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To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.
President &c. Members of the Select Committee
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir Sirs

I have been honored with your
Letter of the 20th Ultimo, and your Orders through
Mr Secretary Cahely of the 25 by the Ship Elizabeth,
which arrived here the 30th Ultimo, and the Weather
happening to be moderate the stores were all
safely landed the next day, and she sailed for Bom-
bay the 2nd Inst. The 100 Chests of Arms and 4 bags
of stores for Palamcotah were immediately for-
warded in a Boat to Tuticorin with a letter
from me to Mr Angebeck, recommending them
to his care, and I wrote to the commanding Officer
at Palamcotah advising him of my having done so.
The stores and cloathing for Tanjour & Trichinopoly
were forwarded under the same escort with
most of the Load. That the that remained of the last
conignment of stores by the Elizabeth.

Vellapillai is still at Negapatam
but I have reason to believe he will soon be sent
back to Hyder Ally, and that it's being so long
delayed proceeds from their having arisen a
difference of Opinion amongst the members of
Council concerning the letter or Instructions
proposed to be given to him. I do not look upon
Vellapillai to be literally a Vassal from Hyder
Ally, but I am convinced he brought a letter a
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on Letters from Hyder to the Governor and I strongly suspect that the answer should it be intercepted, will be found to contain matters not consistent with the Friendship and alliance subsisting between Great Britain and the states. I shall therefore intercept him on his way through these Bounds to Hyders Camp and detain him till I receive your further orders unless upon examining his Papers I should find nothing to justify such detention.

The Elizabeth not having returned again to the Presidency there will be no opportunity of sending Mr daubigny thither till the Month of February when I shall gladly execute your Orders for that purpose. In the mean while I shall cause him to be narrowly watch, and put him in confinement the moment I have proof of his holding any correspondence with the Enemy.

Having received Intelligence a few days since from Tranquebar, that a French Gentleman of the name of Savallier had just left that place to go and live at Pondicherry, as he gave out, but was supposed with an Intention of proceeding to Hyders Camp. I wrote advice of it to Mr Cuming that he might use his endeavors to take him as he passed by Cuddalore.

All the French that were employed under that Government at Pondicherry

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which I cannot help thinking an unreasonable
burthen to the Company, I should your Honor
be pleased to order me to discontinue it
I've leave to recommend that the Pay to
Mr De Hitory / the Drm Council under Mr
De Boistel / be excepted as he is a worthy Man
and as a very large Family with Indigent cir-
cumstances.

As it seems probable that the French
should they venture to the Coast in the absence
of our Fleet may attempt to land at Carical, I
have ordered all the Chetings belonging to that
place to be removed to Nagore

I reciev'd Intelligence yesterday
that the Enemy intend shortly to attack
Chillumbrum, and have already assembled for
that purpose 300 Sepoys besides 3 regulars, 12
or 14 Guns, and a few Topasses, under the command
of two French Men. They expect to be joined by a
Body of Horse and 200 or 300 more Sepoys. My
Honorables have transmitted some accounts of
various Skirmishes in that Country between
the Nabob's and Hyder's troops which I have not
thought of sufficient consequence to merit your
attention.

As your Honor has not forbidden
me to make use of the Money subscribed here to
a loan of Cash to the Honble Company I purpose
issuing part of it the 15 Inst for the payment of
last Month unless I should in the mean while

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receive your Orders to the contrary. Our Expenses
will now be considerably less than they have
been for some time past, as our Fort or Redoubt
is entirely finished, and I have the pleasure
to assure You that it is rendered so strong by
its advantageous situation, the Abbatis round
the two sides that are not protected by the town
and the Breast work extending from it to the
Sea that we have nothing to apprehend from
any Body of Horse or Foot the Enemy can
bring against us, and even with Guns, I am
convinced they would not find an easy con-
quest. I have the Honor to be with the greatest
Respect

Nagore 7 Novr 1780.

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

J. Hubberton.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r President
Governor &c^{ts} Select Committee
Honble Sir & Mrs Fort St George

I have the honor to inform
You that I arrived here the 3rd Inst^l without
any Impediment, while at Tranquebar
I was informed that three or four hundred
of Nijders Sipoy had passed the Coleroon
and had advanced to Maraveram what
is the first Stage from Tranquebar but
upon sending my own People out this
information was confirmed.

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proceeded on my Journey here however I found it true that a number of Hyder's Sepoys had passed into this Country, for so Captain Bunnor informed me, he said they had taken possession of the Village of Acheiapuram and another boundary on the Sheally District, both of which although on this side the Coleroon belonged to the Nabob that they had advanced no further nor committed any depredations on the Tanjore people, the Rajah it seems had objected to any force being collected to drive them out on the plea that although it might be a very easy matter to dislodge them now on this side the River, the Force in this Country was by no means equal to support the probable consequences, that he wished to keep trouble out of his Country as long as he could besides that his Revenue would greatly suffer by the removal of any of the Sepoys from their present Stations, and he thought it impolitical to risk the savage and Devastation which would of consequence follow. As the Sepoys were to be employed at the requisition of the Rajah. Captain Bunnor took no farther step in the Business, and I do not find that the Commandant of Tanjore had any knowledge of the matter or if he had no conference with the Rajah on the Subject, but in my Opinion it was highly improper to leave Hyder in quiet possession of both sides of the River & the Paper Boats of course.

2^d Being a little indisposed the day after my

on the

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after my Arrival, and the Rajah being anxious
to see my letter from the Governor I sent Mr
Sampson with it, and waited upon myself
the next Evening by appointment he professed
the warmest obligations to the Company and the
strongest Attachment, adding that he and the
Nobles Company had but one common interest
in this Country that he therefore hoped for their
ardent Exertions for its security, as nothing
but keeping the Enemy out of it would make
him able to keep his Engagements to them
not having any treasury or other means of
doing it, but by converting Crops into Cash
he could, he was pleased to consider my being
sent here with Capt. Lamotte, and Wood as
a mark of beginning attention towards him
and was well pleased to hear of the Order I
had to raise a Company of Artillery for the
defence of this Fort he lamented much the
want of Troops here, as the Enemy would undoubtedly
besiege his Army here as soon as the River
fell and we had nothing to prevent him. He
repeatedly mentioned that there now allotted
for the security and protection of his Country for
very short in Quality and Numbers of those
intended for his Country in time of Peace
He represented his people as tenacious of their
Money to the last degree however service they
might be in other respects, and that nothing but
an absolute present force would ever induce
them to pay his

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stranger they would appear from their
Mutilation to be ready to sacrifice their
lives, and he insisted that little short of two
thousand Sepoys constantly distributed up
and down the country were adequate to the
more collection of the revenues, and that not a
man of them could be moved from the villages—
were they now are, without a loss, and he added
that the smallness of the Pay of the Servants were
such, that the desertions from them were continu-
al and indeed some of the Subdars declared to
me as I passed along that their people must
either beg or steal as they could not subsist on
their Pay.

3rd I took an Opportunity to speak to the Raja
concerning cavalry, he assured me, had not
forty Horses which were equal to a days march
Upon enquiry I find this to be nearly the case
however I should suppose that many good
Horses might be collected in the whole of the
Sangore Country.

4th I was happy in being able to remove the
apprehensions of the Rajah in regard to the
smallness of the Force here by the assurances I
gave him of the strong reinforcement coming
here by Sea, and made it clear to him they
would be here long before his Country could be
practicable he seemed to think himself much
Obliged in that so large a Force was now allotted
for his security, and said if the Europeans were
wanted for any service he would not complain in

about the

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if a part of them had some other destination
so that I hope to be able to furnish the Garrison
to the Southward.

5th The Rajah has certainly reason on his side
when he alleges the want of force, for the Amildars
of his Country as I perceive act independantly and
generally in Opposition to each others Interest
particularly in the matter of turning Waterwheel
daily sets the Villagers in Arms but when Sepoys
are called in the Amildar on the other side soon
comes to a Settlement, for the Sepoys will not fight
against each other, and the Business is said to
be reported to the Commanding Officer here
which is what both the Amildars and the Palace
wish to avoid, each Amildar therefore having com-
pans Sepoys to call upon prevents a great
many Disputes & Frauds. This situation of the
Country and the disposition of the People being
such as according to the descriptions of the Rajah
requires a constant present force to overawe them
into their duty and the frequent invasions of the
Neighbouring Collieries witness the necessity of
having 1500 or 2000 Sepoys dispersed in small bodies
about the Country, the Rajah speaks and seems
with truth, that they cannot without loss and confu-
sion be absent one week from their several stations
so the present Establishment of Vivandars is more
than adequate to the purposes of the Revenue and
will never be in a situation to be made even in
part useful toward the Military defence of the
Country.

inclosed

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Country. I have the Honor to enclose you a Copy
of a Detail of them given to me by Captain Burrows
by which you will see how few he has with him
these moreover are recruits and he thinks not so as
to discipline to any effect as they are constantly
called for, for little Businesses in the Neighbourhood.
indeed Captain Burrows told me that any
attempts to discipline them on their present pay
would be fruitless that they were much dissatisfi-
ed and disappointed having expected a Battalion
from the country which no Amildar will pay to them
nor indeed since their first dispersion has he
been ever able to collect them together in any
place it will appear by the enclosed detail that
there are a tolerable Number at some places—
but the fact is there are only the Head Quarters
from whence they are subdivided and sent all
over the district in small parties. It follows that
if this Corps is to do the country Duty, they never
can have any relief so as to be collected even
two or three Companies together either for the pur-
poses of being instructed or disciplined, can they
ever know or be known by their Officers have
any respect for them or even be expected to render
any real Military Service nor can we have
in many Instances any security that the very
Men to whom Clothing Arms and Accoutrements
have been delivered exist, but from the report of
the Amildar or at the Head Quarters of the district
who has by no means Amildars and Naigues
enough

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Naigues enough to detach with every party
and whose reports are often irregularly made
and in many instances perhaps none at
all. As to the Europeans Commanders of Battalions
their Adjutants and Sergeants they remain here
and there must one of them would know where
to find 20 men of the whole corps. and according to
the present plan it is not likely that they will
ever see them again. I was very strenuous
to have called the Six Grenadiers Company
of the Battalion up here to have disciplined
them, but the Rajah assured me of his promise
paid in his payments to the Fort St George Company
some alteration seems necessary greater than
I am willing at once to make, till I have the
opportunity of hearing from your Honors. I
shall therefore leave things as they are for
the present until the country should be actu-
ally invaded, or I should have good reason
to think that Hyder means to reap the
harvest, in either of which cases our force
must be augmented which cannot be so
regularly done as by the augmentation of
pay and numbers in the Sibendi Corps
and the taking a Body of Colteries into
pay, every man we now entertain is a double
gain, it is one increase to us and one prevented
from seeking service with the Enemy. And I
must observe something which may appear trifling
but which has its weight, namely that all

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Suppose receiving the Company's Pay & Commanded by their Officers should be clothed in Red I am convinced the green clothing which this Corps has adopted lessens their Opinion of themselves, lessens their consequence in the Country, where I am convinced nine persons out of Ten suppose them to be Rajahs & suppose unconnected with the Honble Company.

6th I found the Engineer had been busily at work before my Arrival, it seems he has had 6000 Men, Women and Children at work for this some time past, but not before it was high time the fair Weather has enabled him to do a great deal but very much remains yet to be done and your Honors may rest assured no time shall be lost. I must beg leave to observe that I have thought it most proper to take up my abode in the small Fort where at present there is no proper Quarters for the Commanding Officer - the one I am in is no more than a leprothy made barely habitable by walls being inserted between the wooden Pillars, it seems a plan had been determined by Major Stevens for Building a Quarters for the Commanding Officer from the Ground but that would have been attended with much Expence of Money and time, I should suppose for the sum of about 1200 Pagodas the Engineer might make this a very decent Habitation for the Commanding Officer I must therefore request you to permit
That

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that sum to be laid out upon it. at present I am
doing what I can to make it any way suitable
at my own Expence.

As Lieut Dyers Adjutant to the 9th
Battalion of Sepoys is considered to be near
promotion, I am requested by Capt^m Lomelle
Commander of that Battalion to recommend
to Your Honor Lieut Dyce, an Officer whom he
wishes much to fill that Station

I have the Honor to be with

the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & obedient Servant

John. Baithwaite

Sanyore Nov
9th 1780.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Select Committee

Fort St. George

In my ad drop to Your Honor of
19th October I transmitted Intelligence that
Chammagu Boosla had resolved to send Shahu
Command Mahomed Jemadar back to his former
Station at Manickpatam with orders to guard
that pass upon an apprehension raised by the
late movements of the Troops in this District
Shahu Command Mahomed proceeded accom-
panied with a few Horse and after settling some
of his private affairs wrote from Malonde intima-
ting me having a letter to deliver from him

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Master Chimmague Boolla, He arrived at Bangalore and waited upon me Yesterday presenting a letter whereof I have the Honor to enclose a Translate

He had little else to communicate but general assurances of their desire to continue in friendship with the English. And a request that I would withdraw a Guard stationed at Prague a small village in the Paloor Demindary about 9 miles from Bangalore situated on the Beach between Chitica Lake & the Sea, on the direct Road to Cuddach.

I must inform your Honor that about two Month ago, I found there were such numbers of armed Men upon, and these men daily passing this way saying they were discharged or obliged to leave the service at fullam for want of Pay that I thought it but prudent to keep an Havidars Guard at Prague a convenient Station within our own district in order that all passengers particularly those in arms should be reported, I am sure several hundred Men have passed here lately and the most of them said they were going to Chicole, Wogamajom, I made Mafamajor acquainted with the circumstance, who will no doubt take care they are not engaged by Silleram Lawze

After Commant Mahomed had finished what he had to say to me publicly from his Master he told me he had something from past

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to impart which nearly concerned himself. He
then informed me what I had previously learnt
that about a week ago his Brother had been put
to death through Commagies Means at Calcutta.
Thinking his own life in danger he claimed
my Protection. Moumo Commant Mahomed
Brother named Aal Mahomed was a Jemadar
of some Reputation in the Command of Jaffer Abul
The Young Rajah has lately been endeavoring
to prevail upon all his Jemadars to sign Receipts
for one Years Pay without giving them any part
of it. Aal Mahomed resolutely refused to comply
this Example being followed by others the Young
Rajah and his Dewan resented this conduct
and upon a complaint being made to Commagie
against a Trooper belonging to Aal Mahomed
concerning a kept Woman, Moucarrah was
sent to desire Aal Mahomed to send the
Trooper immediately and order also to
attend himself. Aal Mahomed considering
it a trifling matter sent a message which
so enraged the Young Rajah that he gave Orders
for a large party of Horsemen & Sepoys to go
and bring Aal Mahomed by force. A struggle
ensued in which some of the Rajahs People
were killed but Aal Mahomed was overpowered
and cut to pieces. I transmit the copy of a
letter to me from the Moumby at Calcutta giving
some Account of this business.

I told Commant Mahomed that

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that while he remained with me in a publick —
Character he was perfectly safe and that if —
Chimnaque wrote to me concerning him, I should
consider what was proper to be done, at the same time
I told him there did not appear any design
against himself and that he ought not but on
the last Extremity of danger to sacrifice or —
desert his Family his Country and his Property
great part of which he confessed to me was in
Chimnaques Power at Calcutta, that altho the
Rajah might fear his Comaul Mahomed's
Resentment on account of his Brothers Death
yet he might shew a disposition to atone by give
substantial security for the safety of Comaul
Mahomed this Family. The Man seemed satis-
fied and promised not to take any further notice
until he heard from his Friends at Calcutta, in
the Interim he remains here I shall defer
answering Chimnaques Letter

It is not improbable but Chimnaque
may formally demand that Comaul Mahomed
shall be delivered into his Power as a person im-
mediately in his Service, and as in this I am all
cases I wish to know, I act agreeably to your Com-
ments I request your Honor to take the
Matter into consideration and furnish me
with Instructions as soon as possible.

Lieutenant Williams Gent arrived
here a few days ago and I have given him
charge of the Works in which we are making
progress

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great progress.

Cannam
10th Nov 1770

Samwith Respect
Honble Sir Yours
Your very Obedient
Wumble Servant
John Surin.

A Letter from Chinnague Basla Rajah
of Calcutta.

I am the very many Praises
that Shaik Mahomed Commaul bestows
upon you for his polite Reception and
friendly treatment, my heart is exceedingly
glad and may God long continue you to
deserve his Praises.

The good friendship that has
always subsisted between the English and
the Mahorattas, makes me anxious not only
to preserve it but if possible to cement
stronger and make it lasting.

The conversation that passed
between you and Shaik Mahomed Commaul
formerly, he has made me acquainted with
wherefore I have again sent him to explain
himself fully on my part.

I have heard that two Mercarrah
upon their way from Nankpoot, were stopped
near Bicacole, which made their arrival
very late, but I make no doubt that you will
acquaint the Nabob at Bicacole in order
that they may not be molested in future.

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I shall always esteem myself happy in hearing
from You whenever You may do me the Honor

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r

President and Governor & Members of the
Select Committee

Honble Sir & Mrs

Fort St George

I have the pleasure to inform
You we are making considerable progress with
the Fortifications

In my former letter I represented
that I found the Fort without a Parapet the
East North faces almost entirely exposed, the
Glacis on the S and West sides the covered way
all round incomplete and the Curvette in a
manner choked up.

The Parapet is already raised
above three feet all round, the North Glacis nearly
finished, the Curvette upon the East face al-
most excavated to the breadth of twenty seven
feet I had hoped it would have answered
to have cleared the Ditch having a natural
Earth Counterscarp which I designed to have
had turf, but I have seen the experiments
try'd and find the soil is so rotten that it
will not support his own weight and stand the
common pressure of still water for it mounds
away and a few showers of Rain throw down
the Bank, The North, East & South sides of the
Fort appears to be composed of this kind of
loose

parapet

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loose rotten sand & Clay the west side chiefly sand.

About a counter-scarp of some kind must be made; a sod wall four or five feet thick is the only temporary expedient and I find doing it in this way would cost nearly half as much as making a counter-scarp of masonry which will be lasting and in the end infinitely less expensive.

I have consulted with the Engineer who coincides in my opinion & judges the extra counter-scarp would cost about Ten thousand Rupees and at all events as we must bail the water & excavate the Earth I have directed the Engineer at once to complete the counter-scarp with a brick wall.

It would certainly be proper to have Bavalins to defend the two Gates but wishing at present not to expend a Rupee in doing more than is absolutely necessary to put the Fort into a state of Defence I have desired the Engineer to make out a plan & estimate of the cost of the two Bavalins for the mean time we are making places of arms, Pallisades with a sort of Barrier Gates.

From the best Judgement I can form of what has been executed & what remains of what is proposed to be done I do not think the whole expence will exceed fifteen thousand Pagodas and when the consequence of this Frontier Garrison is

reformed

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is considered I hope Your Honor will think
the Money well bestowed: I have every reason
to be satisfied with Mr Gaults Assiduity & Abilities
but I superintend every thing myself & you
may depend upon the strictest Economy
being observed

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant.

John Turing.

Duplicate!

To John Turing Esq.
Chief of Ganjam

Sir

In compliance with your desire
We now beg leave to give you the Particulars of
our capture by a French Privateer, On the 6th Dec^r
in the Morning we saw a sail bearing South
East of us under Dutch Colours in the Latitude
of 17.20 North by our Observation at Noon and
three degrees west of the Meridian we continued
our course till about five in the Evening
when he came within hail of us & upon our
having answered we were an English from
Pegue, bound for Bengal he hauled down
his Dutch Colours, and hoisted French and
ordered us to strike, this proved to be a French
Privateer commanded by M^r de Champdon
mounting 18 Six pounders & eight Swivel
with

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60 Europeans and 40 Officers on board, the Capt.
informed us that he had been in the straits
of Malacca but lost from the Nigraes where he
was to have rendezvoused with a consort Privateer
of 40 Guns, but seeing us he gave chase and did
not wait for her arrival. We understood their
Intention had they met was to proceed to
Batisore Roads to intercept our Ships from
China and those going from Bengal to Madras
They informed us also that there are 10 Ships
of the Line & frigates of 40 Guns each and 5
or 10 Vessels from twenty to thirty Guns each
at the Mauritius all completely Manned
& that they only waited the Arrival of 4 or 7
Gun Ships daily expected from Europe to
proceed to the Malabar Coast. A ship of 50 Guns
and 350 men was laying at Murovy the
Imperial Settlement at the Musbam -
waiting for our homeward bound Indiamen

We are
Sir

Your very Obedient Able Serv^{ts}
[Signed] John Oxen
James Collier.

Ganjam
14 Decr 1700

To the Hon^{ble} John Whitehall Esq^r
President & Governor &c. Select Committee
Honble Sir & Srs.

The moment I was honored

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honored with your Command in respect to the forming
Battalions for the Company's Service from the
Nabob, I soon communicated the same to His Highness
Manager, and Nunta; but as the Nabob's order to them
on that subject was omitted to be enclosed, as mentioned
in your Honors Letter, I found much difficulty in
persuading them to give the necessary Directions
however they at length agreed, and I acquainted
the Black Officers with the terms leaving out only
the word Endeavor, because I thought it would retard
and defeat the intent of the whole, and they being
satisfied to receive their Arms after the War is
over, if they behave themselves well, I would not
doubt the Governor Councils Endeavors being
effectual, therefore did not choose to alarm on that
score.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you
that one and all of them, received the proposal
with every demonstration of the utmost satis-
faction & I conceive the highest hopes of having
two Excellent Battalions ready by the open-
ing of the Campaign for the Company's Service,
provided the Nabob's Orders arrive in time, for
notwithstanding the promises they made me,
Experience tells me, that without that Order
there will be infinite Obstacles thrown in my
way.

Mr Madalston writes me that the Arms
of which you enclosed me a list are arrived
at Majore and will be immediately dispatched
for

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For Intercourse. I return your Honor thanks
for your Indulgence in the nomination of
an Adjutant, at the same time I assure you
the good of the service was my chief motive
for presuming to request it. Mr Abraham
Jervis, at present in the Madras Service, is
the person, and if I may trespass on your
goodness, I would wish he was made a Cadet
in the Companies Service

If a few Sergeants could be spared from
the Battalions at Tanjore for the two new ones
formed once, I presume it would be for the good of
the Service permit me also to put your Honor
in mind of Ordering clothing for them, to be
sent to Tuticorin

I have the Honor to be with the
Greatest Respect

Pasumestah
Nov^r 11th 1780

Honble Sir & Mrs
Your most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
James Edington.

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

Honble Sir & Mrs Fort St. George

I have the honor to enclose
Copy of a letter I received last Night from the
Governor General with my answer, and I

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Answer, and Instructions to Lieut Greenwell in
Consequence.

It is commonly reported that Chimmague
Boosla, is preparing to return with the greatest
part of his Troops to Nagpore, but to avoid the incon-
venience attending a march through the Hills
by Duncanpet and Saralapur, he wishes to
pass this District and turn off by Chicacote -
such a Route marching through a Country, even
as Friends would be very injurious, and yet
if we take the liberty with them, they may
expect the same Indulgence from us. I do not
write from certain Information, but in
case such a Request was made by Chimmague
I should be rather at a loss. my Wish is of course
to prevent their Entering our District, and to
oblige them to return the way they came.

Camul Mahomed is here,
the Circumstances of his Brother's Death has
alarmed the other Zemidars, which makes
Chimmague and his Ministers anxious to
accommodate matters to the Satisfaction of
Camul Mahomed, who only wants substantial
Security for his safety.

I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Yours very Obedient

Humble Servant

John Turing.

To

Panjam
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To John Turing Esq.

Sir

As it is proposed to send a Detachment from hence into the Carnatic under the command of Colonel Pearce, I have to request you will be pleased to make every preparation to supply him plentifully with Provisions on his March through your districts and that you will make the Roads from Ganjam to Cuttack be examined and report to me as soon as possible the state they are in

Fort William
8 Novr 1780

I am Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

(Signed) Warren Hastings

P.S. I wish to have the Names of every place between Ganjam & Cuttack with their distances from each other, and the particulars of the Road between each place

(Witnessed) John Turing

To the Honble Warren Hastings
Governor General of
Fort William
Honble Sir,

I have received your letter of the 8th Instant and in consequence have pitched on an Intelligent Officer who also understands the

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Country Languages, to examine the Route between
Ganjam and Cuttack, I take the liberty to enclose
a copy of my Instructions upon the Occasion

I shall take measures to supply
the detachment with Provisions on their march
through this District but I wish to be informed
of the number that preparations may be made
accordingly. After entering our own District I
submit to You the expediency of ordering
them to March in Divisions that the Troops
may be more easily furnished with what
ever may be necessary

I am with Respect

Honble Sir

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

John Turing

Ganjam 18th
November 1780.

[A true copy]
To Lieut John Greenwell

Sir

A Detachment of Troops from Bengal
are to pass this way on their March to the Southward
and as the Governor General wishes to know the
Route between Ganjam & Cuttack, I am to -
desire you will proceed on this service and examine
and specify the name of the Place, the Distance
between each, the state of the Road, what is any
particular convenient situation for Encamping
and where the Troops can be most easily supplied
with

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are/ supplied with Provisions. You will also enquire what Boats upon the different Rivers and whether more can be provided that the Troops may not be unnecessarily detained

You will use all possible Expedition and that no time may be lost I desire upon your arrival at Muttack that you will send a Report of your Examination addressed to the Governor General

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(A true Copy) John Turing

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

On a review of the state of this Garrison, its Extent and its situation and the possibility that in the approaching months of fair weather, and to wit, that an European Enemy may land 5 or 600 Men with a view to plunder the place only, and capture the Garrison; being weaker than any English settlement North or South except the small factories; We have been induced among other regulations for its defence to commence Stockading the Fort, and to erect

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erect Fascine Batteries which we hope to complete by the 15th of next Month at a very trivial Charge as the work of pulling down Palmira and making the Batteries is performed by People on the Company's pay. We have also fixed upon Cozum Cota in the Travilly as a proper station for five or seven Companies of the first Battalion and as that place is only at the distance of a few Maut from hence, by Establishing signals, this Garrison can be strengthened, by the whole force of that Cantonment, in seven or eight hours from the appearance of danger; for with the Troops in Vizagapatam which will consist by the 1st of next Month of 75 or 80 European and 2000 Infantry; Three Companies of regular Sepoys and three Companies of Sivendy; with 50 Lascars exercised to the use of Guns, we Imagine we shall be able with the defence of the Rock to resist any but a very large Force until relieved first by the Troops at Carimotah and ultimately by those at Chicutole it may be urged in opposition to the station at Cozum Cota that there is a Cantonment at no great distance; it is true, it will answer the purpose of checking if not resisting attacks from the Northward or Westward, but being 20 Miles from hence, before advice could arrive there of any immediate danger to this place and before we could get relief there would arise a lapse of 4 or 5 days, whereas that Inconvenience

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is removed by a Force being at Cospem Cotah,
which is, besides, a necessary station to keep the
Hill Zemindars and Sattaram Peons to the South
ward in order; the former are at this time with diffi-
culty, restrained from committing depredations
on the low lands, unawed by the distance at
which the regular Troops are, from them
For these reasons we flatter ourselves your
Honors & will approve of this arrangement
we really conceive also, that it may effectually
answer the end of repelling any Invasion by
Sea, such as before suggested, that such a station
may so check the Intentions of the Hill Zemin-
dars to the Southward, as to prevent expeditions
against them, as we can assure that the Expense
attending this Arrangement, will be a much less
more, than the difference of half Balta to the
Commanding Officer, as there is sufficient room for
the Officers and Sepoys at Cospem Cotah, as there
can arise no Charge but what new Thatching
a few old Houses will amount to.

Yours with great Respect
Honble Sir & Mrs
Your most Obedient & faithful humble servant
Jas Wilson Major
H. T. Crawford
Nathl. Boulton
Chas. Maystone

Vizagapatam
26 November 1700

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The taking of Chellumbrum
having I fear rendered it impracticable for the
Tappies to pass any longer to Madrasore. I dispatched
an Hircarrak in disguise with this Letter to —
convey to your Honors & some Intelligence relative
to the public Service.

I had upsed a Letter to your
Honor &c the 7th the particulars of which I have
not room to repeat here but the most material
part of it was, that the 400 Chests of Arms and Staff
of stores, landed from the Elizabeth for Palamcottah
where immediately forwarded to Tuticorin with
a letter from me to the Governor of that place
recommending them to his care and that I had
advised the commanding Officer at Palamcottah of my
having done so. I should have added that I had sent
a Naigue with the Arms and furnished him with a
Passport written in English and the Country
Languages. I have now to inform your Honors &c
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
Chilings off Amapatnam a village in the Tanjore
Country, a little on this Side Pondy. That the
Sails of the boat were immediately carried on
Shore

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Three and some of the robbers were sent to collect People to remove the Arms. I immediately dispatched an Express Tappall to Colonel Braithwaite with the Intelligence that he might use his Endeavors to effect the recovery or release of the Arms, he has wrote me in reply that he has no reason to believe that any of the Tanjore People have concern in the matter, that Amapatnam or Amasatnam is on the confines of the Mraiva Country, that the moment he received any letter he dispatched Orders to the nearest Subedar of the Circars to collect 50 of them and to proceed to Amapatnam and procure the release of the Boat, and conduct her safe to Tuticorin or back to Amapatnam or Majore but he feared it would be too late as the Robbers no doubt would be expeditious in landing the Arms and dispersing them in the Woods, that he has ordered the Officer commanding a company from Cochinopoly going to Amapatnam to escort the Powder, to support the Boat 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 Guard in the Boat with the Arms, altho I am not in the smallest degree conscious of deserving it, for I never heard there was the least Danger from Enemy in sending stores to the Southward from hence by Sea, and I

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submit to your Honor & whether I had reason to suspect any in the present case, when I heard that many Boats had passed lately without any Guard from hence the same way and arrived safe at Tuticorin, particularly a Boat which carried Mr. Squire the Paymaster of Palamcottah with some lead for Mr. Garrison, another afterwards with his Baggage and a third with Major Davidson's Baggage. Had I suspected any danger, I would most assuredly have sent 200 Sepoys in the Boat tho' the small force here could very ill bear such a deduction permit me now to mention to your Honor &c. that the Danish Factors at Tranquebar, have 6000 Munds of Rums any part of which they would be very glad to dispose of privately, should you therefore 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 &c. that about 8 days since a Body of the Enemy from Putt Naia consisting of 7000 Sepoys of which not more than 300 were regularly clothed and armed a few Topasses and 2 or 3 Guns, some accounts say 16, with 2 French Officers and a Mr. Savallies from Tranquebar, attacked the Fort or Pagoda of Chittumbrum which surrendered after a very slight resistance the Enemy at Chittumbrum have since been reinforced, and my Nicavrah who was at Chittumbrum before, and is now stationed very near it just on this side the Coleroon, writes me that they are looting that River near Uthiavaram

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Muniveram and moved to Tumbach when they intend to embark in Boats and land at Carical, that they leave their Guns at Chidambaram excepting 3 or 4 small Crap mus which they bring with them and that another part of the Enemy are preparing to embark at Porto Novo. Various accounts have been received particularly by Mr McKintosh at Tranquebar and Colonel Braithwaite at Tanjore all confirming the above Intelligence so 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 Novo has written a Letter to Mr Deputay the French second at Carical telling him that his Master has sent him Orders to take possession of Carical and Nijore and desiring him to communicate the same to the Inhabitants and assure them that they would not be molested. Affairs being thus situated I have caused every Frenchman at Carical to be immediately brought hither to Mr Deputay and all except Mr Daubigny I shall give permission to live at Negapatam provided they will sign a Parole not to move from thence without my leave nor to hold Correspondence, directly or indirectly, with the Enemy. Mr Daubigny I shall send to Tanjore as he has already twice broken his Parole to the English and altho he has received sub-

stance

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Subsistance from them ever since the capture of Pondicherry, I have scarcely a doubt of his having Correspondence with the Enemy and very probably encouraged them to come to Carical. We are making every necessary preparation here. I have ordered out stock of Provisions to be increased to a quantity sufficient for 2 Months. The redoubt sustained some damage from the late heavy rains, which is now repaired and we are strengthening it with a second stockade of Palmyras on the River face, and a sort of Glacis on the land side. I have consented to entertain 40 Polygar Matchlock Men and Pikemen at the Expence of 1 Pay. M^o Diem, and I intend ordering in 40 or 50 Servendy Peons from Hualore. I shall also propose to Colonel Nixon his sending hither some Artillery Men that your Hon^r I have read 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 begins to shift to the Southward. In fine I beg your Hon^r to be assured that every proper measure shall be taken and should the Enemy venture to Nagore, which I do not think they will, I have no doubt Chatur shall be able to defend ourselves effectually, and secure the Company's Property but I cannot help lamenting that it may be out of our Power to prevent their plundering and perhaps this large commercial Town, as well as laying waste the district to the ruin of a better Crop by all accounts, than this Country has produced for these ten years past. If we had five

destroying

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two 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 Novo
and Chellumbrum, would not venture to cross the
River, or if they did would surely repent it. undoubt-
ing the Number of Men in this Country and its not
being than two days march from Tanjore. I am
inclined to doubt notwithstanding or many con-
current Reports, whether the Enemy will venture
at this time to Carical, for should the Commanding
Officer of Tanjore be able and think himself au-
thorised to detach a Battalion of Sepoys or, even
but 8 Companies to attack them there in conjunction
with our Companies, it would be impossible for them
in case of being defeated of which there would be little
doubt, to retrace the Coleroon or even that branch
of the Cover, which forms the River at Tranquar.
I shall address Colonel Braithwaite on the subject
from a sense of the very great loss the Company
would sustain both in Credit and Revenue from
abandoning to a contemptible Enemy two fortresses
capable of yielding full 70,000 Pagodas and one
of the most considerable commercial Towns on
this side of India. Since writing thus far I
have received more certain Account of the
Enemy's force and its disposition, namely 600
Regular Sepoys at Porto Novo 400 at Chellumbrum
about 2 or 300 gone to take Palamistah a Fort
15 Miles West of Chellumbrum which from the
late dastardly behaviour of the Nabob's People
at that place I conclude will be surrendered to

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surrendered to them! and 200 Sivendy sepoys but
armed with Firelocks at Atravaram on this side
the river, from this Account which is more Authent-
ic than any before received, I am more inclined to
think that the Enemy will hardly venture at
this time to Caricall and if Colonel Braithwaite
can assist us with even 3 Companies. Captain
Hughes concurs with me in Opinion that the
Troops may march to Cancale 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 Obedt M^{ts} Servant

J Huddleston

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P.S. I have this moment received Advice from
Colonel Braithwaite that he has added 100 Sivendy
Grenadiers to his force at Atravaram which make
it now consist of 300 that those stationed at Maya-
veram have orders to join them upon call that
he has sent Ensign Cameron a very discreet
Officer to command 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. Braithwaite with I am persuaded
will concert the Enemy and make them drop
all thoughts of they ever had any of proceeding to
Caricall or should they venture on this side
the River, there being no means of reinforcing
them, or supporting them by any effectual division

which

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diversion, I shall have great hopes that they will
be cut off to a Man if Col: Braithwaite can draw
an considerable detachment from his Garrison

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq
President & Members of the Select Committee at
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Having detained my Messengers
until to day in hourly expectation of receiving
material Intelligence, I now forward copy of a letter
to me from Col: Braithwaite with my answer
thereto, which I hope your Honor & will approve
every report confirms the Enemy's Intention of
proceeding to Carical and there districts and if
Captain Burrows, pursue them better than
very few of them will repay the loss, but I
hope Colonel Braithwaite will make an
addition to his regular force. I have the
Honor to be with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servt.

J. Huddleston

To John Huddleston Esq
Resident at Nagore.

Sir

As I consider the most effectual Method
of securing to the Honble Company their possessi-
ons at Nagore and Carical, and to the Rajah a
proper

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prospect of deriving benefit from the present both
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
regulars and two Field Pieces, and hope to add
to these in a few days four or five thousand
Militia, with this Force I have no doubt of
securing this whole Country 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 or 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 to whom I shall give the
Command of this Detachment, and I would in
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
Cloathing for the 1st Battalion, and am
Sir

Tanjour 20th / Copy / Your very Obedient Servant
November 1780. / signed / John Braithwaite

To Col^l John Braithwaite
Commanding at
Tanjour

Sir

I am this moment favored with yours
of this days date. I conclude written Yesterday

doubt

with

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Yesterday. In consequence of certain Information
that the Enemy from Porto Nova Delitumtum
have intention of proceeding this way and
taking possession of Carickal, and that three or
400 of them have actually passed the Coleroon
I was composing a letter to You when your
Sloop arrived, in which I meant to have
represented the great loss the Company would
sustain, by abandoning Carickal and those
valuable Districts to the Ravages of the
Enemy, and to have solicited the Assistance of
4 or 5 Companies of Sepoys, which added to the
Force here, would not only I hope enable us to
keep possession of Carickal but materially
assist your endeavors to cut off the Enemy's
Retreat. Your letter agreeably anticipates
my Intentions and I shall most readily
comply with your Recommendation of sending the
Company of Grenadiers here to join your De-
tachment under Capt. Burrowes & direct the
Officers to obey such Orders as he shall receive
from him, in the fullest confidence that the
Company may be returned whenever I may
require it, and that you will Order Captain
Burrowes to proceed to Carickal, should he hear
upon his Arrival at Sheally that the Enemy
are gone that way, which I think very probable
from the time it must take to March from Tanjore
to Sheally, with Guns at this Season. You can
me to send the Company without loss of time
to Sheally, but as I have certain Intelligence

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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 unsafe to send them until I hear how far Captain Barrowes is advanced and the commanding Officer here entirely concurs with me in that Opinion. The Company therefore shall be held in readiness to march at a moment's warning and I shall immediately dispatch a Hircarrak to Captⁿ Barrowes with a letter desiring him to Inform me when and by what Route he thinks they may proceed. I must now Inform You that I have just learnt that a Man named Ram Chunder Naigue who lived in this Country part of the Time that Mr Petrie was Resident, has been to Hyder's Camp, and offered to send a Body of his Troops to Rivalore. He brings over the Inhabitants with whom he pretends to have great Influence. That Hyder has ordered his Officer at Porto Nova to follow his Ram Chunder Naigue's orders and direction, and that in consequence Wharfs are already prepared at Porto Nova to transport the Troops, as far as Carical by sea. I have also intelligence that the Dutch have received a letter from the Commandant at Porto Novo, apprizing them of his Intention of coming into this Country, & desiring them to cause Flags to be fix'd 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 on I apprehend You will think it necessary to increase the Number of

desiring

advice

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of Regular Troops with Captains Bannows
Tam

Sir

Yours most Obedient servant
/Signed/ J Huddleston

Nagore
20 Nov. 1780.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I think it my Duty to acquaint
you of the Enemies having taken Possession of
Carnatic Gurr on or before the 11th Inst. being
betrayed by the Killidar, who refusing to
supply the Garrison with Money or Grain
they left it to the Enemy took possession without
Opposition, about 3 or 400 Horse arrived here a
few days ago from Hyder Camp, at Sivamam
7 Miles from hence and are gone towards Chillumbar
it is said to collect Grain from hence to the Enemy's
Camp. A fellow belonging to this Country whom
Hyder has appointed a Cornman and has having
procured some small Arms. Four or five small
Guns at Pondicherry has raised about 1000 or
1500 Men with which he has taken possession
of all the Country from hence to the Sea Coast
and is collecting Grain and other Articles to
supply the Enemies Camp. I think it neces-
sary also to advise the Noble Board that it will
not be in my Power to subsid this Garrison

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about

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Garrison after this Month should therefore be glad they would order a supply of Muck from Tuckinndry if there is not a probability of the Road being clear by next Month, which may be escorted without danger by a Company or two of Sepoys the Enemy having no force of any consequence on that side at present.

Tyagar November
28th 1780.

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient M^{le} Servant

G Roberts.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor & Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honored with the Duplicate of your letter of the 26th Ult enclosing another from Amier to the Fouzdar of this Country which was omitted in the first letter. I have the Grievance which in my humble Opinion ought to have been putter, there being no mention made of recruiting the Friendly Companies which is made a handle of to retardans completing the two Battalions I have got seven Companies of the Ninth Battalion under my Command the other three are at Choutapatne, where I have sent Lieut Holcott of the 10th Battalion with 3 Companies to relieve them, with a Field Piece the Poligar has in arms, plundering the Country. I have ordered to take possession of the Fort having obtained an Order from the Fouzdar for that purpose, this

him

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It is from its situation a good place for arms and ought to be garrisoned by those that can be trusted; it will also be a check on the most dangerous Polygars. I hope therefore for the Board's approbation in having taken that step on my own. I likewise took this opportunity of writing Captain Scott with despatches for your Honors from the Court of Directors, & near Madras.

I acquainted your Honors, some time ago, of the two Mountain stans of arms being taken by Estevies near Rammeram, which I have will be replaced by your Honors, as soon as possible either to Tuticorin or Anjengo direct. If a Boat to Tuticorin, it will be necessary to go through the Pass of Manam.

I have the pleasure to inform your Honors that the seven Companies of the Mysore last Month Battalion are coming on as fast as I could expect. If I could get the Fougdar to comply with the order I should soon have both Battalions complete and Disciplined; but in place of that, every obstacle is thrown in my way. I can expect to be otherwise than counteracted by the Pender, who has the leading of the Fougdar who I have reason to believe carries on treacherable correspondence with the Enemy; and has been the cause of embroiling the Country in its present confusion. And I beg leave to mention the only Man in the Country who from his own personal Abilities & Influence with the Polygars is fit to be Fougdar of this Country at present. Baber Saib, who I

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I have mentioned to your Honors, having a Brother
in Mysore Service in the Man. I have taken the utmost
pains to know his Character and I am very certain
he may be trusted. At all events were the whole
may be reasonably suspected, he is the person I
will answer for, and as such would recommend your
using your Influence with the Nabob to make him
Gowdar as essential to the Service. I have the Honor
to be, Honble Sir & Sirs

where

to

Palamcottah
November 23rd 1780

Your Respectful Obedient Servant
James Edington

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq

President Governor & Members of the Select Committee

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Council /
at /

I beg leave to enclose you, an
Index of Stores wanting for the use of this
Garrison. I have the Honor to be with the
Greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & Very

Humble Servant

Robert Burches

Accountant

Madura
24th Nov. 1780.

To Chas Cakelley Esq
Sir

I have been duly favored with yours of
the 17th inst. it is some time since I wrote the Honble
Select Committee that Garmatic Curn had been
deserted by the Nabob's people. Since Curn came here

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now, that Gentleman will acquit himself with
great credit, when he has an opportunity of
addressing the Honble Select Committee

Vellore 6th
December 1780.

I am Sir

Your Obedient humble Servant

Profs Lang.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President Governor &c. Members of the

Honble Sir & Mrs

Select Committee
Fort St. George

I am honored with your letter
dated 14th ult. & in consequence have directed Sub
Dunbar to repair to the Presidency

It affords me satisfaction to find
you have been pleased to demand the officers
to Mr Garrison. If an Artillery Officer cannot at
present be spared, I hope one or two good Sergeants
will be sent to assist in the Storehouse & exercising
the Officers & Searants to the Great Guns

I have obeyed your Orders concerning
the Subedar of Shake Mahomed and also wrote
about him to Cutchack

I am making enquiries con-
cerning Chinnam Shells & Irons & shall do
every thing in my power to send you supplies
of Chinnam, Butter & Sheep. I must of necessity
take up Voyels & the owners will expect at least
paddy Freight which will make the Chinnam
turn out dear, when I can come ascertain the

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Quantity of shells that can be procured & the Expence
I shall inform your Honors of all particulars
the generality of these Paday Vessels are small &
cannot carry many Bullocks, another Difficulty
attending their Trans portation will be the want
of Water, for these Vessels have neither Tanks nor
Waterfarks but 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 Calcutta I
now transmit Copy of his Letter to the Governor
Genl with the Route between this place & Calcutta

Mr Hastings by not informing me
the Number of the Detachment & the time of
their Departure from Bengal leaves me at a loss
what provision to make. I find it will be attended
with considerable Expence & shall be obliged from
Distant parts of the Country the different Articles
wanted.

Mr Hastings desires the Troops may
be plentifully supplied. In order to accomplish
this in the best manner & that the Troops may be
furnished and the Inhabitants of the Country not
distressed, I have found it necessary to appoint
Mr D. Russell to their particular service with
orders previously to collect Provisions at the different
Mages & attend the Bengal Detachment thro
this District & Supre by this means the Troops
will be supplied with every thing the District
can

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District can furnish. This is my proposed plan
I shall be glad to meet your approbation; when
I hear of Col^d Pearce's approach, I shall let him
know my Intentions that every thing possible
may be done to his Satisfaction

Have the Honor to transmit you
the returns of Military Stores in this District
for the Month of October

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt^y M^t Serv^t

John Turing

Benjamin
5 Dec^r 1780

Duplicate

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General &c &c

Honble Sir

Fort William

In consequence of a publick letter
from John Turing Esq^r Resident at Benjam
I was directed to proceed from thence to this place
in order to examine the Roads, the names and distances
between each Village the most convenient & easy
places for that supply of Provisions they could afford
for Troops upon my arrival there I presented a
Route thereof to You with a publick letter on the
Subject

Enclosed I have the Honor to send the proposed
Route, specifying the Names of the different Villages
their respective distances & the state of the Roads
which in general are very good, but excepting Ben
place and Hoory there is not another place
suitable

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sufficient to furnish even a single Battalion with provisions, particularly from Manickpatam to Ganjam which is a narrow stripe of Land between the Chulka Lake & 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 the Callicoote Country subject to the company situated upon the Western side of the Lake to transport the Troops across the Neck of the Lake which is embroquet itself into the sea at this place & is about an English Mile broad, as well as to bring pith and wood for the use of the Troops to the different stages of Manickpatam Melagua Mallool Hyppu all situated upon the borders of the Lake where these articles are not to be had. It will be proper also that a Bazaar be provided from Ganjam to meet them at Manickpatam to furnish them from thence to Ganjam and at the different stages between Manickpatam & Ganjam are all near the borders of the Lake it will be easy to have a store of Pith and Ironwood at each place by Boats from the Callicoote Country which is only a few hours sail across the Lake, these Boats will transport 50 Men each with their Arms & Baggage with ease, and the Printer of the Callicoote Seminary informed me he could provide 50 of them if Mr Swartz required them

Should the Troops march with Field Pieces they will find the Road with the

where

borders

Yours truly,
Wm. W. L.

Signed/ J. Greenwell.

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such a supply. The Encamping Ground lies to the Northward of the Village near the banks of the Howary River

banks

From Ballinta to Baulgatty 3 fop a small Village upon the Banks of the Howary River here is an Excellent encamping Ground by the side of the River but a poor Bazaar

From Baulgatty to Pipley 2 fop a pretty good Village there is an encamping Ground to the Southward of the Village with a large Tank & an indifferent Bazaar

From Pipley to Amintapoor 5 fop a Village consisting of a few Banayan Houses there is a large Tank and an indifferent encamping Ground to the Southward of the Village; for about two fop to the Northward of this Place, the Road is rather narrow and woody and should the Troops march with full pieces will require some little assistance from the Mammoosy People.

From Amintapoor to Poory 4 fop 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 & much worn so as to render it rather difficult for

where

cars

There is very good Encamping Ground to the Eastward of the Village and plenty of good Water being the Temple of Jagannath affords a plentiful Bazaar for any number of people

Temple

From Poory to Narainpatam 4 fop the road lies through a loose heavy sand but in other respects very good, the village is small & poor without a Bazaar

Bazaar

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Barabar the encamping ground the lies to the South
ward of the Village with plenty of Water
From Nanningpatam or Manickpatam the Road
is rather sandy there is a spacious encamping
ground to the North East of the Village. There is some
Tanks of good Water this place is without a house
having only a few Boutiques for Travellers.

From Manickpatam to Matagua 5000 Paces
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 places between Manickpatam
and Mallood which is 11000 Paces.

N.B. The Mouth of the Chitka Lake on the Southern
side of Manickpatam what now an English
Mule road must be crossed in large Boats. There is
from the Lake for that purpose as there are
to be found there are infinitely too small. Few
I want not any Number of People. Provisions also
particularlly Mts of Firewood must be provided
as they cannot be supplied any where between
Manickpatam & Chanyam.

From Matagua to Mallood 5000 Paces very good road
here is a very good encamping Ground between
Mallood & the Village of Lubba there are three
Tanks of good Water.

From Mallood to Myazey 4000 Paces very good road
here will be a very good encamping Ground on
the dry Paddy Fields after the Grain is cut off
but they must encamp on the sandy Plain
between

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between the Village and the Sea there are three
Fountains of good water.

From Pyagge to Chayam Slope very good Road
If the above Slopes may be computed at about
two English Miles & a quarter each.

A true Copy John Turing

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq

President Governor &c. Members of the Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir I Sir

I have just received the following
Intelligence from Lieut Greenwell dated at Cuddac
14th Inst.

"Chennappa with the whole Army have
been assembling for some days past and are now
encamped about 10 Mps to the North East of this place.
They have entertained every fellow that had but
the Name of Horse and I believe there is no doubt
but their Intentions are against Bengal. I
did not think them serious till yesterday when I
was informed from very good authority that
Rajaram Pundit repudiates their designs and
disproportionates their loss of this Country if they
should be so rash as to break with the English."

Chidmama Ranga makes great professions
of friendship and attachment to the English
has desired Mr Greenwell to tell me he will be
at my Command if there should be Occasion for
his Services.

I am anxious to hear again from Mr

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Mr Hastings although I can scarcely believe
Chumnaque will attempt to prevent the march
of our Detachment

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Obedient Humble servant

John Turing

Yanjam
17 Decem: 1790

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq
President Governor & Council at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are so effectually surrounded
on all sides beyond the Ponds by Hyder people
and our Sepoys so constantly on duty that the
want of Money to pay them at the end of this Month
may be attended with very fatal consequences. We
have now no money left, nor can we procure any
for Bills, and we therefore hope your Honor
will be pleased to dispatch 10,000 ten thousand
Pagodas to us immediately by a Callamoran. The
necessity of making known our distress for Money
to you, and the circumstance of one of our Menarreh
having lost his Car by Hyder's People at Permain
two days ago has induced us to offer the Beasor a
reward of ten Pagodas if he delivers this Letter safe
to your Honor. Yesterday a party of Horse came
into New Trug to plunder and destroy the Bellager
in the Ponds and they were bravely engaged or
wounded when a party of our Sepoys from the

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Fort came up with them and fired about 100 Shot at them which obliged them to retreat to Vellamau. It is said we are obliged to the French for this Success who prevailed on them to come here on the supposition that the smallness of our Garrison would not admit of sending out any of our Detachments for the defence of the Villages, nor indeed could we have done so if the Party of the Enemy had exceeded two or three hundred.

We have the Honor to be most respectfully
Honble Sir Sirs

Your very Obedient Humble Servants

William Cunningham

J D Danell

William Maitland

E H Fallofield

R. Guy

To Rich^d Joseph Sullivan Esq
Secretary to the Select Committee
Sir

Sir

Fort St. George

Your letter of the 6th accompanying an order from the Mad^o to his Manager I have received and delivered, and you will be pleased to inform the Select Committee that, in reply thereto is that he can neither assist me with Money or Grain notwithstanding, I have on the strongest terms requested him the difficulties which I shall unavoidably be put to, to make the ensuing Payments of an order transmitted to me by Whitehill & W^m I have received about 5.000 Collons, but, that as the price paid so high upon it, I have not been able to dispose of a Grain.

Cuddalore
December 1780.

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As the Commanding Officer is making and Promoting Officers in the Sepoy Corps. I request you will obtain & transmit me the earliest Information in what manner I am to pay them.

I am Sir

Your very Obedient Servant
Thos Palk Pay Master.

Trichanopoly
12 December 1780.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I am honored by the receipt of your letter dated the 30th of November and the accompanying for the Rajah of Onjole which I dispatched immediately to Nellore, at which place he resides. I have also the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Minutes of the Honble Select Committee dated the 27th November. I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
Edward Edmonds
Capt. Command.

Onjole
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To Sir Eyre Coote

Sir

Commander in Chief

Relying on your good nature and humane

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humanity I have presumed to trouble you with this address. Placed at the University a situation liable to every temptation and with but a small income I acted with imprudence indeed but without the least degree of criminality.

Hurried on by a false shame and rashness natural to Youth I entered as private in the Honble Company's Service, assuming the affix of our name of Saml Stanhope, my real one being Samuel Scott the son of a Clergyman late of the County of Hertford.

You will readily imagine how afflict-
ing a circumstance it must be to me to find myself
by my own imprudence in a Rank so inferior to my
Education and former expectations in life, and par-
ticularly to be the cause of the greatest anxiety and
concern to every one who has the least regard for me.

From this Sir I impreat you to free
me, and be assured my discharge from the Service
will make me happy not only as it will I hope give
me the means of shewing by my future behavi-
our how entirely I repent of my past Misconduct.

I am with the greatest Sincerity
Your most faithful and Obedient Servant
Saml Scott

Head Quarters 22 Decr 1780

The Commander in Chief begs leave to recom-
mend the Request contained in the above letter to the
favourable consideration of the Council that Mr Saml Scott
be granted his discharge from the Honble Com^{ty}'s Service

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The President submits to the consideration of the Committee the accompanying Papers and is of Opinion that the Command in the Chiefs request, for the discharge of Samuel Scott should be immediately complied with.

Friday Discharge him by all means.

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HM

The following letter was this day written

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

Gentlemen

We have the honor to send you enclosed an Indent for a few Articles of Military Stores, which we are now want of for the Use of this Establishment, to which we request may be complied with as speedily as possible

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Humble servants

Chas Smith

Select Committee

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President Governor & Members

of the Select Committee of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir Sirs,

I have received a Letter from

Fort St George
December 21. 1700.

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Letter from Mr Hastings of an old Date 28 Oct^r now
found to it having been sent by mistake to Madras
informing me that the British Government were
well disposed towards us & that he did not doubt of
being able to secure me in the course of November
that nothing is to be apprehended from the Troops
stationed at Cuddalore. I have not since heard from the
Governor Gen^l but am informed by a letter I received
last Night from Lieut Greenwell dated Cuddalore 12th Inst^t
that Chimnagau has moved his camp to the Northern
Side of the Maha Nuddy River where his whole force
are assembled and that within these few days he
has been entertaining every man who had any
kind of a horse with a very mysterious conduct
but I hope is only intended to deceive the Poonah
Government. I expect under some pretext they will
move from Cuddalore when our Detachment next app-
roaches. I hear the 1st Battalions were at Minida
near the 8th Ind^l. The French Privateer weighed
Anchor in the Night and was seen in the
Morning standing to the North East. I fear she
will intercept some of our Ships coming from Bengal
Carnul Mahomed thinking he can trust himself
at Maloué took leave of me this Morning & I have
given him an answer to the letter he brought one
from Chimnagau expressive of the Satisfaction I
receive from his assurances of friendship towards our
Government. I am with Respect

Humble for Yours

Your obedient Humble Servant
John Surin

Canjam
15th Dec 1780

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To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r

Governor & President the Select Committee

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I did myself the Honor to write you
about the 20th of this Month, acquainting you with the
Ruinous state in which I found the Fort and Garrison
of Madras, the extraordinary behaviour of the Troops
and the mutinous disposition of the Soldiers that
were ordered to be put under my Command.
being at that time much indisposed and obliged
to some here for the benefit of a Surgeon have had
little opportunity of knowing what has happened since
yesterday I received a letter from my Servant
of which the enclosed is a Copy, each circumstan-
ces so well authenticated for me to delay a moment
in making you acquainted with it. Ramkunder
Rauze brother to the late Rajah of Cojole, from
whom you will perceive I have this Information
is a person of too well known a Character for me
to doubt the truth of it. with respect to the Family
sending off his Family, Effects &c. I have had
an opportunity of seeing them pass this
Place on their way to Hyderabad, indeed every
Action of his that has come to my Knowledge
since my Arrival in this Neighbourhood leads
me to think he is no well wisher to his
Country or the Nabob or British Company
The Man that brought me
this

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This letter from Milloc, is a Sergeant sent with some recruits that have enlisted during my absence he tells me that at little Grain there was in the Fort has been given to the Troops as pay and that the Fowzdar and every Inhabitant (except those attached to the Ongole Rajah) seem to have made every preparation for flight without any apparent cause.

I am now so well recovered as to be able to return, but shall not think of it till I am furnished with your Instructions convinced that altho my person may be safe yet should an Enemy appear before the place, my Character must suffer as the number of Troops are far short of what the Subot told me was there & those not inclined to obey any orders but from the Fowzdar. I have the honor to be with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Samuel Telford

westfield

22 The following letters were this day Dispatched

Lieut. Genl Sir Eyre Coote R. B.
Commander in Chief in
India

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President and select Committee to furnish You with the enclosed Extract of their proceedings of the 21st Inst. I have the Honor to be

Your most Obedient Servant
R. J. Sullivan

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Extract of Minutes of the Select Committee 21st Decr 1779
The Company having been pleased
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
of C. The Court Martial which assembled for the Trial
of Brigadier General James Stuart, on the charge
exhibited against him on the part of the Honble the
East India Company, having Honorably acquitted
that Officer and Lieut Genl Sir Eyre Coote 21st
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's and the Company's
Forces in India, having approved of the same sentence
Ordered conformably to the following commands of
the Court of Directors, that Brigadier Genl James
Stuart be restored to his Rank in the Army on
this Establishment and that he be obeyed accordingly
Extract of Genl Letter from the Honble the Court
of Directors dated 14 April 1779.

"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 as second in Military command at Fort St
George during the continuance of Genl Munro
at that Settlement, that he be second to the
Chief command of the Troops on the coast, on the
first Vacancy that shall happen in such com-
mand, after he shall have been acquitted by
a Court Martial as aforesaid."

By command of the Presi^t. Select Committee
R. J. Sullivan

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Resolved, in consequence of the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Lt Young be allowed the same for feeding the Horses of his Troop, as is advanced by the Company for each Horse of the Native Cavalry viz^t 6 Pigs Month. And that he do receive the full pay of the Men under his Command for the purpose of their Cloathing. Ordered also that the Bills now laid before the Committee, be paid Lt Young for the sum already disbursed by him on account of his Troop.

Resolved, that such Bullock as Lt Mackay may have now on hand, that he purchased for the uses of the public services, be employed from this day until further Orders on the part of the Company and that the Paymaster at Chingleput do muster them, & pay Lt Mackay accordingly, sending in regular Returns of their Number and how employed.

In consideration of the Command of the Company, the Committee on the 29th 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. & from that Period Resolved that the same should be observed in future. To go further back would be to open the door to endless applications as in every season during these many Years past the case of these Gentlemen may be pleaded by others, in support of an Alteration of present Rank. Agreed therefore that the Petition

as

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of these Officers to the Commander in Chief be
not complied with.

Agreed at the Recommendation
of the Commander in Chief, that the Pay of the said
Puwata Sing, Brother to Bovan Sing, be continued to
him & on for the maintenance of the Families mentioned
in the Petition to Sir Eyre Coote

To Major Maule

Chief Engineer

Sir

The Honble the President of the Committee
having been pleased to resolve that, the necessary
works of the removal of Roy Hill should be begun
upon without loss of time. I am directed to inform you
that Mr Manners proposals, as reported on by you
are accepted of for that purpose. Levels and such
other Plans &c as you may deem necessary for the
Execution of this Work, are to be made as expeditiously
as possible; and Mr Manners immediately to
commence on his Contract, under such directions
as he shall receive from you.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
R J Sullivan

Per

To Mr Hall Manner

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President

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and select Committee to acquaint you that they have been pleased to accept of your proposals for the removal of the Bill as contained in your letter to them of the 11th Inst. The work they would have begun upon as expeditiously as possible for this purpose you will apply to the Chief Engineer who has orders to give you every assistance and information in his Power that a matter in which the safety of this Fort so essentially depends in case of an Attack should be executed with the utmost dispatch possible

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

R J Sullivan Junr

25th Came in the following Letter

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

Governor of Fort S. George.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to write you in consequence of the Death of Captain W. St. John who came to this Garrison such some time ago & died yesterday of a violent fever which was much increased by the News he received from time to time from the South and which I believe he made you acquainted with. Nothing material has happened since my last. The managers of the Vincennes Hurry Rajah in these Countries are collecting all the Money and Troops he can & sending them to the Southward I have

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These

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I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Edward Edmonds

Captⁿ

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r

Governor & President for the Comm^{rs}

Fort St George

Honble Sir

I agree to your Directions dated the 30th of November I sent the accompanying letters to Jam Chunder Raza Raja of Ongole who resides at Nellore. He returned them by the same (His carriage and writes me some mistake must have happened as neither of the letters are sent for him and has requested of me to return them I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient Most humble Serv^t

Edw Edmonds

Captⁿ Commanding

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq^r

Governor & President of the Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

You will have with receive two letters which I received from Mr J^r Pounds and Bonnaville & which are I suppose in answer to that of the Honble Board which I forwarded from here if you should have occasion to write those Gentlemen again. You will be

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directed

ob

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We pleased to send the Letters to Masulipatam, with Orders
to be forwarded here & they shall be immediately
sent to them

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir Yours

Your most Obedient Most humble servant
G G Biddle.

Nirmull
30th Nov 1780

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq
President Governor Council of
Fort St George
Honorable Sir & Sirs

I had the honor to receive yours for
me Capt. Bonnevau the 25th October, with one enclosed
for the Peshwa; which was conveyed to him the next
day the result of it is not yet known, nor have we experi-
enced any alteration in our situation since. Nevertheless
I flatter myself it will some little time hence produce
that happy effect your Honor great Goodness means
it should. Indeed Honorable Sirs, I cannot describe
as I wish the grateful sense I retain of the Honor
conferred in alleviating our distress by your com-
forting letter & particularly that you have been pleased to
grant me the Rank of Captain.

It gives me no small concern
that I should be deprived so long by an unfortunate
from attending to my Duty. But I hope it will not
now be long that I shall have the Honor to return
personally my thanks to the Noble President and

alleviating

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and Council for their favors.

I need not inform you that the same series of distress has been continued since our capture as your Honors are well acquainted with their mode of treatment to Europeans their whole study being to afflict. Indeed had it not been for the assistance of Mr Beadle while here and a Monsieur Warden our existence must have ceased for the want of the common necessaries and whole some Provisions. I can not in particular say too much of the last mentioned Gentleman as his great attention to me during three months illness in the Bloody Fort, has been the means of restoring me to health.

It will appear no doubt surprising to the Noble Board that we should be continued Prisoners so long, when they have not alleged any thing against us and more so when I say that since my Residence in Poona an Officer and seven Europeans have been brought on Prisoners of War & in the course of two Months set at Liberty to go any where but to Bombay. Prisoners

Capt: Bonnevaux presents his Respect & I have the Honor to remain

Moste Sirs

With the greatest Respect

Your most Obedient

Worthy Friend Lord

George Banks.

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esq
Governor President Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

The 25th of last Month Capt^l Banks
has had the Honor to receive your kind letter of the 20th
July last acknowledging the receipt of a letter from
Captain Banks & enclosing us a letter from him
to the Peshwa.

For reasons which would have affected
our present situation we have had your letter for
the Peshwa delivered to Nana Farnis the Regent
as being sent directly to him without our knowledge
I cannot say it has yet produced any thing over
-the-top we form great hopes upon it from this state
of circumstances. Our provisions which used to be served
all in a lump the first of each Month have not
yet been delivered; and yesterday our Guardian
in delivering me the 3rd Rupee said we have had
this Month in lieu of it told me that Nana Farnis
was about doing something regarding us & hoped it
was our release.

We both I in particular present
you my best thanks, for this strong mark of your
kind favor as also for the kind concern you express
on our distressing situation. For my Promotion to
a company which I am led to believe you have
been pleased to order from your Subscription to
us. I shall make it the business of the remainder
of

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of the remainder of my Life, to render myself
worthy of those and your future favours

I am much concerned to find my letter
of the 3rd May last to your Honble Board had not
yet reached You, something must have happened
which I can not account for, being also sent by
Mr Bidale.

My being the Senior Officer of the charge
du of the correspondence with the Honble Company
had all along been my lot and I cannot help
regretting Captⁿ Banks should have altered this
Channel without communicating his letter
to me, as upon receiving it before mine might easily
have put in me which I hope in proper time to
advise You has not been the case not only on
this occasion but also through the course of my
services, which now date 13 Years

I have the Honour to remain with

The utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient &

Obliged humble Servant

P. D. Bonnevau.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq^r

President & Members of the select Committee
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Mrs

I have this Morning received
advice from Mr John Tasing President of Guyana
of which the enclosed are copies, and judging it
material

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material that they should be forwarded to you with all possible Dispatch I have prevailed upon Capt James Webster at Coimbatore to let me have a small schooner belonging to him ready equipped for sea for that service, which goes commanded by Mr Harris, and in consideration of which have thought proper to allow Captain Webster fifty Madras Pagodas which I hope you will approve.

I received in due course Your commands of the 14 November, in consequence of which I published your pleasure with respect to Sheikh Mahomed Subedar, by beat of Tom Tom throughout this Factory and its environs.

I shall pay all possible attention to your commands with respect to the provision of shells, Charcoal BATTLE and hope in the course of the next Month to send you a supply of each article, though I must be leave to observe that I labour under many Inconveniences from the present disposition of the Natives who do not pay such respect to my orders as formerly and throw every obstacle in my way refusing to part with the articles in demand at such reasonable rates as ought to satisfy them, and my authority not being backed by any Military force shall be under the necessity of acquiescing in their demands.

About two hundred of the Minto Company's Bails are already loaded on a Schooner in the Road, as also a small Quantity of Cannon which I did intend to Dispatch in a few days for

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for the Presidency. However in the present posture
of Affairs I am yet undetermined whether I shall
proceed in loading the rest of the Boats, or disembark
them and lodging them in the Godowns of the Factory
for on the one hand the French Privateers on the
Coast may think it an Object to lay in wait for the
Main Vessels and on the other the Factory may be
plundered. There being no military force in the
Neighbourhood that can soon be called on for as-
sistance; however this matter I shall maturely
weigh, and act according to the best of my
Judgement for the Company's Interest I have
the Honor to be with respect

Yours Sir Dear

Your most obedient & most

Humble Servant

William Hamilton

Mr Hamilton

Chief at Ingram

Sir,

A Ship stood into the Roads this Morning under
English Colours, which proves not to be a French
Privateer called the St Anne of 18 Carriage of Gun
Swivel, 60 Europeans & 40 Africans. I enclose a copy
of a letter I received from the French Commander
of Captain Espin & Mr Collier his Chief Mate who
they sent on shore in Captain Espin's Boat. The
accompanying Narrative from Captain Espin
and his Officers explain the late and future in-
tentions of this Vessel & her crew, and contains what

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contains what further Information these Gentlemen
could learn.

I have transmitted this intelligence
to the Governor General, Bussore and to the
different Settlements along the coast, that every proper
precaution may be taken.

The French Privateer is now at
Anchorage, Captain Byron Mr Collier bestows
great commendations on the French Captain
for his generous & polite treatment.

Ganjam
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I am

Sir

Your very Obedient humble servant

Respectfully John Turing.

P.S. Pray send advice to Mr Leaff.

(Signed) J.T.

A true copy Wm^m Hamilton

To John Turing Esq
Chief of Ganjam
Sir

In compliance with your desire we now beg
leave to give you the particulars of our capture by
a French Privateer. On the 6th of December we
saw a sail bearing about South East of us and of dark
Colours in the East 17.20 North by our Observation
at Noon and three degrees Westward of the Meridian
We continued our course till five in the Evening
when he came within hail of us, and upon
being informed we were an English Ship from
Pondicherry

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Upon board to Bengal, he pulled down his
Dutch colours, hoisted French colours to strike
then proved to be a French Privateer commanded
by M^{rs} Champadeux mounting eighteen six pound
and eight swivels, with sixty Europeans and fifty
on board. The captain informed us he had been in the
streights of Malacca, but lost from the Nagraes,
where he was to have rendezvoused with a privateer
Privateer of 40 guns but seeing us he gave chase
and did not wait for her arrival. We understood their
intention that they met, was to proceed to Bala
roads to intercept our ships from China, and those
going from Bengal to Madras. They informed us
also that there are six ships of the line, four frigates
of 40 guns each and five or six vessels from 20 to 30
guns at the Mauritius all completely manned
and that they only waited the arrival of four 74 gun
ships daily expected from Europe to proceed on
the Malabar coast.

A ship of 50 guns and 350 men was
lying at Newcovey the Imperial settlement
at the Nagraes, waiting for our numerous bound
Indiamen to arrive.

Sir

Your very Obedient Servants

[Signed] John Coffin
James Collier.

Attestopus

Wm. Hamilton

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To the Governor of Ganjam

Sir

I send you two English Officers whose Capt
I have taken. Their Honesty makes me regret
being obliged to dispose of what the Fortune of
War puts in my Possession.

I am engaged to cruise against
the Enemies of the State, without any intention
to hurt individuals. I hope you will render them
that assistance which is in my Power to give
them.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your very humble

Obedient Servant

(signed)

De Champeville

True copy

Will^m Hamilton

As for the owners of Houses on Hay Hill are very
much distressed for Ground, to which they may
remove their Materials, the President proposes to
purchase directly on the Company's Account
the following Grounds

About 30^{acres} offered by Mr Jordan, at 60^{pence} per Acre

£ 250⁰ 0⁰ by L. C. Thimmaria provided he gives
of 100 Paces 10^{feet} 10^{feet} round.

300^{feet} 10^{feet} or 400^{feet} 10^{feet} of 60^{feet} by 40^{feet}

C Smith

very proper

J. J.

E. C.

H. M.

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To Capt^m Edington
Commanding at
Palamcottah

Sir

We have received your letter of the 10th Inst. The
orders which have been already sent to the Nabob's
Manager at Trivelly, and which were commended to
him through you, with we make no doubt put the
Gent of that country into so respectable a situation
that you will be enabled to curb any ~~unbecoming~~
proceedings of the Poligars whom you represent
as dissatisfied

We are

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Chas. Smith &

Joint Commis^s

Fort St George
26 Dec 1780.

To Mr James Henry Casmajor
Chief of the Council of
Vizagapatam
Gentlemen.

We have received your letter of
the 17th Inst by the Ann Hastings and as the
Intelligence which accompanied it, may render
a removal of our Orders necessary, We desire that
the Treasure may be sent on board any vessel
thence

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of force, which may put into your Port or her way
to this Presidency. Should, however, on such opportunity
offer, we direct in that case that it be laden on board
Common Vessels Comanded by Europeans, and for the
further security, that Guards accompany it in the
manner recommended in our former Orders, in either
Instance your own discretion will guide You, so
that we may be supplied with as much Expedition
and at the same time with as little Trouble as possible

Europeans

We are

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

Chas^r Smith

Alloo Mommally

To Mr²⁶ John Huddleston
Resident at
Nagore

Sir

We have received your letter of the
20th inst accompanied by Copies of Letters that had passed
between You and Col^l. Braithwaite. We entirely
approve of the steps taken by You for the defence
of Nagore & the protection of the country and desire
that every kind of Communication may be invari-
ably kept up between You and the Officer com-
manding at Tanjore in all measures tending to the Public
Service. The Sannat Schooner, which sailed from
hence a few days ago had orders to touch at Nagore
I have so receive such orders for the Presidency as You
should

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as you should have to send. By her, we hope to receive
the Packet brought overland by Capt. Scott from
Europe. Transcripts of which we must now
have taken conformably to what our President has
already recommended in his letter to You of the
28th Inst.

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Fort St. George
26th Decr 1780.

We are
Gentlemen
Your obedient Servants
Chas Smith of
Select Committee.

To Col. Braithwaite

Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir,

Accompanying we send You a copy of
a Letter written this day by our President to the
Rajah of Tanjore. The spirit of it we would have
strongly, but, at the same time, delicately inculcated
In every Instance we trust to your prudence and
discretion

Fort St. George
26th Decr 1780.

We are
Sir
Your obedient Servants
Chas Smith of
Select Committee

To Mr D. A. Baine

Paymaster at

Tanjore

Sir

We have received your Letter of the

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The 2nd Ind^o and am fully satisfied with the exertions which
You have yourself made, for supplying the Garrison
of Tanjore with Money for its present disbursements.
The backwardness of the Rajah in furnishing you with
your earnest solicitations, with what you wanted on
the part of the Company, have given us a good deal
of surprise and dissatisfaction. We have however written
to him on the subject and hope that what we have
said will occasion a greater willingness in him
in future, and that you will thereby be enabled to
reserve a ballance of Cash in hand as a resource in
case of Need.

enabled,

Dear

Sir

Your obedient servants

Chas Smith Joint Committee

24 Came in the following Letter

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mahomed Allie Commandant in
Hyder Allys Service encamped Yesterday about
4 Miles from hence on the Great Road with a body
of Sepoys & papers & Mollis guns & Amms. This In
formation is as said is against the Hills that over
look this Place and it is reported that Hyder
Ally will come in a few days. I hope you will
believe that every step shall be taken to prevent
them

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their getting possession of them, that Providence direct
and as soon as I can with certainty say what their
Views are I will immediately dispatch Intelligence
to You, I have the Honor to be with all due respect

Honble Sir Hers

Very Obedient &

Dutied Servant

Ross Lang

Vellore 17th
Decr 1780.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President Governor & Justicemette of

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir Hers

The Chief having laid before us Extract
of a letter just received from Captain Edmonds
the Officer commanding at Engole, we have judge
it proper to communicate the same to Your Honor
that some order may be given in the matter to
which it relates; a copy of the above Extract is
enclosed

We have recommended to the Chief
inform Capt. Edmonds in reply, that being uncertain
with respect to the Views or intentions of the Per-
cataghorry Rajah from the variety of reports
which prevail concerning them some of which
contradict one another we cannot undertake to
give any decisive opinion on the point in question
that if it was clear the Rajah was really disaffected
of which he must certainly be the best judge from
the advantage of so near a situation, we should

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should recommend his taking possession immediately of the Fort of Pillor, but as we are by no means assured of this, on the contrary our best information leading us to think otherwise, we can only say that if he stand in need of assistance of any kind which we can spare and he may require, it shall upon advice thereof, be immediately forwarded in the mean time that we would consult your Honor & them.

We hope to be speedily favored with your Orders in this Matter

We are Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble servants

" Edw. Cotsford

" James Hedges

" John Pemberton

" Tho. Bernard

" Alex. Pringle

Extract of a letter from Capt. Edmonds to the Chief dated 11th December 1780.

" Nothing very extraordinary since my last, excepting that the Manager for the Comate Currah Rajah is collecting what Beams, horses &c can be spared and sending them to join the Rajah's camp to the Southward. This in consequence of a special Message two Nights ago The Fort of Pillor in which he resides distant from hence about 8 miles they are stocking with Provisions and as it is well known he has joined Tipper should a Body of the Enemy be sent to take possession, it will make our situation

situation

Manuscript am
17th December 1780.

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situation very disagreeable I would wish some steps were taken to prevent it as they are not declared Enemies. I shall esteem myself much obliged by your advice how to act.

Shudechast Alex^r Pringle
Sir

Since writing the above I am informed of a letter received by Luminars in the Guntoor binon from Meer Saib Anders Son in law to raise as many Sepoys as possible on his Account.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President & Governor & Members of the Joint Committee

Fort St George

Honble Sir Sirs

Just as the Snow Bony was ready to sail we received the enclosed Intelligence from Mr Swang at Gangam, which induced us to determine to detain the Company's Treasure which accordingly has been done. As there are other papers enclosed in the letter which covers the Invoice & Bill of lading of the Treasure we have not recalled that letter. We beg leave to request therefore your Honor P^{ty} will be pleased to cause the Bill of lading to be delivered to Capt^r Hunt on his arrival at the Presidency.

Should any vessels of Force put in here bound to Madras, we shall avail ourselves of that opportunity for the Money, but in case no such opportunity should happen we are to request your command on this Subject.

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Subject on we do not now think it advisable to risk
Treasure on Unarmed Vessels. We purpose however
if nothing more particular occurs, sending in a
few days on the Snow Hastings which is a very good
Vessel and a prime sailer 300 Bales of Calicoes as
she has been some time since taken up for this
purpose

We are with Respect.

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & Humble Servants

Jas. H. Casamajor

H. Crawford

Chas. Maxtone.

To Mr Casamajor

Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

A Ship came into the Roads this Morning
under Colours which prove to be a French Privateer
called the St. Anne of 18 Marriage Guns to P.M. I should
be Europeans and 40 Caffres I enclose a copy of a
Letter I recd from the French Commander by
Captain Capin J.M. Collier his Chief Officer who
they sent on shore in Capt Capin's Boat. The
accompanying narrative from Capt Capin
this Officer explain the late & future Intentions
of this Vessel and her consort and contains what
further Informations these Gentlemen could learn

I have transmitted this Intelligence
to the Governor General, Balasore and to the

Vizagapatam
17th Decr 1780.

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to the different settlements along the coast that
every possible precaution may be taken.

The French Privateer is now at
Anker. Captⁿ Copin & Mr Collier bestow great
Commendation upon the French Captain for
his Generous & polite treatment.

Ganjam
14th Decr 1780

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient humble servant,

John Turing

/ Signed /
To John Turing Esq^r
Chief of Ganjam
Sir

In compliance with your desire I
now beg leave to give you the particulars of
my capture by a French Privateer. On the 6th
Decr in the Morning we saw a sail bearing about
S by E under Dutch Colours in the Latitude of
17.20 N by our observation at Noon and 3 W. of the Nagasaki.

We continued our course till about
5 in the evening when he came within hail
of us, and upon being answered we were an
English Ship from Pegue bound to Bengal
he hauled down his Dutch Colours hoisted his
French Flag us to strike. This proved to be a
French Privateer commanded by M^{rs} De
Champdein mounting 18 Six Pdr & several 10 European
40 Africans on board. The Captain informed us he
had been in the Straights of Malacca but having

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from the Negroes when he was to have rendezvoused
with a secret privateer of 40 Guns but seeing us gave
chance & did not wait for arrival. We understood their
Intentions had they met, was to proceed to Ballasore
coast to intercept our Ships from China & those
going from Bengal to Madras. They informed
us also that there are 6 Ships of the Line & 4 frigates
of 40 Guns each & five or six vessels from 20 to 30 Guns
each at the Mauritius, all completely manned
and that they only waited the arrival of 4. 74 Gun
Ships daily expected from Europe to proceed to
the Malabar Coast. A ship of 50 Guns and 350 Men
was then laying at New Cowsry the Imperial
Settlement at the Nicobars waiting for our home
ward bound Indiamen.

We are

Sir

Your very Obedient Servants

(Signed)

John Oxley

James Collier

Canjann
14th Decr 1780

To the Governor of
Canjann

Sir,

I send you two English Officers whom I have
taken. Their honesty makes me regret
being obliged to dispossess them of what the fortune
of war puts in my Possession. I am engaged to
conquer against the Enemies of the State without
any Intention to hurt individuals. I hope
you will render them that assistance which
is

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is not in my Power to give them I have the Honor
to be

Sir

Your very humble Obedient Servant

(Signed) De Champdieu

31 The following Letters were received

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

Governor & President of the Gentlemen of the

Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since my last I have the pleasure to
inform You that things have gone on much more
to my satisfaction than I at that time expected.
The people who excited the Mob so the Murtherous
Behaviour before mentioned having deserted
to the Enemy. I found those remaining much
more tractable and with a deal of trouble and
fair promises I have again brought them to a regular
conduct.

The enemy was preparing every thing
for making Batteries and finding I stood entirely
on the defensive attempted to establish Posts
on the Rocks near the Fort but finding that they
would have it in their power to do me much
Mischief with their Musketry, I came to a
Determination to make an attempt to
dislodge them and in three sallies I made
for that purpose, killed wounded & took pri-
soners above 100 of their People and in the last
one which was made the 20th Inst my people

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my People destroy'd and burnt all the Materials for
Battery Making this has so dispirited them that I
don't imagine they will make any further
attempts in that way in all those Skirmishes I
gave them permission to carry off their dead
and wounded having no person to give the latter
any assistance the Number of Prisoners were
very few and shall be glad to have your orders re-
specting them they are a heavy Expence upon
my small Magazine of Provisions. I am with
all imaginable Respect

Yours &c

Your faithful & obedient servant

Beng. Bishop.

Happily I have had but two People wounded they
not badly

Pennacott
25 Dec 1780.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq
President & Select Committee at
Fort St. George
Gentlemen,

We have to acknowledge our Receipt
of your letter of the 15th ultimo

Authentic Information having
reached us from Canjam that the communica-
tion of that place with Fort St. George had been
interrupted by Nijder Allys horse who had posted
themselves between Pulia and Durajalam where
they had seized all Boats, also that four Pack
had been stopped at the latter place on this account
we are obliged to add this cause to the other reasons

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Reasons which have frequently induced us to apprehend, that our Correspondence with your Residence was some times interrupted. We therefore strongly recommend it to you to devise some means for the conveyance of your Letters and Despatches to us by sea during the continuance of the War.

We Herewith send you a Letter to your Address which we have received from the President of the Select Committee at Fort Marlborough.

Yours
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Thumble Servant
Warren Hastings
Edw Wheeler

PS Since the above written we have received the Letter which you have written to us under Date the 18th ultimo with its enclosure

W.H.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq

President of the Select Committee

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 28th Decr & 20th May last purporting in which your Lieut. Colonel Foxworth Mandeville arrived and as been promoted to the Rank of Major. The Ships have been disembarked both from the Nancy and the Military stores landed they turned out agreeable to Invoice and we have to Express our sense of the Attention you have paid

Fort William
14 Decr 1780.

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And both to our wants your Requests we are with great
Regard

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most Obedient Servants

Henry Stewart

Edmund Coles

John Hatcher

Philip Manington

Fort Maitre

Sept 1780.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President Governor & Members of the Select Committee

Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sons

This Afternoon the French Porcution
made her appearance again she came pretty close
into the Roads and then stood under an easy sail
to the Southward ever since this Vessel came upon
the coast and especially since I learnt of Capt. Espin
they had an Idea of landing at Barica I have been
under a apprehension for the Sea Ports which induce
me to suggest to your Honor & moving the Troop
from Aska to Tchapor upon mature conside-
ration I have determined to send an Officer with
a company of Sepoys to Baraca and a sergeant
with 30 Men to Samprut which I hope will not only
protect those places from any small party but give
confidence to the Inhabitants. I could have wished
to have received your Order upon this subject
but as time will not admit of it I beg leave to assure
You I act for the best. If you disapprove the
Measure

Baraca 1

Baraca 1

assure

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mean while they shall be recalled I have been
obliged to order another company of Sepoys from
Aska to do Duty in this Garrison

I have the Honor to enclose copy
of the Instructions I have given to the Officer &
Sergeant Commanding the Parties ordered to Barua
Donapour

I am with Respect

Honble Sir Your

Your most Obedient Humble servant

John Surin

Canjam
22 Dec 1780

To the Officer Commanding the Detachment
ordered to be sent to

Barua

Sir

You will be pleased to proceed with all Expe-
dition to Barua where I mean to station you for
the present to guard against any attempt of an
Enemy to land & plunder the Place, and as there are
certain accounts of French Privateers being upon
the coast You will take particular charge of the
Boats & be careful none are sent off to any place
that may appear in the Road until you are
certain there is nothing to be apprehended. The
Intent of sending you with this party of Men is
to protect the Inhabitants and the Vessels
in the River & I trust to your taking such Measures
as may best answer the end proposed You will
advise me from time to time of any Accidents -

Yours truly

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particularly any News concerning suspected Rebels
I am

Sir

Yours Obed Servant

John Turing.

Canjam
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Whence

To the Honble the President
Select Committee
Honble Sir

I had the honor to address You the 17th
since that the Enemy has opened a 3 Gun Battery
against the largest of the New Forts but also great a
distance that the shot does not the least hurt they are
carrying on a Trench to another New Fort if
they get Guns on they will make the Situation
of this Fort & the New Fort a little troublesome
but I cannot as yet see that it will be any help
towards taking the large New Fort as it is too great
a distance to Breach.

For some time past I have had
reason to suspect the Fidelity of the Nabob's Uncle
Achabar Saib and I had full proof of his being a
treacherous Villain the 28th Inst. Immediately
put him in Irons. I cannot give you the Particu-
lars of this Man's conduct being under certain Obligations
I hope that my telling You I will at a proper time
give full proper of what is alleged against him
being satisfactory for the present however I
must say in my own behalf that I think at this
time bear suspicion would vindicate the Hon-
ourable

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However should any accident happen to me before I have an opportunity of laying the matter before you fully. Mr Ogilvie the Paymaster will vindicate my Character in this every other step I have taken since Hyder Ally came into the Carnatick.

I have had people several times from Amboor since Tippu Saib went up there. The Enemy has got two guns on a hill where Hyder had them formerly but I do not find they make any hand of it. Captain Keating got in Company of 5000 of the Madras Sepoys some time ago which will be a great help to him.

For some time past I have been obliged to make the Garrison a small allowance of Rice and salt as many necessaries have got to an Exorbitant Price. However the essentials I have still been able to keep down. The Men have been at $\frac{1}{4}$ of a panna Pound and Mutton at the same cheap rate as it was 16 Years ago. We have not Money at present but I hope to get sufficient for a little time by the next Month I have found some Friends among the Natives in this part lately. If I am disappointed in Money I have only to tell the Garrison we will make shift some way or the other it is not right proper for this Army to more I have the Honor to be

Vellore 23^d
Dec 1780.

Monte Sir John

Your most Obedient Servant
Rosi Lang.

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To the Honble Chas Smith Esq
President Governor & Member of the Select Committee
of Fort St George

Honble Sir Sirs,

I embrace the opportunity of addressing your Honor by a Dory which called in here on her way from Calcutta to Madras. The Gondal informs me he saw a French Privateer Snow of 18 Guns carried into the River which had been taken by the Pilot Vessels. This I hope will give the Alarm and prevent the outward bound Ships sailing from Bengal until a force can be fitted out against these Privateers.

This dory was chased off Manickpota by the Pann worrizers in her station and goes so well that no vessels of any consequence can escape him.

Captain Osier informs me the French Officer consulted about landing twenty or thirty Men to plunder the Town of Pichia Barona and were dissuaded upon his representing the place belonged to the Natives and that there was not any English property. I did not know this Circumstance when I proposed to your Honor & moving the Battalion to Mahapour.

The Nawab seized at last in Ganjan Road a Stoop from Bengal belonging to Sonapann taking 10 chests of Opium a Quantity of pepper &c &c and one thousand Rupees the Gondal making some difficulty was cut down and killed and two

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two black Men I suppose owners of the boats were so frightened that they jumped overboard & were drowned. afterwards they dismissed the Boat. I fear this will alarm all the people along the coast so much that I doubt they will not venture to sea with their Vessels. therefore it would be very satisfactory if I could hear of any Ship of Force coming this way at a certain time to convey Vessels with supplies for the Presidency that I might with greater confidence encourage the People to proceed with their Vessels.

The Privateer was again in sight this Morning steering a North East course.

The last British Packet from the Presidency was dated the 18th 1780.

I am very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your very Obedient Humble Servant
John Turing.

To the Honble Chas Smith Esq

President &c Members of the Select Committee
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Mrs

A Frenchman arrived Yesterday at Negapatam from Colombo, in a long boat and it was at first reported that he had brought with him 36,000 Dollars to purchase Provisions for the French Fleet, but upon very minute Enquiry and particular Information from a Person who I have reason to think may be depended on. I

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I find the Report took its form from his having brought an
in considerable sum of Money to purchase Articles of
Trade on his own Account. The Man is a Merchant
who with several others has been engaged in a
profitable Trade, between Ceylon & the French
Islands. he left Mauritius about the Middle of
September, and has brought many Letters for people
at Pondicherry, which Your Honor ^{rise} may be as-
ured I shall endeavour by every possible means to
intercept on their way either through these bounds
from one or two Persons who came in the Boat with
him, it has been collected that there were at Mauritius
when he left it, about ten Ships of War, and a conside-
rable Body of Land Forces consisting of about 1000 Infantry
and of Muzam & Dragoons without Horse the same
number exclusive of the usual Force for the defence
of the Island. That Mr Jerny was at the Cape with 6
or 8 Ships of the line and his Arrival anxiously ex-
pected at Mauritius & that an Expedition was to
take place in December or January, but whether
on the Coast of Coromandel or Malabar they did
not know. I shall watch narrowly the conduct of this
Frenchman and should he really be employed
to purchase Provisions, as Negapatam itself is
supplied from these Districts, the means of contrain-
ting him are in our own Hands & I shall not fail to
employ them, if the Behaviour of the Dutch should
make it necessary. As I am under the Necessity
of sending this Intelligence by the Ship, I am
Your Honor ^{wish} had been pleased to furnish me
with

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with a Cypher I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect,

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient,

Humble Servant

J Hudson

Nagore 27th
November 1780

Honble Chas Smith Esq.

Governor & President & Select Committee

Honble Sir,

Having for upwards of Twenty four Years
been a servant of the Honble Company I bring a sincere
welfare wisher for their Prosperity and Honour. I hope
the nature of my present request will not meet
with your Disapprobation.

I have an only son who has the greatest
desire of becoming an Officer in the Army. He is about one
Twenty Years of Age and has been educated among
the English & I flatter myself with a just & true recom-
mendation of him. As it would confer the greatest
happiness upon me at my present time of Life
to have the Youth provided for in so eligible
and Honorable a Service most Humbly I intreat
your Interest to have him appointed. And
I will consider myself under the greatest
Obligation to You.

Being

Honble Sir -

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With the most profound Respect

and Consideration

Your very Obedient humble servant

Jean Senier Surgeon

Charles Smith

Saml. Johnson

Chung Lepist
14 Dec 1780.

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Arcot

2 Companies Sepoys ordered there 1101 two Engineers
ordered there 1108 Captain Prendergast arrives
there with 2 Companies Europeans and 2 of Sepoys
1115 Surrenders. Articles of Capitulation 2035

Agent Deputy

to procure as many Draft and Carriage
Bullocks as possible 967. Petition from the
Bullock Masters Bullock Masters allowed
1/2 Pagoda increase Letter from representing
the case of the Bullock Masters with Letter
from the Commissary to explain the Balance
against the Paymaster at Aska

Amboor

Letter to, to release the men supposed to be re-
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arrives at Caverypatam 942 Letter from the
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to Mr. Salepe respecting Packets from Europe,
Bombay &c 1965.

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Detachⁿ

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for cantoning his Detachment 950 from
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with account Rice sold 1023 to Lieut Colonel
Baillie with Directions for his Conduct 1033

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and to send the 7th Battalion to Madras 1034
Baillies Troops in want of Rice 1052, Lord M^l takes the Command of the Army 1055. Colonel Baillie to march to Madras 1090, Lord M^l to march to Eyamcollum 1092. Baillies Detachment towards Colnam 1126. marches towards Madras 1167. arrives near Engole 1167. Letter to know the route he means to take 1172, arrives Ingelion River 1190. arrives at Ramnadaforam 1198. to Lord M^l to march to the Mount 1200, arrives there 1207. Colonel Baillie intends altering his route 1207 Marches by Nairpott 1219 encamps at Arnee 1274 detained near Bengal by the rains 1280 detained on the Banks of the Cortidary 1283. still detained and in want of Rice 1285. desires boats and Catamarans may be sent him 1298. crosses the Cortidary 1319 engages and beats great part of Hyder's Army 1361 His Detachment defeated Minute thereon to the Paymaster of, respecting additional allowance to the Bullocks maistries 1360. to do about Payment of the Nabob's Country 1361.

Adjutant General

from Lieut Colonel Maledon on the Subject of his appointment as such 316. His request referred Home 317 allowed 50 Pagodas p^m Month House Cost 622

Asst. Secy.

Artillery Corps of

Lieut. Moorehouse to do the duty of Commissary
 110 from the Commandant with one from
 M^{rs} Rutledge and Spedman respecting
 their rank 319 to rank before Lieutenant
 Fireworker Hauliver. Obrian. Laaffe Bell and
 Jones 320. Representation of the Captain Lieut
 respecting their rank 328. Another Letter
 written to Bengal on the Subject 329 Captain
 Lieut of Artillery to rank as Captains from
 the dates of their Capt Lieut^s Commission, to
 be held in readiness to march 966. to march to
 Pondamale 998. Artillery for 8 Hills Pieces to be
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Statement of the Price of the Tents he proposes
making his Statement

Allen Mr Alexander appointed Ensign

B

Bagot Captain Thomas permitted to go to Sea 2067

Bate Lieut Robert Speer man app^d full Capt

Beale Ensign Anthony appointed Lieut

Baillie Mr John Sen appointed an Ensign

Baillie Ensign Senior appointed Lieutenant

Baillie Mr George & Matthew appointed Ensign 137
permitted to go Home 1416.

Baillie Ensign Francis appointed Lieut

Baker Mr appointed Practitioner Engineer 245

Batters by Mr Matthew George appointed Ensign

Bedford Lieut Fireworker Thomas app^d Lieut

Bird Ensign William Bird resigns

Bell Mr John appointed Lieut Fireworker

Brown Mr Alexander app^d Ensign

Blacker Captain William appointed full Capt

Blacker & Mr George app^d Ensign

Bowser Lieut Thomas app^d full Lieut 137

Boyd & Mr John Hope appointed Ensign

Brathwaite Colonel John

his Detachment leaves Pondicherry 1174 to
send two Companies of Sepoys to Wandewash
1189 sends Lieut Flint to Wandewash 1208, ar-
rives at Chingaput, account of his March
and Opinion of Hyder 1212 Letter from Plate
Ordered to March to Vandalore Letter
from Horse burn the Villages about Chin-
giput 1238 Letter from 1259 His bills for
Tents to be paid 1901.

Bonnaville Lieut Peter appointed Captain

Brathwaite & Mr Gaaren appointed Ensign 137

Bridges Ensign Edward appointed Lieut

Brome & Mr Robert Street appointed Ensign

Broughton & Mr Thomas appointed Ensign 137

Berkeley & Mr W appointed Ensign

Brown Lieut Colonel app^d to Command Surat
Detachment.

Brounrigg & Mr Wm Frederick app^d Ensign 634

Burntore James Ensign app^d Asst Engineer 29 assigns
the Service 1442

Burney & Mr Simon appointed Ensign

Burn & Mr James app^d Ensign 137

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Burrows Capt Thomas app^d to Comm^d Tanjore 1174

Butler Ensign James Barth app^d Lieut

Barrell & Mr John app^d Ensign

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Cameron Ensign Robert appointed Lieut
 Campbell Captain Duquel app^d Adj^t General
 Campbell Captain John app^d full Captain
 Chalmers Ensign John appointed Lieut
 Clayton Ensign John dis 63⁴
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 in the room of Lieut Colonel Horne Not
 granted
 Capper Mr Charles appointed Ensign
 Church Mr George appointed Ensign
 Carlile Lieut Fireworker Thomas Charles app^d Lieut
 Clarke Ensign appointed Adjutant to Vizagapatam
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 Chief Engineer respecting Roy Hill. His
 Opinion thereto 1896. His minutes respect-
 ing the want of Artillery Officers moves
 that General Stuart's Trial be ordered 1896
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 Stuart His arrangements respecting
 Officers Requests Mr Tyler may be

Mounted

appointed his assistant Secretary 2031 to desiring
 he will order a Court Martial for the Trial
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 from with Copy of Sentence on General
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Coote & Mr John appointed Ensign
 Croasdale & Mr William appointed Ensign
 Cosby Captain H. & A. M. appointed to Command
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 on the Presidency 1292 marches towards Chenn-
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 Cavalry and begins his march 1333. from
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 Belchiff 1353, intends joining the Army with
 Intelligence 1363 intends Surprizing Chittapur
 1367 Repulsed 1371 appointed as Major 1432
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 Cuppage Ensign Alexander appointed Lieut

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Dallas Mr Peter appointed Ensign
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Douglas Lieut Walter app^d Aid de camp to the Gov^r
Dougherty & Mr Foster appointed Ensign
Dring & Mr William appointed Ensign 137
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Dunbar Lieut Fireworker George app^d Lieut
Dunn & Mr Nicholas appointed Ensign 137
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Dunbar & Mr appointed Ensign
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Dundas Ensign to be Adjutant to the European Militia 1861
Dyce & Mr John appointed Ensign

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Eastbrooke Ensign Christopher appointed Adjutant
to Ganyam Subindry 615 appointed Lieut
Ewington Captain James app^d to Command 4th
Battalion Sepoys 1864.
Elison & Mr Thomas, appointed Ensign
Evans Ensign John Fernald app^d Lieut

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Feun & Mr Thomas appointed Ensign
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Fisher Ensign Thomas permitted to resign 1707
Ferguson Ensign Edward appointed Lieut
Fletcher & Major Thomas app^d Colonel 1855 to
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 Goodwin Ensign Adjutant General's report on his
 Conduct 1709 dismissed 1711.
 Gould & Mr Thomas app^d Ensign
 Graham & Mr George app^d Ensign
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 Gorey & Mr William app^d Ensign
 Gahan & Mr Robert app^d Ensign

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Hall Ensign James Stewart app^d Lieut
 Harding & Mr Richard app^d Ensign
 Hamilton & Mr Alexander app^d Ensign
 Hay Mr James W^m permitted to go to England 3/15
 Hay & Mr George app^d Ensign

Adrian

Haslwood & Mr Roger app^d Ensign
Hall Lieut Fireworker George app^d Lieut
Helays & Mr John app^d Ensign
Harding Lieut Hugh D app^d Capt
Healy & Mr John app^d Ensign
Haynes & Mr John app^d Ensign
Henchley & Mr Joseph app^d Ensign
Hislop Captain James app^d full Capt
Hope & Mr Archibald appointed Ensign
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Letter from on the taking of a Spanish Prize by the Nancy Sir Edward Hughes to be advised thereof to send 2 Companies to Cuddalore 1022 from with Intelligence 1027 from Stores wanted there 1067 Letter from Measures taken for the Security of 1099 Letter from 1153 Letter to Gun powder to be landed from the Fleet 1282. to procure Boats for the Nabob's Troops coming from the Southward 1447 Directed to forward the Tents from Tanjore immediately 1471 Letter from, with one from the Dutch regarding 3 Deserters 1493 and Mr Daubigny's behaviour, to send Deserters to Nagapatnam 1512 Powder and Stores landed from the Squadron, Intelligence from

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