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4th Received the following Letter from Lieut Douglas
to the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r.

President of Governor's Select Committee
Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Douglas

I arrived here this morn.

Arriving that the 5th going with the Detachment from the Gun toon
Independent Compa^y, Circular. On the 24th I informed you of my opinion
as to the service expected from the 5 independent
Companies, when sent to the Southward, I have

since soundd their Inclinations more particular
Early & find them so averse to going to the South
ward, that their being ordered to proceed any
convinced with be attended with the enticement
of so many Men to the Service I therefore beg
leave to suggest to you, that by leaving them to

garrison Ongole, the remaining Companies of
the 4th Bn^y may be sent to Madras & I the
rather mention that, as I understand from Messrs
Edmunds, that there is no Probable City of his being
able to raise recruits for that Battalion, in
that part of the country should you not
approve of this, the Independent Companies
may be incorporated with the 2nd Circular Bn^y
which is ordered to be recruited again, &
the two Companies of the 7th Circular Bn^y
can be left to garrison Ongole - I

Butterburglar

Mr

Wm McCollough departs
for Brantford, Aug.
Anderson Board
Wednesday

our most devoted
Charles C. Leitch

100th Fort George October 1780.

I have the following Letter from Ganjam.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.

President & Governor & Members
of the Select Committee

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Ganjam, and

12 Coffers to the Majesty's Hoop. I sympathise calling her to embrace
the opportunity, to embark one Sergeant
and twelve Coffers for Masulipatanam.
I enclose advice of their names. I have
noted Captain Stevens, any expenses incurred
will be paid at Masulipatanam or Madras.
I am with Respect

Honble Sir

Your very obedient,
Humble Servant,

John Turing

At a Select Committee Present,

The Honble John Whitehill Esq.

Charles Smith Esq.

Samuel Johnson

Minutes of last Committee

read and approved.

As the Troops will soon go

the

Ganjam

24th Sept 1780.

Friday
The 6th

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certain their Destination

Sum

Wm. L. L. L.

Your very obed^t & very humble Serv^t

W. Flint

Wm. L. L. L.

10th October 1780

The Committee approve of Lieut. Flint's having advanced the Pay of the

Seaposs from Cuddalore, and he is to be acquainted that he has their Permission to draw for the

Sum he mentions; Agreed that the Chief

Council of Cuddalore be directed to send 100

Barrels more of Gun Powder to Lieut. Flint

at Wanduash, by the same Route, the 50 Barrels were sent, in case they were received safe

The President acquaints

the Committee that having received intima-

tion, of a Vessel lying in Pondichery Road,

intended to be dispatched to the Mauritius,

he proposes sending the Elizabeth there

to enquire into the Truth of this In-

formation.

Read the following

Letter from the Chief and Council of

Cuddalore.

To

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6th October 1780

To the Honble Arthur Hill Esq^r

President of the General Assembly at

Fort George

Worthy Sir,

We have the Honor to recd

From your Honor
Respecting Capt^s
Woodhouse

you have with Copy of our Vote, addressed to our Chief by
Capt^s Woodhouse, to which We directed our Secretary
to send the accompanying answer. Your Honor's
reply thereto also waits on your Honor & a convenient
* We doubt not his Conduct will appear to you
Your satisfaction right it does to ourselves

Altho' the Chief has replied

by received the same kind of Offers from Capt^s
Woodhouse, he has till now forbore to make
public mention of them, from a regard to his
situation, & his advanced stage of life, nor We
should We may have troubled your Honor & on
this occasion had he desired your Honors to
renew his Command

If your Honor & we should be
pleased to accept his resignation of the command
of this Garrison, We beg leave to recommend
the most acceptable Character of a Gentleman
Resident now here, with Command of the
Garrison, to your Consideration, & doubt not
that if you should be pleased to appoint
him to the command of the Fort, that the
steadiness & propriety of his Conduct will
do much credit to our Request. His Residence
here

that

now

not

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1610 Capt J. George 6th October 1780.

Here already would likewise make it unnecessary
to appoint another Officer to this Battalion of
Sepoys, in his stead, until their Departure
from hence.

We have the Honor to be very respectfully

W^mble Sir, &c.

Your most obedient
humble servants,

William Cumming

J. Daniell

W^m L. Maitland

W^m Gallowfield

R. Guy

To William Cumming Esq.

Sir,

Sergeant Francis has just re-
ported to me that he has received an order from
your Board, to draw from the Stores, 50 Barrels
of Powder to be sent off to Calcutta, by land
tomorrow Morning.

Francis must certainly have
misunderstood it, for I can never suppose, such
an order could proceed from so respectable a Body,
at a Time, when Hydrabad People have possession
of every Avenue to Madras, & the Sea open with
a southerly Wind, that will carry them safe

Cardalene

1st Oct. 1780.

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Fort George 14 October 1780.

in 24 hours if they go by land, not less than the
proportions must go with them, besides it is
impossible 60 barrels of powder can be any
object at this time, when 600 lie here as a
temptation to the enemy. I must therefore have
made to ship them off. I must therefore have
made a blunder, but if not, I must request
my report may be entered against the extraordinary
a measure.

Yours,
Sir,

Caddo
24 Sept 1780.

Yours most obedient servant,
(signed) M. Woodhouse

To Captain Woodhouse

Commanding at

Caddo

Sir,

I am commanded by the first
Council to request you, that when you have
your Note of the 22nd day before the Board, they
have directed me in consequence to inform
you that the Report of Sergeant Francis could
have exposed you even a probability of a storm
as you mention that your Boat would neither
be admitted, or would nothing, in any part of
their conduct, which does not relate to your
Commanding

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commanding Officer, & that while the Stores particularly designed for the Defence of this Garrison are not removed from hence, ^{that} the Inefficacy of your opinion can be equalled only by that of your Books, admitting however, that it were otherwise, & that any encroachment had been made, on the detail of your Department, the affronting & extraordinary Style of your Note, could not be passed over in silence, by any public Body, unless their Lenity should induce them to impute the Contents to Age & Infirmary, the only apology, to be admitted for so much & uncorroborated misrepresentation, — and that the more on this consideration, they are pleased to overlook the present affront, you have proposed on their Compliance, with orders from Madras, they mean to preserve your Note on record to forward to the Select Committee, whenever you may be pleased to adhere to the same line of Conduct, & that with how much Disrespect & ever you may be inclined to treat that Body under which you now act, they will afford you a lasting Proof of their Displeasure, if ever you presume to give them the same case, in such unwarrantable Declaration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Edw. Wallpole Esq.

Nov 1780.

Wm. Wallpole Esq.

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the Presidency as soon as possible

Yours

Gentlemen,

Your very humble servant,
(signed) R. Woodhouse

20th September 1780.

Cuddalore

A true Copy
C. H. Hallfield
Secy.

Capt. R. Woodhouse

has leave to come
to the Presidency.

Although the Committee
highly disapprove of the Conduct of Captain
Woodhouse, yet as he has their Commis-
sion to come to the Presidency they will not for
the present annulment further on it.

2^d Secy appointed

Lieut. R. P. Pearson is now appointed to
the Command of Cuddalore, in this Room agreeably
to the Recommendation of the Gentlemen there.

Cuddalore

Read the following

Letter from Capt. R. Pearson

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.

Governor & President of Select Committee

Fort St. George

Honble Sir, Sirs

Respectfully

has a Difficulty

procuring recruits

Admiralty knows

if he is to pay the

regts to the Regts

of the British

Detachment

His with concern

you of the Difficulty find in getting recruits

in order to replace the six Companies of the 7th

Battalion Seapoy, & can impute it to no other

cause than the Stabos People, recruiting

at Kellos for their Liberty Regts. — this service

is attended with so much less Danger

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To Mr William Cumming
Chief & General of Fudda Lore

Gentlemen,

I have received your extraordinary letter in answer to my hit to Mr Cumming, I am very (the mode) & surprised of it. I did not meet with your approbation (which everyone's ^{most} attention to the service ought to do, whether the mode of doing it be just what you like) instead of your written Remonstrance, founded on not even a shadow of Reason, & fit only for a schoolboy.

That the Commanding Officer has a right to interfere in regard to all Military stores being sent out of the Garrison, nobody but your Body will deny.

At my ^{present} state of Health I will not allow me to give you, so explicit answers to your extraordinary Epistle, as I could wish. I should have given ^{one} great pleasure were I able.

All I have to answer is that your Board with an immediate application to the Select Committee, that the very earnest request to be exonerated from this command which my Age and Infirmitie will no longer allow me to do, that Justice to the Service requires, — At the same time I must request their leave to proceed to the

with favour me!

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and trouble than ours, that I dare expect we
shall till they are completed, or some stop is put
to their Recruiting. There are two Companies of
good looking Men belonging to the Madras who
I have with some Gentles from the Southward on
Revenue Business, & some to vacant Employment
I did myself the Honor, on my Letter of the 20th
to acquaint your Description for paying arrears
due to such and might return of the late Co.
battiment under the Command of Colonel Baillie
on their re-entering into the Service.

With much respect,

Yours most Obedt

Engels
27th September 1780

Yours most Obedt
& most humble Servant.

Chas^r Command^t
Capt^t General

be directed to entertain no more Men from
the Sepoys, he mentions we are willing to
enter the Service, and to pay the Arrear
of such Sepoys of Colonel Baillie's Co.
battiment as may come to Engels.

And the following
Letter from Captain Clarke

Do

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To the Honble John M. Whitehill Esq^r

Baronet & a Select Committee of
Fort St. George

My Obedt^l Servant

From Capt. Walcott
about 10 o'clock

I am honoured with your
Command of the 24th as no Tent belonging to the
Lithbury Corps were in our Store. I communicated
your orders to Capt. M. Burrows who has replied

they shall be immediately executed. As I
judge it for the good of the Service, I have
directed the Storekeeper to send immediately to
Mazore, four Field Officers Tents, five Officers
Tents & four large Private Tents, to be forwarded
to Chadrab, as you have ordered for the Liberty
Tents. If you please to give me Orders I can
make up a complete Set of Tents for the Officer
& Sergeants of my Battalion & I believe very reason-
able. Some time past, I had the Honor of ad-
dressing you on the subject of my Sepoy Tents,
delivered to Lieut. Colonel Browne for the
Service. I have made up a new Set, from my
own Pocket & I hope your Honor will please
to give orders to the Paymaster for my
Reimbursement. I have the Honor to be,

Y^r Obedt^l Servant

Yours very respectful

& obedient Servant

Hugh Pettit Esq^r
Capt. in Command

Samuel

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To the Honorable the Court of Directors for Affairs
of the Honorable United Company of Merchants
of England, trading to the East Indies

Honorable

The Select Committee of Affairs
having been pleased for the Reasons urged in
their Letter of the 19th of May last herewith
enclosed to declare me suspended from the
Honorable Company's Service, I am thereby
satisfied under the disagreeable Necessity of
troubling you with this Address.

I have herewith the Honor
to transmit to you together with the Copy
of the above Letter, Copies likewise of sundry
Letters & Papers, as ^{to} enclosed List relative
to the subject of my Suspension.

I have nothing to urge in
vindication of my Conduct in addition to what
the Papers contain. My Offence as appears by the
Select Committee's Letter of the 19th May above,
mentioned was paying Obedience to the Orders
of the Governor General & Council of the 14th Feb^y.
I sincerely hope, that this act will not appear
to your Honours, in so bad a light as to have deserved
such a severe mark of Displeasure but what,
ever be your Decision on it, I shall deem it
my Duty to submit with all deference &
respect to your superior Authority impartial

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To be paid for the
rents of the Barracks

To be reimbursed for the
rents of the Barracks & directed to forward the
Committee, with the Vouchers of these, the proper
making up for the foregoing.

From Mr John Mollard.
To the Honble John Mollard Esq^r
President of the Governor of the Committee
of

Honble Sir, I am
Dear Sir

From Mr Mollard, Letter for the Court of Directors, they you will
with copy of letter do me the favor to forward in your first Order
for the India House, & have those gift thing ready
to send a copy of it, for your personal
use.

The being obliged to
send to Chubb for the particulars of some articles
of my Disbursements, together with and present
Receipt have caused a Delay in sending any
Receipt which I hope you will excuse the
delay to excuse. I hope to have them soon in
readiness to forward to you.

I am,
Honble Sir, Sir,
With great Respect,

Yours most obedient
Sept 17th 1780

John Mollard
To

1619 North George 6th October 1780.

Judgment I flatter myself however, that from a consideration of the nature of my conduct, what was advised by my Duty to the Company, you will be induced to overlook my error, should it should appear, & that you will have the goodness to remit me with my share in the Company's service.

With respect to the other

charges brought against me contained in the 3^d Paragraph of the Select Committee's Letter of the 19th of May setting forth that I had been guilty of casting doubts & light upon their Government of having aggravated the offence of disobeying their orders, by avowedly transgressing my obedience to the Bengal Government, & having thrown various Reflections upon their conduct, being unacquainted with the grounds, on which they were formed, I have been under the necessity of writing to the Committee to request the favour of a further explanation on the subject but in the mean time being convinced that the Committee have grounds for their opinion on some misconstruction, & that the above offences cannot justly be imputed to me, I think it necessary hereby to declare that nothing of this kind was intended, & that as far as I am from these Charges I was so & I equally absolve them in principle & in time with respect to the 2^d of the above

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above charges, that I was guilty of a temporary suspension of the Committee's orders of the 13th March, but I do not know with what propriety that Act could be termed transferring my obedience to the Bengal Government, by whom my obedience in the extent the Term implies was not as is evident from their Letter required, & by whom it could not consistently with the tenor of that Letter, had the Committee complied with the Request it contained, have been accepted & the Committee's charging me not only with this crime, but further with the guilt of having expressly aggravated it by avowedly transferring my obedience, is in Effect making two crimes out of one, since it is evident that in that single Act I could not otherwise than avowedly, ^{have} transferred my obedience.

Among the other papers enclosed is an Extract from the Act of Parliament, which I beg leave to refer to & to add, that on the Ground of the Act itself as well as from the Construction given to it in the case now before you, by the Governor General & Council of Bengal, I did not entertain a Doubt of the right residing in that Government, to give the Instructions I had received.

I beg leave likewise to request your attention to the following Extract

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Extract from the Committee's Letter of Instructions of the 22^d February 1779 - I do not find that my correspondence with the Bengal Government is directly charged on me as a Crime, but as there is an Implication of this Tendency in the 2^d Para. of their Letter to me of the 13th March, & as this Implication is strengthened by the general Reprehensive Tone of that Letter, which upon any other Ground, I cannot account for, I think it necessary to advert to it; The Words of their Letter are as follows.

"We desire you will during
"your Residence at the Nizam's
"Court, convey every necessary
"Intelligence to the Governor & Council of Bengal, as well as
"to Us and that you will be as
"early as possible, in all your
"Communications to both Presi-
"dencies."

Your Honors will observe that I was in the above Para. directed in communicating all necessary Intelligence to make no Distinction between the Bengal & Madras Government, & Foreign Negotiation being a Department by Law exclusively delegated to the Bengal Government I was not under the smallest Uncertainty regarding the meaning of the Committee's order, nor did there

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there appear anything ⁱⁿ it, of so dubious a Nature
as to occasion my pausing a single Instant to
enquire whether it would bear any other than
what on the first face, seemed to be the obvious
construction. But setting aside the arguments
to be drawn in support of my Conduct, from
this View of the Question, I shall proceed to others
of so important a Nature, that had there been
in my Mind a Shadow of Doubt on the
subject, it would instantly have been dispelled,
& have given Place to the most decided & unem-
barassed conviction. I beg leave here to request
your particular Attention to the very critical Situa-
tion, in which the Affairs of the Company stood, during
the Period in which my Letters to the Bengal
Government were written. At a juncture when
the Company were engaged in a very extensive
War with the Poona Marathas, when from an
union of Religion of Family & political Interests
there was a Probability that the Berar
Marathas would join in the Quarrel, & carry
their Hostilities into the Heart of the Bengal
Provinces; when We were in Europe engaged in
contests so unequal, & so widely extended
that they precluded in case of a Reverse of
Fortune, all hope of Succour, when the French
were busy in intriguing in the Courts of our
Enemies, & instigating them to invade us
with Promises of supporting them with Men

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Men & Stores, when Hyder Ally elated with his repeated Victories & Successes, possessed of a full Treasury, a large well-disciplined & well-provided Army of Horse & Foot, a Body of 800 or 1000 Europeans with large Quantities of Military Stores & Ammunition of all kinds, with Ports & Strong Holds well fortified & supplied, had held such a Language of Insolence & War, as gave Us just reason to apprehend an Invasion of the Carnatic, at a juncture when these various Alarms surrounded Us, & such a abundant Business was on our Hands, I cannot but think great as is the Superiority which our Discipline gives us over the People of this Country, that it seriously imported the Bengal Government, who conducted the Maharatta War to be informed of the menacing Tone of Hostility, with which the Nizam declared his Resolution of forming a League against Us with the Maratta Nation & Hyder Ally of stopping the Progress of our Encroachments by a common Combination, & of revenging by leading & instigating a general Invasion into our Territories, the Injury & Injustice he had sustained by our Alliance with his Brother by our taking Possession of the Guntoor Circar, & by our refusing the Payment of the Beshouk & Arrears. If the Intelligence that stated these interesting Facts was not necessary, I shall I acknowledge have

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a difficulty in discovering what species of necessary
Intelligence it was, that the Instructions had in
contemplation.

The Resolution adopted
by the Select Committee of suspending me from the
Service of the Honourable Company has totally
precluded all Hopes of Promotion probably for
so long a space of Time as eighteen Months, or two
Years. a very heavy Injury, if it should appear as
I trust it will, that I have not been guilty of any
Misconduct. Previously however to that Decision
I had virtually been sentenced to undergo the
Penalties attending it & had been deprived of
the established Benefits of the Company's Service
having by a Majority of the Board been set
aside from succeeding in my Right as Senior
to the vacant Chiefship of Vizagapatam, on the
declared Ground, as I have been informed, of the
Crime I had been guilty of, in corresponding
with the Gov^r General of Bengal.
The Extract of the Select Committee's Letter
relative to this Point is now before you, &
I submit it to your Honour to determine
whether my Correspondence with the
Bengal Government was not by that Letter
expressly authorized, and consequently
whether a Punishment grounded on such
Correspondence is not inconsistent with the
Principles of Justice.

My

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My Brother Mr Edward
Roland at Madras, upon hearing of my Suspension
was induced from the fraternal Part which
he takes in my Interests, to wait upon the
President, of whom he requested an Order for
his being furnished with copies of any Papers
relative to my Suspension, if any such, there
should be, as might tend in any degree to ci-
minate my conduct. He has informed me that
the President after taking the opinion of the
Committee on the subject, had declared to him
that they could not comply with the Request
he had made to them in my behalf their oath
of Secrecy restricting ^{them} from making such commu-
nication. Being conscious of the Rectitude of
my conduct, I should not have entertained an
Idea of applying for Papers of the above Descrip-
tion, had it not been for the Answer given to
my Brother's application, which being of so
doubtful a Signification, as to excite my Attention
I was naturally led, tho' without Effect to
repeat the Request he had made. The Oath
of Secrecy taken in general Terms, by the Members
of the Committee, on their appointment to their
Seats urged as a Reason for not granting
the Papers my Brother applied for is as I
humbly conceive intended to be binding on
the Members, as individuals only, & not on
the Committee, as a Body, who must necessarily
have

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^{frequent} have occasion to publish their own Resolutions, and who seem particularly called on to communicate them to any Servant of the Company charged with a publick Trust, & whose character by the concealment of such Resolutions may be in Danger of being injured, at too great a Distance from the Scene of the supposed Offence. I cannot know but by inference that the Committee have minuted any thing to the Disadvantage of my Conduct but should have felt a particular Satisfaction if they had favoured my Brother with a less ambiguous Answer, to the application he made to them in my Behalf on this subject.

If, in obeying the order of the 14th Feby. from Bengal, my Conduct should be deemed deserving of Censure it is nevertheless a great Happiness to me to reflect that in other points of an important nature it has been honoured with the concurrent approbation of both Presidencies.

I hope I may without giving offence be allowed to observe, that a Degree of Warmth on account of the Interposition of the Bengal Government may very reasonably be supposed to have prevailed & to have influenced the Committee when they passed on me so severe a sentence for -

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For with well grounded Hopes of Promotion after
having served nineteen Years with Fidelity,
& in some Offices of Trust & Distinction, with
Reputation, severe I cannot but think it. —
I am happy however in reflecting, that I have
nothing to fear from any Bias, at your Honorable
Board, to whose Justice & Humanity, I appeal
with most entire Confidence.

I am with the greatest Respect

Honourable

Your most obedient

and humble Servant,

(signed) John Hollond.

Nizam's Court,

Hydrabad.

August 30. 1780.

B.L.

I have thought it my
Duty to send a copy of this Letter, for the Perusal
of the Select Committee. A true copy,

John Hollond.

Agreed that the Letter

to be sent home a from M Hollond with his letter to the Court of Directors,
number in the Packet. Extracts of the Proceedings, relative to his Suspension
be sent home a number in the Packet

Read the following

Letters from Sir Edw^d Hughes

John Whitehill Esq^r

President of Governor and Select Committee,

Fort George

From John Hughes
gives an order for Messrs
Loring to be received
on Board the ship.

Sir & Gentlemen

I am favoured with your
Letter of yesterday, & as I am happy on all occasions
to

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to give Testimony of my Zeal for the Company's Interests,
as well as Attention to their Servants, I will
direct Capt^m Stevens of His Majesty's Sloop the
Nymph, to receive the Mess^{rs} Lewins on Board,
& to accommodate them in the best manner
possible, during their Passage to the Cape of
Good Hope.

I am with great Regard,

Sir, & Gentlemen

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Edw. Hughes.

Superb in Madras Road
the 3^d October 1781.

John Whitcomb Esq^r

President & Governor and Select Committee
of
Fort St. George

Sir, & Gentlemen,

from Sir Edw. Hughes
receives 1000 Barrels
on Board the Squadron

I am favored with
your Letter of yesterday enclosing the Copy
of a Letter from the President & Select
Committee, at Bombay, addressed to You,
dated the 12th of last Month.

As I am sensible of
the great Demand there must be for Gun
Powder at Bombay and Tellicherry, in the
present Situation of Affairs, I shall agreeable
to your Request, order one Thousand Barrels
of that article to be received on Board the
several Ships of His Majesty's Squadron
under

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under my command, and land two Hundred
Barrels at Tellichery if necessary, & the Remainder
at Bombay

I am with great Regard,

Sir & Gentlemen
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,
Edw^d Hughes

Superb in Madras Road
the 4th October 1781

Agreed that a Letter of
Thanks, be addressed to Sir Edward Hughes, for the
ready acquiescence he has shewn to our Requests

Sir Hector Munro now

Sir Hector Munro
delivers in a Minute
with Returns of
Correspondence,
during the Campaign

delivers in the following Minute Returns with
Copy of his Correspondence, during the late
Campaign, but begs leave to remark that
there is one Part of Messrs Smith & Johnson's
Minute, which he cannot answer untill
he is furnished with a Return of Lieut^t
Colonel Fletcher's Detachment.

Messrs Smith and Johnson
in their Minute of the 1st October, are pleased
to make the following Remark, "We con-
tented ourselves with observing that the
Generals Letter to the Board of the 28th M^o
did not contain the Information We wanted, We
hoped that this ^{hint} would be sufficient, & that he
would be more explicit in his subsequent Letter

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Letter but they are again disappointed, for his Letter of the 23rd Ult^o relates merely to the Measures he wishes to be adopted for recruiting the Army.

The Gentlemen seem to have forgot that when Mr. Johnson made the observation, that my Letter did not contain the Informations, he & Mr. Smith wished, I desired him to commit them to Paper, & that if it was in my Power to comply with their Demands, I would do it.

Colonel Cosby's Instructions are with the Secretary, I wrote him two or three Letters, importing little more than what was contained in his Instructions, & of which I had no copy, nor have I any of my Notes (for they were no Letters) to Colonel Baillie except one or two Erse ones, which the Gentlemen are welcome to, whenever they please. The having no Cypher, made me write those in Erse, as they were of some consequence — Colonel Cosby since his Recovery from his last Illness, has given me the few Letters I wrote to him & which I now lay before the Committee, as I shall my Notes to Colonel Baillie, as soon as I can procure them from him. They were written & sent away in the Night time, in a Hurry, as Kammarrake could not come into Camp or go out of it in the Day time, owing to the numbers of the Enemy's Horse, which were constantly round

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wound our la campment

In Mess^{rs} Smith and Johnson's Minute of the 21st of September; — They only demanded a general Return of the Troops, which I laid before the Committee, the Moment I got it from the Adjutant General. — They also desired a Return of the Deficiencies of Stores, that went with the Army; — They got it, & also the Strength of the Corps in Camp, except His Majesty's.

They have now asked those Returns, in a different Form, and some which I now lay before them, and which I could not do before, untill they signified their Wishes. I corresponded with none to the best of my Remembrance but the Governor whom I requested to keep my Letters and now lay before the Committee, as Mess^{rs} Smith and Johnson, in their last Minute asked for them. I wrote a Letter^s two to Mr Flint & desired him to send to the Committee the Returns, said Letters required of him and which I believe Lieut^t Flint has done. I sent a few Notes to Captain Brendergast, which were written by Captain Pangle all the Copies that he kept I now lay before the Committee. — I have only to add, that I think my Letter to the Committee contains something more than merely my wishes

others

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wishes to recruit the Army, and Lt Col Baillie's Detachment fortunately joined mine, I was not without the most sanguine Hopes, that a correspondence would soon have ensued between the Committee, and me not only of such consequence as to demand an Inspection, but would be such as might reflect Honor & Reputation on their conduct, & on my Actions.

Fort St. George,

6th October 1780.

To John Whitehill Esq^r Governor of Madras.

My Dear Sir,

I received your Note this moment, and as all the Troops in Camp are much fatigued after a long March, it will be impossible for the Escort to be sent to meet the Escort from Madras, before 6 o'clock this Evening, they shall then go, & continue marching untill they meet your Escort. I have in the mean time sent Jack, your Boy, & two Harcarrahs on as fast as possible to desire that the Officer who commands the Escort may come on untill he meets the one from Camp, as above. There will be no accident happen for we saw but 9 or 10 straggling Horse of the Enemy's this Day. I shall do myself the Pleasure again to

Camp near Pondicherry: tomorrow. Best Compts to all our Friends believe me,
26th August 1780. Yours affectly Hector Munro

1633 Fort St. George 6th October 1780.

Dear Sir,

We are just arrived here and intend to march about 4 o'clock tomorrow morning. I have had no complaints since we came to our ground, but our Rear Guard is not as yet come up. I send you a Note, I received on the march this Day.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

Puttapyer Village
26th August 1780, past 11 o'clock forenoon. (signed) Hector Munro
Major General Sir Hector Munro,

Sir,

Ryder arrived at Arcott, yesterday morning. — He has twelve heavy guns, & twenty Field Pieces.

I am

Sir

Your obedient
humble servant,

(signed) R. Lang

Kellore

22^d August 1780

To the Governor Secy^r

Madras.

Dear Sir,

The advanced Guard is just come to the ground of Encampment. — The Rain was so heavy last night with us & the night before with Colonel Baillie that

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that neither of us can get to Conjeeveram till
tuesday morning. The Money is arrived, - We
heard a great many Guns this Day supposed
at Arcot. I have sent to Captain Brenderghast
and will act according as I find his
Situation, or that he is near surrendering
the Place. We march at 2 o'clock tomorrow
Morning.

I am

Dear Sir

Camp near Treparnadore

(signed) Hector Munro.
27th August 1780 - 1/2 past 10 o'clock forenoon.

My Dear Sir,

Here we are without
any accident happening. I shall encamp
at Conjeeveram, where Colonel Baulie
will also encamp. Firing at Arcot as usual.
You will no doubt acquaint the Gentlemen
of the Committee with our Motions.

I am,

Truly Yours

Camp nine Miles from Conjeeveram,
28th August 1780.

(signed) H. Munro.

To the Governor of the Madras.

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you this
Morning from our last ground recommending
that Rice, Arrack, Sheep, & Biscuit &c. should

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should be laid in for the Army at Chinglepat
without one Moment's Delay, for if the Polar
is up, We can get at no Provisions of any
kind, and it has rained without ceasing
for these four Nights past & all this Morning
which is most unfortunate for Us. The
Gentleman (as he is called) whom the Nabob
sent with Us, promised to get me some
Rice here and 200 Sheep, when I came to
the Ground, he told me he had no Order
to attend me, as I neither want him as
a Valet Deschambre, a Cook or a Butler
or as a Guide, I desired him to return from
whence he came as soon as he pleased
for that I would ask him to do any one
thing whatever and as I shall most
implicitly keep my Word, he is now a
Gentleman at large, to go where & when
he pleases. So much for the Nabob's
Gentleman the Time may come when he
may be of opinion that all the Gentlemen
of his Family ought to have attended
this Army, but little said is soon mended
according to the old Proverb. The Enclosed
for the Nabob, from his Gentleman. They are
firing away at Arcot, as usual, I hope
still to save it. I am Dear Sir

Camp at Monjeeraue, 29 Aug^r 1780.

Yours as usual
(signed) H. Munro
To
R. Best Compt. to all with kind & ever friend Oakeley.

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To the Governor of N. Y.

Madras.

Dear Sir,

Camp at Conserance
30th Aug^r 1780.

Dear Sir, Yours &c ^{ca} ^{Wm} ^H Merino

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Dear Sir,

I had a letter this day, from Baillie, who has not been able, owing to the heavy rains, to cross the Nullah the day before yesterday. Two of Hyder's People were found this morning in the front of our advanced Picquets. — They positively affirm, that Hyder, with Tippoo Saib, is on the other side of the River to Conjeeveram with 12 Battalions of Sepoys, 40 Field Pieces, 6000 Men & 1000 Peons. I told the two Men if their Intelligence proved true, I would reward them, if otherwise I would undoubtedly hang them. I have sent out ten Hircars, and shall acquaint you tomorrow what Accounts they will bring in. If it is true that Hyder is come in from Arcot, he must intend to prevent, if he can, the Junction of Colonel Baillie with this part of the Army, or he intends to push on to Madras in either Event. I shall be close at his Heels, so that you will please to acquaint the Gentlemen of the Select Committee, when I am with Esteem,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

(signed) Hector Munro

Camp at Conjeeveram,
31st August 1780.

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P.S. I wish you would establish a Passport,
to come to Camp by the Way of Chingleput,
To the Governor of a year
Madras.

My Dear Sir,

I have not missed writing
to you, a single Day, since I left the Mount
and I received but one Letter from you,
that was yesterday, which I answered
immediately. Hyder is about 8 Miles
in front of this, he has got about 4000
Horse & Rocket Boys about 4 Miles from
this in our front he is throwing up
Redoubts, I suppose to stop our Progress
if he can, but when the Rains will let
one march I hope he will quit his Redoubts,
as he has abandon'd the Siege of Srirangapatna
without success, which he did three nights ago,
at about 12 at Night when he sent his heavy
Guns towards Arnee & cross'd his Army over
the Palar, above 'Knee deep, & keeps not one
Foot standing, but his own. I beg you will not
let the Nabob forget to send to Bombrank
the Venkata quarry Man to provide us with
Grain & Sheep. We have not got one Sheep,
but what we brought from Pondamalee
had I any proper Person with me, with
proper Powers, We might during our stay
here get Sheep from Trippassore, & some might

ago

whole

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might be sent us from Chingleput, but here,
We are as helpless, as if dropped out of
the clouds, as in an Enemy's Country, instead
of a Friend.

I am with great Esteem

Dear Sir

Yours

(signed) H. Munro

Conjeveram

1st September 1780

P.S. Keep all my Letters, I request of You.

To the Governor

(Decyphered)

Send the Stores to
Chingleput as P. Indent sent You.

I stay here for Baillie's
joining, when that happens, I march to
attack Hyder, who is now by Report
on this Side Coverypauk. We have
no Intelligence from the Country.
It is both shameful and disgraceful
to have it said.

I am

Conjeveram

2nd September 1780.

Yours
(signed) Hector Munro

Dear Sir,

I expect to be able to
move from hence the Day after tomorrow,
unless beating of Raddy, (for we have no
Rice) prevents it. I am so vexed, &
so

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so perplexed, I have only to offer my best
Compliments to the Gentlemen of the Committee
and do assure them, and you that I will
embrace the very first Opportunity of
driving the Enemy, from their present
Situation.

I am very respectfully,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(signed) Hector Munro

Camp at Conjeveram,
3^d Sept^r 1780.

To the Governor &c &c
Madras.

Dear Sir

No change since my letter
of yesterday, but that many of the Sepoys
refused this Day to receive Paddy, & I
have no Rice to give them. For God sake
send some Person of Consequence, from the
Nabob's Family, unless they mean to
try Experiments, by making an Army live
upon Air. I have not missed one Day in
writing to you, since I left the Mount, and
I have had but one Letter from you and
none from any Person, except a Note from
my Friend Davidson.

I am,

Dear Sir

Yours &c &c
(signed) H. Munro

Camp Conjeveram,
4th Sept 1780 —

1641 Fort St George 6th October 1780.

Dear Sir,

I had it not in my Power to write to you yesterday, as the whole Line was under Arms from 9 o'clock in the Morning, till past dark at night when we lay all night on our Arms, without Tents on the Ground, the Enemy two Miles in our Front. The Cause for this was that Tippoo Saib detached above 2000 Foot with some Guns, and 4000 Horse towards Baillie and yesterday Morning marched his whole Army to support that Detachment. We manœuvred, so did We, and his Plan was frustrated, by which means Baillie attacked the advanced Party, and by the Accounts of a Mercarra, that came in last night, he beat them off. The Mercarra was under the necessity of throwing away a Letter, he had from Baillie, so that I know not at present where he is but as I am resolved to keep as near the Enemy's Main Body, as I can, I expect to see Colonel Baillie tomorrow. Before I move at any distance from Conjeeveram, I must get Rice & Sheep. I have but two Days Rice.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours

(signed) H. Munro. th

Camp 2 Miles & an half north of Conjeeveram

7th September 1780

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The Enemy's Army, as nearly as We can guess
between Horse & Foot amount to above 15000
exclusive of Latiwallers, or Irregulars.

To the Governor & Council of Ca

My Dear Sir,

I hope you and my other
Friends will be so good as suspend your judgements, respecting our late Disappointment
untill We know the real cause. — I believe
all the Army will do me the Justice to
say that every Method that could be thought
of, was tried to effect that Junction
with Colonel Baillie — But alas! our situation
in this Country is such that any unexpected
Change of Weather, want of proper Supplies
of every sort may in a moment overturn
the best concerted Plans, that human Invention
is capable of forming. I am not able to
write now, but to wish to be kindly re-
membered to all our Friends

I always am,

My Dear Sir,

Yours

(signed) H. Munro

La.

Chingleput

12th September 1780.

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To the Governor &c &c &c

Madras

Dear Sir,

Please to acquaint the
Select Committee, that the Troops are encamped
here, or rather quartered, untill I receive
their Directions about them. I would imagine
encamping tomorrow on the Madras side
of the Marmelung River, would keep the
Communication open with Madras, at
all times. If they are to move there, I hope
Rice, Biscuit & a Buzar may be sent
out early in the morning.

I am respectfully

Dear Sir,

Yours &c

(signed)

H. Munro

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
Governor &c

Sir Hector Munro
presents his Compliments to W. Whitehill,
has received his Letter and also one
from the Committee, — he intends wait-
ing here till he receives their Di-
rections relative to the Army, and its
Encampment tomorrow morning.

St. Thomas's Mount
Sept^r 14th 1780

Copies

16th Fort George 6th October 1780.

Copies of Letters sent by General Munro to
Colonel Cosby from the 17th August, till
the 7th Sept. 1780.

Sir

As Hyder is sending
back his heavy Artillery over the Changanah
Pass, if you could fall in with them, or if
they should have got clear of the Pass,
could you destroy the Road through the
Pass, or fill it up so as to stop them
there, in case we engage him, and have
the good Fortune to beat him, it would
be of consequence, but all this, or any
part of it, must be carried into Execution
according as we may get Intelligence
of his Motions as above near or at the
Pass, and when you get your Force to-
gether.

I am
with Esteem

Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant

(Signed) Hector Munro.

Sir

Fort George
17th August 1780.

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(Duplicate)

Sir,

I shall march this night
and shall proceed with the Army to Arcott
where you will let me know your Motions.
If you can cut off Hyders Provisions & failing
of that fill up, or destroy the Road through
the Pass of Changanah, to prevent his getting
on his Artillery, without his being obliged
to halt his Army for some Days and
thereby give me an opportunity of coming
up with him should he decline a general
Engagement, either of these Pieces of Service
being put into Execution will be of very
great Consequence; — but if you cannot effect
this, I would have you join me as soon
as possible with the Cavalry.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant.

(Signed) Hector Munro.

Fort St. George
15th August 1780.

Sir,

As Mr Roberts acquaint
me, you was to be at Siagar the 2^d Instant
I wish you to march with your whole
Force, & to join me by the following Route.
— From Siagar to Trincamboor Gingee, Mankur
& Conjeveram — Hyder's main Body is now at

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about three Miles from our Camp, on this side
the Palar, so that if you have formed a Plan,
which you can put in Execution, without retard-
ing your March this way, you are at Liberty
to try it; - at the same time, your joining me
soon is of great consequence.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
(signed) Hector Munro.

Camp at Conjeveram,
7th Sept: 1780.

To Captain Prendergast.

Dear Sir,

The General desires me to
acquaint you, that your Letter to me of the 29th
Ult: gave him great Satisfaction & he hopes
you will take every opportunity of sending him all
the Intelligence you can from your Quarter. We
had a Rumour, of the Siege's being raised, a few
Hours before your Letter arrived. He waits here
a little Time for Reasons, you will be made
acquainted with by & by, - in the meantime,
if any Dangers threaten you, you may depend
on speedy Relief.

I am,

Yours

(signed) J. P.

Conjeveram
2nd September 1780.

To

1647 Fort St. George 6th October 1780.
To Colonel Baillie.

There are numbers of Hydras
Kore in the Road which you are to come.—
Set out from Tripassore at Night-fall, and do
not stop, if possible, untill you arrive at
Conjeveram.

Conjeveram, 2 Sept^r 1780.

(Signed) Hector Munro.

The General, and I
had the Pleasure of receiving your Notes
of the 31st Ultimo, last night. I am desired
by the General, to acquaint you that he
wishes you would have all the Bullocks
and Bags you can muster, in reading,
as also, as many Sheep, as you can
collect in case He should have occasion
to look towards your Quarter, for Provisions.
If the Paddy is not beat out into Rice
he depends upon the Deal you have
discovered for the Service for your setting
People at work immediately, in prepa-
ring that important Article. —
The General desires me to acquaint
you also, that he has certain Intel-
ligence of General Goddard, with his
Men and a great Body of Mahrattas,
having laid waste, the greatest part
of

1648 Fort St. George 6th October 1780.
of Hyder's Dominions to the Northward.

I am &c

(signed) J. P.

No Date

I got yours of the
3^d & 4th — March from Perumbacum
in the Night time so as to arrive here by
Daylight, and unless I know the Night
you leave it so as to be back here next
Morning at Day Light, every thing here
would be destroyed before we could
return, the Enemy's camp being but
five Miles in our Front

Camp at Conjevaram
5th September 8 A. M.

State

Edward James *Sol. Comr.*

Edw. & James Folie Comd.

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*A Return of Ordnance Ammunition and Stores Issued
for the Army & Lost on the Marches from the 26 of August to the 15.
of September 1780.*

Quality of Stores,

*Issued to Lost. Sent to Lost on the army into Colonel the
Conjunctive Baillie's March Total*

<i>Iron Guns</i>				
12. Pounders	"	4.	"	4.
3. Do.	"	1.	"	1.
<i>Brass Mortars.</i>				
4 1/2 Inch	"	4	"	4.
<i>Field Carriages</i>				
24. Pounders	"	2.	"	2.
18. Do.	"	4.	"	4.
3. Do.	"	1.	"	1.
<i>Round Shot fixed to Flamm. Cartridges</i>				
6. Pounders	64.	"	100	164.
3. Do.	30.	"	60.	90.
<i>Shells fixed to Flamm. Cartridges</i>				
5 1/2 Inch	1.	"	"	1.
<i>Grape Shot fixed to Flamm. Cartridges</i>				
6. Pounders	"	"	42.	42.
3. Do.	11.	"	28.	39.
<i>Empty Flamm. Cartridges</i>				
12. Pounders	44	"	"	44.
6. Do.	12.	"	"	12.
<i>Field Flamm. Cartridges</i>				
12. Pounders	4.	"	"	4.
6. Do.	46	"	"	46.
<i>Iron Round Shot</i>				
18. Pounders	"	800.	"	800.
6. Do.	"	"	5.	5.
<i>Empty Shells</i>				
4 1/2 Inch	"	96.	"	96.

Quality

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Quality of Stores.

Spent Shot Lost Last
to the int^o 1660 on the Total
Army Conjunction Battle March

Bottoms for Round Shot

12 Pounds	"	"	"	6.	6.
6 Do	"	"	"	29.	29.
3 Do	"	"	"	17.	17.
Sponges with Rammed Heads.					
18 Pounds	"	12.	"	"	12.
12 Do	"	6.	"	"	6.
6 Do	"	30.	"	"	30.
3 Do	"	10.	"	"	10.
5 1/2 Inch	"	4.	"	"	4.
4 1/2	"	8.	"	"	8.

Ladles with Wadhooks

24 Pounds	"	2.	"	"	2.
18 Do	"	7.	"	"	7.
12 Do	"	2.	"	"	2.
6 Do	"	4.	"	"	4.
3 Do	"	3.	"	"	3.

Live Fuzes.

5 1/2 Inch	"	140.	"	"	140.
4 1/2 Do	"	100.	"	"	100.

Quilted Grape.

12 Pounds	"	"	"	17.	17.
6 Do	"	"	"	21.	21.
5 1/2 Do	"	"	"	2.	2.

Filled Tubes.

12 Pounds	120.	"	300.	"	420.
6 Do	284.	"	"	"	284.
3 Do	39.	"	"	"	39.

Paper Cylinders.

6 Pounds	250.	"	"	"	250.
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Quality

Quality of Stores

Issued to the Army
Sent into longjumeau
Sent to Colonel Baillie March
Lost on the Total

Cordages of Sorts.

Europe 4 1/2 Inch . . . Coils	"	2	"	10 1/2	12 1/2
3 1/2 Do . . . Do	1/2	2	"	"	2 1/2
2 1/2 Do . . . Do	"	"	"	7	7
Span Yarn Bolls	32	16	"	60	108
French 12 Pounds	"	"	"	2	2
6 Do	"	"	"	8	8
3 Do	"	"	"	4	4
Country 5 1/2 Inch . . . Coils	1	"	"	"	1
4 1/2 Inch . . . Do	"	"	"	21 1/2	21 1/2
3 1/2 Inch . . . Do	"	"	"	7 1/2	7 1/2
2 1/2 Inch . . . Do	2 3/4	"	"	"	2 3/4
1 1/2 Inch . . . Do	1/2	"	"	37	37 1/2
Small Loin Bundles	10 1/4	"	"	"	10 1/4

Iron & Steel.

Flat Bars	4 1/2	"	"	23	39 1/2
Square Do	1/2	"	"	10 1/2	11
Bolt Do	"	"	"	4	4
Red Do	1	"	"	"	1
Europe Steel Bars	5 1/2	"	"	"	5 1/2

Pioneers Tools.

Mamoties	124	"	"	"	124
Pick Axes	25	"	"	"	25
Bell Hooks	"	"	"	38	38
Hand Hatchets	65	"	"	"	65
Felling Axes	"	"	"	19	19

Artificers Tools.

Cross Cut Saws	"	"	"	2	2
Hand Do	"	"	"	1	1
Plains	"	1	"	"	1
Augers	"	"	"	2	2
Grindstone	"	"	"	1	1

Locality

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Quality of Stores

Spent Sent Sent to the Total
to the to the to the
Army Engineer Mail
Post

Artillery Stores.

Rattan	Bundles	"	"	"	18.	18.
Chalk	St	"	10.	"	90.	100.
Cocanut Oil	Gallons	2 1/2	"	"	3 1/2	40.
Muscovite Lights	"	"	"	"	2.	2.
Lanterns	"	1.	6.	"	11.	18.
Tin	Shats	1.	20.	"	"	21.
Tanned Hides	"	"	"	"	2.	2.
Leads Aprons	"	2.	"	"	"	2.
Copper	St	3.	"	"	47.	20.
Knives	"	"	10.	"	"	10.
Scissors	"	1.	10.	"	"	11.
Steel Needles	"	9.	86.	"	"	95.
Gunny Do	"	16.	"	"	"	16.
Powder Measures	Setts	"	1.	"	"	1.
Drivers & Setters 5 1/2 Inch	"	"	8.	"	"	8.
Palms	"	2.	5.	"	"	7.
Crag Ropes 18 Pds	"	"	6.	"	"	6.
6 Do	"	2.	"	"	10.	12.
3 Do	"	"	"	"	1.	1.
Hand Jack	"	"	1.	"	"	1.
Leather Buckets	"	"	6.	"	12.	18.
Tompeons with Collars 18 Pds	"	"	4.	"	"	4.
Do 3 Do	"	"	1.	"	"	1.
Do 2 1/2 Inch	"	"	4.	"	"	4.
Pewter Soldier	St	3.	"	"	"	3.
Sponge Staves	"	1.	"	"	9.	10.
Wood Oil	Bottles	"	"	"	4.	4.
Gin	Complish	"	1.	"	"	1.
Cloth Bags 18 Pounds	"	"	1700.	"	"	1700.
Cannis Aprons	"	"	4.	"	"	4.
Short Gunny Bags	"	"	116.	"	"	116.
Copper Funnel	"	"	1.	"	"	1.

Ammunition

English Shot & Cartridges	62108	20000	50000	28107	166205.
Carbine Do	7627	"	"	12	8539
Pistol Do	"	"	"	2000	2000

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Quality of Stores

Spent Sent to Sent to
to the Company's Found Lost Total
Army - some Battle

Ammunition

Blunt Cartridges	"	"	"	15000	15000
Loose Musquet Balls	94200	10000	"	4586	102786
Musquet Links	"	1000	5000	11890	17890
Carbine Do	270	"	"	1750	2020
Pistol Do	200	"	"	300	500
Musquets with Bayonets	12	"	"	"	12
Carbines Do	2	"	"	"	2
Bayonets Spare	1	"	"	"	1
Shoulder Belts	2	"	"	"	2
Steel Ramrods	3	"	"	"	3
Hammers	270	100	"	7390	7760
Pickers	320	100	"	7150	7570
Worms	320	100	"	5150	5570
Log Line	3	20	"	"	23
Drum Heads	"	"	"	18	18
Cords	"	"	"	24	24
Braces Sells	"	"	"	100	100
Hoops Batter	"	"	"	50	50
Lining	"	"	"	20	20
Flash	"	"	"	20	20
Blue Cloth	"	"	"	"	4
White Do	"	4	"	"	4
Musquet Cartridge Pouches Double	"	1	"	"	1
Do Do Single	"	14	"	135	142
Loose Carbine Balls	"	"	"	21	40
Caponetars	"	"	"	5700	5700
Drum Sticks	2	"	"	"	2
Mortar Carts	"	"	"	2	2
"	"	2	"	"	2

Joseph Moorhouse

Compt of Stores to the Army

Present State of the Troops encamped at Marmelon the 5th of October 1780.

For Duty

Corps	Europeans										Natives										Europeans										Natives									
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Ensign Macrae
dies.

The Commander in Chief

reports the Death of Ensign Donald Macrae.

M^r. John Baillie

M^r. John Baillie

Sen^r. appointed

Senior is appointed an Ensign in his Room;

Ensign

Date of Rank 28th April 1779.

Captⁿ Kelly to join

Captain Robert Kelly

his Battⁿ

to be ordered, to join his Battalion at
Tanjore.

Charles Smith

Gen^l. Johnston

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4th Dispatched the following Letters.
To Sir Edward Hughes, K.B.

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

Sir,

To Sir Edward Hughes.

We have received your Letters
of the 3^d & 4th Inst^{ts} & beg leave to express our Acknow-
ledgements to you for your ready compliance with
our Request.

We have the Honor to be
Sir

Fort St. George
7th October 1780

Your most obedient,
humble Servants,
John Whitehill
R. Select Committee

To Mr. William Cuming
Chief of Council of
Cuddalore

Gentlemen

To Cuddalore. Sir
Caleb Pearson
appointed to the
Command.

the 11th Inst^{ts}.

We have received your Letter of

Altho' We highly disapprove
of Captⁿ Woodhouse's Conduct in writing a Letter
conceived in the Style of his to your Chief yet as We
have permitted that Gentleman to come to the
Presidency We shall for the present pass it over,
and have a speciality to your Recommendation.
^{appointed}

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7th appointed Lieut^t Caleb Pearson to the command
of Huddalore in his Room.

We now desire in case the
50 Barrels of Gun Powder, you sent to Wanduwash
shall have arrived there safe that you will
immediately dispatch 100 Barrels more by
the same Route.

We are
Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill & Co. Secy. Comm^d

Fort St George
7th October 1780

To Captⁿ Hugh Robt Alcock,

Commanding at Tanjore

Sir,

To Capt Alcock, re,
garding the
making up of
Tents.

Letter of the 27th Ult^o

We have received your

We approve of your having
sent the Tents you mention to Nagore, with res-
pect to those you propose making up for the
Officers & Sergeants of your Battalion. We wish
to be informed of the respective Price of each,
which if reasonable We shall gladly accept
of the Offer. Orders will be issued for the Payment
of the Scapoy Tents of your Battalion, delivered
to Colonel Boone.

We are

Sir Your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill & Co. Secy. Comm^d

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To Lieutth William Flint

Commanding at Wandiwash.

Sir,

We have received your letter

Wth Flint, approve

of his paying
the seaprops.

of the 1st Instth

We much approve of your

Conduct in paying the Seaprops & you have our
Permission to draw upon the Presidency, in
favor of Capt^l Lee for 680 Pag^{ts} and to appro-
priate that Sum in the manner you propose.
Your Bills will be duly honoured, on being
presented

We are,
Sir

Your most obedient servants,
John Whitehill
J^{cs} Select Committee.

Fort St. George,
7th October 1780.

To Mr. Humphry Skardon,
at

Pondichery

Sir,

To Mr. Skardon -

Mess^{rs} Cawron

Hugon, & Blin

Delgrincourt, orders

to the Presidency.

and Blin de Grincourt being now at Pon-
dichery, only by the Favor of our Permission
and not in consequence of any Right derived
from the Capitulation, We desire you will
acquaint them, that We have deemed it
expedient to withdraw the Permission before
given

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7th given them, and to require them to repair to the Presidency, which We expect they will do, by the Nancy Ketet, which is sent to Pondichery, to give them an opportunity of embarking with their Effects.

We are

Sir

Your most obed. Serv^{ts}

John Whitehill

J. Select Committee.

Mess^{rs} Smith and

Johnson this Day delivered in, the following joint Minutes.

We are of opinion that

Minutes of Mess^{rs}

Smith & Johnson -

are opinion the

Nancy Captain

Wiffenau, should

convey Dispatches

to the Court of Directors

to Lucas or Bafraah

the Nancy, Captain Wiffenau, cannot be employed

in any service more important, than in convey-

ing without loss of time our Dispatches

for the Honourable Court of Directors, to Buf-

sarah or Suez, which We think it is highly

probable may arrive in England in February,

before the Departure of the Fleet for India &

in this opinion We are supported by Colonel

Capper's Letter to the Committee, who performed

the Journey, in this very Season of the Year,

within five Months; - It is of the highest

Importance to the Company, that they have

the earliest advices of our Situation, should

the News of our Disaster reach England by

reports from Foreigners, it will be exaggerated,

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8th and not only effect the Company's Stock, but also have a great Effect upon the publick Funds, and thus materially impede the negociations for the Loan, to be raised by Government for the next Year; — these are Considerations of the highest Moment, independent of the consequences which may result from their not having advices in time, to send Succours so as to arrive here in August or September.

We therefore recommend this measure in the most earnest manner, which if not adopted may be considered as the greatest Inattention, not only to the Honourable Company's Interest, but also to the Interest of the British Nation

8th October 1780.

As it is confidently asserted that Colonel Russel (in the French Service,) has sailed from Pondichery, for the Mauritius, with an Account of Hyder Ally's Successes, — We are of opinion that this Circumstance, should be immediately communicated to Sir Edward Hughes, and his opinion required, as to the Expediency, of dispatching a Vessel

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8th in pursuit of Colonel Russel, whose Voyage
ought if possible to be prevented

The 8th October 1780

To the last of which
Minutes the President delivers in, the
following Reply.

Minute of the
President in reply
to the above.

The President observes
in reply to Mess^{rs} Smith and Johnson's Minute
that having communicated the Intelligence
therein mentioned, with the Proposal in consequence
to the Admiral; — he has been acquainted
by the Admiral in answer, that there
was no Probability whatsoever, that any
Ship dispatched by him at this time, with
out knowing the particular Course, which
Colonel Russell's Vessel had taken to go
to the Islands, would be able to fall in
with her before she had reached her des-
tined Port.

John Whitehill

At

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At a Select Committee Present,

Monday
the 9th

The Honble John Whitehill Esq^r Gov^r Doct

Charles Smith, Sir Hector Munro KB

Samuel Johnson

Minutes of last Committee

read & approved

Lieut^t Francis Maxwell,
having been appointed to recruit the 1st
Mara Battalion. — the Paymasters of
Saugore and Trichinopoly to be directed, to
furnish him, with such Money, as may
be necessary for that Service.

Read the following

Letter, from M^r Anthony Sadler.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President & Governor & Members

of the Select Committee

Honble Sirs Sirs

From M^r Sadler
regarding his
Suspension

When I gave in my Letter
of the 13th Sept^r to your Honble Board, I had reason
to hope that the Merits of that Address would
have undergone an immediate Discussion.

A Regard to Justice, & the Respect due to my
Station seemed to claim that attention, from you
nor can I suppose any thing could have prevented
it, but the melancholy intelligence, which arrived
about that Time, & of which I was uninformed
when

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when I penned the Letter in Question.

150 The Duty I owed to my Employers at Home in order to be again in the acknowledged Possession of that Station, to which by their Orders, I was called, & of which I was so causelessly & unconstitutionally divested, & to give me an opportunity of resuming a part in the Administration of Affairs at a Crisis which spoke its own Importance in the strongest light.

The Fatality which attended the operations of the last Campaign & which would have been in a great measure prevented, had my Advice been taken, has thrown the Affairs of this Presidency into most embarrassing State.

The more however our Difficulties have increased, the more I conceive myself bound to offer my Services to the Public, & to express my willingness to take upon myself a share of the public Responsibility.

The Reasons offered by Mr. Johnson in his Dissent to the Vote of Suspension, & which first urged me to write the Letter of the 13th Sept^r, are so full, and the general Tenor of my advice to the Board as a Member of Government, in that very Minute for which I was suspended has

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Has appeared in the event, to be so rational
that I will not suffer myself to entertain a
Doubt of your restoring me again to my Seat
at the Board whenever you shall think fit
to reconsider the Merits of my Situation
I have the Honor to be

Humble Sir or Mrs,

Your most obedient
most humble servant,
Anth. Sadleir

Fort St. George
7th October 1780

O W. Johnson then

Mr Johnson moves that Mr Sadleir's Suspension be
taken off, and Mr Smith seconds the Motion.

Seconded it
Sir Hector Munro

Against taking it off
observes that as Mr Sadleir mentions his
Letter of the 13th Ult^o not having been imme-
diately discussed at the Board, He begs leave
to remind the Committee that it was at the
particular Request of Mr Johnson who wished
to converse with Mr Sadleir on the subject of
that Letter, before it was taken into consideration

Mr Smith for the
President
The President
against it

For the Motion.
Sir no Reason for taking
off the Suspension.

Carried against the
Motion by the Presidents casting vote.

But

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But it is agreed, that

Carried against the
motion - All Papers
relating to Mr.
Ladle's Suspension
be sent to the Court
of Directors

all Papers &c relative to Mr. Ladle's Suspension
be referred to the Honorable Court of Directors
by the present Dispatch.

Read the following

Letter from Colonel Capper.

To the Honorable John Whitehill Esq^r.

President of the Select Committee

Gentlemen,

I am very sensibly concerned

From Col Capper
concerning the
Dispatches to be
sent to the Court
of Directors

that the Committee will not allow me to proceed
without Delay by the Way of Suez, to carry home
Dispatches to Government & the Court of Directors.
The principal objections against accepting of
my Proposal I understand to be.

That sufficient Reinforce-
ments are already on the Way, that Mr. Lewis who
is going to the Cape of Good Hope in the
Pymphe with Packets, with which he is to proceed
to Europe, on some other Ship, and that another
Express is to be sent by Buffora, which the
Committee think will be sufficient without
putting the Company to any further Expenses
and finally that the Nancy Ketch, the only
Vessel here, which can be spared at present
to go to Suez, must be detained to make
that Voyage in the Month of December.

Admitting

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Admitting that Government alarmed by the Equipments of the French in Europe have sent Reinforcements of Troops, in all Probability they are only proportioned to our supposed & not ^{to} our real Wants. I should humbly apprehend We cannot expect a sufficient Number to repair the Losses We have lately sustained, & to enable Us to resist the Attacks of two very formidable Enemies.

Voyages by Sea are so extremely uncertain & subject to so many accidents, that it is equally impossible for me to say how long Mr Lewis will be on the way, & for him to fix the time of his arrival in England, but to judge from known circumstances, I cannot say it strikes me he can go to the Cape, wait there for another Ship and hope to get home before the End of April at soonest. The Cormorant Sloop which carried home the news of the Capture of Pondichery went the whole way with the Packet, & never theless did not arrive in England before the End of March, but the Triumph may be lost as the Swallow was, or the Ship on which Mr Lewis embarks at the Cape of Good Hope may be taken before her arrival at her destined

Admiral at Port

Very few Remarks are necessary on the Packet going by the Way of Bupora; — It is first to be carried to Bombay

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Bombay, from thence in the Month of December to
Bussora, a Voyage of six Weeks, and from Bussora
to Europe is a Journey of at least three Months,
independent of the Quarantine which is an
indispensable Ceremony to be performed by every
Person going from any part of the Levant, to
Europe.

Should the French but
anticipate us one Month in sending home Intelli-
gence, & convey to Europe an exaggerated Account
of our late Misfortunes, it would occasion such
a fall in our Stocks, as to be little short of
national Bankruptcy, & reduce the State of
public Credit so low, that Government would
not be able to raise the Supplies for carrying
on the War. It is not, Gentlemen, to acquire
Reinforcements only for the Army & Navy, but
to quiet the Minds of thousands who for some
time at least will be afraid, that they are
reduced from a State of Affluence, to absolute
Poverty and to dispel the apprehensions of the
whole Nation, who for want of early official
Information must be ignorant of the Resources,
We have left and ^{consequently} give up this valuable Part
of the British Empire as lost.

I beg leave, Gentlemen
to submit to your Consideration, then self-denial
Further, & with the greatest Humility & Respect
to ask you, Whether the trifling additional
Expence

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Order an Indiaman to call here the latter end
of December, to carry our Dispatches to England
& they further think, they should be wanting
in their Duty, were they to omit any oppor-
tunity, at such a critical juncture of
giving Information to the Court of Directors &
they beg leave to acquaint the Committee
that Colonel Capper, has authorized them
to waive his Request, respecting the Nabob's
Bond.

Upon which Director
Munro informs the Committee, that Captain
Fraser who is returning to England, has
offered to take charge of the Company's
Packet.

The President's
Opinion

The President against
sending the Nancy to Sea, for the Reasons
urged by the General

Read the following
Letter from the Chief Council at Masulipatam
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq:
President & Governor
& Select Committee,

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs,

From Masulipatam
6 Comp. of Great
Leopards embarked
on the Pousborne
for the Presidency

We have received your
Commands of the 22^d and 26th Ultimo, and of the
9th 14th & 16th Instant.

Conformably

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Conformably to your orders
in your two last mentioned Letters, six Companies
of the Sepoy Grenadiers of this District are
preparing to embark upon the Ship Ponsborne
for the Presidency. The two remaining Companies
will be embarked on another Vessel which
We have taken up for that Purpose, — We
had urgent Reasons, ^{which} as well, We hope justify
the Deviation from your Orders, to dispatch
the Ponsborne without these two Companies
The bad Weather and the condition of the
Roads between this Place & Samulcotah
threatened a very considerable Delay in
their arrival here & We discovered not only
amongst the Grenadier Sepoys of this Place
but amongst those arrived from the two
other Battalions, a spirit of Discontent &
Dislike to the Voyage breaking out, — It
has indeed since proceeded to very dis-
agreeable Lengths & involved us in some
Difficulties which however have been
removed by the Influence & Address of
General Stuart, who has been engaged
in this matter, at our Request and by
the prudent conduct of Captain Heston —
the whole Transaction will be detailed
in our next Address to your Honor & ca —
the apprehension of new Trouble if We

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We detained the six Companies for the arrival of the remaining two, together with the consideration of the expediency of the Pemborne's speedy Departure, upon other Accounts determined Us, to dispatch her without them. The Captains of the several Battalions have been directed to use all possible Diligence to recruit Sepoys, to supply the Deficiency, which will be thereby occasion'd in them.

We have been obliged to lodge the last Quantity of Powder (1320 Barrels) forwarded hither, in a Place out of the Fort there being no Place of Safety within to receive it, — moreover the Quantity We have already of this article in the Fort it is not lodged so securely than We could Wish or than it ought to be. being exposed by its situation in the Bomb Proof, of one of the Bastions, both to Damp & to the danger of Explosion, should this Place come to be attacked. We have found, since We addressed your Honor for last on this subject that the Bomb Proof of the other Bastions are too damp for the Purpose of lodging Powder therein and We have therefore, as in case of evident necessity, given orders for the constructing of a Magazine to contain 1500 Barrels the Expence of which will 'not exceed' that of the one We 'lately proposed

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prepared for 1000 Barrels, more than 8 or 900
Pagodas. — This Magazine cannot be finished
under some months, and when it is will not
enable us properly to dispose of all the
Powder now here. We submit it therefore to
your Honor^y what to determine with
respect to the Quantity of this article. We
have in hand, which for want of a Place
of security, wherein to lodge it, may if left
where it is, (and we can put it nowhere
better, or even so well,) possibly become a heavy
loss.

The Storekeeper has
represented to Us, that the Barrels, in which
the Powder lately sent to this Place arrived,
are in so bad Condition, that the Powder
must be taken out, to have the Barrels
repaired, further that many of these Barrels
are unrepairable upon this account, a
quantity of new Barrels will be wanted
not less than 1000. The Storekeeper has also
represented, that he is distressed to
get Work of the above kind done, having
only one Cooper in Bay, and no more being
procurable here, this has been before noticed
to your Honor^y and We must now more
particularly entreat your Attention to it.

Ours

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Our Inspector of Stores
(Lieut. William Leybourne Lloyd) being under
that Capacity, in General Orders, to repair to
the Presidency, We have judged it necessary,
for the Reasons hereafter assigned, to require
of him to continue in his office at this Place
for the present, and untill your further
Pleasure may be known. These Reasons are
First That to preserve the various articles
of Military Stores, which are lodged in
this Garrison to a very large Amount and
particularly Gun Powder, free from Damage,
and in proper order, it is absolutely necessary
an Officer of Artillery, should be upon the
Spot to superintend the same and to conduct
the Business of Laboratory.

Secondly, That such a Person is now more
particularly wanted, when by your orders, a
Corps of Lascars (in number one Hundred)
are training to the Exercise of the Guns, &
when the Condition of nearly half the Powder
in the Garrison is such that it will be
necessary to avail ourselves of the first oppor-
tunity of fair Weather, to get it dried and
examined.

Thirdly & Lastly. We are of opinion that ^{at} the
present Juncture, it would be highly improper
to leave a Garrison of this Importance ^{without}

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without one Officer of Artillery, and with only four or five private of that Corps, We humbly presume that it is scarcely possible, We should have done amiss, in requiring Lieut. Lloyd upon these Grounds, to remain here, & for the present, particularly as an opportunity may probably offer, after the time within which We may hope to receive your final Determination in this matter, for him (Lieut. Lloyd) to proceed to the Southward, should that be resolved on.

M. Barnard has tendered to Us twelve Officers Tents and eighteen Sepoy Tents, both sorts complete which he has received from the Agent of the late M^r. Cadogan, it having been requested by M^r. Cadogan that M^r. Barnard would take charge of them until further Instructions from him (M^r. Cadogan). M^r. Barnard offered these Tents at the Price Tents of the same kind, have been heretofore charged, by M^r. Cadogan, in his Disbursements; or should not M^r. Cadogan at any time, have charged for such articles. M. Barnard then offers them at that Price, they have usually been charged by other Paymasters, the Amount to be paid by your Honor^y to the Executors or Adminis^{trators}, of the aforesaid M^r. Cadogan. As We are of opinion, the Service to the ^{Southward}

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Southward may stand in need of a supply of Seats at this time. We have thought it expedient to receive these Seats on account of your Honor's ^{copy} from Mr. Barnard on the Terms he has proposed. They go accordingly upon the Ponsborne & We have given a Receipt for the same to Mr. Barnard, & engaged ourselves, that your Honor's will make good the Amount, as soon as as it can be settled to the aforesaid Executors or Administrators of the late Mr. Cadogan.

We have the Pleasure to inform you, that the two Companies of Grenadier Sepoys of the 7th Circular Battalion arrived just as We were on the Point of dispatching this Letter, & they now proceeded also on the Ponsborne.

We shall avail ourselves of the Sloop, taken up as a Transport for these two Companies, to get such part of Lieutenant Douglas's Detachment conveyed to the Presidency, as may be conveniently embarked on her, and We shall write Lieutenant Douglas that they may go on Board at this Port, or some where near to Ongole whichever shall be most convenient.

We

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We are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs,

Your most obedient
humble servants,

Edward Cottford

James Hodges

John Peter Bouleau

Tho^s Barnard

Alex^r Pringle

Masulipatam
2^d October 1780.

Minute on the
above —

The Committee approve
of the Gentlemen at Masulipatam, having
dispatched the Ponsborne without the two
remaining Companies of Sepoys & are sorry to
find that any Discontent should have
appeared amongst the Sepoys, at unbarking
for so short a time. — As they represent the
Expediency of enlarging the ^{magazine} Magazine they
have our Permission so to do but are on no
account to exceed the Sum of 900 Pagodas —
The Committee will order a Cooper to Masulipatam
if one can be spared. — The Tents mentioned
above, will be received, and Orders sent to the
Military Storekeeper to settle with Mr. Cadogan's
Administrators — Read

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Read the following Letter
from the Resident of Ganjam.
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

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

Honble Sir Sirs, I had the Honor to
address you, under Date 27th Ultimo.

From Ganjam with
Intelligence.

I am still out an un-
certainty respecting the Destination of the Army
in my neighbourhood, under the Command
of Chemungee Boosla. The main Body
remain in the same Cantonments about
Lutack. In the beginning of next Month
is their Grand Festival and when this is
over, I hear it is customary for them to
move a little way, if they should even return
again to the same Place.

About a Year ago died
the Jemaudar of Codjung, a strong Fort
situated upon an Island near Point Salmyras
who was succeeded by his Son, the present
Jemaudar, Chemungee Boosla made a demand
of his annual Tribute, but not getting the
Satisfaction he expected, has lately sent a
strong Party to enforce his Claims.

Banapour is a Zemindary
tributary to the Mahrattas, & borders upon this

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this District, being within thirty miles of
Gangam, the Rajah is said to be insane &
in consequence his Son some time ago assumed
the Management of Affairs - Since Chemnagoe
Boorda came to Suback, he displaced & confined
the Son, restoring the Rajah to the nominal
Power - whom he also detains. The old Rajah's
People were put in Office but Chemnagoe hearing
there is considerable Property in the Fort of
Tapanagar has lately sent a Force to reduce the
Place which is now blockaded but as Tapanagar
is in a strong Situation about eight miles
north of Banapour it may hold out a consi-
derable time. The Rajah of Banapour has
always been reckoned the first in Rank among
the Northern Zemindars, this I hear makes
Sikheram Raut, ambitious of getting possession
of this Zemindary, for which it is reported
he has made considerable Offers to the
Mahratta Government. The Country still
remaining with the Rajah is said to be
worth one Lack of Rupees annually, but what
makes it of more Consequence to our
Government is, that there is a good Road
leading thro' the Banapour Country
directly into this District.

I have Intelligence from
Harcarrah that Chemnagoe Boorda has
declared if the present Force does not reduce

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reduce Topanpur, he means to attack it himself
after the Dostary Feast, which is now at
Hand. The Mahrattas no doubt have a
Right to reduce & call to account their
own Tributaries, but an armed Force being
employed in this neighbourhood, may give
rise to Intrigues with our Semindars, and
occasion many Inconveniences. I attribute
my not having any further Correspondence
with the Naib at Cuttack or Chemnagoe
Boosla himself, to Captain Baillie having
been sent hither on Behalf of the Bengal
Government, nevertheless I think it necessary
to represent these Circumstances that
your Honor you may give such Instructions
as you think proper.

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your very obedient
Humble Servant,

John Loring

Ganjam
25th Sept 1780.

Read the following letter

from M^r. Terence Gahagan
To the Honble the President & Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having in the general
Loss of Baggage & my own in particular (on
the

From M^r. Gahagan
requesting to be re-
imbursed for the
Loss of a Medicine
Chest & a Case of
Instruments

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the 11th of last Month lost a complete Camp
Mahogany Medicine Chest & a set of Capital
Instruments both which I brought out with me
from England, & which I made use of on account
of the Honourable Company. I beg leave to
lay the same before your Honors, hoping you
will take the Case into Consideration, and
order ^{me} to be reimbursed for the Chest and
Instruments an Indulgence which has ^{been} usually
granted to professional Men, whenever they
have been at the Point to collect such Things
as might be useful & necessary on the public
Service.

I have the Honor to
subscribe myself with the utmost Respect
Your Honble Sir

Fort St. George,
Oct. the 1780

Your most obedient
& devoted humble servant
J. Gahagan
Surgeon

I beg leave further
to observe to the Honorable the Select Committee
that the Medicine Chest cost — Pay 130
& the Capital Instruments — 60
Total Pay 190

Ordered that Copy
of the above be sent to the Surgeon General
desiring his opinion regarding the Pri-
ority of the Charge — Read

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Read the following Letters
To the Honorable John Whitehill Esq^r
President & Governor
of the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From M^r. Kinchant

requesting to be
appointed Resident
at Tranquebar.

As I am given to under-
stand that a Resident will be appointed
to Tranquebar and having had the Honor
of filling that appointment during the
time the Troops were before Pondichery,
I flatter myself the Board will not
think unreasonable my requesting to
be reappointed to that Station, where I
shall use my utmost Endeavours to give
them every Satisfaction, that lies in my
Power.

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Madras
6th Oct^r 1780.

Your most obedient
humble Servant.

R. Kinchant

The Honorable John Whitehill Esq^r
President of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Col. Langlands
a Reinforcement
into Arcot.

I have been honoured
with your Commands of the 10th - only yesterday
to

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to send a reinforcement to Arcott - this I did the 17th at
Night & the 18th in the Morning a part of Hyder
Ali's Army surrounded that Place again & in
a few Days the whole of it, returned there, &
from that time I have not had a Man from
Capt. Prendergast but one, who was sent with
a Letter to me & was taken & had his Cars cut
off & sent to me. - The Reinforcement I sent got
safe in but I have not got the fourteen sick
which I formerly mention'd were to come here
nor thirty Sepoys that went to escort
the Sick up here, - so that Arcott is re,
inforced with forty four Men more than
I intended, & I must beg leave to observe
that no more than what already been
detached ought to be sent from this Garrison

Hyder Ally has
erected several Batteries at Arcott &
report says he has opened some of them on
the East side but from the best information
there is none of them nearer than an
English Mile. - he has had a Reinforcement
of eight thousand Horse within these few
Days, - five thousand under the command of
Mier Saib by the Darnelshery Coast and
three thousand by the Changanah Coast,
from the Nabob of Savinore.

Two Hundred and forty
seven Europeans and seventeen Officers have
been

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been sent to Seringapatam. I had People
with them as far as Coverypatam, who
assure me they are extremely well treated.
Colonel Baillie with some more Officers, are
at Arcott with Hyder.

I have the Honor to be,
with all due Respect

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your very obedient
and devoted servant,

Ross Lang.

Vellore
11th October 1781

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.
President of Select Committee

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having received Informa-
tion that a correspondence is carried on
between the Government of Tranquebar & Hyder
Ally & Nackeels have passed I think my
Duty to inform you Report says Hyder has
demanded a loan of Money from them that
they have consented, of this I am certain their
Government have come to a very sudden Resolution
of drawing on the Royal Council of Commerce at
Copenhagen. Monthly Returns of Troops & stores,
I shall to Nagore to be forwarded from thence
by sea. I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs, Your respectful & most
obedient servant, Read
R. A. M. Cock.

Raynore
30th Sept 1780

send!

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Read the following

Letter from Sir Edward Hughes.

John Whitehill Esq^r

President & Governor & Select Committee
Fort St. George.

Sir and Gentlemen

From Sir Edward Hughes
recommends Mr.
Mackintosh to
be Resident at
Tranquebar

Mr. Edward Mackintosh

having signified to me his Desire to serve
as a Resident on behalf of the Company at
the Danish Settlement of Tranquebar, I think
it is doing him an act of Justice to assure
you that he was of great Service to His
Majesty's Squadron, when last at that Port,
that he was particularly attentive to the
Commanders & Officers of His Majesty's Ships
when on Shore there, & that he procured for me
when off Negapatam, exact & clear Intelligence from
the two last arrived Danish Ships, of all that
had occurred to them during their Voyage
outwardbound & at the Cape of Good Hope,
therefore take the Liberty to recommend him
to you, as a proper Person to be employed as
a Resident at Tranquebar for the Purpose of
collecting Intelligence there, & corresponding
with the Government here.

I am with great Regard

Sir & Gentlemen

Superb in Madras Road
the 9th Oct. 1780.

Your most obed^t. & humble Serv^t.
Edw^d Hughes.

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As the Comm^{rs} wish
to show every attention to a Recommendation from
the Admiral & being convinced of the Propriety
of having a Resident at Tranquebar, W. Edw.
M. Kinloch is accordingly appointed, with an
Allowance of 100 P^{as} p^m Month

Read the following Letter from Colonel Edw James
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
President & Governor, & Council,
Fort St George

From Col. James
concerning his
Debt with the
Nabob.

Honble Sir, & Sirs,
Nothing but the most
urgent Necessity would induce me to trouble
you at a Time, when I am sensible You are
employed in Business of the utmost Consequence
but I hope this & the singularity of my case
will plead my Excuse.

Notwithstanding, you have
been pleased to recommend to His Highness the
Nabob, payment of my Demand on him, as
stated to your Honor & on the 14th April 1778
I have not received the least Satisfaction from
him, two Years incessant application has been
of no effect; — my Health is so materially injured
by 24 Years service that there are no Hopes
of my Recovery, but by change of Climate & yet
I cannot embark as I have not the means
of subsistence except I recover this Debt

It

injured

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It is almost superfluous to mention to you who are so well acquainted with all particulars that His Highness is bound by every tie of Honor & Gratitude, to discharge this Debt as the Money was advanced, with the concurrence of your Honorable Board & at His earnest Request to prevent not only a Wasting but the Lives of his Officers

As this advance was made by the orders of my Superiors and under such particular circumstances, I humbly request that you will be pleased to take this matter into consideration and to take such Security from His Highness, that you may be enabled to satisfy me, for my Demand which originated under sanction of Government.

As Security for my Property is my primary Consideration in this Transaction I beg leave to propose that the Honorable Company's Bond be granted to me payable at such Period as you may judge proper.

I earnestly request that you will be pleased to have this Business speedily adjusted & you will confer a lasting obligation on

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient
& most humble Servant,

C. James

Agreed

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Copy of the above
to be sent to the
Nabob

Agreed that a Copy of the
above be sent to the Nabob, requesting him
in the strongest manner to consider on the
Nature of Colonel James's Claim & the urgency
of its being soon satisfied, and as the Committee
are well convinced of the Hardship of Colonel
James's Case, they will on Receipt of the Nabob's
Answer, come to some Determination thereon.

Read the following

Letter from Mr. Agilvie.
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r.

President & Governor &c &c &c
and Select Committee &c

Honble Sirs

From Mr. Agilvie

I did myself the Honor
to address the Committee the 24th Ultimo,
acquainting your Honors &c. of my having
received part of the Orders on the Sarcars
at Arcot, the Remainder I received as soon
as Hyder moved from that Place—
Since then I received an Order from the
Nabob on his Kellidar here for Pag^{rs} 14,000,
of which I have only received Star Pag^{rs} 2000
& Porto Novo Pagodas 5500 which he
assured me was all the Money he had
got, altho' I have great reason to believe
he deceives me, the Porto Novo Pagodas
are useless, as Star Pagodas are only paid
in this part of the Country, nor can I
exchange them, but at an immense loss,
which

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which I shall be obliged to do, if some means
is not fallen on to supply me by the beginning
of next Month, the Balance of Cash in my
Hands, at present is very small, that I
reserve for the Europeans, who must be punctually
paid, I have not only expended every Pagoda
belonging to myself, but have borrowed, while
I could get a Rupee & still I am indebted
to the Bullock People who are constantly
teasing me for Money. In case I do not
soon receive a positive order as the Kellidar
here to supply me with Cash I shall be
under the necessity of issuing the Porto
Novo Pagodas at whatever Price the
Buzar People will take them.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
with great Respect

Your most obedient
very humble servant.

Thos. C. Ogilvie
Seynt.

Vellore

24th September 1780.

The President is re-
quested to apply to the Nabob to give
positive orders to his Kellidar at
Vellore to discharge the Orders, in favor
of Mr. Ogilvie and for the present he is
to make use of the Porto Novo Pagodas
to the best advantage possible Sir

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Sir Hector Munro delivers
in the following Minute.

Minute of Gen.^l
Munro concerning
the loss of the
Troops with
Colonel Baillie

In my Minute of the
6th Inst^t I reserved to myself Permission to
write an Answer to one part of Mess^{rs}
Smith & Johnson's Minute of the 1st of this
Month when I could ascertain the Strength
of Colonel Fletcher's Detachment.

Mess^{rs} Smith & Johnson
are pleased to say 4000 Sepoys and 600
Europeans were lost to the Service by the
unfortunate Disaster which happened to
Lieut^t Colonel Baillie's Detachment.

The native Sepoys of
Lieut^t Colonel Baillie's Detachment were
2606 of Lieut^t Colonel Fletcher's 706;—
Lieut^t Colonel Baillie's Europeans Non
Commissioned Rank and File 207 Lieut^t
Colonel Fletcher's 301 making in all of
Sepoys 3312 and of Europeans 508.

It is to be hoped the
one half of these will not be ultimately
lost to the Service as by all Reports, as
yet received, there are between two and
three Hundred Europeans exclusive of
Officers Prisoners with Hyder, & about 1000
Sepoys besides that there are near that number
of Sepoys come into different Forts in the
Carnatic, & more are daily coming in.

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9th Oct. 1780

Mess^{rs}

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Mess^{rs} Smith and
Johnson now deliver in the following Minute

Minute of Mess^{rs}
Smith & Johnson
regarding Conaga
Suba Pillah.

When We perused
the President's Minute of the 2^d Inst^t the
Rajah of Tanjore's Representation of the
Frauds and treacherous Behaviour of
Conaga Suba Pillah so sensibly affected
us, that We proposed at next Committee
to have his Person instantly secured
in order that he might not escape
before the Complaints made against
him by the Rajah were thoroughly
investigated. But this was opposed by
the President and Commander in
Chief because the former asserted that
he had granted his Cowle to him.

Such a Precedent for
granting Protection to a Man of notorious
bad Character cannot be passed
over without Remark and is rendered
more dangerous by the President's
being acquainted with his Guilt before
he granted the Cowle.

The President knew
that Sir Thomas Rumbold had brought
this Man although branded as a
public Defaulter and perfidious
Traitor from Negapatam and ineffec-
tually used every means in his
Power to reinstate him with the Rajah.

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Sir Thomas's motives for such an extraordinary Conduct, are so generally known, that the President must have heard of them.

We will not expatiate on the Consequences, which must result from granting Cowles to Men, who are accused by their own Masters of enormous Villanies, and the greatest Treachery, Backness and Ingratitude; — they are too obvious to need Elucidation, but in this particular they are rendered more conspicuous, by being committed against a Prince, whom We are ordered to protect in all his just rights, and privileges; — when his Servants see that they have nothing to apprehend, if they can but fly to it appears to us an Encouragement, for their committing every species of Villany and that the Government here subject themselves to the severest Censure, therefore We think it our Duty to use our Endeavours for preventing in future such Abuses of Power, for We think no Precedent or Example can justify such Measures, & therefore beg leave to take the Sense of the Board, on this important Subject by moving, "That no Cowles in future be granted by the President, without his previously laying

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laying before the Select Committee, or Council
the Reasons on which the application
is founded, & obtaining their Concurrence
to the Measure."

9th October 1780.

Circulator Smith

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Secretary is ordered
to prepare Duplicates of the present
Dispatches, to go by Mr. Petrie via Ryeport.

Circulator Smith

Sam: Johnson

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10th Wrote the following Letter.

To Lieut. George Mackay

Commanding at
Chingleput.

Sir

To Lieut. Mackay
to send the recovered
Europeans from
Chingleput.

We have received your
Letter, without Date advising us that
the greatest Part of the Europeans left
at Chingleput are recovered.

As it would require
many Days at this Season to bring up these
People by Sea and as We understand the
Road between Chingleput and Madras
is at present free from the Enemy's Horse
We would have all the recovered
Europeans with the Company of Sepoys
for the 17th Battalion march the Evening
after you receive this towards Madras
halting during the next Day in the Pollam
half way and marching at Night
so as to arrive in the Camp at Marmelong
before Daybreak the next Day.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient servants
John Whitehill

&c. Select Committee

Wrote

Fort St. George
10th October 1780.

1700 Fort St. George October 1780.

We wrote the following Letters.

To Colonel Ross Lang

Commanding at
Vellore.

Sir

To Col. Lang - to
endeavor to make
Hyder's Europeans
Desert -

Letter of the 5th Instth.

We have received your

We desire that the ~~Murder~~
who is come to you from Hyder Ally may
be allowed to dispose of his Horse to the
best advantage and for his own Benefit,
and to his Arms. We would have you
take them into the Company's Store,
paying him a reasonable Consideration
for them.

As your Situation will
give you the best opportunity of bringing
off the Europeans in Hyder's Camp, We
desire you will take such Measures
as you shall upon Enquiry find most
likely to succeed, & in particular they may
be assured that such as come off with
Horses & Arms, shall have the Value paid
for them with a pecuniary Reward & be
taken into our Service or provided with
Passages to Europe, as they shall themselves
choose. Perhaps the German who is now
with you, may be of use in this Business.

Fort St. George
11th Octr. 1780.

We are, Sir, Your most obed^t Serv^t
John Whitehill & Co. Sec^y

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11th

To Mr Duncan Andrew Baine

Paymaster, at
Tanjore.

Sir,

Mr Baine, to

supply Lieut Marmel
with Money for
recruiting —

The President and

Select Committee having appointed Lt Marmel
to recruit the 1st Carn. Battⁿ of Sepoy, I am directed
to desire you will pay the usual Bounty to
such Recruits, as he may raise in the Tanjore District.

I am, Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Chas^r Bacheley Secy

Fort St George

11th Oct 1780.

The same to Mr Palk Paym^r at Trichinopoly.

To Anthony Sadleir Esq^r

Sir,

I am directed by the President

Mr Sadleir —

that proceedings
relative to his
Suspension to be
sent home.

and Select Committee, to acknowledge
the Receipt of your letters of the 13th ult^o
and 7th inst^o and to acquaint you they
have come to no other Resolution on them,
than to transmit them with the Proceedings
relative to your Suspension from the Service
in the Packet to the Court of Directors by the
next ship.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Chas^r Bacheley Secy
To

Fort St George

11th October 1780.

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To Lieut^{17th} George Mackay Commanding Chingleput.

Sir,

I am directed by the President & Select Committee, to acquaint you that as they understand there is a considerable Body of Hyder's Horse between Chingleput & the Mount, - In case the recovered Europeans have not yet marched to join the Army, they would not have their move, till further Orders. I am

Sir, Your most obedient Servant
Chas. Berkeley Secy

Fort St George
11th Oct. 1780.

To Mr Thomas Ogilvie

Paymaster at Vellore

Sir,

To Mr Ogilvie about
a supply of Money.

24th M^o

We have received your Letter of the

The Nabob will be applied to, to give positive Orders to his Kiledar at Vellore to discharge the orders on him, in your Favor, & for the present We would have you make Use of the 5500 Portoboro Bag^s you have received, to the best advantage possible, for the Disbursements of your Garrison We are

Fort St George
11th October 1780.

Sir, Your most obed^t Servant
John Whitehill
Secy Select Committee

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Fort St. George 12th October 1780.

To Mess^{rs} Blumer Storey & Welch.

Gentlemen

To Mess^{rs} Blumer,
Storey & Welch.

I am directed by the
President & Select Committee to desire you will
permit Lieut. Young, of the Cavalry, to take
from among the Horses, which have
been sent in to you, a sufficient Number
to complete the European Troop, & that he
may choose such as he thinks proper for the
purpose.

I am Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t Servant
Chas^r Oakeley Esq

Fort St. George
11th October 1780.

Thursday
the 12th

At a Select Committee Present
The Honorable John Whitcomb Esq. Pres^t. Gov^r
Charles Smith, Sir Hector Munro K.B.

Mr. Johnson indisposed
Minutes of last Committee

read and approved.

The Commander in

Chief delivers in the following Minute.

Gen. Munro's Minute
The Europeans to be
allowed half
mounting & the
Sepoys to be fur-
nished by the Company
wth tents & to provide
their own Slop.

Sir Hector Munro — The Losses unavoidably
sustained by the Europeans on the March
from Conjeeveram to Chingleput the 10th
Ultimo, have so impoverished their Stock
of Necessaries, as to render the Inconvenience
they lie under on that account deserving
of a Mention of the Committee. I therefore
propose that one complete Set of

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of Half Mounting be given to each of the Non-commissioned Officers & private Europeans who were on that Service, which according to a Calculation made for that purpose will be attended with but a small Expence

And the better to enable the Sepoys to support their Wives & Families when absent in the Field on Service I could wish to see the Pay of that useful Body, freed from as many Deductions as possible. They have hitherto found themselves in Tents, which have often been pitched when there was a Deficiency of Barracks to their great Detriment & Loss, which has frequently occasioned Murmurs amongst them.

I therefore recommend it to the Consideration of the Committee that in future the Tents for the Sepoys be furnished at the Expence of the Company;— And as a further Relief to the Sepoys now in the Service & the more to incline Men to enlist at a time we so much want Recruits I propose that in future the Sepoys be allowed to provide themselves with Shops instead of an Agent being employed for that purpose as they can furnish themselves equally well for half ^{what they at} ~~what they at~~ present are charged ^{for them} ~~for them~~ for that article

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To Messrs Blumer Storey & Welch

Gentlemen

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Storey & Welch.

I am directed by the President & Select Committee to desire you will permit Lieut. Young, of the Cavalry, to take from among the Horses, which have been sent in to you, a sufficient Number to complete the European Troop, & that he may choose such as he thinks proper for the purpose.

I am Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t Servant
Chas Oakeley Perry

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article be immediately paid them in Cash
To deliver out Stores to the Sepoy at this late
Day, would be only encumbering him with
a Commodity, he has already been at the
Expence of finding himself in, these two Years
past, — It will therefore be but just and
reasonable to pay him the Money, that
has so long been kept from him, — and
these well-timed Encouragements with
no Doubt have their due Effects, not only
on the appearance, but the Minds of the Soldiers.

But as the Recruit will have
no Means of providing himself with a
Stock of Necessaries, and as a further
Inducement for him to enter into the
Service, I am of opinion, that the present
enlisting Money for Recruits, shall be
increased to one Pagoda each, — which
Pagoda, the Subidar of the Company, will
see appropriated to the above Purpose.

Fort George,
12th Oct. 1780.

N.B.

I hope the Committee
will take into their consideration the
Losses, that Lt. Colonel Baillie's Detachment
must have sustained in the action of the
10th Sept. last, this I earnestly recommend
should be done, whenever they are released
or exchanged

H. M.

Resolved

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Granted

Resolved in consequence of the Report of and at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that the Non Commissioned Officers and private Europeans, who were on the March from Conjeveram to Chingleput on the 11th Ult^o. be allowed a complete Set of Half Moun-
ting at the Company's Expence.

Sepoys to provide
their own Slops.

Resolved also that the Sepoys be allowed in future to provide themselves with Slops, instead of an Agents' being employed for that purpose, as the Commander in Chief represents, that they can furnish them-
selves equally well for half the Price they are now charged for them, and that the Arrears due to them on that article, be immediately paid them.

Recruiting Money
for Sepoys to be
increased to
one Pagoda.

Resolved likewise in consequence of the Commander in Chief's Recommendation that the present enlisting Money for Sepoy Recruits be increased to one Pagoda each for the Purposes mentioned by the General. &

Read the following
Letter from Ensign Fisher.

To

1707. Fort S. George 12th October 1780.
To the Honble John Whithill Esq^r
President of Select Committee

of Fort S. George,
Honble Sir & Sirs,

Ensign Fisher,
requests to resign
the Service

Urgent Occasions
obliging me, I am to request the Favor of
your Permission to resign the Honorable
Companys Service

I am

Honble Sirs Sirs,
with great Respect,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Tho^s Fisher.

Camp near Maracelonj
Oct. 11th 1780.

Granted

Agreed, that Ensign
Fisher be permitted to resign the Service
agreeably to his Request

Read the following

Letter from Colonel Lang.

To the Honble John Whithill Esq^r

President of Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Col. Lang
with Intelligence —

I have had the Honor
to address you the 1st and since that I have
had several People, in from Hyder Ally's camp,
who inform me that he is making Batteries
round Arcott, but is retarded very much by
the Cannon & Mortars from the Fort they
keep up a very brisk Fire on the Enemy. On
the 2^d the Enemy opened a Battery of four

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four Guns on the East side of Arcot, and yesterday Morning a Shot from the Fort disabled one of them on which they shut it up. — Accounts differ about the Size of the Guns, some say they were but small Field Pieces however all Accounts agree that the Enemy's Batteries are at so great a Distance, that they cannot do any great Injury to the Fort.

This Morning an European Deserter, a Muzzar belonging to Lally's Corps, came in here with his Horse — I request to know, what is to be done with him, whether the Honorable Company will take the Horse & his Arms, or whether he may have Permission to sell them to the highest Bidder — A Number of Europeans would come off, had they an opportunity & encouragement given them, in particular the Germans.

I have the Honor to be,
with all due Respect

Yours^h Sir

Your very obedient
and devoted Servant,

Robt Lang

Resolved to acquaint
Colonel Lang, that the Muzzar Deserter
from

Vellore
5th Oct 1780.

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From Hyder Ally has our Permission, to dispose of his Horse for his own Emolument; — Agreed also to desire the Colonel will use his Endeavors to bring off more Deserters from Hyder, by such Promises of Reward as may appear to him reasonable & proper.

Report of the Assistant
Genl. on the Conduct
of Ensign Goodwin

The Commander in Chief
delivers in the following of the Assistant General
on the Conduct of Ensign Goodwin.
(Copy Letter from Ensign Goodwin)

Report

No 1

Sir,

I should have waited
on you this Morning, in consequence of the
Order, I received yesterday, & beg leave to inform
you, that it is impossible for me, to attend in
my present Situation, being so ill, that I cannot
go abroad.

Sir,

I am,
Your most obed^t Serv^t.
(Signed) R. Goodwin

22^d August 1780.

Colonel Malcolm

No 2. (Copy Letter to Ensign Goodwin)

Sir,

I have been favoured with
your Letter of Apology, for not calling a true Office,
agreeably to the orders sent to you & am directed
to desire you to signify to me, the name of
the Surgeon, who has attended you, since
your arrival at Madras and to acquaint
you that if it is still inconvenient to you
to comply with the repeated orders
(sent

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sent to you that your Conduct will be reported
to & come under the Consideration of the
Honorable the President & Select Committee.

I am, Sir,

(signed) Henry Malcolm

Adj. Genl.

23rd Aug. 1780

No. 3

(Copy of a letter from Insign Goodwin)

Sir,

I have never received
any orders you mention, you have sent me,
and as to the Name of the Surgeon who
attended me, I have not had any Surgeon
since my arrival here & as I came ^{sick} from
Trichinopoly to this Place & was attended
then by the Doctors Duffin & Gahagan.

I am,

Sir, Your most obedt Servt.

(signed) R. Goodwin

23rd August 1780

Colonel Malcolm

No. 4

(Copy letter to Insign Goodwin)

Sir,

I have presented your letter
of yesterday to the Commr. in Chief, & am now
directed to signify to you his orders that you
are immediately on receipt of this to attend
at my Office in the Fort. The Bearer is di-
rected to conduct you to my Office or to any
other Place in the Fort where I may be at the
time of your arrival there. I am, Sir,

(signed) Henry Malcolm

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N.B.

In consequence of the last letter ~~no~~ 4 from the Adjutant General, Ensign Goodwin came to the Fort and was presented to the Commander in Chief, when he acknowledged his Error, in having denied the Receipt of Orders sent him. He then laid it in his option to do Garrison, Duty, or to join the Army encamped at the Mount. He preferred the latter, and assured the General, he would join immediately.

The Adjutant General reports that Ensign Goodwin, has neither joined the Army, nor assigned any cause for his Conduct; He is informed, that Ensign Goodwin continues to live in the Black Town, in the same Style as formerly reported.

Henry Malcolm
Adj. Gen.

Dismissed,
the Service

Resolved in consequence of the foregoing Report that Ensign Goodwin be dismissed the Service.

Mr. Lewin allowed
200 Pag. P. Month.

The Committee taking into Consideration what Allowance should be made to Mr. Richard Lewin, who was appointed in committee of the 2^d Inst. to be the Company's Resident at the Cape of Good Hope. it is Resolved that his Salary be fixed, at 200 Pagodas P. Month. The

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The President delivers

in the following Minute

Minute of the
President relative
to Conaga Suba Pillah

I am against the motion
proposed by Messrs Smith and Johnson at the
Conclusion of their joint Minute of the 9th
Inst.

Because it is subversive
of a Mode which has been established and
confirmed by the Practice of a great many
Years for conducting that particular Branch
of Government which is vested in the Governor
only, & which has been invariably trans-
mitted from each Governor to his Successor
ever since the origin of the Company's
Political Interests in India.

Because it does not
appear to me, from any circumstance or
Argument stated by Messrs Smith & Johnson,
that there is the least necessity for making
so considerable an Alteration in the Mode
of conducting the Company's Affairs under
this Presidency. I neither profess myself for
this occasion to be the Advocate of Sir Thomas
Rumbold or of Conaga Suba Pillah, but it is
my Duty to vindicate my own Conduct, & I do
not conceive that any Imputation can
reasonably be laid against it by Messrs
Smith & Johnson, for my having granted
a Poole to Conaga Suba Pillah since Mr.
Smith never testified in Sir Thomas Rumbold's
time

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time the smallest Repugnance to the same manner, when adopted by him. — And as no new Cause of Crimination had appeared against Conaga Suba Pillah, at the time, of my granting the said Cowle, I was surely justifiable in supposing that Mr. Smith, at least, for the sake of an appearance of Consistency, would have continued to express the same Degree of Approbation, as he had done, upon a former similar Occasion.

Because the Grounds upon which these Gentlemen have introduced the Motion in question appear to have arisen, merely from the Supposition of my being acquainted with Facts, which had they been proved to these Gentlemen themselves, it is very probable, I might have been a Stranger to, but which in Reality neither had come to my knowledge, nor do they appear to have been since ascertained by any proper Evidence, even to the Conviction of Messrs. Smith and Johnson. The Facts I allude to, are the Guilt of Conaga Suba Pillah, & the Motives of Sir Thomas Rumbold, as being so extraordinary. Grounds therefore apparently, so frivolous, are highly insufficient in my opinion, to authorize so important a change in the System of Administration, as that of taking from the President the Power of entering by his own Discretion, into such Conferences or Intercourse of

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justified

induct
by Messrs
Johnson

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of the most secret Nature, as may appear to
him, essential to the Company's Advancement
and Welfare.

Because the long es-
tablished Privileges and Authorities annexed
to the Station of President of the Council
and Governor of Fort St. George, form part of
the Company's Political Constitution and
unalienable by any Power, except that of
the Honorable the Court of Directors.

all/ Because numerous
Inconveniences, and even serious Evils may
be expected to arise, if the Authority of the
Governor, were during the present alarming
Crisis to undergo an Abrogation of so
considerable an Extent. Hitherto the Detail
of Intercourse with the Country Powers,
has been uniformly entrusted to the President
were the Motion of Mess^{rs} Smith & Johnson,
to take Effect, such Intercourse must from
the natural and comprehensive Tendency
of the Motion, in a great measure subside,
the consequences of which are too obvious
to require a particular Recital of them in
this Place.

I think it necessary
before I conclude to observe, that notwithstanding
the greatest part of Mess^{rs}
Smith and Johnson's Minute, consists of
severe aspersions on Conago Suba Pillah

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as well as Insinuations against the Part
which Sir Thomas Rumbold thought proper
to take regarding that Person, my Attention
has been confined to the Motion now before
the Board. When the Situation, Character, and
Conduct of Conaga Subah Pillal shall come under
Discussion of the Committee, my Sentiments upon
those Subjects, will then appear in their proper
Place.

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John Whitehill.

Sir Hector Munro
desires, it may be minuted, that he concurs
in opinion with the President.

Read the following
Minutes of the Committee of Stores
Fort St. George 10th October 1780.

At a Committee of Stores Present

Major General Sir Hector Munro R^{et}

Colonel Edward James

Major George Maule

Mr. Bryan Scottney.

Reports of the Comm^y of Stores

Resolutions of the Select
Committee thereon.

Cam^d 1st

The Military.

Cam^d 1st

No Order.

Minutes of the
Committee of Stores

Storekeeper lays before
the Committee Indents
of Stores wanted for the
Use of His Highness the
Crabolt

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Nabob's 3^d and 4th Regiments
of Cavalry. — Agreed that
they be supplied with,
from the Nabob's Stores,
as far as they will supply
and the Remainder from
the Company's Stores.

2. The Military². To be made up —
Storekeeper lays before the
Committee Indent for one
Brigade of 3 Pound Guns
with Galloping Carriages,
& two Galloper Tumbrills
wanted for the Nabob's
2^d Regiment of Cavalry.
The Military Storekeeper
acquaints the Committee
that there are no Gal-
loping Carriages, or
Galloper Tumbrills in store.
Agreed therefore to re-
commend to the Honble
the Select Committee, that
they be made up, as
soon as possible.

3. Read Report³ No Order
of the Auditor of Accounts
recommending that a
Soldier's Coat should be
made up under the
Inspection

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Inspection of the Committee
of Stores and that the
Cott for the Military at
all Places, should in
future be made up and
charged for agreeably
to the Construction and
Price of such Muster
The Honorable the
Select Committee having
been pleased to approve
of the above Recommen-
dation. — Agreed that
the Military Storekeeper
make up a Cott for the
Inspection of the Committee
A. The Mil. &
Storekeeper begs leave to
enter the following
Minute.

Approved

There being
much Work to finish &
many Smiths having
left the Place it is
offered to the Consider-
ation of the Comm^{rs}.
whether the Iron
Work that has stood
of the Mortar Beds
that have been con-
sidered, may not be

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to be safely used in the
Beds now ordered to be
constructed. In General
the Wood is not the Iron
Work has failed - The
Dimensions of the Timber
of the Beds has been
increased, & it is therefore
to be expected, they will
now stand. Such Iron
Work, as hath been used
may be depended upon,
if not hurt by Rust -
and the Company
will save the Value of
"the Iron Work"

Agreed to
recommend that the
Iron Work of the Mortar
Beds which have
been condemned, be
used in the Mortar
Beds which are ordered
to be made up

The Committee 5 Consideration
having been informed deferred
that there are several
18 and 12 Pound ^{Iron} Guns
with a quantity
of Shot of the same
Calibre

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Calibre, to be sold at Man-
quebar. Agreed to recommend
to the Select Committee to
purchase the same as they
are so near Tanjore, where
they are much wanted
& will thereby be prevented
from falling into the
Hands of the Enemy. Agreed
likewise to recommend
that Carriages be made
for them at Tanjore as none
can go from hence from
the Risk in sending them
& time required to make
them up.

6 The Committee 6 No order.

proceed to examine two
6 Pound & one 6th Field
Carriages, with Limbers
& Boxes and seven
Tumbrills, which being
approved are ordered
to be received in Store

into

Aector Munro
Co James
Geo. Munro
B. Scottney

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Messrs. Smith & Johnson,
deliver in the following Minute

Minute of Messrs.
Smith & Johnson,
requesting Sir
Edw. Hughes will
return with his
Squadron as soon
as possible.

Altho the Court of Directors
seem of opinion that the French Armament
fitted out for the East Indies is destined for Bombay
yet as a Vessel has sailed from Pondichery for
the Islands, within these few Days, with advices
of Hyder Ally's Success & of our Situation it is
very probable their Fleet will proceed to this Coast,
and therefore it becomes highly proper, to
consider how far We are able to resist their
attempts before the Squadron under command
of Sir Edward Hughes, sails for Bombay.

Our Establishment has
been greatly weakened by the loss of 3300
Sepoys and 500 Europeans, beside Officers at
Tuccalum & by 2 Battalions of Sepoys and
700 Europeans now on the Malabar Coast,
exclusive of these. We may also consider
Colonel Laing's Regiment at Vellore, of about
400 Europeans, as entirely separated from Us,
for the present.

When We reflect on the
unfinished State of the East Front of this Fort,
on the inadequate number of Europeans
remaining to defend such extensive
Works, the great Probability of our not
receiving Reinforcements from Bengal before
the latter end of December, and (what deserves
the most serious attention) that We cannot
provide

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provide Provisions to sustain a Siege of four Months. We apprehend this Settlement will be exposed to eminent Danger should the Fleet proceed to Bombay.

It is generally allowed that Monsieur Tronfolie's Desertion of Pondichery, was the principal Cause of its Reduction, and therefore it behoves Us to take Warning from this recent Error of an Enemy.

It may be argued that We have Reason to expect Men, Money & Provisions from Bengal but We think there is just ground for apprehension that the Troops at least cannot be embarked before December and then the French Fleet may be on this Coast.

The Mahatta War & the low State of the Bengal Treasury are also circumstances very unfavourable to our Expectations of Succour.

In this Situation We think there is great Reason for apprehending Danger should this Place be surrounded by a vigorous and powerful Enemy by Land and blockaded, if not attacked by Sea.

If the Squadron goes round to the Malabar Coast, the probability is it cannot return before March but should it go to Achin, there is little doubt

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doubt, but it could be here early in January, in which case should there be no French Fleet on this Coast, it can proceed to Bombay & return in May.

Madras is of the greatest Importance to the Safety of Bengal for should the former fall, it is not probable the French would remain inactive, but make a vigorous Effort to establish themselves in the latter. We also fear the Northern Rajahs are not well affected to us, and would join the Enemy in hopes of gaining by the Change.

Upon maturely considering all these Circumstances We are of opinion that the Committee should make a strong Representation to Sir Edward Hughes, on the absolute Necessity they conceive there is, for his not proceeding to Bombay, & requesting he will return the moment he conceives, he can bring the Squadron into this Road with Safety, as thereby the Continuance of the Company's Influence, if not the safety of this Fort may be preserved.

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The Admiral
attends the Council.

In consequence of
the foregoing Minute, a Note is now sent
to the Admiral, to request his Presence at
the Committee. — The Admiral attending
accordingly, is acquainted with the situation
of affairs, and requested to give his
opinion upon the propriety of the Squadron's
going to Bombay, or watering at Trincomalee
to be ready in case a French Fleet should
come on this Coast after the rains.

The Admiral
thinks the
Fleet should
proceed to
Bombay as it
is most likely
the French
will appear
on the Malabar
Coast first.

Sir Edward Hughes
thereupon informs the Committee that
he thinks the Squadron should upon
every account, proceed to Bombay. —
That all the Ships, and two of them in
particular (the Exeter and Eagle) must
go into Dock as soon as possible to be re-
paired. — That exclusive of this Bombay
and the Settlements on the Malabar
Coast, are pointed out by all our Letters
from England, as the first object of the
French Armament said to be fitting
out for India. That the Troubles which
now prevail in the Carnatic, having
broke out only three Months ago and
the late Disaster which befell Lieutenant
Colonel Baillie's Detachment having
happened only one Month ago, it is
not

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not likely that any Account of these Circumstances, which may have been sent from Pondichery, will arrive in time or have sufficient Weight to alter the original Destination of the Armament planned in France. — That supposing the Destination should be changed, yet there is no Probability of any French Armament coming on this Coast during the approaching Monsoon or for some time after, and that he hopes to be here himself with the Squadron from Bombay by the end of January, or beginning of February; — Lastly he observed that the Security of Bombay is particularly recommended to him from England in consequence of the supposed Destination of the Armament from France.

Sir Edward Hughes then withdrew, and the Committee resolve in consequence of the Reasons urged by Sir Edward that it would ^{not} be advisable to make any Request to him to alter his former Determination of proceeding with the Squadron to Bombay

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Bombay

Charles Smith

Sam^l Robinson

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Friday
19th Oct

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

Minutes of last Committee
read & approved

Read the following Letters
this morning received from Viragapatam.

On Board the Santine
Frigate. 4th Oct 1780.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^s

President & Governor & Members
of the Select Committee of

Fort St George
Honble Sir, I Sirs

Just as the Grenadier Companies
were on the Parade ready to embark on board the San-
tine at about 20 minutes before 3 o'clock in the after-
noon, they refused to march & immediately began to
fire on their Officers & all the Europeans they could
see, which dispersed the rest of the Garrison. Lieut.
Crisp. M'Kenna a Cadet, & Mr Chesterford were
killed on the spot & Mr Mastone was wounded
in the Head & got off. Their European Officers were
of course dispersed but they were led on by
their Indian Officers. Lieut Brown, & Inst.
Howard

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Tomart got on Board this Morning, after run-
ning great risks, having been repeatedly fired
at. Lieut Brown addressed us a Letter, which
was carried, a copy of which we now send. The
other Officers hid themselves in different
parts of the Town. Capt. Lane who hap-
pened to be at Viragapatam on leave is now
ed, but was assisted by some of his Seapoys
in getting off. Mr. Boufford was by the fidelity
of his Servants hid in one of their Houses.
Mr. Casamajor with several other Gentlemen
was taken out of his House by some Seapoys
I confined in a small Guard Room, this life
preserved by the attention of a Seapoy who
prevented two Men from firing who leveled
at him, he with the Gentlemen with him
were taken out separately at about 7 o'clock
in the afternoon I was surrounded by the Subedar
Shahu Mahomed, who assumed the command
of the Mutineers, he was ordered to inform
him where his own Money was, as well as
that of the Company's, he was obliged to reply
to all these Questions on pain of losing his
life. A complete scene of Plunder ensued
when the property of every Individual
as well as that of the Company was suf-
fered effectually. This Morning at about 5
o'clock Mr. Casamajor was told that he
must

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must prepare for Death, but that his life as well as the lives of the other Gentlemen in confinement should be spared provided Mhasamajor would sign a deed nominating again Gurusetty Narraim Dec. the dismissed Lemindar of Kimmedy to his Station in that country. At the same time direct that some Sepoys who had been embarked with the Baggage in the morning of the 3^d should be sent on shore. These conditions were dictated by the same Subdar Shahu Mahomed. The Mutineers then began their march out of the Town but took with them Mhasamajor & the rest of the Gentlemen who had been confined with them. They followed the Mutineers about one mile out of Town & were then permitted to return to Viragapatam, at the Intercession of Gurusetty Narraim Dec. and Mhasamajor cannot in common Justice avoid bestowing every praise on Gurusetty Narraim Dec, who as soon as he heard the firing came into the Fort. Mhasamajor & the rest of the Gentlemen in confinement with him attribute their safety entirely to the Intercession of Gurusetty. The reigning Lemindar of Kimmedy Suggarant Dec was in Viragapatam & had with him a number of followers, but made off, instead of rendering any assistance, from this recommendation of Mhasamajor.

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As a major of the Services rendered by Guesseputy, we beg leave to recommend him to your protection, even so far as to confirm him as the Lemundar of Timmudiy, as the Indiscretion for which he was expelled was committed at the age of thirteen, he is undoubtedly the real Heir. This Brother Sugganant Deo has by no means deserved the attention of the Company which will appear on a review of his arrears of Timmudiy. As a major has also represented to us that during his confinement which was in the Guard Room in which Capt. Boulé was prisoner that this man behaved with so much attention I rendered him & Melpa Nermen such services as an Interpreter during the Fight, that we must intercede for him, that he may be released from confinement & be allowed some trifles to subsist on. The Commandant of the Mutineers, Shaki Ina, having threatened that if any person came from Chicacole that we should feel his presentment, we are now on board the Sathu Frigate I shall return to Vizagapatnam tomorrow where we hope that the seapoy who showed attachment will be collected & we shall be in better state of defence should those Mutineers return. We know not whether they are gone.

We are

Success

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Humble Sir & Sirs

Your Obedient humble Serv^t
Jas Wth Casanajor
Wth Crauford

Triplicate

Chas Maatone

James Hen^{ry} Casanajor Esq^r Chief
Capt Lane Henry Crauford Esq^r or any Officer or
Gentleman by whom this may be received
Gentlemen

Finding I could not be of any
use in quelling the Unfortunate Mutiny. After
having been fired upon from House to House with
difficulty, I made the Beach. I got on Board
the Tartar accompanied by Ens^o Stewart. S^{er}
Ellis had swam across the River. We took him
up from the Battery at the Mouth of it. S^{er}
brouse I found in a Boat with some Stores at
the Beach. I took him on Board as also S^{er} J^o
his who arrived at the Beach just as the Boat
was pushing off.

I am assured by Capt^m M^r
May to say, that he ^{will} assist by sending ashore,
fifty Men with Firelocks provided with Am-
munition. Ens^o Stewart, some Gentlemen
Volunteers from the Ship, with myself & the
three Sergeants above mentioned will make
Ten more. In all Sixty - If this Reinforcement
will

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will be of any Service towards establishing
Peace in the Settlement. You may depend
on our appearance with most Exertion ashore
at any hour you appoint

Yours
Gentlemen

Sartine

3^d Dec 1780

1/2 past 5 Pm

Your very obed^t Servant

signed Arch^d Broton

Lieut 1st Baton

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President & Gov^r &c Members of the

Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed You yesterday from
on Board the Sartine. This morning we came
on shore, we find ourselves in a predicament
which we conceive dangerous. The Revolt of
the Grenadiers of which we advised You is
in all respects an Event that may lead to
dangerous consequences, it has annihila-
ted our power & influence in a great measure
at any rate it has received such a shock that
we feel ourselves degraded as a Govern-
ment. The conduct of the Mutineers was
adopted by five Companies of the 1st Corsair Regt
that happened to be in Garrison here. They are
all gone off with them except about 40 Men
Seven these joined the insurgents & as this
Revolt

shock

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revolt took place when we had not the least
Idea that such a disposition prevailed in the
Troops. it is not improbable but that the re-
mains of the 1st Battalion & 3rd Battalion now at
Chicacole have adopted similar opinions on
a review of the general state of affairs on the
Coast the War with the Mashattoes & Mijder
& the probability of a French Force landing it
is not drawing an improbable conclusion to
suppose that the Semindars may avail them-
selves of this crisis of Events & throw off their Al-
ligiance, We are here without any resources
either of Men or Money, the former we suspect &
the latter we depend alone on the Semindars. We
have now stated to You our Situation, I've add that
all we have to trust to is the attachment of 300
Siberdy Seapoy's half of them are now detached
in this representation, we have not in our opinion
either exaggerated in points of real State or con-
jecture. We therefore request of you Gentlemen
that you will determine on some plan of op-
erations for us to pursue. this revolt has effec-
tually deranged this Government and so redu-
ced our consequence that we imagine some
measures ought to be adopted that will give
us the importance we have lost & we can
think of no other step ourselves than procu-
ring us some Seapoy's about 30 Europeans
from

for

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from Calcutta or sending southern People here
and ordering all the Seaports in these Districts
to the Southward. Siteram Pauze is not yet
arrived. Virenagum, he keeps away in a
manner that has the appearance of pre-
meditated Delay. all these matters serve
to create in us Anxiety about the Fate of this
Settlement & Shate Mahommed the Man
who heads the revolted Seaports is gone off
with a great deal of Money, is capable,
daring, & full of Enterprize, what are his In-
tentions is not at present to be conjectured-
By this days Intelligence he has taken the
Road to Denkapillee, & it is very probable
that he has written to the Seaports alluring
them of his Success, at any rate common
report favors that Suspicion. Could the Sar-
tine story here would this Government was
again reestablished it would be of much
assistance to the Settlement in case of an
unfortunate Event but the Season is so far
advanced that Capt. McKay cannot venture
to stay here longer than to morrow without
Violating his Instructions, in Justice to him
however we must observe that he has been
ready in his offers of assistance & the pre-
sence of the Sartine contributed to render the
revolt less permanent. We have nothing
further

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further to add on the State of the Settlement but
that we wait your orders and resolutions with
some degree of anxiety & the scene that was ex-
hibited here for 24 hours is a scene in our ap-
prehensions of every kind.

By the measure of Mr. Fuller
Ford there is a vacancy of the Paymastership
of this place. Mr. Gregory has been a long time
an assistant at this place, & has suffered in
his property as well as every individual
here, we therefore, take upon ourselves to men-
tion him as a proper successor to this vacant
office.

We have the Honor to trans-
mit you a Duplicate of our address dated Yes-
terday.

Capt. Brule of whom we
wrote yesterday is desirous of proceeding to Ma-
dras to vindicate his conduct & we believe that
had we offered his services on the day of the revolt
he would have been attended to. we recommend
him for forgiveness & have some allowance
as a subsistence; he takes his passage on the
Sartine.

We are with respect.

Humble Servants

Your most Obedt^h Servants
J^o W. S. M. M. J^r
W. S. M. J^r
"Chas. Martine

Suragapattam
13th Dec 1780.
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The Committee are much concerned
at the Mutiny which has happened among the pre-
macher Seapoys at Viragapatam. Resolved that
the Worney Ketch be immediately sent down there
with 50 European Invalids for that Garrison. And
the Resident at Ganjam be directed to send 25 or 30
Loffees from that place.

Agreed at the recommendation
of the Chief Council at Viragapatam that Mr Gregory
be appointed Paymaster at Chucacole in the room of
Mr Rushford deceased.

Resolved that such part of the
Letter from Viragapatam of the 11th Inst. as re-
lates to Guampetty Narraids Dec. be referred to the
consideration of the Board in their Revenue
Department.

Charles Smith

Sam^l Somerset

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Received the following Letter from Gungam
To the Honble John Whitehall Esq^r
President & Governor &c Members of the
Select Committee
of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

In my last address of the 25th
Inst I advised you of a Force being sent against
Sopangur which is now Blockaded by Six or
Seven Thousand Men. This morning I had Intel-
ligence of a Sally being made from the Fort in which
Chumagees People lost about eighty Horses.

While the Marhattes keep
within their own limits, I do not commit any Depre-
dations in our District I shall consider. In any
intercourse treat them as Friends, more especi-
ally as I hear Mr Hastings is now negotiating
with Madagee Boorla. Therefore I have thought
it proper to acquaint you with these circum-
stances, I desired he will favor you with the parti-
culer Information.

I hope matters may be ami-
ably settled between our Government & the
Nagpore Rajah, as even his Rabble are capa-
ble of overrunning & ruining the country
while the small Force at present in this Dis-
trict will only admit of our acting upon
the Defensive,

Yours

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13th

Canjeem
28th Sept 1780.

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sers
Your very obedient
humble servant
John Twining.

Wrote the following Letters.

To Mr James Henry Casamajor
Chief the Council
at Viragapatam

Gentlemen

We have this day received your
Letters of the 11th & 15th Inst by the Swiftness.

It was with the most sensible con-
cern we read the account of the Fracturing among the Hy-
nacies Companies of Scapoy. The melancholy Effects
produced by it in the Death of the Persons you mention
& the entire plunder of the Settlement. We feel much
too for the dangerous Situation to which your
Chief in particular & the other Gentlemen were ex-
posed upon that Occasion.

The moment we received your
Letters we determined to dispatch the Porney
Ketch now in our Road with 50 European In-
valids for your Settlement. She is accordingly
receiving provisions & as fast as possible will
sail to morrow or next day. We shall likewise
order 25. or 30 of the Coffee Company to be
sent-

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13th sent you from Ganjam as the attachment which these People have always shown to the Company & their Service as Gunners may render them very useful to you in your present Situation. Captⁿ Lyjagh will return on the Nancy Ketch to take charge of his Battalion

From the Account you have given of the Mutiny We flatter ourselves there is good ground to hope it may not have extended further than you represent & that the Seapoys who were not in Voraagapatam & who had no apparent motive for engaging in it, may yet remain steady in their attachment to the Service. With respect to the Mutineers We think that many of the private Seapoys may have been drawn into it without any previous Design that these might be brought back with promises of Pardon, but as to the Black Officers & Shaki Mahomed in particular if any of them be taken We desire they may be reserved for the punishment due to their Conduct

We have at your Recommendation appointed Mr Gregory to be Paymaster at Chicacole in the room of the late Mr Rutherford

You will be informed from the Revenue Department that Gurnisford has

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13th has likewise in consequence of your Recommendation been appointed the Amindar of Khimedy.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George

13th Oct 1780.

Your most Obedient Servts

John Whitehall Esq

Select Committee.

To Mr John Turing

Resident

at Canjam

Sir

The mutiny which lately happened among the Grenadier Companies of Seapoy at Vizagapatam. The Effects produced by it are such as to make it necessary for us to reinforce the Garrison with people who have no sort of connection with any of the Seapoy in the District. In this view we have sent 50 Europeans from hence. We now desire that you will immediately send 25 or 30 th of the Seapoy Company to Vizagapatam to do duty there till further orders.

We are

Sir

Fort St George

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Your most Obedt Servants

John Whitehall Esq

Select Committee. L

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13th
The Honble William Hornby Esq^r
President Gov^r. &c. Select Committee
at Bombay

Gentlemen

We have received your several
Letters, the last bearing date the 12th Sept^r

In consequence of the earnest
application you have made to us for a supply
of Gunpowder. We have come to the Determina-
tion of sending you 1000 Barrels the Quantity
you desired. Sir Peter Hughes has at our re-
quest consented to take it on Board the *Syria*
-don, which now proceeds to your Presidency

We are sorry to acquaint You
that on the 10th Ult^a a Detachment of our Troops
consisting of about 500 Europeans & upwards of
3000 Sepoys, were by an accident of War or
four Ammunition Trunkets blowing up while
they were engaged with the Enemy, entirely de-
feated, & almost the whole killed, wounded, or ta-
ken Prisoners. This unfortunate Event has
so weakened our Force, that we cannot act in
the Field without considerable Succours. We
have written fully to Bengal on this Subject
I doubt not the Governor General & Council will
give us all the assistance they can spare—
but as we know not yet what Number of
Troops we may expect from thence, We cannot
but

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93rd help looking towards the considerable Detachment
from this Presidency now serving on the
Malabar Coast. We have 16 Companies of Sea-
poys & about 100 Europeans at Tellicherry &
about 600 Europeans & a Battalion of Sea poys
with Genl Goddard. With respect to the Troops
at Tellicherry, if that place cannot be sup-
ported without so considerable a Force. We
think it would be expedient in the present
posture of Affairs to abandon it altogether -
at all events as it is indispensibly requisite
that we should have the Madras Troops up-
on this Coast without delay. We have requested
Sir Edm Hughes to consult with Mr Church &
Major Cotgrave upon the best & most expeditious
means of transporting them to Calcutta.

We hope also that the Detach-
ment under Col Brown may be spared
very soon. In this case we earnestly request
you will provide for their return to this Coast
by the first opportunity.

We think it proper to inform
you that Sir Edm Hughes the Captains of
the Squadron excepting Capt Panton &
Capt Michell have been paid Allowances
from the Company here to the end of
September.

We have advanced Mr
Stuart

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13th Stuart a cadet on your Establishment 50 Pags
for which he is to be accountable to you of his
growing Pay. Enclosed We send you his
Receipt

We are
Gentlemen

Fort St George
13th Oct 1780.

Your most obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill Esq
Select Committee

To Sir Edm^d Hughes K^t B
Rear Admiral of the Red
Commander in Chief of
His Majestys Ships
in India

Sir

We have received your Letter
of the 9th Inst. I have the pleasure to acquaint
You, that in consequence of your Recommen-
dation, Mr M^r Intosh has been appointed Re-
sident at Tranquebar -

As the Squadron is on the
point of Departure for Bombay We think it
proper to communicate to you the State
of the Company's Settlement at Tellicherry
which by our last advices from Major Cot-
grave the Commandant there was closely be-
sieged by the Nairs assisted with the Force of
Hyder

17th Fort St George. Oct 1780

13th Hyderabad Ally. Major Cotgrave has under his command of the Troops belonging to this Presidency, 16 Companies of Sepoys, about 100 European Infantry & Artillery. We much wish to have this Force returned to the Coast by the way of Anjengo. I am shall be obliged if at your arrival at Tellicherry you will consult with Mr Church the President & Major Cotgrave, upon the speediest & most effectual means of executing this Service, in which we are satisfied you will give all the assistance in your power.

We beg leave to enclose here with Letters for Major Cotgrave, Mr Church & the President & Select Committee at Bombay which we request your care of.

We have directed the Postboat to proceed with You to the other Coast & we request she may be employed to assist in transporting our Troops from Tellicherry to Anjengo. & that you will desire the Captain afterwards to make the best of his Way to Bombay.

As it is of much Importance that we should if possible send home the answers which we request from Bengal to the Dispatches lately sent the Hon. We beg leave to request in case those answers do not

4th Fort St George Oct 1780

13th not arrive by the 15th the time you propose
for the *Gymph's* sailing, that she may remain
here till the 18th or 20th at furthest, when there is some
a Doubt but We shall receive the Advices We
expect

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

John Whitehall &c

Select Committee

Fort St George
19th Oct 1780

To Major John Cotgrave

Commanding

at Tellicherry

Sir

We have received your Letter

of the 21st Augth

We hope you may have been
able to defend the Settlement of Tellicherry until
the arrival of Sir Edward Hughes's Squadron by
which you will receive this Letter. The Situati-
on of Affairs in this Coast renders it absolutely
necessary that the Troops with you should return
with all possible Expedition by the way of
Angerpo We direct accordingly that they may
be embarked in such manner as Sir Edward
Hughes shall judge most expedient

Wm. A. C.

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13th

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt^t Servants
John Whitehill Esq
Select Committee

Fort St George
Oct^r 13th 1780

To Mr Richd Church

Resident at

Tellicherry

Sir

We understand by a Letter
from Major Cotgrave dated in Aug^r that Hy-
der Ali's Troops had joined the Nairs in their
Attack upon Tellicherry. As we conceive it will
not be possible for you without powerful
support from Bombay to keep possession
of the place for any length of time & as from
all accounts we apprehend the Government
will not in the present circumstances be
able to afford you that Support We would
suggest to you whether it might not be pru-
dent in this case to abandon the Settlement
after embarking the Troops, Stores & Effect^s
belonging to it. As we are much in want
of Major Cotgrave's Detachment We have
sent orders to the Major to return. I have
desired Sir Edw^d Hughes to consult with
you & Major Cotgrave upon the speediest
means

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13th means of transporting it to Ganjamo, in
which we request you will give every Assis-
tance in your Power, as its early arrival
on this Coast, may be of great Importance
We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Servts
John Whitehill Esq
Select Committee

Fort St George
13th Oct 1780.

14th Received the following Letter from Ganjamo
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
President Governor & Members of the
Select Committee
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Letter of
the 14th Inst! & hope the Envoys will arrive safe
with the Treasure.

In my address of 21st Oct.
I informed Your Honor & Co I had with drawn
from Asika all superfluous Stores except
what belonged to the four Field Pieces. I have
since thought it best to bring two six Pounders
to Ganjamo, leaving the two Battalion three
Pounders, as draft Bullocks have been always
kept only for these two Guns, but in the pre-
sent situation of Affairs I have judged it
expedient to order Bullocks to be entertained
in the

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14th in the Service for the two three Pounders Am-
brels which I hope will meet with your
approbation as in case of an actual Alarm
or any act of Hostility being committed by
the Marhattas in this neighbourhood it
may be necessary to move the Troops from
Iska upon the Shortest Notice.

I take the liberty to transmit
the Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Lieut
Henry Price, who I informed I did not consi-
der myself authorized to comply with
his request.

I am very Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very obedient
humble Servant
John Turing

Ganjam
30 Sep 1780

Copy

To John Turing Esq
Resident at
Ganjam

Sir

As I don't belong to any par-
ticular Corps which consequently cannot
make my assistance materially necessary
in any Situation. And as an Opportuni-
ty now offers of going to the Southward
safely, along with Capt Lyaght & Melpene
Quers

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I request that you will be pleased to give me Permission to go & join the Army for a few months.

I cannot help feeling the life I now lead far too inactive a part to act at this critical juncture of time. And as I have good Health I would wish to move in a sphere that possibly may be productive of some good tendency to me in the way of my Profession, which cannot be acquired in so remote a part as this from the Seat of War.

I will beg the favor of an Officer belonging to the Garrison to do my Duty as Fort Adjutant during my absence that he will accept of the pay in lieu of this I doubt I hope you will therefore Sir be so considerate & Indulgent as to allow of this mode of carrying on the Duty of my Station. I think we may be assured that it will not be disapproved of at Madras, however rather than my being Fort Adjutant should prove an obstacle to my going I will most cheerfully throw it up. But this I must hope you will not insist on.

I am with all due respect

Your most Obedt Servant
Signed / A. R. C. ^(Rice) Adjutant

Canjam
29 Sept 1780 Sir

17th Fort St George. Oct 1780

14th

A true copy

John Swiny

Wrote the following Letters

To Mr James Henry Esq Major
Chief Sec Council
of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

We enclose herewith a
Duplicate of our Letter of Yesterday

The Nancy Arrived Ketch is
now dispatched with the European Invalids
We have directed Captⁿ Sepaylt to return
by her to take charge of his Battalion

If you should absolutely
want the Service of the Nancy I think the obtain-
ing her for a short time at Vizagapatam
will not be attended with too much risk
you are at liberty to do so, otherwise we wish
her to go to Coringa River during the Moon-
soon.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servts
John Whitehill Esq

Select Committee

Fort St George
11th Oct 1780

To Major Maule
Chief Engineer

Sir

1750 Fort St George Oct 1780

14th Sir

I am directed by the President
Select Committee to desire you will fit up Barracks
at the Mount for the reception of Troops
and repair the Bridge across the Nulla at
Marmelon with all possible Dispatch
I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
Charles Cakelcy
Secretary

Fort St George
14th Oct 1780.

To Captⁿ Arthur Lysaght

Sir

The Behaviour of the Gun-
master Sapsy lately ordered to embark at
Vizagapatam making it necessary that you
should return again to the Charge of your Bat-
talion We desire you will embark on the
Honey Ketch, which will sail this Evening
for Vizagapatam
We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Servants
John Whitehall Secy
Select Committee

Fort St George
14th Oct 1780.

To Captⁿ Hifferman

Commander of the Honey Ketch

Sir

175th Fort St George Oct 1780

14th Sir

We desire you will receive on board your Ketch Capt^r Lysaght with 55 Invalid Europeans noncommissioned & private & proceed with them to Vizagapatam after landing them you are to carry the Ketch to Boringa & there wait our further orders unless the Chief Council should require your stay at Vizagapatam.

We are

Sir

Your most obed^t Servants
John Whitehill &c
Select Committee

Fort St George
15th Oct 1780

To Mr Edw^d McIntosh
Sir

The Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee having been pleased to appoint You to be their Resident at Tranquebar with an allowance of 100 Pag^s per month You will accordingly proceed thither & transmit with all possible Dispatch to His Presidency & to Sir Edw^d Hughes every Intelligence You may be able to procure in such you may deem worthy their attention.

I am

Sir

Your most obed^t Servant
Chas Oakley Secy

Fort St George
15th Oct 1780

Fort St George Oct 1780

Received the following Letter

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq
President of the Select Committee
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to enclose
you a monthly return of the Strength of this
Garrison & its Stores. This part of the Country
being overrun by the Enemies & the Inha-
bitants being in their Interest & affording them
every assistance in their Power has cut off all
communication between this & Trincomopoly
as well as every other Garrison which has pre-
vented my receiving any pay for this Garni-
son for these three Months past.

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt^t M^t Serv^t
George Roberts

Hydrat
Feb 1st 1786.

Wrote the following Letter to Bombay

To the Honble William Hornby Esq
President of the Select Committee
of Bombay

Gentlemen

Being informed that Mr
Allen, Petitioner of this Establishment, intends
shortly to proceed from Bombay to England
over land, We have herewith enclosed L^r
Parliament

1753 Port St George. Oct 1780

[#]15th Packet for the Honble Court of Directors
which we request you will send by him or
if he should be gone, when you receive it, by
the first & most speedy conveyance that shall
offer.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Servts
John Whitetull Secy
Select Committee.

Port St George
15th Oct. 1780.

We Write the following Letters
To the Honble Baroⁿ Van Platenburgh
Governor for the Netherlandish
East India Company &c &c
Cape of Good Hope.

Sir

Having judged it expedient
to send our English Gentlemen Mr Richd
Secoin to remain with your Permission at
the Cape of Good Hope We request you will
do us the favor to receive him in the Charac-
ter of Resident in Behalf of the English
& pay attention to such Representations as
he may have occasion to make you in
that Character.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir

Your most Obedt Servts
John Whitetull Secy

Port St George
16th Oct. 1780

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To ^{16th} Lieut Col. Nixon
Commanding at Trichinopoly.

Sir

I am directed to enclose you
a letter from the Diabob to Etalar Caen, con-
cerning the payment of the Artillery now
at Trichinopoly

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
Chas Oakeley Esq

Fort St George
16th Oct 1786.

To Edw^d Ravenscroft Esq
Secretary

at Bombay.

Sir

The Invoice of Gunpowder
laden on His Majesty's Ships having come
in since the Letter from the Committee was
closed. I now transmit it to You herewith

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
Chas Oakeley Esq

Fort St George
16th Oct 1786

To Mr Rich^d Sewin

Sir

We have appointed You
to proceed to the Cape in quality of Resident
with

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16th with a Salary of 200 Paged^r per Month & We
enclose You a Letter for the Governor to be deli-
vered on your arrival

Your principal Business
in this Character will be to procure the most
authentic Intelligence respecting the Motions
and Designs of our Enemies & to transmit the
same by the earliest Opportunities to the Court
of Directors to the several Presidencies in
India & to Sir John Hughes.

You are also by every means
in your power to procure such Assistance as
may be wanted by any of His Majesty's or the
Company's Ships which may put into the
Cape & to make such public Applications to
the Governor on this Head from time to
time as you shall find Expedient

We are

Sir

Fort St George
16th Oct 1780.

Your most Obed^t Serv^t
John Whitehill

Secy Committee

I have wrote the following Letters

To John Skottone Esq

Governor Sea Command

at St Helena

Gentlemen

Mr Lucin the Bearer of
this

1756 Fort St George Oct. 1780

17th this being entrusted with Dispatches to the
Company which we are anxious to get home
as early as possible We request you will use
every means in your power to give him
the quickest conveyance possible to England.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
17th Oct 1780.

Your most Obedt Servants
John Whitehill Sec
Select Committee

To Captⁿ Le Mesurier
Commanding the Ship
Porpoise

Sir

You are hereby directed to
receive on board your Ship as Passengers for
Bombay the undermentioned Men Vizt

Haigh Ynuwah	} Georgians
Maurmeh Kahr	
Bayzan	
Attohtain	} Moguls
Worst Beg	
Talkp Beg	
Sornall Beg	

Fort St George 17th Oct 1780

By order of the President Select Committee.

So

1757 Fort St George Oct 1786

To the ^{17th} Commander of any Vessel
belonging to the Company at the
Cape of Good Hope.

Sir

Mr Sewin the bearer of this be-
ing charged with Dispatches to the Company
which we are anxious to get home as soon as
possible We request if it be not attended with any
material Inconvenience to the Service on which
you are employed, that you will give him a
Passage to St Helena or England as Circum-
stances may permit, in which we are in no
doubt you will be justified by those under whose
immediate Orders you may be acting

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Servants
John Whitehill Secy
Select Committee

Fort St George
17th Oct 1786.

18th Received the following Letters
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
President and Governor of
Fort St George

Honble Sir

You have been addressed
by the Chief & Council here under date the 4th
& 5th Instant, relative to the unfortunate & un-
expected Revolt of the four Companies of Grenadians
all

1758 Fort St George Oct 1780

18, All seems quiet here at present, but this event has
roused such a General Suspicion of all the Sea-
boys that we know not where to place any
confidence: those at Chiacole are most of them
rebelled & connected with the Mutinous & when
you consider that out of 14 Companies of Gren-
adiers & 5 Battalion Companies of the 1st Battⁿ.

there were but a few who did not join the Mu-
tineers. I am sure it warrants every apprehen-
sion of the remaining Eleven Companies
of the two Battalions at Chiacole & Marigny
There was an universal & complete Sack
of all the property belonging to the Company &
European Inhabitants. All the Company's
cash in the Treasury amounting to Rupees 21922
11. 4 & the Money of some of the Employes fell into
the Hands of the Insurgents, & in the wreck of
all property, all the Company's Broad Cloth &
a large proportion of the Civil & Military
Stores fell into the possession of the Rebels.
The Inhabitants of the place were as active
in this scene as the Insurgents, & Quantities
of Broad Cloth Firelocks &c are hourly brought
in. My own loss amounts to 5000 Pagod^s & the
other Gentlemen have also suffered considerably.

As soon as possible a com-
plete account of the Public Loss shall be trans-
mitted & the Orders & Regulations we have
issued

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18th Since the Revolt - among other Expedients
we have used for the present 100 Gun Boys
who have Families in the Town, & with the
Assistance of the Sabbathday, they at present serve
to Garrison this place, as our Confidence in the
regular Sailors is for a time lost; nor can
any Detachment be well spared from Madras
as the two Battalions are now reduced to the
own Companies & two of them Detached to
Moringy. The mutinous party under Shahu
Mahomed were by the last Accounts entering
into Potevally Country, the Rajah Vizian
Rawie has written to all the little Terrindars
to stop them, but they yet compose a strong
Body & it is not a trifling force that can op-
pose them. I have written Mr Colford & Capt
Bridges, & as they will probably pass near
Sannal Estate I am in hopes some of them
may be picked up & punished. They evidently
are going to the Vizian's Country or through
the Guntoor - Cuccar to Suddapah

† Capt Lane is directed to re-
cruit up the Battalions to the Establish-
ment & to consider the few mutinous Com-
panies as annihilated, & to receive only such
of them as preserved their Fidelity into the
Service again, who are also to be rewarded
with one Month's pay -

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18th

I have the Honor to transmit
you a Duplicate Extract of the Intelligence transmitted
on the 24th Ult. In the course of correspondence with
Mr Turing it has occurred to him, that the Nagpore
Rajah, may be offended at the seizure of his Letters, &
may in consequence stop the Dispatches to and from
Bengal. I am convinced that when Captain Sapsaght
intercepted and opened these Letters such an Idea entirely
escaped his reflections, until suggested by Mr Turing
I never adverted to that point. I have in consequence
directed, that the Muzumbarhs who were detained
with the Letters from the Nagpore Rajah, should be con-
sisted with presents, and that they should be told that
their detention, that of the Letters originated in a
mistake, and I also have forwarded the original
Letters to Mr Turing, that he may send them to the
Nagpore Rajah, with some apology in case he
detains the Sapsaght to Yprom Calcutta, and I hope
what I have done in this matter will meet with
your approbation.

The enclosed Paper was found
near the Sapsaght Boat, with other Letters which
the Mutineers had torn. Rajah Sitterim Panna
is expected to arrive to morrow at Vizemazarum.

I am

Respectfully

Vizemazarum,
Oct 1/80

With respect
Your Obedient Servant &c
J. W. Samsamajoy

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18th
Extract of Intelligence transmitted Sept 24th 1780

There have been two Letters
intercepted near Chiacole by Capt^d Lynght
they are from Bungee the King of the Rajahs
to his Son, who commands at Puttack from
Bungee's Duan to the Son's Duan. These Letters
are now translating I can hardly find a Man
here who reads Marattoes well enough to make
them out, but as soon as I can get a Translation
of them, shall forward the originals for your In-
spection. As far as I can learn of the contents
Bungee writes his Son not to act until he hears
further from him, that he had sent a Vachek
to Poona, that he is to be guided by the answer
he may receive from the Capital, that if it is neces-
sary to act there is a Reinforcement ready of
20,000 Horse to do his Business, but he must wait
after the rains, as the Power he is going against
is very strong. He also adds that the Subah, Hy-
Der & the English, are at present quiet & say some-
thing about the Subah's Intentions against the
Carnatic, after the rains that the Subah had
written him to be in readiness. That Genl. Goddard
had taken all the Guzerat Country that the
Marattoe General had retired during the rains
after fighting for so many months. It may ap-
pear odd to you that Letters to Puttack should
go by Chiacole, it seems the direct Road from
Kingsport

1762 Fort St George. Decr 1780

18th Nagpore is impassable to single Passengers on account of Robbers and Tygers -

To the Honble the President & Select Committee
Honble Sir & Mrs

Your Letter of the 20th of Sept^r enclosing an Order to Kellidar of Laccanatic Gums I had the honor to receive Yesterday. Messrs Parr will proceed to execute your Orders this evening. I at the same time received a Letter from your Secretary enclosing one for the Kellidar of this place ordering him to deliver over his employ. to another Man -

I am
Honble Sir & Mrs

Manerwah
15th Decr 1780.

Your most Obedient
and very humble servant
W. Hink

To the Honble the President & Select Committee
Honble Sir & Mrs

I had the Honor of receiving your favor of the 7th Inst & shall pay the Sepoys immediately

I am
With the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Mrs

Manerwah
15th Decr.

Your most Obedient &
very humble servant
W. Hink

1763

Fort George Dec 1763

Thursday
The 17th

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble John Whitehall Esq. Presid.
Charles Smith, Sec. Hector Munro HCB
Samuel Johnson

Minutes of last Committee
were read & approved.

Messrs Smith & Johnson deliver
in the following Minute, containing their
Observations on the General Letter by the
Nymph.

Original Letter
in the Minutes
of May 1763
has down to
the words
certified them

We do not know of any reasons
for supposing that Hyder Ally had no intention
of breaking with us; but we positively assert that
the Select Committee were unanimously of a dif-
ferent opinion in October last: as appears by
their Minutes of the 23rd of that month. That Mr
Smith most strenuously recommended for General
Letter 10th Dec^r the bantering a strong Body of
Troops at Conjeerawm, or Tellore to be held in
readiness for Action.

"On the 24th"
"July 1763 received"
down to
"phoned it"

Instead of this particular Act
we ought to candidly own that the first In-
telligence we had of Hyder Ally's Motions was
accompanied by accounts that his Cavalry
had actually been at Conjeerawm, & firing
nothing to oppose them was pushing on
towards Madras. This occasioned so general

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a Consternation that almost all the Families on Choultry Plain, fled into the Fort, and the Inhabitants of all the Adjacent Villages into the Black Town. The very next Day / Monday / a few days after we heard of his having Plundered not only Porto Novo, to the Southward, but also Venzapollam to the Northward.

the principle of
art of your
Army Genl
to
the Army

The Troops, were not ordered on the Alarm, to assemble at the Mount, they were first ordered to assemble near Warnevasch. The President & Commander in Chief persevered in that opinion, some time, notwithstanding the Advice given, by Lord M. Seel & Co. The Secretary, ought to have referred to the Commander in Chief's Minute of the 1st Aug^r on this Subject. Col Bailey was first ordered to attack Suddapah, that order was countermanded, He was directed to proceed against some other Fort, as he might think proper. after about seven days were taken this manner, definitive orders were sent to him for proceeding to Warnevasch. Had his first orders been for proceeding to the Mount we believe there is no doubt but that he would have arrived at the place while it was empty & joined the Main Body of our Army before the Enemy could be in readiness to attack him. He might relate what has

he said.

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happened in the most favorable manner our records will allow; but on no account to deviate from them. It is by them, & not by partial representations, our conduct will be judged. Therefore we totally disapprove of every part of this Letter, which cannot be corroborated by the Minutes of the Committee.

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This is a very partial representation of our Situation. It does not imply any difficulty in reinforcing our Army, but it is a fact not to be controverted that we cannot with the least appearance of success, take the Fort until we receive a considerable reinforcement of Europeans and Artillery from Bengal. That this cannot be reasonably expected before the latter end of Dec^r and therefore the fate of his Highness the Nabob's Capital & of the Fort is very uncertain.

We know that Tellicherry is blockaded by Sea and Land & that there is a very great probability of the Garrison having been obliged to surrender for want of Provisions and Ammunition. We do not express any anxiety for their safety, nor do we mention what relief we intend to send them.

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Chief Letter
"Our European"

For us to
State of Affairs

We do not write with sufficient
energy on the severe loss we have sustained by Lt
Col Baillie's defeat, nor see the necessity of our recei-
ving speedily a sufficient reinforcement from En-
gland. to give greater force to the application, thought
to be mentioned that the European Regiments at
Delagoa near half of which have been lately detached
to Arica may be considered as entirely cut off from
us, until the Army takes the field and a communica-
tion is opened with Tellore. We think it would be but
common Justice to mention the loss we have
sustained by Lt Col Baillie being made Prisoner
the Death of Lt Col Fletcher Officers of Approved
Bravery and Undoubted Merit.

We are of opinion that we should
have assigned some reason for our not immedi-
ately ceding the Gunpowder Circars to Parulking
conformably to the earnest requisition made
to us by the Gov Gen & Councils dated the 14th June
last. as we are apprehensive our total silence
on that subject may be interpreted to a wil-
ful neglect and inability to defend our Con-
duct. This appears to us the more necessary
as it is probable it will be taken notice of by
the Governor General and Councils.

Charles Smith Charles Smith

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Read also the following joint
Minute delivered in on the 14th Inst by Messrs
Smith and Johnson.

As the present Situation of
Affairs, in this Coast, will excite the particular
attention of our honorable Employers, We think
it our indispensable duty to record our sentiments
on the mode in which business is conducted,
that it may be clearly seen how far respon-
sibility can be required of us, in particular
who form a part of the Government.

In stating the conduct of the
Select Committee it may not be improper to show
the real influence, which that institution
has thrown into the hands of the Governor, &
consequently how much he is responsible for
all measures that come before us.

The Select Committee has the
direction of every Military and Political mea-
sure, it consists but of four Members. Any
one of them joining with the Governor gives
him a decided Majority, which in effect pla-
ces the executive power in his hands.

The Governor has always
been the Channel thro which all correspondence
has been held with the Country & Courts: all
intercourse with their Vassals is managed
by him; he disburses what he pleases for

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secret services and it is to him that intelligence is brought, all conferences with the N. Cabs are entrusted to him; it is his duty to make himself acquainted with the situation of the country in which he governs, & all the countries that are in any way connected with it, it is therefore his duty to communicate his information to the Board, who, by having the whole before them, may be able to judge of the measures proper to be pursued.

As, from this important trust the Governor becomes the source of intelligence & information to the Board, every political incident may be supposed to originate with him.

The trust thus reposed in the Governor, doubtless requires that he should be a man of abilities, Integrity, Candour and Experience, the more these qualities are requisite every defect becomes the more dangerous, in proportion to the difficulties by which the Government is surrounded.

As all official Information comes thro' the Governor, he may, on many occasions prevent or suppress it, as he thinks proper; without necessary information, the best intentions of a Council may be frustrated and thus a Governor may sacrifice the interest of his Employers by not putting it in the power

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of his colleagues to provide against approach-
-ing danger.

To obtain Information, to open
every channel thro which it may be procured
and to be able to disseminate between that
which is important, or otherwise is one of
the most essential Duties of a Governor. The
measures to be pursued in consequence, af-
ter communication, depend upon the Coun-
-cil, but to procure information is chiefly the
province of a Governor. If that is not obtained
it is obvious no political measure or military
plan can either be properly conducted or
arranged.

We have reason to think the
late President expected before his departure
that the Company's Ships on this Coast,
would be invaded by Hyder Ally; we like-
-wise have reason to think that he knew In-
-gazines were collecting, on our frontiers, at
Dangulera &c. we are informed Mr Grey
wrote several Letters to him upon this sub-
-ject, altho' but one appears on record. But
this information was never communica-
-ted to the Committee.

Mr Johnson, on a Minute
-recorded by Mr Smith on the 19th of June in
consequence of various reports they had
heard

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heard of Hyder's intention to invade the Carnatic, moved that the Committee would "take into consideration the means for maintaining an Army in the Field, and if that was impracticable, that they would deliberate upon measures for reinforcing our Garrisons, & for keeping up a force, at least sufficient to protect the Company's & Mr. Noddy's possessions he likewise desired, "a return of the Stores and provisions in the different Hospital Sheds, that the Committee might be enabled to judge of what was further necessary" had this opinion been followed, our Troops who were then separated, might have been formed into a Body within the space of a Month, without obstruction or difficulty; they might have marched into the heart of the Province, & would have been ready to face the Enemy, on their first Entrance.

But upon this & other occasions, we have too much reason to believe, that a measure suggested by us, was of itself a sufficient reason for its meeting with opposition, for the Majority of the Committee, the Advice conveyed in this minute was not regarded, our apprehensions were thought groundless & the opportunity lost, which might have totally prevented the Enemy's invading the Carnatic, in this opinion

Remains

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We were further confirmed, on finding that no more attention had been shewn to the Minute, deliver'd in by Mr Smith of the 1st July, recommending the same precautions might be taken / than had before been paid to the Minute of Mr Johnson.

In a minute, deliver'd in by the Governor and General, on the 8th of Aug^r in reply to one which Mr Sadler had enter'd at Council on this Subject / avowedly with intention to vindicate their own conduct, and moving for Mr Sadler's Suspension they say "Hyder Ally from the moment we march'd against Mahi, threaten'd, in return an Invasion of the Carnatic. His inclination was little to be doubt'd. He was how far this confession operates in their vindication, we will leave to our Honorable Employ-ees; frequent Information prov'd that, it was not only the Inclination, but the intercession of Hyder Ally to invade the Carnatic, two Members of the Committee propos'd that we should make the necessary preparations in consequence and yet, tho' the inclinations of Hyder Ally were so apparent to the Majority, they neglect'd to take any one step, by which our safety might be secured, until the Enemy's Cavalry had enter'd into the heart of the Country, and penetrat'd to a great extent both North and South.

For several days after the
Inaction

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Invasion took place, the same unhappy Indis-
ference and inactivity prevailed. The troops at
Poonamallee & the Mount were allowed to
remain separate instead of being assembled
for the defence of the Black Town, as we, at
that time recommended. The inhabitants
were under the greatest alarm, because they
thought proper means were not taken to pro-
tect them - instead of finding, near our Cas-
tles, an Asylum for their property, their cattle
and their Effects, they thought themselves in
danger within the Walls of the Black Town; they
fled into Woods and Dillenns; they carried their
Cattle and effects with them; such, as could afford
it fled by Sea, and we beg leave to submit it, even
to the Majority, whether this is not the cause, to
which we may principally impute the Difficult-
ty we had, in fitting out the Army from the Mount,
and our want of necessary provisions for that
part of it which has since returned.

Major Baillie with his Detach-
ment, instead of being immediately ordered
down to Madras, to join the troops which
could be collected near the Presidency, was first
ordered into the Cuddalore Country, then into
some other part of Hyder Ally's territories
where the attack might be more effectual, &
at last down to Madras. it is true when the

Expedition

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Expedition against Cudapah was first proposed we concurred; but, within the space of three days, we were sensible of the Impropriety of the Measure, and moved that he should be ordered directly to Madras; but this was not attended to; altho' if it had, his march towards Cudapah would have been prevented by these different orders, several days were lost, after the invasion took place, and at a time when every moment was of importance.

The Detachment, which marched from Pondicherry under the command of Col. Brathwaite, instead of being brought up by Sea, upon the first Alarm, to Madras as proposed by Mr. Sutherland Esq, where it might have been landed in the space of Eight days, was allowed to remain, for a considerable time, as it were in an open Town, altho' without Artillery, which was sent to them afterwards. When ordered to move to the country which might be considered in possession of the Enemy. Col. Brathwaite, with his Detachment, fortunately joined the Army at the Mount about the 23rd of Aug^r. it is well known that his march was not only attended with inconceivable fatigue and hazard, but in some situations, when there was great difficulty in dragging the Guns over Swampy Ground,

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Ground, his Detachment was in immediate
danger, in case of an Attack, as appears by
Col Brathwaite's Letters to the Committee
we deem it proper to observe that, independent
of the great loss of Time, this march by Land
made a very considerable difference of expense
which might have been saved, by bringing
the Troops by Sea - This, in any case, deserves
Consideration; but in the present low state of
our Finances, was really important.

The Majority of the Committee
first determined to assemble the Army, by
detachment, in the middle of the Province
altho' therein possession of the enemy - They de-
fended this measure, in their minutes of the
1st August already quoted; but they afterwards
found themselves under the necessity of re-
-considering it & of adopting in part the measure
of assembling the Army near the Presidency
as had been proposed to them.

We conceive, had Mr John-
son's motion of the 19th June, which was seconded
by Mr Smith, been attended to, it is highly pro-
bable the Enemy would not have invaded the
Country, and in any event, the Army would
have been in readiness to meet the Enemy
on their first appearance. - Had Col Brathwaite's
Detachment been ordered from the North
ward

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ware, to Madras when the invasion took place
I had Col. Braithwaite's Detachment been or-
dered up from Pondicherry by Sea the former
would have escaped the melancholy Fate to
which it became exposed; the safety of the
latter not have been so injudiciously hazard-
ed and the Army when joined, might have
been ready to march at least 7 days sooner,
which would have proved of the highest impor-
tance to the relief of Arcot. Had the Troops
near the Presidency been assembled for
its protection, our Bounds would now
have been stocked with every necessary
we might have felt but little of our pre-
sent distress & our Army might be easily
equipped. In fine, we are convinced our Af-
fairs would now bear a different aspect &
our honor been saved. However it might be
thought unbecom'd not to do the President
and General the justice to observe, that,
altho they took no notice of our Minutes
or made the necessary dispositions in
case of an invasion, they do not forget to
vindicate their Conduct by declaring
in their Minute of the 1st of August, that
"they represented both to the Company and
to the Gentlemen at Bengal the extent of
Mysor's views, and had most circum-
stantially

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"stantially informed the latter of every step he had
"taken previous to his attack upon the Car-
"notie". It is true indeed that these Gentlemen in the
same minute, further say that "under the certainty
"that the main Army and the Artillery of Hyder Ally
"had not yet got thro' the gauts, that he himself, so far
"from being in the heart of the Carnatic, was still in
"the neighbourhood of the passes, they deemed themselves
"vigilant in the Trust reposed in them when they re-
"solved to assemble an Army as speedily as possible"
we appeal to our Superiors, whether this is not in
effect, an evasion of the question, and whether the
introducing these circumstances / which at that
time, we believe, were very uncertain / are not in-
tended to give a colour of excuse for the delay which
happened in making the necessary preparations.
When it is not denied, as it cannot that Hyder
Ally's Forces had then actually burnt, plundered
and destroyed many considerable places in
the Carnatic, even close to the Sea Side, and had
carried off a very large booty from Fort St George
to the South, had done considerable Northward
at another large manufacturing Town called
Vintapollam not far from Masulipatam
and had ravaged the Country to the Westward.

It was not in our power to
prevent these Evils, we could do no more, nor
can we at present, than vindicate ourselves
from

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from having any part in the measures pursued from the departure of Mr Thomas Humbold we saw the President and the General united in every measure which has been carried into execution; with very little regard to the Arguments used by us; our opposition to these Measures, tho' formed upon good Grounds, & conducted with the greatest moderation, was turned disfunction - our advice was ill received, and hardly ever followed, but, thro' necessity - the measures by which the Majority supported their power, shew that the means were but little considered, so the end was obtained; we shall not say how much the Governor endeavored to inculcate ideas to our prejudice, that he might thereby promote his own Views, but, of this we are certain, our conduct was misconstrued. & our endeavors to serve the public, imputed to a factious disposition.

Mr Sackler, a Member of Council, convinced that the measures of the Majority were destructive, & moved by a sense of public danger, gave an opinion pointing out the evil tendency of what has already been done. & proposing a plan of Operations - his Arguments are the same as we have already expressed; they carried conviction to our minds; we joined in them & we hoped the Majority would have done so likewise, but the event turned out otherwise

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and Mr Sadler was suspended for giving an opinion, which, had it been adopted, would probably have prevented every succeeding mischief.

When we saw Power exerting itself to suppress well grounded opinion, we could not but feel for ourselves. we might have fallen the next sacrifice, and would thereby have been prevented from conveying to the contrary, our opinion in opposition to, what we thought, improper measures.

But the jealousy of the Majority was carried to a height that convinced us it was predetermined our Opinions should have no weight - The General first determined to remain at Madras, and Lord Macleod was appointed to the Command of the Army, when, in consequence of his Letter to the Committee, the General relinquished this design, and took the Command upon himself. He joined the Governor in voting that he should have leave to return to Madras, from the Army when he thought proper - but not thinking this resolution sufficient, and that it might be abrogated in his absence, he went still greater lengths; he expressed doubts of us in a Minute dated 28th Aug^r without assigning any cause. Not only in opposition to the orders of the Company, which gave the members of the Select Committee but in violation of the Constitution of their Government, which places

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the power in the hands of the Majority / having first contributed to this unwarrantable step by the unjust Suspension of Mr Sadler / moved that Mr Davidson should be appointed, a temporary Member of the Select Committee, during his absence.

The President in effect, acknowledged this act to be violent, and yet supported it for the superficial reasons assigned by the General - we have already delivered in Minutes on this Subject, but we will here take notice, that it was not alone the orders of the Court of Directors which these Gentlemen deviated from, and totally disregarded, but that on this occasion they acted in direct opposition, to an Opinion and Sentiments which, in every way, claimed at least an equal attention, from them - for the truth of which we mean to appeal to their own words in their joint Minute of the 1st of August, where they censure Mr Sadler for expressions, which they considered, as a Reflection on the Committee - their words are these,

"If in their Wisdom the Company have thought fit to establish a Select Committee for the better management of their Affairs; if in their discretion they have thought proper to limit the number of its Members. The daring insult which is, in such language, shown to their Authority, and that too by a Member of Administration

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"is worthy of the severest censure that can be pro-
-posed. To encourage a spirit of disaffection is highly
-unbecoming, in any man vested with a share of
-the Government of a country; but to aim at the
-subversion of a power, fixed and established in all
-its points, by the most explicit Orders, is a transgression
-of that unpardonable nature, that Government
-would be treacherous to their constituents, and
-negligent of the public safety, to allow it to pass.

Is it then necessary, for us to
-take notice, that the extraordinary measures of
-bringing Mr Davidson into the Committee, which
-the President and the General thought proper to
-adopt within a few days after they had delivered the afore-
-going Sentiments, stands strongly impeached by their
-sentiments, so that no clearer evidence of their con-
-demnation, can be required than what is contained
-in their own words?

We are aware that these senti-
-ments had been adopted by the President and the
-General, to serve the purpose which they had then
-in view - the suspension of a Member of the Board
-not only for his timidity in finding fault with
-conduct of a Committee, which the Company
-in their wisdom, thought fit to establish and in
-their discretion, to limit the number of its mem-
-bers, so that it became a Power, fixed and esta-
-blished in all its points by the most explicit
-Orders

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orders, but for the daring insult which was thrown by him, to the Authority of the Company, as these Gentlemen then wished it to be supposed in offering a reproach to the Company.

But it is the less obvious when these Sentiments had once been adopted and applied in support of the Authority of the Company, & of the rights established by that Authority, they recit with a ten fold force against those in whose hands they seem totally to have been obliterated, when it announced their purpose to pursue a different Conduct by transgressing upon that Authority and those Powers for which they were before so strenuous.

Altho we think not only the Commander in Chief's Letter to the Committee of the 28th Oct. but also those he wrote to the President individually during his short Campaign contain many material circumstances deserving particular Observation, yet we shall content ourselves with only one remark, which is that as the General used first, time to advise the Governor daily of his operations he might with equal facility and greater propriety have addressed similar Letters to the Committee, & it is the more to be regretted he did not, as we saw but four or five of them. Seven there were never read at the Board, altho it now appears from their being produced at our request that they contain many matters very necessary for our Information, &

such -

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such required the most serious consideration,

We will not however take upon us to say, what might have been the result of our deliberations, or what our own particular sentiments would have been, had those Letters been then recorded; but from the attention we have uniformly shewn to every matter of Importance, we persuade ourselves the Court of Directors will do us the Justice to believe, that our best endeavors would have been exerted to prevent, as far as depended on us, the fatal disaster which has befallen the Company. Should we think necessary to mention, that our anxiety at not hearing from the General for several days, forc'd us to enter a Minute on the C^o M^t wherein we observ'd this matter to what we conceive, was a very essential part of his Duty.

Having now briefly stated the line of conduct we have pursued, since we were confirmed in our suspicions of Hyder Ally's designs, it only remains that we submit the same, with all due deference, to the Judgement of our Superiors.

Charles Smith

October 12th 1788

Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson

We think it necessary to request that the Honorable Court of Directors and the

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Committee will be pleased to refer to the report of the late President Sir T. Gambell relative to Mycor's dispositions and intentions, as entered in the Minutes of the Committee on the 29th Oct last - to the Committee's unanimous Opinion thereon - to a Minute, delivered in by Mr Smith, on the 31st October last, and to the Committee's Opinion in consequence thereof Resolved

Resolved that the Companies Ships Contractor Ponsborne be immediately dispatched to join the Squadron at Pondicherry, that they may assist in bringing away the Detachment from thence to Arango, after which the arrival is to be requested to send them to Bombay.

Resolved also that Major W. Nettleton of the Infantry Regiment's Quarters, Messrs Officers now here, as can embark be put on Board the Contractor the Ponsborne for Bombay that the Commanders of those Ships be directed if the Weather will permit to call at Pondicherry in their way round to the other Coast State on Board Mr's Ponsborne, Major, & Blanche Guinevere with Lieut Col. De Marguerat.

Read the following Letter from Captain Edington, Commanding at Calicutah.

The Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

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Governor & President

Honble Sir

this country being charged
the Poligars who were
refused to come to treat
my word for their way
to forward the Service
writing from the Res.
promising is a copy of
expressly altho' I have
Letters I wrote your
Poligars in consequence
the Inconsistency of the
other causes, little or no
And they only promised
to send two thousand Men
Troops take the Field. You
say there is no likelihood
for want of pay. And
observe that his Highness
to be a good Body of Men
Officers taken into the
at this time be a season
the Army. I promised to
to collect the Debt. And
release ment of his Father.

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I had for many Years the Luck to be
permitted, as the reward of his
services, to amuse myself as I wish
and such a promise, after he had per-
suaded me that he would in that hope
to the utmost, I march immediately
off over Madras for the protection
of the

I beg leave to acquaint your
M^{ty} that I have done everything in my
power to put the Fort in the best state of Defence
the tardiness of the Sicars much is
that end, and unless I have an
order from the Board to act of myself in what
may be necessary to be done even at a trifling
expence to the Service will be
impossible

The 25th of last Month I
wrote to the Committee two intercepted
letters from Hyder Ally to the Poligar of
Cuddalore

I am

With respect

Yr Serv^t

Your obedient and
most humble Servant

James Edington

Translation