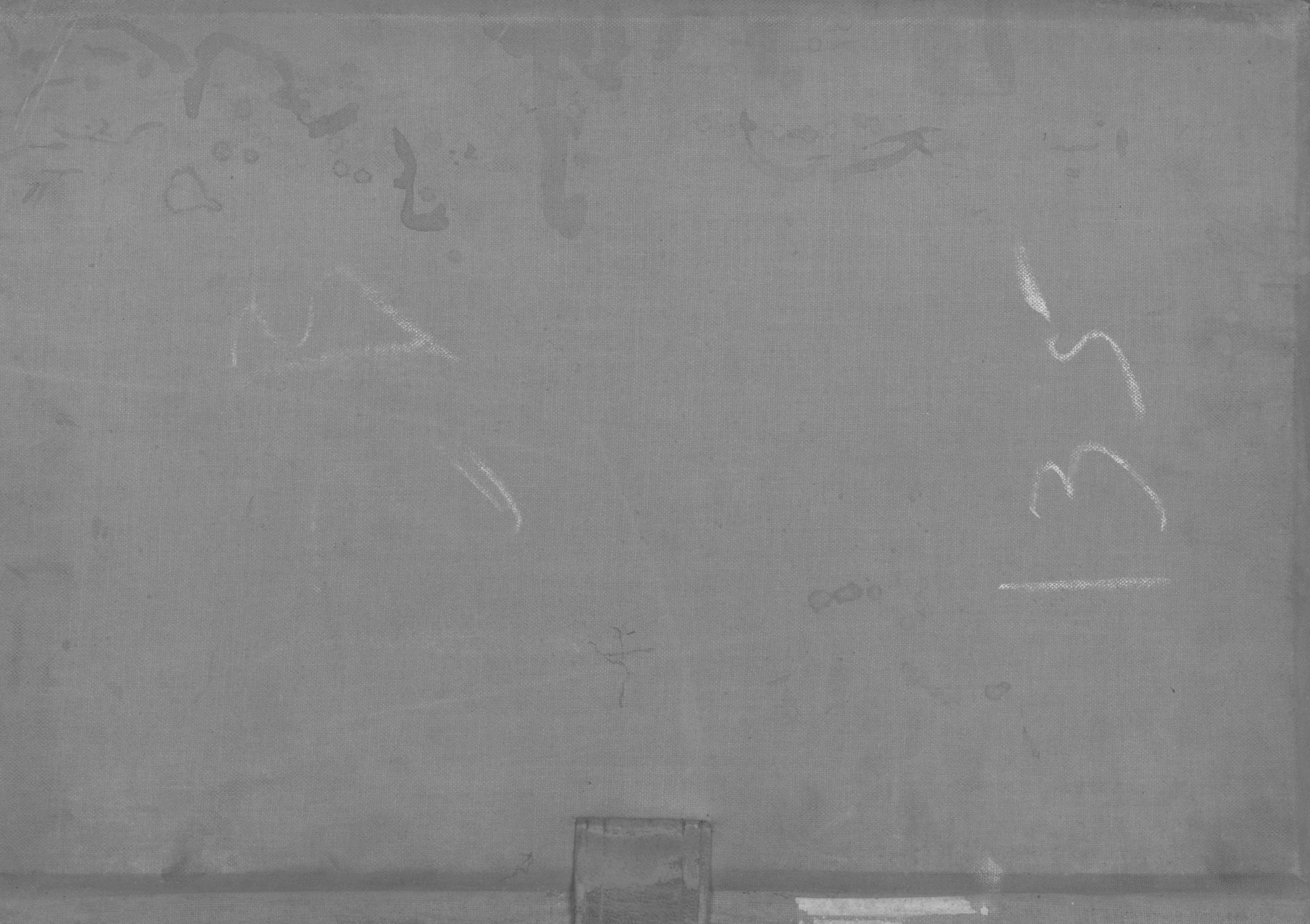




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 To the Honble Charles Smith Esq^r
 President Governor of
 East F. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Dudley Hartman
 of the Episcopal Church
 of the Diocese of Virginia

I have honored, agreeable to your desire
 the recommendations regarding Mr. Hartman from his
 personal knowledge. Such as that he is a man of worth &
 sufficiently qualified in his profession for an appoint-
 ment in the service. But his I perceive the address
 attests. I must however beg leave to remind you, at the
 same time of a pending recommendation of Mr. Board
 of Higher Education of Mr. Hartman to you and the other
 members of the Board a sum of \$1000 at his house the
 morning of his departure and on the same plea
 of having been of use to some of our Officers. I am

On this subject an interesting letter
 Department in the service, I have to advise that the
 Honble Company have thought proper to appoint
 him to our service to gentlemen in service to the fine
 vacancy of Virginia here. The Governor's Council on
 these occasions sensible of the injustice and aware of the de-
 consequences of expensiveness in that Department gave
 them the option only of entering the service by way of
 a present which many of them accepted.

You honorable Sir I believe every mem-
 ber of the Honorable Board know well how instructing
 have ever been to make the Department respectable
 by receiving none into the service but young men of
 Education who would justify most such present
 as might occur. For this small Benefaction
 which

Adherton

1788
And J. George Novmbr 12th

The Committee are fully sensible of the present
misconduct of Mr Anderson, and as they always wish to
encourage and reward them the servants of the Company
as far as they can consistently. It is agreed that Mr An-
derson, a wounded surgeon Major of his Regiment
with a salary of 1000 per Annum.

Mr Anderson at present
charges Major of his Regiment
with 100 per Annum.

Read Letter from Mr Davis

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President Governor & Select Committee
And J. George

Honble Sir Yours

It is not more my Duty than my Inclination as an Individual to render myself as useful
as possible in this Season of Difficulty, and the Excelling
the Masters Elder I am/would to attem for sometime than
I had been sent having acquiesced with my assent to
any Duty in the Field I beg leave to request for
will be pleased to gratify me therein and direct me
to join the Army accordingly

From Mr Davis assuming
an Oath to serve the Field
with the Army

Yam with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir &c

Your most Obedt Servant

Wm Davis

Surgeon.

Ordered, that the Secretary do inform Mr Davis that
when the Army takes the Field, any application he
may make to the Committee through the proper
Channel of the Surgeon General will be duly
attended to.

Ordered Motion

Read the following

And J. George
Nov 12th 1788.

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Read the following letter from Mr. May

To the Honble Chas. Smith Esq
President Harvard School Commrs

Honble Sir Sirs,

Having it upon me to send you
accompany the drawings on Hog Sticks and to send the notes
on which they stand, I humbly beg leave to offer to you
some observations on the subject, as far as I think
especially, unusual myself and before the most for
varying it into execution especially when used
upon.

I have always considered the use of the stick
whether to be thought, and, indeed, improved, or removed
to be a known and improved to the service of the student
and I suppose, notwithstanding it may be that of a
longer use to find out the necessity of it being done
where the necessity of the situation is such and so
any way to be improved, for the present, I suppose
the Honble President, he and my duty in the
line of my employment, but that I shall be happy in the
present situation of affairs, to see my utmost
 exertion, in such way, as may most conduce to the ad-
vantage of my Honble Employer's
I am

with due respect

Honble Sir Sirs

Yours very Obedt

Philip Henry Smith Secretary

John J. Smith
Nov 27th 1792

From Mr. May about
the removal of the stick

To us in face

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To be on the table

Read Letter from the Nubia dated 21st November as entered
in E. Correspondence No. with a Narrative of the voyage
and capture of Dr. Livingstone by his principle
servant who was in the place Mohammed Mueyib Khan

one of 1

Servants

The Committee are concerned to observe the
in the account given by Mueyib Khan of the operations of
the voyage of Dr. Livingstone's are Mueyib Khan
the Europeans who were in that Garrison. The more
especially as from their present situation they are
precluded the benefit of a thorough investigation
of that which is alleged against them. The Committee
are not acquainted with the sentiments of the principal
officers who commanded in Dr. Livingstone, neither are they of the
charges which they assert they can lay against the
servants of the Europeans. But as no regular enquiry
can be made into the declarations of either the one or the
other, the Committee are reluctantly obliged to postpone
the bringing the matter to a point, until the parties
are thoroughly relieved from the engagements have
entered into in their expedition with Dr. Livingstone, &c.

they

Read the following Letter from Mr. Gordon

To the Honble Chas. Smith Esq

Presid^t of the Governor & Gentlemen of the select Committee

Wm. L. George

Honble Sir Sirs

From Mr. Gordon enquires
any mission may be
made of them to the
Board of Directors

As considerable time hath elapsed
since I received the order of the Council of Directors to
repair to England I have represented to them that

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1794
1000 Sept 1. Margt. Worcester

The situation of my affairs prevented me from writing
any with them; without saying to many who have
trusted me with very considerable sums of Money.
Connections, although my conduct hath been
proved of the rectitude of my intentions, and an
absence myself to my Employers. I have exerted
every Endeavour to settle my Affairs, to enable me
in Person to justify myself to the said Trustees in the
late unfortunate disputes, and I took forward with
pleasure, in that Expedition, when the domestic
war unfortunately invaded the Coast of this wide
Island, and may impede my Return to England.
In this Situation I am no longer able offering it
the honorable Court the accompanying Report
hereto, a Copy of which hath been sent to England
in order to be sent before the Company's particu-
larized. I understand a considerable sum of Money
deposited to establish the principle on which I found
my hopes of Restoration to the Service; that I have
I may have owed in the antient disputes
which caused my suspension, I must at least
that my conduct hath been justified on public
grounds. I shall not at this critical time when
your attention is excited to the safety of the state
introduce upon you with a history of these
events, much less with the part I had in them. I shall
only request that they may be transmitted to
the Trustees and after the same agreement that
was given to Informators, the Names of Party
both not mentioned ought to be destroyed of my
Name, that when Henry I. will be pleased to make

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make such mention of me to the Court, managers,
to your obedient in you to grant for me back, &c.
how could I have supposed more than such trouble
you with, permit me however to add, that if the Court
shall be pleased to pardon me to the Court
in the relation I held, my utmost endeavour will be ex-
erted to shew my sense of such Indulgence & amount
their future favor.

I have the Honor to be with great

respect

Humble Servt

Your most Obedt^h M^t Servant

Francis Anderson.

Fort St George

27 Nov 1789.

Received by Francis
Anderson

The President having been intimately as-
quainted with Mr Gordon for many years and Mo-
rality convinced of his worth, moves that he be recom-
mended unto General Letter to the Court of Directors
as a Gentleman, whose capacity, diligence and Zeal
for their Service, we hope will be recompensed by his
ordination with his Rank to the Service.

Mr Johnson seconds the President's Motion
from a thorough conviction, that such a recommendation
is but doing common Justice, to a Gentleman
who has uniformly, in various employments, and
disinterestedness, diligence and Zeal for the Compa-
ny's Service, and yet has not been so fortunate
as many of his Junior, to acquire a Compen-
sation.

Resolved that Mr Gordon be recommended to the
Honble Board of Directors, by the Chamber Agent, now under

Received by Francis
Anderson

Dispatch

Does Mother have to be given
the quantity of liquor in an hour
I've 9° warm face flatulation

Templeman

From Coll. Barber -
Hunting Bird bones

More than 20 months have elapsed since my letters were sent to Europe, and therefore I am sorry in respect of being remembered in the future in any further track but on the same time, and

now Fort St George Madras 1792

as a War has broke out I beg leave to offer my services
to the Company to act in a Military Capacity during
the present War, amidst the arrival of the ships of the
approaching season, at which time I shall sail the pe-
nal Coast of the Coast of Directors with some, which
will either place me in my proper station, or
being further neglected, unalterably fix my
restitution of quitting this Country.

I am

Gentlemen

With much Respect

Your most Obedient

Yours truly &c. Servant

J. Capper

Madras 21

November 1792

Minute Book

However anxious the Committee may be of
waiting themselves of the benefit of Gov. Capper's
services in the Field in a Military Capacity they
yet feel themselves under the necessity of advising
the Gov. to have made them, from an apprehension
that were he to have an Appointment and suitable
to his Rank, it might create dissatisfaction in
those who would undoubtedly sustain a temporary
supercapitation.

Gov. Eyre wrote officers in the follow-
ing Minute,

Gov. Eyre wrote

From a due consideration of every
circumstance, which has appeared in the Papers
which were submitted for Perusal, I am fully of

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fully of Thomson that Burgess General Stuart
has very just claim for State by a formal warrant
not only on his own oath as a holding a Commission
on his Majesty's service, but clearly so in the 14th year
led to him by the authority of the Court of Directors &
also interest of their own opinion of the Justice & propri-
ety of the Measure and in order to facilitate it's exe-
cution, have given us as to himself and the subject Matter
of charge against him and to quote the articles of his
Moral which he may be charged & therefore by law
to propose to the Committee.

That the secretary be directed to
attend from the Proceedings with that of the conduct
of Burgess General Stuart in the Institution -
whereby the Rights and imprisoned may be fully
a breach of any or every one of the 2^d, 3^d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21th, 22th, 23th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111st, 112nd, 113rd, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 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Thos J. George, November 17/92

The members of this Committee with a favorable
an opportunity of doing an act of justice in a case
where they are so amply authorized by their
powers to afford means of redress and for want of
which Brigadier General Stewart is subjected
to an additional hardship by the Office of War
to the Advancement of Sir Nathan his Majesty
of course C. C.

Mr Davidson's Opinion Mr Davidson Stewart being brought
to a Court Martial Genl Court Martial
Sir Hector Munro

Mr Munro's Minute

Thereon

I have already submitted into the com-
mittee my opinion as to persons & times respecting
General Murray's Court Martial, and told the Committee
a more they might pursue so as to bring on the Court
in a regular manner according to the rules of my
Judgment.

I thought there to think now that the
manner the Company gave their orders respecting
General Murray's Court Martial the delay has been
supplied that officer. But as I was not in India at the
time. How supposed offence happened and as I
can think that is many part of my duty to
form a charge or charges against General Murray
I never can depart from my former opinions as to
on this subject

At same time I shall be pleased
to find that General Murray has a Court Martial
at given him, as per type book, the same under
which I think it may be done with propriety
after his having read, all that has past at this

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Board, as well, as what has been written from Europe
on the Subject

Hector Munro.

Mr Johnsons Minute.

I have attentively read the correspondence
proceedings that passed between the President & the Members
Select Committee, and Brigadier Gen Stuart concerning
his Court Martial, and the different instructions put
upon the Company's Orders of the 25 December 1778 and 4th
April 1779 relative thereto

Whatever Opinions the President
and Council entertained of the former orders concern-
ing Gen Stuart's Trial, Gen. Letter 4th July 1777
Para: 52nd 433rd after he had been suspended the
service (Gen. Letter 18th June 77 Para 32nd just as the
whole reasoning and proceedings, on both sides
were then referred to our constituents, I am firmly
of opinion that we ought now to abide by their ex-
plicit words and declarations last conveyed to us, after
they had fully weighed and considered the arguments
& correspondence then submitted to their judgment

The Company's last orders which I allude
to, are contained in Para 75th 76th 77th 179th of Gen. Letter
25 December 1778. In that letter they say, they are in-
clined to believe even from the reasons urged by
Brigadier Gen Stuart himself that trial by Court
Martial is the most equitable and therefore the
most eligible mode of deciding thereon - namely the
has taken by Gen Stuart during the Committee's
Constituents, in plain words, there direct us forthwith
to make a requisition in their Name, to the com-
mander in chief of the King's forces at Fort St George.

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to cause a Court Martial to be held as soon as conveniently may be for the Trial of Brigadier General James Stuart they even name Articles of War immediately applicable to all of Murphy's according to which he is to be tried, and in the latter part of their Letter, they say "that they take for granted that a Court Martial will be assembled without delay to try Brigadier Genl James Stuart and that he will be legally acquitted or condemned, by the most proper Tribunal"

In the Company's Genl Letter dated the 14 April 79 Para: 12, they say, that they had replied Viz, in their preceding Letter of the 22^d Decr 1788 to the President Councils advice relative to Genl Stuart and that they had there given directions for Genl Stuart's Trial by Court Martial and pointed out such articles of War, as appeared to them most proper on such occasion; and after expressing in the strongest terms in several paragraphs, their sense of General Stuart's Conduct in other respects, when he was at the Head of the Army and of Council they add the following words "Having thus given you our sentiments on the Conduct of Genl Stuart, independent of every consideration relative to the matter, and confident as we are in our opinion of his great experience and ability, to render the most important services to the Company, in the present conjuncture of public affairs. We think proper to acquaint you, that in case the event of Genl Stuart's Trial by a Court Martial shall be an honorable acquittal we shall be well satisfied that he remain in India

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India as second in Command at Fort St. George during
the continuance of Genl Munro at that Settlement
and that he succeed to the Chief Command of the
Troop on the Coast, on the first Vacancy that shall
happen in such Command, after he shall be
so acquitted by Court Martial as aforesaid.

I have been thus particular in
mentioning, at some length, the Company's or-
der respecting Genl Stuart, because that it will
guide my opinion on the occasion whatever oc-
curring difficulties may, by others, have been started
in matters of form or lesser moment, which
difficulties by the bye, have been, in my humble
opinion, fully answered by General Stuart
in the course of his Correspondence.

Superadded to these publick reasons
I cannot exclude, from my breast, my own private
feeling, and sense of the singular hardship, which
that Officer has so very long suffered, from the repea-
ted delays of his Trial, were I even in doubt respec-
ting the regular or proper form of proceeding upon
this occasion, arising from diffidence in my own judg-
ment regarding Military Law or Customs, even
that doubt would be thoroughly removed after hea-
ring the opinion of the highest Military Autho-
rity in this Country. For all these reasons added
borny ardent wish that the Publick may soon
benefit from the Services of Genl Stuart in the
present Crisis. I am entirely of Opinion, that
the Commander in Chief of the Kings Forces
be forthwith applied to for the summoning

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Summoning a Court Martial for the Trial of
Brigadier General James Stuart, and the Judge
Advocate, or other proper Person, be directed to collect
from the Public Records, or the where the proper
charges against him, which can be supported
by lawful & unprejudiced Evidence; the whole ac-
cording to the plain words and sense of the
Companys last orders, as mentioned in the
former part of this Minute

Saml Johnson

The Presidents Minute

After deliberately reviewing all the Proceedings
which hapied in Feb^r last relative to Brigadier General
James Stuart and maturely reflecting on
the further information which I have re-
ceived from General Sir Eyre Coote whom
I consider not only the highest but also the
properest Authority to rely on in matters
of this Nature, I am now convinced that
it will be injurious, to Brigadier General
Stuart, to make any further Objections to
his Request and therefore give my Opinion
that so far as depends upon us, his Trial
ought to be forwarded without Delay

Charles Smith

Resolved that the Papers
be prepared, and such steps taken for the
Trial

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Trial of Brigadier General Stuart as recommended by the Commander in Chief

Charles Smith

Sam'l Johnson

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28 Wrote the following Letters

The Right Honorable
Lord M^cLea &c &c

My Lord,

We have had the Honor to receive your
Lordships letter of the 27th Instant and agreeably to
your request have appointed Mr Benjamin Town your
Secretary

We have the Honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed^t

Most Humble Serv^t

Chas^r Smith

Select Committee

Gilbert Pastorylesq^r
Surgeon Gen^l

Sir

I am directed by the Honble President & Select Com
mittee to inform you that agreeably to your recommenda
tion

Mr M^r William Roxborough Dec^r of Rank
27 Nov^r 1780

Charles Ramsay 28th Nov^r 80

Robert Rollo 29th Do Do

John Briggs 30th Do Do

Jeremiah Alderton 1st Dec^r 1780

Job B^r Bulman 2nd Do

Alex^r Falkner 3rd Do

Have been appoin

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full surgeons on this Establishment & that they are
to Rank as above specified

I am Sir

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Your most Obedt Servt

R. J. Sullivan

Sr

To James Anderson Esq

Surgeon Major

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President and
Select Committee to acquaint you, that they have
been pleased to confer on you the Appointment of Sur-
geon Major of this Presidency with an Allowance of
100 Pay & Month

I am

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Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

R. J. Sullivan Sr

To

Colonel James Capper

Sir

I am directed by the President & Select
Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to
them of the 21st Inst. and in reply to acquaint you that
however anxious they may be of availing themselves of
the benefit of your services in the Field in a Military
Capacity, they yet feel themselves under the necessity
of declining the offer you have been pleased to make
from an apprehension that was you to have an ab-
surdment suitable to your Rank it might create

were

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create dissatisfaction in those, who would unaccountably
take a temporary supercession

I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Rd. J. Sullivan Secy

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To Charles Oakley Esq

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President & Select
Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to them
of the 26th Inst. & to acquaint you, that your resignation
of the Office of Secretary & Judge Advocate General hath
been accepted of The accompanying extract which
I am ordered to furnish you with, at the same time
passed as an unanimous Resolution of the Committee

I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Rd. J. Sullivan Secy

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To M^r Thomas Davis

I am directed by the Honorable
the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter to them of the 12th Inst. & to acquaint
you, that when the Army takes the Field, any applica-
tion you may make to them through the proper
Channel of the Surgeon General will be duly
taken into consideration

I am

Sir,

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Your most Obedient M^o Serv^t

B^d J^o Sullivan

Sir

I am directed by the President and select Committee
to send you herewith Copy of a Cypher in which I find
you have any thing of consequence to impart either to
them or the Commander in Chief / you will be plea-
sed to correspond, they likewise desire that you will
not permit it to be seen or any Copy of it taken on any
account whatever and that the Receipt of it be acknow-
ledged as soon as possible

I am

Sir

Fort St George

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Your most Obedient Serv^t

B^d J^o Sullivan

To the commanding Officers of Tanjore, Trichinopoly
Madura Palamcottah and Subordinaries of Cuddalore
Madrassipatam & Mangalore

28 Came in the following letters

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq^r
President & Members of the select Committee

Honble Sir Yours

I am this day sincere with your
letter of the 14th Inst. accompanying one for Governor
Abesic which I have delivered

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that resides here by a vessel under Portuguese colour
that I understand is gone to the Mauritius about
the beginning of last month

I got a gentleman of another Nation
to write to Mr. Guingnac regarding the coffees and
enclosed I send you his answer.

Part of Hyder's troops has crossed the
Coleroon. I am told about 500 or 600 some of them are
now arrived at Arcathy about 4 hours distant from
this place which Intelligence I sent to Col. Braith-
waite and I understand he has sent a Detach-
ment under the command of Colonel Burrour
to oppose them who I hope will soon cut them off as they
cannot make a quick retreat on account of the
Rivers. I understand their Intention was to go to
Sethu and Nagore where I have also given notice of
what I have heard.

I am sorry to understand from many
reports here that Arcat is taken. Enclosed I send you
a list of the French ships that is expected to India
I have no other Intelligence at present worthy your
attention.

I am with the utmost Respect
Sir Yours

Your most Obedt and most

Humble Servant

Edward M. Ince

Tranquil 2002
20th November 1790

Monsieur de Terny was to depart from France
in March last with six ships of the Line for the

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Viz: The Orient.	74 Guns
" Severe	64 "
" Montliant	64 "
" Ajax	64 "
" Bizarrie	64 "
" Prothee	64 "
" Flamand	50 "
Frigates Parvoveuse	40 "
" Consolante	40 "
" Charmante	36 "
" Normande	26 "
" Subtile	20 "
" Menche	20 "
" Argus	20 "
Others of	36 "

To

The Honble Chas Smith Esq

Governor & President Gentlemen of the select
Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I did myself the pleasure a few days ago to inform you by a Vicar of a large Body of the Enemy's Horse, Dragoons and Polygars, that had encamped before this Fort since which time their Numbers have been daily increasing, and I am informed there are now upwards of two thousand Horse, and the Dragoons and Polygars very numerous, & find they came here in consequence of a representation from Hyder's Ambassadors in this part of the Country, to know what we termed my Attending. I had at

Inferior

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different times with small parties collected with thousand
 sheep and two hundred Bullocks from the Villagers
 in possession of Mysore People. Judging that the Enemy
 would stand in need of cattle, when I marched from
 Madras, but when these people came here I found it absolute-
 ly impossible to keep them all round the Rock within limits
 that being Paddy Ground. The natives having
 all deserted the Pettah I thought it prudent to draw all
 the cattle into the Garrison, since which time the Enemy
 have made two night attempts to burn it, but the troops shot
 from the Fort having killed some of them, they made no
 attempt there two night past these Pygmy's every night
 surround the Rock and frequently fire at the sentinels
 but being on their Guard no accident has yet happened.

The Nabob's servants whom in my former
 letters I acquainted you were intended to be mustered
 on account of their being in arrears, have been for some
 days past the desert again to order, in consequence of my
 having secured all the Pygmy Men of the Place and in-
 sed on their giving their property and it to all kind of Proce-
 sion in their possession till Money could be procured.
 Now I have not the least apprehension that these people
 undamped before this Place will ever make any serious
 attempt to get possession of it not withstanding many Works
 have been left undone to fort them should they do it the
 Work which covers the Gate way of the Fort has been
 by the late heavy rains washed down I have made
 a temporary work with fascines which will answer
 till after the Monsoon when I shall be glad to have
 your Order to rebuild it and to make some other

Nelson

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repairs which the Fort stands much in need of
I am with all Respect

Permaoel

25 Nov 1780

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your faithful & obedt servant

Benjamin Bishop

To

The Honble John Whitehill Esq & Co

& Select Committee

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Mrs

I have the pleasure to send you a return

From Capt Moxon with
Return of dehoys recruits

of the suppy recruits raised here within a Week which
also specifies the additional Men, are above the comple-
ment ordered to be raised by the Honble Select Comm-
tee the 7 of August last. I am most Respectfully

that

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your faithful

Obd^t servant

Georges Nuxson

Troutmanopolis

12 Nov 1780 -

24 Received the following Letter from Mr. Catley

To

Richard Joseph Sullivan Esq

Secretary to the Honble the President of the Committee

Sir,

From Mr. Catley

I am just favored with your letter of this date
enclosing the resolutions of the Select Committee
upon my letter of the 26th Inst and beg leave through
you to return my warmest acknowledgements
to them for so flattering a testimony of their ab-

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approbation

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I am

Sir

Your most Obedt^l M^t Servant

Chas. Cabelup

Wrote the following Letters

To

Captⁿ James Edington

Commanding at

Palamedottah

Joseph M. Edington, enclosing a letter to Mr. Solgore

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish you with the enclosed copy of a letter from them to Mr. Solgore Chief at Onjingo. Should there however, have arrived with you any such Packets as are mentioned in the letter to him & that he should not have opened them, I have the orders of the Committee to desire that you will take Copies of them transmitting the Originals & Duplicates in the manner that they have been pleased to recommend.

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24th November 1780.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt^l Serv^t

Rt. J. Sullivan Secy

To Mr. Benjamin Trimm

Sir

I am directed by the President and Select Committee, to acquaint you, that in Compliance with a request from my Lord M^t Lord they have been

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been pleased to appoint you his Lords ships Secre-
tary.

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I am Sir

Your most Obed^t M^t Serv^t

R. J. Sullivan Sec^y

Sir Hector Munro this day sent in the following
Minute

In conformity to the Resolutions of
the select Committee, and the opinions delivered by
me, I think it necessary to say, that I have signed
the charge brought now against General Stuart
and the letter to the Cape Coast, both of this date, in
compliance with the express order of the Compa-

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ny that all members are to sign, all letters or
Public Records Hector Munro

At a select Committee, Present

Monday 4th Dec^r

The Honble Chas^s Smith Esq^r Gen^l & President
James Johnson Esq^r Lt Gen^l Sir Cape Coast R^{ts}
Major Gen^l Sir Hector Munro R^{ts} Alex^r Davidson Esq^r

The Minutes of last Committee read
and approved

The President delivers in the following Minute

On considering the memorial

proposed for building Hog Hill as mentioned the 26th Inst
the Committee appears to have proposed the follow-
ing which the President hopes will be received on
this day and that they will agree, on the day for re-
ceiving proposals, on the 1st of May for non per-
formance, and in the time in which the work must
be executed then material purchased & settled, and
a beginning

President's Minute
concerning the building
Hog Hill

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beginning made in removing the Earth, the President
believes it will be the means of bringing the In-
habitants to agree on a reasonable compensation
for their Houses.

Advertisements to be immediately pub-
lished for sealed Proposals to be delivered into the
Committee until Monday morning at 10 o'clock for
leveling Hog Hill conformable to the Plan, which
may be inspected at the Engineer's Office who will
give the necessary Information relative to the level
distance to which the Earth must be removed &c
and the Person contracting must give security and
enter into a penalty of 10,000 Pags. for fulfilling his
Contract by the 25 Jan^y 1781. Should the Committee
think it expedient to employ the Company's Lascars
or other people in their pay in this service an allow-
ance 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.

Ordered that Advertisements to
the above effect be published for receiving sealed pro-
posals, until Monday Morning next.

Resolved, that the President be re-
quested to direct the proper Officers to form an estimate of
the Value of the Houses on Hog Hill, that it will be
necessary to move.

The President lays before the Com-
mittee a letter to him from the Chief Engineer
complaining, that Mr Clowey, the Civil Architect, with
assistants, had taken measurements along the Ditch
made

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Esplanade and the Norwest corner of the Fort and that on the Engineer remonstrating with him on the impropriety of his conduct he had asserted this to be his right and Privilege

The President sent for Mr. Macey, who acknowledged that he had been surveying in the manner recited by the Engineer without any authority or permission whatsoever therefore at the President conceives that this is not only a manifested disrespect towards himself as Governor of the Fort, but also an infringement of the rights of the Chief Engineer. He moves that a Letter be written by the Secretary to Mr. Macey acquainting him that he has acted, with great impropriety, in presuming to take any measurements of the environs of the Fort without permission from the Governor to whom the Committee desire he will deliver all plans drawings or Memoranda, fair & foul he may have made of the Fort or its Environs

The President submits to the Consideration of the Committee the propriety of Mr. Macey being imposed to the Sense of his Duty and therefore is of opinion he should be acquainted by the Secretary that the Committee do consider him as appointed solely to the charge and survey of the Company's Civil Buildings.

To

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To the Honble Charles Smith Esq.
President & Governor of
Fort St George

Honble Sir

Some days since I was acquainted that
Persons were seen measuring about Hog Hill, at such
a time as this I could not but be much alarmed at the
Intelligence, and ordered my People to wait until
they should discover the uncermoe, when to my sur-
prize they told me, that Mr Howey the Civil Architect
with an European under him, not in the company's
service, and some black Mastry were taking measure
all along the Esplanade, so manifest an encroach-
ment on the right of the light of the Chief Engineer
and so glaring an Impropriety in any Person acting
without the public Authority of the Governor, in taking
measures about a Fortification, call upon me as the
Officer in whom all Charge and Responsibility in these
matters are vested to complain to You, more particu-
larly as in a subsequent accidental conversation
with Mr Howey he very arrogantly has asserted this
to be his Right and Province as a Surveyor

You will I doubt not Honble Sir clearly
see the absurdity and danger of Interference &
divided authority, especially if any part of that
Authority be assumed by Persons who are in no
degree of Responsibility, and they leave to submit
to you how the Engineer can be answerable that
Plans of the Environs of the Fort and Glacis or even
of

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of the Fort itself shall not at any time be taken of
a man under the Title of Surveyor can employ whom
he pleases, when & where he pleases. The Esplanade
of Fort St George is, and always has been as clearly and
as necessarily under the Charge of the Chief Engi-
neer as the Elaris or any of the Works about that Fort &
Black Town or as any of the Forts and their Environs in
the Company's Possession on the Coast, and I must by
making known to Mr Stacey the impropriety of
his Conduct and I dear in this Respect you will e-
stablish me in the full charge and Management
of what belongs to my Station & I refer to Mr Stacey to the
Charge and survey of the Company's Civil Buildings,
for which service alone he could have been intended
by the Orders of the Court of Directors

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20th December 1780.

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir

Your most Obedient &
Devoted Humble Servant
George Mordaunt
Chief Engineer

Order thereon

Ordered that a Letter be written by the Secretary to
Mr Stacey conformable to the foregoing Minute of
the President

The President having received Infor-
mation that about 13,500 Men may be furnished
by the Northern Zemindars and could join the De-
tachment expected from Bengal proper, with the
Approbation of the Committee and if the Comman-
der

President's Minute
on the Northern Zemindars
Dec 1780

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Commander in Chief thinks it expedient, to write to the following Demindars for such Quota of Men as he is told they can furnish Cavalry, Sepoys, Pichemun

Vizir	Viziram Raur	1000	2000	4000
	Suggipetty Raur	"	"	2500
	Tripetty Raur	"	"	1000
	Vancata Row	"	"	1000
	Opipa Row	"	"	2000
	Total	4000	2000	10,500

The pay of these Troops to be allowed, in their Tributes, after the present Troubles are over, at the same rate as these Demindars pay them when employed by themselves

December 4th 1780.

Resolved to write to the Demindars as proposed by the President

Resolved that letters be written to the Demindars to the above effect, & that they be desired to bid their Troops in readiness to join the Detachment coming from Bengal.

Read the following Letter from Captain Johnson

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq; President Governors &c &c Select Committee

Honorable Sir & Mrs

Understanding that your Honor, actuated by Motives of Justice and Humanity, have been pleased to determine on including my arrears of Pay & with those of the three Regiments of Cavalry provided no other Person in a similar situation should request the same Indulgence, I can not in Justice to myself remain silent on a subject

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so immediately connected with my Interest and Honour, but think it my duty to convince the Honorable Board that no Cavalry Officer, who now is, or has been in the Nabob's Service can plead the same Title to that Indulgence with myself, and I conceive it is needless for me to point out the Futility of any pretensions which might be made by Officers in any other Line. I can venture to affirm that Captains McAlister and Stevenson are the only two Cavalry Officers, whose situation bears the least Resemblance to mine, and how faint that Resemblance is I leave to your impartial Judgement, as it consists entirely in their having some demands upon the Nabob, which are not included in the sum to be paid or given in security for by the Government. Capt. McAlister, though for some time out of the Nabob's service was long ago restored to his Rank, and now commands a Regiment of Cavalry in the Honble Company's Pay, whereas I declare upon my Honor though I borrowed and expended on the Nabob's Account upwards of 1000 Pagodas, which I amon and did the Troop, which was over a Twelve Month I have never to this day received a single Pagoda either of Pay or Contract Money, for that time. My repeated applications for a Command, or even Rank in the Nabob's service, although made since the commencement of Hostilities by Hyder Ally, have been rejected, in fine, it is well known by every Officer of Rank in the service, that I have for years past been treated with peculiar Neglect by his Excellency Amier ul Omrah, though I can with

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with safety appeal to them whether my Behaviour
was ever found inconsistent with the Character of an
Officer or a Gentleman. I now remain without Em-
ployment, or any expectations from the Nabob, an
Humble suitor to the Honorable Board for that Justice
which I can have no Hopes of obtaining but through
your generous Interference in Behalf of one, who will
ever be happy to acknowledge your Goodness and to
subscribe himself

Humble Serv. &c

Your much Obligated and

Obedient Humble Servant

J. Johnson, late Captain of Cavalry

in his Highness, The Nabob's Service

Madras 29th
November 1788.

Minute Thereon

As the case of Captain Johnson, who bears a good
Character, appears peculiarly distressing, the
President is requested to speak to the Nabob in his
behalf, and to acquaint His Highness, if he has no
Objection, that the arrears of pay due to Captain
Johnson shall be advanced to him by the Company

The Commander in Chief delivers
the following Arrangements, which he recommends
to the Consideration of the Committee

Commander in Chief

On Examination of the list of the Army there
appears Infantry Officers of the following
Ranks.

Viz.

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Viz ^t Captains	81
Lieutenants	162
Ensigns	291

The Establishment that seems to have been adopted here Demands. Captains 65
 Lieut^s 137
 Ensigns 239

And till the real situation as to Number of the Non effective Officers is accounted for, and Explained there appears of course to be Supernumerary to the Establishment.

Captains	16
Lieut ^s	25
Ensigns	52

It is therefore necessary to Inform the Select Committee see that under the Head of Captains as per list 81

There are included and gone to Europe	4
Killed in Colonel Baillies Action	4

Appointed to the Sundry Corps	2
As it has been thought necessary by Government to raise these Sundry Corps they consequently require Officers regularly appointed to them, who cannot be taken from the strength of other Battalions as has hitherto been the mode adopted.	

Reported Dead and Wounded to be Included 1

There then appears now Vacancies 11

Remains for us diff. Corps of diff. Establishment 70

Between this Number Viz^t 70 Captains, are by no means Effective for the Duty of Corps

For

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And there are Prisoners Captains	7
Comd. Staff, Adj. Genl. Quarter Master Genl	2
Commanding Garrison absent from their Corps	2
Two Majors	3
Serving at Bengal	2
Lent the Nabob	2
Total	<u>18</u>

Which Number Viz. 12 Captains taken from	70
leaves with their Corps effective for Duty	<u>52</u>
Establishment	65

Consequently deficient Captains 13

The I would by no means recommend overthinning the Establishment with supernumerary Officers, but it becomes absolutely necessary at this Point, that our Corps should be as complete as possible.

The prisoners in all probability will not act against the Enemy during the present War. Those Officers who are Staff, or lent to the Nabob, &c. are much wanted with their Corps, and it is also essential those mentioned should remain serving as heretofore.

Therefore I recommend to the consideration of the select Committee, whether it may not be advisable to fill up the deficiencies occasioned by the non Effective Officers, or at least to promote a certain Number of Lieutenants, to the Rank of Captains, to alleviate the difficulties arising to the Service from non Effectives being absolutely wanted, for Duty with the Corps they stand appointed to. The present state of Lieut. & Ensigns is also similar to that has been advanced relative to the List of Captains and

Wm. M. M.

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to be particularized in detail as follows:

Maj^r Lieut as per List of the Army 162
Establishment 137

Appears from List, Supernumerary 25

There are of y^es Number 162, In England 4

Appointed to standby corps 8

Killed 2

With company of Guides 1

Total Vacancies 15

Which number deducted from the General List

162, there Remains 147

Maj^r Ten supernumerary Lieutenants, the } 137

Total Establishment being only

But from s^t. Number 147 there are prisoners 15

From Adjutants 6

Commanding Carriages 3

Staff 2

With the Mob 4

Come to China, 2

Total 32

taken from 147 Remains 115

for the duty of the Establishment which

leaves in Fact Wanting to complete Lieutenant 22

Ensigns as per List of the Army 291

Total Establishment 239

Appears from List Supernumerary 52

From the Numbers 291 as per List there are

in England 12

Killed 20

Appointed to Company of Marksmen 1

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Liberty Corps 1

34

Remains 257

18

Appears Supernumerary

But from the Number, 257, there are

Prisoners 17

Assistant Engineers 6

Appointed and not joined 11

With the Nabob 4

Down Adjutants gone to China & at Bengal 3

Total 41

Which Number, 41, taken from, 257, Remains 216

compared with the Establishment 239

leaves Deficient for the Duty of Corps Ensigns 23

The annexed Corresponding List specifies the Parties alluded to, causing the Vacancies, also points out the serving in the Different non Effective Capacities, as already explained.

The sense of the Committee, obtained on the above subject, the list of officers next for Promotion, shall be immediately given in.

The Establishment of Subaltern Officers, to a Battalion of Sepoys, by the Company's Orders of 1770 appears to be five Lieut^s and five Ensigns to each Corps. By the Returns, I find the numbers allotted to each Battalion of Sepoys, are three Lieut^s and seven Ensigns. I desire to be informed on what Ground this alteration of Establishment has taken place

Head Quarters
Country Place
26 Nov 1780

List

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List of Officers Alluded to

Captain Collins	In England left the Presidency to Return to Europe
Fraser	
Barclay	
Scott	

Dr. Powell	Killed in Action
Nixon	
Phillips	
Tenier	

Dr. Burrows	Commanding Subindys (at) at Tanjore & Ganjam
Parr	

Dr. Watts Reported Indane

Four Vacancies Total 11

Dr. Rumley	Prisoners with Hyder & the Marattoes
Lucas	
Monteith	
Wragg	
Grant	
Cowdie	

Dr. Campbelle	General Staff
Mathew	

Dr. Edmonds	Commanding Garrisons absent from their Corps Viz. Ongole & Wandewash
A Patterson	

Dr. Cochrane	Two Majors at Tanjore Trichinopoly & Villour
Tolson	
A Patterson	

Dr. Mordaunt	Serving at Bengal.
Darrell	

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Captains Wilford } Sent to the Nabob
Wynne

Captains Non effective to different Corps 18
Lieutenants Campbell

Storke } England
Townsend }
Lowe

Do Marshall }
Dunkin }
Knox } Savendy
Turns }
Russell }
Cameron }
Coke }
Eastbrook

Do Wade } Killed in Col. Baillies Action
Cotton }

Do Pringle Compt of Guides
Fair Vacancies Total 15 Lieut.

Lieut. Mack }
Butler }
Majsey }
Chase }
Mackay } Prisoners
Campbell }
Jober }
Dalrymple }
Frasier }
Read }
Macmill }

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Lieutenants Turing
 Thos
 Bousset
 Haliburton } Prisoners

Do Vigors
 Atwood
 Swain
 Rice } Ten Adjutants
 Baillie

Do Domminicilly
 Mackay } Commanding Garrison
 Bishop
 Roberts } Viz. Chingliput
 Permain & Tiagar.

Do Baillie } General Staff
 Burn

Do Audan
 Campbell } Sent to the Lab and
 Eagle } Sittam Range.
 Tulovan

Do Forter
 Heming } China & Bombay
 South

Lieut. Now effective to different Corps Total 32

Ensigns Grant
 Astrey
 Smart
 Agnew } In England
 Robbance
 Doreton
 Quon
 Sheppes

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Ensigns

May

Costy

Taylor

Powis

In England

D^o

Clarke

Gatway

Acton

Lombard

Curtis

Wynne

Nemming

Dawes

Agnew

Marshall

Magan

Roswell

Rogers

Simmons

Porter

Moncrief

G. B. Clarke

Wood

Whedden

Dick

D. Innis

Marksmen

Lee

Sibbaldy

Four Vacancies 34.

Ensigns

Prilaw

Moore

Wilson

Prisoners

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Ensigns Macdonochie

Springer

Mackalister

Nash

Mackay

Forbes

Innes

Gordon

Baillie Senr

Dung

Cornier

White

Franks

Lang

Do

Blatson

Bowie

Bramble

Clement

Gordon

Davies

Do

Adam

Bond

Phipps

Garrison

Duff

Barlow

Boyd

Poe

Read

Clarke

Dunbar

Prisoners

Appointed but not
joined.

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Ensign Sullivan }
Dallas } Sent to the Madras
Toring }
Griffin }

Dr. Melby } Not Dismissed
Tobey } At Bengal
Pommonik } At China

Head Quarters

Country Plain Ensigns Non Effective to different Corps 41

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Commander in Chief

Having already recommended on the 17th on the subject of the Corps of Artillery, that a Captain Lieut. should be appointed to each Company and that all other fair vacancies in that Corps should be immediately filled up, I must further observe that the deficiency of Artillery Officers, as to numbers with our Army, is so great that the Field service in particular, cannot be carried on, without the proposed addition, a Brigade of Guns, even two six Pounders, should not be detached without a Commissioned Officer at present such is the limited number of Officers, with our whole Train of Artillery in the Field, that it consists of only two Captains, two Lieut. and ten subalterns, many of the latter class just appointed. Thirteen Artillery Officers are dispersed in different Garrisons where their presence is also indispensably necessary, and hold staff appointments essential to the service, but which takes them from the effective strength of the Corps of Artillery when the reduction of Captain Lieutenants in this Establishment took place our affairs here were a

over

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a very different Aspect from what the present time exhibits. The Artillery require an immediate addition of Officers and on the above Ground I proceed to recommend

Lieutenants	That,	John McGregor	
		William Sydenham	Be promoted to Capt
		Joseph Mathews	Lieut. and to rank as
		Wm Lefc "Lloyd"	Capt in the Army
		John Sudon	from the date of
		Edward Forne	their Captain
		Joseph Volmstone	Lieutenants Com
		David Smith missing	missing
		Henry Hagan	

Lieut Fireworkers	That,	Thomas Bedford	
		George Dunbar	
		George Hall	
		John Merton missing	
		George Saxon	be promoted to Lieut
		Charles Carters	tenants
		Rich Putledge	
		James Spurrman	
		Wm Lantwer & James O'Brien.	

And that the Vacancies in the list of Lieut Fireworkers occasioned by the above promotions, be filled up as soon as possible.

And as the rendering the Corps of Artillery formidable in every Respect, is of the first consequence to our Operations, I propose on the Arrival of the Recruits of

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of the season, that the Companies of Artillery should be increased, to one hundred each, including non commissioned Officers, with an additional Lieutenant and Lieutenants Fireworker to each Company, conformable to the establishment of the Artillery Corps at Bengal; and that there should be attached to each Company of Artillery a Company of Janissaries consisting of

2, Strangers

4, Sindalls &

Head Quarters Choultry

Wam 26 Nov. 1788.

100 Lascars, to be completed

without loss of Time.

Instructions in consequence of the above Arrangement

Resolved in consequence of what is now represented by the Commander in Chief, that the following Promotions take Place in the Army, General Coote giving it as his Opinion, that for the present such a Promotions will be sufficient

List of Officers to be promoted
Artillery.

Lieut. John McGregor to be Capt. Lieut. date of Rank 29 th Nov 1788		
William Sydenham	D	D. 31. D. D.
Joseph Moorhouse	D.	D. 1 st Dec. D.
Willm. St. Lloyd	D.	D. 2 nd D.
John Judson	D.	D. 3 rd D.
Edward Burne	D.	D. 4 th D.
Joseph Johnstone	D.	D. 5 th D.
David Smithy	D.	D. 6 th D.

8 Officers / Promoted
to be Capt. & Lieut.

All Captain Lieut. of Artillery to Rank as Capt. in the General List of the Army from the date of their Captain Lieutenants Commission

Lieutenant Fireworker Hugh Mallet to be Lieut. Date of Rank 8th Dec 1788

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Thos Bedford to be Lieut.	Date of Rank 27 th Nov ^r 1780
Geo ^e Dunbar D.	D. 20 th D. D.
George Hall D.	D. 24 th D. D.
George Saxon D.	D. 30 th D. D.
Charles Cartledge D.	D. 1 st Dec ^r D.
Richard Rutledge D.	D. 2 nd D. D.
James Speedman D.	D. 3 rd D. D.
Maj ^r Marville to be S. Furrower	D. 22 nd Dec ^r 1780
Rud Howley D.	D. 24 th Dec ^r 1780
Thos Humphries D.	D. 30 th D. D.
Peter Molley D.	D. 1 st Jan ^y
Thos Ford D.	D. 2 nd Jan ^y
John Bell D.	D. 3 rd Jan ^y
William P. Isaacs D.	D. 4 th Jan ^y
Terrac Moore D.	D. 5 th Jan ^y

Infantry

Brev ^t Capt. Rich. Scott to be full Capt.	Date of Rank 8 July 1780
Lieut Peter Bonniweaux D.	D. 9 th Jan ^y
Brev ^t Capt. Fran ^s Wragg D.	D. 10 th Jan ^y
Corn ^t Goddard D.	D. 11 th Jan ^y
Fran ^s Goodie D.	D. 14 th Jan ^y
Lieut. Spearman Kate D.	D. 23 rd Nov ^r 1780
Rich ^d . Ann Langley D.	D. 24 th Jan ^y
Will ^m . Champney D.	D. 25 th Jan ^y
James Lee D.	D. 26 th Jan ^y
Davis Marshall D.	D. 27 th Jan ^y
Hugh D. Harding D.	D. 28 th Jan ^y
Ens ^t . Sam ^l . Pictall to be Lieut D.	D. 1 Oct ^r 1780
Thos Moore D.	D. 21 st Jan ^y
Cha ^s De Castro D.	D. 25 th Jan ^y

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Willm Forbes	Robt Lieut.	Date of Rank	22 Oct 1780
James McConochie	D.	D.	3 rd Nov
Thos Gordon	D.	D.	9 th D.
Edward Tolphey	D.	D.	15 th D.
James Pennecuik	D.	D.	16 th Nov
Thos Price	D.	D.	21 st D.
Edw Ferguson	D.	D.	22 nd D.
Ant ^y Beale	D.	D.	23 rd D.
Thos Washp	D.	D.	24 th D.
Alex ^r Dyce	D.	D.	25 th D.
Pearce Eaton	D.	D.	26 th D.

The following Gentlemen are appointed Ensigns their Rank to be settled hereafter, in the mean time they are to rank amongst themselves in manner following

Messrs Willm Gorey
 Ant Hope
 Thos Howley
 Arthur Mc Ally
 And^o Mc Ally
 Mich^l Nickson
 John Weston
 Thos Rock
 John Kealy
 Robert Gahan
 Patrick Maypolton
 John Roby
 Luson Rely
 John Haymes
 Willm Croisdale
 Willm Berkeley

17 Ensigns
 18 Ensigns
 19 Ensigns

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Peter Fraser

Benj: Seal

Alex: Mason

Whenever it is thought necessary to remove Subal-
tern Officers from one Corps to another, that is Cornets,
Lieut. Two Workers or Ensigns too from the Cavalry
Artillery, Infantry, or Engineers, said Officers are removed
to rank in their Corps as Youngest, but keeping their origi-
nal standing in the Army from the date of their first
Commissions.

Ordered that the Channell of Application on all Militi-
ary Business from Officers to Government, in future, be
through the Commander in Chief of the Forces.

Resolved that temporary leave of Absence, to be granted
by the Governor, to Officers doing Duty in the Garrison
of Fort St. George or Town of Madras shall Other
Officers by the Commander in Chief.

But such leave of absence shall in no case extend
to beyond the limits of the Ports considered as being
subject to the order of this Presidency.

Leave to proceed to any other settlement or to Sea
for the Recovery of Health to be granted by the
President & select Committee, such Application
being introduced to the Board by the Commander in
Chief.

Read Letter from the Officer commanding
at Palamcottah.

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esq Governor
 & President & Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs.

The accompanying are Duplicates of my
 letters of 30th Ult^o to Your Honors and Amier Mlomerah
 Bahadur. I am sorry that my Endeavors to assemble
 the Nabob's Troops, or any part of them have been ineffectual,
 and unless I receive Orders for that purpose must
 give over the attempt. I have however the satisfaction
 to inform You, that the Rumour only induced but a
 parangue (the Pungelam country Polygar) to come to terms
 with the Eyaporam Polygar & retire to his own country.

Judging the Company's commanding
 Officer in the present state of Affairs the fittest
 person to command the Troops in that country of what
 Denomination soever. I applied to the Rajah of Travancore
 that he might be under my Orders, but having
 received no Answer to my Address from your Honble
 Board I shall assume no Command over the Rajah's
 Troops until I am honored with Your particular
 Instructions. They consist of one Battalion chiefly
 Recruits undisciplined, & some hundred Ahemen.

Being careful to avoid putting the
 Company to Additional expence I have with the Artificers
 of the Garrison only made & repaired the greatest
 part of the Gun Carriages having found them
 all (excepting a few) totally unserviceable.

I am

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unserviceable

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir Wm

Your respectful And Obedt Servt

James Edingbrough

Palamcottah
Nov 7th 1780.

Ordered to lie upon the Table

Lieutnant Sir Sure Cook request, that Mr Tyler
be appointed his Assistant Secretary. Ordered accordingly

Read Letter from Capt. Woodhouse.

Sure Cook request
Mr Tyler may be ap-
pointed his Assistant
Secretary

To

The Honble Chas & South Esq.

Pres^t Governor & Gentlemen of the
Select Committee.

Honble Sir Wm

Declining state of Health, an
measure owing I presume to a tolerable share
of Years 72 but chiefly to a relaxed state from the heat
of the Climate Obliges me to request the favor of your
Indulgence of leave to try the cold Air of the Grapes or
China. to brace me up, or in Case I should not succeed
in that Oblige to proceed to England for further Advice
I hope you will do me the favor to indulge me with
your Recommendation to the Court of Directors for
the Pension. As my Finances after being 10 Years
Lieutenants to a Captain will fall very short even of a
poor Competency, And tho I thought myself under
infinite Obligations to the Presidency for appoint-
ing me to the Command of the Independent Com-

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Companies in 73 yet I find myself greatly hurt, by being deprived of that command for the last 14 years without the least Emolument in lieu of it, a consideration hidout to all others, myself only excepted. And my conduct for the 124 years I have been in the service has I flatter myself been inexceptionable, at least and consistent with the Character of an Indian Soldier. I enclose me with to the Court of Directors which I take the liberty to enclose.

With the hopes of your Indulgence continue in the favour I now ask which will probably be the last, I remain with great Regard & have the Honour to be

Honble Sir & Mrs.

Your devoted Obed^t Servant

Harcourt Woodhouse

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Agreeing that Captain Woodhouse be permitted to proceed to China, or the Cape of Good Hope for the recovery of his Health, or should he rather make final voyage to Europe, that he be recommended to partake of the Military fund, provided he comes within the Regulations stipulated for its disposal.

Read letters from Lt Kennedy & Ensign Wilson from the Officers of the 7th Carnatic Battalion doing Duty in Garrison, requesting half Ratta. Entered in the Military Book.

The Committee are sensible of the truth of what these Officers represent with respect to the dearth & scarcity of Provisions. But as a Com

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Compliance with their Request, would most probably occasion fresh Solicitations from other Quarters. The Committee are of Opinion that no extraordinary Allowance should be granted them in Garrison.

Read a letter from Ensign Duccie as entered in the Miscellany Book Requesting leave to accept an Appointment in the Nabob's Cavalry.

As the Company have at a very considerable Advance paid off the arrears due to the Nabob's Cavalry & as that corps is at present in their own immediate pay and under the orders of the Commander in Chief of the Army all recommendations to appointments must come through him as the proper & the only Channel.

Read Letter from Major Ephraim Shelley

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

From Major Ephraim
Shelley requesting half
Mounting

Pres't &c Gentlemen of the Select Committee
of Fort St. George

Gentlemen

In obedience to your Order of the 24 October, we have the Honor of Enclosing our several Accounts of the Number of Noncommissioned Officers & private Men of our Corps entitled by the said Order, to a complement of half Mounting each. The Allowance of each Man we have found to be on a medium of several Calculations five

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Most of the Men have already furnished themselves agreeable to this allowance, the rest will be completed as soon as possible. We therefore request that you be pleased to issue Orders to the Paymaster for the Payment of the enclosed Accounts.

We have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most faithful
And most Obedt

Humble Servants

John Elphinstone Major & Secy to the

Gov^r Kelly Major D. D. Secy

Ordered that the Accounts be paid conformably to a former Resolution of the Committee

In consequence of Sir Eyre Coote's Minute entered on the proceedings of the last Committee, & of the Committee's Resolution thereon, the Secretary now lays before them the several Papers which have been entered on the Records, and which have been received from England relative to the Trial of Brig^{de} Genl Stuart by a General Court Martial. Ordered that the Charge be prepared conformably to the Orders of the Company 23 Dec^r 1778. And that a letter be written to Lt Genl Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India, requesting him to assemble a General Court Martial for the Trial of Brig^{de} Genl Stuart.

The President lays before the Committee the following Articles of Capitulation entered into with
Hyder—

Camp Near

Mannar on 14 Nov^r 1780

Order thereon

The papers relative to
Genl Stuart, laid before
the Committee

Ordered that a Charge be
prepared against Genl
Stuart.

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with Hyder Ally Cawn on the Surrender of Arcot which
from some accident or other did not come into his hands
until very lately.

Articles of Capitulation
for the surrender
of Arcot.

Articles of Capitulation between
His Highness the Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn
Behadur &c & John Dupont Esq. Captain
Commanding the English United East India Com-
pany Troops in Garrison in the Cittadell of Arcot
Art. 1st That in Consideration the following Articles
be agreed on the aforesaid Cittadell Ammunition &
Stores be surrendered to his Highness the Nabob Hyder
Ally Cawn Behadur &c at Eight O'clock tomorrow
before Noon.

2nd That all the Troops Europeans & Sepoys shall
March out with the usual Honors of War and ground
thus arms on the Glacis.

3rd That the Honorable Compt^r Officers as also Mr
Sobutman Surgeon be immediately escorted under
a safe Guard to Madras or Chingleput upon their
Parole of Honor not to carry Arms against the Nabob
Hyder Ally Cawn Behadur &c during the present
War, and be permitted to take with them all their
Servants Papers & private property, and be furnished
with provision & Carts during the March paying
for the same.

4th That all the Company noncommissioned Officers
and Private Soldiers and Sepoys be sent safe to
Madras as prisoners of War & victualled as mentioned
in the Articles for the Officers.

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5th That the Wounded Sick European Officers, and Private Soldiers and Sepoys with Mr Job Butman Surgeon be permitted to go in Doolies to Madras or Chingleput Guarded & Victualled as aforesaid.

6th That Najib Cawn Behadur Agha Beg Cawn Surra bek, and Asam Cawn with their Families Effects & ^{and} Effects be safe to Madras with the Honorable Company's Troops & who are to be Victualled on the March as mentioned in the above Articles and that Isam Umm Cawn, the Brother and Family of Sud Sur Agha Cawn be permitted to remain in their Houses unmolested and to be protected in their Property.

7 That his Highness the Nizam Walla Sah Bahadur Sepoys and the Inhabitants of the Billa el Beummo- listen in their Property & Persons

John Dupont Captⁿ Commanding

J Pennington Captⁿ

John Dupont for Hugh Montgomery Captⁿ

James Stuart Lieut

Thos Douglas Lieut

Thos Leighton Lieut

Ed Taylor Ensign

Gen^l Cochran Ens^l

Wm Tulloch Ens^l

Gen^l Rieu Ens^l

Job Butman Surgeon to the Detachment.

The above mentioned Officers give their Parole of Honor for themselves & one hundred & fifty seven Men noncommissioned & private of the first Batt^y for that

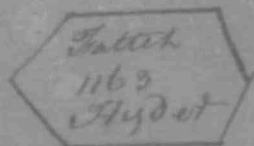
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at a distance
1780.

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That they will not serve this War against His Highness
the Nizam Hyder Ally Cawn Behauder & I have
and that the above Articles be fulfilled

John Du Pont Capt. Commanding



Captⁿ John Dupont and other Officers in the service
of the India Company have given a written agree-
ment to the Presence Viz Hyder Ally Cawn to the following
Effect.

That on Saturday the 6th of Decr 1780 at
five Gunns of the Day or eight O'clock in the forenoon
all the Officers Soldiers, Troopers & Sepoys belonging
to the Company shall march out of the Fort of Arcot
with Drums beating as far as the Batteries & then
lay down their Arms after that the linear troops &
colours shall go into the Fort an escort of Mousons
and their effects shall be allowed to three Officers
and a Doctor to Chingleput & the same to the other
Officers and Soldiers of the first Regiment of the
Madras. Nizam Cawn Arshud Beg Cawn, who Beg-
Hepam & Dun Cawn & Hepam ullabawn with
their Families shall be conducted to Madras
Captⁿ Du Pont. Captⁿ Pendergast, Captⁿ Montgomery
Lieut Stuart, Lieut Douglas, Lieut Sayer, Mr
Cochrane, Mr Tulloch, Mr Taylor & Doctor Bulman
being altogether eleven. Soldiers and one hundred &
fifty seven private Men & Sepoys & above men-
tioned shall not carry Arms against the Forces of

written

Mr. Right

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the Circar. Dated the 5th of the Moon Decayed in the 1191st
Year of the Hegyrah or 5th Nov. AD 1780.

SB Wherever the Circar is mentioned in the above
agreement, it is meant for Hyder Ally Khan

Charles Smith

Saml. Johnson

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3^d Wrote the following Letter to Major Maule

To Major Maule
Chief Engineer
Sir,

To Major Maule to give
information respecting the
Removal of Hog Hill and
Advertisement

The President Select Committee having ordered
Advertisements for sealed proposals to be received for the
removal of Hog Hill, until Monday morning next at
10 o'clock, I am directed to inform You that Plans with
every necessary information in writing are to be
immediately prepared & lodged in your Office for the
inspection of every Person who shall be inclined to
make offers for executing that Work conformably
to the enclosed Notice

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt^t Serv^t

R. I. Sullivan Secy

Fort St George
5 Dec 1788

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Notice is hereby given that the Honble the Pre-
sident & Select Committee will receive sealed Proposals
until Monday Morning next the 11th Inst. at 10 o'clock for
levelling Hog Hill conformably to a plan, now lodged
in the Chief Engineer's Office where every necessary in-
formation, relative to the level, Distance to which the
Earth is to be removed & will be immediately prepa-
red in writing for the inspection of every such person
as is willing to make offers for the executing of that

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5 of that Work by the 25th Jan^y 1781 under a Penalty of
ten thousand Star Pagodas

By Order of the Pres^l & Select Committee

Br J Sullivan Sec^y

The following letters were this day dispatched to
Vizagapatam and Masulipatam

To James Henry Carmichael Esq
Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

To Vizagapatam &
with Letters to the Northern
Deminars during the
absence

The accompanying copy of a letter, which I now
enclose You for Vizieram Rauze, will show you
that we have resolved to avail ourselves of the Mi-
litary Assistance of the Northern Demindars -
should we find expedient, to call for their Troops to
cooperate with the Detachment coming from
Bengal. This letter you will please to send to
Vizieram Rauze by the speediest conveyance

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t &c^t Serv^t

Br J. Sullivan Sec^y

Fort St George
3 December 1781

The same letter was written to Edward
Cotsford Esq with copies of letters to Jaggapetty Rauze
Scrippetty Rauze, Vancate Row and Chpa Row.
Dispatched the following

6th Letters.

To

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To Captain Edington
Commanding at
Palamcottah
Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President
and Select Committee, to enclose You the accompan-
ing Coule for the son of the Polygar who is in confine-
ment at Palamcottah. The tenor of which is that
conformable to his own Proposal if he will raise
ten thousand Men for the Public Service the Nabob
will release his Father on the termination of the
present troubles. You will assure him on the part
of the Committee that they engage themselves for
the Nabob's Performance of what he promises. I am
further directed to inform you that Lieut Bume now
proceeds to the Southward with orders to raise a corps
of light Infantry, to consist of 1000 Men Every assis-
tance in your Power, towards the completing of
this Corps you will grant Lieut Bume in the
Famelly Country.

To Captⁿ Edington with
Coule for a Polygar's
Barricade at Palamcottah

Fort St George
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I am Sir
Your most Obedt Serv^t
R. Sullivan

To Mr W^m Light
Paymaster at
Palamcottah

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Pres^t

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6 and select committee to enclose you the accompanying
Order from the Nabob for 30,000 ^{pag} worth of Paddy, which
You are to dispose of. The Nabob's manager being per-
mitted to keep an Account of the same; one half of this
sum is to be appropriated to the uses of the Garrison
of Palamcottah and the other to that of Madura.
Credit for the whole is to be given to the Nabob in
your Accounts. You will likewise receive an Order
to the Nabob's Manager for the Delivery of 2000 Stand
of Arms, which You will issue to the order of Capt
Eddington or the Commanding Officer for the time
being. I have it further in Charge to acquaint you that
Lieut. Burne being ordered into the Tinivelly Country
for the purpose of raising a corps of Light Infantry
You are to furnish him with such sums of Pay and
Extra Charges as he may find it necessary to order

To Mr Light with order for
30,000 ^{pag} worth of Paddy
to furnish Lt Burne with
Cash for recruiting

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I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

R. J. Sullivan Junr

To
Mr Tho Palk

Paymaster at

Tuckinopoly

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Pres. Select
Committee to enclose you the accompanying order
to the Nabob's Manager for the Delivery of 20,000 ^{pag} worth
of Paddy, which you are to dispose of for the uses of
your Garrison. Credit is to be given the Nabob in your

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your Account for this Sum. This Manager is to be per-
mitted to keep an Account of the Grain as it is sold.

I am Sir

Yours most Obedt Serv^t

A J Sullivan

Fort St George
10 Dec 1788.

Mr Johnson having sent down the following Minute
to which all the members of the Committee Assent
Ordered that an Advertisement be given out according
ly.

Minute respecting the
Hill

On a reconsideration of the advertisement respect-
ing Hog Hill, I think some alteration of the time for
the removal of it is necessary as it seems to me imprac-
ticable within the space prescribed, and as on asking
the Opinion of the Chief Engineer who is certainly
the best Judge I find him declare it cannot be done
I would therefore propose that instead of prescribing
the 25 Jan^y it should be notified that every Person making
Proposals, should specify the shortest time in which
he will undertake the completion of the Work proposed
But it being manifestly for the Interest of any
Contractor to do it so soon as he can. I am of Opinion
on this will as much forward the execution of it if
not more than requiring what may only occasion
future and Cavil.

I am Sir Johnson

I am further of Opinion that in case the above
alteration be approved, the Day for receiving Proposals
should be postponed till Thursday the 13 Jan^y

L. J.

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Head Quarters
7 Dec 1780

Sir Eyre Coote returns his Compliments to Mr Johnson with many thanks for sending his Minute which he much approves of but thinks there is no necessity for delaying the day of receiving proposals and that they should be delivered on next Monday

Dispatched the following Letter to the Hon. Settlements

Edward Colford Esq

Chief of Masulipatam

Sir

To
Masulipatam the Hon
Boat to avoid Pulicat

I am directed by the Honble the Pres^t & the Committee to acquaint You as the Enemy have a considerable body of Troops at Inear Pulicat and several armed Boats that all Vessels coming from the Northward should be particularly cautioned to avoid that Port and to pass it at Night if possible

I am Sir

Your most Obedt Serv^t

R A Sullivan Secy

The same To John Turing Esq Resid^t at Gangam

To James H^r Esq Mayor Esq

Chief of Council at

Wizagapatam,

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the

19th Ultimo.

As the Governor General & Council of Bengal have thought proper to order the Nancy Ships immediately to that Presidency. We desire that the two

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two Lacks of Rupees You have in Treasure may
be laden on Country Vessels Commanded by Europe-
ans, in the manner you have recommended. The Guard
we would have formed, from the Invalids who were de-
tached from hence, whose Services we do not appre-
hend you can have any further occasion for

Having been informed of several Armed
Boats belonging to the Enemy being off Pulicat We
have thought it expedient to direct that all Vessels
coming from the Northward shall be particularly
cautioned to avoid that Port, & to depart as Night if
possible

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servt

Chas Smith

Joint Committee

To Sir Genl Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Commander in Chief of His Majty's Forces in
India

Sir

In compliance with an order that we have
received from the Honble Court of Directors, we are
to request that a General Court Martial maybe
appointed for the Trial of Brigadier Genl Munnell
on a charge, that will be exhibited against him
on the part of the East India Company, for having
begun excited, caused and joined in Mutiny, in
seizing and causing to be seized and Arrested and
in imprisoning, and causing to be imprisoned
by

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For Genl Munnell requesting
he might be tried by a Court
Martial for the Trial of Gen
Munnell

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by Military Force, on the 24th of August 1776 the person of
George Lord Pigot then President & Governor of Fort St. George
and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the Garrison of
Fort St. George

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt & most Able Serv^t

Chas^r Smith Secy for the

The Honble the President & Select Committee are
pleased to certify, that instead of the 25 of Jan^y 1781 the
day prescribed in their Advertisement of the 5th Dec^r
for completing the removal or levelling Hoof Hill, they
are now desirous that each proposer should specify
in his offer the shortest time in which he will en-
gage to finish the work, under the Penalty at
first stipulated of ten thousand Nis Pajodas

By Order of the Pres^t & Select Committee

R. J. Subramanyam

10 Wrote the following Letter of Instructions to Captⁿ
Sherman

To Captⁿ H^y Sherman

of the Honble Company's Schooner
Tanna.

Sir

Immediately on receipt hereof you are to
repair on board your Vessel, and make the best of
your way to Pulicat, of which Port you are to cruise
keeping to windward, but as near the shore as you pos-
sibly can with safety

Your attention is to

you,

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be entirely given to the protection of the Trade, which is carried on, to and from this place and which is at present liable to Difficulties, from armed Boats - That are said to be fitted out from Pulicat. These Boats you are to endeavor to the utmost of your Power to take or destroy.

Should a Fleet appear, or any Ship that may be suspected, you are to return with the utmost Expedition to Madras with the Intelligence and as a Signal for which you are to hoist a Red Ensign at the Foretop Gallant Mast head.

On this station you will remain until the 01st Jan^y, unless further ordered, or that for necessity, or the cause before mentioned, you are obliged to quit it. In either of which cases you are to Repair to Madras without loss of Time.

Dated in Fort St. George this 10th Day of December & Signed by order of the Honble the President & select Committee R. J. Sullivan Jun^r

Received the following Letter from L. James Esq
Sir Eyrecoote

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq President
Select Committee
Fort St George

Gentlemen

I have received your letter of the 7th Instant requesting that a General Court Martial be appointed for the Trial of Brigadier Genl Stuart on a charge which will be exhibited against him on the part of the East India Company

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I have agreeable to your Request ordered
a General Court Martial to assemble on Tuesday the
12th for the Trial of Brigadier Genl Stuart

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servt

Eyre Coote

Head Quarters

Choultry Plain 10 Decr 1780

At a Select Committee Present

The Honble Chas Smith Esq: Presd: Lt Surge

Monday 11th
December 1780

Coote W.B: Junr: Johnson Esq: M^r Genl Sir Hector

Mumro W.B: Alexr Davidson Esq:

The Minutes of last Committee
read and approved

Read Letter from Captⁿ Woodhouse

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq: Presd:

Gentlemen of the select Committee

Fort St George

Honble Sir

I am greatly obliged to Your Honble
Committee for their leave to go to the Cape of Good Hope
for the Recovery of my Health, Your readiness to oblige
me with your recommendation to the Pension, but as
my time of life I can have little prospect of returning, I
must therefore beg leave to resign the Service, and accept
Your kind recommendation to the Court of Directors for
a share in the Militia fund as I am in every respect
willing to comply with its Regulations

I have the Honor to be

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Honble Sir

Your Devoted & Obedient Minister

Baronnet Woodhouse

In consequence of which the former
has duly delivered in the following recommendation
of Capt Woodhouse to partake of the Military Fund
and Capt Woodhouse having taken the oath pre-
scribed by the Articles is admitted accordingly

By Sir Eyre Coote Knight of the most Honble
Order of the Bath Lieut Genl and commander in Chief
of His Majestys Forces in India as well as those em-
ployed in the Service of the East India Company &c
Whereas it is ordered by the Re-
gulations for transacting the business of the Honble
Companys Military Fund for the Relief and main-
tenance of European Officers and Soldiers who by wounds
are rendered incapable of further service in India that
they produce a Certificate from their Commanding
Officer as one of the Requisites to entitle them to the pro-
vision made by the said Fund

I do hereby certify that Mr Baronnet
Woodhouse born at Wellyn in the County of Hereford
about 72 Years of Age is a Captain of Infantry in the
service of the Honble Company on this Establish-
ment that he has served them with Zeal and Fide-
lity upwards of eleven Years and that by being con-
sidered unfit for further service by Old Age and the
Infirmity produced thereby depending on the Pro-
vision made by the said Military Fund

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To the United Company
of Merchants of England trading to
the East Indies

Given under my Hand in Fort St George
this 11 day of December 1780.

Eyre Coote

We the President and select Committee of
Fort St. George do approve of the foregoing Given under
our Hands at Fort St. George this 11 day of Decr 1780.

Chas Smith select Committee

The Secretary lays before the Committee the following
Letter which he yesterday received from Mr. Whitehill

To Rich^d Joseph Sullivan Esq^r

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir.

As the time draws near for the Departure of
the Duke of Kingston on which Ship I am to take
my passage to England, I am to request you will send
me all such records as are yet unsigned as well as every
other such publick Instrument as is yet without my
Signature from the 1st when the Government was
Usurped. I am freed from responsibility with respect
to the measures of Mr Smith and his Coadjutors. On
that day therefore when all legal and constitutional Admin-
istration of the East India Companys Government
as this Presidency ceased you will of course close
the regular proceedings of the Committee with my
name affixed to them what passed afterwards, those Gen-
lemen are to answer for, who without a President at
their head assembled in contradiction to the letter &
spirit of the Commission of Government and still
then and now continue to exercise Illegally a Power
which

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Power which was only vested in them when joined by
me

I am

Sir

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Your most Obedient humble Serv^t

John Whitehill

Ordered that the secretary do prepare all such
Deeds and other Official Instruments for Mr Whitehill's
signing, as are specified in his Letter

The Commander in Chief lays before the
Committee the following letter addressed to him by the
Chief Engineer and recommends that the removal
do take place accordingly

To Lieut Genl Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Commander in Chief of
India

Sir

I take leave to acquaint you that Ensign
Martelli lately appointed by the Honble the Court of
Directors a Practitioner Engineer on this Establishment
and now at Chingleput has applied to me to change
into the Corps of Artillery with his Rank from 18th January
1780 as he does not deem himself sufficiently acquain-
ted with the Principles of an Engineers Duty but -
hopes he may become an useful practical Officer
in the Artillery. If you see no Impropriety in this thing
I shall hope for your consent as it affords an Opportunity
of introducing into the Corps of Engineers a M^r George
Boag a Gentleman who served in that Line in the
Swedish Service for several Years who is warmly

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recommended to me by Lord MLeod under whose protection he came from Europe. He has been employed with me for some time past & I beg leave to recommend him to you as a proper Person for the Commission vacated by Ensign Martilli's change.

I have the Honor to be with much Respect

Sir

Your most Obedt

Obsequious humble Serv^t

Geo^s Martilli

Chief Engineer.

Agreed that Ensign Martilli be removed to the Artillery and that Mr George Bong be appointed an Ensign in his Room.

To obviate any Inconvenience which may arise from removals, it is ordered that whenever it is thought necessary to remove Subaltern Officers from one Corps to another, that is Cornets, Lieutenants or Ensigns to or from the Cavalry, Artillery, Infantry or Engineers, said Officers, so removed are to rank in their new Corps, as youngest but keeping their original standing in the Army from the date of their first Commission.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Nagore

To the Honble John Whitehall Esq^r President of
Members of the Select Committee
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The taking of Chitturamburam having
been rendered it impracticable for the Supplies to

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to pass any longer to Condadoe. I dispatch an Heron-
 vah in disguise with this letter to convey to your Honor
 & the 7th Instant the particulars of which I have not room
 to repeat here, but the most material part of it was —
 that the stores of Arms and 4 Bage of Stores landed
 from the Elizabeth for Palamcottah were immediately
 forwarded in a Boat to Tuticorin with a letter from
 me to the Governor of that place recommending
 them to his care and that I had advised the Command-
 ing Officer of Palamcottah of my having done so.
 I should have added that I had sent a Native with
 the Arms and furnished him with a Passport
 written in English and the Country language.
 I have now to inform your Honor & with great
 concern that a few days after the Boat sailed from
 hence Intelligence was brought to me that it was
 stopped or taken by several Armed Chelungoes of
 Amapatnam a Village in the Tanjore Country
 a little on this side Pondy, that the sails of the Boat
 were immediately taken on shore and some of the
 Robbers were sent to collect a sufficient number
 of People to remove the Arms. I immediately dis-
 patch'd an express Sappall to Col^l Braithwaite
 with the Intelligence that he might use his
 endeavors to effect the recovery of the releasement
 of the Arms he has written me in reply that he has no
 Reason to believe that any Tanjore People have con-
 cern in the Matter, that Amapatnam or Amaratam
 is on the confines of the Maroon Country, that the
 moment he received my letter he dispatch'd even
 to the Nearest Subadar of the District to collect

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30 of them and proceed to Adriapatam and procure the release of the Boat and conduct her safe to Tuticorin or back to Adriapatam or Nagore, but he feared it would be too late as the Robbers no doubt would be expeditious in landing the Arms and dispersing in the Woods, that he had ordered the Officer commanding a company from Trichinopoly going to Adriapatam to escort the Powder, to support the Soldiers in the recovery of the Boat if necessary and possible. Upon receiving advice of this Accident I was immediately impressed with an apprehension of Censure for not having sent a strong escort in the Boat with the Arms, altho I am not in the smallest degree conscious of deserving it for I had never heard there was the least danger from an Enemy in sending stores to the Southward from hence by Sea, and I submit to your Honors whether I had reason to suspect any in the present case, when I knew that many Boats had lately passed without any Guard from hence the same way and arrived safe at Tuticorin particularly a Boat which carried Mr Light the Paymaster of Palamcottah with some Lead for that Garrison another afterwards with his Baggage and a third with Major Davidson & his Baggage had I suspected any danger I had most undoubtedly sent 20 Sepoys in the Boat tho the small force here could bear very ill the deduction permit me to mention to your Honors that the Danish Factors at Tranquebar have 6000 stand of Arms any part of which they would be glad to dispose of privately should you therefore

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approve of it. I can purchase 2000 and send them
in a Boat with an escort to Tuticorin as soon as the
Weather will permit. I must now inform Your Honor
that about 8 days since a body of the Enemy from
Porto Nova consisting of 700 or 800 Sepoys of which
not more than 300 were regularly clothed and armed
a few Topasses and 8 or 9 Guns / some accounts say
it with 2 French Officers and a Mr Lavallier from
Tranquebar attacked the Fort or Pagoda of
Chillumtrum have since been reinforced and my
Honourrah who was at Chillumtrum before and
is now stationed very near it just on this side the
Coleroon writes me that they are to cross that River
near Choveram and proceed to Trimlwash where
they intend to embark in Boats and land at usual
that they leave their Guns at Chillumtrum
excepting 3 or 4 small Brass ones which they bring
with them and that another party of the Enemy
are preparing to embark at Porto Nova Various
accounts have been received here particularly
by Mr Mr Intosh at Tranquebar and Col. Braith-
waite at Tanjore all confirming the above Intelli-
gence as far as relates to the Enemy's intention of
proceeding to Carical and only differing as to their
numbers. Since I began this Letter / last night /
I have received advice that Hyder's commander at
Porto Nova has written a letter to Mr De Metray the
French second at Carical telling him that the
Master has sent him orders to take possession of
Carical and Negore and desiring to communicate
the same to the Inhabitants and assure them that

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They would not be molested. Affairs being thus settled I have determined to cause every Frenchman so far as to be immediately brought hither to Mr Delatay and all except Mr Daubigny I shall send to Tanjore as he has already broken his parole to the English twice, and altho he has received assistance from them ever since the capture of Pondicherry I have scarcely a doubt of his having a correspondence with the Enemy and very probably encouraged them to come to Caricall. We are making every necessary preparation here I have ordered our Stock of Provision to be increased to a sufficiency for two Months. The redoubt sustained some damage by the late heavy rain which is now repaired and we are strengthening it with a second Stockade of Palmyras on the seaward and a sort of glacis on the land side. I have consented to entertain 40 Polygars Matchlock and Pikemen at the Expence of 1 Pag Medium and intend ordering in 40 or 50 Sibundy Pems from Hevalore. I shall also propose to Col. Nixon his sending further some of the Nabob's Artillery Men that your Honor I have ordered to Madras as they may be of infinite service to us and will be so far on their way in readiness to embark for Madras as soon as the Wind shifts to the Southward In fine I beg your Honor to be assured every proper measure shall be taken, and should the Enemy venture to Nagore which I do not think they will, I have no doubt we shall be able to defend ourselves effectually and secure the Company's property but I cannot

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help lamenting that it may be out of our Power
 to prevent their thundering and destroying this
 large commercial Town as well as laying waste the
 districts to the ruin of a better Crop by all Accounts
 than this Country has yielded for these ten Years
 past if we had five or even three Companies of Sepoys
 in addition to our present force I am persuaded that
 a larger Body of the Enemy than is expected from
 Porto Nova and Chiddamburam would not venture
 to cross this River if they did they would severely
 repent it. Considering indeed the number of Rivers
 in this Country and it being not more than two
 days March from Tanore I am inclined to doubt
 notwithstanding so many concurrent reports
 whether the Enemy will venture at this time to
 Carical for should the Commanding Officer of Tanjore
 be able and think himself authorized to detach a
 Battalion of Sepoys or even ten Companies to
 attack them there in conjunction with our three
 Companies it would be impossible for them in
 case of their being Defeated (of which there would
 be little doubt) to retrace the Coleroon or even that
 part of the Covery which forms the River at Tranquebar.
 I shall address Col. Forrester on the Subject from
 the sense the very great loss the Company would
 sustain both in Credit and Revenue from abando-
 ning to a formidable enemy two Countries capable
 of holding full 70,000 Pag and one of the most conside-
 rable commercial Towns on this side of India. Thus
 writing thus far I have received more certain Accounts
 of the

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Enemy's force and its disposition namely 600 Regular
 Sepoys at Porto Novo and 400 at Chittumbrum about
 200 or 300 gone to take Palamcottah a Fort 15 miles
 West of Chittumbrum (which from the late dastardly
 behaviour of the Nabob's people at that place, I conclude
 will be surrendered to them) and 200 Sivendy Sepoys
 now Armed with Firelocks at Acheveram on this side
 the Coleroon, from this account which is more authentic
 than any before received I am more inclined to think
 that the Enemy will hardly venture at this time
 to Carical and if Col^l Braithwaite can assist us with
 even 3 Companies Capt^l Hughes concurs with me
 in opinion that the Troops may march to Carical
 leaving only a Guard in the Redoubt and oppose
 their landing I have the Honor to be with the greatest
 respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servant

J Huddleston

Mayavaram 19 Nov^r 1780

P.S. I have this moment received advice from
 Colonel Braithwaite that he has added one Hun-
 dred Sivendy Grenadiers to his force at Cheally
 which make it now consist of 900 that those stationed
 at Mayavaram have orders to join them upon Call
 that he has sent Ensign Cameron a very discreet
 Officer to Command them and watch the motions of
 the Enemy and give him timely Notice and that
 he has ordered him to be particularly vigilant that
 nothing slips by him to the Southward. These
 measures of Col^l Braithwaite with I am persuaded
 will disconcert the Enemy and make them drop all

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thoughts if they ever had any of proceeding to Caricac
or should they venture on this side the River there
being no means of reinforcing them or supporting them
by any effectual Diversion, I shall have great hopes
that they will be cut off to a Man if Col. Braithwaite
can spare an inconsiderable Detachment from
his Garrison.

To

the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r President &
Member of the Select Committee of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sons

Having detained my Humannah until
to day in Expectation of receiving material Intellig-
ence I now forward Copy of a letter to me from Colonel
Braithwaite with my Answer thereto which I hope has
Honor & will approve Every Report confirms the Enemy
intention of proceeding to Caricac and these Districts
and if Captain Boumwer pursues them thither I
trust very few of them will escape the Coleroon
but I hope Col. Braithwaite will make an addi-
tion to his regular force I have the Honor to be with
the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

J Huddleston

Nagore 20 Nov. 1780

To John Huddleston Esq^r

Resident at Nagore

Sir

As I consider the most effectual method

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of securing to the Honourable Company their Possession
at Nagore and Caricall, and to the Rajah a prospect
of deriving benefit from the Coop upon the Ground
is to assemble without loss of time an Army at
Sheally. I have given Orders to Collect there as soon
as possible eight companies of Sowdy Sepoys and
shall to morrow send from hence two Companies of
Regulars, and two Field pieces I hope to add to them
in a few days four or five Mous and Batteries. With
this force I have no doubt of securing this whole Coun-
try or oblige the Enemy to send so large a Force this
way as will favor the Operations of the Army in the
Field; as you will under these circumstances be
very sure of Protection a speedy relief and as you
have offered a Company of Grenadiers, I would ~~wish~~
you to send them without loss of Time to Sheally
with an Officer to obey such Orders as he shall
receive from Capt. Burrows or whom I shall give
the Command of this Detachment, I would at all
events recommend to you to correspond with Capt.
Burrows for the Public Safety. I have just now
received your letter of the 5th Inst. with the Clothing
for the 8th Battalion and am Sir

Tanjore Nov. 20 1780

Your most Obedient Servant

(Copied) (Signed) John Braithwaite
To Col. John Braithwaite
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

I am this moment favored with yours
of this days date but I can slide written yesterday. In
consequence of certain Information that the Enemy

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have Intentions of proceeding this way and taking possession of Caricat and that 300 or 400 of them have actually crossed the Coleroon I was addressing a letter to you when your Tappal arrived, in which I meant to have repeated the great loss the Company the loss would sustain by abandoning Caricat and these valuable Districts to the Ravages of the Enemy and to have solicited the assistance of four or five Companies of Sepoys, which added to the Force here would not only I hope enable us to keep possession of Caricat but materially assist your endeavours to cut off the Enemy's Retreat. Your letter agreeably anticipates my Intention and I shall most readily comply with your Recommendation of sending the Company of Grenadiers here to join your Detachment under Captain Burrows and direct the Officer to obey such orders as he shall receive from him in the fullest confidence that the Company will be returned whenever I may require it and that you will order Captain Burrows to proceed to Caricat should he hear upon his arrival at Cheally that the Enemy are gone that way which I think very probable from the time it must require to march from Tanjore to Cheally with Guns at this Season. You desire me to send the Company without loss of time to Cheally, but as I have certain Intelligence today that 300 of the Enemy are already within two or three Miles of that Place and that more are crossing the Coleroon I think it most prudent to send them until I know how far Capt Burrows is advanced and the commanding Officer here entirely

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concurs with me in that Opinion. The Company shall therefore be held in readiness to march at a moment's warning and I shall immediately dispatch a Runanath to Capt Burrows with a letter desiring him to direct Hyder's Route by Minster they may proceed.

I must now inform you that I have just now learnt that a man named Ramchunder Naigue who lived in this Country during part of the time M. Pitre was Resident has been to Hyder's Camp & offered to conduct a Body of his Troops to Hevalore and to bring over the Inhabitants with whom he seems to have great Influence that Hyder has ordered his Officer at Porto Novo to follow his Ramchunder Naigue's advice and directions and that in consequence eleven boats are already prepared at Porto Novo to transport the Troops to Canical by Sea. I have also intelligence that the Dutch have received a letter from the Commandant at Porto Novo apprising them of his Intentions to come to this Country and desiring to cause Flags to be fixed in their Villages that they may not be molested which they are accordingly now doing from these circumstances the truth of which may be depended upon. I apprehend you will think it necessary to increase the Number of Regular Troops with Capt. Burrows.

I am

I am

Your most Obedient Servant

[signed] J. Huddleston

The Committee intirely approve of the measures adopted by Col. Braithwaite and Mr. Huddleston.

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Read Letter from Lt. Bishop Commanding at Perim-
cott and from Lt. Hunt Commanding at Wanders.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r President & Governor
& the Gentlemen of the Select Committee
Honble Sir & Mrs.

As the delivery of Letters are become
so very precarious, and my not having received any Anti-
to the many I have wrote to you makes me apprehen-
sive they have fallen into the Enemy's Hand the sub-
ject of them were to inform you of my Situation
in this Garrison for more than a Month past, I
have been closely invested by a large Body of Horse
Scapors and Pellygatt, at first I had not the least
Idea of their having any serious Notions of attacking
the Fort. but the Men commanding the Party have
received Orders from Hyder Ally to besiege me in form
for which purpose four Guns and Ammunition
arrived in his Camp three day ago from Pondicherry
and last night two more arrived which was sent
by Hyder from Arnee attended with near 500
Bullocks loaded Powder and Shot, all day they have
been carrying Fasines to a Village which lies con-
venient for an Attack on the North end of the Fort which
makes me think that part is their Object. In all my
former Letters I represented the disagreeable Situation
I was in respecting the Nabob's Sepoys ill paid and
disaffected to the service last Night a Native Guard
consisting of seven People deserted off their Post and
Yesterday morning two Sepoys of the Company of
the 16 Battⁿ doing duty here having some trifling

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dispute one of them shot the other dead on the spot
these perplexing casualties reduces my force very
much and at present and at present I could not bring
upon the Rampart more than one hundred and
sixty five people yet with this number though few
for the protection of both Forts I should act with a per-
fect confidence to repel any attack they may make
was it not for the maintenance of position that prevail
amongst the Nabobs Sepoys truly anxious for the
protection of my Charge. I have not had an hours
peace of mind ever since the Army has been before the
Fort as I am well convinced they would with
great pleasure give up the Fort did I not keep a
constant Watch on them but as they form the
greater part of the Garrison they may as danger
increases endeavor to do what I have long dreaded
the best account I have from the Enemy's Count
makes their force now as they have been daily increas-
ing two Horse and the same number of Sepoys and
Myligars there are four Europeans come from Rangoon
as Gunners. after the receipt I have of both I hope
my request of a Reinforcement as soon as possible
will not be thought unreasonable. I am informed that
a Horse with letters for me fell into their Hands
last Night and cruelly murdered I have promised to
reward the Beaver handsomely on his return by whom
I request you will favor me with an Answer pointing out to me how
I am to act with the Sepoy who shot his Comrade I am with all

Permacore 5th
Dec 1780.

respect Honble Sir Yours

Your faithful & obedient Servant
Benj^d Bishop.

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To the Honble Chas Smith Esq President &
Governor & Gentlemen of the Select Committee
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Since receiving your orders for beating
the Paddy into Rice the people have been employ'd
on that Business and have now in the stores 5135
bbls of Rice. but am apprehensive from the num-
ber collecting in the neighbour hood that the Village
will soon be deserted as frequently happens on any
report of the Enemy coming there are 6500 Men
and one Gun arrived at Suwatore this Morning from
Arad they say they are coming here Sam Lukwire
informed Nyder has sent 1000 horse from Permacool
Camp to prevent any supplies entering this place
a few days ago 4 guns and 2800 Infantry passed by in
want of money. The Nabob's Sepoys are very pressing
3 Column of Paddy has been served each Man 1/2 Maund
since my arrival but that alone they are not con-
tent with. The Company Sepoys have only the last
Month due to them and what you may please to allow
them since their Marching from Pondicherry. Their
Duty is very severe but they perform it cheerfully

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servant

Wm. Skene

Wth I have intelligence of Callas Jura having surrounded
yesterday morning & Jant Jura a few days before.

Wandewash
3th Dec. 1780

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Minute Men

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Committee that he has replied to Lt Bishop Henson Flint in consequence of similar advice communicated to him. That he has recommended to them in the strongest terms to obstinate defense of their respective Garrisons and that he has every reason to imagine every exertion will be made of the part of those Officers.

Read Letter from Capt. Bagot with Surgeon Mayors Certificate

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r President of the
of the Gentlemen of the Select Committee
Fort St George

Honble Sir Sirs

From Capt Bagot
with Certificate

Having for this four Months past had a severe sickness, of which I have no hopes of recovery but by a change of Air recommended by Doctor Andersons Certificate which I beg leave to enclose & to request your permission to go to the Cape or Stellenbosch on board the Kingston for the benefit of my health & and that you will please to grant me Six Months pay in advance, which I am informed is usually given to Officers in my situation

As there are instances of Officers absent for the recovery of their Health, retaining the command of their Battalions. I hope the Honble Committee will grant me the same Indulgence. The Partiality I have to a Corps raised & formed by myself, makes me more solicitous for this favor which will add

To

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The Obligations I am already under I have the
Honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Yours most Obedient and

Most Humble Servant

Tho Bagot

Fort St George
10 Dec. 1780.

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This is to certify that Captain Bagot being
in a low state of health from a severe attack of In-
flammation of the Liver is recommended to try a
Voyage at Sea.

Jas Anderson

Surgeon Major

Agrees that Capt. Bagot be permitted to try a
change of Air for the recovery of his Health.

Read the following Letters.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq: Gov: & Pres:
& Gentlemen of the select Committee of
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Mrs,

I had the Honor to address You
the 13th Inst. Myr Saib is still near this place
burning Villages and cutting Tanjet Teepoo Saib
& Sally are gone against Sant Gaur, Myder Ally is
still at Arot but his Army is very much divided
at present

Carnatic Gaur fell into the Hands of
Myder Ally some days ago and Lieut Poor
made.

permitted to go to the
Cape. Grounded

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made his way here neither Black Officers or Sepoy
would ever obey his Commands & they at last deser-
ted the Fort

I have the Honor to be with all due

Respect

Vellore 24th

Novr 1788.

Honble Sir Sirs

Your very Obedient & Devoted Servant

Raja Lang

To the Honble Cha^t Smith Esq

Governor & President of the Committee

Fort St. George

Honble Sir Sirs

I have the Honor to write You in
consequence of some information recd this day
that the Vancatajurry Rajah has wrote to his
Goudars and Amildars in this and the neigh-
ring countries to receive all people from Hyderabad
as friends, and to send Hwaras to the Northward of
the Kistnah in order to give him the earliest In-
telligence of the approach of the Detachment coming
overland from Bengall. The Head Man of those coun-
tries who resides at Pellore a Fort three Miles from
hence has had the principle people under him
assembled there for some days the result of this
meeting I have not been able to learn altho the Am-
ildars of this place is a party concerned. It is
reported that a party of the enemy is ordered to
the Northward and I believe with some truth as
the Phonsdar & the principle Inhabitant of
Mellore are sending their effects and Families to
Masulipatam

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Masulipatam. I understand the Phoudar has received a Letter from the Rajah Beorbaul the late Phoudar of Oris signifying the good treatment he has received from Hyder Ally, these circumstances, the ruinous state the Fort is in and the mutinous disposition of the few Liberty Troops keep us their promises little or no defence should any party of the Enemy go against it. Yesterday took up and punished a Spy from Hyder's Camp in the character of a Fakier he would not confess but was known by some of Lt. Baillies detachment who were some time Prisoners in Hyder's Camp and are since returned to this Garrison. It is with much satisfaction I have the Honor to inform that we have had little or no desertion since my last letter and I hope by the examples I have had in my power to make by taking two or three of the Rebels will effectually put a stop to it.

Should the Enemy come against this place I shall be ill of for people to work the Guns, having only one Sergeant of Artillery and three or four Powatid Mattrasses be sent here by sea it would give the Sepoys and black People in general much confidence. I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most obedient and most humble servant

Edw Edmonds

Capt. Commandant

Angole
19th Nov: 1780

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To the Honble Charles Smith Esq
Governor & President & Select Committee
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Mrs

merely
Captain Wellesford commanding Mellore
has sent to this Garrison Eighty five men as recruits
but on examination I find among them eight for-
merly belonging to Captⁿ Nixon's Battalion and
have ordered them to join some others of that Battⁿ
who have returned to this Garrison since that accident
intending to embrace the earliest opportunity of
sending them to join their Corps they seem averse
to going to the Southward and as that number are
wanting in the five Companies doing duty in this
place I shall detain them until I have your further
directions concerning them, I am with the greatest
Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most obedient M^{te} Servant
Edward Edmonds

Captⁿ Commandant

To the Honble Chas^r Smith Esq
Governor & President & Select Committee
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Mrs

X I have the honor to inform You
that in obedience to your Order I have done every
thing in my Power since my arrival at Mellore
to raise Recruits for the Honble Company's Service
but

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but as yet I have been able to get only fifty five. Eight of whom belonged to the different Battalions of Col. Baillies Detachment and hearing Captain Edmonds had orders to collect the scattered remains of that Detachment I sent them to him also finding that a necessary expense attended the other recruits I had raised and that their Journeymen were averse to go to the Southward; and hearing from Captain Edmonds that about this Number were wanting to complete the Companies in Garrison at Bangalore I resolved sending them thither which I flatter myself will meet with Your Approbation.

I am fully persuaded I should have had it in my Power to have enlisted many more had not the Sepoys have mutined on my arrival at Madras and the Towns together with all the Main Officers seem quite averse to all regularity, good Order and discipline. †

The Fort is very extensive but in the most ruinous state Eight Guns & several of the Works great part unserviceable; about eight hundred Sepoys and near the same number of Artillery belonging to the late Rajah of Bangalore this Garrison were they subject to any sort of Order might soon be instructed so as to make a tolerable defense, but I find more desirous Order from the Madras to his Manager at that place is necessary to invest me with that Authority, and I sincerely wish, as well for my own Character's sake as for the safety of the place he would be prevailed

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on to give it.

I have been obliged to retire here much
indisposed but hope by the assistance of the Doctor
soon to return to Nellore. And have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most obedient humble servant

Samuel Welsford

Engole Masr
20th 1788.

The Committee are in hopes that the
letters already written to the Nabob & the Commanders
in Chief to Captain Edwards and the Rajah of Engole
will remedy all the evils complained of by Captain
Welsford in the Nellore Country

Read Letter from the principal Creditors
of the Nabob.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President Governor & Members of the Committee

Honble Sir & Mrs

We the Principal Creditors of
his Highness the Nabob have had repeated cause
to lay our distressed situation before You & it has
been no small consolation in the midst of the
disappointments we have suffered, from the capital
failures in the Nabob's Engagements to us to find
in your Honble Board a disposition to procure
us that justice which our Claims intitle us to,
and our present necessities absolutely require

The Nabob by his Voluntary and

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unsoluted promises his Creditors in November 1777. should have paid the Interest of his Debt regularly & after the first Year $3\frac{1}{2}$ lacs annually of the Principle besides Interest & from the Farmatic exclusive of the Province of Tanjore; but instead of this he has only, paid us in the Course of three Years $9\frac{1}{2}$ lacs which is not quite one Years Interest. Under these circumstances we leave you to judge of our Embarrassment and how much they are unavoidably increased by the Troubles which prevail in the Country.

Our only hope now is in the Future Support of your Government, & in that Hope we take the liberty of making a proposal to your Honor & which we flatter ourselves if accepted will in the present Exigency of Affairs be found beneficial to the Company and afford some relief to the Creditors, most of whom are laboring under the most serious difficulties.

The Nabol some time ago set apart the Districts of Nellore, Ongole, Palnad, & Serapooty, the Revenues of which were under his own solemn Engagements as it well known to your Honorable Board, to be appropriated solely to the use of his private Creditors. These Districts we understand have as yet suffered but little from the Incursion of the Enemy.

As the Company must be greatly in want of Money as well as Provision for the service of the War. and as the Country of Nellore

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can supply great plenty of Cattle, Fish and Provisions of every sort, We think it our peculiar Duty to contribute such assistance as is in our Power when every exertion is absolutely necessary, with that View We beg leave to propose that Your Honor Will be pleased to receive into the Company's Cash all the Revenues arising from these Countries during the present War granting to the Executors Bonds for whatever may be received in Money or Provisions in proportion to their respective demands upon the Nation.

We have the Honor to be with great

Respect

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Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most obedient

Very humble Servant

Dawsonne Drake

Edw^d In^d Holland

James Call

Geo^d Maitray

James Johnson atty to Jas Worley

James Call for And^r Mayordie

Benjⁿ Probert for Alex^d Jamison

James Taylor

Chas Bromley for himself & son

Mr. Sykes

W^d Dobyne

James Taylor Esq^r to King Adams

Geo^d Maitray atty to Mr Pitoe

Alex^d Brodie an atty for several Esq^rs

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J. Popham for James Johnson

Antonio De Souza

James Taylor Attorney to Geo Mackay

G Paisley

J. Balfour

H. Plummer and on Trust

Robt. Storey for himself and Trust

Alex. Culbert. for several Credits

Tho. Pelling

John De Vries for themselves several Credits

John Douglas for several Credits

Geo. Savage.

Order thereon

Ordered to lie upon the Table for consideration, and that the Secretaries in the mean time do collect all such matters as appear upon their books, touching the Public Debt of His Highness the Nabob to Individuals.

Agreed that Mr. George Anderson Assistant Surgeon at Masulipatam be appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Factories of Bengeram, and Madapatnam.

As the Regiment of His Highness the Nabob's Cavalry are still very incomplete in Horses, and as many it is represented may be purchased from the native Inhabitants of the Black Town. Ordered that the President do pay for all Horses as can be purchased and are approved of by the Committee for the valuation of Horses.

appointed.

+ The Commander in Chief

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Ordered that the Sepoys
be augmented

recommends that the Circular Battalion of Sepoys be increased in strength, and therefore proposes, that their numbers be augmented to 120 strong each Company, without the addition of any new commissioned or non commissioned Officers excepting a Native to each Company ordered accordingly.

All Batt. of Sepoys to be
sent from M. as usual

Resolved that the Chief and Council at Madras be directed to send to the Presidency by sea and as speedily as possible one Batt. of Sepoys complete. The Battalion to be left to their discretion as well as the drafts if may be necessary to make from other Corps, in order to relieve those Posts, which Detachments from such Batt. may at present occupy.

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Committee that the Nabob has put under his Orders his Body Guard under the Command of Capt. Henry Boyle Sullivan. Ordered that this Corps be paid in like manner with the Regiments of Cavalry already taken into the Companies Pay.

The President acquaints the Committee that he has given them a paper relative to the Plans & Estimates to be made of the value of the Houses, which are to be removed on Hog Hill. That their Plans & Estimates will be ready for the Inspection of the Committee in a few days. In the mean time agreeable to the Advertisement which has been published for receiving sealed Proposals for building or repairing the

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While the following Tenders are now read which
came in this Morning.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r

President Governor & Select Committee of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Mrs

I was honored with your Commands
of the 8th Inst by Mr Secretary Sullivan and in
consequence prepared the Information Map
for such Persons as intend to propose terms for your
Honor & for the removal of Hog Hill & Blake leave
to acquaint You that the following have made
applications to me to see the Plans &c

Mr Wm Turing

Mr Plumer

Mr Darley

Mr Chaplain for the part of Mrs Stowey

Raganaht Dubash and some others of the
Black Inhabitants.

I am with much Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your faithful & obedient humble Servant

Geo^r Maule

Fort St George

11 December 1788.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r Chas Surgeon

President Gov^r & Council of

Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Mrs

In consequence of the public: —

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advertisements I have to make Proposals to your Honor &c. for removing the Ground of Hog Hill according to the Plan laid down by the Chief Engineer, for the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Pagodas and I will engage to complete the Work in Two Months and an half from the time I may begin provided no Impediment respecting the Removal of the Houses or of other unforeseen accident of which your Honor &c. shall at any time be judge, should intervene and provided I am supplied from time to time with such advances of Money as may reasonably be expected for the Prosecution of such an undertaking with the greatest Despatch.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect
Honble Sir Yours

Your very devoted & obedient humble Servant
Hall Plumer.

Fort St. George
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To the Honble Chas Smith Esq
President Governor & Select Committee of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir Yours

Seeing advertisements affixed to the Gates of the Fort. for receiving proposals for leveling Hog Hill conformable to a plan and surveying information referred to in the Engineers Office. I have taken a Copy thereof and on comparing it with the Ground where the work is to be done, of which no levels, or Depths are set forth, or any section shown to guide the Contractor or the contracted

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must accrue to them I will not take upon me to determine.

I propose that the whole of the buildings within the Obelisks marked 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. which from the Boundary of the Splumade be taken down. That the foundation & Murther on which they stand be cleared away and spread in an easy line home to the edge of the overmark A. That the two Bridges BC which now serve for a communication to and from the Black Town be also taken away and the course of the River be changed and diverted into a curved line approaching as near to the Obelisks before mentioned making its Junction again at the Bridge D which Bounds Mr Pophams Ground The communication of the Black Town to be made as before mentioned by placing two - Women or other Bridges across the new Channel of the River E. & F. The present bed of the River being partly filled with the rubbish which formed the Hog Hill and its Environs. The Excavation which will arise from the New Water course will perfect the work and by the River being removed to the opposite side from the Fort and the Area between, tho at this time a mere Swamp & Nuisance would by this method be filled. But there are scarcely to be called secondary Considerations compared with advantages of another kind Not only that of its being the nearest & shortest distance for depositing the contents so to be removed

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as to be removed but the saving of infinite time and
 Expence compared with any other Idea of the matter
 I have yet been able to suggest. That an extensive
 esplanade may thereby be formed from the West
 side of the Fort is a Business the Chief Engineer
 may best Judge of. I would further with Submission
 recommend that the propriety of such Inducements
 who would be effected by the removal should be
 surveyed and that a plan of the whole should be
 describe and explained in such a distinct Manner
 that a number of Gentlemen chosen for the purpose
 might be able to ascertain the value and prevent
 litigation. This being done it will rest with the Company
 either to erect Houses for the present Proprietors of
 equal Value on other parts of the Black Town
 for which a considerable part of the old Materials
 may be of service, or to pay them agreeable to
 an adjudged Value which latter perhaps will
 be the most eligible Plan and terminate the Business.
 The Plan for doing it being formed it becomes a
 matter of Consideration the mode how it best may
 be carried into execution. Nor can I advise any
 Method for prosecuting the Work of this Magnitude
 in whatever light considered more effectual than
 doing the whole for a specific Sum by Contract
 which maketh the interest of the Person contract
 ing to finish it with expedition and leave the Compa
 ny at a certainty with respect to the Expence.
 The Mode of measuring a Work of this Nature
 or doing it by Work Men on the Comp^d Account
 being

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being liable to many and great Inconveniences
an Estimate for doing the whole on the Plan
here proposed. I shall be ready to lay before
the Board as soon as called upon

I have here Honble Sir Wm
taken the liberty of offering to your Inspection
such Thoughts as have suggested themselves to me
on the Service. The short time since I heard it
was to be put into Execution not having allowed of
my being so very particular as I could have wished
I shall however be happy if I have explained myself
in such a manner as to meet with your Approba-
tion.

It having been represented that Measure-
ments were taken of the Fort without the knowledge
and Approbation of the Governor. I beg leave to
say that no part of the Fortifications or Explanade
were approached near, or was the least necessary
in delineating the annexed Plan, Nor did I conceive
that the Companys Surveyor should, in the
Exercise of his Professions & Employ to be restrained
from taking such General Observations and
Measurements of Places. Things in his Judgement
may direct fit under any the least Imputati-
on of its being done for a less merited purpose than
wherin before meant.

I am

Honble Sir Wm.

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With great Respect

Your very Obedient Servant

Philip Stoney

P.S. Since writing the above Letter Notice has been given that proposals will be received by the Honble Board for the removal of Hog Hill agreeable to a Plan exhibited at the Engineers Office. I have only with submission to offer, that any enlargement in the Plan for the removal will admit of the Improvement I have taken the liberty to suggest on a more extensive scale, and that the diverting the Water course of the River and the load of Earth that may be deposited in the present Bed of it will be the most expeditious method of doing a work of so great consequence to the Company in every Respect. I have only to request my letters on this Subject may go a number in the Packet by the Duke of Kingston.

Ordered to lay on the Table.

Read Letter from Captain Montgomery.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq

President & Governor & Select Committee
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir &c

The situation that the late Capitulation at And has brought me into which from the appearance of Inactivity that is likely to follow from it induces me from motives which are prompted by my feelings as a Soldier

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to make a tender of my services in any way the
Honble Committee may judge it proper to employ
them. As by the late Capitulation my Duty
in the Field is only restricted to my acting
against Hyder Ally may I venture to present
Your Honble Sir how I may be rendered in
some degree useful to my Employers against our
common Enemy the French either at Madras
or in the Neighbourhood of Pondicherry by endeavour-
ing / as far as any Force committed to my care
will allow it / to prevent that Communication
which prevails between the Inhabitants of
that Place & the Enemys Army now in the Field
or in any other way the Honble Committee may
choose to order

I have the Honour to be

Honble Sir Yours

Your faithful & Obedient

humble servant

H Montgomery

The Committee are concerned it is not at present
in their Power to avail themselves of the benefit
of Capt^r Montgomerys services

The Commander in Chief recommends
that a Commission be made out for Lt Col^r -
Campbell as Quarter Master Gen^l Ordered accordingly

Charles Smith

Sam^l Johnson

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From Mr. George December 1788

11 Read the following Letters

Honble Sir Wors

Since I had the Honor to address you
Sardur Gurr & Chalus Gurr have surrendered to Hyder
Alli & by my Intelligence Supra said and Lally
is to go against Amboor this day

You will no doubt hear of two Ladies
going to Madras from hence by permission of
Hyder Ally I beg leave to acquaint you that it
was by their Husbands private application that
leave of war obtained & not by me, by the person who
brought the leave I received a message from Hyder
Ally setting forth his great Conquest in the
Carnatic and that he had a great Army betwixt
this and Madras and that I should get no support
from that & that I had better give him up this
fort and that he would allow the Garrison to go
to Madras with their Effects, to which I returned
him for answer that I had the command of a strong
fort with a Garrison of good Men and plenty of
Provisions & that I knew well that I would be sup-
ported from Madras when ever I asked for it and
that as long as I lived I would never surrender
to him & since that I have not heard from him

Hyder Ally is still at
Arad with a small part of his Army he has
sent a number of heavy Guns & Stores away
to the Mysore Country.

I have the Honor,

From Mr. George with In-
telligence

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to be with all due Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your very obedient

Favored Servant

Robt Lang.

Vellore 3^d
Dec 1780.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq.

President & Governor & Members of the select committee
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Mrs

Captain Heffernan of the Nancy
Ketch has addressed us a Letter and enclosed the
Orders he received from the supreme Council
of which we now transmit Copies. The Injunction
of that Government to Captⁿ Heffernan are so
positive and direct, that we conceive he must
obey them unless we detain him, and as the presence
of the vessel here is not so necessary as to induce
us to exercise that Authority. We shall allow
Captⁿ Heffernan to pursue such steps as
his Duty dictates to him. We are however subjected
to much Inconvenience by the Nancy Ketch leaving
this Port, as we shall not be able to make the
remittance by the middle of Next Month which
we intended of Two Lacks of Rupees for the
use of the Presidency. If your Honor should
be pleased to convey to us your Permission
we can send the treasure by Country Vessels
bound from this Place to Madras, and two or
three will sail

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sail during December commanded by Europeans
and for the further Security of the Money we can
put a Guard on Board.

Viragapatam
19th Dec 1780.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Mrs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
James Henry Casamajor
Henry Crawford
Nathl. Barlow
Chas. Maxtone

To James H^c Casamajor
Chief of Council.

Gentlemen

I beg leave to inclose you a Copy of
Orders sent me from Bengal, with which I think
myself obliged to comply
I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

(Signed) Rich^d Hoffmann
Attest Copy Chas. Maxtone

Viragapatam
Nov 19th 1780.

Captain Richard Hoffmann
Commanding the
Nancy Ketch

Sir

In obedience to the Commands of
the Honble Governor & Council, I hereby convey
to

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To You these peremptory Orders that you immediately return to Bengal on Receipt of this Letter without regard to any Orders that may have been given to the contrary.

I am

Yr

Your most Obedient Servant

Council Chamber } signed / J Hay.
3rd November 1780.

Acting Secy.

/ Copy /

1st Sent the following Letter

To Edward Botsford Esq.

Chief of the Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

The Commander in Chief of the Army having recommended that the Corps of Sepoys should be increased in strength, We desire that their present Numbers be augmented to 120 strong each Company, without the addition of any new Commissioned or un Commissioned Officers excepting a Nazam to each Company.

From the success you experienced in prevailing with the Northern Grenadiers in October last to come by Sea, we make no doubt, but that a little exertion of Prudence & caution on your parts will enable you to send us in the same manner and as speedily as possible one Battalion of Sepoys complete.

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The Battalion, we leave to your discretion, as well as the draft which it may be necessary to make from other corps, in order to relieve those Posts which Detachments from such Battalion may at present occupy.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Chas Smith

Select Committee

Fort St George

12 Dec. 1780

The 1st Paragraph of the above Letter was written to Vizagapatam & Ganjam.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq.

President Governor & Select Committee of
Fort St. George.

Most Noble Sir & Sirs

I received yesterday by your Secretary Copies of proposals respecting Hof Hill from Mr. Plumer and Mr. Twin with your Orders to report thereon. The first is very clear and precise and offers to execute the work in what appears a very short time, nor do I conceive the Terms in any degree unreasonable.

Mr. Jennings Letter I am almost at a loss how to understand. His assertions for want of Information only comes with other parts of his Letter, so that that he is entirely unacquainted with the nature of the Works he seems to wish to undertake. He applied to me three or four days before the proposals

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Proposals were to be delivered in and received from me the very same information that all others did who applied. which was the Inspection of two Plans. The one shewing the Area of the Ground to be removed the situation of the Environs and the Places to which it was to be carried, and the other the length & Depth of every the smallest part in figures, as also a paper of Memorandums. It was not possible for more particular information to be given & He seemed so well satisfied that he thanked me for it at his departure. When he found himself so insufficiently acquainted as it seems He is why did he not again apply to me who waited at home for two or three days to give him or any other person every possible assistance. The slightest knowledge of the meaning words of course determine a Contractor to move such quantities of Ground in Mr Popphams as was most contiguous to it and so of the rest of the Ground to the other places respectively & the Depths or levels could only be known and understood on a Plan as in the present case they were very clearly set forth.

Mr Darling specifies no time when is the most essential matter respecting the Launch and his offer "to do the work proposed at 20 p cent less" than the company have always allowed is so vague and indefinite that it appears to be no proposal at all. I know not from what work done at the Company's charge to make a Cal

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of it, It will not be at all equitable either with
respect to the Contractors for the Fortifications or
Mr Suring to estimate it by the Price paid for moving
Earth in the Fortifications must be moved by Cordis.
A Quantity of Scaffolding is always wanting for
carrying the Earth up and down high Walls, over
Ditches, through Sally Ports &c. as the Earth is
always necessarily to be moved and laid down two
or three times over, before it is deposited in the
places where it is measured, as all earth so placed
in is to be rammed and watered in courses of six Inches
thick to confine it in a small space and in many
Places bailing of Water is necessary as where ditches
are to be excavated. If all which matters are pro-
perly to be considered and are included in the price
allowed for Earth Work, in the Fortifications, as are
also the Excavations for Foundations & the removal
of old Works, none of which are necessary in the case
of Hog Hill. If I calculate Mr Suring's proposals by
the price is cost the Company to remove with
their own People that part of Hog Hill which was
between the Pettah Bridge & the Hospital. His
demand there will be considerably above the Estimate
formerly given in by me. And I know of no other work
that has been done at the Company's Charge in
any Degree similar to what is now to be done
on Hog Hill.

Your Honor &c will hereby
perceive Mr Suring is utterly unacquainted
with the principles upon which he has founded
His

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has founded his offer, as well as with the work
he has undertaken to do.

Fort St. George
13th December 1781.

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

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
George Maule

Chief Engineer

After duly considering the Chief Engineer's letter
the President thinks that Mr. Turing had ^{not} ~~not~~ ^{not}
to all the Information that could be expected
relative to the removal of Hog Hill that his
proposal, for this work are by his total ignorance
of the Business, vague and unintelligible, and
specify no limitation of time. That Mr. Turing ^{cannot}
therefore be considered a proper person, to under-
take a Business of such Importance, to the safety
of the Fort and therefore is of Opinion that a
Contract should be entered on with Mr. Plumer
whose offer is considerably under the Engineer's Estimate
& precisely specifies so short a time, which is
of the greatest consequence.

The President is further of Opinion
that the Engineer be directed to put the work
on hand without further delay.

I agree with the President that
Mr. Plumer's proposals are the only ones offered &
think him a proper person for executing the
Contract.

December 14th 1781.

Eyre Coote.

Plumer's

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I am convinced no person is better Qualified
to remove Hog Hill than Mr Plumer and I am for
his doing it in preference to another on equal terms
and even should his demand be a little more than
that of another I think he has it in his Power to
remove the Earth sooner than any other person.

I hope every method that can be thought of will be
pursued to satisfy the Inhabitants or Proprietors
before the Work is begun. Tho I am fully satisfied
of the necessity of removing Hog Hill I do not wish
or mean to subject myself to any prosecution for
one reason makes me so very desirous that the real
Proprietors may give consent and another strong
reason weighs with me viz. that the Proprietors
have had full time to give answer to repeated

Mount 15th Dec. 1780 application from this Government on the subject
of demolishing Hog Hill. They have not as far
as I know made any Reply. As for Munro

I am of Opinion that Mr Tunny
Letter is so vague, it cannot be counted a Propo-
sal, that Mr Plumers Proposal, not only specifies
the sum but also what is much more material the
time in which he will engage to perform the
Work to be accepted immediately. I think further
that any other persons employing Coolies &c.
under the assistance of Government would
greatly interfere and impede the prosecution
of the Fortifications

December 15. 1780.

Sam^l Johnson
Mr Plumer being the only

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The only specific Proposal offered I agree to his Terms The President no doubt will bring next Committee a plan of Settlement with the Inhabitants as I coincide with Sir Hector Munro in his Opinion respecting responsibility to the Inhabitants. Alexander Davidson.

The President & Commander in Chief are of Opinion and do recommend to the Select Committee that as the Fanny Schorn is at present unable to proceed to the Northward on account of the strong Winds & Tides from that Quarter that she be immediately ordered to proceed to the Southward, & that the Commander have orders to do his utmost endeavors to destroy all the Enemy's Armed Boats that may be lying off Pondicherry and Porto Nova and the other Ports to the Southward and after having toucht at the above places for the effecting the above purpose, that he be directed to return to Madras

14 Received the following Letter from Ganjam

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15 Dec. 1780

To The Honble Charles Smith Esq^r

President Governor & Members of the

Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George

I am honored with your Letter dated 14th ultimo and in consequence have directed Lieut Thos Worker Dunbar, to repair to the Presidency.

It affords me satisfaction to find you have been pleased to remand the Coffees to this

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Garrison. An Artillery Officer cannot at present be spared I hope One or Two good Sergeants will be sent to assist in the Store house and increasing the Coffers & Lascars to the Great Gun.

I have obeyed your orders concerning the Soudan Shaikhe Mahomed and also wrote about him to Cuttack.

I am making inquiries concerning Chumam shells, and Charcoal, and shall do every thing in my power to send you a supply of Chumam Bullocks & such, I must of necessity take up Vessels the owners will expect at least Paddy freight which will make the Chumam turn out dear When I can once ascertain the Quantity of Shells that can be procured and the Expence I shall inform your Honor & of all particulars. The Legerality of all these Paddy Vessels are small and cannot carry many Bullocks another difficulty attending their Transportation will be the want of Water for these Vessels have neither Tanks nor Waterfasks — However I will use my Influence to get every Vessel leaving the District to take as many on Board as they can conveniently carry.

I have already informed your Honor of my sending Lieut Greenwell to Cuttack, and transmit Copies of his Letters to the Governor and Council with the Route between this place and Cuttack.

Mr Hastings by not informing of the Number of the Detachment and the time of their

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Their Departure from Bengal leaves me a
good deal at a loss what Provision to make &
find it will be attended with considerable Expence
and Trouble to collect from distant Countries the
different Articles wanted. Mr Hastings desires the
Troops may be plentifully supplied. In order
to accomplish this in the best manner and the
Troops may be furnished and the Inhabitants of
the Country not distressed I have found it necessary
to appoint Mr Russell to this particular service
with Orders previous to collect provisions at the
different stages and to attend the Bengal Detach-
ment from Manickpatnam through this District
and I hope by this means the Troops will be sup-
plied with every thing the district can furnish
this is my proposed Plan I shall be glad it meets
with your approbation. When I hear of Col^l Manners
Approach I shall let him know my Intentions that
every thing possible may be done to his satisfaction.

I have the Honor to transmit the
Returns of Military Stores in this District for
the Month of October.

I am with Respect

Honble Sir Yrs

Your obedient Humble Servant

John Turring

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.
Governor General &c

Fort William

Honble Sir Yrs

In consequence of a Publick

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Publick Letter from John Turing Esq. Resident
at Ganjam I was directed to proceed from thence
to this Place in Order to examine the Roads, the
names Distances between each Village the
most convenient Encamping Places and what
supply of Provisions they could afford for Troops
and upon my arrival hereto transmit a Route
thereof to you with a publick Letter on the subject

Enclosed I have the Honor to send
you the proposed Route specifying the names of
the different Villages their respective distances
and the state of the Roads which in General
are very good but excepting this Place I think
there is not another place to furnish even a
single Battalion with Provision particularly from
Manickpatam to Ganjam which is a narrow stripe
of Land between the Chilka Lake and the Sea from
half a mile to a Mile in breadth there is not a
Bazaar to be found it will therefore appear
obviously necessary that the Troops should
be accompanied by a Bazaar of their own well
provided to furnish them as far as Manickpatam
to which place large Boats must be ordered from
Calicut Country subject to the Company situated
upon the western side of the Lake which dis-
embogues itself into the Sea at this Place it is about
an English Mile Boad, as well as to bring Pots
and Wood for the use of the Troops to the different
stages of Manickpatam. Metagna Mulrood and
Pyaggy all situated upon the borders of the Lake
where those Articles are not to be had. It will be

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easy to have a store of Pot and fire wood at each place by boats from the Calicutte Country, which is only a few Hours sail across the Lake, these boats will transport 50 Men each with their Arms and Baggage with ease and the Rentier of the Calicutte Zemindary informed me he would provide fifty of them if Mr Tusing required them

I should the Troops march with Field Pieces they will find the Road with the Assistance of a few on ammoty People, very practicable and upon their Arrival at Manickpatam if they can be routed into their Boats upon their Carriages they will be easily got over, if not they must be dismounted which will occasion a short delay

I shall write to Mr Tusing at Ganjam, that he may be informed of what is necessary to be done on this part relating to the provisions and Boats from the Calicutte Zemindary

I am

Honble Sir with the greatest Respect

Your most Obedient

Thumble Servant

J Greenwell.

(Signed)

True Copy John Tusing

A Route from Battack to Ganjam

The Army when it arrives at Battack may either encamp on the northern banks of the Mahanuddy River or the Southern banks of the River Kerpung the Village of Battack being situated upon the shore

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space between these two Rivers there is good encamping ground to be found at both places.

From Battack to Balinta 6 Cos a very good road the Village is a tolerable good one but unequal to the supply an Army would require nor indeed are there any on the whole Road except this place Battack & Poory that are capable of such a supply.

The Encamping Ground is to the Northward of the Village near the banks of the Howaky River.

From Balinta to Baulgatty 3 Cos a small Village upon the Banks of the Howaky River here is an excellent encamping Ground by the Side of the River, but a poor Bazaar.

From Baulgatty to Pipley 3 Cos a pretty good Village there is an encamping Ground to the Southward of the Village with a large Tank and an indifferent Bazaar.

From Pipley to Amuntapoor 5 Cos a Village consisting of a few Banyan Houses, there is a large Tank but an indifferent Encamping Ground to the Southward of the Village for about two Cos. to the Northward of this the road is rather narrow and woody and should the Troops march with Field Pieces will require some little assistance from the Mammooty people.

From Amuntapoor to Poory 4 Cos the road very good excepting in three places where there are three ill constructed Bridges paved at top with large oblong square stones some of which are loose.

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are loose others much worn so as to render it rather difficult for Guns. There is a very good Encamping Ground to the Eastward of the Village and plenty of good water and being the Temple of Jagannath affords a plentiful Bazaar for any Number of People. From Poory to Nanungpatam & back the road lies through a loose heavy sand but in other respects very good the Village is small and poor without a Bazaar. The encamping Ground lies to the Southward of the Village with plenty of water.

From Nanungpatam to Manickpatam & back the road rather sandy; here the Army must encamp upon very indifferent sort of Ground between the Lake and the Sea, as there is no fresh water to be found at any other place between Manickpatam & Mullood which is up.

NTB The neck of the Chilka Lake on the southern side of Manickpatam which is near an English-Mile broad must be crossed in large Boats provided from the Lake for that purpose as those that are to be found there are infinitely too small to transport any Number of People.

Provisions also, particularly Potatoes & Firewood must be provided as they cannot be supplied any where between Manickpatam and Panjam.

From Mutagua to Mullood & back very good road here is a very good encamping Ground between Mullood and the Village of Lubra and two or three Tanks of good water.

From

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From Malood to Pyaggy 4 Co's very good Road here
will be a very good encamping ground in the dry
Paddy Fields after the Grass is cut if not they must
encamp upon a Sandy Plain between the Village
and the Sea there are three Tanks of Good Water
From Pyaggy to Ganjam 5 Co's very good road
NB the above Co's may be computed at about 2
English Miles & a Quarter each

Ganjam
5 Dec 1780

A true Copy

John Turing

Received the following Letter

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President Governor &

Select Committee

Honble Sir Very

The deputy Military Paymaster
some days since handed to us Reports made in May
1779 regarding the Hospitals at Pondicherry by the
Auditor of Accounts & a letter of his containing
several animadversions on the Hospital of
Fort St George.

We are sorry to observe that the
auditor in the present Instance has proceeded
on the little scale of finding fault and even has
given a decided and uncorious Opinion on the
Subject which he seems totally unacquainted

The regulations from which his
Opinions are formed it is almost needless to
observe, are meant for the General course
of the

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Service in tranquil times and can have no reference
to the Hospital in Question

The Hospitals at Pondicherry were
the remains of the Field Hospitals established during
the siege of that place, by the Commander in
Chief and under an other contract, and into which the
Wounded of all denominations must be received
otherwise neither Seapoy, Lascars nor the booties of the
Army, would hazard their limbs for the scanty sub-
sistence of 2 Tinams a day

At Marsas the Hospital is properly
a contract one and of consequence can in no respect
be influenced by the Regulations. Here the contract
submit to several expensive conditions such as
Barracks, Beddings, Cloathing, Wine provisions
Servants &c. for the consideration of 5 panams a Day
and 36 panams a Pajoda with Stoppages from
Europeans for victualling; which amounts on
the whole to 8 panams 20 Cash a day. As no person
can be received into this Hospital without
enjoying the benefit of the contract in its
fullest extent of consequence therefore, every person
admitted must comply with the conditions of it
Seapoy and Lascars their pay not admitting of stop-
pages are charged like Seamen and others in
the Service at the rate of eight panams a Day
but none of them are received into the Hospital
except for wounds or accidents and we presume
it is not a time to consult a book of Regulations
when broken bones, maimed & wounded sufferer

by

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by Bleeding at the Gates of the Hospital, In this case also it matters not whether they are company's servants or company's Subjects, times of general calamity brought them there, and it could never be the Intention of the public to contrive regulations to shut the door of mercy against them, nor could it in reason be expected that the wounded seamen & Sailors should be dressed by the Surgeons without charge or Expence, as the Auditor of Accounts Economically recommends

We beg leave to refer the Honble the Select Committee to the Auditor's report on the Hospitals of Pondicherry and we take the liberty to enclose a letter of this to the Deputy Pay Master concerning the Madras Hospital we have the Honor to be with all respect

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most obedient &

Most humble Servant,

Gill^d. Pasley

Surgeon General

James Anderson

Surgeon Major

Copy of a letter from M^r. George Proctor Auditor of Accounts to M^r. William Turing Deputy Military Pay Master

Sir

I have examined the Disbursements in your Office to September and Military Pay -

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Payments to October last

There are every Month considerable charges of the Surgeons at this place for such and wounded seafaring. Lascars and other black People in the Hospital for medicines &c and dieting at Eight panams a Day and thirty six panams p. a Pagoda. Similar charges to these at the Garrison of Pondicherry reported to the Select Committee the 26th and their Orders thereon the 31 May 1779 should be the rule for your guidance in all cases of this kind

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I am
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

George Proctor Aud of Accounts

The following Letters were written and sent according to their dates

To Edward Corsford Esq

Chief of

Masulipatam.

Dear Sir

The Nabob acquainted me some days ago of some overtures which he had received from the side of the Decan, for taking into his own or into the Company's pay from three to four thousand good Cavalry. These overtures - I believe came from Fazel Beg Baun, I communicated them to the Committee, and their resolution was that nothing definitive should be settled on

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on our parts, as the Expense was too considerable for the present means & as there was a probability of our receiving Assistance of some consequence from Moodajie Bongsalat when the Bengal Detachment should enter into the Cuttack Country. They desire me however to write to you on the subject and to express to you their wish that Hazel Beg. should be sounded with respect to it. They are averse to coming to any agreement, but they are at the same time inclined to have the door of Negotiation kept open lest such a measure should be necessary. Should you therefore from the Intelligence you may receive respecting the Detachment coming from Bengal learn that no considerable Body of Cavalry is with it in that case it is the wish

Fort St. George of the Committee that you should use your best
13th Decr 1780. endeavors to bring this matter to a speedy conclusion and have them in readiness to join the Detachment.

I am

Yours very faithful
Humble Servant
Chas Smith.

To Mr Tho Welch Paymaster to the Army
Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President & Select Committee to acquaint you that this Day the Nabob's Body Guard of Cavalry under the Command of Capt Henry Boyle Subwan at present doing duty under the orders of Lieut Genl Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief

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in Chief of the Army is to receive both Pay and
Contract Money, in like manner as His Highness
your Regiment of Cavalry
I am Sir

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13th Dec 1780

Your most Obedt Humble Serv^t
R. J. Sullivan Secretary

M^o William Stacey

Sir

A complaint having been lodged
against You before the President & Select Committee
I am directed to acquaint You, that your Con-
duct by them is deemed highly improper
in having taken plans & surveys of the environs
of the Fort without the express permission
of the Governor, unto whom it is their pleasure
that every such Plan, Survey, & other memoran-
dum as may have been made be immediately
laid up, I am further directed to inform You
that You are to consider the Nature of your Employ^t
as confined intirely to the Charge and inspec-
tion of the Company's Civil Buildings

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I am Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
R. J. Sullivan

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Thursday
21st December.

At a Select Committee present
The Honble Chas Smith Esq Governor Pres.
Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote R. B.
Saml Johnson. Alexander Davidson
Major General Munro attending Service
The minutes of last Committee read and approved

Sir Eyre Coote,

I am concerned to understand that
the Gentlemen of the Select Committee should
meet with Obstacles which create delay or Dif-
ficulty in their wishes to remove Hog Hill
a measure which in my Opinion, I not only
consider as essentially necessary to the safety
of this Garrison in case of a siege, but indispensa-
ble from the Report of the Chief Engineer who
describes it as a place destructive to the strength
of this Garrison from its Contiguity and the certain
advantage it will afford any Enemy in carrying
on Approaches Besides these original & powerful
Reasons for the removal of Hog Hill the Steps
that have been already taken to that End
furnishes another very serious one, and which
is, we have pointed it out as a place dangerous
to ourselves and of course will be the first Object
of an Enemy's attention.

I must therefore take this early
opportunity of premising to the Gentlemen of
the Committee, that as in the present situation
of our affairs pressed on the land side by the
Hostile

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Hostile Operations of Hyder Ally, and in daily Expectations of the Arrival of a French Fleet on the coast. The event of a siege ought by no means to be looked upon as either distant or improbable. It is therefore incumbent on me in my Military Capacity, as well as the regard I bear the Public as for my own Honor & Credit which may be engaged in the Defense of this Garrison, to entreat the Committee will allow no Obstructions to counteract the speedy Execution of a measure the Necessity of which they have already evinced their sense of by the endeavors they have exerted towards its Accomplishment.

The President

As the Commander in Chief expresses such anxiety for the removal of Hog Hill, in which I am sure I bear a share and the Proprietors of the Houses therein remain refractory, notwithstanding the liberal Offers, which have been made by me, on the part of the Company, which had they accepted, were to have been paid before the Committee, being as less than Ground in Proportion, to their present possessions on their proving the Property therein, and 400^l. Cent on Mr Maxwell's valuation of their Houses, I am of Opinion that the Chief Engineer should be informed of the contract, entered into by the Committee with Mr Plumer for the removal of this place, that he be directed to make levels, and take every other measure he

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be deemed proper, for the immediate execution
of a work so essentially necessary for the preser-
vation of this Fort

The Business once begun, there
is little doubt but the Obstatants will acquiesce
in the Reasonable Terms before proposed to
them, it is not in my thoughts to do any thing
prejudicial to their Interest, unless compelled
by their Obstinacy and I see no probability of
effecting the Business speedily, but in the
manner I have proposed, For the further infor-
mation of the Committee, I have procured
from the Company's standing Counsel his
Opinion on the Subject, which I am desirous
should appear on our proceedings, as some
Authority for the line it is probable we
shall be under the necessity of taking.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq. President thereof

Sir

Agreeably to your desire that I would
give you my Opinion whether as Governor of
Fort St. George you are invested with sufficient
Authority to pull down such houses and remove
such Ground as would give an Enemy access
to the Fort in case of a Siege. I have the Honor to
inform you that by the Laws of War and Nature
principles branches of the Law of England, you
are possessed of full Powers to take that or any other
measure

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measure necessary to the security of the Fort
making however reasonable satisfaction
to such Individuals as may be sufferers by it
I have the Honor to be

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Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Benjⁿ Sullivan.

Mr. Johnson.

I am of Opinion, that Circumstances
duely considered, every attention has been paid
to the representations of the Proprietors of Ground
on Hog Hill, and that the offers made to them by
the President, on behalf of the Company were
liberal; but as they have obstinately refused
them, notwithstanding above a Month has been
allowed them for considering the Business &
the dangerous consequences of further delay
has been fully explained to them, I think that
the Committee should authorize the Chief-
Engineer to take the speediest Measures, & con-
ceive for the removing the Houses and ma-
king Mr. Munn to commence his part of the
Business without further delay
W^m Davidson.

The only objection I at any
time had to the immediate prosecution of
the removal of the Houses on Hog Hill, was a doubt
with respect to the legality of the measure
supposing the refractoriness of the proprietors of
them

Mr. Johnson's Minutes
on the same subject

consequences

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Mr Davidson
on the same

was to occasion compulsion on the part of Govern-
ment. But, as that doubt is now removed by the
Opinion of the standing Counsel, I coincide
with the other members of the Committee
in opinion, that, the work should be commenced
without loss of further time.

Mr. Phymore pro-
posed accepted of

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be desired
to make levels, and to take every such other mea-
sure as he may deem necessary for the execution
of this work.

The President acquaints the Committee
that conformably to their desire he has for these
several days past exerted himself in the most
earnest manner with the proprietors of the
Ground, and of the Houses on Hog Hill, that
he has found them in general, unreasonable
and reluctant in their conduct with respect to
the proposed Plan. That terms on the most
equitable scale had been offered them, but that
they still were dissatisfied. Neither did he see that
any acquiescence could be drawn from them
while they saw that Government was unwilling
to force a compliance, altho essentially necessary
to the Public safety. For the satisfaction of the
Committee the President lays before them the
following Terms, which were those, that on the
most mature consideration, he deemed reason-
able to both parties.

We the undermentioned Inhabitants and
Owners of Houses situated on and near Hog Hill
in

Terms proposed by the
President to the Inhabitants
of Hog Hill

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in Madraspatnam do hereby Humbly propose
to the Honble Select Committee of Fort St. George
to remove all the Houses belonging to us as our Relations
or Constituents as described in the Plan which is
lodged in the Engineers Office, and to relinquish
the Ground on which the said Houses are built
to the Honble English East India Company & to their
Heirs for ever together with all Claims or Demands
which we have on account of the said Ground and
the Value of the Houses now standing thereon
on the following conditions Viz^t

That we shall be allowed one Month from the day
on which our Proposals are accepted to carry away
materials of our Houses. but we promise to remove
one third of said houses within ten days of the
aforesaid Period one third within twenty days
from said Period and the remainder within thirty
days from said period.

X That the Honble the English East India Company
by their Representatives the Honble Select Committee
shall procure Ground to which we must remove
our materials and grant us Bills of Sales for the
same in proportion to the measurement
of the Ground which we relinquish as aforesaid
on our duly proving our right and property therein.
That we be allowed 40th Cent on the Valuation
of these Houses as already Registered in a Book
in the possession of Mr Maxwell and also on such
other Houses as must be pulled down and are
to be Valued by said Mr Maxwell and Mr Stringer whose
Valuations we here agree to abide by and declare

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that we shall be fully content therewith
Lastly That one fourth of said Valuations be paid
to us in ready Money and the remainder by the
Honble Companies Bonds, payable in one year
after date with 8 per Cent Minimum Interest
We shall depend on the Assistance of Government
for removing these Houses and that no Bullocks -
Buffaloes or Carts shall be pressed from the Black
Town w. ut the materials of the aforesaid Houses
are removed. +

The following proposal are now read for the sale of
Land in the Black Town.

To the Honble Chas. Smith Esq.
President and Governor &c
Select Committee

Honble Sir & Srs

Having in our disposal as Admini-
strators to the Estate of the late Hismama Nayga
a spot of ground to the Westward of Mpopham
and adjoining on the South to Moufhus Khass
in the Black Town which is under execution in
consequence of a decree of the Mayors court in
favor of a Mortgage Creditor of Cashewashetty
Hismamiah Naik the same was advertised for
public Sale before your Honor & had happened any
resolution about the removal of Roy Will. On the
day of Sale a few minutes raised the Price to -
13,000 Pagodas. Mpopham however, having been
mediated to us, that the Person who appeared to
be the most anxious to buy it, had to his know

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knowledge refused to accommodate Government with some ground, except at an exorbitant price and that his present view was evidently to take advantage of public necessity, advised from a Principle of Public Duty, altho, as he observed, in direct injury to the Sale of his own Ground. Our offering it to Government and on the Part of his Client, who claims a Right of Preference under a Mortgage, agreed to our selling it for 16000 Pag.

As the spot in Question is very conveniently situated for the Black Town inhabitants, who will have to remove their Houses from Neg Hill, We conceive it may be wanted by their Honor for that purpose, and therefore think it incumbent as company's Servants to offer it to Government in the first Instance at the price above mentioned, and to submit your determination before we proceed to any other measures for the disposal of it.

This spot comprizes about 125 Gounds exclusive of the proper allowance for streets and the price we have proposed is rather less than 130 Pagodas each Gound, which, compared with the price which Ground generally bears in the Black Town, we trust will appear reasonable.

Such however is our situation as Administrators, that we are not at liberty to give that time for the payment of the Money which we should willingly do, were our private

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private property being not only obliged immediately to pay at least half the Money to the Creditor who has obtained a decree on it but expect to be sued for the Remainder by the expiration of a Month. The only Terms therefore on which we can offer this Ground is, that Your Honor & will agree that 2000 Rs. shall be paid on the delivery of the Bills of Sale and the remainder at the Expiration of one Month from the Date thereof, which will enable us to pay off the Demands we have, and shall have, on that score.

If Your Honor & should not think proper to comply with these Terms, We shall regret that we have not the Power of suiting the Time of Payment to the Convenience of Government, as it will be necessary for the Reasons before set forth that the Ground should otherwise be disposed of as soon as possible. We beg leave to request the favor of an early Answer to this Letter that We may take the most speedy Measures on our Power for effecting that End.

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &

Very humble Servants

Wm Sydenham
Jas Call

Proposals respecting Ground.

Captain Sydenham hearing that Ground will soon be wanted for the Inhabitants.

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Inhabitants who have now property on Hog Hill and having in his disposal an eligible, dry, and well situated spot in the Black Town containing about 21 or 23 Grounds, makes the following offer for the Sale of it.

The Ground is situated to the Northward of Mr Popthams House, and surrounded by well built houses on a smaller Plan inhabited by Europeans or Portuguese and may therefore suit those who having Houses on Hog Hill, are disposed to build others in the European Manner. The price of all Ground in general is in proportion to the propriety, and convenience of its situation for the purposes of the Purchaser. And upon a comparison with the situation and Price of Ground in general in the Black Town Captain Sydneyham proposes to sell the Grounds above mentioned to the Company, payable at the Expiration of 12 Months for 150 Pagodas each Ground selling a part a sufficient space for the Streets between the Houses, and he believes that when the superior situation of his Ground is compared with the prices asked for other spots, his demand will not appear unreasonable.

Fort St. Georgeble, particularly as he has made an allowance for the Chuk. so that the Grounds will be bought clear of every Deduction

The Bond of the Company to bear Interest at 20 Cent from the day of the delivery of the Bills of Sale

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Mr Jourdan has near the Granary a piece of Ground measuring 1,15,928 or thereabouts if the Company choose to take it for 3000 Pagodas I will take a company's Bond. The Terms about 60 paces of Ground.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq.
President & Governor &c
Select Committee

Honble Sir & Mrs

Fort St George

Being informed your Honors are in want of Ground for the Honble Company to be granted to the Inhabitants of Hoof Hills in full of the Ground on which they have now dwelling I respectfully beg leave to offer your Honors the following Ground for amount of which I am willing to take the Honble Company's Bonds payable in twelve Months with 8% Cent of Minimum Interest Viz^t

150 Paces or more or less according to the Customary measurement of 60 feet by 40 feet situated between Mr. Wilbert's Garden & the Black Town Wall at 100 Pagodas of Ground.

50 Ditto. Ditto situated between the Gardens of Comaroo and Basal Naicker Gardens at 100 Pagodas of Ground.

50 Ditto. Ditto situated between the Paday Gardens and the Ground of Mr. Casamayor at 100 Pagodas of Ground.

I shall humbly wait for

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your answer and am with the greatest respect
and submission

Madras 13
December 1780.

Honble Sir
Your most Obedient and
Most humble Servant
S. C. Kristnamah

Resolved, that the above proposals do lie upon
the Table for the consideration of the Committee
That the President do enquire of the proprietors
(and ground on Hog Hill, if Bonds from the Company
would not be more satisfactory to them for the value
of the Ground which the Company engage to pro-
cure for them, than the Ground itself That the
President do likewise make further enquiry
about such other Ground as may be purchased
from Individuals, and in the mean time, that
he do have such as is now offered for sale, conveyed
so that the Committee may have every
Information before them, when they come
finally to resolve on the Subject.

The following memorandum the
President has just procured from Mr Hugh Mearns
who was employed some time ago, in estimating
the Value of the Houses on Hog Hill.

The valuation of the Houses and Ground
on Hog Hill amounted together to Rs. 123,000
according to Major Stevens's Plan; When the Va-
luation was first made no Bills of sale were
produced, it was not till some Months after at the
desire of Sir Thomas Munro, the people

The President made
enquiries relative to the
Ground.

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were called upon to produce the right by which they occupied the Ground, when not half the Inhabitants could show any other claim than possession. I wrote to Mr. Hope immediately after to put a stop to any Bills of sale being granted in that part of the Town, as it was probable the Company would pull down some part of it in a short time. Some of the houses in particular those belonging to Mr. David Young are built on the Company's Ground by permission from the Committee of Works on condition of their being removed when called upon without any expence to the Company. The number however is small. There are also large pieces of Ground belonging to Pagodas which have been built by individuals that no title was shown for the Grounds. This is all the Information I can give both the Books of the valuations with the Plan I delivered to Sir Thomas ^{before he went} one week ^{home}, what became of the other I do not know.

Read the following letter from Sir Eyre Coote,

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq. President
Jeo. Select Committee
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

In consequence of the request made in your letter of the 7th Instant I performed you in answer of the 9th that I had ordered a General Court Martial for the Trial of Brigadier General Stuart.

The General Court Martial of which

Memorandum of the
Houses on the Town

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which the Right Honble Lord MacLeod was President
having finished their enquiry upon the Charge
exhibited against Brigadier General James Stuart
by the East India Company, and transmitted to me
their proceedings thereon, I do myself the honor
to enclose you copy of the sentence they have passed
and of which I have approved

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

Cyre Coote.

After the most mature conside-
ration of what has appeared for and against
the Prisoner Brigadier General James Stuart
the Court are of Opinion that he is not guilty of
Mutiny as exhibited in the Charge against him
by the Honble the East India Company, and
they do therefore Honorably acquit him.

Asied MacLeod.

Three Copies

Wm Tierney

Secy to the Commander in Chief in
India

The Company having been plea-
sed in the event of General Stuart's honorable
acquittal to direct that he be restored to their
Service, Agreed that the following Order be
issued to the Establishment

G.O.

Fort St. George 25th December 1780.

The Court Martial which opened
on the 1st for the Trial of Brigadier General James

Head Quarters

Great Mount 20 Decr 1780.

Remains of Argument

Order concerning Gen Stuart

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Stuart, on the charge exhibited against him on the
part of the Honble the East India Company, having
Honorably acquitted that Officer, and Lieut. General
Sir Eyre Coote K.B. Commander in Chief of all
the Kings & Company's Forces in India having
approved of the said sentence. Ordered conforma-
bly to the following warrant and of the Court of Directors
that Brigadier General James Stuart be restored to his
Rank in the Army in this Establishment and
that he be obeyed accordingly.

Extract of General Letter from the Honble
the Court of Directors dated 14th April 1779

"In case the word of General Stuart
shall by a court Martial should be an honorable
acquittal, we shall be well satisfied that hereafter
in India as second in Military Command at
Fort St. George during the continuance of General
Munro at that settlement and that he succeed to
the Chief command of the Troops on the coast
on the first vacancy that shall happen in such
Command after he shall have been so acquitted by
a court Martial as aforesaid."

By Command of the Presid^t. Officers Committee
The President lays before the Com-
mittee the following letter addressed to Mr Edward
Hughes which came enclosed and open to the
Master Attendant for his perusal, and which
as it contains, Advice of a private Nature, and of
much Importance, the President deemed it of
Consequence to submit these advice to their consideration.

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To the Honble Sir Edward Hughes K^tB
Vice Admiral and Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Fleet in the
Indian Seas
Sir

Not having the Honor of being personally known to you, this address may appear strange at first sight, but when I inform you I have the pleasure to be on the list of Lieutenants in our Britannic Majesty's Marine. I flatter myself you will do me the Justice to believe that the Love of my Country and attachment to the Service I was brought up in are the principle motives that have incited me to take this Liberty, and will I hope render any further apology unnecessary on this Head; therefore to be brief, Sir, I wish you to be acquainted with the following particulars

The Beres, East India Man
Commanded by Captain Raymond Snow
board of which Ship I have taken my Passage
to Europe after having advanced so far into
Chagre Bay as to get sight of the Mast heads of
some of the Ships in Simon's Bay was prevented
getting in by a Gale of Wind, which came on
suddenly at N. W. and obliged us to lay her to for
a couple of days, by which means she was im-
mordably drove out to Sea, We however recovered
our lost Gracino by the 4th Inst during which
Night

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Night we plyed to Windward in False Bay and at day light on the following morning once more got sight of the Mast heads of the Ships at Anchor in Simons Bay and concluding that they were the Enemy, which you Sir had directed us to join and was the object of our destination to this port we continued advancing with a light Breeze toward them when about 8 their Hulls were conspicuous and their Colours which were displayed, being distinguishable served but too well to convince us of our mistake and imminent danger; by removing every that they were a Squadron of the French King's Ships Judge Sir what our feelings must have been on this trying occasion, when after a long Voyage with a feeble Ships Company we were preparing and expecting every Hour to have a most cordial & hearty Reception from our Friends with every Refreshment our situation required which pleasing Idea raised our hopes to the highest pinnacle of Joy, when suddenly to have them blasted and exchanged to the hard prospect and fate of experiencing the horrors of a French Prison in the worst of situations the Island of Mauritius.

We had early in the Morning observed a Ship with all the Sail she could set plying between us and the Enemy and rather inclining towards us, which we judged to be one of their Frigates sent out to chase but it being almost

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almost a calm every chance of our escape by attempting to retreat was removed.

So critically circumstanced a consultation was held by the Captain & Officers, who on this occasion requested the opinion of myself & the other Gentlemen Passengers, the result of which was an unanimous determination to put the best face we could on our deplorable situation by continuing our course toward them hoisting English Colours and firing a Gun which being shotted, had such an instantaneous effect on the Frigate that she precipitately stood direct from us, with so much anxious expedition that she worked a complete schotch on both sides assisted by Boats towing her till such time she returned and Anchored close to the before mentioned Squadron.

There being very light airs the whole of the forenoon all our boats were employed towing the Ship ahead, but notwithstanding this effort our progress was so slow that we did not get to an anchor till 3 about half an hour before which time, the Dutch Commodore's Boat came on board with an Officer who informed us that we had then barely reached the limits of the Neutrality of their Port at the same time recommended the utmost expedition to get a little further into the Bay hoping the Enemy would remain inactive till we effected this desirable

purpose

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admirable purpose, otherwise it would be utterly out of their Power to give us protection, nor indeed had they force enough to do it even were they ever so well inclined.

Previous to this Circumstance we could plainly perceive there was a commotion in the French Squadron and that some of their Launches were manning by which we judged they meditated something Hostile against us, but their tardiness gave us time to close with the Dutch Commodore's Ship & in the Act of Passing hurried ours and cheered which was instantaneously returned with great heartiness & goodwill by them

You will readily conceive how poignantly mortifying this must be to our Enemy, Exulted close in their Shoar, whose force consisted two Ships of the line two Frigates and Six Transports, that had us for 9 Hours in their View, as well as in their Power, to have executed, provided they had acted with spirit, any thing they pleased, with either their Boats or Ships, in as fine a day as I had ever seen in my life, Our Ships Company consisted of upwards of a three Months Voyage, who at leaving Bengal had a large Number of them, made up by bad Sarsars, together with a deficiency of the 3rd & 4th Mates, Doctor & Boatswain who were left behind at Malacca from which you will readily foresee how easily we must have fallen their Prey

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their Prey

It may be necessary to observe that two hours before we anchored we saluted the Port in expectation it would be returned either by the Ship or the shore and thereby establish our claims to their Protection; but they did not think proper to take up this compliment, alleging afterwards, that they could not with propriety receive it as such till we had anchored within the limits prescribed, which proved to me, that earlier they could not, or rather they did not mean to extend their their protection to us, the compliment was therefore repeated the following morning, and returned by the Ship who had hoisted the distinguishing pendant

I have occasionally fallen in Company with some of the Officers of this Squadron many of whom are of the Swedish Nation, and I am concerned to say have been permitted to receive the first Rudiments of their Naval Education from our Marine and that but of late Years, I have the pleasure however to observe, that the Commission their Superiors have been guilty of in suffering us to pass unmolested has given them such an Opinion in favor of the British Navy as to disgust them so much with that they at present belong to that a General Mumm and dissatisfaction as so far taken place as

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to induce to say they will resign their Commission
on their Arrival at the Mauritius for which Island
they sailed from hence the 13th Inst. meaning of
report speaks true, to touch at Madagascar in the
way in order to form a Settlement on that Island
but my own opinion is, that if they stop there at
all it will only be for the purpose of actually

There Credit at this place has
been such, that their Government bills would
not be accepted on any terms, therefore Cash alone
was their only resource. Of this specie I have
learnt from good authority they brought out
but 25,000 Louis d'ors the like sum being taken
in the North's their Commodore who fell into
the hands of Admiral Rodney, with five of the
Transports belonging to the Expedition. This
last Circumstance, together with an English
East India Man worth £40,000. escaping them
miraculously and I may say disgracefully to
them, has operated so visibly on their Spirits
that I may almost venture to affirm it borders
on despondency, may their Panic Anxiety
and You Sir, by your timely and well judged
efforts be able to frustrate and avert every
danger that may be meditated by such
perfidious Enemies against our Royal Majesty's
Arms in this Quarter of the Globe I wish further
to remark that Mr Chevalier the late Governor
of Chaudinagore whom I will know to be both
a dangerous & obstinate Man has planned
this

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to
This Expedition and I am credibly informed
has passed Constantinople in his way looking
in join to the Morattoes, with whom he has
been successfully intriguing before and is
now charged with presents to engage them
in his Royal Masters favor

The Chevalier de Tournay would
not undertake this Enterprize till a part of
its force had been dispatched before him preparing
himself to follow with the remainder properly
equipped and furnished with the least or bread
for their future subsistence.

ed
So that his arrival here may naturally
be expected shortly except the loss of the Petrel
you may have discouraged them from prosecu-
ting their first Intentions. The Troops in
this Embarkation arrived very sickly and
notwithstanding every necessary attention
has been paid to their recovery, a great mortality
has taken place amongst them. They have not
however left so much Men behind them at this
place.

ab
We have not yet heard of any of the January
but are in hourly expectation of their arrival

A Helena is rather in distress for
Provisions of a particular species, but they will
receive a temporary Relief from two Pasquats
who are under their Orders, and lately sailed
from Monce, and as I suppose the January will
touch there, as well as here, every Ship
will

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will carry them something, that when collected together I hope may be sufficient to satisfy all their wants.

I have the Honor to accompany this with a Paper of Intelligence which I have received respecting this Expedition and am pretty confident the Particulars may be depended on, should it prove of any use to you in your public Station my wishes will be gratified. If otherwise I have only to hope you will take the Will for the Deed

Permit me to trespass a little longer on your time by congratulating you on the late signal success that has been acquired to the Arms of our Country in the Destruction of the Spanish Fleet. Also to our Arms in America, the Particulars of which I do not trouble you with here, having already dwelled thus Epistle beyond my first Intent - and have not a doubt but the Amsterdam Gazette to which I am indebted for my Information will have reached you ere this does, and given you equal Satisfaction

I have the Honor to be with the most Respect Sir

Palis Bay

Cape of Good Hope

28th July 1790.

Your most Obedient

And very Humble Servant

Jno Richardson

Inquiries made respecting the French Squadron in Palis Bay Cape of Good Hope, to

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to which the answers are inserted on the
Opposite Side.

Qust 1st. When they sailed Ans^r. February 16th 1780
from Europe, and what Port? from Port L'Orient
2nd of the Number of Ships of Ans^r. Prothie's ^{line} 64 taken
Was the Expedition consisted The Ajax ^{Admiral}
of their Names & force. The Pirarve 20 2^o
The Elephant 36 2^o
A two Decker turned into a ^{Ship} Store
The Argus 18 2^o
The Charmant 36
There was a 3rd Frigate ^{said}
with the above Ships, but she
returned to France after giving
them to a certain Latitude
but there is every reason to
believe that she carried the
News of the Prothie's being taken

3rd What number of Land Ans^r. Two Regiments consisting
Troops & how many of four Battalions or about
Transports embarked. 3,000 Men.

4th. Reasoning of the above said Ans^r. 6 Transports containing
and when? about 800 Men & about 400 Men
in the Ships of War. Arrived
between 14th May & 10 June last

5 What number of Ships Ans^r. Uncertain whether
and Land Forces were to follow four or six Ships of the
to reinforce this Armament. Line accompanied by 3

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3 Frigates on board of whom
2 complete Regiments were to
be embarked

6th The Name of the Sea & - M^{rs} Marquis De Chilo
Land Commanders on Ship on the Prothe, having the
Broad Pendant taken by
Admiral Rodney Chevalier
De Tremayon the Bona
the senior Officer at present
Commanding Brigades
Gen^l Du Chemin, said to
be an experienced and
Gallant Officer

7 Who planned the Expedition M^{rs} Chevalier Melac
dision and whether M^{rs} Gov^r of Chandinagore in
Chwalier the late Governor conjunction with some other
of Chandinagore has returned from whose name I have
so India either on the Sea, or by Land
Fleet or by Land

8 Who planned the Expedition
M^{rs} Chevalier is said to have
passed Constantinople on
his way to Suez by Land
from whence he is to pro-
ceed to the Mahratta
Country.

The Prothe, who had the Broad Pendant on
board and was commanded by the Marquis
de Chilo had with him in specie for the use of
the Fleet 25,000 Louis d'Ors was taken by Admiral
Rodney also 3 Transports shared the same fate
The Chevalier de Tournai was ap-
plied

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applied for by Mr Chevalier to command in chief
this Expedition, which he accepted of conditionally
Viz: That a part of M^r 2nd Lues: and Ans: should
sail before him properly equipped and provided
with Cash, and that he would as M^r 5th Lues: & Answer
in like manner and is supposed to be on his pas-
sage to this Place, in order to unite his forces with
that of the Mauritius which will form an arma-
ment of not less than 10 Ships of the line & 8 Frigates
9,000 European Land Forces, & it is said is intended
to retake Pondicherry, but from the Knowledge
I have of Mr Chevalier's Character, should not
be surprized if it was destined against Bengal.

The above Commander in Chief
has negociated a further supply of 200,000 Dollars
for the use of the Fleet at this Place, that sum be-
ing deposited in the Hands of a merchant at
Amsterdam, who sends it out in a Dutch bottom
receiving a Freight of 20% it being regularly
consigned to a Dutch Merchant at this Place
which I hear constitutes it dutch property.

N.B. The Porpoise of 64 Guns commanded
by the Chevalier de Tromignon, sailed with
dispatches from Brest the 29th Jan^y last. Con-
sequently not properly belonging to this
Fleet but happening to meet them at this
Port, and being the Gov^r Officer took upon him
the command.

Remarks. Mons^r Bouvet Commander of the
Agas, is esteemed the much better Officer of the
two

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two, and 'tis said, is so much at present disaffected with his present superior, should they come to action he means to assume the command I suppose for letting the Ceres slip thro' his hands

The 13th The French Squadron put to Sea from hence much sooner than they intended, from the Expectation of our 3 Ships of the Line conveying the Indiaman Had the 2 Squadrons met, I have not a doubt but the Enemy would have fallen an easy Prey to our Squadron I am that their Manoeuvres were such as discovered a Temerity, as well as a want of Judgement in their Proceeding.

The French Nation had a Person here under the Character of their Agent who has lately died, there are several Candidates for this appointment amongst them is M^r Monroze a Merchant of Chandernagore who was kept on board this Ship as a prisoner, but availed himself of meeting a French vessel belonging to his Nation here whose protection he claimed when on shore and as proceeded with them to the Mauritius.

At the Ajax brought out an equal sum with the Prothe with which they procured Provisions while at this Place.

Travis Bay
Cape of Good Hope is an experienced Officer, was employed in the Reduction of Corsica, one of the Lieutenants with him, is named Astruc the other I believe Marica both old Veterans

J.R.

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee
the following Letter from Lt. Young to Sir
Hector Munro, together with General Munro's
Opinion on the Subject, which Sir Eyre Coote
recommended should be adopted.

To Sir Hector Munro, Lt Br
Major General Ye Ye Ye
Sir

In consequence of your Orders and
by your approbation I made clothing for the
European Troop agreeable to the former custom
of the service regarding that Corps. The Commanding
Officer of which has, always received his own
Off-reckonings Monthly according to the enclosed
stoppages

Having expended a considerable
sum for the clothing / which I likewise enclose
for your perusal / I gave my demand of Off-recko-
nings to Sir Eyre Coote for his Signature to
authorize me to receive the amount from
the Paymaster, but received for answer that
he was unacquainted in what manner I held
the Troop and as you were the Commander in
Chief at the time I was appointed to take charge
of the Troop, it should be mentioned that he

As I am prevented from furnish-
ing many necessary articles for the Troop
before they take the Field, by not receiving
the reckonings, I am to request you will be

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pleased to speak to Sir Eyrecoote on the Subject
at the same time, flatter my self from having
endeavored to merit your approbation by attending
to my duty, that you will mention me in the
manner you think most deserving

I remain

Sir

With the greatest respect

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

Wm Young Lt Cavalry

Camp at the Mount
December 19th 1780.

Money disbursed for the Clothing of the
European Troopers

Scarlet Cloth for Coats	100
Black Cloth for Lapels	20
Scarlet Cloth for necessary Bags	90
Black Cloth for edging to do	15
Buttons, Epaullets, Silk Lace Lining &c	60
Private Coats.	
Sergeants Lace Epaullets &c	24
Corporals do do do	16
To the Tailor for making Coats & necessary Bags	55
Paid for 48 Hats, Coats &c	50
do for Boots & Spurs 10 Pairs	30
	<u>460</u>

Camp at the
Mount Dec 1780.

Wm Young
Lieut.

Off reckonings due for Clothing the Men of the Euro-
pean Troop, for the under mentioned Month

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September

To 3 Sergeants at 2 Pagodas each	6	0	0
To 2 Corporals at 2 Pagodas each	4	0	0
To 33 Private at 1 Pag 21 st each	42	52	0

October

To 3 Sergeants at 2 Pag. each	6	0	0
To 2 Corporals at 2 Pag. each	4	0	0
To 33 Private at 1 Pag 21 st each	42	21	61

November

To 3 Sergeants at 2 Pag. each	6	0	0
To 2 Corporals at 2 Pag. each	4	0	0
To 33 Private at 1 Pag 21 st each	42	21	61

December

To 3 Sergeants at 2 Pag. each	6	0	0
To 2 Corporals at 2 Pag. each	4	0	0
To 33 Private at 1 Pag 21 st each	42	21	61
	<u>93</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>21</u>

Camp at the Mount

December 1799

Thos Welch Esq Wm Young Esq

Paymaster

Lieut Cavalry

Before the Army took the Field, the Committee ordered as many of the European Troopers, as could be had to be mounted, there being no more than a Subalterns Command. Lieut Young was ordered to take the Command of them. He made up some kind of Clothing for them without Delay. He was told by one that I believed the Committee would not have them on the same footing as the Troop had been on formerly, it having been looked upon by the Committee, as too expensive.

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I am therefore of Opinion, if it meet
with the approbation of the Committee, and Command-
er in Chief Lieut. Young should be allowed the
same for feeding the Horses as is given for feeding the
Nabob's Cavalry, and that he receive the full pay of
the Men to keep them in clothing & during the
time he commands them
Hector Munro

Camp 21st
Decr 1780.

Ordered accordingly
Read the following letter from Capt: George
Mackay to the Commander in Chief.

To General Sir Eyre Coote

Commander in Chief of
India

Sir

Upon an address of mine to the Honble
the select Committee in July last that there was
not one day's provisions in the Fort of Chingleput
and that there was not the smallest probabi-
lity of being supplied by the Gunter or any of the
Nabob's People. I received officially the inclosed letter
in consequence of which and to prevent a risk of
our being driven to the Greatest want, I purcha-
sed 210 Buttocks with Saddles and Gunny Bags and
employed them in the Month of August to supply
the Garrison who otherwise must have starved
or mutinied, In September I employed in the
service in the like manner 135 in October
162 and in November 137. The orders of the Nabob.

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The Mats to his people were only to let me have
Rice for the Garrison upon my paying ready
Money for the same and that Grain after it was pur-
chased might have everlastingly remained were it
not had I not taken the precaution of purchasing
these Bullocks as there was not one to be found in
this part of the Country fifteen days after Myder
entered the Fort, and I appeal to the Paymaster
and Gentlemen of this Garrison whether some
British or Detachment could have been supple-
d with Rice, or the Army under General Munro or
could the sick of the Army been left on Chingleput
and amply supplied had I not advanced money and
taken the Steps I did.

I have already met with a great
loss in the death of half the Bullocks to which I am
perfectly ruined, as I flatter myself you
will assist me in what I am going to say before
you if it is reasonable & for the good of the Service.

In the present uncultivated and
distracted state of the Country it will be found
humely conceive to procure Bullocks for the use
of the Army. Neither the Government or any of the
people in this part of the District can provide
one bullock for the use of the Garrison and
were we in the most immediate distress it
would be impossible for us to be supplied with
Grain if we are not furnished with Bullocks,
Saddles, Gunny bags. I therefore respectfully
hope the Bullocks I have may be permitted

very difficult

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to continue for the use of the Garrison until
such time as the Nabob's people can procure
Bullocks and lay in a sufficient Stock of Provisions
in the Fort.

I am this Instant honored with Yours
of the 14th Inst and it affords me and all the people
here great joy that the Army is encamped at
the Mount, I will lose no time in communi-
cating the same to the Garrison of Permaud
and Wandewash. I shall be very watchful of the
motions of the Enemy and I hope the precau-
tions I have taken in strengthening the Pettah
Wall will prove an additional safety to the
Fort I have had a redoubt erected upon the ocean
Wall in which is a long Muz Printer which
commands the Pettah in such a manner
as to be able to do execution with Grape Shot over
the place and at the Barrier Gate. The redoubt
is built of loose stones and so exposed to the
Guns of the Fort that in case it was possessed
by the Enemy the whole of the stones would
be knocked about their Ears in ten Minutes
I hope the roads from this Place to Jonyewaram
and Wandewash will meet with your Approba-
tion, as every pains will be taken to render them
passable those places General Munro found
such difficulty in passing.

Since the Amildar has been
released, I thought it necessary to address him
officially desiring to know what assistance he
could

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could afford this Garrison in the Articles of Surrender. His answer I take the liberty to enclose to You, You find it just both that he will be answerable to provide Grain if I will assist him with Bullocks, but otherwise he cannot supply me with a single Measure as he has not a Bullock, nor is there any to be found in the Chingleput Country.

In the situation of things I have to beg your concurrence to my request which I would not make if there were any other means the service could be carried on and whatever little emolument it may be to one having my Bullock continued in the Service I with submission receive my unwearied attentions to this Garrison since the commencement of Hyder's War. entitle me in some small degree to look for your favor and countenance in every reasonable representation I may have the honor of making to you.

I am

Sir

Most Respectfully

Your very obed^t humble serv^t

Geo^e Mackay

Lieut Captⁿ

Resolved, that such Bullocks as Captⁿ Mackay may have now on hand that he purchased for the use of the Public Service be employed from this day until further Orders, on the part of the Company & that the Paymaster of

Chingleput

Chingleput
18 December 1780.

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Chung kept as muster them and pay Captain
Maltby accordingly, sending in regular returns
of their numbers & how employed

Read Letter to the Commander in Chief

To Lieut Genl Sir Coote RCB
Commander in Chief in
India

Sir

We whose names are hereto affixed
beg leave to offer the following circumstances
to your consideration

That we were appointed Cadets
on the Honorable Company's Service on the Madras
Establishment in the course of the year 1777.

That in consequence we arrived
at Madras in the Months of June, July August
1778 and were on our Arrival appointed Ensigns

That in the months of April
and May previous to our Arrival it was thought
advisable by the Honorable the Governor and
Council to make a great promotion of Officers
in consequence of which a number not less
than forty were appointed Ensigns in the
Country without the previous nomination of
Cadet ship by the Court of Directors of whom the
far greater number had never till such appoint-
ment been in the Honble Company's Service

That this measure was so highly
disapproved by the Honble Court of Directors
as

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As being prejudicial to Cadets of their own Nation, that one of their late general Letters contained a positive order for the total dismissal from their service of every Officer made in the above manner since the 1st Jan^y 1777.

That this order has not been put in execution from motives of Justice and Humanity in the Honble the Governor and Council our would we be understood to suggest a wish for its being done as it would deprive many deserving Individuals of Prospects, which the Service they have had an Opportunity of being engaged in, justly entitles them to.

That however we cannot help thinking ourselves entitled to rank above these Gentlemen, and therefore pray we be added ourself and the other Europe Cadets of the same Year now absent from the Presidency that our names may in the List of the Army be restored to the Natural order viz^t that the first Cadet in our List shall succeed immediately the last of the Preceding Year as they shall appear by the authenticated list in the Military Secretarys Office. But that nevertheless if any other Officer should be affected by this, whose nomination of Cadet were in the Countryway prior to ours in England, we do not wish such to be decided.

We are encouraged to hope our request will not be deemed unreasonable

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as in a similar case the Europe Cadets of 1778. have lately been allowed a priority of Rank to near twenty Officers made before them in the country and it seems to have been the shortcoming Idea with respect to Officers made in the same Year, that those appointed Cadets in Europe were ever intitled to a Seniority.

We have the Honor to be with the
Greatest Respect

Yr

Your faithful and

Very Obedient humble Serv^t

J. F. & Griffin

Char^s Shewles

John Munro

Thos Gorey

Thos James

Madras 8th
December 1780.

Not complied with.

In consideration of the Companies Com-
mand the Comonittee on the 29th of June last
issued a General Order tending to establish a
Priority of Rank in all Cadets appointed in Europe
to those nominated in this Country during the
same Year, and from that Period. Resolved, that
the same should be observed in future. To
go further back, would be to open the door to
endless Application, as in every season during
these many Years past. The cases of these
Gentlemen may be pleaded by others in
support of an Alteration of present Rank agreed
therefore that the Petition of those Officers to the
Commander

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Commander in Chief be not complied with
The Commander in Chief lays
before the Committee the case of Dewan Sing &
family which he recommends to their con-
sideration the following

Dewan Sing Commandant of
the Invalid Sepoys, whose services to the Company
for a series of 30 years have been highly meri-
torious and distinguished is now greatly strait-
ened in his circumstances by his pay being
of itself inadequate to the Maintenance of his
own large Family and those of his three Brothers
The eldest of whom Parvata Sing died only a few
Months ago and was also a Commandant in the
Invalid Sepoys, which Station he held in con-
sequence of his faithful services, the second
a Subedar died at Fort St. George and the third
a Subedar likewise was killed in the action with
Colonel Paillie. These families have thereby
been thrown on Dewan Sing for support, who
having already experienced in the most liberal
sense the Bounty of His Noble Masters. Now
begs leave to solicit that the pay of his deceased
Brother Parvata Sing may be continued to his
Son for the Maintenance of those Families
This Boy, the two Sons of Dewan Sing and the
son of Chatia Sing who died at Fort St. George
are very promising. One of them a few
Years will be fit to join a Battalion or
the meantime, Dewan Sing will train them
up for the Service, and as they have already

upwards of 6/

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Compte Sir & Mrs

Honble Mr. Speaker

Apr 11 1881

Gilbert Parker

Wm. P. C. 2

From Surgeon General
concerning Meloprasin
and by Mr. Sahajan

For. N. Surge
19 December 1780

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Order thereon

Ordered that the Bill of Mr. Mahajan as entered
in a former Committee be paid
The Secretary lays before the Committee the following
Letter & Account from Doctor Butman.

To Rich^d. Jas^t. Sullivan Esq^r

Military Secretary

Sir

Be pleased to lay before the Honble Board the
enclosed Bill for Payment & then with Oblige

*From Mr Butman
with an account*

Y^r

Your most Obedient Servant Jas^t
Job Butman

The Honble Company

To Job Butman

To Meduines, druggs, servants, wine, Arrack Vinegar
Other necessaries for the sick & wounded Europeans and
whoops under the command of Capt. Pendergast for the Month of
Sept^r October & part of November 1780

By Cash received of Capt. Pendergast

Job Butman

Pendergast

20-
Mar Pay 580-

to be paid

Edw^d. Pasley Jas^t Sec^y

Ordered that the amount be paid

The President proposed
that a letter as entered in Country
Correspondence No 140 be sent to the differ-
ent

F.S.G.
18th Dec^r. 1780

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Different Polygons which is agreed to and
Ordered accordingly.

Charles Smith

John! Robinson

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21st The following letters having ^{been} received are ordered
to be entered on the Diary, at the close of this Year

To Chas Oakes Esq^r

Military Secretary

Sir

This serves to enclose you some Muster
Returns Casualties, and Bounty Lists for the Use
of the Register Office.

Many apology is necessary I trust
You will make it for me to the Honble Committee
as by the constant hard marching of the Troops I
found it difficult to prepare my papers for the Com-
missary General of the Bengal Army

I before informed the Honble Committee
of Mr. Ant^y Hammonds decease the 1st of June and of
the Generals desire I would deliver in his Account of
Receipts for Money from the Bengal Treasury to
the Bengal Paymaster General, which I have
accordingly done, under whom I act, so soon as I can
possibly procure Money, I shall endeavor to return
the Money advanced to the Artillery, Infantry &
Sepoys to Mess^{rs} Hamilton & Munroe, but at present
we are very much in arrears and I am afraid
shall continue so. You may rest assured I shall
attend diligently to the employ Gen^l Goddard has per-
mitted me to act in. I am with Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Edw^d Hoove

Commissary

Camp near

Surat 2nd Aug^r 1780

