away from the
Garrison of Thrinjaam to Pondichery
Estimated 60. & 100 men

Agreed to write Captain
Caillaud That the Accounts which we would have
Signed by the Nabobs Meltedar, are all those f.
for which the Nabob advances Money, or ...

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is debted — that for the Charges Hospital and Artillery, Stores, the sending the Copies of the Surgeon's and Swain Officers Bills with the usual regular Method, and he must endeavour also to describe the Charges of Mercanas and Collories as particularly as possible.

Mr Seyrit's Letter is entered

No 45 in the Book of French Correspondency Read, with the Representation of two Inhabitants of the Outremalore District, complaining that a Party of Seapoys from Conjeveram drove off a Flock of their Sheep and pick'd out a hundred and thirty of the fattest, for which Payment was offer'd but they the Inhabitants did not choose to sell them. The President acquaints the Committee that having enquir'd into the Grounds of this Complaint he finds that the Inhabitants have since taken the money, and are contented, which it is Agreed to write to Mr Seyrit, remarking to him that our Commanders are ordered to supply themselves always with Provisions from our own Districts, but if it so happen, that none is procurable

procurable there, there they must of necessity
seek to furnish themselves from the neigh-
bouring Country, and in such case if a
Reasonable price is paid, we can see no room
for Complaint.

Letter from the Nabob as
entered № 219 in the Book of Country Correspond-
ence, Read, inclosing two Papers, one a Copy of
the four Articles of Indulgence demanded by Muztaz
Ally Cawn
which he
Council
Signd. Mr
for the Money agreed on.

to be signd by the Nabob, the other the
Form of a Letter of Confirmation of the same Articles
requires under the hands of the Governor
after the Receipt of those Papers to
literally Cawn engages to send a Bill

The Nabob does not mention
the Sum but we imagine it is to be the same
as is Stipulated in the Papers before received and
read in Committee of 9th Instant Viz.
Rupees 125.000 and Pagodas 6.1660. The
Indulgences required are the same as are
therein recited with this additional Article
that they are to descend to and be fully enjoyed
by Abby Bood Cawn Son to the old Nabob of
Circar Subberally Cawn. Sister having married
Muztaz ally Cawn's Daughter is intended to

Succeed

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Succeeded him on the Government of Bata[via]

The Nabobs annata[illegible]

same Letter that Munlowally Canoo deser[ved]

that we were eager for the Conclusion of [the]

ment with him has forbid such Demands

will best suit him; and therefore We the [Hon]

advise that we do not consent to the Sums

Circumstances will by any means admit of [our]

ing it.

Ordered that these Papers

Do lye on the Table to be further Consider[ed]

Mr Commissary Brom[field]

on the following Report of the Accounts of Europ[e]

Disbursements for the Months of May, June &

July.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq[r]

President, and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Hon[ble] Sirs

I have examined the Accounts

accompanying are that I have examined the Accounts of

Europ Disbursements for the months of May, June

& July. In May Lieutenant Wagner commanding

Captain Gaviges Company on their March to Carna-

goly is paid Captains Batta for 4 days at 2 Rupees

p[r] Day Rupees 24 The Difference is 6 Rupees.

The orders given on this Subject at the time that I

presented my last Report will prevent those

additional Allowances in future. There is no

other Overcharge in these Accounts which has

occurd to my Observation.

Fort St George 2 Aug 1756

It may be right to inform you
that the dooreys kept in Bommerauze Country
amount monthly to one cortemptible sum Pagon,
so shall have paid his Agreements if you shall
think proper to demand Rice Charge Likewise
from Bommerauze. It may easily be abstracted
and sent to him. I thought it my Duty to make
this Observation to and with Respect
I am Sir Your most Obedient &
Honble Sirs most humble Servant.
Robert Orme
Commissary &

Madras
11 Aug. 1756

The Order made in Committee 19
June last will prevent in future any Mistakes in
Payment of Batta to Officers Commanding Detach
Parties. The Temporys being withdrawn from Bom
mauze Country there will be no further Charge
on that head for Expence that has been incurred this
Agreed to demand from that Polygar who has as
however yet paid any part of his Cadjan Obligation
for Seventy Hundred Rupees

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Ellis
Robert Orme
Wm Brereton
Rd Bal

detached

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Fort St George 21st

Pursuant to the Resolutions of the Secret
Committee, Sent a Letter dated Yesterday
Do Copied as entered No. 16 in the Book of
Correspondence. Also the following Letter to
the Governor & Council of Tranquebar, Captain
Caillaud, and the Select Committee at Bombay

To the Honble Hons George Stacy Esq
Governor, and the Gentlemen of the Council
of Fort Dansborg at Tranquebar

Gentlemen

We have received and perused with due
attention your Letter dated 29th July last. We are
perfectly assured of the Truth of all those Facts which
you have recited and we observe the Translations of
the Bond given to you by Perumal Naiker rela-
Bond would be of no valid and effectual force
to oblige us if it can be proved that the said
Naiker has a Just Right to the Property of the
said Pagoda, & the Bond was obtained
from him
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own, and that
Our Answer will
at Fort St George, & then and
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of your being convinced of the Equity of your
Cause. As soon as you shall be pleased to acquaint
us that they are Agreeable to You, we will endeavour
soon to the Hong of Tanjour who will not we
persuaded concur also on his part in a reconsideration
a Decision of the present Differences.

We are very Perfectly Gentlemen
Your Friends & very
humble Servants
George Pigot. Stringer Lawrence
Henry Penney. Robert Orme.
William Percival. Robert Palk.

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To Captain John Caillaud

Sir

We Wrote before as your Letter N° 21
dated 2 August

The Nabob Nabobdar is to
countersign the account of all Disbursements for
which the Nabob advances Money or is debted, but is
your whole account except the Subsistence of the
Military You have desired the Nabob to give orders
to his Nabobdar accordingly; we have also wrote to him
in a third time for the Amount of your two last
Estimates.

Your method of transmitting
us Copies of your Surgeons and Artillery Officers
Bills and making a General Charge of those

and
doubt

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In your Account of every Different Particular of extraordinary Batta, and presents to Managers & Cooleys You will be as particular as you conveniently can We doubt not your Knowledge and Truth, but it may be necessary for us to prove every Article of the Rebels account, and to produce Vouchers Signd by his own Agent

We inclose Copies of the Letters we now write to Wolff Cavan and Mordike by which you will be acquainted that Wolff Cavan is to come away as soon as possible with all the Troops which accordingly to compare with and also that it is our Intention to garrison the Fort of Pelumcotta with the Company's Troops You are accordingly to concert with Wolff Cavan what Troops it will be most convenient to leave with Mordike, and what Number will be necessary for the Garrison of Pelumcotta which is to be under your Orders Mordike must be advisd of this last Circumstance as the Garrison is to be paid by him

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot &c Committee

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23 August 1756

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the
Select Committee at Bombay

Fort St George 25th May

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is with the greatest concern we observe by your favor of the 15th June that we cannot depend on receiving from you any part of those Succours which we have so often and so earnestly requested.

Your Ordering to comply with our Repeated and earnest Applications cannot but be of the utmost dt Consequence to the Interest of our Honble Masters upon of the dangerous war, threatned Calcutta we send a Detachment of Europeans, and on our application for your Reinforcement

We have already advised you of the Disturbances raised by Hyder Naick who having taken Cuddalore also upon the first news of two hundred & Sixty Coast Sepoys dated 7th August Resolution to send a Second

radiors could be made for their Departure we received the melancholy news of the taking of Calcutta by the Nabob's Army on the 20th June

Our Information to this time gives us no particulars of the unfortunate Event except that Governor Drake with most of the Council and some of the other Gentlemen are on board the Ships at Hulla: It is said and we fear with Truth that all the Effects belonging as well to the Company

Fort St George 24 January 56

With Private Letters have been plundered.

We are too sensible of the
dreadful Effects of this Calamity, of no Reparation
is to be obtained for our Horrible Masters, not to
exert our utmost Endeavours to engage the Nabob
by Treaty or Obligation by Force of Arms and
Requisals to give Satisfaction for the Damages
sustained and to restore our Factories with ample
Privileges, which put us hereafter on a better foot-
ing of Security in that Province. Some of his
Majestys Ships and a Detachment of seven are
preparing for this Expedition

But the worst of your Misfor-
tunes which we conjure Gentlemen we thought we
could least dispended upon, puts it out of our Power
to send such a Force as we should otherwise have
employed on this important Design, so as to prevent
a Misunderstanding the Consequences of which would be
fatal.

It has obliged us also to
drop our Intention of Sending a Body of our Troops
to Salabat Jung although he had importuned us
frequently, and we had promised to send a Force to
him; but we now fear that the Opportunity of
establishing that Valuable Alliance will be lost,
and that our Failing to Support him at so critical
a Time will hinder him indifferent to us for our

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Fort St. George 24th [illegible]

By our last advices Mr. Bussy
was entrenched in an advantageous Post on the Bo
of Hyderabad surrounded by the Troops of Salabat
Jung who was himself arrived near to that Ci
Mr Law was marching with a Considerable
Reinforcement from Metchlepatam to relie
Mr Bussy.

If this Junction should be eff
there is too much reason to fear Salabat Jung w
supported by any European Assistance, will be
oblig'd by the Force of the French to make them
larger Concessions than they have before obtain'd by
Favor: the fatal Effects of which cannot be better
explain'd than in the 2nd Secret Committee's Letter of
26th March 1755 addressed to you, Gentlemen.
The Assistance we have so often requested of you
might, and must say ought to have been sent us
in Consequence of the 10th Paragraph of the said
Letter.

The Protector, besides the purposes
mentioned in our Letter of the 10th May would have been
of especial Service in the Present Expedition to
Bengal as it is to guard the large Ships of the
Squadron cannot without too great a Risque
be carried up to Calcutta.

We thought it our Duty to
represent this much to You for our Justification
and

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In all Circumstances We must add that as we shall be obliged to leave a large Part of our Force on Bengal if the Company's Settlements there should happily be reestablished, it will be absolutely necessary for the Security of our Affairs on this Coast that you send us in the most expeditious manner as large a Reinforcement as your Power possibly Spare, both of Military Men together with the Field Pieces and Powder we before desired.

Before this reaches you we Doubt not you will have been informed by the Rose Galley of the unfortunate Loss of the Bodney on the Sand of Diaro in July 1755 Wherein of her 60 Men were saved except Surgeon the Carpenter

We are Honble Sir Your

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Fort St George
24th August 1756

George Pigot &c Councils

Present

Hon'ble Robert Clive Esq. from Fort St. David

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governor President

Robert Clive. Stringer Lawrence

Henry Penney. Robert Comyn.

William Percival. Robert Palk.

Wednesday
the 25th

Letter

Fort St George 25th August 1751

Letter received last night from

Captain Caillaud Read as follows

To the Honble George Pigot Esq
President & Governor & Gentlemen
of the Committee at Madras

N° 32. Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this Instant received a
Letter from Mahomed Usoff Cawn of which I have
the honor to Inclose a Copy. The news also confirmed
at Madura; that the Mayanas Brother is
marched in, at the Head of Mahofez Cawns and
our Seapoys turnd out in the Fort. Their Letter
says the Subidars were Prisoners, but they are
since released, & sent out of town to their Company.

It is to be hoped, the Nabobs
by his Speedy and prudent march, will be on time
to prevent Mahofez Cawn in his designs, whatever
they may be. He must be arrivd at Madura
before this, & I shall with all expedition transmit
the first Accounts I receive from hence.

I have wrote to Mahofez Cawn
and desird to know how true the affair was, & the
reason of such extraordinary behavior, and that
I expected to hear in his Answer, that he had
turnd the Mayana's Brother out, and received
the Company's Seapoys again. Or that he might

expect

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Expect the worst that could happen, and that
his Family here, should be Secured to the
Nabob for his Behaviour

I have the honor to be with great
Respect
Honble Sirs
Your most Obedient
& faithful Servant.
John Caillaud

Trichenopoly
19th Decr 1756.

Mahomed Usoff Cawn to Captain Caillaud

You were acquainted with
all the [illegible] from this place by my last Letter, after
I had sent some Sepoys as you desired to meet
Velazapah Moodelly; I was informed that Mahufs
Cawn, had sent for the three Subidars, belonging
to the Company's which were left at Madura
and that when they came to him he put them
Prisoners, and turn'd all their Sepoys out of the
Fort, That he had also given to the Mayanas
Veramboor Fort [illegible] Cole Heron had taken
at no little Expence, and delivering all the Guns
in it, amounting in value to above forty thousand
Rupees That in the Sepoys being turn'd out
the Mayanas Brother was come into the Town,
and Staid with the Nabob, who was a raising
all the Collories he could in the Country, with
any

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an Intention to fight. Upon hearing of which I have set out with all my Force, and as soon I arrive there, you shall be informd of every thing. I have receivd the money from Madrass. But not having receivd one Rupee from the Country, or Tatanapa Modelly, I have been obligd to make use of it to pay the Seapoys with me. I am now hastening to

Tinnevelly
12th Sept 1756

† The Tribal Governor of Madura, who made his escape when Col. Heron march'd thro' that Country

It is scarce to be imagined that Mahopa Capn would be so rash, as to bring Myana with him for to make himself an open Enemy, in rebellion against his Master Prodnor, whilst Moff Caun, the Nellour Nabob on one side of him with a large Body of the Company's Seapoys, and Captain Caillaud on the other with the Garrison of Trichenopoly, he himself destitute at the same time both of Money and Men.

Certainly his turning out the Company's Seapoys from the Fort, and having a Conference with the Mayana are unaccountable Circumstances, but we hope to find by the next Advices that some Disturbances occasiond by the Seapoys praysing for their Arrears may have been the Cause.

Myana

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Fort St George 25th August 1756

At a Consultation on the Coast

to take Measures for the Security of those Countries

Supposing that Hadjee Cauns Schout have laid

Designs

to this end it is Agreed to

write to Wolff Crum to follow the orders of Capt Caillaud

And to direct Captain Caillaud

in case it should appear that Hadjee Caun is acting

the part of an Enemy, that immediately to take vigorous

measures for preventing him before he can be joined by any

number of Colleries, or be Strengthened by an Alliance

with the Villagers, having regard on the one side to

the Security of the Country, on the other to the preservation

on of Mad[illegible] from Disgrace, untill certain

Proofs shall [illegible]

[illegible] his evil Intentions

Agreed also that the

Nabob be addressed [illegible] Intelligence received, of our

Opinion on it, and [illegible] we have Power

George Pigot

Robert Clive

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Strong

Peter Trenchard

Wm Brereton

Col. Polier

Fort St George 25 August 1801

Sent the following Letter to Captain Caulfield pursuant to the Resolutions of last Committee

To Captain John Caulfield No 32.

Sir

We received last night your Letter of the 19th with the Copy of that which Mahomed Yoosuf Cawn wrote to You. We can hardly suspect that Mahomed Cawn will be so imprudent as to join Myana with hostile Designs without Money and without Force and the Letter ourselves that the leaving the Seapoys out of the Fort will prove to be nothing more than a Disagreement occasioned by their pressing him for their Arrears

But in all Circumstances the Letter you wrote him to turn out the Myanas from the Fort and receive back the Company's Seapoys was very proper, and Hoff Cawn in order to March from Tinnevelly as prudent Step: for if it should appear that Mahomed Cawn really has a Design to set himself up as Independent of Madura, it will be best to take vigorous Measures for preventing him, before he shall have got together a number of Followers or Strength and Money by an Alliance with the Polligars.

On the other hand we would be cautious of exposing a Brother of the Nabobs

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To Duguay until he is certainly known to be
acting the Part of an Enemy

We inclose Copies of our Letter
to the Nabob and Major Lawrence on this Occasion.
Until we have a more particular Knowledge
of Mahomed Issoofs Designs we can give you no
other Guide but our before mentioned General
Instructions for Land the Rest to your Discretion,
and have therefore, as you will observe, refused
Major Lawrence entirely to your Orders.

We are &c

Fort St George
25 Augt 1756.

Your most Obedt Servants
George Pigot &c Committee

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq Governor President
Robert Clive, Stringer Lawrence,
Henry Penruddock, Robert Orme,
William Percival, Robert Palk,

Tuesday
the 7th Sept

The following Letters from
Captain John Caillaud Read,
to the Honble George Pigot Esq
President & Governor, & Gentlemen of the
Committee at Madras.

Honble

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Honble Sirs & Hors

I had the honr of addressing
you on the 19th Instant No 33, with Duplicate
Letter receivd from Usoff Cawn, that gave the
most accounts of Mahrattoe Cawns Proceedings
in the Madura Country. I have waited now for
to transmit you more particulars of this Affair
for Letters from the Nellour on the Coast of
Madura, from whom I have receive but two,
One, dated the 16th on his march, a Repetition
almost of the Former; and one last night Dated
the 21st at a place called Trepperamconum 18
English miles from Madura.

There is nothing mentioned
in this last Letter, an account of a small engagement
between one of his Parties and some of Mahrattoe
Cawns horse, in which the latter was obligd to
retire. He complains heavily of want of money
for his Expences, Moodilla not yet having helpd
him. This may be some mistake, as Moodilla
not three days ago, informd me, he had ordered
him Rupees 20,000, and promisd me, he should
take care he should not want. Moodilla was
still at Nattom when he wrote last, but said

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he was on the Point of setting out to meet the
Nabob I hope when they come together, that
Difficulty about the money may cease, if they have
to be informed Force Mondelle is obliged by the
Contract to find money for the Payment of the
Troops, whether your Honour Directions in that be
of answering Wolff Cavrie Bills. Should he draw
are still in force. It is probable the Nabob may
find it a difficult matter to get money at first
until those troubles are Settled.

I now enclose Copy of a Lett
from Mahafoz Cawn to the Nabobar of the plac
which, he also desire might be also transmitte
to Arcot, he Have endeavord to Justify himself
by Laying all the Blame on his People, who forc
him to act, and make use of his name; as they
think it may be of Service in the Country, and a
Sanction to them.

Whatever Mahafoz Cawn
may Say, to make it appear rather a mutiny,
than a Rebellion, I believe from all appearances
that the Scheme, tho perhaps not of his own
Contriving, yet has his full Approbation, and
all the Assistance, his good will & Inclination
can give it. The Person, suspected as Projecto
and Adviser of it, according to Mondelles
Intelligence, is Sampet-roo. Before I heard

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I paid him a Visit, on the first news of his
affair at Madurae, he seemd to make very
light on't; And told almost the same story
Mahafoz Cawns Defence, as the other had done
wrote. How that he was forcd by the mutiny
of his Troops for want of Pay, to act as they
Orderd him. That, I desird Nampetrow, as a man of power
in the Country, to write Circular Letters to the
Polligars, Informing them of those Circumstances,
and that therefore they were not to observe
any Orders coming from Mahafoz Cawns. But
he excused himself by saying he could not act
without the Nabobs order.

If this Report be true, that
he has been the adviser of the Project, I Suppose
he may be employ'd as Mediator in the Affair,
by the Nabob, between the Honble Company, and
his Brother, and from thence it may be easily
seen, how far he has been concerned

Mahafoz Cawn before he sent
People to take Possession of the Country in his name,
had the usual form observd, of a Person mounted
on an Elephant, Saluted, & treated with great
Ceremony, & from whom he was Said, to have
received the Nabobs Phirmaund for the Country,
he has wrote to all the Polligars, but none I
have

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can hear send Indeed to Sir but Ratahomiage
The Pedilaver as a friend to Mondelly that
afraid him he would be quiet Hon'ble Bonto
for the Country appointed by Mahojee Cuony
are Barkatoolah Mallah of Madura Prime
of the Nadamundalum District & Allur Jaffe
for Tinnevelly

On the first notice of the
affair I wrote to all the Polligars requiring them
to pay no Obedience to any orders but those
from the Nabob or the Honble Company to
whom he had given the Country for some years
and desiring them to assist in every thing the
Company's Renter Mr Moodelly & the Commanders
of the Troops Huff Cawn.

If the troubles in that Coun
should continue the appearance of Ammunition
will fall heavy in the Garrison I made and
Indent some time ago of which only Part has
been compleat with, and the most material
Articles omitted, such as Powder, Lead & Flints
which things and some others the Merchants
at Fort St Davids Mr Bousfield would be glad to
have with all to supply me. I beg you will be
please to take this into Consideration

I remain w. great Respect Honble Sir &c

Your most Obed & faithful Servant

John Caillaud

Tocheneapoly
28 Aug. 1756

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
President & Governor &c. Gentlemen
of the Committee at Madras

Honble Sir & Lord

I had the Honor of addressing
you No. 34 on the 28th Instant, since which I have
receivd some Letters from Usoff Cawn, one from
Mahofor Cawn, and one also from Barkatoolah
Usoff Cawns were Dated from
the same place I mentiond in my last & Murary
Post on the Confines of the Madura Country by
which Disposition he effectually Secures all our
Districts, He says he will remain quiet, & if the
Enemy chuses to attack him, he hopes to give a
good account of them, he thinks his force quite
Sufficient, unless Mahofor Cawn should draw
into his Alliance other Country Powers; to whom
it is Said he has applied, such as the Mysore, and
the Mavravar

Inclosd I have the honor
to send a translation of Mahofor Cawn's Letter, and
Barkatoolah's, with my Answers to them, both
which I hope will prove Satisfactory.

Mahofor Cawn, I believe now
Khanders

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Thinks he has embarked himself on a very Feeble
Affair, without money, and without Alliances, I
endied I am some what inclined to think, he has
been drove into it in a great measure, by the
importunity of his Troops who want their Pay.
And whatever means they might propose for
effecting it, he was oblig'd to agree to. It is
certain while this Debt remains, and while
Mahfoz Cawn is in their hands, they will oblige
him to come into all their Measures. But wha
more is to apprehended, would be their getting
a man at their head, who would discharge their
Debt, keep them in Pay, on condetions they
would promise to stand by him, and assist
him on any Attempts on the Country.

While I was writing the above
there came in the inclosd petition, Addressd to the
Honble Governor, and all the English Officers,
Signd by the Sepoys at Madura, Setting for
their Grievances for want of Pay, and that all
these troubles have been occasiond on that Accoun

If I might be permitted on
this Occasion to offer my Sentiments, I would take
the Liberty to propose that some Consideration
had to the Request of those People, as the best
means to put an end to this trouble, and that
some Concessions made in their favor, would
perhaps

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perhaps be a Saving in the end, Since contented
while these People remain dissatisfied, a Force must
be kept up, Sufficient to awe them

Their Demand is four Starrs
An abatement as is Customary on settling Accounts
in this Country must be made. Moodilly to be
Answerable for one half out of the Tannadary Country
Barhatoolah for the other as Renter of Madurea
These two men have Interest enough in the Country
to raise a Lack from the Merchants, to Satisfy the
People for the present; for the Remainder they must
wait to receive it at different Payments. But at
the same time, they may be informid as they will
make abatements, the larger sums they shall
receive, and be the sooner paid off. I am inclined
to think if Moodilly, & Barhatoolah, could contrive
to raise two Lacks it would end the business.
Whatever of all this may be approved of by your
Gentlemen, the Nabob must not delay sending his
orders, immediately to Barhatoolah, as you will
be pleasd to do, to your Banter, on what you may
Agree is proper to be done on this Occasion. I
hope as far as I have acted will meet with your
Approbation, and that in favor of the Intention,
you will excuse the Liberty I have taken to offer
my Sentiments.

I have answerd the Semidars,
that

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that I have forwarded their Petition to my Honble
Masters, But that all now depends upon their own
behavior, what they are to expect, and if any Allowance
is made them, they must look on it as a great favour
Since by their late Proceedings they have forfeited
all Pretensions to what before they might have claim'd
as their due from Justice.

I have also wrote to Mr Orme, advising him to stay where he is, And if the
People of Madura came from Hostilities he is then
to do the same, and wait for orders & Directions

I am with great Respect.

Sir

Your most Obedient &
most faithful Servant.

John Caillaud

Trichinop.
30th Aug.

Mr Pitt's Address of the Inhabitants Horse-merchants, Seapoys &c. on the Arrival of the Circar, to the Governors of Madras and Fort St. David, as also to Major Kilpatrick Commander of the Army at Arcot, to Captain Caillaud Commander of the Army belonging to the Fort of Trichinopoly, and to all other Captains belonging to the English Company.

The Nabob's Answer

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Mahosa Cawn was indebted to us on a Loan
to the time we were discharged from the Service
Some of them at the time of their Departure from Cotiote
Mahomed Ebn Cawn's People accommodated them with
Cloaths not to demand it of them at that place but
some time after that on his arrival at Madura
to the Sum of 6 Pags
for our Pay, on this we were obliged to accompany him to
Madura; but he intreated us to have patience for one Month
and he Mir Lazdeen Cawn to Nabob Anwarudeen Cawn
this business, and also wrote a Letter to the Governor for part of
Four Lacks of Rupees he has paid thirty three and Eight Pagodas
at a time, it being the amount of Horses, Elephants, Camels, Horse
Cloths Tents &c Goods sold. On this we continued in this place depending
upon his said Promise, Mahomed Yoseph Cawn being angry on
with our Demands and Discourses, wrote a Letter to Madura
advising him that as there were three Subadars with Sepoys in
the Fort, he would send two more Subadars with Sepoys, and if
he should turn us off, we demanded our just dues, out of the Fort,
When we were apprized of this seeing that our just dues would be
owned, we thought it necessary to speak them again for one Months Pay
but the Company's Sepoys hindered us from it and desired to
Fight, and wounded Cheer Cawn Baboo Stephens with a
Musket Shot; The they acted so surreptitiously, yet not to appear to the
Company none of us offered to molest them, but to save our lives from
Sepoys overcame and the said Sepoys from the Fort and sent them to
keeping
Mahosa Cawn under our power. Mahomed Yoseph Cawn soon
arrived in the plains of the Madura Country with two Horse

to

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to depose to us upon Oath, and to be ever ready to Exhibit to us who are from Westward upon every Light that he can get Known of, so the conformable to every Religious Custom We therefore demand Justice of the Religious this affair from all the English Sardars hoping that you'll do what is just and reasonable, and from which

NB. There are upwards of forty Seals to be seen to the Original

Several other Letters upon the same subject as the two before mentioned from Captain Cartland Lieut. Roy Low from the Nabob entered in the Country Correspondence Nos 250 & 252, three from Mr Hastings the Nabobs Subadar Nos 245, 246 & 255, and two from Peter Pratt & Woodhouse the Tin- formerly Renter, Ent. Nos 254 & 256. The Nabob moves to excuse his Brother Mahafoos and proceedings at Madura, by alledging that the whole Disturbance is owing purely to the Peons committed by the Sepoys, that his Brother would the have stayed at Madura if the Sepoys would have suffered him to proceed; and that he is very sorry for Columns which is a very strong Fortune to Formerly who he has many friends at Madura whose he has and above the Company's Sepoys were posted, is a proof that he can have no bad designs — Messrs Pratt and Woodhouse alledge on the other hand that Mahafoos Cann not only has complete approved the Coining and the Company's Sepoys from the

Postscript
Sent him also that he wrote to the Nabob and other Things

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[illegible] going between Tanchenopoly and Madura to stop the Letters
and send suffer Letters, Roles or Passports to be sent on pretence
of Seapoys — That he ordered all the Polygars to grant Passports to
their Peons sending to oppose the Company's Seapoys —
That he was and that the Company have no Business [illegible]
with the Country and that it is granted to them by the Nabob —
and that accordingly he appointed Meer Japhier to be Tenant
of the Tinnevelly District and Barkatoolla Cousin & Relation of
Mudura to be Renter of the Nandamundelum District which
pretended Renters were endeavouring to prevent Salaputty Pledde
from taking Possession of the Country let to them by the Company
but Wee Soon secured Meer Japhier and frustrated their Attempts
The Circumstances of this disturbance were differently
represented in the several before mentioned Letters that it was impossible
to form a Decisive Judgment upon the Conduct of Barkatoolla
Captain Caillaud by his last Letters seems to think it strictly to be
attributed to the Opportunities of the Seapoys which might favour
to take any Measures to raise Money for the Payment of the
Peons due to them, and the Representation of the Seapoys themselves
inclosed above after Captain Caillauds Letters confirms this Opinion
by declaring that they detained Pledde for Arrears at Madura.
In all cases the Removal of these Seapoys with Pledde
for Tanjore and Barkatoolla Letter from Madura appears to the
Committee to be the shortest and most certain Method of putting
an end to the Disturbances. To attempt this by Force would
require a Body of Europeans to be sent and probably occasion a
long and expensive War at a time when there are already too
many

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Tho' many of the former Hons Councils expressed Regret
& publick Disgrace, perhaps would not, if it could be
Hoped this Company should have some Satisfaction for the
Arrears due to them: Therefore Resolved unanimously
that the Debtors they may be brought to be condemned with
two Lacks of Pagodas, all the they determined at least, if not
agreed to compromise them to offer that Sum to be paid them
on their Arrival at Bombay & by Letters with Notice for com-
and Barkatoola Cawn and acknowledging it to be in full of
the Arrears due to them —

In order to supply Captain Caillaud with the two Lacs
of Rupees required for the Service, It is agreed to desire the
Nabob to give Orders to the Person whom he may appoint to
be Warden of Madura for the room of Barkatoola Cawn to for-
with at least one half, the other it is Resolved to remit to Seta-
pore Mandalee to supply on advance upon the Tonnendy
Rents, to be stopped out of the Nabobs half —

The last years Ballance due to Mahomed Cawn from
the Tonnendy Country to be collected by Mandalee and remit
to Captain Caillaud for the purpose before mentioned, and in
case nothing is to be got from Madura, or only a part of the sum
Such intended, then Mandalee to remit whatever Sum
Captain Caillaud may at any time require for to be stopped out
the Nabobs half of the Tonnendy Rents as aforesaid —

And in case all the above Methods should fail then
shall then Captain Caillaud have liberty to draw
upon us to make up the Sum of two Lacks.

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To prevent the delay which would be necessarily occasioned by Captain Caillaud's waiting for further Orders should those now resolv'd on be found impracticable or ineffectual it is Agreed to give him a discretionary Power to pursue in that case such measures as to him shall appear most advisable for the putting a Speedy End to the present Disturbances

Resolved to leave five hundred of the Company's Sepoys in Madura Fort to prevent future Disorders, but that they act under the Directions of the new Killedar to be appointed by the Nabob in the room of Barkaloota Cawn, in all things consistent with the Company's Interest and the Good of the Country

And Agreed that the Troops Cawn do march hither with the first as soon as the present Disorders shall subside and Tranquility shall be restored to the Country

Ordered that Letters conformable to the foregoing Resolutions be immediately wrote to the Nabob, Captain Caillaud, Major Cawn and Tehuagee Moodelliee

Letters from the Sepoy Roads read, as ordered N 24th in the Book of Country Correspondence, inclosing a Bill on Gobert Sowdaby payable the 16th Instant for Pagodas One thousand six hundred and forty four ₹1644 and Cowl Hoge Sixteen Thousand six hundred and Sixty ₹16660 said to have paid for the Hire of Boats and Cost Kist of the year of Bloody 1165 which ends the 12th July 1756

Ordered that Report be made to the President and Council of the Receipt of the said Bills that they may give Directions

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Directions for demanding the money and that the account of the said Lott be laid before a Committee

The President acquaints the Committee that the Lott for the Countries mortgaged by the Nabob & the Company and Charinglepat Conderay Vencatanaigapatam and St Augustine expiring the 31st July last he has used his Endeavours to get the largest Rent possible for the same Countries, and at length has agreed for Charinglepat and Conderay with the former Renters the following terms being the best that offered Viz.

Charinglepat to Appavoo Nonio for two years 4 months 26 days the one half for Rupees 198500 Pagodas Pattam, being the Rent now agreed for & the other half for Rupees 198500 Pagodas Star Pagodas upon the former Lord

Conderay to Muthyenrada Nonio for one year for Rupees three and forty thousand Pagodas the same as the former Rent

But the Renters of Vencatanagudam and Vencatapatnam insisting on an Abatement from the former Rent he had not yet agreed for those Countries

George Pigot

Robert Fletcher

Roger Lowen

Henry Vansittart

Robert Lloyd

Wm Monckton

Rob Palk