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1780 Port St George. 10th Oct^r 1780

Translation of a Writing or Agreement Dated 10th August 1780

I Pullaway Thernalayapack

Woodelliyar do hereby give this writing or Agreement
to Col. Edington commanding at Trincomally
That, My Navaa Cawn had sometime ago sent for
the Poligars on account the Government Affairs as
likewise you also wrote them for the same purpose
but in the meantime the said My Navaa Cawn was
dismissed from the Amuldarship. At present. In
consequence of my being as Amuldar and Com-
mandant and also you are as commanding at
this place for the Company's Affairs. I have desired
you to grant your Writing or Agreement to Pon
cheulom Coorby Cotta Rammo Naig & Seenghary
Varajuna Rama Vannyan & Pollygars in order
to make their appearance at Trincomally and obey
such Orders that shall be given or granted them
by the Government there but in case the said Polly-
gars are unwilling to obey the Orders and being
desirous to proceed to their respective Places I
promise that I shall make no contrary nor put
them under confinement & you shall also secure
them safely to their respective places. Thus I given
you this Agreement therefore you will send for
the said Pollygars without loss of time. This
Agreement or writing shall continue good
until the said Pollygars are safely arrived to
their respective places.

(Signed) Thernalayapack Woodelliyar

1787 Fort St George. 10th Oct. 1780
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
Governor & President & Select Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

I was this morning honored
with your commands of 15th and 16th instant
of the same tenor and I am with me on a letter
of the men entertained since I received the first
order to recruit. Notwithstanding my utmost
Endeavors I have hitherto had but very bad
Success, nor do I suppose I will have better
in future. The Young men preferring the Nabob's
Sibbendy Service, where they get Battal & 1/2
to Co. For this reason were your Honors to pre-
vail on the Nabob to give Orders for my having
permission to Draught his Sibbendies / of which
there are forty Companies in this Country
of Fifty men each / two good Battalions might
be quickly formed out of them. & the Young men
might complete the Sibbendies again at his
leisure. I took the liberty to suggest to your
Honors in a letter I wrote four days ago
the Company's taking the Nabob's of the Battⁿ
at present in a state of Mutiny here into
their pay. and which I should imagine
His Highness would readily agree to. when
it evidently appears to be so much for the good
of his own and the Company's service. If this
should be approved of, there will be three
Battalions, almost instantly formed out of

Wt St George 19th Dec^r,

ing: for at present they can hardly be
ter: and I will be answerable for their
ily disciplined, & fit for the Field. Arms &
attempts to be and from the Presidency
soon as possible. I should esteem it a great
-diligence, should the scheme take place, to
the naming of an Ensign, who I will also
commend as one of the fittest men in the
try for an Adjutant, and who is on the Sp
The Rajah of Travancore, I have has sent
two thousand men to Sinnavally, Sepoys &
men — For the present service, yet it
been in my power to get the Foulzdar, &
to send any assistance to Madurai, who
Gibbings is perpetually pressing me to
and what would also, be the sure means of
tecting the Sinnavally District at present
terely open to be plundered, without with
lyears give their aid, unless accompanied
other Troops.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir Yours

Your Respectful and Obedt
Humble Servant

Jamies Edinroth

Agreed that the President
desired to communicate the foregoing
the Madat & to request he will
to take his G^d Bd^r into the

1780

Fort St George

another Battalion from among
Seyoys.

Read the
from Mr Stephen Sullivan.
The Honble John Whitehall Esq^r
President &c Select Committee
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the satisfaction, to acquaint
you of the safe arrival of His Majesty's Ship *Dryad*
in Palawan Roads on the 19th inst, and on the 29th
inst I had the Honour of delivering your Despatches
for the Supreme Council to the Governor General.

Agreeable to the Tenor of any
instructions I shall not fail to enforce should I
see occasion, the representations you have found
it necessary to make on the present state of your
affairs, and shall be particularly attentive in
conveying to you every information I may be
possessed of relative to the intentions of the
Governor General and Council.

I am happy in being able
to communicate to your Honors the news of
the taking of Guadalupe from the Mexicans
a Fortress esteemed of the first importance in
all Indostan, and hitherto considered by the
Natives themselves as impregnable. This
capture was attempted, and the place taken
from by Captⁿ Popham on the 13th of
Aug^r

1790 Fort St George. 18th Oct 1788

August last with the loss of only 14 Men wounded
The Governor General and Council immediately
promoted Capt. Popham to the rank of a
Major, and ordered a Clause to be inserted in
the body of his Commission, signifying that
it is granted as a Reward, and an Honorable
Testimony of the high sense the Board en-
tertain of his Military Abilities it being out
of the regular course of Succession.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Servs

Calcutta
Sept^r 22^d 1788.

Your most obedient servant
Stephen Sullivan
Secretary

Recd the following Letter

from Ensign Bird.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
President &c Select Committee
Fort St George

Sir and Gentlemen

A probable Opportunity
now offering of my getting a Passage to Europe
I humbly request your permission to resign the
Honble Company's Service upon this Coast
a favor which I shall always hold in the
highest sense of and am

with the greatest respect

Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obedt^t Servt
W Bird Ensign

Black Town
19th Oct 1788

Port St George. 10th Oct.

Agreed that Ensign P
be permitted to resign the Service

Recd the following Letter
Captⁿ Aleck Commanding at Sanyore
To Charles Cokerley Esq^r

Sir
Military Secretary

This serves to inform you that
Lieut Edward Johnson of the 18th Battⁿ is per
mitted to resign the 1st Inst.
I am

Sanyore
11th Oct 5/80

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
Hugh Robt Aleck
Captⁿ Commanding

Charles Smith

Sam^l Johnson

1792 Port St George Octr 1788

26th Wrote the following Letters.

To Mr Piverson

Sir

Your residence at Pondicherry
being founded only on the favor of our permission. & it
being in the present circumstances of Affairs inconve-
nient to us to extend that Permission to any further
time, We now require you to embark with your Effects
on board one of the Ships by which this Letter will be
conveyed to you. The Ships are bound to Pombay
from whence you will have a Passage to Europe —

We are

Sir

Port St George
28th Octr 1788.

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

John Whitehill &c

Select Committee

The same was written to Mr Hugon & Mr Plin de

Grincourt

To the Honble Heuman Abbestie Esq^r

Governor &c Council

of Tranquebar

Gentlemen.

Being desirous at this time
of having a Resident on the part of our Company
at Tranquebar We request that you will be pleased
to allow Mr Edw^d McIntosh to remain there
in that Character for which we shall esteem
ourselves much obliged to you —

We have

1793 Fort St George. Oct. 1/80
28th

Gentlemen
Fort St George.
28th Oct. 1780

We have the Honor to be
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
John Whitehill Sec
Select Committee

To Captⁿ Edmonds

Commanding
at Ongole

Sir

I am directed by the President
and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of the 28th Aug^r and to acquaint
you that you have their permission to execute
the Repairs which you have represented to be
absolutely necessary to the Fort taking care to
confine the Expence to 150 Pagodas

You have likewise their
permission to entertain as many of the Men
mentioned in your Letter of the 27th Ult^o as are
willing to come into the Service & to pay the
Arrears due to the Sepoys of Col. Baillie's Detach-
ment, who may arrive at Ongole

I am

Fort St George Sir
28th Oct. 1780

Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Oakley Secy

To Mr John Hudleston

President of the

Fort St George Oct 27th 1700
Nagore

Sir

We have received your letter of
the 2^d Instant.

If Yellapallah be still at Rega-
putam, and you are thoroughly assured that he
is a Vackeel from Heyden, We would have you endeavor to intercept him with his papers & detain him
with You till you receive our further orders

As the Circabell will shortly
proceed again to the Southward We desire you will
take the opportunity of sending Mr Desbigny
by her to the Presidency

We are

Sir

Fort St George
28th Nov 1700.

Your most Obedt Servants
John Whitehill Secy
Schiff Committee

To Lieut George Roberts
Commanding at
Diagar

Sir

We have received your letter of
the 1st Inst. and are concerned that the commu-
nication is not sufficiently open for you to re-
ceive money from Suburnopoly to pay the Sepoys
We hope this difficulty will soon be removed and
in the mean time you will do every thing in
your power to provide subsistence for the Garrison

We

Desbigny

1795

20th

Port St George Oct 1780

We are

Sir

Port St George
20th Oct 1780

Your most Obedient Servant
John Whitehill Secy
Select Committee

We wrote the following Letter
To Mr Marquemont.

Sir

The President and Select Com-
mittee having ordered two of their Ships to sail
at Pondicherry, I am directed to desire you will em-
bark on one of them with your Effects the Ships
are bound to Bombay, from whence you will
be furnished with a Passage to Europe

I am

Sir

Port St George
21st Oct 1780

Your most Obed Servant
Charles Oakley Secy

To Major D'Espermette
Sir

I am directed by the President
& Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of
your Letter written in consequence of the Notice
given you to embark for Europe via Bombay
and to acquaint you in Answer, that if you do
not go on Board voluntarily at the time ap-
pointed for your Embarkation, they will be
under the necessity / however disagreeable to
them / of sending you by force

1796 Fort St George. Oct 1780

21th

I am

Sir

Fort St George

Your most Obedient servant
Charles Cockley Esq

21st Oct 1780

To Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

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

India

Sir

We have dispatched the Com-
pany's Ships Ponsborne & Contractor to join you
at Tellicherry, and given directions to their Com-
manders to put themselves under your Orders
until their arrival at Bombay.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George
21st Oct 1780

Your most Obedient
humble servants

John Whitehill Esq
Select Committee

22^d Wrote the following Letters

To the Honble W^m Hornby Esq

President Gov^r & Select Committee

Bombay

Gentlemen

We have desired the Captains of
the Contractor & Ponsborne in their way to your Coast
to call if the Weather will permit at Pondicherry &
Madr

at 1

1797 Fort St George. Oct 1700

22^d take on Board M^{rs} Hugen Prisoner Blen Court Lieut Col Marquena, four French Men whose residence there may prove detrimental to the Company in the present situation of Affairs. Should they embark & be conveyed to your Presidency We request you will provide them with a Passage to Europe & in a reasonable time grant them a proper Subistence.

We have also sent by the Porpoise from hence, some French Officers whom we are obliged by the Capitulation for the Surrender of Pondicherry to send home at the Company's Expence and We request you will provide them in the same manner as We have desired respecting the other Gentlemen. A List of these Officers is enclosed with.

The undermentioned Georgians and Moguls who have deserted to us from the M^{rs} Camp, are at their own request embarked on the Porpoise for Bombay, and as they are very desirous of going to their own Country by the Route of Persia, We request you will give them what little Assistance they may require for this purpose.

Raigh Usurab

Mammet Shah

Baykan

Alloster

} Georgians

1798 Fort St George. Oct 1780

22^d

Moves Beg
Tallph Beg
Ismael Beg
Bassam Beg } Moguls

We transmit herewith Invoice and first Bill of Lading of 300 Barrels of Gunpowder laden on the Ponsborn, which with the 700 Barrels laden on the Aquadron completes the quantity you intended for.

Lading
complete

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
22^d Oct 1780

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
John Whitehill Secy
Select Committee

To Mr. Will^m Cumming

Chief Sec Council
of Madras

Gentlemen

Having determined to demolish the public Buildings at Pondichery. We desire you will send such a part of the Force now at Madras as you can possibly spare to Pondichery and put it under the orders of Lieut Bruce who is going hence to act as Engineer upon this service and who will deliver this Letter to You. You will likewise give such other assistance as may be requisite on this occasion.

from

We have ordered the Ponsborn

Fort St George. Oct 1700

22. Some Contractor to Pondicherry to receive on
Board. Mess^{rs} Pivron, Hugon & Blin de
Guincourt, with Sthel Marquand. In case
the Force you send from Pondicherry for the
beforementioned Service should be at Pondicherry
at the time the Ships arrive there, & the above
Gentlemen should not voluntarily embark
you will desire the Officer to oblige them to go on
Board.

You will see the necessity of
keeping our Intentions respecting the Gentlemen
as well as those respecting the public Buildings
Secret, until they are to be put in Execution.
We are

Fort St George Gentlemen
22nd Oct 1700.

Your most Obed^t Servants
John Whitehill Esq
Select Committee

Monday
the 23rd

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esq^r P^{re}s^{id}
Charles Smith Esq^r Sec^y Hector Mucars
Samuel Johnson

Minutes of last Committee
read and approved

Read the following letter

From Pondicherry
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
President Governor & Council
at Fort St George

1800 Fort St George. 23^d Oct 1788

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have laden and despatched to your Honor via on the Snow Adventurer Nathunjee Syrang four hundred and sixty five (465) Barrels of Gunpowder all the Intrenching Tools belonging to Capt. Gault the Shot and Surplus Stores received from Pondicherry and a quantity of Bamboos. The Bill of Lading waits on your Honor via enclosed - the second Bill of Lading, together with the valuation of the intrenching Tools shall be forwarded over land.

We have the Honor to be very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt

Humble Servants

William Cumming

J^r Daniel

W^m Maisterland

E^t M^r Fallowfield

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r (Duplicate)
President Governor & Select Committee
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

When Col. Braithwaite's Detachment evacuated Pondicherry a great number of Sepoys Wives and Families belonging to the Detachment under Col. Brown came to this place

Cuddalore
6th Oct 1788

1801 Fort St George. 23^d Feb 1780

place, and a Letter with a list of Men was forwarded to the Paymaster here by Mr Hamilton the Military Paymaster at Madras —

To induce the Sepoys the more readily to Embark on this Expedition, your Honor Sir, were pleased to direct that a certain proportion of each man's pay should in their absence be allowed their Families: this Allowance amounts to 40 Pagas 29. for 9 months & the they have been here a considerable time, the state of our cash has hitherto been so extremely low that we have been able to pay them no more than 225 Pagodas in part of their arrears as they & their Vakeel say for the Month of Sept. The Mr Hamilton's Account mentions the amount for that Month would be 675. 17. 8. Their Allowance for September and October amounts to 1805. 16. The Distress of these people is so great that one or two of them it is said have died of want and we have no prospect of alleviating it but by an Application to your Honor Sir. It is not necessary for us to point out to you the many disagreeable consequences that will ensue from allowing them to continue in this State of Poverty as the unwillingness of Sepoys to engage in any further service of this kind; The Discontent it may occasion among those already gone, when they come to be informed of the fate of their

ing been received
advance for 6-

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families as well as the Police it will impress
those with who are witnesses of their distress
with others that might be mentioned & which
will occur to your Honor &c

We shall therefore beg leave to
propose that should your Honor &c be unable to fur-
nish us with cash to pay them monthly exclusive
of our other expenses. You will be pleased to direct
the Paymaster of Tanjore or Trichinopoly to pay
them at either of those Garrisons. The Road at pre-
sent is open; and we could persuade them to pro-
ceed thither. but as they represent some of them
have been made Prisoners between Pondicherry
and this place, we don't think they could be prevailed
on to go to the Presidency To relieve their present
misery till an answer can be received from your
Honor &c we have come to a determination to
receive if possible two or three hundred Pagodas
for Bills on your Honor &c. Should it meet with
your approbation.

We have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Will^m Canning

J Daniel

EW Fallofield

R Guy

Cuddalore
13th Oct 1780

1803 Fort St George 23^d Decr 1788

Agreed that the Wives and Families of the Sepoys, with Col Pocock's Detachment be allowed to go to Tanjore & Trichinopoly and to be subsisted there in the same manner as they were at Pondicherry.

Read also the following letter from Buddalore, —
To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre
President & Governor &c Select Committee
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sons

We have been favoured with your Command of the 7th Inst. We are extremely sorry to inform your Honor &c that the quantity of Gun powder that were intended for the use of the Barracks could be sent no further than Pondicherry where they were kept several days & afterwards sent to Buddalore. Lt Bishop Commanding Fort Pondicherry to whom we wrote on the subject of forwarding this Powder, informed our Chief he could spare 20 Barrels from his own Garrison & that he would spare them to Wanduash whenever a favourable opportunity offered, depending on us for having them replaced whenever the communication should be open between this place & Pondicherry.

We shall punctually obey your directions regarding the Pondicherry Powder in case of the appearance of any of the French Ships on the coast. Captain Mervant & Co

1804 Port George. 23^d Decr 1788

house proceeded by boat to Pondichery some
days past & that Pearson has succeeded
him in the command.

We should with great plea-
sure comply with your directions of endeavour-
ing to bring away the boats & boat people
from Porto Novo if their natural aversion
to leave their usual places of residence, and
Hyder's People having been some time
in possession of that place were not insur-
mountable difficulties without using force
to effect it: and as the state of our Garrison
will not conveniently of doing so unless it
should hereafter become absolutely necessary from
the use in which Hyder's people may employ
themselves. What your commands on the subject
do not imply the exertion of force. We would only in-
form your Honor &c. that there are no Malabar
boats at that place, that the Phalingas belonging
to it about 20/ would be of no use to a French fleet
in landing their force on any part of the Coast.

We have the Honor to be,

Respectfully Sir &c

Your most Obedt^t servants
Wm. Cunningham
J. Darrell
Wm. Mainland
W. Hallfield
R. Guy

Madras
19th Decr 1788

1805 Fort St George. 23rd Oct 1780

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Committee that the Dep^y. Agent in Camp has reported to him the great difficulty which the Bullock Trustees have at present in procuring Forage for their cattle on account of the towns being entirely laid waste by the Enemy's Horse & Foot - proposing that an Increase be made in the Hire on this acct of 2 Pagoda per Month until the above Difficulty is removed.

Resolved accordingly that the Bullock Trustees be allowed 2 P^y. Months in addition to the present Hire.
Read the following Minute from the Presidents

The President acquaints the Committee that in consequence of the Intelligence communicated by the Natab in his Letter of the 28th Inst. of the Daries at Tranquebar having listened to certain propositions made to them by Hyder Ally Cawon - he had sent for the Vackel of the Rajah of Tanjore, and desired him to inform his Master - that this Government expected he would use every method in his power to prevent either the Dutch or Daries who are settled in his Country from affording the least assistance whatsoever to the Enemy. That the Vackel had in consequence written to his Master. But the President not deeming this ever sufficient, recommends to the Committee

that

1806 Fort St George. 23^d Oct. 1788

That a Letter be written to the Rajah, to the
above Effect, with a Request at the same
time, that Copies of such Letters as may
pass between him & the Dutch and the
Danish Governments, be immediately
transmitted to the President for the Infor-
mation of the Committee.

Agreed that the Rajah
of Tanjore be written to, in the Terms of
the President's Minute.

Charles Smith

Sam^l Johnson

1807 Fort George Oct 17th 80

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24th Despatches the following Letters
To Sir Edm^d Hughes R.B.

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

Sir India,

The Ponsborne and Contractor be-
-ing on the point of departure to join You, We write
this merely to inform you, that We have received a
Letter from the Commandant at Trichinopoly
containing advices from Orizengo of two Privateers
Privateers and a Frigate having been lately on
the Malabar Coast, and of their having taken the
Snow Bombay Merchant.

Sir We have the Honor to be,

Your most Obedt^t Servants
John Whitehall Esq

Secy Committee

D.S.
We have the pleasure to acknowledge
You that by Private Advices from Bengal We have
that a considerable Reinforcement of Troops is coming
from thence for the service of this Presidency.

To the Hon^{ble} William Hornby Esq
President and Governor of Bombay
Gentlemen

We beg leave to request that

Fort George
24th Oct 1780

1808 Fort St George Oct 1780

Wth you will send the enclosed Letter together with the
Packet before transmitted to you to the Hon^{ble} Court
of Directors by Mr Petrie on the first conveyance that
may offer via Bussorah or Suaz -

We have the pleasure to acquaint
you that by private Advices from Bengal We learn
that a considerable Reinforcement of Troops is coming
from thence for the Service of this Presidency -

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
21st Oct 1780.

Your most Obed^t servants
John Whitehill &c

Secret Committee

To Col. John Brathwaite
Sir

The Company's Ship Minabell
being ordered to the Southward We desire you will pro-
ceed upon her to take the Command of Tanjore agreeably
to your Appointment

In addition to the Instructions
already given you We think it necessary to observe to
you that as it is probable from the Troubles which
at present prevail in the Country that the Commu-
nication between Tanjore and the Presidency may
be cut off, and as it may under this Circumstance
be prejudicial and even dangerous to wait for
our Orders upon particular points We do empow-
er you in such an Event act according to your Dis-
cretion for the Defence and Protection of that Country

instructed and

to

not written

1809 Fort St George Oct 1780

th 24 That you are to advise us as often as possible of your Proceedings, and wait for our Instructions in all cases that will admit of it.

In the present Situation of Affairs We deem it expedient to unite the strength of the Sibbenoy Sepoys in the Tanjore Country with that of the regular Troops, and to have the whole Force as much as can be, consistently with the original Intention of forming the Sibbenoy under the Directions of the Commandant of Tanjore. We shall give an Order to this Effect, and desire the Rajah in future to make his requisitions for Sibbenoy Sepoys to you.

We have resolved to form a Company of native Artillery for the Garrison of Tanjore, and We desire upon your arrival there you will give the necessary Directions to Capt. Woodier for this purpose.

We are,

Sir

Fort St George
24th Oct 1780

Your most Obedt Servant
John Whitehill Secy
Select Committee

To Capt Thomas Purroues
Sir

As it appears to us expedient for the present to put all the Sibbenoy Sepoys under the Directions of the commanding Officer at Tanjore, We have written to the Rajah to this Effect

1810 Fort St George Oct 1780

And we desire you will in future obey all such Orders
as you shall receive from the Commandant of
Sanjore

We are

Sir

Fort St George
25th Oct 1780

Your most Obedt Servants
John Whitehall Sec.
Select Committee

To Mr James Call

Sir

I am directed by the President
and Select Committee to desire you will give them an
Account of what has been done by you in the Pursuit
of the Agency for supplying Half-breasting for 1778 or
1779 specifying what money you have received from
the Treasury and what Steps have been made up.

I am directed also to acquaint you
that no more Steps are to be made up than what
you have now in hand as the President Select
Committee have determined that those Battalions
for whom no Steps have been provided for 1778 &
1779 shall receive the amount of them in Money.

I am

Sir

Fort St George
24th Oct 1780

Your most Obedt Servt
Charles Cokerly Secy

To Capt^r Batelroyn

of the Contractor

Sir

We have received Intelligence

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24th of two French Privateers and a French Frigate
having been lately on the other Coast and that
they have taken the Ship Bombay Merchant
and sent her to the Islands. As these Ships may
possibly be still cruising there. We enjoin you in
the strongest manner to keep Company with
the Poruborne until you join the Admiral
You will set sail as soon as you receive this
Letter

Sir

We are

Fort St George
24th Oct 1780

Your most Obed Servants
John Whitehill Secy

Select Committee
The same to Captⁿ Le Mesurier of the Poruborne
To Captⁿ Lorton

Commanding the Company's Ship
Elizabeth

Sir

You are hereby to proceed on
board your Vessel to make the best of your way
to Buddalore, where, after landing the Troops
embarked for that place, You are to touch
at Nagore, and disembark the Troops. You
are then to proceed to Bombay & put yourself
under the orders of the Governor & Council there

Fort St George 24th Oct 1780

By order of the Board Select Committee

1812 Fort St George Oct 1780

23 This Day the following Letters were sent—
To Mr John Hudleston.

Resident at

Nagore

Sir

I am directed by the President
& Select Committee to acquaint You that they have
embarked on the Snow Elizabeth 100 Chests &
15 Bags of Stores for the Garrison of Palamcottah
which they desire You will forward by Boats to
Tuticorin or Manapoor which may be most
convenient at the same time advising the Com-
mandant at Palamcottah thereof.

They have likewise embarked
Stores for Trichinopoly agreeably to the enclosed
List which You will take the first opportunity
of forwarding to that Garrison—

I am

Sir

Fort St George
25 Oct 1780

Your most Obed Servant
Charles Baker

Select Committee

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

Gentlemen

We are now to acquaint You
that We have thought it necessary in order to
give every possible Information of the Situation
and

1813 Fort St George Oct 1/80

By and Intentions of the French at the Islands to
send a Gentleman to reside at the Cape of Good
Hope in quality of our Resident there, and
have accordingly appointed Mr Richard Lion
to that Post.

Captⁿ Jefferson of the Maney
having brought several Letters, and a Box,
from Bombay for your Presidency, has request-
ed as we have employed him on another
Service. We would forward them to you and
We now send the Letters by the Ship's. Shab,
forward the Box by the first Sea Conveyance.
We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George
25th Oct 1780

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill Secy

26th Sent the following Letter to Captⁿ Edington
To Captⁿ James Edington
Commanding at
Palamcottah
Sir

Letters

We have received your several

& The Vessel has at our request
consented to his 9th Batch of Sepoys being enter-
tained in the Company's Service. We to pay

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To their Arcars, he cannot do it at present, nor can Mr undertake it, but you may assure them we will use our Endeavours with the Nabob to obtain it when the Country is in peace upon Condition of their entering into our Service

The Nabob has also consented to our enlisting another Battalion from among his Subordinates, and you will accordingly make choice of a sufficient Number for that purpose and discipline them with all possible Expedition On this particular Occasion, we shall allow you to nominate the Adjutants. x

Enclosed is the Nabob's Order to his Manager at Simivetty relative to the 9th Battaⁿ & to the money to be forwarded from the Subordinates

We have sent by the Company's Snow Elizabeth to Nagore, a Set of Arms. Accoutrements cannot be spared they must be made up there for the 10th Battaⁿ and 1000 Stand more to enable you to supply the new Battalion to be raised, and such as may be wanting for the Nabob's 9th Battaⁿ. Whatever part of them may not be required, you will carefully deposit in the Company's Stores. We shall desire our Resident at Nagore to send the Arms by Boats from thence to Tuticorin, or some port near to it and it will be proper that you have an escort in readiness to convey them safe to Palamatch

Enclosed is a List of the Stores

embarked

form

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We embarked on the Elizabeth, as mentioned above
We are

Fort St George
26th Oct 1780

Sir

Your most Obed Servants
John Mitchell Secy

Select Committee

28th Sent the following Letters
To Lieut Col. Nixon

Commanding at

Sir

Trichinopoly

I am directed by the Presid^t
and Select Committee to enclose You an Account
and Bill of Lading of 1224 Barrels of Gunpow-
der laden on the Snow Adventure for Adisapa-
tam and intended for the use of your Garrison.
You will in consequence dispatch an Escort
without loss of time to remove and convey it
to Trichinopoly

Sir

I am

Fort St George
28th Oct 1780

Your most Obed Servants
Charles Baker Secy

To Mr. Payson Scotney

Sir

Military Storekeeper

I am directed by the Presid^t and
Select Committee to desire You will make up

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th
28 such additional Turnbills, as may be wanted, agreeably
to a Return which will be delivered to You by the
General.

I am

Fort St George
28th Oct 1788

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Oakeley Esq

29th Dispatched the following Letters
To Sir Edw^d Hughes K^tB

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

Sir

We beg leave to enclose You a Let-
ter which We have received under your Address from
the Governor General and Council of Bengal -
We have the Honor to be

Sir

Fort St George
29th Oct 1788

Your most Obed^t Servants
John Whitehill Secy
Select Committee

To Sir Edward Hughes K^tB
Rear Admiral of the Red and
Commander in Chief of His
Majesty's Ships in

India

Sir

We wrote You under Date the
24th Inst and have now the pleasure to acquaint
You

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Wth You from authentic Advices that a considerable Reinforcement is coming to us from Bengal, and may be hourly expected here. We learn also from the same Authority that the Governor General and Council of Bengal have come to the Resolution of offering an immediate peace to the Murrattas on such Terms as there is every Reason to believe will be accepted.

Fort St George
29th Oct 1788.

Sir

We have the Honor to be

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill Secy
Select Committee
To the Honble William Hornby Esq^r
President Gov^r Sea Select Committee
of Bombay
Gentlemen

We enclose you another Packet for the Court of Directors, which we expect will arrive in time to go by Mr Pitts via Madras. If not we request the favor of you to forward it by the first conveyance that shall offer.

Our Ship is hourly expected here with a considerable Reinforcement of Troops from Bengal to prosecute the War against Hyder Ally. We learn also that the Governor General and Council of Bengal have come to the Resolution of offering Peace to

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To the Marhattas on such terms as there is every
reason to believe will be accepted. Should such
an Event take place the Army under Genl
Goddard, might be most advantageously em-
ployed against Hyder upon your coast -
We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
John Whitehill Secy
Select Committee

Fort St George
29th Oct 1780

Monday
the 30th

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esq^r Pres^t Secy
Chas^r Smith, Sir Hector Munro K^t B
Samuel Johnson -

Minutes of last Committee
read and approved -

Read the following Letter
from the Governor General Council of Bengal
To John Whitehill Esq^r

President Secy Select Committee
at Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have received your several
Letters of the 3^d 11th 5th 9th 11th 14th with the Lac-
kets from the Honble Court of Directors accom-
panying them, and the other Papers said to be
enclosed.

We have not read without
sensible

Duplicate

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sensible Concern the account which you have sent us of the fatal Check which the Company's Arms have received in the Defeat of a considerable Detachment of their Troops by the Forces of Hyder Ally Bawa, and of the severe and Precipity under which the remaining Army was obliged to retreat to Chingleput. We purposely forbear at present from making any Observations on this Event, or on the Steps which if taken, would in our Opinion have prevented it. The Situation of Affairs in the Carnatic, and the Dangers to which the Interests of the Company are exposed there, are serious and alarming, and call on us for every Exertion we can make to aid and support your Presidency without hazarding the Safety of our own. Since the Arrival therefore of the Dispatches which you have sent us by Mr Sullivan, our Time has been chiefly occupied in passing such Orders & Resolutions as appeared to us best calculated to promote this End, and these We shall now make known to You.

Unable as We are to spare the Services of Sir Eyre Coote at this time, but without the greatest Inconvenience to our own Affairs, we have yet yielded to the ^{necessity of the} occasion and requested him to proceed immediately to your Presidency, and to take the Command of

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of the Army under it. He has cheerfully complied, and will take his Departure from Bengal in a few Days on the Ship Duke of Kingston. We have resolved also to assist you with the following Detachment of European Infantry and Artillery. The Season of the Year will not now permit of our sending you Sepoys by Land, nor is the Number of Vessels in this River at present unemployed, sufficient to carry you a Reinforcement of these Troops by Sea, even if all Objection to such mode of Conveyance, arising from the Prejudice of the Sepoys themselves against it, were set aside, but We have it in contemplation to aid Your Operations by sending you a Detachment of Sepoys in the course of the next, or the ensuing Month.

Force under Orders to proceed to Fort St George

European Infantry	330
D ^o Artillery - 2 Companies	200
Complement of Bascars to the Artillery	630

Besides the above a Corps of Volunteers consisting of between 40 & 50 Gentlemen and the Detachment of His Majesty's Troops which has lately been on Duty here, as a Guard to the Commander in Chief, will shortly embark for your Presidency.

Having understood that you were in some Want of Gunpowder, we have given Orders that two hundred Barrels should be sent
You

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You by the Duke of Kingston, and the following small supply of Ordnance will also accompany the Troops on this Ship.

2 - 12 Pounders
4 - 6 Do with Ammunition

Your earnest Application for Supplies of Money from us, and the Dependence which you place on them, and these only to answer the Expenses of the War, in which you are engaged with Hyder Ally Cawn, have induced us to resolve on appropriating to the Service of your Presidency the Sum of 15 Lacks of Rupees, ten of which will be sent on the Duke of Kingston, and the remaining five on the Free Mason a Country Ship, which will sail in a few Days. This Treasure which We have thought proper to consign to Sir Eyre Coote is intended to be employed for the payment of the Troops under his Command and that it be our general Purpose that it should be exclusively appropriated to answer Military Charges. We have authorized him to advance any part of it upon your Request. We should be agree in the Expediency of doing so. Therefore the Free Mason should arrive at Fort George before Sir Eyre Coote reaches it and the Treasure be landed. We beg leave to make known to you our Desire that it be deposited in your Treasury & remain there untouched until

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Sir Eyre Cootes Arrival

With respect to Supplies of Grain, our former Letters will have informed you of the Means which we have taken to provide them, and we trust that the Quantity which Mr Ferguson & Capt^d Roddam have engaged to deliver at your Residency will answer your immediate Wants for some time to come. A small Stock of salt Provisions will be likewise sent you on the Duke of Kingston. It is intended for the use of the Garrison in the Event of a Siege. We do not think fit to send you a larger Supply at present, nor until we hear from yourselves that you are in want of it. You will not omit to inform us when you may have occasion for it that we may provide you with a further Quantity.

I immediately on the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Ul^o requesting that one of the Hon^{ble} Company's Ships might be sent round with half her Lading as soon as possible, we issued the necessary orders for the Duke of Kingston to be made necessary for this Purpose. The state of the Ship would not admit of her Departure so soon as we wished, but we yet hope that she will be able to sail in a few Days. She will be accompanied by two of our Pilot Vessels which will carry Troops, and may be of considerable use in conveying those sent round on the large Ships to a shorter Distance from the Shore than

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than that at which large Ships can with safety lie from it at so late a Period.

In our Letter to the Admiral of this Date, which we enclose and request you will forward to him by the safest and speediest Conveyance should he have left Fort St George on its Arrival there, we have suggested the Benefit that might arise from the Operations of his Majesty's Squadron against Hyder's Possessions & Ships on the Coast of Malabar, and we doubt not of his ready Attention to this Object. of the immediate Services of the Squadron at Bombay should not appear to him more necessary & important.

Having now made known to you Gentlemen the Orders & Resolutions which we have passed on Receipt of your last Advice, for the furtherance of the Interests of the Company under your Presidency, and for the support of the Rights of their Ally the Nabob of the Carnatic, we might be content to close our Letter to you in this Place, but having also lately passed an important Resolution, by which, tho' this Government is peculiarly concerned in it, the general Situation of the Company's Affairs at the other Presidencies may be essentially affected, we think proper to make it known to you. We trust to your prudence in withholding it at present from public Knowledge that the Success of our Object may not be

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be baffled by any Attempts of the Enemies of
the Company, who might use their Endeavors
to oppose it. Without further preface therefore
and to conclude our Letter We now inform You
that We have resolved on a Peace with the Marat-
ta State, in such mode and on such Conditions
as appear to us best calculated to obtain most
advantageous Terms to the War in which We have
long been engaged with it.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Warren Hastings

P. Francis

Edw^d Wheler

Cyre Coote

Agreed to Acknowledge the

Receipt of the foregoing Letter & to express our Thanks
to the Gov^t Gen^l & Council for the Assistance
they have promised to afford us.

Read the following Letter

from Mr Dobbyn -

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President &c Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of your Honor
the Orders of 20th Inst I made application to

Mr Baker

Fort

William

Feb 1780

2^d Feb

Ed W.

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Mr Dakes who acts as Deputy Agent for an account of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks as well as of the Carts that were missing on the return of the Army to Marmaloug, and I have the Honor to lay before you his answer by which it appears that the representation of the Masteries is well founded in regard to the loss they sustained in the late campaign, as to that part of their Petition, which relates to the loss of Bullocks with the Detachment from the Northward, the Deputy Agent having been killed, and the horse-poles being missing, I can only inform your Honor that by the return of last 3rd June it appears there were 32 and 109 1/2 Carriage Bullocks with it.

It appears to me after the most particular

that the Masteries did not save any part of

Having sent for the Masteries, acquainted them that 2000 Bullocks would be required for the Service, and that the Allowance for commencing from the time the Army might take the Field, they represented to me the very great Difficulty of collecting them at any rate that the Company's Allowance must commence from the time they are brought to the Island for Service, and that without an Advance of 15000 Rupees it would be impossible for them to procure any. I have made every inquiry in my power, and am of opinion that it will

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will require encouragement to them, as well as great execution on their parts, to comply with the demand made of them: an advance will be absolutely necessary to enable them to procure Bullocks, and altho' the sum they desire appears too considerable; without 6 or 7000 Pagodas I fear it will not be possible for them to execute your commands. In justice to them I request leave to mention to your Honor that as Straws & Yarn are very dear I fear unless the Pay commences from the time of their delivery, the Bullock Masters will not be able to maintain them in proper order for the Service.

On this occasion it is incumbent on me to acquaint your Honor that there is due from the Bullock People, viz.

From the second Tanjore Expedition. Pay 200. - -

From the Siege of Pondicherry - - - 3100. - -

From the late Campaigns - - - 33 1/2

Sum 6700. -

and that in answer to many applications for the two former sums they have constantly pleaded inability. The Bullock People have desired me to request that their Balances may be deducted from such Allowances as your Honor See may be pleased to make them for the losses they have sustained.

The late Mr Sedgeley late Paymaster at Aska stands indebted to the Company 13215 Rupees on account of the Difference of the Price of Bullocks, and which remained unpaid from the great difficulty of procuring money for

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for Bills on Garyarn. I have applied to his Execu-
tor, who acquaints me that he cannot discharge
it, nor does he know whether his Estate will
yield sufficient for the Payment of it.

Considering the situation of
Affairs I think it incumbent on me to re-
present that the Quantity of Aracks from time
to time sent to the out Garrison is for the current
expense, and to submit to your Honor the whe-
ther it might not be necessary to lay into each
Garrison, as Opportunities may offer, on the
Company's Account a Quantity in proportion
to each Garrison in case of any Emergency.
I am with Respect

Fort St George

29th Oct 1786

Honble Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
Wth Dobbs Esq Agent

To M^r Augustus Dobbs Esq
Agent at

Fort St George.

Sir

I have received your letter inform-
ing me of your having received orders from the
Honble the President and Sch^{ts} to make
enquiry relative to the Buttocks and parts
that were lost during the late Campaign, and
desiring me in consequence to lay every Informa-
tion in my power on this subject before you. In
reply thereto I have only to observe that the
Deficiency when the Army returned to Inamraly
appeared

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appeared at 12 o'clock to be about 1400 Bullocks
(Draft and Carriage and carts 330. In justice to
the owners I must remark that the Bullocks were
excellent in their kind, and in the best condition when
they left the Mount but returned much exhausted
from excessive Fatigue and want of Forage —

I am

Sir

Fort St George
28 Oct 1780

Your most Obedt Servant
Thomas Oakes

Acting Deputy Agent

A true Copy

W Dobson Agent

The Committee agreed at their
last Meeting to allow Half a Pagoda Month in ad-
dition to the former three of Bullocks in considera-
tion of the Difficulty of procuring Forage at present
near Madras. It is now resolved in consequence
of the Agents Report of the extraordinary Loss sustain-
ed by the Bullock Masters, during the late Service
that the said additional Allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ Pag^a Month
do commence from the first of Sept^r and for the num-
ber of Bullocks which the Army brought with it
to Marimelon. This Allowance however is only
to continue during the present scarcity of Forage.

The Committee by the Agents
Report that there is a Balance of Pag^a 600 due
from the Bullock Masters for advances on Cows
them at different times.

Resolved that the Agent be
strictly

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strictly enjoined to reduce these Balances as soon as possible & that the Paymaster at Camp be directed to make the necessary Deductions from their Pay on this Account.

The Committee cannot help expressing their Surprise at observing by the Agent's Letter that the late Paymaster at Adia, stands indebted to the Company so large a Sum as 13215 Rupees on account of the difference of the Store of Bullocks. Mr. Pearson assigned by the Agent for this is not satisfactory, since if there were so great a difficulty in remitting that Balance to the Presidency - the Agent should have directed Mr. Sedgley to pay into the Company's Cash at Ganjam. But have suffered it to accumulate for so long a time in his Hands.

Resolved that the Agent be desired to give a further Explanation of this Matter to the Committee.

Read the following Letter from
Captⁿ Alcock Commanding at Tanjore
To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
President &c. Select Committee

Fort St George
Honble Sir I Sirs

I have the Honor to acknowledge your letter of the 7th Inst. It is not in my power to ascertain the precise sum for a Marquee & Private Tent as I have not made up any, however I will engage they shall be equally as good as those made by the Company

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commissary of Stores and at a less price - A great inconvenience having often arisen, in the Sepoy corps by two Officers being in a Tent, in the case of being detached by which three are crowded, and one has a Tent to himself. I am of opinion smaller Tents might at the same expence, sufficient, and more convenient for each Officer. I purpose making one by way of experiment. The carriage I believe will not be more. As I am not certain of the sum allowed the commissary I beg to be informed

I have the Honor to be

Yours respectful and most
Obedient Servant

Hugh Robt Black Esq^r B.B. Secy^r
From the Officers at Tanjore to the

Committee

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President Sec. Select Committee

Honble Mr Pitt

26
The whose names are hereunto
subscribed the Officers of this Garrison, who were at the
Reduction of Pondicherry, beg leave to offer our pro-
position, such Money as may be in the Hands of Mr
Brooke Agent for Pure Money, to be paid into the Ho-
nourable Company's Treasury, and to be repaid
when the Situation of Affairs will admit without
Interest. We hope your Honor Sec. will receive this
Address as intended for the Good of the Service by

Yours respectful and
Obedient Servants

Tanjore
17th Oct 1780

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Hugh Robt Hloock Capt 13th Regt
Jas Johnston Sub Dir of Engⁿ & Artillery
Spencer Cockrane Capt
W Vigors Lt Col Bⁿ
M A Lind Lt 13th Bⁿ
James Oram Lieut
Robt Grahagum Ensign
Charles Salmon Pres^t Engⁿ
John Spencer Lt 13th Bⁿ
Geo Salmon Ensign
Harry Gordon Capt Engⁿ
Samuel Godfrey Ensign 13th Bⁿ

Agreed to express our Satisfaction
at the offer made by the Officers of their Shares of the
Prize Money, which may be due to them from the
capture of Pondicherry, as a loan to the Company, but
as the Planets and Boats, which at that Place were used
to be adjusted in England, the Committee cannot now
benefit by the Proposal.

Recd the following letter from

the Chief Engineer,

To the Honble John Whitehall Esq^r
President & Governor & a Select Committee of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have here with the Honor to lay
before you copy of a deciphered Letter from Ensign
Engineer at Shinglepoot, reporting the State of the
Fortifications of that Place, to which I have annexed
such Remarks as have occurred to me on the subject
I request

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In quest to be honored with your Determination
thereon I am

most respectfully
Humble Sir & Mrs

Fort St George
26th Dec 1780

Your most obedient and
very humble Servant

Geo Maule

Ch. Engineer

To Major Maule

Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer's Remarks

Sir,

1. On the 18th I did myself the
Honor to acquaint You with my arrival at
Chingleput since when I have in company
with Mr Mackay taken a view of the Fortifi-
cations. I have enclosed a rough copy from
Col. Ball's Plan only to explain the Points I shall
have occasion to mention.

2 It appears to me that the East & West
Fronts have been hitherto thought imprac-
ticable as to a Siege and from that Idea
have been permitted to remain in their
original State till now which is insuffi-
cient to our Defence.

3. The Bastion with a Saty
Port in it and which stands on the broadest
Ground is low, has no parapet and without
a ditch and its defence from the adjacent
works very weak, from these circumstances

I shall leave strongly to recom-
mend to the Honble the Committee
that what Mr Hickins has pro-
posed be carried into Execution.
It will be easily executed & attended
with

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you will perceive how much it wants with but little Expense. The State strengthening, I therefore beg leave to propose that the ditch be continued about 12 feet broad & as many deep as may be found convenient, with a sluice before the gate, and a light bridge as there is plenty of Earth upon the brow of the Bastion, for completing its Parapet, the Earth from the Ditch would make two Battlements one on each road to the gate leaving Passages through them for carriages nothing then could pass into the Village from the West without the notice of a small Guard which if necessary might be posted there. with this Ditch and the Bastion parapeted which is immediately necessary to be and furnished with Guns this work would then in my opinion be at least equal in strength to any on that side.

Along the West Front of the outer Work there is not one of the Towers fit to receive a Gun and altho' they have some Embrs the Ramparts are not wide enough to draw Guns on nor are there any Ramps as widening the Rampart would perhaps be attended with too much Expense. Ramps of about 10 feet broad might be made with very little labor the

The obvious Utility of what is here proposed, and the certainty of the Expense being very trifling will I hope induce the Committee to consent that it be carried into Execution.

highly

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height being only from 15 to 6 feet it is also necessary that the Parapets to the bastion as well as the Towers should all be completed for musquetry which are at present in the State we found them some too high other parts too low. Those parts that are too high will very soon furnish materials for finishing the low so that this necessary work may be done for a mere trifle. This Sir is all the immediate repairs wanting on the outside except two small places in the Ditch which the weight of the Glacis has forced in and will continue to do so if not immediately prevented. The whole of the South Front is in very good order as is all the Inner Fort and Ditches

3. The Magazine which is a very old Chantry is going into decay the light and ruin penetrating in several parts. This Wall is only 3 feet thick and Mr Mackay fearing it was not Cannon Proof has secured that side which would be exposed with a Mound of Earth & as in its present State the Shock of a Shell would be liable to do it much mischief. Mr Mackay particularly requests I would lay your attention to it - as Stone or Brick and Chumam is to be had in great Plenty Butresses may be built against the Weak parts which will enable the sides to bear the weight of sodding the roof to render it Bomb Proof.

The present State of the Magazine is alarming and requires immediate attention. The measures which Mr Manners proposes to strengthen it are judicious and every of Expense.

4. The Hospital is another old Chantry and The Honble Committee
in with.

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in a worse condition the Roof of it leaks with no doubt deem this a very
so much as to render the Inhabiting necessary repairs
of it improper even for People in health
much more for the number of sick
now crowded into it at this rainy season
a course or two of Flat Tiles laid in the
gaps might be the means of saving
many lives before the end of the season.

These are all present repairs wanting, the whole of which I hope will meet with your approbation and support - May I take the liberty of observing to you how necessary a stock of 14 or 15 Platforms of which there is not one at present - Trussing though essential Articles, are wanted, and I beg that when for the repairs are given, that a stock of these materials may be also ordered.

I shall have to recommend that the Storekeeper at Chingleput be ordered to make up a few Flat forms under Mr. Walker's direction these may be cheaply made of country Timbers

Geo. Maule
Chf Engineer

Fort St George
26th Oct 1780

Signed J. Wickham
Chingleput
22nd Oct 1780

The President is desired to inform himself, from the Chief Engineer, what may be the probable Expense of the Repairs and Additions proposed to be made to the Fort of Chingleput

Read the following Letter from Ganjone

To the

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President & Governor & Members of the
Select Committee

of Fort St George.
Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with your
Letter dated 19th ultimo.

It gives me great satisfaction
having your Permission to put this Fort into a State of
Defence raising the Parapet, clearing the ditch and com-
pleting the Glacis and Works absolutely ready for
in its present Situation it is open to an Assault in many
places. Your Honor & Co may depend upon the strictest
Economy being observed & the greatest diligence used
in carrying on this business. I have found it necessary
to give the immediate Charge of the Works to Mr
J Bayshaw a most diligent attentive man, who has
had some experience in Works of this Nature & will
be very useful. & assisting to me upon this occasion
wherefore I hope your Honor & Co will approve of this
Step more especially as Mr Bayshaw offered his
Services & will be satisfied with any or no reward.

I am concerned circumstances
will not admit of any Additional Troops being raised
for the Defence of this District should your Honor & Co
approve the measure I am assured a number of
good men could be very soon raised in this Quarter.

I most sincerely wish the Gen-
tlemen in Bengal may be able to accommodate
Matters with the Nagpore Rajah, & so remove any
apprehension.

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Apprehension of an Incursion, from the numerous
Cutthroats, otherwise we must defend ourselves in
the best manner possible. Ganjam is the first
object of Attention, & I hope it will be soon, in a State
of Security even against any formidable Power -
The Fort is now garrisoned by four Companies
of Sepoys & a party of Coffrees, & I shall insist
upon the Renters keeping all the Subordinates at
Ganjam except what are absolutely necessary
to be employed in making collections. There were
Six Companies at Aska who with their Battalion
Guns, and a few Officers to assist in working them
are ready to march upon upon the shortest Notice
Were they to be removed at present, the whole Coun-
try would be alarmed, and render it impossible to
collect any Revenue, but in case of any Hostili-
ties being committed by the Marhattas in this
District, I shall order Capt^r Bruce to proceed to
Ganjam & then according to circumstances I
shall also give every Information to the Chief
of Viragapottam that He may co-operate as
far as possible. I am induced, to be thus particu-
lar to enable You to Judge of my Intentions

The Vessel with the Stores for
this Settlement proved so leaky that the Chief
& Council of Viragapottam found it necessary to
land them, & load them upon a Roney. They
are arrived, but in a very bad Condition. I have
ordered them to be particularly examined, &
when this is done shall transmit a Report
of this

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of their state to the Honble Board - We are still in want of Guns & Gun Carriages which I hope Your Honor &c will order to be supplied by the first opportunity.

In consequence of the General Order of the 10th Ult. Lieut J. Dunbar conceiving himself to be included, has applied to me for leave to proceed to the Presidency. It is very true Lt J. Dunbar acts in the several capacities of an Artillery Officer. He is the only person in the District who knows any thing of Stores. indeed he is so useful & necessary a man, that We shall be exceedingly at a loss without him, wherefore I have desired Mr Dunbar to remain until I can receive Your answer to this representation, which is an earnest solicitation to continue Mr Dunbar in this District or to supply us with another Artillery Officer. I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient
Humble Servant

John Turing

Carjam
30th M^o 1780.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President Governor &c Members of the
Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

In my letter of 6th Inst. I had the Honor to explain my motives for ordering Capt. Bruce to proceed with a Detachment towards Chicalote

H. Lead

Inspector of Stores &
comm^d of the Officers
& additional. There
is no other Artillery
officer

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He had advanced as far as Mangrum when he received a letter from the Chief Council of Viragapattam advising him they were then in a Situation not to require his Assistance & in consequence he is now upon his March back to Sukas - and I shall direct Captain Bruce to return to his Duty with the Center.

I did not fail to inform the Gov^t Genl Council that the Gentlemen who had been confined were released and that the Chief Council were again in Possession of Viragapattam.

Within these few days Chennamager Broder has recalled his People from Tapanagar. They were not able to take the Fort.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient
Humble servant.

John Turing

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
President & Governor & Members of the
Select Committee

Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclose the Substance of Intelligence received from two of my Menarras just arrived from Cuttack which place they left four days ago.

I hear the Bonaparte People have

Canjam
13th Oct 1780

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have already paid Forty thousand Rupees and
that Krishna Rauce a near Relation to Sittoum
Rauce remains in the country to make further
Collections.

I am with respect
Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient
Humble Servant

John Turing

Garrison,
16th Feb 1780.

The Marhatta Army under
the Rajah Chimmager Boorda are collecting from
the different parts of the country, where they have been stationed
I are encamping between the Rivers Perjerry & Narmada
on the Southern side of Battack. except one Asder command-
ing three thousand horse whose name is Dumdagara &
another named Bawanny Maloo commanding two
thousand horse who are encamped on the Northern
side of the Mahes Maeldy and are said to be going to
Nagpore.

Six thousand horse are stationed
between Battack & Gagerack at the different places where
pasturage is to be found. Krishna Rauce & Bapajee
Prach command six thousand Poms stationed at
Sittumulungy near Sopangur a Fort they have lately
brought to Term. It is said Marhatta Army when
collected will move towards Pona guma in order to
subdue that Fort. It is also reported that positive orders
are arrived for the Army from Nagpore to return
immediately, but by which route is uncertain.

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some aspect that they will be obliged to return thro the
bucary from the impossibility of procuring rice by
the other road.

The Nagpore people are in a
very poor condition, ill armed and appointed &
fit for nothing but plundering.

Various Reports by Travellers
from Bengal mention that there is an Army of En-
glish Seaports encamped near Illasore They gene-
rally agree that it consists of Five Battalions.

At Murch Patnam they are
erecting a circular Battery of Bricks in order to
defend the Ford at that place.

The above Intelligence received at
Ganjam 16th October 1780

John Turing

Agreed that the Resident at Gan-
jam be acquainted that Lt Wm. Dumban might
come to the Presidency if he is able to take the Field

Read the following Letter from

Mr P. Beaume
To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre
President and Governor Sea Council of

Fort St George
Honourable Sirs

Having purchased lately the
wrecks of the Danish Company's Ships in which were
28 Pieces of Iron Cannon 18 Pounders 84518 Shot
of the same calibre as also 12 Pieces of 12 Pounders with
2975 Shot for them. I have the Honor to offer them

L. P. W.

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to sell to You payable either in a Company's Postnote
Bond for the Term of one Year or in ready Money on
delivery of the Cannon and Shot to your Resident at
Tranquebar at the rate of 4 Star Pagodas for every one
Hundred Danish Pound / which is about equal to 4
English Weight / being a cheaper rate than what
the Danish Company generally sells for

In case Gentlemen you should
prefer receiving them at Tanjore on your Signify-
ing the sum and directing the Commandant of
Tanjore to assist me with the Machine made use of
for moving large Cannon I shall undertake to
Transport them all at my own Expence and
Expense and deliver them to your order there at the rate of 5
Star Pagodas the one Hundred Danish Pound the
account of the Weight to be adjusted by Your Resident
at Tranquebar & payable either in Company's Bond
or ready Money as most convenient to You

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honorable Sirs

Fort St George
23^d Decr 1780

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

J. La Beauverne

Agreed to inform M^r La Beauverne

that if he want to Purchase the Cannon and Shot
which he has offered for Sale. We shall let him know

The Secretary lays before the

Committee the following Letter from Ensign Chas

DeCastro -

To Charles Oakesley Esq^r

Military

1843 Fort St George. 30th March 1780

Military Secretary

Sir

I received your favor with a further leave of Absence for two Months when I was on the River in my way up to see my Brother, a Rheumatism I got on the way prevented my answering your Letter till now. I am sorry to inform You, I still continue much indisposed. Enclosed I have the Honor of transmitting you a Certificate from the Surgeon who attends me.

Your laying the above Circumstances before the Honble Board will confer an obligation on

Sir

Cawnpore
Aug^{1st} 6th 1780.

Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
Charles De Castro

This is to certify that Charles De Castro hath for some Months past been afflicted with an Acute Rheumatism and that I have advised him to continue in Bengal till relieved as I conceive his undertaking a Journey at present would be attended with much Danger

Cawnpore
August 1st 1780

James Duckworth.

Assistant Field Surgeon

Ordered that the Secretary do write a Letter to Mr De Castro directing him to repair to Madras, as soon as his Health will permit.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following Letter from Major W. H. P.

1844 Fort St George 30th Nov 1780
To L^d Col. Malcolm

Adj^t General

Sir

I request you will please lay the
Inclosed Certificate of the Doctors regarding Capt^m Mairs
Situation before Gen^l Munnis. He has been confined with
Sickness for about two Years past without any hopes
remaining of his recovery.

I am

Sir

Fort St George
23rd Oct 1780

Your most Obed^t Servant
Charles Hopkins

Fort St George Oct 23rd 1780

This is to certify that Captain Mal-
ter Mairs ever since the late Siege of Pondicherry has
laboured under a Disturbance in his Health
has been greatly impaired and is therefore recommend-
ed on a Voyage to Europe to reap the Benefit of his Native
Climate

Is^t Anderson
Surgeon

In consequence of the foregoing
Certificate, Permission is given to Capt^m Malters Mairs
to proceed to Europe

Recd the following Letter from

Capt^m Gibbins
The Hon^{ble} John Whitehall Esq^r
President & Governor &c &c

and Select Committee
Fort St George

1845 Fort St George 30th Nov 1780

Honble Sir & Mrs

Herewith I have the Honor to transmit a Genl Monthly return of the Troops &c belonging to this Garrison. You will be pleased to observe that the 20 additional Sepoys & Company are included in the strength of the Battalion the Supernumerarys are returned in a separate column.

I beg to inform you that the three Habildars, 3 Naigues & 24 Private belonging to the Malob's Battalion, are under my command here are in a wretched way for want of pay, and I believe must have starved or plundered, if I had not given them some subsistence. I imagine it would be much for the benefit of the Service if those Men were paid by the Govt, at least part of their Subsistence, the Men are good and very desirous to do their Duty.

I shall be glad to know if you would have me appoint Black Officers to the Supernumerary Sepoys as I really have not Officers sufficient to Discipline them as I would wish.

I am
With the greatest respect
Honble Sir and Mrs

Your most obedient
Humble servant
Robt Gittings

Maddison
4th Decr 1780

Agreed

1846 Fort St George 30th Apr 1780

Agrees to direct the Paymaster
at Madras to issue such Money to the Nalobis until
they there as may be sufficient for their Subsistence

The Committee cannot allow Captain
Gittings to appoint any Black Officers to the Super-
numerary Sepoys of which he must be informed.

Read the following Letter from
Mr Francis Johnson late a Captain in the Nalobis
Service.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre

President and Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Long and Painful Experience ha-
ving convinced me that no Justice is to be expected from
an Arbitrary Prince, whose Will with his Dependents
is Law, I am induced to adopt such a Mode of Appli-
cation for Redress, as your high Station and the Powers
with which you are invested, naturally point out to
me as the most proper and effectual, and I flatter
myself that the hard Case of a British Subject strug-
gling with unmerited Oppression and Distress will be
honored with your Consideration. After having ser-
ved the Nalobis as an Officer for these Eight Years past
he has thought proper in direct Opposition to the
established Custom of all Services whatever, to dis-
miss me without paying any Wages which by
his own Acknowledgment amount to the Sum
of 8282 Pagodas part of which has been due to me
upwards of Six Years The cruel Neglect of Payments
in the

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Your most Obedient
Thru'th Servant

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Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor of addressing
you on the 23rd inst. acquainting you of the Delivery of
my Despatches, and the taking of Qualities by Capt. Popham.

I now proceed to communicate to
you by desire of the Governor General the following Resolu-
tions of the Board in consequence of your applica-
tion to them for money, and a reinforcement of Troops.

1 That Lt. Genl Sir Duple be the bearer
in chief do immediately proceed to the Coast, to take upon
him the command of the Army on that Establishment
and that he be furnished with the Sum of fifteen Lacks
of Rupees in Specie to be laden on the Duke of Kingston
and the other Vessels on the point of sailing for Madras.

2 That the above mentioned Sum of
fifteen Lacks of Rupees be appropriated as a Military
Fund for the sole purpose of paying the Army, and sub-
ject to the control of the General.

3 That a Detachment consisting of
three hundred Infantry with two Companies of Light
batt, and two Lascars be immediately sent to Fort St
George upon the Duke of Kingston and the other Vessels
now on the point of sailing for Madras.

4 That an immediate Offer of Peace
be made to the Marattah State. The terms of the Treaty
I am authorized by the Governor General to say are
such as there is every reason to believe will be accept-
ed.

These are the Preliminary Propo-
sitions already agreed to, which I have lost no time

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in advising you of as early as possible. The result
of further Deliberations will be transmitted here more
particularly by the Supreme Board in the Dispatches
that accompany Sir Eyre Coote on the Duke of Kingston.
I have the Honor to be

Honorable Sir and Mrs

Calcutta
Sept 29th 1780

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

Stephen Sullivan Esq
Read the following Minutes of
the Committee of Stores.

Fort St George 28th October 1780

At a Committee of Stores Present
Major General Sir Hector Munro K.B.

Colonel Edward James

Major George Maule

Mr Bryan Scott Esq

1. The Honble Select Committee ha-
ving approved of the following Appointment of a
Field Train which the Commander in Chief lays
before the Committee. Agreed that the Com-
mander of Stores in Camp make out a General Order
to be approved of by the Committee.

2. Colonel James lays before the
Committee an Estimate of a Battering Train to
be got ready with Ammunition and Stores to
march on the shortest Notice. Agreed to recom-
mend the same to the Select Committee for their
Approval.

3. Major Maule lays before
The

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the Committee the following List of Stores the Provision of which he begs leave to recommend may be ordered.

All such Laboratory Stores as are necessary to the Defence of the Place.

Platforms for Mortars

Cloth for Saniflours / brown Vint conveyed

Forge and Apparatus for heating Balls

Miners Tools.

20,000 Sand Bags in addition to the Quantity before ordered.

4 Major Maule proposes that a Box of a Turbital be made for the Inspection of the Committee plated on both sides with copper, that an Experiment be made on an old Turbital whether a Rocket will penetrate it. Agreed to recommend the same to the Select Committee

5 The Commissary of Stores lays before the Committee Lists of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Months of July August and September. Masters of which being examined are approved.

Hector Munro
Edward James

Bryson Scottney

A Battering Train to be got ready with Ammunition and Stores on the shortest notice

to march

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Iron Guns 24 Pound 10

18 Do 18

Brass Mortars 12 Do for Inflicting 12

8 Inch 4

Brass How^{rs} 5 1/2 do 10

8 Inch 4

15 1/2 Inch recommended in preference to
Mortars as they can be occasionally
used in the Field during 12th Feb 1881

Iron Round Shot

24 Pounds 10000

18 do 18000

Empty Shells 12 do 24000

8 Inch 1200

5 1/2 do 2000

4 1/2 do 1200

Turnbills complete with Ammunition for the
15 1/2 Inch How^{rs} & Grapes for the Battering Can-
non & 8 Inch Howitzers

Para 2nd Ordered that the Battering
Train be recommended by Colonel Barnes
be got ready with all Expedition

Para 3rd Ordered also that the
Articles recommended to be provided by Major
Maule be got ready as soon as possible

Para 4th Agreed that the Experi-
ment recommended by Major Maule in the
4th Para be tried

Read the following Letter
from Sir Edward Hughes

1252 Fort St George 30th Oct 1780
To John Whitcomb Esq
President and Governor Select Committee of
Fort St George

Sir and Gentlemen

I have received your very obliging
Letter of the 13th of this Month. I thank you for your
kind attention to my Recommendation of Mr Edw
McIntosh as Resident at Tranquebar. Your let-
ters to the President Select Committee of Bombay
to Mr Shewch the Company's Resident at Tellicherry
the Major botgrave commanding in that Garrison
shall be carefully delivered, and you may rest as-
sured I will give every assistance, consistent with
my present Service, to the Garrison of Tellicherry in
transporting the Troops that may be there to Myengo
or otherwise, the Company's Ship the Pembroke shall
be employed in that Service if necessary so far as
he obeys my Orders.

As I am aware how very use-
ful it is that you should communicate to the Court
of Directors as early as possible the resolutions of
the Governor General Council of Fort William
respecting the succours you have solicited from them.
I shall direct Captⁿ Stevens of His Majesty's Ship
Nymph to remain at Anchor in this Road to the
Night of the 18th of this Month if a Storm does
not threaten before that time but I cannot
agree to his remaining longer as the Safety
of the Ship will be endangered.

I remain with great regard

great

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Super Gen Madras Recd
the 15th Oct 1780

Sir Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes
Read the following Letter from

Lt Col. Russell
Sir Hector Munro R B.

Commander in Chief of the Forces on the Coast of
Coromandel

Sir

The very indifferent state of Health
I have had for some time past, reduces me to the disagre-
able necessity of requesting permission to resign
the post of Quarter Master General.

Nothing but a sense of my in-
ability to perform the duties of that Office, in the man-
ner I could wish, obliges me to take this step for
which a Service of twenty three Years, most part
of which has passed in this Country, will I hope
sufficiently plead my Excuse.

I have to request you will be
pleased to lay this my Application before the Honble
the President and Select Committee and am with
great Respect
Sir

Fort St George
30th Oct 1780.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
O W Russell
Agreed that Lt Col Russell's
Resignation

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Resignation be accepted. What Capt^m Dugald Campbell who is recommended by the Commander in Chief, be appointed Quarter Master General in his room, with the Nominal Rank of Lt Colonel.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob.

From the Nabob to the Governor

Dated 25th Oct^r 1780

Rec^d Do Do

I have applied to my friends for a loan of One Lakh & thirty seven thousand Pagodas which will discharge the Arrear of Pay due to my Cavalry to the end of Sept^r exclusive of the contract for feeding their horses & the payment of which, and the money already advanced on this account, I have offered to assign the unappropriated Revenue of the Districts of Annamally, Ramanacot, Shreeguriga, & Trichinopoly, yielding 3 Lacks annually.

Thirty Years are now elapsed since we have been in friendship together & for proof of my having fulfilled all my Engagements I need only desire that you will refer to the Balance due from me at the commencement of the present trouble. If I could raise the money otherwise, I would not make application to you, but my situation is known to You & therefore will not describe it. From the Friendship which subsists between us, I consider my Interest & the Company as inseparable. When Gen^l Coote went against Pondicherry, you got advanced Pay for double the number of Cavalry I have now, not withstanding there

was

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was then more want for money than at present the de-
manded no Agreement from me When peace was restored
to the country, I repaid to the Company all that
had been advanced by them, all the I had out of pure
friendship, for them at that time taken upon me all
the expenses of the Pondicherry Expedition. Now that a War
has taken place in my Country, I propose for your future
satisfaction, that in case when the Country is in peace the
Lists are not punctually paid as stated in the accompa-
nying Paper; You may appoint a Person to receive the
Revenue from my Managers till the which is repaid
I have taken all this trouble purely for the good of public
Affairs. At this time when the Enemy, has entered into
my Country, I agree that my Cavalry, which has for
some Years been disciplined & regulated according to
the European Manner may act in conjunction
with the English Army. What shall I say more?

First Summ'd up for the repayment of the money which
the Company may advance for the Nabob's Cavalry, &
should the Country remain in peace the money will
be paid as follows -

From the District of Tirunelveli	Pay ^t	200,000
From ————— Trichinopoly		50,000
From Government & Secourage		30,000
		<u>300,000</u>

To be paid as follows Viz^t

The last day of February 1781	P ^t	100,000
The last day of May		100,000
The last day of Sept ^r		100,000
		<u>300,000</u>

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+ The President then delivers in
the following Minute

At the above Letter Viscount from
the Marb brings the business of his Highness's Cavalry at
length to some sort of conclusion. As no time should be
lost, now that Horses are daily coming in for replacing
those wanting for the four Regiments, which he has agreed
to send to the Company, the President is of opinion
that the Balance of Moneys of Pay due to the Respective
Regiments, should be paid into the hands of the European
Commandants, two thirds amounting to Rs 91,750 in
Notes or Bonds, payable at the Expiration of a limited
time, or on demand with Interest. The Residue amounting
to Rs 45,875 in ready money for the Use of the Private
Troopers & others who are in want of it. & who will not
serve unless their Moneys are discharged. The President
further proposes that the Quartermaster of the Army be di-
rected to issue the Pay & Allowances to the Cavalry Monthly
as he does to the rest of the Troops, the Pay Rolls & Abstracts,
&c. being duly countersigned by the Officers commanding
the Regiments. With respect to the contracts for feeding the
Horses, the President is of opinion, as no better mode can
be at present fallen upon, that the Commanding Officers
should still hold them, but that the Allowance for each
Horse should not exceed Rs 1 Month. Should this meet
with the concurrence of the Committee, the President
will with their approbation, request the Marb
to give immediate directions, that his Cavalry be put
without further loss of time under the orders of the Com-
mander in Chief of the Army.

1857 Fort St George. 30th Sept 1700

Resolved, agreeably to the opinion of the President that the arrears of Pay due to the respective Regiments of Cavalry be discharged in the manner he has proposed viz^t

Two thirds amounting to Pagodas 91750 in Notes or Bonds payable at the Expiration of a limited time, to be agreed on hereafter, and the remainder amounting to Pagodas 45875 in ready Money.

Ordered that a return be delivered in of the Nabob's Cavalry, in its present state to be sent to the Paymaster at Camp, with Directions to pay the Cavalry, agreeably to it, for the month of October, allowing the Commanding Officers for feeding the Horses at the rate of 6 Pagodas each per Month &c continue the same in future.*

Read the following Letters.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President Governor of

Fort St George.

Honble Sir

Since I addressed You Yesterday I have advice that Shaka, Mohomed at the Head of the Mutinous Sepoys was given to understand by Perakhalaty the Colcondah Man that he should not pass through his Country, upon which he moved back with his party to a place called Gud-dallywauk, and at 12 o'clock of the night of the 8th they laid down their Arms, Cloaths and Accoutrements and immediately dispersed.

I have sent out two small

Detachments

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Fort St George 30th Oct 1700

Detachments to pick up stragglers, and as many of
the Arms as they can find.

I am
Honble Sir

With Respect

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

J^r H^r Casamajor

Vizagapatam
10 Nov 1700.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President & Governor &c of

Fort St George

Honble Sir

I write You thus with
very little hopes of it reaching You as
the Enemy have shut up the Port by
a chain of Boats. Since I had the Honor
to write you last, the Enemy attacked
us and were beat back with very con-
siderable loss, With regard to our Situ-
ation I cannot be particular but we
have been most shamefully neglected
by the Gentlemen at Pombay

I have the Honor to be

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I have the Honor to be
With the greatest Respect
Honble Sir

Your most Obed^t and
most Humble Servant

John Cotgrave

Charles Smith

Sam^l Johnson

Sellicherry
26th Sept 1780

1860 Fort S. George October 1780

31st Dispatched the following Letter.
To Mr Thomas Welch
Paymaster to the
Army
Sir

Mr Welch concern
the additional
allowance to
Bullock Masters

In consideration of the Diffi-
culty which the Bullock People at present experience
in procuring Forage & of the Losses which they appear
to have sustained, during the late Service in
the Field, the Honble the President & Select Comm^{ee}
have come to the Resolution, of allowing an increase
of one half Pagoda p Month on the Bullock Hire
to commence from the 1st Sept for the number of Bul-
locks which the Army brought with it to Mammala.
You will therefore pay them accordingly & continue
the same monthly till further Orders.

service.

As there appears by a Report
from the Agent to be a Balance owing from the
Bullock People of Pag^{as} 6400 - more than half
of which has arisen during the Course of the
present Service, the President & Select Committee
would have as large Deductions made from
their Pay as they can possibly afford towards
discharging this heavy Balance.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Chas Oakeley

Secy

Fort S. George
31st October 1780.

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To Mr Thomas Welch

Paymaster in Camp.

Sir,

To D^r regarding
the Payment of
the Nabob's
Cavalry

The Nabob having put
his Cavalry under the Company's Orders, I am
directed by the President & Select Committee
to acquaint you that they are to be mustered
& paid in the same manner, as the other Troops
of the Company from the 1st October. With respect
to the Feeding of the Horses, the Select Committee
have agreed that it shall be provided for, as
before by the Commanding Officers of the respective
Regiments, & that they shall receive at the
rate of 6 Pags P^r Month for each Horse.

I am directed by the President
& Select Committee, to send you the present
State of the four Regiments of Cavalry, for
the Guidance of yourself and the
Commissary in mustering and paying them.
I am

Sir

Your most obedt Servt
Chas Bakeley
Secy

Fort St George
31st October 1780

At

1862 Fort St. George 2^d November 1780

Thursday } At a Select Committee Present
the 2^d Nov } The Honble John Whitehill Esq President Gov.
Chas. Smith Sir Hector Munro KB
Samuel Johnson.

The Minutes of last
Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter
& Report from the Committee of Stores

To Mr Charles Oakeley

Secretary to the
Select Committee

Sir

The Committee of
Stores request you will send the accom-
panying Minutes to the Members of
the Honorable Select Committee, for their ap-
probation

I am,
Sir

Your most obedient Servant
Wm Webb

Fort St. George
1st Nov: 1780

Fort St. George 1st November 1780

At a Committee of Stores Present
Major General Sir Hector Munro KB.
Colonel Edw^d James
Major George Maule, & M^r Bryan Scott Esq
Colonel

1863 Fort George 2^d November 1980.

Para 1st

Colonel

Orders of the Select Committee thereon.

Para 1st

Approved

James proposes that the and ordered accordingly.
Construction of the Humbrell
Carnages be altered
agreeably to the following
Plan.

Arm of Axle Tree to be
reduced $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch in Diameter,
Iron Axle Tree to be
increased in proportion,
Nave to be reduced in
length $1\frac{1}{4}$ Inch. in
Diameter 1 Inch.
Fellies 1 Inch in their
Breadth.

The Committee
having taken the Matter
into Consideration, Agree
to recommend it to the
Honorable Select Committee
for their approbation &
request that they will
give immediate orders
regarding the same.

2

Agreed to 2.

Approved

recommended that 15 four and ordered accordingly.
wheeled Carts be made
up instead of 30 with
two wheels which were
mentioned in the Return
delivered

1864 Fort St George 2 November 1880
delivered in last Committee
by the Commander in Chief

Hector Munro

Capt Edington
to command the
4th Batta Sepoys.

Capt Edington is
appointed to the Command of the 4th Carnatic
Battalion in the Room of Captain Fraser
resigned—

W. Tho Wilcox
appointed Ensign

W. Tho Wilcox Cadet
is appointed an Ensign & is to rank next
after Ensign Geo. Wilson.

Charles Smith

Sam. Johnson

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4th Came in the following Letters
To In^o Whitehill Esq^r

Sir

From Capt^r Williams

I am much obliged by your Letter of yesterday, respecting the Winds, & as the Charge on Board is of such consequence to Madras, being near 400 Europeans, and 150 Artillery Lascars and 5 Lacks of Treasure from Bengal, We shall watch every favourable opportunity to attain the Roads.

I am

Sir

Your most Humble Servant,

G. Williams

Ship Free Mason
4th November 1780
To the Hon^{ble} John Whitehill Esq^r
President & Governor

Fort St George

Sir

From Major Breton
advising of the
Arrival of part
of the Troops from
Bengal.

I have the Honor to acquaint you that the Ship in the Offing is the Free Mason, with Troops for your Presidency under my Command, all return of which accompanies this.

The disagreeable Situation in which We are placed by the exceeding ignorance & want of skill in the Captain of the Ship & his Officers, necessitates me if it be practicable to solicit you to send an Officer of Experience from Madras to take Charge of the Ship, and conduct her into the Roads, which I conceive to be

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4th be the only method that at present can
be devised, as well for the safety of the Ship
as for the Preservation of the Troops on Board,

I have the Honor to be
with the most perfect Respect

Sir

Free Mason
4th Nov. 1780

Your most obedient
& most humble Serv^t

Britton Mason
Command^t of the Detachment

In consequence of

which the following Letters were immediately
ordered to be written, and dispatched to the
Ship Free Mason.

To Captain Williams

of the Ship Free Mason

Sir

I am directed by the

To Capt. Williams
to put the Troops
& Treasure on
Board the Comp^ys
Snows.

Honorable the President Select Committee
to desire you will put on Board the
Company's Snows Indus and Intelligence the
Treasure and Troops on ^{Board} your Ship, for this
Presidency.

I am
Sir

Your most obedient Servant
Ch^l Wakeley Sec^y to

Fort St. George
4th Nov. 1780

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To Major Britton

Commanding the Detachment
from Bengal.

Sir

On the same

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this Date and to acquaint you that the President and Select Committee have judged it the most eligible method of conveying the Detachment and Treasure on Shore to send the Company's Snow Indus & Intelligence with Directions to land them at the nearest Place they can fetch to Madras Roads. — They request therefore that you will embark with the Troops accordingly

I am
Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Chas^r Berkeley
Secy.

Fort St. George
4th November 1780.

To Captain Jones

of the Company's Snow
Indus

Sir

I am directed by the President and Select Committee to desire you will proceed together with Captain Murray

To Capt. Jones
to proceed with the
Snow Indus to the
Free-Mason.

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4th Murray of the Intelligence to the Ship Free
Mason in the Offing, and take on Board from
her, the Company's Troops and Treasure, which
are to be divided equally on each Vessel, and
afterwards make the best of your Way to
the nearest anchoring Ground to Madras
Road.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

Chas. Wakeley

Secy.

Fort St. George

4th November 1780

The same to Captain Murray of the Snow
Intelligence

Monday
the 13th

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Chas. Smith Esq. Gov. Presd.
Lieut. Gen. Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Samuel Johnson Sir Hector Munro K.B.
The Minutes of last

Committee read & approved.

Read the following
Letter from the Governor General and
Council of Bengal.

To the Honble the President and Select Committee
of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

We have been favoured
with your Letter of the 3rd Ult^o in answer to the
(one)

From Bengal—
concerning the
Quarter Circar

Ordering the
Suspension of Mr
Whitchell—

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one which We addressed you on the 12th June

You plead the Importance of the Requisition contained in our Letter added to the Troubles which soon followed the receipt of it, as an Apology for not sending an earlier answer;— You justify the Treaty concluded with Baralet Jung, without the Participation of his Superior the ^{Grand} Nizam Ally Cawn against the Charge of having infringed the Treaty of 1768, adding that it had the Sanction of our Consent & approbation. — that You are willing to deliver back to Baralet Jung the Circar of Guntoor, obtained by the Treaty, but that a Difficulty had occurred, which you were heartily disposed to remove, & would use your utmost Endeavors for that purpose, namely, that you had farmed the Circar of Guntoor to the Nald Naulau Jao, & that you had written a Letter to him, representing what We had urged, as to the Expediency of giving up the Circar of Guntoor, in compliance with the Desire of the Nizam & expressing your Hope that he would relinquish his Claim upon it as a Renter;— and ^{that} so soon as you received his answer, you would acquaint Us with it & do every thing in Your Power to expedite this Business agreeably to our Wishes;— To these Points, We shall separately reply

The Importance of our Requisition demanded your instant attention &

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and unconditional obedience, nor could the Tribes, which intervened afford any real Impediment to so simple an Act, or prevent your returning an earlier Answer to our Letter, had you chose to carry our Orders into Execution. since all that was necessary for your Reply; obviously amounted to this — that you had received our Letter — that you had communicated its Contents to the Nabob Mulla Jah — that you had withdrawn your Troops from the Circar of Guntoor; — and required the Nabob to remove from it all Agents & Collectors belonging to him.

plainly and

Instead of this it is evident that our Letter must have remained in your Possession for above the space of two Months before you thought it worthy of the smallest regard, because when your answer was written (which was not till the 3^d Sept^r) you confess you had only then made the Nabob acquainted with our Determination.

Whether the Treaty concluded with Baraet Jung were or were not an Infingement of the Treaty of 1763 existing with the Nabob Miran Ally Cawn, ceased to be a Question from the very moment that We had refused our Assent to it, & agreed to yield up the Concessions obtained by it.

If

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It is true that our Reply
to your Letter of the 31st Dec^r 1778, wherein you
first mention'd the Treaty negotiated
with Baralet Jung, We gave our Assent
to it generally, which by no means implied
that extent of Latitude, which you have
taken, but required to be used with
reference to the Condition, on which it had
our original Sanction, & which without
any Declaration on your Part, or any
Authority express'd on ours, ought always
to be understood, as the superior, indispensable
and permanent Condition in all Negotiations
in all Acts of Government, the faith of
Treaties actually existing.

The following Extract
of a Letter from this Presidency dated the
23^d October 1775, is introduced here as a
Proof of what our Sentiments then were on
this subject, and is part of the Correspondence
quoted by You, as conveying ample authority
from us to the then Government to proceed
in effecting the Dismissal of the French
Troops from the Service of Baralet Jung
by Treaty, or in any other manner they
might think proper.

"As We observe You have
addressed the Nabob & Miran Ally from
through your President in the Terms
We have suggested for the Removal of the

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"The Europeans out of the Guntoor Circar and for
"the purpose of obtaining his Consent for the
"Reversion of that District to the Company
"We shall wait to hear the Result of that Letter
"before We send You any further Instructions
"on that head."

When therefore We gave
our assent generally to the Terms of the Treaty
marked out in your Letter of the 31st Dec^r 1778
We had no more of your Proceedings
before Us, than what you had chosen to
make known to Us in that Letter & these
formed of course the Limits of our approbation
We knew not that you had wholly omitted
the Nabob Miran Ally Saib in the Ne-
gociation, We could not therefore authorize
what you had concealed from our Knowledge much
less ought our Sanction to have been supported
by Construction to an Act which pledged
the Faith of the Company in one instance
by the sacrifice of it in another & bore in its
formation the principles of its own Dissolution
But as soon as We were acquainted with
it and were enabled to give it our attention
We declared our Disapprobation of it and
then first interposed our authority to
prevent it from taking effect by re-
quiring the instant Surrender of the
Circar of Guntoor.

We

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We cannot pass over this period of the Transaction without observing that altho' the Treaty with Baralet Jung was concluded in the Month of April 1779, it was not till the 18th Feby. 1780. that you thought proper to advise Us of it, & apparently for the only purpose of informing Us at the same time of the Difficulties which ^{you} had subsequently met with from the Protest of the Nabob Nazam Ally, the menaces of Hyder Ally, and the retraction of his concurrence by the Nabob Baralet Jung himself on the Plea of his Inability to maintain it.

Whatever obligation our Sanction given in the manner which has been explained to the Draft of the Treaty proposed to Baralet Jung in December 1778 may be supposed to have conveyed on you to maintain it when made, yet when the Party with which it was made declared it invalid on his part and solicited to be absolved from it, its obligation certainly became void upon yours, & the Plea that our Sanction had been previously obtained will not avail against our Order for restoring the bazar of Juntoor since even in the existing State of the Treaty, it would have been no infringement of it to yield up any Right obtained by it much less would it have been liable to such a Construction when the reciprocal condition

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condition of it had been annihilated.

But your opposition to our Orders in this instance, was not only not incumbent upon you from the Engagements of the Treaty, but was in effect a Violation of it since the Revenue of the Circle of Quintana had been assigned to you by it only as a Subsidy for the Military Force which you had stipulated to furnish him at your Solicitation in the Room of the French Party under M^r Lally, which he had long retained in his Service, & which at your Solicitation also he had consented to dismiss & had actually dismissed. When therefore he had declined the acceptance of that aid and you ^{had} already profited by his good faith in the Disposition of M^r Lally. We know not upon what Right you could retain Possession of the Land which had been assigned as an Equivalent for that Aid or how an act of such apparent Violence could be reconciled to the Treaty from which by his Rejection of the only Condition intended for his Benefit your Government derived every advantage ostensibly proposed to be obtained by it, and his none.

The

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The Plea which you alledge of Difficulties arising from your Engagements with the Nabob Wallajah comes last under Consideration, & is indeed too serious not to be dwelt upon more particularly — the more We reflect upon it the more We are at a loss to conceive how you could so far forget that Respect which was due to our Authority & the Faith which We informed you We had pledged to the Nabob Miran Ally Saib, as to admit of a moment's hesitation in the Performance of our Orders — But when We read your loose, indefinite, vague Promises of your assistance, in promoting our Wishes, instead of an instant Conformity to our Injunctions, We have but too much reason to suspect such a Conduct as an intended Cover to a fixed Resolution not to obey Us under the Idea of the Nabob's Claims being of sufficient weight to postpone the Execution of a peremptory Order from Us, & to make it optional in the Nabob whether he will give up the Circar of Guvloor, or not as his ^{own} convenience or perhaps even his Caprice shall determine. — And this appears the more striking when We recollect, that in your Letter of the 3^d September you inform Us that you had actually made representations to the

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the Nabob, when We have received Letters from you dated the 17th Sept^r when even from your own Account the Letter which you had written to the Nabob, must have been in his Possession above a Fortnight & when from the 3^d of September to the 17th you delayed procuring any answer whatever, although a constant & We might add a daily Communication subsists between the Nabob & the Governor, & his Residence is within your own Walls & when it is evident ^{that} the subject of the Letter from you to the Nabob could not have been comprised in it, a number of specific articles, which would have taken a length of Time to reply to, that there could be no Reference to Accounts no voluminous matter to wade through, nothing in short to which a tedious or minute Examination was necessary, and when We combine all these circumstances together & reflect that the Letter could have contain'd simply one plain Proposition, whether or not the Nabob would give up the Quintero fircar which requir'd not a Day no not an hour to determine We maintain that it was your Duty to have exacted a positive answer from the Nabob without admitting any pretence for Delay, & that the Difficulties which you have alledg'd in

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in extenuation of your misconduct, were
beneath you to offer, & unworthy of us to
receive

Your Conduct has
exposed Us to the Reproaches & Derision of
the Nabob Miran Ally Cawn, who has
openly taxed Us with having attempted
to amuse him with Promises which tho
solemnly made We have not the Ability
to perform nor has he scrupled to avow
himself the Adviser of the Confederacy
the Effect of which you yourselves have
recently & too fatally experienced, justifying
it by the aggravating Injuries, which he
had sustained in this particular instance
& in the offensive Demands, made on
him thro' your late Minister Mr. Holland.
To what lengths of Resentment he may
proceed We cannot foresee;— He has
indeed given Us assurances of his pacific
Intentions, when he shall obtain the Effects
of our Promises & a Reparation for the
Violation of his Rights, & of the Treaty
subsisting between him & the Company

Whatever may be
the Sincerity of these Professions We are
morally certain, that but for our Intervention
he would have become the declared
Enemy of the Company but if he shall
yet prove such, in consequence of any
actual

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but latent Impression, We shall impute it
totally to you, as the Aggressor.

Nor is it on his part
only, that We have to dread the consequences
of your contempt of our Authority;— We
have found it necessary to make
abrupt advances for Peace to the Maratta
State, & to seek other Alliances as the
means of attaining and confirming it;—
But what Prince or State will without
much hesitation involve themselves in engage-
ments, with a Power which cannot
protect them against its own Dependants
or who will trust to the faith of our Treaties
which they have seen hitherto violated
by you with Impunity? Such is the
Situation to which you have reduced
Us & We submit to the necessity which it
imposes upon Us because We feel ourselves
impelled by a Sense of Duty, which
renders Us superior to every other Consi-
deration!

We now proceed to
sum up all that has been already
stated, and to form the several Facts
into distinct Charges.

You have attempted
to make a Treaty with the Nabob
Basalet Jung, in direct Violation of the former
Treaty then subsisting between the Company
and

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and the Nabob Miran Ally Cawn

You have presumed to hold the Circar of Guntoor or Mortazanagar at all Events in defiance of a Requisition from the Governor General Council, peremptorily made to restore it, & You have refused to withdraw your Troops and to remove your Agents & Collectors from it, knowing as you did, that We had formally pledged the Faith of the Company to the Nabob, Miran Ally Cawn, for both these points, thereby degrading the authority, weakening the Energy, and preventing the Efficacy of the Powers of this Government.

You have shown a contemptuous Indifference to the Governor General Council, & a want of even common respect in suffering a dangerous length of Time to elapse before you replied to orders of such Importance, or allowed them any Consideration, & even when you did, you eluded the Effects of those Orders.

You have offered an Insult to the high Commission, which We bear in permitting other Claims to stand in Competition with the deliberate Resolves of this Government.

In answer, You have

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a Treaty of Peace, without the Consent and approbation of the Governor General should first had and obtained.

Under Circumstances of such aggravation, so unpardonable in their very nature & dangerous in their Consequences that nothing short of instant Example, can preserve the supremacy of the responsible Government, and give Credit to its Acts. We have Resolved that John Whitehill Esq^r be suspended from his Office of President and Governor of Fort St. George, and We declare him to be suspended in virtue of the Power granted to Us the Governor General & Council of Bengal, for that purpose, by the regulating Act of Parliament of the 13th of His present Majesty.

It is neither our Desire to extend an Act of this Nature beyond the line prescribed for the Assertion of the public Rights entrusted to our charge, nor should We be justified in such an indiscriminating Rigor, which by involving every Person in the Effects of a conduct ostensibly common to all, might fall as We believe it would, on some whose opinions had they prevailed, would have prevented the Extension of which We complain.

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On you Gentlemen, to whom the Charge of Affairs, will eventually be committed We place the most implicit Reliance for the Redress of past Evils for a Zealous & united Exertion of every Means, which may tend to retrieve the Misfortunes, to whatever Causes, your Affairs have lately been subjected, & for a liberal Co-operation with Us for the same great Ends. We are

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient,
humble Servants;

Warren Hastings

Francis

Edw. Wheeler

Cypre Cook

As the above Letter has been fully answered from the other Department, — Agreed to acknowledge the Receipt of it.

The Commander in Chief representing the great Delay occasioned by all Indents, being obliged to pass the Committee, before they are complied to comply with all Indents countersigned by the Command in Chief.

The Adjutant Gen^l

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complied with. Resolved that the Military Storekeeper be directed to comply implicitly with all Indents countersigned by the Commander in Chief, which he is afterwards to report to the Committee.

Read the following

Letter from the Resident at Ganjam

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

President & Governor of the Members
of the Select Committee

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

From Ganjam
enclosing State
of the Troops in
the Garrison

I have been honored
with your Letter dated 13th Inst^t and shall
in consequence order twenty five of the
Coffrey Company to proceed to Vizagapatnam

At the same time that
I pay implicit obedience to your Commands
I hope you will pardon the Liberty I
take in representing, that so large a
Draft of the Men upon whom we de-
pend for working our Guns, reduces
the principal Strength of this Garrison
so essentially that I cannot avoid expressing
my earnest hope that your Honor & Co^{rs}
will upon considering the ^{very} small Force
left in this District, think proper to
renew the Coffreys, or send a Reinforcement
of

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of European Invalids. In the Interim, I have judged it necessary to order another Company of Sepoys from Acha, to do Duty in this Garrison.

I enclose a present State of the Europeans & Sepoys doing Duty as additional in the Artillery.

I am with Respect
Dear Sirs

Your obed^t & affec^t Servant
John Turing

Ganjam
26th October 1780

State of the Europeans & Sepoys doing Duty as Additional in the Artillery under the Command of Lieut^t F. W. George Dunbar

Ganjam 26th October 1780

	Europeans						Sepoys			Total
	Serjeant Major	Serjeants	Corporals	Privates	Serjeant	Corporals	Privates	D ^o Invalids	Privates	
Present for Duty		2	1	3	1	4	21	5	1	34
Sick in the Hospital	1						1	1		3
On command at Acha					1	1	6			8
D ^o at Masulipatam					1	1	12			13
D ^o with the Subbudy		1								1
Total	1	3	1	3	3	5	40	6	1	66
To be sent to Vizagapatam		1	1	3	1	3	16			25
Effective remaining in Garrison		1				1	5			7

G. Dunbar D^o M^o F. W. G. Dunbar

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Minute thereon

As Mr. Turing represents
the Weakness of his Garrison, occasioned by the
great Drafts lately made from thence.
Resolved that the Coffreys be imme-
diately ordered back from Viragapatam, &
that the Committee of Stores be desired
to report if any such Guns & Stores
can be sent to Ganjam from that Place,
as they do not deem it capable of being
defended, leaving sufficient for their
Defence, in case of a sudden Attack

The Commander in Chief
lays before the Committee the following
Letter from the Chief Engineer

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief of the Forces
in India

Sir,

From the Chief
Eng^r: concerning
the Fortifications

In obedience to your
Commands, I have the Honor to address you
on the subject of the Fortifications

It will be unnecessary to
say anything respecting the West Line which
remains in the perfect State you saw
it before your Departure for Bengal.
Since that time We have completed the
Works of the South Front excepting a part
of the Parapet of the South Curtain and
(some)

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is/ some Gallisadoing in the Covert Way, — Our utmost Efforts have been exerted on the East Line, the Foundations of which We were laying when you were here, — We have now completed, except turning the Arches of the Tenaillon at the Sea Gate, laying some little additional Masonry over the Arches of the whole Line, completing its Parapets, & channelling the Water cisterns.

On the North Front, during the present Season, We have continued thro' the late dry Ditch of the North Ravelin, a funette, which has completed the Communication, by Water all round the Fort. We have constructed & finished two Lunettes, extending & much improving the Defences of that Front. We have completed with their Parapets the North East Quarter, guard, & North East Blind have excavated & deepened the old Ditch round the Royal & Demi Bastions, have finished the Covert Way & excepting a very small part levelled & filled in the Glacis on this Front. I have here the Satisfaction to observe that with the Covert Way, the Gallery extending along the Counterscarp, from the Sea to the N^oward to the Sea to the Southward, is finished, affording a secure & immediate Communication thro' the Traverses to all the parts of the Covert Way, & furnished with shafts in the necessary situations

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situations for branching out Mines under the
Crest of the Glacis —

Called upon by the Select
Committee in the Month of December last, I
assured them that the Fortifications would
be completed in the course of six Months
from that time, & I did it in the fullest confidence
of not being deceived in my Expectations. — the
continual Deficiencies in the supply of
Materials, from the very beginning of the
Year, & the almost total Want of any for
the last five Months, have caused that
the Works on the East Line are in their present
State. The contractor for the Fortifications
has not been able to keep at Work above half
the Artificers employed in former Seasons, &
there is now remaining but the Work of a
Month unfinished. Sufficiently evinces the
Propriety & probable Certainty, with which
I gave such assurances; — Repeated written
& verbal applications during the whole
Season both to Government & the contractor
for Materials, have not been wanting in me,
to endeavor to promote the necessary Exertions

It will require 30 Lacks
of Bricks & between 30 & 40 000 Barahs of
Chunam to complete the Works. — The contrac-
tor for Materials has I understand only
10 Lacks of Bricks, & about 1000 Barahs of Shell.
The Bricks will be fit to deliver in a few
Days

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Days, & some Chunam is making from the Shells daily. I would recommend that he be called upon to satisfy Government, as to the Measures that he has taken, & the Means now in his Power or Expectation of supplying the Quantities of Materials required.

The several Chiefs at the Northern Settlements might be able I should imagine, on Orders immediately given them, to send down in the beginning of next Month Chunam, or which I would rather wish for Shells & Charcoal to make it, & the People concerned in providing Garrison Stores, or supplying the Contractor for Bricks, might point out the Mode of collecting a Quantity of Fire Wood to burn the Bricks. I would be leave to request that all these Methods might be tried to ensure the Supply, & that it may not be left solely either to the Contractor for Materials, or to the Expectation of Exertion on the Part.

I beg leave to recommend that the Doors for the Bomb Proofs on the East Line be put in hand immediately. They will become excellent & very Accommodations for Troops & afford the Means of converting into Store Rooms & Godowns several other Places, to which use there ought not to be applied, that they may not be incumbered, when the Service of the Embasures on them shall be required.

I hope it is unnecessary to assure You, that whenever the Means are

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are procured, no Exertions shall be wanted, towards
the speedy Completion of this most desirable Work
I have the Honour to be

Sir,

Fort St. George
9th November 1780

Your most obedient & devoted humble Serv^t
Geo. Maule Chief Eng^r

The Ummeer to
be applied to
for Chunan.

The President is requested
to apply to the Ummeer for the Chunan, lying
in his Garden at Marmelon, which will
be replaced by the Company, as soon as the
Situation of Affairs will admit.

The Northern Settlements
meant to supply
Shells & Charcoal
for making Chunan.

The Chief Engineer
having recommended that the Contractor
for Bricks & Chunan, be now called upon
to satisfy Government as to the measures
he has taken to fulfill his Contract.
The President informs the Committee that
he has spoken with the Contractor, & will
deliver in his Report. — Agreed that a
Letter be written to all the Northern Settlements,
directing them to supply as large
a Quantity of Shells & Charcoal for making
Chunan, as they possibly can procure, & send
here by the first Sea Conveyances.

Ordered that the Doors
for the Bomb Proofs in the Sea Line, be put
in hand immediately.

Calculate of Stores
& Provisions for
6 Months

The President delivers
in the following Calculate of Garrison Stores,
necessary for a Supply for 6 Months —
An

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Minute Motion

Ordered that the Garrison
Storekeepers do report on such Parts of the above
Estimate as may be procured from Bengal, and
the Northern Settlements respectively.
& that they be written to accordingly.

Read the following
Letter from the Paymaster at Chingleput, to the
late President.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

Governor & Paymaster of
Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

From Mr. James
requests a Supply
of Money

It is very possible my
Letter to you of the 23rd Ultimo might have
miscarried, as the Man who took it, has
never returned. I have the Honor now to
address you by way of Duplicate (which I
sent by a Mircarrah of Mr Mackays) to
acquaint you that as our Garrison is
so large at present, I hope some Method will
be taken to supply it with Cash. — what
Money I had of my own or could collect
I have put into the Company's Cash to
the Amount of two Thousand Pagodas, &
wish I had more, would most chearfully
give it for the Good of the Service, not
willing at these Times to be writing
to the Committee, or troubling You on matters,
which can possibly be dispensed with.
Yr^{ly}

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fully sensible your time must be taken up on
Matters of the greatest Consequence. I have with some Difficulty
to Mr Mackays kind assistance (which I have the Pleasure
to assure you I receive on all occasions) raised Money to pay
our Europeans half a Month's Pay & something to the
Sepoys, who would be in the greatest Distress, if not afforded
every assistance in our Power. — If the Road is not clear
of Horse, or safe to send Money, I should imagine some
order might be given by the Nabob to his People here,
who cannot be so very poor, tho' on all occasions plead Poverty,
but I think they might be able to provide us with
two or three thousand Pagodas for the present, & when an
opportunity offers, a further supply may be sent from
Chennai; — indeed independent of our Monthly Disbursements
there are many contingent Expenses at these times which
cannot with Propriety be avoided; — An Engineer being
on Duty at this Garrison, the Commanding Officer may
direct some things to be done to the Fort to add to
its security & many other Articles besides Grain
collected for the Garrison, which cannot be done without
Money. — you may be assured of every Attention to my
Duty on all occasions to the utmost of my Abilities &
believe me

Double Sir

Chung Lepist

5th Nov^r 1781.

Your most obedient,

& most humble Servant,

Theod. J. Sauer

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Minute thereon

Mr. Tanner to read an account of what sums he will want monthly to the Disbursements of his Garrison, including the Payment of the Europeans of Lord Muncie's Regiment left there sick, as Lord Muncie has written to the President for that purpose, & that he be directed to set about such Repair, as may be immediately wanted to the Fort of Chingleput, as the Engineer has represented that they are not very considerable, & will not exceed the Sum of Rs 1000.

Lieut. Mackay to send a Return of the strength of his Garrison

As the Committee wish to be informed of the exact Strength of the Garrison of Chingleput, Lieut. Mackay to be directed to send in Returns of the Strength of his Garrison, of the number of Europeans of the 73rd Regiment left sick there & of the Europeans who at different times come in since the Beginning of September.

Seaports may have

Read the following Letter

from Mr. Stephen Popham.
To the Honble Charles Smith Esq.
President & Governor & Members of the
Select Committee

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

From Mr. Popham
enclosing Copy of a
Letter concerning
Wag Hill - as entered
in Comm^{rs} of the Billards

Permit me to lay before your Honor & the Copy of a Letter I heretofore addressed to Sir Thomas Rumbold as Governor of Fort St. George. At the same time I think it my Duty to observe that my frequent Intercourse with the Merchants & Inhabitants in general, within the Round Hedge, gives me an opportunity of knowing their sentiments on the subject of that Letter & am

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am happy in being able to assure Your Honor & that they are very much inclin'd to concur in the execution of a measure, which appears so essential for the ultimate Defence of their Persons & Property in case of an Attack.

As the Value of the remain-
ing Property will be enhanced in proportion to the security of Possession, I conceive the Inhabitants in general will cheerfully contribute towards the Expence of such salutary measures for the public safety by paying a rateable Tax on their respective Property, within the Fort or Black Town.

Have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sir

Your most faithful &
obedient humble Servant,

Stephen Copham

The Commander in Chief

thereupon delivers in the following Letter from the Chief Engineer,

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K. B.
Commander in Chief in India

Sir,

Have the Honor to lay

before you the Copy of a Letter (as entered in
concerning the Committee dated March) I addressed the
moral of Hay Hill. Honble the select Comm. of Fort St. George on the 6th March
last on the subject of Hay Hill with 3 Plans accompanying.

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Your Conviction of the absolute necessity now existing for the Removal of the Hill & the anxiety you have always expressed for the accomplishment of it, renders any thing that I might urge on the subject unnecessary. It is only left me to say that if the Select Committee shall in consequence of your Recommendation determine to carry the Business into execution every Exertion on my part shall be made in the Prosecution of it. I am Sir, with respect,

Your most obed^t & devoted Servant,
Geo. Maule Ch. Engineer

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13th Nov. 1780.

Estimate of the Expence of removing the Ground contained in the Figure BCDEFGHIKL in Plan N^o 2.

Number of Cubic Feet in all the Triangles above the level of the outer Base of the Works on the West Front + + + + + 19923677

Number of Square Feet 2482221

Level of the surrounding Ground above the level of the Base 3

7446663 subtract 7446663

Remains above the common level of the Ground in front } 11577014

Allowing one half for a regular Slope
Leaves the Quantity to be removed 5788507

At the rate of 5 Cubic Feet p. Cart is 1157701 loads which charged at 1/2 Annam p. Cart to throw it into the Sea (including all con-

tingent expences that may arise from careless filling & accidents) amounts to Pag^t 41346

A true Copy Geo. Maule (Signed) George Maule Ch. Eng^r Sir

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Mr Lyre Cootes
Opinion thereon

Sir Lyre Cootes then observes that he has never as yet had the Honor to give an opinion upon this subject, but now declares that he thinks no one can be in any degree answerable for the Defence of this Fort in case of a Siege, unless the Houses on Hog Hill be levelled & the Ground removed.

Minute thereon.

The Committee concur in opinion with Mr Lyre Cootes on the expediency of removing the above Ground, & the President is requested to assemble the owners of the Houses situated on Hog Hill & to point out to them in strong Terms the necessity of the Measure & the Benefit which will accrue to themselves, by consenting to have them removed on reasonable Terms, as in case of a Siege, they will be under the necessity of firing on them from the Fort, as in all Probability, that would be the Place, on which an Enemy would erect Batteries, in which Case the Houses would be destroyed without any Compensation being made to the Proprietors.

Read the following Letter

Lieut. Parr
To the Honorable John Whitehill Esq.
Governor & President of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received the Nabob's

From Lieut. Parr
arrives at Carnatic
Ghurr & representing
his situation.

Order the 15th Inst. at Madras for my being
admitted into this Place & arrived here on the
19th (after being 3 Nights on the March) the
Kellibar

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Kellidar refuses to give up the Command of the Fort, or of the people in the Fort, and has ordered that none of the Sepoys do come to me (as has hitherto treated me as if I was a Prisoner) - The Garrison consists of 3 Companies of Nabob's Sepoys, 100 Pikemen & Sword Bearer with 20 Gunners, great plenty of Grain & Ammunition; - The Sepoys are in a wretched Situation for Arms, not a Stand of Arms in the Garrison fit for Use having no Pouches, Belts, or Bayonets. - During the Monsoon, some of the old Arms &c may be sent from Vellore, which is only 26 Miles from this - Hyder has sent to the different Kellidars of Arnee Chikpet & Pollore, which is only 6 Miles from this, to take this Place & ^{Gun} Den Ghur, a small Fort 6 Cops from this, with only 30 of the Nabob's Sepoys, on the high road from Changanach, which road is only five Miles from the Foot of this Hill, & a Detachment here may intercept all Stores & Provisions going from Hyder's Country to his Camp. - Hyder has 400 Men in Pollore Fort & 150 in Calipank. - Should they attack this Fort, the Kellidar will instantly give it up, as he corresponds every day with Hyder's Kellidar at Pollore & his son is a Prisoner in Pollore - Hyder has Sepoys in all the Villages about the Country; - You will please to send an immediate Answer ^{to this} how or in what manner I am to act, for as to take the Command of the Fort from the Kellidar is impossible, as the Sepoys will not obey me, as they are Nabob's Sepoys & are paid by the Kellidar.

Carnatic Querr
23rd Oct^r 1780.

I am, Double Sirs, Your most obed^t humble Serv^t
Thos Carr Esq^r Lt Col Barr

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Minute thereon
The President is desired
to request the Nabob will give an Order to the Kellidar
officer Mr. Ghurr, directing him to advise with Lieut^t
Parr upon the steps necessary to be taken for the
Defence of that Place, & that Lieut^t Parr be
directed to act in concert with, as the People
seem to be so well affected to him that his
Removal might be attended with bad consequences.
Colonel Lang will be
directed to supply him with some repaired
Arms, if it be practicable to send them.

Read the following

To the Hon^{ble} John Whitehill Esq^r
Letter from Captⁿ Alcock

President of a Select Committee
Fort St. George

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs,

From Captⁿ Alcock I waited on him when he requested of me to send
requesting the orders of the Committee, con-
cerning some Requisitions made by the Rajah -
a Detachment of Sepoys, under the Command of
an Officer to each of the following Forts in the
Country, - Pottacotta Pandanellour & Iracata.
I pulled, & to remand the Guns & Stores withdrawn
from those Garrisons, - I inform'd him without
your particular Order, I could not comply
with his request, he then desired me in the
most earnest manner, to write to Your Honors
for that purpose, as he assured me he had not
or has his People the least Confidence in the
Sibbundy. Since the March of our Grenadiers
the Garrison is scarce sufficient to furnish
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a Relief of Guards, for the Sentinels on the Works to be within call of each other, & the Sepoys are very sickly. In this Situation, without calling in some of the Sibbendy, Detachments cannot well be made; - nor do I think they could be of any essential Service, especially if an Enemy came in force & with Guns. I am under necessity to be particular on this head, as the Nizam informed me he should address you on the subject. - He has desired me to inform your Honor & that he has sent a number of Sheep & Fowls to Pinallypash, to be forwarded by sea to Madras which he hopes will be acceptable. - that he should be happy to give more effectual assistance, was it in his Power. I lately required from him, an Inspection of the Magazines of Provisions, that of the Paddy I have examined & judge there is sufficient for 8000 Men for six Months, and he has promised a further supply. Report says that it is the Purpose of your Honor & to raise a Body of Cavalry. - I think it my Duty to inform you a number of Men might be entertained in this Place for that Service. Colonel Martineau of the Nabobs, Commanding Ramnad, informs me, that Country is in a State of Rebellion, assisted and encouraged by the Nizam's Subjects. - I have required the Nizam's Instant Enquiry and Interposition. - Lieut. Colonel Nixon has wrote me, that the old Polygar of Warriaspollam, has collected so large a Body, as to have entirely blocked up our People there, and requiring me as being near

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near, to send a Force, to disperse them, — Without your particular Instructions I do not think myself justifiable in such a Proceeding.

I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir, &ers,

Your respectful,
most obedient servant,
Hugh Robt. Alcock
Capt. Commandg.

Tanjore,
17th October 1780.

As Colonel Brathwaite,

has received full Powers, on the subject of this letter, and will by this time be arrived at Tanjore it becomes unnecessary at present to stake it into Consideration

Minute thereon

Read the following
Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

The Honorable John Whitehill Esq.

Honble Sir

From Tanjore, with
intelligence of a French
Frigate.

A Vessel that left
Beque 22nd September, put in here to Day in
Distress; — She brings Accounts that a French
Frigate of 20 Guns and 200 Men had been at
Kinepocory the Imperial Settlement, in the
month of August, and left it, supposed to be
destined for the Straights. Mr. Roker a Bengal
Officer, who is a Passenger, tells me he was
informed by some Frenchmen at Rangoon, who
have lately made their Escape from
the Mauritius, that five other Vessels of

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of the same Force, were fitting out as Cruisers.

I give you my authority
for this news, which however I hope may not prove
true

I am with Respect,

Honble Sir

Yours very obedient,
humble Servant,

John Turing

Gaujam

11th November 1780

As it may be of the most
important Consequences, that the Ships from China, should
be advised there are Cruisers in the Straights.

that
Immediate thereon, Sir Lyre Coot is requested to spare us one of
the Company's Sloops, for that purpose, which
he readily acquiesces in.

Read the following Letter

from Colonel Brathwaite.

To Charles Oakeley Esq^r

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From Col Brathwaite
concerning Seats.

I am desired by Major
General Sir Hector Munro, as you will see by the
enclosed to write to you the particulars, concerning
some Seats, I furnished for the public Service.

One Field Officer's Marquee
complete I made up for myself upon being ordered
to prepare for Field Service at Pondichery, there
being none there for me this Marquee, which
cost me half as much again as I charge for it
as it was lined with Nankow was lost on

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on the retreat from Conjeeveram to Chingleput except
the Walls of it, which were deliver'd to Mr. James
Paymaster of Chingleput.

The other Field Officer's
Marquee, a very complete one, I procured from Lieut^t
George Mackay, upon the Terms of paying an
hundred Pagodas or making him such another
whichever he chose; — this I deliver'd to Lieut^t
Colonel Harper who was at that time in a
Captain's Marquee, with two other Officers, upon
the Terms, I had it; — but Colonel Harper
afterwards getting a Field Officer's Marquee, returned
that upon me, and thus lost the same Day.

The Captain's Marquee
I thought of a French Gentleman at Pondichery, &
deliver'd it to Lieut^t George Fotheringham
Quarter Master for the Regiment, whether that
is lost or not I cannot say.

I am

Sir

October 23^d 1780.

Your most obedient Serv^t

John Drathwaite

Who paid for

Agreed that the
enclosed Bill for Tent^s amounting to Rs 242[—]
be ordered to be discharged.

Read the following Letter
from the Gentlemen, appointed a Committee for
the Valuation of Horses, purchased by the
Company. To

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To the Honorable Charles Smith Esqre
President & Governor & a Select Committee
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sirs,

Herewith We enclose a
List of Horses received on account of the Honorable
Company, with the several Valuations. The Date
of the Notes to be given for them, should be the
12th October 1780.

Amongst the Horses
received, one was brought by Mootoo, a common
Horsekeeper, to whom his late Master had
presented it for his faithful Services. as he
may lose a Note, or be imposed upon, in the
sale of it, and his Family be by that means
deprived of what may otherwise serve as
support to them for Life. We beg leave to
request, that the Amount of the Valuation
of this Horse being 70 Pagodas, may be now
paid to him. The Horses, excepting 43 taken
for the European Troop, have been delivered
to the Nabob, agreeable to the Directions We
received.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sirs,

Your very devoted Servants,
Robt Storey
Hall Blumer
Welch, agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Mootoo be now paid for his Horse, agreeably to the Request of the Gentlemen and that Bonds be given to the Owners of the Horses, signed by the Secretary by Order of the President & Select Committee agreeably to the Advertisement lately sent round, payable in twelve Months, and bearing Date the 12th October 1780, & that the List of the Horses bought, be sent to him for that Purpose.

Read the following Letter from Major General Sir Hector Munro
The Honorable the President and Select Committee.
Fort St. George.

Humble Sir & Sirs

From General Munro
on the Letter to the
Court of Directors.

I send for your Perusal a Letter to the Court of Directors with Replies from Lord Macleod and other Officers, to such parts of M^r Sadleir's Letter as concerns them. I must request they may be sent a Number in the Packet that goes to the Court of Directors.

I have the Honor to be

Humble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

Hector Munro
To

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To the Honourable the Court of Directors &c &c &c

Gentlemen

Excuse me if I entreat your indulgence for a few Minutes, respecting a Letter addressed to you by M^r Sadleir dated 17th Oct. 1780 as also some Letters written by him to the Governor General of Bengal. Copies of which he has sent to you, as full of wicked Invectives, as they are of malicious Falsehood, respecting my Conduct.

I do myself the Honor of sending you herewith Lord M^r Levis and other Officers Replies to such of M^r Sadleir's Letter as relates to them, which will show what Credit ought to be given to the Assertions of that Gentleman and I beg leave to refer to my Letter of the 28th September 1780, to the Committee of Fort S. George; — for the operations of the Army.

It would be presumption in me to take up the time of the Honourable the Court of Directors; as well as paying myself a poor Compliment, was I to follow M^r Sadleir throughout the Labyrinth of Absurdities he has advanced.

It is not to him, it is to you, Gentlemen, that I am responsible for my Actions both in my Civil & Military Capacity, and I can declare in the most solemn manner that I have ever acted according to the best

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best of my Understanding, for the Interest of the
Company, and the Honor of the Nation, — To
your Superior Judgment, I therefore submit my
Conduct.

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
& most humble Servant,

Hector Munro

Fort St. George
6th November 1780.

To, Major General Sir Hector Munro.

Sir

The report of Alarms in
Camp, at night of the 10th September. I saw with
propriety contradict, as the Army was then not
in Camp, but in the Village of Conjevaram; —
Some Corps in one Street, some in another, as
settled by the Quarter Master General, for the
convenience of marching at 2 o'clock in the
morning of the 11th September, agreeable to a
verbal order from the Commander in Chief, which
for many private Reasons he thought proper to
issue.

The Occasion of what
has since been termed an Alarm was the
Black People, collecting their Bullocks for
the Stores &c. — Some of which awakening the
Sepoys, and Camp-Followers, untill it became
general

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general. This to the best of my Memory, happened about 12 o'clock at Night. — At one I got into my Balanguin and proceeded to the right hand Division of the Guns, commanded by Captain Riquault who with other Officers were sitting in a Pagoda, where the Ammunition and Stores was lodged; — the Conductors were loading the Bullocks to be ready for marching; — After remaining in this situation for the space of half an Hour, the Park Sergeant came and informed us the 73^d Regiment was on their March, on which we all repaired to the Guns, in the Front of the Pagoda, and we immediately marched off. — But lest we should not come up with the Regiment as it being excessive dark, I ordered my Adjutant to ride to the Front, or head of the Line to acquaint the General, but before Lieut. Slipper returned, we had joined the Regiment, & all was well. — So this I am ready to be on Oak.

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(Signed) Edw. James

To Sir Hector Munro.

Sir

I have seen the Paragraph of a Letter from Mr. Sadler to the Governor General of Bengal dated 23^d Sept. 1780, in which he says "that when Colonel Fletcher on the 6th of that Month asked leave to

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to advance with the Grenadiers, to bring Hyder
"Ally's Army to Action, and Major Elphinstone
"offered to support the Colonel with the 73rd Regt. that
"I thought the Circumstances so favorable, that I
"approved of their Proposal, or Words to that purpose"

Now Sir, I can assure
you, that I never communicated my sentiments
on that subject, nor has he any authority to make
use of my Name. I have the Honor to be

Sr,
Your most obed^t humble Serv^t
(signed) Macleod

Fort St. George,

29th Oct. 1780

To Sir Hector Munro.

Sir Hector Munro having
this morning shown me a copy of a Letter wrote by
Mr. Sadleir to the Gov^r of Bengal, in which he
mentions my having offered to support Colonel
Fletcher who commanded the Grenadiers of the
Army, with the 1st Battⁿ of His Majesty's 73rd Regt.
on the 6th Sept^r, - I declare the following Circumstance to be the
cause of that Offer. On the Morning of that Day,
Col. Fletcher & I had some Conversation, in which
I said I would be happy in having the Honor
to support the Grenadiers with the 1st Battⁿ
of the 73rd Regt. on any attack. - On seeing the
Grenadiers advancing to the Front I took
the Liberty of begging Sir Hector Munro's leave
to join them with the 1st Battⁿ of the 73rd Regt.

I never heard Sir Hector
Munro speak of engaging the Enemy, but once
when Intelligence was receiv^d, that they
meant

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meant to stand an Action with our Army, - he said
he would indulge them when Col. Baillie's Detachment
joined him.

October 31st 1780

(signed) John Elphinstone

Major 1st Battⁿ 73rd Reg^t

To Major General Sir Hector Munro
Commander in Chief

Sir,

In answer to a Paragraph
of Mr. Sadleir's Letter of the 23rd Sept^r asserting that
"Hammers & Spikes to disable the heavy Gun, left as
"Conjuration, could not be got."

I declare that on the 10th
Sept^r in the Evening, in Presence of Captⁿ Regault &
Lieut^t Skipper of Artillery, I ordered an European
Artificer with New Sledge Hammers & you to go to
the Sub Conductor in the large Pagoda & if possible
to knock off the Trunnions of the 18^{lb} Guns & to spike
them; - That he went to the Sub Conductor with the
New Implements & that the Guns were spiked &
thrown into a Tank, before the Army marched the
11th in the Morning. I have the Honor to be,

Camp at Mammelon
Nov^r 4th 1780.

Sir, Your very obed^t humble Servant,

Joseph Moorhouse

Comm^d Stores with the Army

James Smith

Sam^l Johnson

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Tuesday

At a Select Committee Present
11th The Honble Charles Smith Esq. Gen. Secy.
Lt. Genl Sir Eyre Coote R. B. Samuel Johnson
Sir Hector Munro R. B.

The Minutes of last Committee
read and approved.

Mr Davidson takes
his seat in the
Committee

Mr Alexander Davidson having succe-
ded to the vacancy in the Select Committee, now takes
his seat accordingly and the usual oath is tendered
to him

Regulation regard-
ing the price of
rice

The Commander in Chief recommends that
the same Indulgence which was shown to the Sepoys
in Garrison in Consultation the 3rd June 1776 respect-
ing Rice to be delivered to them at 70 Pagodas per
Ticca or 1 Annam a Measure when above that
Price be now granted to all the Troops in the
Field.

Minutes Union

The Committee seeing the necessity
of giving every encouragement to the Troops, at a time
when so much is expected from their Services readily
acquiesce in Opinion with the Commander in Chief

Ordered that Copy of this Order be sent
to the Paymaster to the Army that he be directed to com-
ply therewith.

Charles Smith

Saml Johnson

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The following Letter were written

To

Edward Colford Esq^r.

Chief of Council at

Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam
to enlarge the Maga-
zine.

I am directed by the President & Select
Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter
of the 2^d Nov^r & to inform You, that they have consented
to your enlarging the proposed Magazine for Powder
provided the Expence do not amount exceed the
sum of 900 Pagodas and with respect to the Quant-
ty last sent you, which you have been obliged to lodge
without the Fort, they would have you use the best
temporary convenience in Your Power to secure it against
the approaching rains. The Committee have been
pleased to direct that Lt Lloyd do join his Corps in the
Field, as the want of Officers particularly to the Artillery
will not admit of his being spared for the Service of
your Garrison.

The Sents which were tendered by Mr
Pierman, have been received into store, & proper Pro-
vide be issued for the payment of them to the Executors
of Mr Cadogan.

I am

Gentlemen

Yours most Obedt^t &c. Wm. Ford^r

Chas. Cateley Jun^r

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against

Powder

order

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To Lt. Genl Sir Eyre Coote K^tB

President & Members of the Committee of
Stores.

Gentlemen,

The Resident of Ganjam having represented the want of Guns & Stores at that Place, I am directed by the President & Select Committee to desire You will report to them if any such Stores may be supplied from Vizagapatam as they do not deem that place capable of defended leaving sufficient for the immediate defence in case of a sudden attack of that Garrison.

I am with Respect

Gentlemen

Your most O^b Servant

Charles Kelly Esq

To Lieut George Mackay

Commanding at

Chingleput

Sir

As we are desirous of knowing the exact strength of your Garrison we direct that you do immediately furnish us with a return of the Number of Troops belonging to Chingleput, of the Europeans of Lord M^t S^t John's Regiment left such with you and of the Sepoys who may have come into your Garrison since the beginning of September.

You have our permission to make

To the Committee of
Stores to know what
Stores are wanting Ganjam

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To Lieut Mackay to send
a Return of the strength
of the Garrison & to make
Return

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make such repairs as are immediately wanting
to Chingleput, as the Chief Engineer represents
that they are not very considerable, and the Pay
master has been furnished with the Necessary
Orders accordingly

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Chas Smith Select Committee

Fort St George
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To

Mr Theodore Tanner

Paymaster at

Chingleput

Sir

We have received Your letter to our late
President of the 5th Ins^t - And in consequence the Board
will be desired to give Orders on his People at Chingleput
to furnish You with Money. In the mean time We desire
you will acquaint us with what sum You will want
Monthly, for the disbursement of Your Garrison
including the Europeans belonging to Lord Mt.
Leeds Regiment Who has applied to us for that
purpose.

We desire you will immediately set
about such repairs as are wanting to the Fort
of Chingleput, as the Chief Engineer has re-
presented that they are not very considerable,
but in Your disbursements on this Account You
are to observe the strictest Economy

To Mr Tanner to send
an account of monthly
disbursements

represents

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O We are

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

Chas Smith Agent for the Garrison

To

Edward Cotsford Esq.

Chief of Council of

Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

As We are much in want of Chumam for carrying on the Works of this Place, We desire you will collect as large a quantity of Shells & Charcoal as possible & forward to us, by every sea conveyance that offers.

Our present Situation renders it necessary, We should be provided with as great a store of Hattle, as We are able to procure. We desire You will collect as many Bushlocks & Sheep, as in your Power & take every opportunity of a Sea conveyance of sending some to us & should any detachment of Troops march from your settlement towards the Presidency. We desire You will send as many as possible under their Protection.

Having taken into Consideration the treacherous Behaviour of Shah Mahomed Subedar of Capt^l Lanes Battalion in the late Mutiny at Vizagapatam, and in Order to show our severe Displeasure at such a conduct, We have resolved that a Reward of five thousand Rupees be offered to any one who shall take the said Shah Mahomed dead or

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To Mr. Cotsford to
send him to the
Presidency

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is alive, and then you are to signify to all the Demons-
dars in your Districts, & by beat of Tom, Tom in Ma-
culapatam and the Out Garrisons under your Com-
mand. We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servt

Chas Smith Fleet Committes

The same to Mr William Hammett Resident at Bangalore

To Capt Robert Liddings

Commanding at

Madura.

Robert Liddings

I am directed by the President Fleet Committes
to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th Ultime
Hedown you will pay such early subsistence to the
Mabots Artillery in your Garrison as may be necessary
I do inform you they cannot allow of your appointing any
Black Officers to the Supernumerary Artillery.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Chas Cokerly Secy

To

Mr James Henry Casemajor

Chief of Council at

Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

The Chief of Bangalore having repre-
sented the necessity of having the Officers sent to

At Vizagapatam to
send the Officers to Bangalore
the same to be sent to the
to the Presidency

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In your Settlement, retained, We direct that You immediately
order them back to Ganjam

We likewise desire You will procure as
much shells & charcoal for making Churnam, as you pos-
sibly can, to be sent by the first Sea Conveyance as the
Presidency is in want of the above Articles

Our present situation Renders it
necessary that we should be provided with as large a Store
of Hattle as we are able to procure. We desire you will collect
as many Bullocks & Sheep as in your Power, & take every
Opportunity of a sea Conveyance of sending some to
us & should any Detachment of Troops march from
your Settlement towards the Presidency, we desire you
will send as many as possible under that Protection

Having taken into Consideration the
treacherous Conduct, of Shach Mahomed Subidar in the
late Mutiny at your Settlement and in Order to show
a severe Example to the Depots of our Army. We have
come to the Resolution that a Reward of five thousand
Rupees, be offered to any one who shall take the said
Shach Mahomed dead or alive, & that you are to signify to all
the Zemindars in your District & by beat of Tom, Tom, in
Vizagapatam & the rest Garrisoned under your Command

We are

Gentlemen

Yours most Obedt Servt

Chas Smith

Chief Commissioner

To

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To Mr John Turing
Chief of Ganjam.

Sir,

To Ganjam on the
same subject

We have received your letter of the 26th inst^t
In consequence of your Representation we have ordered
the Officers You lately sent to Vizagapatam to be returned
to your Garrison

As we are much in want of Chumans
for carrying on the Works at this Place, We desire You
will procure as much Shells & Charcoal, for that purpose
as possible & forward to us by the first Sea conveyance.

Our present situation rendering it
necessary we should be provided with a large & store
of Cattle as we are able to procure, We desire now will
collect as many Bullocks & Sheep, as in your Power
and take every opportunity of a Sea conveyance
of sending some to us.

Having taken into consideration the
treacherous behaviour of Shahk Mahomed Subedar of
Captain Lanes Battalion in the late Mutiny
at Vizagapatam and in Order to show our severe
displeasure at such a Conduct. We have resolved
that a Reward of five thousands Rupees, be offered
to any One who shall take the said Shahk Mahomed
Dead or alive & this You are to signify to all the Zamindars
in your District, & by beat of Tom Tom in
Ganjam & the Out Garrisons under your Com-
mand.

We have signed herewith

procure /

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Permission to Mr Bunnay the Surgeon of Your Settlement
to come to the Presidency for the recovery of his Health
which you will acquaint him with

We desire in case Lt. Dunbar is able
to take the Field, that you will order him to repair to the
Presidency

We are

Your most Obedt. Servants

Charles Smith *select Commissioner*

Fort St. George

Nov: 14th 1789

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor Genl. & Council of
Fort William.

Gentlemen

To Bengal with
Deserters

We have embarked on board the Union
Capt. Blythe the under mentioned Men Viz^t

Prof. Robie }
Port. Warrnet } Deserters from Hydr Ally
Mam. Fonce }

John Meyers Do from Brum Rauze

Andrew Beguier Do from the Dutch

Who have requested permission to go to Bengal on
hopes they may be received into the Service, as they can
not be admitted here on account of the Situation of
the times

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Humble Serv^t

Charles Smith *select Commissioner*

Fort St. George

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15 Dispatched the following Letters

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

We have had the Honor to receive your
Letters of the 2nd and 10th 1780 and beg leave to return
you our thanks for the Reinforcement you have
sent us, & for sparing us the Services of General Sir
Eyre Coote at this juncture, as we are well aware
from the General Consideration of the Powers in India
how far you have stepped forward in support of this
Presidency. You will have been informed from the other
Department of the steps taken in consequence of your
Letter of the 10th 1780

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Humble Serv^t

Chas^r Smith Secy^t Committee

To the Honble Wm^r Hornby Esq.
Governor & Select Committee at
Bombay.

Gentlemen

Enclosed We send You two Letters
under Your address & one for Gen^l Goddard received
from the Governor General Council

We have the Pleasure to

To Bengal Returning
Thanks for the Reinforce-
ment

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15th Nov. 1780

To Bombay Delivery of
the Reinforcement sent
from Bengal

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acquaint You with the safe arrival of Lieut Genl Sir Eyre
Coote with a Detachment of Europeans & we learn by
private advice that Eight Battalions of Sepoys are
marching from thence for this Presidency

Enclosed we transmit You a Letter
addressed to the Honble Court of Directors, which we request
You will forward by Mr. Petrie, if it arrives in time
otherwise by the first Conveyance that shall offer

We transmit You Copy of a Letter from
Our Resident at Ganjam, which will Inform You of
the Intelligence We have received respecting
French Cruizers.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servt

Chas. Smith Secy Committee

Fort St. George

November 15th 1780

To Sir Edw^d Hughes Kt B

Rear Admiral of the Red &
Commander in Chief of all his

Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

To R^d Edward Hughes
on the same subject

We have the pleasure to acquaint you with
the safe arrival of Lieut Genl Sir Eyre Coote, with a
Detachment of Europeans from Bengal & we learn
by private advice, that Eight Battalions of Sepoys
are marching from thence, for this Presidency

We enclose you Copy of a Letter
from our Resident at Ganjam which will inform

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You of the Intelligence We have received respecting
French Cruizers

We are likewise to Inform you,
that the Gov^r General Hounet having thought
proper, by the Power invested in them to dis-
pend John Whitehill Esq^r. Charles Smith Esq^r
has succeeded to the Government of the Company's
Affairs on this Coast.

We have the Honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^t
Charles Smith *John Whitehill*

Fort St. George
15 November 1780

To Major Cotgrave
Commanding the Troops at
Trichinopoly

Sir

Lieut Gen^l Sir Eyre Coote having arrived
here taken the Command of the Troops at this Presi-
den-
cy. We advise, notwithstanding the Directions We have
before sent you, you will obey all such Orders as you
may receive from them

We are

Sir

Your most Obed^t M^t Serv^t

Chas^r Smith *John Whitehill*

Fort St. George
Nov. 15. 1780

To Lieut Col^l Nixon
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir,

The President having received

To Lieut Col^l Nixon
advise of the Gen^l Order
for halting the
troops

vested

To Major Cotgrave on
the same Subject

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Information from the Natch, that it is His Highness's Intention
to go against Trichinopoly, We think it proper to give you
the earliest Notice, that you may be as much as possible
on your Guard

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Chas Baskely Junr

Fort St. George
15 Nov^r. 1780

The same to Mr. Braithwaite commanding at Tanjore.
16 To write the following Instructions to Capt^m Murray

To Capt^m Murray

Commanding the Company's Snow
Intelligence

Sir

You are hereby directed to proceed on board your
Ship and make the best of your way to Malacca, as which
place You will endeavor to gain Intelligence whether any
French Ships have passed the Straights

If you receive no Intelligence of any
French Ships or being in the Straights You will proceed
towards Rhio & come to an Anchor, at the entrance of the
Straights leading to this Port, to which You will dispatch
Your Boat for Intelligence

Advice having been received that
French Cruizers, are gone to Intercept the Trade coming
from China, It will be necessary that you convey
every Intelligence You may obtain on this Subject
to the English Ships from that Quarter. for this purpose

Captain Murray
to give intelligence to
the Homeward bound
Chameroon

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You will cruise with your Vessel between the Islands of Bintang & Point Romani, which forms the East or most part of the Straights of Singapore, anchoring during the night in Midchannel, and should the Weather at any time be too violent for you to keep your station, you will run to leeward of S. Johns or Burn Islands, which are the Westernmost parts of the Straights close to which all Vessels from China to India must pass.

Should you obtain at Malacca any account of French Cruizers having passed that Port or of their being in the Straights to the Eastward, it may be attended with danger for your Vessel to proceed and the Intention of your Dispatch rendered useless; to prevent which We recommend it to you to procure a Boat manned by Malays and put it under a trusty Officer belonging to your Vessel, with a sufficient number of Europeans armed to secure themselves from the treachery of the Crew giving him Orders to proceed and examine the Force of the Enemy, which he may be able to do near the Station before pointed out, and having effected this, to go on to the Islands of Pulo Aura a little to the Northward of the Straights of Singapore & generally make it a proper Land Sale by Ships entering them, from these Parts We understand it is difficult in the present season to work up to this Island from the Straights of Singapore, but by a perseverance and a close attention to Wind & Weather, it may be accomplished & as the Service requires an exertion of this being the only means of giving the Intelligence, sufficiently early

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To prevent the Trade falling into the Hands of the Enemy, every endeavour should be used, to effect it.

You will remain on this Cruise till the latter end of February unless You shall receive Information, of all the English Ships from China — having passed before that time You will then make the best of your way to this Port

I remain

Sir

Your most Obedt Serv^t

Chas Smith Select Committee

17 The Commander in Chief sent round the following Minute respecting Artillery Officers

To the Honble Charles Smith President & Members of the Select Committee

The Commander in Chief recommends that a Captain Lieut should be added to the Establishment of each Company of Artillery conformable to the Regulations of His Majesty's Service, and the Companies at Bengal; This will cause 8 Lieutenants to be promoted to the Rank of full Captains in the Line. Promotions and Appointments in the Lower Grades, also to take place in order to fill up said Vacancies. And it is further recommended that all other said Vacancies on the Artillery Regiment be immediately filled up. The present want of Effective Artillery Officers for the service in the Field, rendering it indispensably necessary. The Commander in Chief Requests to same time, that Recommendation may be sent round in Circulation, that nothing may remain to be done for the Completion of the Artillery Regiment with Officers, but giving in to the President & Select Committee

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Head Quarters Committee. The names of the senior Officers of each Rank, Union
Choultry Main intended for Promotion.

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Opinion of the Committee
Harrison

Although the Increase of Military Officers as recom-
mended by the Commander in Chief, will be attended
with a very considerable Expence, I am of Opinion it
should be carried into immediate execution, as the Corps
requires this Corps should be put on the most respectable
Footing, and they will then be conformable to that in the
King's Service, and at Bengal.

sermo

Charles Amable.

I agree with the President Saml. Harrison
I approve of the Commander in Chief's Recommendation and of
the President's Opinion. A. Davidson.

I approve

H. Murro.

Write the following Letters

To

Col. Rop Lang

Commanding at

Vellore

Sir

Col. Lang to send
some Amble to Carnatic
Chert.

I am directed by the President's Select Committee to
desire you will, if it be practicable send two or three hundred
Stand of Arms from those in store at Vellore to Lord Parnas
Carnatic Chert.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Chas Cateley for

Fort St. George
17 Nov 1780.

repaired/

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To Lieut Par

at Samatrick Chur.
Sir

To Lieut Par to advise
with the Garrison of the
Measures accordingly

I am directed by the President of the Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th. I enclose is an Order from the Nabob to the Peshdar of Samatrick Chur directing him to advise with you, upon any steps necessary to be taken for the defence of that place, and they desire you will act in concert with him, & are every conciliating order. They do not at present wish to deprive him of the Command for as the people seem to be so much affected to him, it might be attended with bad consequence. Col^r Lang will be directed to supply you some arms, if it be practicable for him so send them.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Serv^t

Chas Okeley Junr

Fort St. George
17 Nov: 1780

18th This day a Letter was written as entered in the Miscellaneous Book, to Bengal Masulipatam, Vizagapatam, & Ganjam desiring they would comply with the enclosed Indents from the Government of the Super.

20th The President sent round the following Minutes respecting Hoof Hill.

The President's Minutes
concerning Hoof Hill

As the speedy settling Hoof Hill is an object of the highest Importance, the President submits to the consideration of the Committee, the two following Plans for forming it, that whatever is approved by them, may be immediately carried into Execution

1st That Mr Plummer be appointed to superin

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superintend and carry on this Work, under the Contract of the Committee of Works, and Engineers: That the Committee of Works issue to him Money on his Indents, which must be countersigned by the Engineer, and that Mr Plumer be allowed 10% on all Money advanced, for his trouble and attention in this Business. as he is well known to the Committee it is unnecessary to mention any thing relative to the Abilities, or the great experience he has had in Works of this Nature; but the President thinks, it is only doing him common Justice to declare, that he does not know any Person in this Settlement capable of executing the business with despatch, or who is more likely to give satisfaction in the Execution.

That Advertisements be immediately issued for sealed Proposals, to be delivered into the Committee within days for levelling Fort Hill, conformable to the Plan which may be inspected at the Engineer's who will give the necessary Information, and that the Person contracting must give security and enter into a Penalty of Pagodas for fulfilling his Contract within Months from the day on which he commences the Work should the Committee think it expedient to employ the Company's Lascars, or other People in their Pay, on this Service an allowance must be made, for their work, at the rate the Contractor pays his own Workmen, which must be deducted from the Amount of his Contract.

Experience has shown that all Work carried on by the Company has hardly ever been executed with that Despatch, which this Business requires

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requires, and therefore the President thinks it worth the attention, and serious consideration of the Committee, whether it may not be more eligible to make a Contract, as proposed, even should they be convinced that it is not, upon the whole, so advantageous as if the work was performed on the Companies Account. than commence it without being able to ascertain when it may be finished or being certain that the Company's Sascars &c. can be spared for a time sufficient to complete it. The marches of the Army, and many other exigencies of the Service, not in our Power to foresee, may occasion the removal of any Body of People, in the Company's Pay, which might be in this Important Work. A Contractor will keep his People constantly together.

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Since the President gave his Sentiments on the different Plans he proposed to the Committee for leveling Hog Hill, another has occurred to him, which he believes will appear the least objectionable. That is

That the Contractor for the Fortification be applied to, to remove the Ground on Hog Hill, as he has all the necessary People under him, and that he be allowed the medium Price, at which he now excavates Ground, which will be the Janam Mth.

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I think this as by far the best Plan & approve of it.
Sam^l. Johnson

Before I approve or disapprove of the mode of removing Hog Hill. I wish to know if the Proprietors are satisfied for their Houses &c. Hector Munro.

I am for removing Hog Hill at any Rate. Lysle Coote

I have not read the other

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other Proposals. concerning Hoj Well I request the Secretary
to send them to me. I am clear for the removal of Hoj Well
and I have no doubt but the Committee will allow the Inhabitants
a liberal allowance for the Houses. I do not comprehend how
the Job can be bargained for 10 Annas Bhee as the Labor must
depend on the depth of the Well not on the Extent of the
Surface. I respectfully submit to the Committee particularly
the two Generals, whether working parties by way of a Detachment of
Sappers assisted by 800 or 1,000 Saccars daily might not finish the
business properly after the Engineer has given the proper
directions for the purpose. At Camp I believe grounds are
swelled trenches destroyed and roads made by working parties
under the Command of their respective Officers. As the Cost
of Saccars is great I think the least expensive plan & the
speediest the most Eligible

A.D.

In writing the above I have seen the President's former
Proposals

Sent the following Letter to Bengal

To

The Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council of
Fort William

Gentlemen

We are now to acquaint You that we
have embarked on board the Union a box contain-
ing the Documents of General Goddard's Army
which we informed You in our Letter of the 25th

Attoms

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Ultimo should be forwarded by the first sea conveyance

We are
Gentlemen

Your most Obedt

Humble Servants
Chas Smith Secy Select Comm.

Fort St. George
28th Nov. 1780.

Monday
Novr 20th

At a select Committee Present
The Honble Chas Smith Esq. Governor President
Sir Cape Coote R. B. & Samuel Johnson
Sir Hector Munro R. B. Alexander Davidson

The Minutes of last Committee read
and approved.

The President informs the Committee that on
a Letter from Mr. Light, the Paymaster at Palamcottah, to
a Gentleman at this Place in the following Paragraph Viz.
"Two days ago I wrote a letter to the Governor respecting the
offers made by the Dutch. I hope he has received my Letter
if it can be brought about it will be a noble Reinforcement
to our Army but as the above mentioned Letter was never re-
ceived, it is impossible to know what were the offers he allude
to, but as in the present critical situation of Affairs he
thinks it advisable to strengthen ourselves if possible by en-
tering into a Treaty with the Dutch, He begs to have
the Opinion of the Committee whether under these circum-
stances we are authorized to enter into any Negotiation with
them.

Is of Opinion that We are authorized from our pre-
sent situation Yes the same time acquaints the Committee
that Letters have been written from the Gov. General & Council

President's Minute of
Negotiation should
entered into with the
Dutch.

Is of Opinion for a
Negotiation

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to the Dutch, to know how far they will cooperate with us against the common Enemy. & that it is from this certain Knowledge, that is a measure, which the supreme Council will much to hang about.

The other Members agreeing in the propriety of the Measure, it is desired that a Letter be written to the Resident at Nagore, to enquire from Mr Light the particulars of the above offers & send the Gentlemen at Negapatam regarding their Intentions and should he find them such as mentioned by Mr Light, he is then at Liberty to acquaint Mr Van Kerpenger, that the Gov. General & Council have already taken measures for negotiating Assistance from the Dutch. He represents how much it is the Interest of every European Nation to unite against so formidable an Invader.

Read the following letter from Capt. James Edington

To the Honble John Whitehall Esq.
Governor & President & Select Committee
Honble Sir & Mrs.

In obedience to your Commands of 16th ult I sent you a Return of the 11 recruits that had been entertained by the 10th Battalion of Sepoys up to the 28th of last Month at which time I acquainted your Honor with the cause of my having recruited so few, and the impossibility instead standing every effort of getting any Number of Men in this Country. I have now the Honor of transmitting you a Return of Men Recruited from 28th of last Month to 1st of Dec^r 1780. All the Men in this Country are

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are daily growing worse, by reason that the more time that is wasted without falling on means to settle with the Nabob's mutinous Troops, and to secure the Polygars on the Interest of the Nabob's Company, the more difficult the effecting it will be. And lest my Letter of 28th Ult^o should have fallen into the Hands of the Enemy, I here state partly what I wrote there. The Nabob's Troops (which consists of one Battalion of Sepoys, one company of Artillery, one dismounted Troop of Foot Company of Sepoys, are all except the Troop, in actual Mutiny.

They still continue mutinous, tho' their arrears, which they gave as the cause of it, as I am informed, are but trifling. The Nabob's servants here, to whom those matters immediately belong, seem neither to have Ability, means nor Inclination, to bring those Troops back to their Duty. I took the liberty of recommending to your Honors in my last, Your prevailling on the Nabob, to give his Troops in this Country over to the Company, as the only means of making them of any real service; and I undertook to discipline them (which they are totally enwaded off) in as short a time as possible. I am very sorry to inform you Gentlemen that the Polygars are shewing evident signs of throwing off their Dependance on the Nabob, perhaps their Intentions are to join Hyder Ally, who I hear, has Comissaries amongst them. The Copy of an intercepted Letter from him to them which I sent your Honors, the 25th of August last may serve to give more credit to this Intelligence. And thus I will say that on their respective Countries, together with their having already committed outrages on the Inhabitants in the Neighbourhood, by demanding, and obligeing them to pay Money &c. seem a very sufficient proof of what I

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I now suggest, I beg leave to refer your Honors to my letter
on these subjects, and if deemed by you of moment re-
quest your Orders, before it be too late

I have the Honor to be

Honble Mr & Mrs

Your most Respectful

And Obd. Slave

James Oudington

Palamcottah
Oct 15th 1780

To
The Honble John Whitehill Esq^r
Governor & President &c
Select Committee
Gentlemen,

Having been unavoidably obliged to interfere
with the Nabob's servants, in consequence of their more
than negligent conduct, I judged it best to state the partic-
-ulars in a letter to Amier Alomerah, and to enclose
it to your Honours for your Perusal, to send to him, or
not, as you judged proper, in either case a recapitu-
lation of the Contents to your Board will be nec-
-essary. I beg the letter addressed to Amier, and all other letters
I have had the Honor of writing to you in respect to this
Country may be Entered on the Honourable Company's
Records, at Fort St. George. I have but little to add to
what has been said in the above letter. This Province
is almost the only one that the Nabob can draw any
Revenue from at present and was it protected, upward
of three Lacks of Pagodas might be annually remitted
from hence, besides all necessary publick charges, &
at the same time admit of a very considerable ad-

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in addition, to the present Military establishment. I am in hopes of being able to prevail on the Nabob Troops to be satisfied with the payment of their Arrears, as money can be got in from whatever Country shall be made over to them, which is the mode I have proposed to the Fouzdar; but should necessity oblige me to borrow Money on my own credit for the Expense of the service, I shall for my self your Honors I will not suffer me to be a loser, as these steps I intend to take arise solely from a conviction that the Nabob's servants here, either have or can be enter into Treasonable connections with the Enemy. I was equally astonished and concerned on hearing that Amier Ulmorah Bahader had appointed a Man to the Command of the Nabob's Troops in this Country, who he himself pointed out to me and shews at his Father's Durbar when vastly Drunk. And I request of your Honors to inquire whether or not the person alluded to at this critical Juncture is fit for so important a Command. I conceive it indispensably my Duty to lay before your Honors these circumstances that whatever the consequences are I may be freed from the Charge of Temerity in my Station.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most Respectful Obdi^t

Wth Servant

James Oudington.

Palamcolah
October 30th 1780.

To.

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To His Excellency Amier Ul Omrah Buhadur
Sir,

I have written to you and the Select Committee repeatedly on the deplorable state of the Province of Timoree, owing to the mismanagement of the Nabob's troops in order for which there are a considerable body here were they in a condition to act) or Instructions to treat with the Polygars. I have hitherto waited with Impatience in hopes of answers to my Letters from your Excellency & the Board for my future Guidance, but certain Circumstances of late have determined me to endeavor to put in Execution what appears best for the public service, convinced that to lose more time would effectually put it out of my Power to attempt anything beyond the defense of Palamcottah. Your Excellency and the Board have been informed of the Mutiny of your Troops with the cause of it. Five days ago they confined your Buzdar, and Rentar whom they obliged to consent to certain Terms before they would release them. This with the following Circumstances obliged me to interfere. I had received Information by Letter some time ago that Kaderally had disparities amongst the Polygars, that your Buzdar and Rentar had been made acquainted with these Circumstances but took no Notice of it, or used any means to remove them. I immediately went to them and taxed with it. They denied it, and has a proof read two Letters from the Person which made no mention of such a Circumstance. This Gentleman an Officer in your Excellency's Service coming to Palamcottah showed me the copies of his Letters

as

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with their answers, and begged I would confront them with him I did so. They then with much confusion confessed having received the Information but really they had forgot it and the very next day (two days ago) I had certain Intelligence of a Moor Man, and Bahaman, both, Men of Consequence from Hyder Ally being with the Poligar Catamanaigue, and that they had been in the Country upwards of a Month, whereby it plainly appears that they not only secret Intelligence from me when received but as far as in their Power prevent its being brought me.

The Poligars in general are insulting the Govr by Building Forts without leave, oppressing the Inhabitants of the Sugar Country, in obliging them to pay Money, and consequently preventing the usual Collections of the Province; and the two leading ones, Catamanaigue, and the Sheringar Poligar are distinguishing themselves in these depredations. To increase their Power they have taken a Fort from the Eyapattin Poligar and are now before his Principle Place. This is going on without the least Notice being taken of it, as if in defiance to the Orders of the Govr. I have therefore proposed the assembling your militia Battalion with 20 Companies of Grenadiers, together with Raja of Travancore's Troops and to encamp them near Palamattah that I may with the greater Expedition bring them under Discipline which at present they are totally in want of.

Their Preparations will awe the Poligars into better Behaviour, and at the same time render the Troops fit for any service. They may be wanted in this critical Juncture Had this Method been pursued last Month.

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ago I am certain her Highnesses Provinces in this Country
would have been in a very different State from what it is at
present. To effect this there is a necessity of paying off
the Arrears due to the Troops, which amounts to ten
thousand Chukerams, or a little more a more trifle
in Consideration of the Ruin of the whole Country, which
must be the consequence of Matters continue in the
State they are at present, besides their mutinous Behavi-
our convinces that if not paid by you as Soldiers they
will pay themselves by plundering, and be ready
to enter into the Service of the Enemy. There will
still be 25/ twenty three Companies of Attendants besides
Carnatic Peons for the Country Business, and should
there be occasion for more, there are Men enough
ready to enter into the Attendant Service Your Excellen-
cy knows very well the necessity of an Augmentation
to your Establishment in time of War.

I shall in the mean time do my ut-
most to have this Plan put in Execution and am
assured that what is so evidently for the Good of the
Service must meet with Your Excellency's Approva-
tion and support. I have already had many Obstacles
thrown in my way, it was with difficulty in the late four-
years time that I procured stores for the Fort however I
succeeded in most, but since the Nomination of the pre-
sent I have not received a single Article of consequence
the constant application has been made to him
unless he orders the Fort not to be in a State of De-
fence however I account for this Neglect. Experience will
the subject a Trifle of Gunpowder and a few Buckle-

necessity

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Bricklayers would prevent the Minions bursting the Ram
part and Wall, which would actually occasion a Breach
I am ashamed to say how long I have applied for this, and
am at last obliged to repair it at my own Expence

I have the Honor to be
Your Excellency

Palamcottah
30 October 1788.

Respectful and Obedient Servant,
Signed / James Edington

The President is requested to speak to the Mates on the subject
of the above Letters

Read the following Letters

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.

President & Governor, & the Select Committee of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have just received Intelligence from the
Camp at Curripatoor, that there 250 Horse, 2000 Men
with proper Firelocks, and about 4,000 Match Lock Mus-
kets, are assembled at Carraor, and had sent parties to explore the
River, with an Intention as I suppose to attack our De-
tachment, which, as I do not think it equal, to such a Force
I have ordered to retreat to Carraully, where there is a strong
Pass, and is about 12 Miles nearer to this place, the Intelligence
further adds that there is a great Man on his way to Carraor to relieve
them, who was dangerously wounded in a late skirmish near
that place by our people.

Remain with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Tranchemopoly
30th October 1780

Your most faithful

Wble Serv^t

Eccles Nixon

To the Honble John Whitehall Esq^r

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Col^d Nixon
sent a Detach^t to
Warriapottam

I had lately been very strenuously solicited by
the Nabob's Managers here to send some assistance to
Warriapottam which was supposed to be in danger
as well from the want of Provisions and pay for the Sepoys
as from the ill state of the Fortifications of the place and
from a report that a heavy fire of Cannon had been
heard some days before towards that place. I was
induced to think it would be rendering a service agree-
able to you to endeavor to open a Communication
with Warriapottam which was entirely cut off it being
surrounded with Cottierys and all the Roads belonging
to it were defended by strong Barriers and Redoubts, with this
idea I ventured to Detach 30 of the Company's Sepoys joined
by a Body of the Nabob's and some Horse to Anjalore, with
orders to open the communication with Warriapottam
and throw in some Provisions which they have partly
effected without stop having made their way good to Warri-
apottam five days ago and levelled all the Barriers which
the Cottierys had lately erected in the Road by which they
marched. my reports inform me that the Nabob's own
Bunker this Pottedar here had kept up a secret corres-
pondence with the Cottierys and encouraged their depre-
dations upon the Villages and their collecting of Taxes &

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Customs in the Country, thus as the Report of Edam Bider,
the Manager of Ancilore which is authentic, the removal
of these People might in some measure quiet the distur-
bances in that Country & little for the present I
hope the step I have taken will meet with your appro-
bation

Remain with Respect

Humble Sir Yours

Your most faithful

Humble Servant

Eccles Nixon

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r Governor

& Select Committee of

Fort St. George

Humble Sir Yours

I have the Honor to enclose you a Gen^l Monthly
return of the Troops under my Command for last Month &
to acquaint you that the Detachment which marched from
hence for the Relief of Warriapottum is safely returned
having taken in some Provisions. They report the fellows
who attacked them both going in Homing out to borrow they
can Expectations of Reinforcement. Mr. Roberts writes to me
from Trayar that having Intelligence of the Pillage of
Warriapottam being in his Neighbourhood he attempted
to surprise them, but failed owing to our Sepoys firing
upon a small Guard, at the Entrance of the Village
he escaped in such confusion that he left some papers
behind him, one an Order to the Namaldar of Athore to
supply him with some Torops, another to the same Nam-
aldar of Calacourchy, from Heider, to

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As when he must repair for fresh incumbrances, I have the
Honor to remain

Varmachumopoly
Nov. 2nd 1780

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithful

Yours most faithful

Edith Nixon

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq President Governor
of Fort St. George

Dear Sir,

Edith Nixon Esq
the Madras Company

I must take the liberty to trouble you on the sub-
ject of one hundred of the Natives disbanded Troops which have
been taken into the Service by Colonel Nixon upon the
threatening to go off to Hyderabad if their Company would not
employ them. He has engaged with them for 2 Pagodas
each a Month & one Pagoda Quarterly, but as I do not find
he has the sanction of the Honble the Select Committee
to this measure, I should be glad to be seconded in my
paying them

their
the

I should imagine that these people would
be of more real Utility to the Army than here & I know had
rather join it & act with the Cavalry. There are I am com-
pletely told from three to four hundred of them altogether
who would be very glad to be employed by the Company
only and already mentioned, have offered to pay their own
expenses of marching to Madras on a promise that they may
be taken into the Service.

His Highness's Artillery is another object
upon which permission has been given, that as many as they
were exceedingly distressed the beginning of the Month
and had we not raised two thousand Pagodas for them to pre-

ass

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they would have been reduced to some abominable step. They are
good well disposed Men, and had rather serve their present Master
than any other on being regularly paid.

The friendship which you have for
always honored me with, has encouraged me to express myself
with more freedom than I otherwise should have done on this be-
cause and

Trinopolis
19 Oct 1780.

I remain with the greatest regard

Dear Sir

Your very obliged & devoted humble servant
Thos. Falk.

The Committee approve of the steps Lt Col Munn
has taken to open the communication to the interior. It
is agreed that he be directed to entertain as many of the Master
Vessels as possible and that if he thinks it practicable for
them to proceed with safety, they be sent to join the Army.
Read the following letter from Cuddalore Mr. Munn

Minute Munn

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.

President & Governor, the Select Committee at
Honble Sir Sirs Fort S. George

We have been favoured with your com-
mands of the 22nd Instant by Lieutenant Bance, who at the
same time communicated to us a letter from the
Chief Engineer to him.

It gives us the greatest concern that
our situation in respect to Troops will for the present pre-
vent us from Lieutenant Bance to carry his Designs into
Execution. our whole strength in Troops does not exceed
200 and many of them newly raised. Half this number
are constantly on Duty, and our Commandant whom

We

isting

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We have advised with on this Occasion, as much as that if any part of these were now to be sent away, it would be exposing the Fort to Great Danger, as there are considerable parties of the Enemy all round the place, particularly at Villenour, Pello Nov and Trinday, not to mention the great risque that Ships would run of being lost who might be sent with Least Notice before it would be in their Power to catch by Sea

We have the Honor to forward you here with 2 Letters We have received from Mr Shandon in consequence of one We sent him on the receipt of your commands, to be informed as particularly as possible of the Troops in and near Pondicherry; by which you will perceive their number greatly exceeds those now here for the defense of this Garrison. By private letters to our Chief from Mr Shandon he likewise informs him that one of our Sappals from Madras was taken 3 days ago by Hyder's People at Pondicherry, who treated the Sappal very cruelly that the Arsenal had been plundered and fifteen Gun Carriages carried off with all the shot they could collect that three days past Monsieur Gardier / commonly known by the Name of Lion Enfant / came into Pondicherry in disguise, and that it was said he intended to review the Troops at Villenour the following Morning

From this Representation We doubt not your Honor will be sensible that at this juncture it would be impracticable to demolish the public Buildings at Pondicherry were we to send the greatest part of our Garrison to protect Lieutenant Ponce and the people he might Employ, and for the Reasons above given any attempt to secure the Persons of Messrs Parson and the other Gentlemen mentioned

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mentioned in your Command would in all probability be without success; as on the appearance of English Ships before Pondicherry and of a party from Cuddalore these Gentlemen might very easily retreat to Villenour where they would be in perfect security nor have the Penitence or Contractor yet made their Appearance. We shall by leave however suffer it as surer ground that were Your Honor &c. to order Companies of Men to Pondicherry, We think Lt. Bourse might begin on the work and might possibly be able to complete it before any considerable part of the Enemy were sent to prevent him and that in this Case he might with such a force effect a safe retreat by Boat to Cuddalore, and by that means secure this Garrison from any attempt from the Enemy.

Lieut. Bourse being at present unemployed, We desired him to inspect the Ditch which is now digging along the West face of the Fort, & hope your Honor &c. will approve thereof.

Understanding from private advice that the *Argonaut* & *Utopia* had been dispatched by your Honor &c. to England before the Intelligence was received from Colonel the Duke of York's Coote with a Brigade &c. being ordered to Madras and Mr. Master Edward Jones being on board a Portuguese Ship on the point of sailing for Lisbon. We thought We ought not to neglect so favorable an occasion of communicating to our Honorable Masters so welcome a piece of Intelligence and accordingly sent them a short address by Mr. Jones. Copies thereof wait on your Honor &c. enclosed, and We flatter ourselves our Conduct will meet with your Approbation.

We have the Honor to be

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We have the Honor to be
Very Respectful
Honble Sir Sirs
Your most Obedt

Cuddalore
1st Nov. 1780.

Humble Servants
William Cumming
J^d Daniell
William Maillard
E^d Fallofield.

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

Honourable,

Having received private intelligence
from the Presidency that the *Humphs* Ship of War had sail-
ed from thence before the advices had been received from
Calcutta that Sir Eyre Coote was ordered to proceed imme-
diately by Sea to Madras with 300 European Infantry
200 Artillery and stores &c and the rest of the Brigade per-
sisting of eleven Battalions of Sepoys were to proceed from
thence over land by the Middle of this Month. We have
taken the liberty to communicate & welcome a piece
of intelligence to your Honors by means of Mr Charles Edward
Jones who proceeds from thence tomorrow on a Portuguese
Ship by the way of Lisbon, and who will be directed to
deliver this Letter to Your Honors in person.

We have likewise the Pleasure to inform
you that 2 Ships appeared off this place the day before yester-
day, which from their appearance and the number of men
on board we judge to be those with the Troop from Calcutta

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Calcutta which by winds and currents had been drove thus far to the Southward of Madras, they appeared very desirous of getting to the Northward, and have since been seen off Madras on their way to the Presidency with all the canvas they could spread.

It is a small addition to the pleasure we feel in writing your Honors this Intelligence to tell you that we have moreover been privately informed that about ten or twelve Sacks of Rice are expected from Bengal with Sir Eyre Coote.

Conscious of the Satisfaction your Honors must receive from so favorable a piece of Information We have taken the liberty of revealing from the Established form of the Service by addressing you from hence, because so immediate an opportunity now presents itself to us and that the Honble President & Council of Madras have no present means of doing so. We shall therefore forward to them a copy of this letter and flatter ourselves that our Conduct in this matter will meet with your Honors approbation.

We beg leave to subscribe ourselves with the most perfect Respect

Honourable

Your faithful humble Servants

Wm. Cuming

J. Darnell

Wm. Maitland

Edw. Follofield

R. Guy

A true Copy

E. H. Follofield
Secy.

St.

Madras

Buddalore

28 October 1780

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To William Cumming Esq.

Chief & Council of

Cuddalore

Gentlemen,

Monday breakthru Morning a Subedar named
Mettatombay Rao at the head of 200 Sepoys with Drum & entered
my House by Force, and searched the whole of it, and car-
ried away all the Arms they could find. The Sepoys likewise
carried away every silver thing they could find upon the floor.
Alarm I burnt the Colours. Mettatombay Rao with 6 Raynits
my Porsoot gave me my choice either to be made prisoner or
sign a paper in English, purporting that I had taken 2000
from one of Hyder Ally's People, and that I was to pay them 1000
troops had entered my House, but I begged pardon for the var-
 offence, and to be made prisoner I signed it, they told me
as I had been very quiet in this Place they spared my effort
but on returning a Subedar whispered me to be on my guard
Night I remember this Man in our service at Cuddalore.
I now wait for your Orders to know in what manner I am to
act, as they have placed Centries all round my House &
much fear they have not yet finished their Orders.

I am with Respect

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt. Servant

(Signed)

J. H. Harrison

A true Copy E. H. Fallopieri

July

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Pondicherry
30th 1780 9 A.M.

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To William Cuming Esq
Chief of Council
Buddalore
Gentlemen,

I Yesterday received your letter dated 25th Instant, and in answer to it send lay before you the following Intelligence I have received. A Man named Meltatombey Row sometime since on the Service of Morari Row, a Mahoratto from whom he stole 2 or 3 thousand Pagodas fled for Protection to Tanjore where he remained some time; and afterwards entered into the French Service, and commanded a Battery in Pondicherry during the Siege he has been in this place ever since. Two Months past he received a Surpah from Hyder Ally with Commission to raise 300 Men in this Place and an Order to all Amildars in this Place under the Protection of Hyder, to pay him as Commandant of Pondicherry. Meltatombey Row has ever since been tampering with the Sepoys who were formerly in the French Service consisting of about 200 Choice Men and who have ever since this Place was taken by the English been paid by the French to prevent their entering into the Service of any other Power. Meltatombey Row has at last persuaded about 150 of them to enter into Hyders Service, and about 3 days past they together with 70 Sepoys set out from hence for Villenour. This same Meltatombey Row was formerly in the English Service, but at what period I am not able to ascertain from which he was dismissed for bad Behaviour. Besides the above mentioned Sepoys, there are now in this Place and Villenour 150 others amongst the whole 200 have Muskets the Remainder are not yet armed. Some of the

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The Inhabitants of this Place have already supplied them with
170 Musket and Carlock Boxes, and I understand have promised
and many more. I have not been able to find out the Persons who
give them this Assistance, but have placed so many People to
watch that should any more go out of this Place I shall be able to
ascertain by whom they are supplied. I am informed that
Nellatombey Row last night received 1000 Pagodas from Villorain
to purchase Arms. Nellatombey Row has placed 50 Sepoys
at each of the places where there is any Company of
English Property: also a Guard of 30 Sepoys at the Sea side
and have always in readiness an armed Boat in which they
go off to and search all Boats which pass. I cannot help
serving in this Place that the Pellygar Daily attends Mr.
Purdon, and it is with difficulty I can ever see him at my house
one of the Sepoys entertained by Nellatombey Row, informed my
servant that he had received his Musket & Carlock box
from the Pellygar. All the Sepoys who are in the Fort are
armed with New French Muskets. A Mr. Burry one of the French
Inhabitants yesterday sent for my Head Lascar &
offered to make him a Surang if he would with the Reman-
der of the Lascar leave the English service and enter
into His but the Man grooved. I cannot last night about 100
Sepoys entered this Place and in the course of the night
collected 100 Podies, they have this day taken from the
Ammunition and are now carrying away the stores which
are in the 2nd magazine which I found buried in this Place &
had kept in safety in the Arsenal. They are also
carrying away as I am incapable of making any defence
I have certain Intelligence of their having wrote orders
to seize me by leave to know how to act in particular
with regard to the colour Monsieur Bon Enfant
come into

gens /
for /

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came into this place last Night in Disguise. The Man who delivers
this is my Hircarrak a very Intelligent fellow who will if you
think proper to examine Him give you an account of some very
Interesting discourse he over heard at Villenour, where I have con-
stantly employed Him

I am with Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) J H Skardon
A true Copy E H Fulfield.
Secy

Pondicherry
31st Oct. 1780

To
The Honble John Whitehall Esq

President & Governor & Select Committee of Madras
Honble Sir & Sons,

My dear Sir I beg to inform you of the Pain-
able Inhabitants of this Place, who has taken every opportunity
of reporting the Officers who are now Prisoners with Hydrabully
with Money & has this day represented to me the great delay &
Inconvenience he meets with in getting Paid the Bills of
Exchange drawn by the Gentlemen to whom he advances
Money, and request you will be pleased to send Orders to the
Chief Council of Cuddalore to repay Mr. Gerard what sums he
may hereafter find means of sending to the Gentlemen upon
his producing their Bills of Exchange or Receipts for the same
I have the Honour to inform you that having received several Letters from different
Officers now in Prison at Amie, I learn by them the very
distress'd Situation they are in, for want of the Money
several of them are left with a single pair of Shoes as
what linen they had when taken has been used for Ban-
dages to their Wounds. Three of the Officers have requested

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requested I will give you this Information. Four days
past Hyder Ally's Sepoy refused me admittance into the
Government House where I have resided since my ap-
pointment to this place, upon my return from a visit
I had been paying, they permitted me to remove great
part of my Effects, but the remainder with all my Books
property they have taken possession of all the Building
belonging to the Honble Company which I had under my
charge, they have taken possession of and are removing every
night away, the Gun Carriages, Furniture & find in
them, I made Mr. Manning acquainted with a Party of
Hyder People is entering the Government House by
force under the command of a Man named Mulla-
by Khan, & seizing some Muskets with which I had armed
my servants and Lascars, they also carried away many
things my private property but did not attempt to carry
my papers I took the precaution of burning the papers
to prevent their falling into these people's hands.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir Yours

Thos. M. Howard
J. H. Skarson

Pondicherry

13th Nov. 1780.

Minute Book

The Committee are sensible of the inability
of the Gentlemen at Cuddalore to carry into execution their
Orders respecting Pondicherry which must therefore for
the present be postponed and as Mr. Skarson informs the
Committee that Mr. Howard has taken every opportunity of
assisting the Officers who are Prisoners with Hyder Ally
Agreed that the Gentlemen at Cuddalore be directed to
repay to Mr. Howard such sums as he may pay shall here-
after advance on their account upon his producing their
Bills of Exchange or Receipts for the same.

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Mr. Colepe at Anjengo
has been all the while
disputing that article
there.

Agreed that a letter be wrote to Mr. Josepe Chief of Anjengo
acquainting him that as the Communication to theeward
is much impeded by the Enemy's Horse, and the safety of letters
become uncertain we request he will open all British letters
from England. Genl Goddard of Bombay and after taking Dupli-
cate Copies forward the Original to us, desiring he will observe
the strictest secrecy with respect to the Contents.

Sir Eyre Coote lays before the Committee
a letter address'd to him by Brigadier General Stuart &
which referring, to express Orders from the Court of Directors for
his Trial by a Court Martial, he moves that this Order
be now read with all the Proceedings of this Government re-
lative thereto.

To Lieut Genl Sir Eyre Coote Kt &c

Commander in Chief of the Forces in India &c

Sir,

From Gen Stuart re
questing a Court Martial

Amidst the various Objects which require your
immediate attention, I hope it will not be thought an
Invasion on my part, if I most respectfully request, that you
will be pleas'd to take under your particular consideration
the last Paragraph 75.th 76.th 77.th of Genl Letter to this Presiden-
cy dated 23 Decr 1778 and General Letter dated the 14.th April
1779 Orders of the Court of Directors concerning my Trial, after
reference made to them by the President and Council of
this Settlement.

If you shall find that these last Orders
are founded & positive, not only as to the summoning of
a General Court Martial for my Trial; but likewise that
the very Articles of War are named, by which I am to be tried
I shall therefore not in the least doubt of your endeavors
in your place and Station to do me that Justice, which

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my Superiors in England have so clearly shown to be their Inclinations to do

induce

The deference due to your Opinion, with
I am convinced in the members of Government to induce
for the former Proceedings concerning me, and which is the
deference which I pay to your private Character, equal to
as to your perfect Knowledge of Military Justice & Practice
that I shall be most thoroughly satisfied to abide by
whatever is your opinion in this most important concern
in my Life.

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I have the Honor to be most respectfully
Sir

Your most Obedient
And very Humble Servant
James Stuart.

(Official.)

Orders & Minutes

As the Business referred to by the Com-
mander in Chief is now long agreed that the Secretary
be directed to collect the necessary Papers to be sent
round for the Perusal of the Committee, and that the
Consideration thereof be deferred

Mr Davidson delivers on the following
Minute.

Mr Davidson delivers on the following Minute
Whether it might not be expedient to send a member of
the select Committee to Hyderabad for the following Year.

To know from him, if possible, his Measures
for entering the Carnatic hostily with Fire & Sword with-
out any previous intimation having been given to the
Company's Representatives.

To endeavor if possible to disengage
Hydrabad from the Interest of the French Nation by

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Minute of Mr Davidson
whether a member of the
select Committee should be
sent to Hyderabad.

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by commencing a Negotiation with the Concurrence of the Supreme Council in Favor of the Honble Company.

Although he may have been written to by the President and Commander in Chief never the less if a Member of the Select Committee be sent to inform Hyder officially of the Arrival of Sir Eyre Coote on the Coast and of the Change in the Government of Madras, by the appointment of Charles Smith Esq. To inform Hyder of the Success already arrived from Bengal and of the vigorous Measures planning by the Supreme Council the Presidencies of Madras, Bombay, and by Admiral Sir Edward Hughes for an offensive War against Hyder.

To set forth the great Military Utility of General Sir Eyre Coote in India: his having General Goddard and all the Detachments of Kings and Companies Troops under his Orders. the firm intention of the Governor General & Council not only to adhere instantly to the Truth of Facts but to govern the Military System of the Company and the Negotiations with the Marhatta Empire, the Deccan and Mysore &c. with one spirit.

To exert every endeavor to procure the Liberty of our Country Men, Prisoners with Hyder. To propose to him that the Officers be on their Posts during the War, and the Soldiers be sent to Calcutta not to be recalled to prevent their Possibility of acting against Hyder Ally as they are an Expence and Incumbrance to Hyder there is a Hope of their Acquiescence.

It may be objected the Impropriety of sending a Minister in so early a stage of the War when we are pent up in Madras, and our Enemy Victorious, but even of the single Circumstance of the Engagement of Colonel Baillie, and the Remains of that Unfortunate Detachment

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could be effected, the Intention of the Mission would be
sufficiently fulfilled

Should the views of such an Embassy entirely
fail, the Motives of it need not be approved; and if they
agreed that a Member of the Committee were sent to him
it might produce some good Effects; and more certain Conclu-
sions might afterwards be made of Hyder's ultimate Intenti-
ons from the Lights an Intelligent Man might acquire
and the Materials he might be enabled to lay before the
Committee for their Deliberation

I am of Opinion that a Conference with
Hyder would be attended with better Effects than an Interview
by Letter.

If however the Measure be deemed at present
unseasonable, the sooner it can be carried into effect, the
better Hope may arise, not only of the Release of our brave
Garrisoning Men, but of perhaps defeating the Machinations
of our combined Asiatick Enemies, as well as those of our
National Enemies, the French, now probably aiming to
invade us ⁱⁿ the end of December or the beginning of Janu-
ary — All which Considerations are respectfully
submitted to the supreme Judgement of the Select Commit-
tee.

Alex^r Davidson

To lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Mr Francis Johnson —

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r President Governor &c &c

Honble Sir

Select Committee

Some considerable Time has elapsed

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that
I have since I took the liberty of addressing your Honor on
the subject of my Demands on his Highness the Nabob. Every
other mode of Application proving fruitless, I have for several
Months past looked upon this as my last Resource, but deferred
awaiting myself of it till so favorable an Opportunity happen-
ed as I may perhaps never again meet with. The time is at
length arrived when the Honorable President and Members
of Government have been pleased to take into Consideration
the state of the Nabob's Cavalry, and agreed to pay off the Arrears due
to the Officers and Men now in his Service. I appeal to the Feel-
ings of the Honorable Board whether an Officer dismissed
after a service of eight Years, and whose repeated offers of serving
again have been rejected, has not at least an equal Right to
his Arrears with those Gentlemen at present employed by
the Nabob. Submitting this to your Consideration I humbly
request that your Honor will be pleased, by as speedy an Answer
as may be consistent with your Convenience to deliver me
from a cruel state of Suspence and Anxiety, remem-
bering the Happiness or Misery of an Injured Man
depends entirely on your Decision

I am with respect

Yours Sir Sirs

Your most Obedt. M^t Serv^t

F. Johnson late Captain of
Cavalry in his Highness the Nabob's
Service

Madras
Nov. 20. 1780.

D^r

1957 Fort St. George November 1780
 To His Highness the Nabob in Account

1775

Rs. P. C.

To the Amount of a Tankha upon Joining 939 . .

To the Allowance of Pay due in the 20th Regt of Cavalry
 when Commanded by Captain Burrard 120 . .

To my Pay Watta &c in the 7th Regiment of
 Cavalry from Decr. 1776 to July 1778 as per Account 345 25 10

To my Pay Watta in the 1st Regt of Cavalry from Jan'y
 1778 to Decr 1779 as per Account 1166 34 16

To my Pay Watta in the 1st Independent Troop from May
 1779 to June 1780 1543 25 16

To Contract Out of the 1st Independent Troop as per
 Account particular 3116 31 40

To Horse butchers & rapcutters pay for March April May 618 . .

To sundry expences from Sept 1779 to June 1780 at
 5 Pagodas pr. Month. 45 . .

To 13 Bullocks from D^o to D^o at 15^{Rs} pr. Month 210 36 . .

To one Year Cloathing 483 . .

Advanced to Depoys Antipoon & lascars 146 21 . .

To my pay for June July and August 1780 210 . .

To an order upon Esabar Cawn at Trichinopoly in
 1775 for 1000 Rupees 285 30 . .

To my pay for September 70 . .

To D^o for D^o not included in the last presented
 to Amier ul Omrah 70 . .

Total Star Pagodas 14390 10 8

Keefe's

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Current with Capt. Francis Johnson Esq

Page 2 B

By Cash received in the 7th Regt. 541. 3. 32

By Do in the 1st Regt. 607. 2. 64 1148 11 16

Deducted by Ameer ul Omrah
One Months Pay^e in the 2nd Regiment
said to be paid to Captain Burrows } 120 -

Bullocks 210. 36

Cloathing 483.

Advanced out of my own Money to
Sepoys, Amisicem & Lascars } 146. 21 960 15 "

2108 26 16

Fort St. George

F. Johnson

Oct. 31st 1780

Errors Excepted

Balance due Pay^e 8282 43 17

Total War Payodas 10,390 40 8

(A true Copy) F. Johnson.

To lie on the Table

30th October

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The above for six Months viz. to 30th April 1781 904,370
The Chief Engineer estimates the Expence of
removing Hog Hill at 50,000 Pag. That 2000 Pagoda
more will be sufficient to complete the Fortifica-
tions 70,000

The Military Storekeepers Bills for Gun Carriages
Platforms &c. cannot be easily ascertained, but
they will most probably exceed the sum of 15,000

The Extra charges of the Garrison of Bellore
Ambur & Wandiwash are not included in the above
Estimate of the Superintendants disbursements
for the Month of November which may be reckoned
at 5000 Pagodas. Thus for six Months is 30,000

Total of the Military disbursements for 6 Mth estimated at 1,019,370

Should more of our Troops take the Field
the Military Charges will of course exceed
the above Estimate
NB.

The above estimate does not include
the Charges of the Garrison at Tanjore, nor
the Disbursements in the Northward
Cinars as no drafts are made on this
Treasury in either of these Accounts

Estimate of the Civil Charges
of Fort St. George Presidency for
Six Months viz. from 1st Nov: 1780 to 30th
April 1781.

W^m

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Mr Dawes to be paid
for a Horse lost in
service.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee
a Bill from Mr Dawes, for a Horse lost on service by Mr
Latham the Deputy Judge Advocate.

Ordered to be paid

Bonds to be given to
Col: James

Agreed that Bonds be given to Col: James agreeably
to the Nabob's request, as soon as his accounts with the
Nabob are adjusted.

Charles Smith

Sam: Johnson

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22 The following Letters were this day written

To Will^m Cuming Esq

Chief &c Council at

Cuddalore.

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 1st Inst.
We are sensible for the reasons you have given, that
the Force of your Garrison at present is inadequate to
the purposes recommended in our Letter of the 22nd 1790.
We must therefore postpone the Execution of them
until a more convenient opportunity offers.

We approve of the Deal shown by Mr
Skardon, since he has been at Pondicherry, should
you find from any late Representations, that his
Person is likely to be endangered by his stay there. We
would have you order him to Cuddalore otherwise we
wish him to remain at Pondicherry as his presence
may be very useful.

We have received a Letter from Mr
Skardon of the 13th Inst. wherein he mentions that Mess^{rs}
Gerard had taken every opportunity of spoiling our
Officers, who are Prisoners with Hyder Ally with
Money &c but that he had represented to Mr Skardon
the great delay and Inconvenience he finds in getting
payment for Bills of Exchange drawn by the Gentle
men to whom he advances Money. We desire there
fore as those Officers are represented to us to be in
the greatest distress for Money that you will re-

To Cuddalore to have
the Bills drawn by the
Officers Prisoners with
Hyder in favor of Mr
Gerard.

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repay to Mr Ward the amount he has already advanced
and also whatever sum he may hereafter find means
of conveying to them upon his producing their Bills of
Exchange or Receipts for the same. You will take the
first Opportunity of acquainting Mr Skardon that we
have received his Letter and have given your directions
accordingly.

We much approve of your having written
to the Court of Directors in consequence of the Intelligence
you received of the Reinforcement coming from Bengal

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servt

Chas Smith Select Committee

Fort St George
Nov^r 22nd 1780.

To Lieut George Mackay
Commanding at
Chingleput

Sir

To Lieut Mackay en-
closing a Copy.

I am directed by the President & Select Committee
to send you herewith a Copy of an order which should you have
any thing of consequence to impart either to them or the Com-
mander in Chief you will please to communicate. They likewise
desire you will not permit it to be seen or any copy of it
taken on any Account

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Chas. Cakely

Secy

Fort St George
22nd Nov^r 1780.

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To Mr. John Forbese
Resident at

Angangé
Sir

As our Communication with the South
ern Countries is much impeded by the Enemy's Hosts
& the Conveyance of Letters by that Means become very
uncertain. We request in case any public Paquets
from England, Bombay, Calcutta, or Genl. Goodd
should come to your hands, that you will open them
and take public Duplicate Copies of the Letters that
may be therein transmitting the originals to us by
the first opportunity & Duplicates by a separate con-
veyance keeping one Copy in your Hands to be forwarded
in case you should have reason to believe, the others have been
carried. We think proper to desire that you observe the
strictest secrecy with respect to the Contents of any Pa-
quet you may open. You will be so kind also to advise
Captain Eidingtown, or whoever may be stationed at
the next stage to you whenever you may forward to
him Letters of which you may have taken Copies

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Chas. Smith

Adjut. Genl.

To

To Mr. Forbese with order
to open any Paquets
from England &c.

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Nov. 22nd 1780

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To Mr J Hudleston
Resident at
Nagore

Sir

By a letter from Mr Light to a Gentleman in
Madras. We have the following Paragraph "Two days ago"
"I wrote a Letter to the Governor respecting the offers made"
"by the Dutch. I hope he has received my letter, if it can be"
"brought about, it will be a noble Reinforcement to our"
"Army" No the letter referred to us in the Paragraph was never
received We are at a loss to know what offers Mr Light alludes to
We desire therefore you will write to Mr Light requesting
to know the particulars of them By whom they were
made and that you will in the mean time endeavor
to find out from the Gentlemen at Negapatam whether
there be any such Intentions as those expressed by Mr
Light if this Information be well grounded, you are then
at liberty to acquaint Mr Van Vissengen that we under-
stand from Sir Eyre Coote who is lately arrived from
Bengal that the Governor General Council of that
Presidency have already taken Measures for negotiating
assistance from the Dutch & that we on our part are
heartily inclined to promote their Views by every
means in our power you will also represent the danger
to which the Dutch are exposed as well as ourselves, should
the Power of Hyder be maintained in the Carnatic and how ex-
pedient it is for the Representatives of all the Europe-
an Nations on this Coast to unite in repelling so for-
midable

To Mr Hudleston con-
cerning the Dutch

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formidable an Invader

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Chas Smith

Secretary

Fort St. George
Nov 22nd 1780

25th Received the following Letter from L. Bony Bishop

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq

President & Governor the Gentlemen of the

Select Committee

Honble Sir Sirs

For these ten days past this Fort has
been so closely invested by the Enemy's Horse and sepoys
that I found it impossible to acquaint You of my situa-
tion, the first party that made their appearance consist-
ed of 700 Horse with a number of irregular Sepoys & Mestees
and about an Hour ago another large Party of Horse & Foot
I am sure than 1000 / Encamped just without Gun Shot of
the Fort, the reports of the People whom I employed
to go into the Camp of the first Party all agree that they only
waited the arrival of the Party that came this day to make
an Attack on the Fort but such is my situation that I have
very little to read from any Attack they may have com-
menced to make of the People without do their Duty. I did my
self the Honor in three former Letters to acquaint You
that the Nabobs & Sepoys were ill paid and were inclined
to be mutinous, they have several times refused to do their
Duty, but partly by threats and partly by fair promises
I got them to return to it. I have given them all the

Money

enough

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Money I had, and at present they are pretty quiet. I hope they will continue so. But there is little confidence to be placed in men who refuse to take up their arms in face of an Enemy, as soon as it may be found practicable I will leave to urge the Necessity of the Natives sending Money for those People. The great danger there was of letters falling into the Hands of the Enemy, made me decline sending off the Monthly Returns, the first of this Month four Sepoys from the two Companies have deserted which are all the casualties since the Return for September

I am with all due Respect

Humble Serv^t &c

Your very Obed^t Serv^t

Benj^m Bishop

Permacoil

19 Nov^r 1780.

P.S. All the Tappall Peons, between this & Chingleput are either runaway or taken by Hyder's People. The Bearer is a Man I have promised to reward if he deliver this, you will therefore be so kind as to acknowledge the receipt of it, that I may be certain of his having done so. In consequence of which the following letter was immediately sent

To Lieut Benja^m Bishop

Commanding at

Permacoil

Sir,

I am directed by the President Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 19th Inst^o. & to acquaint you that in the present state of the

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The Country it is utterly impossible to send you any Money
for the Payment of your Garrison and the Negroes pay.
And should you be unable to raise sufficient for Discharging
their Arrears due to the Negroes pay. You are to promise
them in the Name of the Company that they will become
answerable for seeing them paid, and that they will take the
first favorable opportunity that shall offer of sending Money
for that purpose. The Committee are very desirous such a
spirit of discontent prevail among the Negroes as might
should it ever come to that height that you have any cause
to fear, danger from it to the Garrison, they authorize you
in that case to disarm them and turn them out of the
Fort, and this they do the more readily as from your
Letter they trust the Companies Arms in your Garrison
are well be found sufficient for its defence

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25th Nov^r 1780

I am

Y^r

Yours most Obedt^t Serv^t

Chas Cakely Jun^r

At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Chas Smith Esq^r Gov^r President
James Johnson Esq^r 2^d Gen^l Sir Eyre Coote
K^t Major Gen^l Sir Hector Munro K^t
Alexander Davidson Esq^r

Monday 27 Nov^r
1780

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read the following Letter from M^r Cakely

Y^r

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The Honble Charles Smith Esq
President Governor & Select Committee
Of Fort St. George.
Honble Sir & Mrs,

From Mr Oakely requesting
leave to resign his Office
of Secretary & Judge Advocate

I much regret the necessity I am under
of requesting your permission to resign my Office of Secretary
to the Select Committee, with the Commission of Judge
Advocate for the Company's Troops, which was annexed
to it.

During near fourteen years service, in the civil
and Political departments, and eight years of that time as
Secretary, my health has enabled me to give constant at-
tention to the Business of the Company, but of late I find
it so much impaired by the effects of too sedentary a
Life, that I am fearful of being unable to continue
that degree of application which is necessary for exe-
cuting the laborious duties of my Office. Upon those
account only, I wish to be relieved from it.

I have the Honour to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient

Most Humble Servant

Chas Oakely

The Committee are extremely concerned that Mr Oakely's
ill state of Health should have brought him to the neces-
sity of resigning the Office of Secretary. They are fully
sensible of his Merits during the long and laborious attention
which he has necessarily been obliged to pay to the duties
of his Station, and as he is reduced, by Indisposition only

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only, to the necessity of relinquishing his Employ
as being too sedentary, they are of Opinion in Justice
to him that a reward for his long service, that some mark
of their approbation should be conferred on him when
ever a suitable appointment may become Vacant.

In consequence of the resignation of Mr
Bakeley the Office of Secretary to the Committee being
Vacant Mr Richd. Sullivan succeeded thereto agreeable to
the orders of the Court of Directors of the 3^d Decr 1780.

The President delivers in the following Minute

As by the nature of the Commission granted
to Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote, by the Court of Directors as
Commander in Chief of the Company Forces in India
the executive military authority is vested in him. And as
in the present situation of Affairs the Conduct of the War
should be entrusted entirely to his Direction, the President
moves that letters be immediately written to all the Offi-
cers in Command of Garrison's Detachments of the
Army under this Presidency, henceforward to res-
pond with the Commander in Chief He may also send
Orders as may from time to time be received from him
and that they do also send to the Committee regular
information of all material Circumstances which may
happen.

Resolved that the necessary Letters be written and dis-
patched accordingly

Read Letter from the Worksuper at Fort St George

Mr Sullivan succeeds to the
Office of Secretary -

President's Minute
proposing the Conduct
of the War to be left
to Sir E. Coote -

Order thereon

To

The Honble John Whitehall Esq^r President

Governor & Secret Committee

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Honble Sir Yours

I have the honor to transmit you
a Return of stores for last Month

From Mr Park with a statement
of the Arms at Fort St George

Your Honor will observe by the Return, that
there are upwards of two thousand stand of Arms on the
but in such bad condition that on the last Field day of
Captain Mackenzies Battalion, seventy five Men were
killed at one general discharge, and such as are repaired on
one day are generally returned the next. Should no
opportunity offer of sending a supply of the service requires
if the Troop might be supplied from the Madras stores
where there are some thousands of new Arms which there
seems to be no call for at present.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir Yours

Your most Obedt Serv^t

Thos Park

Archdeacon

Fort St George
12 Nov: 1780.

The Madras has ordered 1000
stand of Arms to be issued to
the Fort St George

The President acquaints the Committee that the Madras
has in consequence of the above representation ordered
one thousand stand of his best Arms to be issued to the place
keeper at Fort St George.

President's Minute

The President acquaints the Committee that
informant to the Letter from his Highness the Madras of
the 21st Instant entered in C^o Corr: M^o he has received from
from the following Letters.

1 To Comara Yatcha Nair Behaudee Rajah of Vanea
Nagay.
2 To Reppeawze Behaudee Rajah of Carowetty Pallam and
nd 4.

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1 To Damerly Comara Vanchetup Maich Behauder -
Rajah of Calcutty. to each of whom the President proposes
to write the following Letter Viz:

"You have always been a Friend to the
English, and to his Highness the Nabob and shown your
Heat on many Occasions. By continuing the same
Friendship you will merit favor, and may always depend
on the Company's Protection."

"His Highness the Nabob now wishes to
know for the assistance of your People, and promises to
submit to submit to you on a Quasi Fort and also to pay
some Troops Battle which is in the Field. Altho' you
cannot be sensible that it is not necessary. This is the
Name for you to exert yourself in attending your Affairs
your own Army and in sending us all kind of Provisions."

"On the part of the Company I assure
you and pledge my promise, to interest the Nabob in
your Honor, and to see that his Engagements to you, as
above recited shall be punctually performed."

"General Coote is now preparing
to take the Field, and there is a large Army coming
hither from Bengal, so that, by the Blessing of God
you will soon see the Enemy defeated and the Country
restored to Peace."

"The sooner you give us that substantial
proof, which we expect from your Friendship the better
send me your answer immediately, and let me
know when you can join us."

"What can I say more?"

His Highness the Nabob has also desired

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to the President, a Letter to Tivambalum Mordely, Renter of
the Tivambalum Country, containing his Orders that, both
this Renter and the Fozzdar Tivuce Ally Caum shall do every
thing for the Public Service which may be recommended
by Captain Edington and Mr Light the Company's Paymaster.
His highness requests that a letter may be written to Captain
Edington and Mr Light to the following purpose

To Captain Edington

Sir,

"We have received your letter of the 15th Inst^o"
"We transmit you enclosed a letter from His Highness the
"Nabob, to his Renter Tivambalum Mordely, containing
his Orders to his Renter and his Fozzdar Tivuce Ally Caum
to act, in conjunction with you and Mr Light in everything
which may be judged beneficial for the Public Service.
He has directed, that the Arrears of Pay be issued to his
Troops immediately, that his Sibendey Punn be collected
together and embodied, and that the Fort of Palamoorah
be repaired. These repairs we recommend to your early
attention, as well as those of the Magazine, which
is said to be in a ruinous condition. He has given
authority, for encouraging the Polygam by a remis-
sion of the usual Distress, but desires if practica-
ble, they may be prevailed on to give written de-
clarations of their Attachment & Fidelity to the Com-
pany. As him he has also ordered that every con-
vict shall be given to the Raja of Travancore,
People, and has also directed both his Fozzdar
and Renter not to do any thing material without

Respect

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"upon or on sight approbation"

"This is in general the subject of his Letter, and we desire you will inform us particularly of whatever may be further wanted to secure the Tranquility of that Country, and ensure the receipt of its Revenues"

"In all these arrangements we desire that proper Respect & Attention be paid to the Fowzdar and Menter, according to their Stations, but they must be told that the Nabob is resolved to discharge them if they do not exert themselves in the execution of all his orders and in whatever may be recommended by Mr. Light and you, for the Public Service"

"We positively direct that no person on the Company's service, lend Money to the Fowzdar or Menter, either in his own Name or that of any other Person on any account whatsoever and we expect from you the best information you can procure of the collection of the Revenues of these Districts, as the Nabob has given us payments of these for the payment of advances made for his account by the Company"

"We desire you will write us particularly on these Subjects"

We are Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Chas. Vanebo Junior Secretary

P.S. We have likewise enclosed you a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore which you will forward to him by the safest conveyance.

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To Mr W^m Light

Sir,

By this conveyance we send to Captain Edingtown a letter, from His Highness the Nabob to his Venter Irvembatum Modellly, concerning his Orders to this Venter and his Fouzdar Fidwee Ally Cawn, to act in conjunction with you and Captain Edingtown in everything which may be judged most Beneficial for the publick service. he has Directed that all arrears of Pay be paid his Troops directly, that his Subindy Pions be collected together and embodied, that the Fort and Magazine of Palamcottah be repaired and he has given authority for encouraging the Potygars to join the Company's Troops by promising them a remission of one Years Disturbance; but desires if practicable, they may be prevailed on to give written declarations of their sincere attachment to the Company and to him, he has also ordered that every encouragement shall be given to the Rajah of Travancore's People, but desires they may be kept separate from his Troops, he thinks too it will be most eligible that the Subindy Pions be also kept in a separate Body to act as their services may be required he has also given strict Orders that neither his Fouzdar or Venter shall do any thing material without your Captain Edingtown's approbation.

These are the out line of his Letter and we desire you will inform us particularly of whatever may be further wanted to secure the Tranquillity of that Country and ensure the receipt of its Revenues.

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In all these arrangements we desire that proper respect and attention be paid to the Freight and Renters according to their Stations; but they must be told that His Highness the Nabob is resolved to discharge them if they do not exert themselves in the due execution of all his Orders and in whatever may be recommended by you Captain Edington for the publick Service.

We deem it necessary to acquaint you it is our positive orders that no person in the Company's Service shall in these times, lend out Money to the Freighters or Renters either in their own Name or in the name of any other person on any account, or put out what so ever, and we expect from you the best information you can procure of the collection of the Revenues of these Districts as His Highness the Nabob has given us a promise on them for the payment of advances made by the Honble Company on his Account.

We desire you will write us particularly on these subjects.

Mr Bird has said before us your letter to him wherein you mention one written to our late President, but as that Letter has miscarried we are at a loss to know the Offers you allude to. We desire you will inform us of the particulars of those Offers by whom they were made should they be from the Dutch either on the Coast or the Island of Ceylon. We authorize you to enter into a negotiation with them on the subject cautioning you at the same time not to inform this Government in any manner whatsoever until you are furnished

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furnished with our positive orders on that Head

We likewise empower You to acquaint them if you see necessary that We understand from Mr Eyre Coote who is lately arrived from Bengal that the Council of that Presidency have already taken measures for negotiating measures from the Dutch and We on our part are heartily inclined to promote their views by every means in our Power you will also represent the danger to which the Dutch as well as ourselves must be exposed should the Power of Hyder prevail in the Carnatic Now expedient it is for the Representatives of all the European Nations on this Coast to unite in repelling so formidable an Invader

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Serv^t

Chas Smith Secy to the Committee

Fort St George
29th Nov 1780.

The President has also received from His Highness the Marot a letter to Jambur Cawn, his Manager at Trichinopoly ordering him to satisfy Underman; to pay the arrears of his Artillery; to hold 300 Troopers completely mounted in readiness to move at a moments warning and to lodge in Trichinopoly all the Grain & Provisions he can procure. His Highness requests that a letter to the following purport may be written by the Committee to Jambur Cawn Viz

Sir

" We have received your letter of the 29th
and 30th We also am Palk's letter of the 13th We.

" We approve of the step you took

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"to open the communication with Harraapottam
and supply the people there with Provisions"

"Enclosed is a letter from the Nabob to
Isaiah Cawn his manager at Trichinopoly. Isaiah
Cawn is ordered therein to pay off the arrears of the
Artillery and to make ready for service 300 Troopers

"The Nabob has also given Isaac
his manager, to collect all the Grain and Provi-
sions in the District and store them in Trichinopoly
and to supply you with one thousand stand of the
best Firelocks, he is likewise directed to deliver any
you may advise, for putting Trichinopoly in a pro-
per state of defence and for the pursuing of Ap-
stance of Gondiman & the other Polygars in that
Neighbourhood"

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Chas Smith

Admt Commltee

It is further the Nabob has also expressed his wish
that the Committee would resolve to order Captain
Edmunds to vacate Orpale and march to Mullore
in which case, he will order Nam chundra Raut
[the late Rajah] to take post at that place with 1000
Peon, and put 1000 more under the command of
Captain Edmunds.

The President submits to the con-
siderations of the Committee the superior importance
of Mullore, as it is a place from whence Bullocks,
Sheep

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Sheep and Provisions of every kind can be procured in great plenty for the Presidency and he is of opinion that, in order to keep the Northern communication open, an experienced Officer with a company of Europeans, ought to be detached to Chikotah; which in conjunction with the Nabor troops now stationed there, he believes will be able to defend that place against any Force which may be sent by the Enemy against it.

Resolved that the several Matters above recommended by the President be carried into Immediate Execution

Recd Letter from Lord M^r Leod.

To Cha^s Smith Esq^r

President and Governor & Select Committee

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

In consequence of the Death of Mr Gorey my late Secretary, I request your concurrence in appointing Mr Benjamin Smith to that Station

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t

Humble Serv^t

Maseod

Agreed that Lord Maseod's request be complied with and that Mr Smith be appointed his Secretary accordingly.

The President informs the Committee that his Nephew the Nabor has acquainted him of his

From Lord Maseod requesting
Mr Smith may be made his
Secretary

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Agreed to

Present to Minutes

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from of his having advices from Hyderabad, that Fazel Beg Caun could send to Masulipatam above 300 Cavalry, provided he was authorized to promise, that each man should receive 37 Rupees 10 Month, which will be considered as including all expenses.

The President submit to the consideration of the Committee, how far it may be eligible to write to Mr Cornwall on this subject, and to authorize the Nizam to promise, that this allowance shall be paid to each Horseman, properly armed and equipped to the Fort St George & the Company's Service at Masulipatam

Minute taken

It gives the Committee the greatest satisfaction to find that so considerable a Viceroy in the Nizam's Court, as Fazel Beg Caun should be so far inclined to the English Interest, an immediate agreement, however, for such a body of Cavalry, would entail a certain Expence, which their means are not adequate to. Agreed therefore that the consideration of this Matter be deferred, until it shall be well ascertained whether Mordahie Bonwatah the Rajah of Berar means to cooperate and join the Detachment which is coming from Bengal, with any part of his Forces. The President is requested in the meantime to write to Mr Cornwall that he may communicate to Fazel Beg whatever may be hereafter necessary on this Subject.

Read the following Letter from the Surgeon General

To