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Monday the 12th } At a Select Committee, Present,
The Honble Charles Smith Esqr President and Govr
Samuel Johnson Esqr
Alexr Davidson Esqr
Lt Genl Sir Eyre Coote and Sir Hector Munro, absent on Service.

Minutes of last Committee Read, and approved.

Read Letter from the Governor & General and Council of Bengal received by Mr James Dighton.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c Select Committee at Fort St George

Hble Sir and Sirs,

Letter from Bengal, accompanying a Treaty between the English, Dutch, and the Nabob: with copies of letters to his Highness and the Governors of Cochin & Ceylon

Having long since received information of the hostilities and depredations committed by Hyder Ally Cawn on the Territories belonging to the Dutch at, or adjacent to Cochin, and taking into our Consideration the Circumstance of his being at present engaged in open war against them, together with the necessity of defeating his ambitious designs upon the Carnatic and preserving, as far as in us lies, the Possessions of the Company and the Nabob, we have, with the advice and Suggestions of Mr Raps, a Director and Governor of the Dutch East India Company in Bengal, prepared the draft of a Treaty of Alliance between the English and Dutch East India Companies and the Nabob Wauluajah Behauder, upon such Terms as we have every reason to hope will be accepted. But as the time which would be required

required for receiving an answer from the Superior
Government of Batavia, respecting its ratification
of, and final assent to the Treaty, would entirely
frustrate the ends of it, which are immediate assistance,
we have resolved to make our application direct to
the Governments of Columbo and Cochin, for which
purpose we have affixed our Seals and Signatures
to the Treaty, declaring it to be binding on our
Parts, and we request that on the Receipt of it you
will use all possible expedition in dispatching it
to those Governments, having first tendered it to
the Nabob, and obtained his assent to it. You will
be pleased to accompany this Tender with an
apology to the Nabob from us, for having introduced
his name into the Treaty, without the sanction
of his approbation, but as this step would have
been attended with too tedious a Process, and
would have opened a Channel for Negociation
and Correspondence, which would have impeded
the instant execution of the Measure proposed, upon
which, in this critical Moment so much depends, we
trust he will perceive the Impossibility of our previous
application to him, which otherwise a proper
attention and respect to him would not have
suffered us to omit.

In the event of a Refusal on the Part of the Nabob, we desire you will represent in the strongest terms to him the Nature of his Situation, and the Indispensible Obligations he is under of making a common cause with the Company, by

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to secure their Possessions than his own from the Encroachments of the Enemy; that his very existence is at Stake; - that he is more a principal in the war than ourselves, that it is not by any means which can be furnished by him, or by any Resources or Treasure of his that the Carnatic is to be saved and defended, but by the wealth of Bengal and the Blood of British Subjects sacrificed in its Service; - that therefore we expect his Assent to the Treaty, and urge it as a just Claim which we have upon him in Return for the protection which he has experienced at our hands.

We shall wait to hear the Result of your application, not doubting that your motives of Policy and Necessity, as well as Justice, he will accede to the Terms which we have offered in his Name.

We have appointed Mr James Dighton to be the Bearer of our Dispatches, and have entrusted to his care a Copy of the Letter addressed by the Governor General to the Nabob seperately, together with Copies of the Letters to the Governors of Columbo and Cochin, for your Inspection, and we request that he may be employed to proceed with the Treaty and Letters, together with such other Dispatches as you may have occasion to add, to the Governments of Columbo & Cochin.

We rely upon your Zeal and Activity in this Business, and depend on receiving every necessary Information as early as it is in your Power. We have the Honor to be

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Hontble Sir and Sirs,

Fort William
the 4th Janry 1781

From most Obedt Hble Servants
Warren Hastings
Edwd Wheler.

To His Highness the Nabob Walla Jah &c.

May it Please Your Highness,

The very critical situation in which the affairs of Your Highness are at present involved by the Invasion of the Carnatic by Hyder Ally Cawn, the disgrace which the British arms have lately sustained on the Coast, and the consequent necessity of every vigorous exertion on your part, not only to recover what has been lost but to preserve what remains, are points too closely connected with your Highness's interest and prosperity to require many arguments to enforce them. From these circumstances, which alone I conceive to be of sufficient weight, but which derive greater force from the obligations your Highness is under to the Company for the benefit of their protection and assistance upon repeated occasions, I cannot but entertain hopes that your Highness will readily and cheerfully cooperate with us in any Plan which may be proposed for the common advantage and for the more successfully defeating the ambitious designs of Hyder Ally Cawn, especially when you reflect how much

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has been already done by this Government, and in how short a space of time from the first intelligence of the late heavy disaster which has befallen our Arms on the Coast to redeem as far as it is in our power the National credit and with it to retrieve the particular loss which Your Highness has suffered, and the great Sacrifice which has been made in relinquishing the prosecution of the Maratta War, almost in the moment when we had reason to expect from the Successes which have attended it, that it would have speedily terminated in an honorable and advantageous Peace. — Relying therefore upon the Effect which I doubt not these considerations will produce on the mind of your Highness, I proceed to acquaint you that in consequence of the Information which has long since been received of the Hostilities and Depredations committed by Hyder Ally Cawn on the Territories belonging to the Dutch at or adjacent to Cochin; and his late Invasion of the Carnatic, by which the safety of your possessions is endan-gered equally with those of the Company, we have prepared the Draft of a Treaty of alliance between the English and Dutch East India Companies and Yourself, and having first tendered it for approval to Mr. Ross Director and Governor of the Dutch East India Company in Bengal, and obtained his concurrence, we have affixed our Seals and Signatures to it, declaring it to be binding on us, and have requested the President and

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Select Committee at Fort St George to present it
to your Highness for your Assent and Ratification,
with an Apology for having introduced your
Name into the Treaty without the previous sanction
of your Authority, but as this Step would have
required too tedious a process, and would have
opened a Channel of Negociation and Correspondence
by which the Ends proposed by the Treaty, which
are immediate assistance, would have been
defeated, Your Highness will perceive the impossi-
bility of an application of this Sort which otherwise
that proper respect and attention which is due to
your Highness would most certainly have suggested.
When the Treaty has been approved of, and signed
by Your Highness it will be transmitted to the
Governments of Columbo and Cochin for their
final Ratification. Depending that your Highness
from your firm alliance with and friendship for
the East India Company and from the confidence
which you repose in them, will contribute chear-
fully your assistance in the manner and on the
Terms which have been stated in the Treaty,
I will conclude with wishing an increase of
health and prosperity to your Highness.

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Proposals for a Treaty of alliance between
the English and Dutch East India Companies
and

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and the Nabob Walla Jah Bahādr.

Whereas the Nabob Hyder ally Cawn has without any Cause invaded the Carnatic Payengaut and the Possesions of the English East India Company which are situated therein, and attacked the Settlements and Forts of the Dutch East India Company dependant on the Governm: ment of Cochin on the Malabar Coast, wherefore it hath become the common Interest of the Nabob Walla Jah Bahādr, who is the Sovereign of the Carnatic Payengaut and of the two Companys aforesaid to unite in repelling and defeating the attempts and designs of the said Hyder ally Cawn, the Governor General and Council of Bengal with the advice and Suggestions of the Directors for the management of the affairs of the Dutch East India Company in Bengal do propose and offer the following conditions of a Treaty to the Nabob Walla Jah, and to the proper agents and Representatives of the Dutch East India Company aforesaid, hereby declaring them to be from the time in which the said conditions shall receive the Seals and Signatures of the other Parties to this Treaty, binding on the Governor General and Council and on all the Governments and Dependancies of the English East India Company in Virtue of the Seal of the Company and the Signatures of the Governor General and Council herein first prefixed, Viz.t

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1st The Governments of Columbo and Cochin shall be engage to provide and assign for the Quota of the Dutch East India Company in the war with Hyder ally Cawn at or near Cochin a disciplined Force consisting of not less than one Thousand European Infantry, two Hundred European Artillery and one Thousand Malays with their Complement of Officers, not exceeding the rank of Captains, it being understood and agreed that all the Officers of a Superior Rank shall either be furnished by the President and Council of Fort St. George, or appointed by Commissions from them. These Forces shall be delivered over to the charge of such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed by the President and Council of Fort St. George to receive them, who shall for that purpose proceed to Cochin to receive charge and Command of the Same, and from that time the said Forces shall remain Subject to the general authority and Command of the Commander in Chief of the English Forces, in like manner as the English Forces in India are Subject to his Command, until the Conclusion of the war, or be thereby the final Conquest of the Dominions of Hyder ally Cawn, or by Peace concluded with him and their Redelivery in consequence thereof to their original and Proper Government: and their Pay according to the Rates at which they are paid in the Service of the Dutch East India Company, together with all expences of the Field or Garrison, shall

shall be at the Charge of the English East India Company, from the Day on which they are transferred to the English Command, until the day of their Return and Redelivery at Cochin, or such other Place as shall be mutually appointed for that purpose.

2nd In Consideration of the Assistance granted in the manner stipulated in the preceding Article, besides their Pay and Expence, which are to be defrayed by the Governor General and Council on the Part of the English East India Company, it is proposed and recommended by the Governor General and Council to the Nabab Wallajah Bahadr that he shall (on) his Part grant and Assign by proper Sunnuds to the Dutch East India Company, his Right and Property in the Province or District of Tinnevelly together with the exclusive Right in the Pearl Fishery of all the Coast lying to the South of Remisseriem to the Dutch East India Company, who shall be permitted to take Possession thereof from the Day on which this Treaty shall receive its final Ratification, without any Let or Impediment on the Part of his Annils or Officers of whatever Denominations; and the said Province or District shall remain the Property of the Dutch East India Company for ever.

3rd It shall be allowable to the Government of the Dutch East India Company at Cochin to carry on any seperate Operations against

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the Common Enemy with their own Forces, and to make
Conquests of any Lands or Countries adjacent to Cochin,
and to keep possession of the same without any Claim
of Participation on the part of the Nabob Walla Jah
Bahadr, or of the English East India Company.

4th If a further aid of Troops shall be
required from the Dutch East India Company for
the Maintenance of the War, they shall engage to
furnish the same so soon as they can be obtained
from the Supreme Government at Batavia, on
the same terms, and in the same manner as are
stipulated in the first article.

5th This Treaty being first executed in
the Manner abovementioned by the Governor
General and Council of Bengal for and on behalf
of the English East India Company, shall be sent
tendered to the Nabob Walla Jah Bahadr for his
acceptance and Ratification, and having received
the same it shall be forwarded to the Governments
of Columbo and Cochin, that it may in like
manner receive their Assent and final Ratification,
without any Addition, Diminution or Alteration
whatsoever, to be made, either by the Nabob
Walla Jah Bahadr, or by the Government of
Columbo and Cochin, —

Signed, Sealed and Executed at Fort William
in Bengal this 7th Day of January in the Year
of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred
and eighty one.

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Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler.

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The Honble Iman Willem Falck Esqr.
Governor and Director of the Island of Ceylon
with all its Dependancies &c. &c. &c.
at Colombo.

Honble Sir,

Having long since received Information of the Hostilities and Depredations committed by Hyder Ally Cawn on the Dutch Territories at or adjacent to Cochin, and taking into our Consideration the Circumstance of his being at present in open war against them, together with the necessity of repelling his ambitious Designs upon the Carnatic which involve your State equally with those of the Nabob Wallujah and the English Company, we have prepared the draft of a Treaty of Alliance between the English and Dutch East India Companies, and the Nabob Waulujah Behaderon upon such Terms as we trust will be accepted by You and the Governor of Cochin, having first tendered it to the Perusal of Mr Ross Director & Governor of the Dutch East India Company in Bengal and obtained his approval of it — and as the evident advantage to be derived to the Dutch Company from the Ratification of the Treaty on your Parts, must free you from every apprehension of Responsibility to the Superior Government at Batavia for having acceded to it without the previous Sanction of their Authority, the obstacle which might otherwise have been attended with, will by this Means be

be removed.

The same Reason which prevented us from making an application direct to Batavia will be sufficient to evince the Impossibility of its entering into a Correspondence with your Govern: ment, and that of Cochin on the Subject, since in both Cases the time which would be required for receiving an answer respecting the Ratification of the Treaty, would have defeated the ends of it, which are immediate Assistance.

We have therefore for the greater Dispatch affixed our Seals and Signatures to the Treaty, declaring it to be binding on us, and on all the Dependants of the English East India Company and have transmitted it to the President & Select Committee at Fort St. George requesting them to tender it to the Nabob for his Assent, and as soon as the Nabob shall have made himself a subscribing Party to it, that it may be forwarded with all possible Expedition to you, depending that when the true Interest of your Nation is provided for so materially, you will not be the Cause of a Moments Delay in the Execution of it.

We have the honor to be.

Hon'ble Sir.

Your most ob't & Hble Servants

Warren Hastings

Pres't & Council General.

Fort William.
the 12th Jany 1781

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The Hon'ble Adrian Moens Esq'r

Governor

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Governor on the Part of the Honble the
Dutch East India Company,
at Cochin.

Honble Sir.

Having long since received information of the Hostilities and Depredations committed by Hyder Ally Cawn on the Dutch Territories at, or adjacent to Cochin, and taking into our consideration the Circumstance of his being at present in open war against them, together with the necessity of repelling his ambitious Designs upon the Carnatic which involve your State equally with those of the Nabob Wanla Jah and the English Company, we have prepared the Draft of a Treaty of Alliance between the English and Dutch East India Companies, and the Nabob Wanlajah Behauder upon such Terms as we trust will be accepted by You and the Governor of Columbo, having first tendered it to the Perusal of Mr Rosh, Director and Governor of the Dutch East India Company in Bengal, and obtained his approval of it - And as the evident advantage to be derived to the Dutch + Company from the Ratification of the Treaty on your Parts, must free you from every apprehension of Responsibility to the Superior Government of Batavia for having acceded to it without the previous + Sanction of their Authority, the obstacle which might otherwise have been alledged Weighs, will by this means be removed.

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We have therefore for the greater dispatch affixed our Seals & Signatures to the Treaty, declaring it to be binding on us, and on all the Dependants of the English East India Company, and have transmitted it to the President and Select Committee at Fort St. George, requesting them to tender it to the Nabob for his Assent, and as soon as the Nabob shall have made himself a subscribing Party to it, that it may be forwarded with all possible Expedition to Java, depending that when the true Interest of your Nation is provided for so materially, You will not be the Cause of a Moments delay in the Execution of it.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort William the 12th Jany 1784.

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most obt & hble Servants

(Signed) Warren Hastings
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Resolved, That the Letter from the Gov. Genl. to the Nabob, be forwarded to

to him, with the Sentiments expressed by the Gentlemen at Bengal, in their Letter to Us, on the Subject of the proposed Treaty with the Dutch, to which Treaty the Committee at present see many weighty objections; — The great & additional Expence and the Disgrace which would probably attend this Measure in the eyes of the Country Powers were powerful Arguments against the Proposal now before under our Consideration, but the spirited and Prudent Conduct of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote having given to the Company's affairs a more favorable turn, We should deem ourselves highly reprehensible, in promoting the Treaty, particularly as our Chief Resources depend upon the Revenues of the Southern Provinces but more especially as the Declaration of His Majesty in Council, dated 17th April 1700 (which the Gentlemen at Bengal could not have been acquainted with,) prevents our forming at this Juncture any Alliance with the Dutch.

Resolution thereon

To The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President and Select Committee at Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

The Insults which have repeatedly been offered to the Portuguese by our Common Enemy Hyder ally Canoe, The Friendship and Alliance, which has long subsisted between their Nation and ours, and independently of this last Consideration, the Interest which they have in common with us in curbing an Encroachment of Power in that ambitious

From Bengal advising that they had dispatched Mr. Auriol on an Embassy to Goa to negotiate a Treaty of Alliance with the Portuguese and that they had sent Major Scott with dispatches to England —

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ambitious Chief, having induced us to determine on making overtures to the Portuguese Govern: ment for an union with us in distressing Hyder Ally by sending a Body of Forces into his Country, we have depicted Mr. James Peter Auriol to Goa on this occasion, and have directed him to advise you of his Proceedings as far as they may be necessary for your Information.

Major John Scott having been appointed by us to proceed to England with our Dispatches, he has taken his Passage on a Portuguese Ship, which will stop at your Presidency, and we beg leave to recommend it to You to avail yourselves of this opportunity of transmitting to the Honble Court of Directors by Major Scott a Relation of the Occurrences on the Coast to the latest Period of Major Scott's stay there. We have the honour to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Fort William
7th January 1781.

Your most obt. Hble Servants
Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

Minute of the President, recommending that Mr. Holland be restored to the Service, and ordered to remain at Hyderabad.

The President always considered the Suspension of Mr. Holland as harsh and impolitic Measure in these critical times, when we are engaged in a War, both with the Mahrattas and Hyder Ally Cawn. There is no doubt but this

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This Government ought to have a Resident at the Court of the Nabob Nizam Ul Dowlas and that Mr Holland is well qualified for this appoint: ment; therefore, from motives of Justice, Policy and Expediency, the President moves that Mr Holland be restored to his Rank in the Honble Company's Service on this Coast; but, as his Residence at the Vizier's Court, is a matter of the utmost importance, the President is of opinion he should not be removed from thence, at present on any account, and that it is necessary to mention this Circumstance in our next address to the Court of Directors and to the Supreme Council.

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The Committee entirely concurring in the Sentiments of the President, Resolved, that Mr Holland's Suspension be rescinded

resolved so.

Read Letter from the Nabob dated the 7th Instant (as entered in C. C. No 4) acquainting us of his having put the Succes Galley under the orders of the Committee like the Pandies are over — for which Mark of attention the President is desired to return His Highness our Acknowledgements.

The Nabob lends the Succes Galley to the Company.

The Committee now proceed to take into Consideration the Contents of a Letter received from the Nabob dated the 5th Instant (as entered in C. C. No) wherein he agrees to appropriate the Revenues of the Tinnevelly and Tritchinopoly Countries for the publick Service

The Nabob agrees to appropriate the Revenues of the Tritchinopoly and Tinnevelly Countries for the publick Service.

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that a letter be written to the Nabob, expressive of our warmest acknowledgements for this fresh instance of his great and disinterested Regard to the welfare of the Company.

Mr. Ram and Mr. Proctor appointed Receivers.

In Consequence of the Nabob's Proposal Mr. George Andrew Ram is appointed Receiver of the Revenues of the Trichinapoly District, and Mr. George Proctor of those of the Tinnevelly County - Instructions accordingly to be prepared for those Gentlemen -

Mr. Andrews and Mr. Dospin appointed Assistants -

Mr. Robert Andrews is appointed Assistant to Mr. Ram, and Mr. Richard Thomas Assistant to Mr. Proctor.

Read Letter from Mr. Fasnett Master attendant.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President Governor, Select Committee &c. Fort St. George

From Mr. Fasnett his report on the Snow Amazon.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

I beg leave to inform you that the Snow Amazon has been examined pursuant to your orders and is in fit condition for Sea and properly armed, and manned, Capt. Fenwick has this day reported that she will be ready to receive your orders by six o'Clock this Evening. I am,

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Your most obedient Servant
G. Fasnett
Master

Fort St. George
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The President reports that Capt. Fenwicke has

Captain Fennicke's terms for the Snow Amazon.

has acquainted him, he cannot on the Terms he first proposed take the risque of the Amazon, on his own account, but that as she is valued at 12g[s] and is now victualled for ten weeks, he is willing to take upon him all Charges and risques whatsoever for Rupees 2,500 p[r] Month, which the Committee deeming an offer advantageous for the Company, the Terms are accordingly accepted, and the following Charter Party entered into, between the Hon[ble] Company and Capt. Fennicke.

This Charter Party Indented made the Twelfth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. Between Cuthbert Fennicke of Madras Mariner and Owner of the Snow Amazon now riding at Anchor in Madras Road of the Burthen of Two hundred Tons or thereabouts, of the one Part, and the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies of the other Part. Witnesseth that the said Cuthbert Fennick for the Consideration hereinafter mentioned Hath Granted & to Freight letten and by these Presents doth Grant & to Freight let unto the said united Company the said Snow Amazon with a Master or Commander, armed with twelve Guns and manned with fifty four Men proper and fitting to work and do the duty of and for which the said Snow is intended. That the said Snow shall be Compleatly found, and in every respect fitting for a Cruize of Ten Weeks or longer if occasion requires. In Consideration

Consideration whereof the said United
Company do hereby Covenant, Promise and
Grant to and with the said Cuthbert Fenwick
his Executors, Administrators and Assigns by
these Presents that they the said United
Company, their President and Select Committee
their President and Council, or their Agents,
Factors, or Assigns shall and will well and
truly pay or cause to be paid Unto the said
Cuthbert Fenwick his Executors, Administrators
or Assigns for the Freight or use of the said
Snow Amarow as herein mentioned the sum
of two thousand five hundred Rupees Monthly
and every Month for and during the time
that she shall or may be employed by or
on behalf of the said United Company and
fitting for the Service for which she is intended
And the said Cuthbert Fenwick for himself
his Executors and Administrators doth Covenant,
Promise and Agree to and with the said
United Company and their Successors, Agents,
Factors and Assigns. That the said Snow Amarow
now is and at all times during the time she
shall or may be employed by or on behalf
of the said United Company Agreeable to
the true intent and meaning of these Presents
shall be to the best of his Endeavors the said
Cuthbert Fenwick his Executors and
Administrators and at his the said Cuthbert
Fenwicks own proper Costs Charges & Expences

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in all things made and kept Stiff & Staunch
Strong well apparelled, furnished & provided
as well with a Master Men and Mariners
sufficient and able to sail, Guide, Govern
and Manage the said Snow in every respect
according to the Intent and meaning of
these Presents, and the purpose for which
she is to be employed, as also, with all manner
of Rigging, Boats Apparel, Furniture, Provision
and Appurtenances fitting and necessary for the
Master Men and Mariners and for the said
Snow during the time she shall or may be
so employed as aforesaid, And also that the
Commander of the said Snow Amazon shall
obey and act in conformity to all such instructions
and orders as he shall or may from time to time
receive from the President and the Select Committee
of Fort St. George or the President only, and that
the said Master or Commander of the said
Snow shall for and during such time as
aforesaid be entirely under and subject to
the Orders of the said President & Select Committee
or the President of Fort St. George aforesaid, And
the said Cuthbert Fenwick doth further
Covenant and agree to and with the said
United Company and their Agents as
aforesaid That in consideration of the
said Sum of two thousand five hundred
Rupees to be paid to him Monthly during
the time the said Snow Amazon shall or
may be employed by or on behalf of the
Said

said United Company as before mentioned shall the said
Cuthbert Fenwick, his Executors and Administrators shall and
will runn bear pay and Sustain all the Risks, Hazards and Dangs
whatsoever of the Seas, Rivers, Enemies, Fires, Pirates &c. it
being the true Intent and Meaning of these Presents
That the Said United Company shall not runn any risk
or bear or Sustain any loss, or pay any Expence whatsoever
for or on account of the Said Vessel in any respects
Save and except the Said Sum of two thousand five
hundred Rupees Monthly for and during such time
as the Said Vessel shall be or may be employed by or
on behalf of the said United Company as aforesaid
In Witness whereof the Parties hereto have to the part
of these Presents Interchangeably set their hands
and Seals in Fort St. George the day and Year first
above written.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of,
John Douglas.
Wm. Sandys.

Cuthb. Fenwicke.

Read the following Letter
from Mr Edward Macintosh.

The Honble Charles Smith Esq.
Pres. Gov. &c. Select Committee Fort St. George.
Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Reindeer at Anjengo—Purchased eight Coffres for the Company—Hyder's People with to that Place for Stores—

I did myself the honor of addressing
you the 28th November when I mentioned the
circumstance of a French Merchant here having
about 100 Coffres annually for the use of the
Squadron, and took the liberty of enclosing his
Letter on the Subject. I have since that time
purchased

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purchased eight of the 6 offries on the Honble Company's account, - and I am not without hopes, through their meanes, of carrying the rest of them off, which I hope will meet the approbation of the Honble Committee - Hyder's People at Chillumbrum has several times wrote to the Governor here; for all Sorts of Military Stores; and threatened if he did not supply them, that they would come and take them by force; but the Governor has assured me that he is resolved not to supply them / our Enemy / without he is compelled to do it; I have no other news at present worthy of your attention - I am with Respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obt. Hble Servt.

Edwd McIntosh.

Tranquebar.
The 31st Jany 1781.

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To the Honble Charles Smith
Presidt. Govr. &c. Select Committee Fort St. George.

Honble Sir and Sirs

I was Yesterday favored with a Paper of Intelligence from Cuddalore together with a Copy of a Letter wrote by your Honor &c. to that Board with a desire I would forward such Intelligence to our Admiral upon the Malabar Coast. Fortunately, I hope for the Service my Snow was here just on the point of sailing for Madras with some Sepoys and other Stores on Account of the Honble Company, all which I shall land & dispatch the Vessel with this Intelligence to our Admiral this Night which I hope you will approve of.

From the Resident at Tranquebar - advising of his intention to dispatch his Snow to Sir Edward Hughes with Intelligence

This

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This will be delivered your Honour &c.a by Capt. Geils, who says he is determined to push to Madras at all hazards, and to whom I beg leave to refer you, for any further particulars that may be necessary for your Honor &c.a to be acquainted with.

Capt. Scott sailed the 30th. Instant in the Evening on the Coote Sloop, with the Packet, and several other Letters from this. I have Yesterday Morning dispatched a Batanneaux after him with the Intelligence, which I hope will find him before he passes Cuddalore. I am with all due Respect. —

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obl.d Hble Servant

Edw.d McIntosh.

Fort St. George the 12th. Febry 1781.

Minute thereon

The Committee approve of Mr. McIntosh's Conduct, and return him thanks for the attention he has shewn to the Interests of the Public Service, by sending his Vessel to the Malabar Coast with the Intelligence to Sir Edward Hughes.

12th. Febry.

Minute of the President respecting the irregular Horse and Poligars under the command of Capt.n Rich.d Scott.

The President acquaints the Committee that,

1. Captain Scott Commanding the Irregular Horse and Poligars, has an opportunity of encreasing the former to 60. and this number he thinks absolutely necessary for answering the Purposes expected from this Body; and begs permission to compleat the Irregular Horse to 3 Jemidars, and 6 Privates Horsemen — It appears also requisite to encrease the Poligars from 250 to 300. —

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2. Captain Scott also begs to know if he may collect some Horses upon the same terms as those received before from the Inhabitants for the Company's Service. i.e. to be valued by Messrs. Storey & Plumer and the price payable at the Expiration of 12. Months. - Such horses as can be had upon these Conditions will serve to mount some Troopers belonging to the Governor's Body Guard, now without Horses.

3. As this Body of Irregulars may have frequent occasion to move to some distance, Captain Scott begs to have a Tent for himself, - and two old unserviceable Tents for his People, - a Bell Tent for their Arms, and 2 Lascars.

4. The Irregular Horsemen request to have some Rice, and Grain issued to them from the Company's Stores twice a Month. and the Amount to be deducted from their pay at the end of every Month, which will be the means of keeping their horses in good order and ready constantly for Service.

The Committee approve of the above alteration in the Irregular Corps Commanded by Captain Scott.

Minute of the Board thereon.

Read the following letter from Ensign De Castro.

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee
Sir

From Ens. DeCastro, requesting to be restored to the Service.

Being at Bengal on leave of Absence

Absence and detained there for some Months beyond my Leave by sickness which I signified to the Secretary of the Military Department, and likewise sent him a Surgeon's Certificate. I am just arrived here and find myself struck off the Army by the orders of the 3rd November 1780. and also left out of the promotion, I would be greatly obliged to you, Sir, if you would lay my Case before the Select Committee that I may have my promotion and continued on the list of Officers now doing duty with their Corps. I remain Sir

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Your very obt & hble Servant
Chas DeCastro.

restored accordingly.

Mr DeCastro having had further Leave of Absence, and being now returned to his Duty, is restored to his Rank in the Service.

Read the following letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c. Select Committee
at Fort St. George

From Bengal relative to supplying Provisions and money for the Bengal detach. on the March.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

The Governor General having laid before us a letter which he has received from Mr Turing, in which he recommends that the Ship Duke of Portland, or some Vessel of

of Force should be allowed to call at the different Settlements between Bengal and Madras for the purpose of taking up any Treasure that might be ready to be sent to your Presidency, and conveying the Country Craft going thither with Supplies. We are sorry that it is now too late to order the Duke of Portland upon this Service, she being already dispatched, and that no Ship of Force is at present in the River which we could employ on it. But as the Detachment under the Command of Lieut: Colonel Pearce will be in want of a supply of Treasure on it's arrival at Viragapatam, we have written to the Chief at that Place to detain in his Treasury for it's Service the Sum of three Lacks of Rupees, which was ready to be sent to your Presidency, and to the Chief at Masulipatam to detain whatever he may have prepared for this Purpose.

In our Letters to these Gentlemen we have requested also that they would collect a large quantity of Grain to be in Readiness for the use of the Detachment when it arrives in the Neighbourhood of their respective Stations and we have communicated the same desire to Mr Fining. We have the honour to be,

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Your most obed't Hble Servants

Warren Hastings

Edw'd Wheler.

Fort William
13th Janry 1701.

The

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The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President &c. Select Committee

at Fort St. George

From Bengal
are Indent for Stores
complied with.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have received the letters which you have written to us under date the 14th November and 21st Ditto, and have issued the necessary orders for a Provision of the Military Stores specified in your Indent enclosed in the Letter which shall be sent to you as soon as it is supplied. — We have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most obt. Hble Servants

Warren Hastings

Edwd Wheler.

Fort William
the 22nd Jany 1781.

Read the following Letter from
Mr. Richard Brighton Administration to the
late Honorable George Cadogan.

To the Hble Charles Smith Esqr

Prest. and Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs,

As Administrator to the Estate and
Effects of the late Honble George Cadogan I beg leave
to enclose you an Account Current between him
and the Honble Company wherein the Balance
appears to be in his favor to the Amount of
Pagodas 3,013. 34. 23 if your Honors should
find the same to be just on examination, I
hope you will order it to be paid to me as
Administrator

From Mr. R. Brighton,
with account current
between the Company
and the late Mr.
Cadogan.

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administrator to the Estate. I have the honour to
be with respect

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most ob^t & h^ble Servant

Richd Pightone

Fort St George
10th Feby 1701.

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Dr. Disbursement made to the Detachment =

July — To the Military Payments, Sepoy Abstracts, Disbursements, and Agent accounts &c. the amounting for July ——— } 18450.. ..

To Payment for Sepoy Officers for August — 1200.. ..

1965O.. ..

To Balance ——————— 5136.7.5½ .

Pagodas.. 24786.7.5½

August. To Military Payments for September 2600

To advance to the following Battalions

Mens

1st Battn of Sepoys --- 1000.. ..

2d Coast Battn — 2nd Do ——— 1000.. ..

3d " Do ——— 600.. ..

11th " Do ——— 1000.. ..

Mens 3600.. or 3960.. ..

To advance to the Lascars and Artificers — 300.. ..

To advance to the Puckallys ——— 50.. ..

To advance to the Bullock People — 1100.. ..

To advance to the Depy agent on acct of Rice and Sheep &c. bought for August and September ——— } 700.. ..

To the Booly, Mantry & Bamboo Coolies — 490 .. ..

To Ditto — Do — for September — 80.. ..

To Cash left in the Cash Chest Mens 1800.. or 1980.. ..

Pagodas — 11266.. ..

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under Command of Lieutenant Colonel William Baillie — Cr

July.	By Balance brought to from last Months Acct.		11475.	11.
	By Cash rec.d from Masulipatam	M.Ps 10677. or	11744	29.32.
	By Cash rec.d for a Bill in favor of Ens.n Lombard		25.	" "
	By Ditto — Do in favor of Mr Barrett		45.	" "
	By Ditto — Do in favor of Lt. Dalrymple		44.	" "
	By Do — Do in favor of Mr Young.		672.	26. 14
	By Sepoy & Peckonings, Hal.d Mounting and Lascar & Peckonings. —		780.	" "
		Pagodas.	24786.	7. 57.
August.	By Balance brought to from last Month, Acct	M.Ps	5136.	7. 57.
	By Cash rec.d from Col: Baillie	2160. or	2310.	" "
			7446.	7. 57.
	By Balance — — — — — —		3813.	34. 23.

Pagodas. 11260. "

To

No. Fort St. George 12th February 1801.

To be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.

referred to the Auditor.

Read Letter from the Rajah of Travancore dated the 21st December 1800. (as entered in C. C. No.) congratulating the President on his Accession to the Government, & acquainting him of his good wishes towards the Company and of having sent Troops into the Tinnevelly Country to our Assistance —

From the Raja of Travancore, congratulates the Governor on his Accession — sends troops to our Assistance.

Read letter from the Nabob of this date (as entered in C. C. No.) stating his Objections to the proposed Treaty with the Dutch.

From the Nabob — states his Objection to the Treaty with the Dutch.

Read letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated the 6th Jany (as entered in C. C. No.)

From the Raja of Tanjore.

Mr. William Jackson is appointed Auditor of Accounts in the room of Mr. George Proctor, — and

Mr. Jackson appd. Auditor of Accounts.

Mr. Henry Alexander Craig is now appointed Spanish and Portuguese Translator in the Room of Mr. Richd. Mason Lopez with the usual allowance. —

Mr. Craig appointed Spanish & Portuguese Translator.

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12th Wrote the following Letters.

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

Sir,

w/ Sir Eyre Coote, Mr Lightoe's arrival with a Treaty between the English, Dutch, & Nabob. Enclosing Copies of Letters from Major Cosgrave. H

Accompanying we have the honor of transmitting to you Copies of Letters, that we have received from Major Cosgrave, — on the Contents of which as you are perfectly acquainted with the Nature of our Situation, we request your opinion, and that you will communicate it to Genl Goddard and Major Cosgrave. On the 7th Instant Mr Lightoe arrived from Bengal with dispatches from the Government General, both to us and to the Nabob; and with Instructions for proceeding to Ceylon, there to conclude a Treaty with the Dutch. The sole condition of which Treaty was to be the Cession of the Tinnevelly & Coimatore by the Nabob to the Dutch with an exclusive right to the Pearl Fishery for ever — for the assistance of 1000 European Military and 1000 Malays. The Nabob, as may be naturally supposed declined acceding to such unfavorable terms. Mr Lightoe is therefore to return — and by him we shall avail ourselves of the opportunity of writing to the Gov. Genl and Co. — that besides a Multiplicity of other reasons, the Declaration of his Majesty in Council of the 17th April 1780. — "That the United Provinces are hence forward to be considered upon the same footing with those of the neutral States not privileged by Treaty" — would render it highly impolitic to give

the H

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12th the Dutch any footing whereby they might acquire an undue influence in the Carnatic.

We are happy to inform you that Intelligence arrived yesterday of the Detachment from Bengal under the Command of Lt.Col. Baillie having advanced three days march on this side of Ballasore on the 4th Inst. We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obt. hble Servants

Charles Smith &c.

Select Committee.

Fort St. George
12th Feby 1781.

To the Principal Creditors.

in the new Consolidated Fund of His Highness the Nabob.

Gentlemen,

To the Nabob's Creditors
their offers cannot be
accepted of.

I am directed by the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Decr. last and to acquaint you that they do not think they can consistently with the attention they owe to the Interest of their Employers accept the offers you have made to them, nor is it at this time in their ability to render you any services in the Matters of which you complain. I am

Gentlemen,

Your most obt. hble Servant

R: J: Sullivan.

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12th Feby 1781.

14th Received the following letters.

To the Honble the Governor & Select Committee
of Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

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14th

From Mr Dighton, it preparing to return Calcutta.

It gives me infinite satisfaction to find that the present situation of affairs on this Coast renders it unnecessary for me to insist upon the accomplishment of a Treaty from which his Highness the Nabob appears to be averse. I am therefore preparing immediately to return to Calcutta, in order to lay before the Gov. Genl and Supreme Council His Highness's reasons for declining it. and I have now only to wait for the honor of your Commands

I have the honor to be with the

greatest respect,

Gentlemen,

Your most obt humble Servant

James Lucy Dighton

Madras
14th Feby 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Presit and Gov. and the Select Committee of
Fort St George.

From Col. James requests the Company's Bonds for the Nabob's debt may be delivered to him.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Since my last address to you dated 11th ditto. I have been furnished with an Extract of your General letter to the Honble the Court of Directors dated 9th Jany 1781. - I beg your Honor &c will be pleased to accept of my best thanks for the very humane and feeling representation you have made of my case to the Honble Court. and of your advising them that you have granted me a Bond for Pagodas 20,742.25.40. Your attention to other business since the dispatch of that letter has been the Cause no doubt, that the Bond tho' granted

Yours

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14th Inst. Your, has not as yet been delivered to me,- My encreasing distresses, which in your letter to the Honble Court you are pleased to say "you saw and felt" are since encreased by an encrease of my infirmities, which at present confine me to my room.

Humbly therefore request your Honour &c will be pleased to give orders for the immediate delivery of the Bond to me, or for the delivery of sixteen Bonds to me, which shall altogether make the Amount of Pagodas 40,742. 25. 40 - as the dividing this Amount into so many smaller Bonds, will make it more convenient to me, consequently your favour the greater. A very anxious concern for the collecting in my affairs, that I may be enabled to settle them, will I hope excuse the trouble I may give you in this address.

I remain with Respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most humble Servant

Edwd James.

Fort St. George
14th Feby 1781.

The Honble Charles Smith Esq.

President and Governor

Honble Sir,

Finding myself in a very weak state of health and no hopes of recovery but by a change of air, I request your permission to go on Board the first Ship for Bengal or Bombay, which Doctor Anderson recommends as absolutely necessary, and think I have gained strength enough

From Capt. Bagot requesting leave to go to Bengal or Bombay on account of his health.

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14th enough for the Voyage, which I found myself too weak to undertake when I had your permission to go on the Kingston, I am exceedingly sorry that I have given you so much trouble. I am

Honble Sir, with respect,

Your most obedient Servant

Tho.s Bagot,

14th Feby 1781.

Agreed that Captain Bagot be permitted to proceed to Bengal for the Recovery of his health.

Granted accordingly

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Mr James Dighton

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter addressed to them of this date; and in reply to acquaint you that the accompanying is for the Honble Gov.r Genl and Council of Bengal conveys to that Presidency in the fullest manner their Sentiments on the Treaty meditated between the Government General, the Dutch and the Nabob of the Carnatic; I am

To Mr Dighton accompanying a Packet for the Gov.r Genl and Council

Packet

Sir,

Your most obt. Hble Servant

R: J: Sullivan.

Fort St. George
14th Feby 1781.

To Colonel Lang

Commanding at Vellore,

Sir,

To Col: Lang with the Committees thanks to him & the officers and Soldiers for their gallant defence of Vellore.

We have duely received the several letters you addressed to us during the siege of Vellore, and have so long deferred replying to them, from the danger in which you are the cause, than the dangerous Mixcarriage

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14th Mircarrahs would inevitably have run, in passing backwards and forwards. However late, our thanks we assure ourselves will not be the less acceptable. Permit us therefore, to express to you our warmest approbation of your gallant and spirited defence of Vellore, – and of the Chearfulness and Alacrity with which your orders have been uniformly obeyed by both officers and Soldiers: – and in an especial manner, we desire that this approbation may be conveyed to Lieut: Champnies, and those brave men, who so resolutely defended the Hills on the 14th Ultto. when the Enemy were repulsed in the several assaults that were made. We anxiously wish to afford you the assistance you require, but cannot flatter ourselves, that any opportunity will soon offer. We are with great Esteem

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants

Charles Smith &c
Select Committee.

Fort St. George
14th Feby 1781.

To Edward Hay Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the Honble the Gr. Gr. and Co of Bengal.

To Mr. Hay accompanying Letters to the Gov. Genl & Co.

Sir,

The accompanying Letters for the Honble the Gov. Genl and Co. have been at different times received here under the Address of the Secret and Select Committee, but until the present opportunity, it hath been deemed unsafe to attempt the forwarding of them to Calcutta

187. Fort St. George February 1781.

14th Calcutta — I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George
14th Febry 1781.

your most obt & most Hble Servant
Re. S. Sullivan.

15th. Read the following letter from Samuel Johnson Esqre.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr.
Presit and Govr &c. Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From S. Johnson Esqr. declines going to Tanjore on account of ill health.

At the time you did me the honor to appoint me one of a Deputation to the King of Tanjore, I was apprehensive that the ill state of health, I had for several Months laboured under, would prevent my proceeding on this Embassy; yet I accepted the appointment, hoping I might soon experience a favorable Change, and have a Zealous wish of being able to settle some points for the Interest of my Employers; but as my health has gradually declined since that Period, and certain Symptoms warning me of an approaching bilious attack, I am very reluctantly reduced to the necessity of relinquishing this Appointment. I have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Your most obt Hble Servant.
Saml Johnson.

Madras
18th Febry. 1781.

The Committee are concerned to find Mr Johnson's Indisposition prevents his going on the Deputation to Tanjore, as they entertained great expectations from his Conduct and Abilities, — but as he is necessitated to decline, Mr Davidson is appointed

Mr Davidson appointed in room of Mr Johnson

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14th Mircarrahs would inevitably have run, in passing backwards and forwards. However late, our thanks we assure ourselves will not be the less acceptable. Permit us therefore, to express to you our warmest approbation of your gallant and spirited defence of Vellore, — and of the Chearfulness and Alacrity with which your orders have been uniformly obeyed by both officers and Soldiers: — and in an especial manner, we desire that this approbation may be conveyed to Lieut: Champnies, and those brave men, who so resolutely defended the Hills on the 14th Ultto. when the Enemy were repulsed in the several Assaults that were made. We anxiously wish to afford you the Assistance you require, but cannot flatter ourselves, that any opportunity will soon offer. We are with great Esteem

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants

Charles Smith &c.
Select Committee.

To Edward May Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the Honble the Gr. Gl and Cl of Bengal

To Mr. May accompanying Letters to the Gov. Genl & Cl.

Sir,

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187. Fort St. George February 1781.

14th Calcutta — Thave the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George
14th Feby 1781.

Your most obt & most Hble Servant
Re. I. Sullivan.

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Presit and Govr &c. Select Committee

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Honble Sir and Sirs.

Your most obt Hble Servant.
Saml Johnson.

Madras
16th Feby. 1781.

The Committee are concerned to find Mr Johnson's Indisposition prevents his going on the Deputation to Tanjore, as they entertained great expectations from his Conduct and Abilities; — but as he is necessitated to decline, Mr Davidson is appointed

Mr Davidson appointed in room of Mr Johnson.

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15th appointed to proceed thither in his room.

wrote the following letters.

Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding at Tanjore.

Sir,

To Col: Brathwaite acquainting him of Mr Davidson and Mr Saunders's Deputation.

Having deemed it expedient to depute Alex. Davidson, and Francis Saunders Esqrs. to the Rajah of Tanjore, on matters of great Importance, we are to desire, that every respect and attention be paid to them; and that you do comply with every requisition that they may make to you, either for the assistance of Military or otherwise.

We are,

Sir,

Your most obt. Servants

Charles Smith &c

Select Committee

Fort St. George
15th Feby 1781.

To Mr Edward MacIntosh

Resident at Tranquebar.

To Mr McIntosh enclosing a letter to the Governor of Tranquebar.

Sir

We have received your two letters the one dated 9 & the other 11th Feby.

We much approve of your conduct, and return you our Thanks for your attention to the Service in sending your Vessel to the Malabar Coast with the Dispatches to Sir Ed. Hughes.

Enclosed you will receive a letter addressed to the Governor of Tranquebar, which we request you will have delivered to him.

We

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16th We are, Sir &c.

Signed by order of the Prest. and Select Committee

Fort St. George 15th Feby 1781. Re: J: Sullivan.

16th Received the following letter from Col: Capper.

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

Prest. & Co. Select Committee.

From Col. Capper requesting permission to go home.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Almost three years are elapsed since the Court of Directors sent me with Packets overland, during which time they have kept me living at my own Expence without having restored me even to my former rank and Station in the Service; I must therefore now request permission to return home in a Portuguese Ship, that sails the 17th Inst. at the same time, I flatter myself the Honble Committee will do me the Justice to acknowledge that I do not quit India at this critical Period, without having repeatedly offered my Services in a Military Capacity in the Field, and without stipulating for any fixed Rank, or even demanding any Pay or allowances. Being permitted to act as a Volunteer in the Artillery in the Fort, when the French Fleet appeared off the Place, I cannot think a Reason for remaining here any longer, more especially as two experienced Officers of Artillery are lately arrived, Viz.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Your most obt. Hble Servant

Madras 15th Feby 1781. J. Capper.

Agreed that Colonel Capper be permitted

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Granted accordingly 16th permitted to return to England, and the Secretary is directed to write him the following answer.

To Col. James Capper,

Sir

To Col. Capper, will be recommended to the Court of Directors.

I am directed by the President and Select Committee to acquaint you, that your have their permission, to return to Europe agreeably to your request, and that such mention will be made of you to the Court of Directors, as the repeated voluntary offers of Service you have made, and the peculiar hardship of your situation have so deservedly entitled you to.

I am,

Sir

Fort St. George
16th Feby 1781.

your most obt. Servant

R. J. Sullivan.

Read the following letter from Mr Henry Wallier.

To The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Presd. &c. Select Committee

From Mr. Wallier with Mr Baisley's Certificate Requests Permission to return to Europe. —

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Having been for some time past in a very indifferent state of health, I hope the Honble Committee will allow me to go to Europe, and also recommend me to the Honble Court of Directors to return with my Rank in the Service as soon as my health is restored I have the honor to enclose a Certificate from Dr Baisley — I am

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your

Dy. Fort St. George February 1781.

16th

Your most obt. Hble Servant

Henry Mollier.

February 16th 1781.

This is to certify, that Mr Mollier has been subject to frequent attacks of bile and has been under Dr Anderson's Care on that account but as his State of health is still irregular a Voyage to Europe is thought the most effectual means of re-establishing his Constitution

Gilbert Pasley

Surgn Genl.

of

Fort St. George

15th Feby 1781.

To which the following answer is returned.

To Mr Henry Mollier.

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Select Committee to acquaint you that you have their permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of your health, and that you will be accommodated to return with your Rank when that is re-established, I am

Sir

your most obt Servant

R. J. Sullivan

To Mr Mollier, is permitted to go home and will be recommended to return with his Rank.

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16th Feby 1781.

Read the following letter from the

Military Storekeeper.

To the Hon'ble Charles Smith Esq.

Pres. and Gov. &c. Select Committee

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

From Mr Scattergood, desiring to know under what head the Stores furnished to Sultaun Rauze are to be charged.

The late Governor Mr Whitehill having ordered me to supply Rajah Sultaun Rauze's Sepoys with Sundry Military Stores, Frequent applications since have been made for Directions under what head they are to be charged in

16th in the Company's Books. I am with great respect,
Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obt Hble Servants
Bryan Scottney
Mg Storekeeper.

Fort St. George
16th Feby 1781.

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Resolution thereon

Agreed that the Stores supplied Sitteranne Pauze, be carried to the Acct of Vizagapatam Factory, and the Gentlemen there advised to debit the Rajah Vizeramraze's Account for the Amount.

Dispatched the following Letters.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council of Bengal
Fort William.

To the Gov. Genl. & C.ls
the Committee's Sentiments
& Resolutions respecting
the proposed Treaty
between the English,
Dutch and the Nabob.
Pleasure from the
Portland Loaded.

Gentlemen,

We have had the honor to receive your letters of the 4th and 7th Inst. the former by Mr Dighton, the latter by Major Scott.

The letter to the Nabob together with the Sentiments which you were desirous should be communicated to his Highness, as proceeding from your Government, were made known to him, as early after the arrival of Mr Dighton, as was in our power.

The Scheme of assistance upon the Dutch on certain Conditions, was some Months ago indirectly intimated to us, but, altho' we did not totally lay aside the Consideration of it, we were well aware of some weighty objections to which it appeared liable. The great additional Expence that such a number of Troops, would amount to, seemed alone sufficient to deter us from

16th from listening to the Proposal, and even were that impediment obviated, the Sum which would be required, might me were of opinion be employd to much more advantage by entertaining a Body of Cavalry, the want of which has already been severely felt. But, this was not the only difficulty the disgrace that would probably attend such a measure in the opinion of the several Country Powers, as well as the danger to which our affairs might in the course of the war be exposed, thro' the Intrigues of so extraordinary and enterprising a Character as Hyder Ally, were such powerful arguments against the measure that even could such a Body of Dutch Troops, have been ready to join our Army at a short notice, and a Junction with them rendered certain, it is by no means clear that our Situation, distressing as it then was, would have warranted an acquiescence on our part.

When having been our Sentiments, when the posture of Affairs wore so unfavorable an aspect. - We should hold ourselves highly reprehensible, were we in any manner to promote the Ratification of the Treaty you have sent to us, at a time, when from the spirited and prudent conduct of Genl Sir Eyre Coote, the Campany's affairs on this Coast, have lately experienced the most happy and favorable turn; and not to mention the good effects to be expected from the operations of General Goddard on the Malabar Coast, the Marcs

of

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16th of the respectable Detachment you have been pleased to order us, must soon work so material a Change in our affairs, as to put it in our power to act, and we doubt not with effect upon the Offensive – We have therefore only to add that the Revenues of the Southern Provinces being almost the only resource now left the Nabob, he has been prevailed upon, to assign them over to the Company, reserving to himself such part only as is necessary for his household Expences; – and as these will form the most considerable part of what we may possibly receive for carrying on the war, we flatter ourselves our Conduct will meet with approbation – the want of Money being the only impediment which we hope we have to apprehend to our future Successes.

Exclusive indeed of the above reasons, the peculiar Situation of Great Britain at this hour with the Subjects of the States General, is such that if no other objections could be supposed admissible, that alone would be sufficient, to throw us upon our Guard, lest the Dutch should acquire an undue Influence in the Carnatic – The Declaration of His Majesty in Council of the 17th April 1780, – is strongly marked, and runs thus "and whereas "by The Non Performance of the clearest engagements "they (the States General of the united Provinces) "owe to the Alliance that has so long subsisted "between the Crown of Great Britain and the "Republic, and place themselves in the Condition "of a Neutral Power, bound to this Kingdom by

no

16th "no Treaty, every Principle of Wisdom and Justice
"requires that His Majesty should consider them hence-
"forward as standing only in that distant relation
"in which they have placed themselves" — Wherefore
the Subjects of the United Provinces are declared to
"be considered upon no other footing than that of
"other Neutral States not privileged by Treaty"

From this declaration which by your Honor &c. could not have been acquainted with, you will readily perceive the political necessity which would unavoidably have operated against any alliances with the Dutch, even supposing their offers to have been advantageous to the Company and to the Naval.

Mr. Hickey's having informed us that he has explained himself fully to the Governor & General on the above Subject, in a letter he has addressed him by Mr. Dight too, who now returns to Bengal.

Major Scott agreeably to your desire shall be the Bearer of our Dispatches to the Honble the Court of Directors.

We now dispatch the four Indiamen, the Neptune, Dartmouth, Bellmont, and Rochford, and have detained the Fortune, for the purpose of assisting the General's Operations to the Southward and also to carry home a full Cargo, which will be ready in proper time.

We are

Gentlemen

Your

&c

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16th

Your obedient humble servants.

Charles Sonnith Esq
Select Committee

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16th Feby 1781.

P.S. The Treasure sent by Your Honor &c. on the Duke of Portland for this Presidency and Bombay, we have with the Concurrence of Sir Eyre Coote landed. Of this, we shall advise the Gentlemen at Bombay and at the Same time shall desire, that they will draw upon us for any Sums that they may stand in need of. Advices from thence, which we have just received, give us to understand that Admiral Saugres with the Squadron arrived there the 20th of Decr. That two Ships were employ'd against a small Fort in the Neighbourhood of Bafsein. That the others were refitting. — And that the whole would be probably be enabled to sail for this Coast by the middle of this Month. — A Report from the Southward mentions the Sailing of two of the French Ships. We shall therefore detain the Indiamen, until we are furnished with such Intelligence, as will warrant our dispatching them to Bengal.

To Colonel John Braithwaite,
Commanding at Tanjore

To Col: Braithwaite
Approve of the
Storekeepers &
providing the
Stores wanted.

Sir

I am directed by the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 7th Ultimo enclosing the Minutes of a Committee of Stores held in Tanjore the 5th Inst: at the time was elapsed, before the

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16th the arrival of this Letter, the Committee approve of the Storekeepers being directed to provide the Stores mentioned in the Indent, agreeably to your Recommendation. I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Rc: S: Sullivan.

Fort St. George
16th Feby 1781.

Mr James Stegner,

Sir,

To Mr Stegner, Bis Memorial under the Consideration of the Company's Standing Counsel.

The Court the President and Select Committee have received your Memorial. The Subject of it is under the Consideration of the Company's Standing Counsel — When his opinion is reported I shall have the Commands of Government to reply fully to your out the points in Question. I am,

Sir,

Your most obt Hble Servant

Rc: S: Sullivan.

Fort St. George
16th Feby 1781.

To Mr John Studleston

Resident at Nagore.

Sir,

To Mr Studleston, acquainting him of the Embassy of Mr Davidson and Mr Tourdan.

Having deemed it expedient to depute Alex. Davidson and Francis Tourdan Esqrs to the Rajah of Tanjore, on matters of great Importance, We are to desire that every respect and attention be paid to them, and that you do comply with every Requisition they may make to you, for such assistance as they may stand in need of.

We have received your letter of the 8th "

Ditto "

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16th Ditto enclosing Copy of your Correspondence with Capt. Geils, and approve of your having embarked the Jour. Bks for the Presidency at the recommendation of that Officer and Capt. Hughes, at the same time we have expressed to the former, our disapprobation of the Style of his Letter to you on that Subject.

We are,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants

Charles Smith &c.

Select Committee.

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16th Febry 1781.

To Capt. Thomas Geils,

Sir,

To Capt. Geils—
Reprimand for his disrespectful Correspondence with the Resident at Nagore.

We have received a Letter from our Resident at Nagore dated the 5th Ditto enclosing Copy of your Correspondence with him, on the Subject of remaining the four Boats 6 Pdrs from thence to Madras altho' you might deem it a part of your duty, to recommend a Measure you thought for the good of the Service, Yet we cannot but express our disapprobation of the Style of your Letters to him, which we think are wanting in the respect due to the Station he at present holds. We are

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants.

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17th Came in the following Letters from the Commander in Chief.

To the Worble the Select Committee

Gentlemen,

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17th Gentlemen,

From Sir Eyre Coote has destroyed all the Boats and Spikes the Guns at Pondichery marches to Cuddalore his difficulties on account of Provision,

In order to effect what was ordered as the grand public object the distressing of the French Fleet at Pondicherry I proceeded from Carangoly to the Southward and flattered with the hope that I should have found no difficulties in the score of Provisions by the Reports I had of the plenty at Pondicherry and further because from the Intelligence I had of Hyders motions, I had not a doubt of my being able to reach our Southern Countries before him and thereby have obviated every risk of want, But I was disappointed in my Prospect of Supplies at Pondichery and had barely effected the destruction of all the Boats I could find and rendered unserviceable all the Guns, when the Enemy made his appearance at the Red Hills and as he was marching to the Southward obliged me also to march that way to cover this Place and if possible to obtain Rice of which I had not a day remaining— We kept up a heavy Cannonade on my Rear, in the night,— but did us damage than might have been expected, as the quantity of Ammunition which he expended— His losses appear not to be much greater than ours altho we fired very few shot— We lost a good deal of Baggage— We reached Cuddalore the 5th in the morning, but without meeting what I expected— our situation is most critical— cannot command Rice enough to move either to the Southward or Northwards— It checks every desire I have of drawing Hyder to an Action— I offered him Battle yesterday, but I no sooner shewed myself

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17th myself than he moved off and has to Reinforce view of
and strengthened all the roads leading to the South-
ward. I have myself as well as Mr Daniel written
in the most pressing terms to Mr Rudlestone to endeavor
to send us Supplies, — if there is a possibility to do any thing
from your Quarter, Truly upon your every thing must
be risked to assist me — my difficulties are great indeed —

Cuddalore 11th Feby 1781. Lyre Coote.

To the Honble the Presidents and Select Committee,
From different treating
a Supply of Provisions
with all delay.

Gentlemen,

Accompanying is Duplicate of my last,
Whereby my attention is less occupied than at present
you shall have a particular account of all transactions.
Hyder avoids me and has occupied the Southern
Roads, there however he would soon find no
advantage from, did not the misfortune which
now attends in the want of Provision prevent my
moving even one day from this place, But for
that one thing I am confident from what I have
seen I should ere this time have given such
an account of the Enemy, as would have left
him hardly another Choice than that of
relinquishing all his acquisitions in the Carnatic
I am satisfied I need say no more to induce you
to take such steps, as will speedily enable me to
act as becomes a Soldier and the Station I fill —
I have heard that Capt Kennock has got
a very excellent Vessel, which is well equipt
and I should imagine might be well
employed either to the Northward or
Southward

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17th — The French Ships are still at Pondicherry, and by what I can learn have landed no Men — Notwithstanding Mr Gerrais said to have sent his Packet on board to the Admiral to entreat him to do it — but the Admiral declined alledging he had not the Kings order — I am

Gentlemen,

Your most obt. Servant.

(signed) Eyre Coote.

Camp. Trepanolore
12th Feby 1781.

Gentlemen,

The French Fleet under sail and seem to be standing to the Eastwards, and I should not approve not to return — There is not a moment to be lost in sending me Provisions — That supplied I will answer for the rest — I am with esteem.

Your obt. Hble Servant
(signed) Eyre Coote.

To the Honble the Presidents and Select Committee
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I sent two dispatches to you yesterday informing you of the French Fleet having sailed from Pondicherry in number nine Vessels, — and entreating you to lose no time in dispatching Supplies of Rice to me at this place — How I am circumstanced in this particular I have already made you acquainted with by three different Letters, I have therefore only now to entreat your speedy compliance with my desire —

P. T. —

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17th

I should do Injustice to the Services I have of the Services rendered the Publick by Mr. Daniell. your now acting Chief at this Place. and to the — Indefatigable Industry with which he has exerted himself in procuring Grain for the Subsistence of the Army, did I omit on this occasion expressing to you the obligations which as Commander in Chief of the Forces, I put myself to lay under to him, and that I receive an additional — Satisfaction in finding that a Gentleman so heartily disposed to co-operate for the success of the common cause, is by the death of Mr. Cummings a late Member of your Board, the next to succeed to that vacancy — and to fill which, in Consideration of this deserved Testimony of his active and spirited conduct in the publick Interest, I trust you will at my solicitation soon call him.

None of the French Fleet are in sight to day. I conclude therefore as they steered a Course to clear the Bay that they have left the Coast. I am with much respect,

Gentlemen

Your most obt Servant

Eyre Coote.

Camp, Cuddalore
the 14th Feby. 1781.

In consequence of the above letter, and one which the Resident informs the Committee he has received from Mr. Daniell, acquainting him of two of the French Fleet having sailed from Pondecherry, their destination

17th Destination unknown, it is resolved, That
the Nabob's Ship the Success Galley and the
Snow Amazon be immediately laden with
Grain, and dispatched to the Southward
for the Supply of the Army. — It is also
resolved, that the Indiamen be detained
till certain advices can warrant their sending
them to Bengal.

The Success Galley and Snow Amazon dispatched with grain for the Army —

The Indiamen to be detained till further advices of the French Fleet.

Received the following Letter
from Mr Sadleston.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & Members of the Select Committee at
Fort St. George

From Mr Sadleston his letter and Hughes allegiance to Election now in the Rolls

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

I was yesterday honored with your letter of the 26th ulto and immediately forwarded by express the letters which accompanied it. I enclose your Honor &a in Cypher copy of a letter I have just written to Sir Edward Hughes which I hope your Honor &a will approve, as well as the measure I have taken to get it conveyed to him. About an hour before I was honored with your letter, the Snow Carolina Matilda had sailed from Carical for Madras, with a Nabob's officer, and 57 Artillery Sepoys, 2 Brass six Pounders, and their Carriages &a and 35 Barrels of the Honble Company's Arrack; the Cargo of a Boat some time since driven in thereby

Had

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17th bad Weather, but fortunately the Vessel was to call at Tranquebar, and I hope the Sepoys with the Company's property are by this time disembarked. I am concerned to acquaint you that Captain Scott had embarked the Evening before on the Coote Sloop with Letters under his Care to your Honor &c., and to Sir Eyre Coote from the Southern Garrisons and the Malabar Coast to the number of 300 or 400 besides a large Box full of private Letters, and unless Captain Jefferies Keep along shore near enough to be warned of his danger from Cuddalore I fear he has fallen into the Enemy's hands — a number of other Letters for Government and Sir Eyre Coote were dispatched by the Carolina Matilda and I have written to Mr. Macintosh at Tranquebar to cause them to be returned to me. — Some of them I judged to be of great consequence, particularly several from Bombay (one endorsed dispatched the 5th Jany.) which induces me to submit to your Honor &c., whether at this time it might not be eligible to guard against the misfortune of losing such Letters by authorising me to open, and take Copies of them — I am sure you may depend on my transmitting punctually whatever Intelligence I receive, or procure relative to the Motions of the Enemy and on my taking every precaution in my power for the defence, and

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17th and security of the Company's property.—

I have judged it my duty to address a letter to Colonel Braithwaite on this Subject, of which I cannot at present transmit a Copy there not being time to put it in Cypher. I mean to detain 20 or 30 of the Nabobs Artillery Men to assist in working the Guns in our Redoubt which I trust you will approve. I have written your Honor fully by Captain Scott on the Subject of the Company's Revenue here and shall forward duplicates tomorrow P. Tappy. I shall also inform your Honor &c. of the Villainous attempt of Morpally the agent and Son in Law of Conaga Suba Pillah which has compleated what I have already written to you of his Conduct, and at length compelled me to the resolution of divesting him of all authority, and resuming the possession of the rent in the name of the Company. — I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obt. Hble Servant

P. Hudleston

Nagore 1st Feby 1781.

To Sir Edward Hughes,

Rear Admiral, and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir

The enclosed is the Copy of a letter I received last night from the Select Committee, contains Intelligence of such infinite

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17th. infinite importance to his Majesty's service under your care that I have thoroughly justified in accepting an offer from Mr. Maddintosh to dispatch his Vessel now at Tranquebar with it to you immediately at Bombay — The Committee, Sir, have dispatched advices to you of the events by land but the arrival of the Tappies even as far as Anjengo is precarious — Eight of the French Ships are now at Pondicherry where they have landed their sick, — the Gentlemen at Cuddalore seem to expect them there and I suppose I shall be honored with a visit from them in my turn — All supplies of Grain and Provisions from both the Southern and Northern districts being cut off, Madras must be soon distressed and their only hopes must depend upon your coming speedily to their relief. I understand that several of the Enemy's Ships of the Line are only 50 Gun Ships — The Arrival of 5 Indiamen at Madras from Europe and the Sea horse from China with the death of Capt: Panton — You have doubtless, Sir, received advice of General Coote's having taken the Field with the army and was at Vandewash the 25th. Ultto — Where the Nabob is to be with the greatest Expedition

Sir

Your most obedt. Servant

(Signed) F. Gwdleston

Nagore.
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17th. Read the following letter from Captains

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17th Capt. Johnson.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr.

President and Govr. &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From Capt. Johnson offering his Services as a Volunteer in Capt. Scotts Corps

Understanding that a Corps is now raising by Captain Scott, partly consisting of Cavalry; in which Line I have had some experience; I should be happy in contributing my endeavors towards rendering them useful to the Honble Company, therefore beg leave to offer my services as a Volunteer under Captain Scott. I am with respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient, and

Obliged humble Servant

B Johnson.

Madras Feby 17th 1781.

Accepted of accordingly.

Agreed that Capt. Johnson's offers of services to act as a Volunteer under Captain Scott be accepted.

Dispatched the following Letter.

Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote KB.

Commander in Chief of the Forces in India,

Sir,

To Sir Eyre Coote, The Success Galley and Amazon, dispatched to the Army with Grain Opinions of Sir Ed. Hughes & Capt.

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 15th Instant, - and that no time should be lost, in affording you the utmost assistance in our power, we have directed the Success Galley a Ship belonging to the Nabob, to be immediately loaded with Grain, and dispatched to the Southward. - We have ordered the Amazon to proceed thither likewise,

The

17th The former with about 4000 and the latter 2000 Bags. — The treasure from Bengal we have landed, — and shall advise the Gentlemen at Bombay of our having done so. — By private advices from Bombay just received, we are given to understand that Sir Edward Hughes arrived there the 20th Decr. That two of his Fleet the Worcester and Coventry were employed against Arnaul a Forbard Town on the Sea Coast some distance from Bassein. That the Superb and Eagle were in Dock the 26th and the other Ships refitting with all possible expedition, and that it was probable the whole would be able to sail for this place by the middle of this Month,

We have the honour to be

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17 Sir,

Your most obedt Servants
Charles Smith Dea
Select Committee

The General letter to the Honble the Court of Directors of this date, to be sent by Colonel Capper was this day read, approved & signed.

18th Wrote the following Letters.

To Mr. James Daniell
Chief & Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen,

To Mr. Daniell, approve of his resolution to defend Cuddalore. The Success Gallo and Amazon dispatches to the Army. +

We have received your Letter of 31st Jany and embrace the opportunity of conveying to You, our fullest approbation of Your spirited Resolution to maintain and defend

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10th. dgeed the Garrison of Cuddalore and congratulate
you on its being relieved by the arrival of Lieut
Genl Sir Eyre Coote.

We now dispatch the Success Galley
and Amazon, with Grain for the Army, should the
General not have given orders to the contrary,
they have directions to land their Cargoes at
Cuddalore; - after the Amazon has landed her
Grain, we desire she may be immediately dis-
patched, agreeably to the Instructions the
Captains has received from us - Five Vessels which
have been dispatched some time from hence
with grain for the army, have directions to proceed
to the Southward, should they arrive at
Cuddalore, you will accordingly take charge
of them, informing the General thereof.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most obt. Servants.
Charles Smith &c
Select Committee

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Lieut. Genl Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief of the Forces in India.

Sir,

To Sir Eyre Coote
The Amazon to
be dispatched
agreeably to the
Capts Instructions

We have had the honor to receive
your letters of the 12th and 13th Instant; and are
happy to learn from them that the French Fleet
have left the Coast. - This will we hope ensure
safety to the Success Galley and Amazon, which
Vessels we advised you of Yesterday, as proceeding
to the Southward with Grain. After the
Amazon

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10th Amazon shall have landed her Rice, we request that she may be immediately dispatched agreeably to the orders the Captain has received from us, to cruize off the Island of Ceylon for the outward bound Indiamen, and the Squadron of Sir Edward Hughes – We have the honor to be with esteem,

Sir,

Your most obt Hble Servants

Charles Smith &c.

Select Committee

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To Captain Cuthbert Fenwick,

Commander of the Success Galley

Sir,

Instructions to Capt. Fenwick

His Highness the Nabob having put your Ship under the orders of the Honble the President and Select Committee, I have their Commands to inform you, that having taken in your loading of Rice, you are then to make the best of your way to Cuddalore, where, should you receive no orders to the contrary from Lt. Genl. Sir Eyre Coote, you are to deliver your Cargo to the Chief and Council. Such directions as you shall receive from the Commander in Chief of the Army, or from the Chief and Council of Cuddalore you are to follow; – It being the intention of Government in the present destination of the Success Galley, that she shall be employed

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10th employed so as to afford the best assistance to the Army. The accompanying are such Signals as are established for this Port. -

Should the five Vessels which have been dispatched from hence, with Grain, be still laying at Sadras, you will direct them to proceed to Cuddalore with all possible expedition.

Enclosed you will receive Copy of the Signals for 1779 and 1780. In case of the appearance of any Vessel you are to make use of the latter, which if not answered (but on no account otherwise) you are to throw out the former. The Signals for this Port are also sent to you accompanying; should (be in danger of being taken, by an Enemy, but not until the last extremity, you are to be particularly attentive to the destruction of these Signals.

Dated in Fort St. George this 18th Day of Feby 1781.

and signed by order of the Pres.t and Select Committee

R. J. Sullivan.

To Captain Mc. allister
Commanding the Amazon.

Sir.

Instructions to Capt. Mc. allister

Having received on board your lading of Rice, you are to make the best of your way to Cuddalore, where should you receive no order to the Contrary from the Lt. Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote, you are to deliver your Cargo to the Chief and Council.

You are then to proceed to the

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10th the Eastward of the Island of Ceylon, and cruize off the Friars Hood, to give Intelligence to Sir Edward Hughes or any other English Vessel you may be able with safety to speak with, of the French Fleet having been on this Coast, and having stood to Sea from Pondecherry the 13th Instant, to the S.E. - and you are in particular to keep a good look out, for a fleet of Indiamen which are expected about this time from England.

Enclosed you will receive Copy of the Signals for 1779 and 1780. In Case of the appearance of any Vessel you are to make use of the latter, which if not answered (but on no account otherwise) you are to throw out the former. - The Signals for this Port, are also sent to you accompanying. - Should you be in danger of being taken by an Enemy, but not untile the last extremity, You are to be particularly attentive to the destruction of these Signals.

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By order of the Presidt and Select Committee.

R. I. Sulivan.

To Mr. James Stevens Casamajor
Chief & Council at Vizagapatam.

To the Chief and Co at Vizagapatam. Mr Brooks sent there and to be allowed Cadets half Pay.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the President and Select Committee, to inform you that in Consequence of your Representation &c &c

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18th In consideration of the large Family which Mr. Boulé has at Vizagapatam, they have sent him thither, not doubting but that you will be attentive to put it out of his power to be of any detriment to their affairs. And further I have it in charge to acquaint you that they have agreed to allow him to draw half Pay as a Captain.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obt. & hble Servant
D. J. Sullivan.

Fort St. George
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At a Select Committee. Present,

Monday the 19th The Honble Chas. Smith Esqr. Presidt and Govr.
Samuel Johnson
Alexander Davidson
Lieut. Genl. Sir Eyre Coote, and
Major Genl. Sir Hector Munro absent on Service.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's Motion for the appointment of Mr. Cochrane Grain Keeper at Tanjore.

As it has been resolved on in a Committee, that Messrs. Davidson and Saurdan should proceed to Tanjore, for the purpose of procuring the Rajah's assistance towards defraying the expences of the War, and as it is probable part of the Supplies expected from thence must ultimately be received in Paddy; the President proposes that the Honble Board

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Basil Cochrane be directed to proceed to Tanjore as Grain Keeper and obey such orders as he may receive from these Gentlemen, for receiving and storing Grain both in the Fort and Country of Tanjore—

Chas Smith.

19th February 1781.

Approve S.S.

A.P.

The Committee approve of the Presidents Proposal, and the Honble Basil Cochrane is accordingly appointed Grain Keeper in the Fort and Country of Tanjore; and the following Letters are written in Consequence.

Appointed & accordingly Collector of Grain

To the Honble Basil Cochrane,

Sir

To Mr Cochrane acquainting him of his Appointment

I am directed to acquaint you that the Honble the President and Select Committee have appointed you Grain keeper and Collector on account of the Honble Company in the Fort and Country of Tanjore, and you are hereby ordered to proceed there and take charge of that office, according to the Instructions you shall receive from the Honble the Select Committee or from the present Commissioners deputed on the Company's Business at Tanjore— I am

to

Sir,

your most obdt Servant

R. J. Sullivan.

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Colonel John Braithwaite

Commanding at Tanjore

Sir,

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To Col. Brathwaite informing him of Mr Cochranes Appointment

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint You that the Honble the President and Select Committee have appointed the Honble Basil Cochrane, Grain Keeper and Collector on account of the Honble Company, in the Fort and Country of Tanjore, he is now ordered to proceed thither to take charge of that Office according to the Instructions he shall receive from the Honble the Select Committee or from the present Commissioners deputed on the Company's Business at Tanjore.

I am,

Sir

Your most obt. Hble Servant

R. I. Sullivan.

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The following Letter of Instructions is now signed, and ordered to be delivered to Messrs Davidson and Tourdan.

To Alex Davidson
and Francis Tourdan Esqrs
Gentlemen,

Instructions to Messrs Davidson and Tourdan

Having thought it expedient that a Member of the Select Committee, should be deputed to the Rajah of Tanjore, whose conduct has for some time past been very reprehensible; and having conceived it of Importance, that You as fourth of this Government should proceed thither, and that Mr. Francis Tourdan should be joined with You in the deputation, to carry the object of our Intentions into execution,

We

We desire that the following Instructions be particularly attended to, and that the necessary arrangements be concluded with the Rajah, they first having received the Sanction of our approbation.

Our first and indeed our only object in this Deputation, is to make the Tanjore Country (as it indisputably should) bear some proportion of the expence of the general defence of the Carnatic. What this should be comparatively with respect to its revenues we will allow; but besides its intrinsic produce, there is in this hour of dificulty and embarrassment to be considered, its perfect security, and its being unincumbered with the load of any public debts.

Exclusive of the Annual Subsidy of four Lacks of Pagodas for the protection and safety of his Country, the Rajah has been repeatedly given to understand not only by us, but by the Company, that pecuniary exertions were to be expected from him, whenever he was called upon; and that the exigency of Public affairs should demand them. To provide for this, before disturbances in the Carnatic, might render our endeavours hazardous, he was solicited to deposit in the Company's Treasury, the Sum which was abiding the result of the Company's determination, and which was claimed by the Rajah, as the Government share of the Crop, while that Country was in his possession. The small part of this deposit which was received, induced the Committee

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in the early part of the last Year, to desire that provision might be made for the immediate Payment of the whole. The Rajah however as usual, evaded a compliance with our Request, and that matter still remains to be adjusted, altho' the orders relative to it from England, were communicated to him several Months ago.

In restoring the Rajah of Tanjore to his Country, the Honble the Court of Directors expressly provided for the rights of the Nawab of the Carnatic; and in an especial manner ordered that the Peishcush, should be regularly accounted for to the Circar,- This Sum which amounts annually to four Lacks of Rupees, has hitherto been uncalled for by the Nabob, neither has the Rajah admitted that the Claim of the Nabob as established by the Company to be a just one. In whatever light however, this Peishcush may be viewed, this point is clear, and the conclusion is evident. The Company have it in reference for their decision, and until that decision comes, it is incontrovertably right, that the Produce of it, should be applied to the wants of the Public which were never more considerable nor never more alarming than at the present moment.

We are aware of the variety of arguments which the Rajah will attempt to use, in endeavoring to prevent these matters from coming to a conclusion, and of the inability he will plead, in furnishing the Supplies

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Supplies, which must necessarily be drawn from this
Country. But as neither Arguments nor inability
can possibly be allowed to operate in a Conjuncture
like the present, We shall depend upon your
prudence and discretion, in so far convincing
him of his mistaken line of conduct, as to shew
him that his assent to the Arrangements you
shall propose for the accomplishment of these ends,
is not only expected, but that he is called upon
to grant it, in the name of his greatest Benefactors, and in fact, for the future prosperity
and welfare of his own Possessions.

We shall not for the present, give
you any further Instructions of a particular
nature. Your Knowledge of the public necessities
and what we in justice should claim from
our Friends and Allies, will guide you in your
deliberations, and in your Representations to
the Rajah of Tanjore. We are with Esteem,

Gentlemen,

Your most obt. Hble Servants
Charles Smith &c
Select Committee

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P.S. We have appointed the Honble Basil
Cochrane Grain Keeper and Collector on account
of the Bastern Company in the Fort and
Country of Tanjore, he is directed to proceed
thither, and to follow such Instructions as
he may receive from us, and such orders
as you may think proper to give him.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the
Nabob's new Consolidated Creditors.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Presidg &c Gentlemen of the Select Committee.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From the Nabob's Creditors accompanying a letter to the Govr Genl and Cl appealing to them for the justice of their claims

We have had the honor to receive a letter from your Secretary by your order Dated the 12th Instant, in reply to ours of the 7th Inst. informing us "that you do not think "you can consistently with the attention you owe "to the Interest of your Employers, accept the offer "we have made to you; neither is it at this time "in your ability to render us any Service in the "matters of which we complain"

We are much concerned that you have not been able to accept of the offer we made to you, or to take any other step for our relief. In this Emergency, We have been induced to prefer an application to the Governor General and Council of Bengal for their assistance and support and we beg permission to send the same through the Channel of your Board, and to request you will do us the favor to forward it to them by the first Conveyance.

We have the honor to be.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obt & hble Servants

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James Taylor for himself & others
Geo: Savage
Jas Call
B Roebuck for Alex Jamieson
Thos
Geo: Moubray
for self and others
Harper.
Gilbert Ousley.

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A Broadie for his Constituents
Alex. Cuthbert for his Constituents
Chas. Bromley for himself and Trust for others.
Thos. Geils.
Robt. Storey.
James Johnson. Atty. to T. Woolley Esqr.
Edwd. & Jno. Holland.
J. Balfour in Trust
Jas. Call for Andrew Majoribanks
Geo. Buck.

Thos. Pelling.
John d'Soriez
for themselves and Constituents
W. H. Dobbyn.
for himself and others.
Johnston & Trent.
Hall & Turner
& Co. and in Trust.
Antonio de Souza for himself, Constituents and for the Estate of John Spratt.
Popham for the Trustees of St. Johnson.
Jno. Sykes.
Narrain Pillai Atty. to W. Brooke Esq.
Geo. Maule in Trust

To The Honble. Warren Hastings Esq.
Gov. Genl. &c. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We the Creditors of the Nabob of Arcot whose demands were liquidated by Public Agreement with His Highness in 1777, humbly beg leave under the peculiar Circumstances of Distress in which we are involved, to lay our Situation before You, and to Solicit such Assistance and Support, as it may be practicable for You in the present posture of affairs to grant us.

By referring to the Papers, which we have the honor to enclose here: with, You will observe that the Arrangement proposed by the Nabob, for the discharge of his debts was founded upon a Letter written by

by your Board, to the President and Council of this Settlement dated the 7th April 1777. wherein you were pleased to recommend in strong terms the immediate Resumption of all Tunkaws or Assignments granted by the Nabob to his private Creditors, on the Revenues of the Carnatic.

The Assignments held by Individuals at that time, amounted to nearly the whole of the Nabobs debts. The greater part of them had been granted on the Tanjore Provinces during the time it was in His Highness's Possession, but when the Country was restored to the displaced Rajah, these Assignments were all thrown upon the Carnatic, and lay as heavy incumbrances, upon every part of the Revenue.

To effect the salutary measure of withdrawing them, without injuring the rights of his Creditors, the Nabob offered certain propositions, which were calculated to ensure Payment of his Debt, by a regular tho' very slow progress, and the Creditors confiding in the sincerity of his Intentions and trusting also to the Support of the Company's Government, were induced to acquiesce in the Terms, and in consequence delivered up their Assignments to the Nabob, whereby he was enabled to fulfil all his Engagements to the Company, which it would have been otherwise impossible for him to have done.

Sorry we are to remark,

That

That the Nabob tho' so much benefited by this Arrangement, has failed in every article of it. Instead of paying the Interest of his debt regularly and after the first year, a part of the Principal as annually according to his proposals, he has only paid us in the course of 3 years 9 12 72 Cent. which is not quite one year's Interest, and since the breaking out of the present troubles, We have not received a single Pagoda from him, Your Honble Board will easily conceive the private embarrassment occasioned by these capital failures in the Nabob. They have indeed operated so far, as to produce a very serious and general distress throughout the Colony.

We humbly hope, that a Subject of such concern will engage your earliest attention, & even notwithstanding your particularly at this time, proceed from an ineffectual application we have lately prepared to the President and Select Committee of this Settlement, on a point of some consequence to us, it has been said (and the accompanying Papers with them) That the Nabob in his Agreements with the Honble Company allotted the Revenues of certain Districts for the discharge of his debt. These Revenues it is true, have never yet been faithfully applied to that purpose, but as they were expressly set apart by the Nabob, as the only Fund from whence the Creditors were to be paid, they have always considered them as

exclusive

exclusive right to the benefit of them, as unquestion-
:able. Upon this ground they tendered there revenue
to the Government here during the war, on
condition of their granting Bonds for the
Amount of whatever might be received into the
Company's Cash.

The Districts in question have suffered
but little from the Enemy's Incursions - They are
conveniently situated, and might be easily protected
by a small Force. Their produce is estimated at
near five lacks of Pagodas per annum, and consists
chiefly of Grain. Cattle, Sheep and Provisions of all
Sorts, notwithstanding these advantages, and the
pressing calls of the Company for money the
President and Select Committee did not think
proper to accept our offer, or to adopt any other
effectual mode, by which the Company or
Creditors might reap any Benefit from those
Countries. — The consequence is, that being left
unprotected and in the hands of the Nabob's
Servants, who have not the means, even had
they the Inclination to enforce the Collections at
present, the whole or greatest part of the revenues
will probably be lost.

Under these Circumstances, we
humbly request your immediate assistance, we
are confident your attention to the Company's
welfare will not permit you, in the present
exigency to disregard a Source of Supply, not
inconsiderable and more especially, as the Credit of
of

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of the Nabob, who are British Subjects labouring
under the severest pressure of distress would have
much relieved by your availing yourselves of it,
in the manner which they have proposed;
We trust too, that in view to the Company's
Interest alone, you will think it more eligible
for the Government here to obtain a Supply of
Money, upon the easy terms of paying it
again when convenient to them, than to procure
it, (as is the case at present) by passing their
Drafts upon England

We have now only to express our
hope that your Honor &c. will excuse us
for the trouble we have given you in this
address, and that you will favour us by your
determination upon the Subject of it, as soon
as possible. We have the honor to be with
profound respect,

Fort St. George
15th Feby 1781.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obt Hble Servants

B. Roebuck for Dr Jamieson
Thos Pelling
John d'Auvergne
for themselves, Col. R. Laing, Col.
Wm Flint, Benj. Wimberly Salmon
Wm Gordon Chas Ed Stokes and
Nile Kuntalier

Geo. Maubray
J. Capper
G. Pasley
Abookie atty for
Dr Col. W. Harper

James Taylor
Geo. Savage
Jams Call
Messrs Cuthbert Atty for
The Nabob Ed. Monckton
Col. Bonjour and the
estate of Henry Moore
Antonio de Souza for
himself, constituents and the
estate of Peter Sproato
J Popham for the trustees
of James Johnson

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Lieut. Gen. Brown
Major Grove Gillis
Capt. Peter Bonneveaux
Capt. Michael Bruce &c
Dep. T. J. Balfour
Chas Boomley
for himself
Chas Boomley in Trust for
Chas Boomley Junr.
Chas Taylor
Chas Jones
Anna Maria Savage &
Eliz. Francis Dobbyn
W. Dobbyn for himself
Wm. Dobbyn in Trust for
Lewis & Ann Majendie
John Shaw in Trust
Thomas Cells
Robt. Storey for himself
Robt. Storey in Trust for
Mr. Alex. Bonvalet
Wm. Palmer Atty. and in
Trust for P. Benfield Esqr.
Wm. Palmer Atty. to
Colonel Roy.
James Taylor Atty. to
Geo. Mackay Esqr.
J. Taylor Executor
to Mr. Reynold Adams

Jno Sykes.
Nawaub Pillaw Atty. to
Mr. Brooke Esqr.
Geo. Maule in Trust
James Johnson
Atty. to Edwards Esqr.
Ed. Jno Holland.
A. Brodie Acg. Atty
for J. Whitehill Esqr.
Thos Lewin.
Geo. Buck.
P. Balfour in Trust
Jam. Call for
Andrew Majendie
Geo. Maubray
Atty. to Mr. Wm. Fabrie
G. Maubray } Atts to Dr.
J. Douglas } Crawford Esqr.
A. Brodie Atty. for
Col. Doug. Campbell, Capt.
Thos Burnaby
G. Maubray } Atty. Trustees
Ar. Cockburn } for Mr.
J. de Fries } Thos Rooke
Pelling & de Friese for
Moses de Castro
for themselves
Col. Roy. Lang
Col. Wm. Flint
Benjn. Kimberly
Will. Gordon
Thos Ed. Jones and
Nellakenta Iier

Resolved, that the above letter to the Govr. General and Council with the Papers enclosed be transmitted to them, agreeably to the request of the Nabobs new Consolidated Creditors.

Minute Thereon.

&c

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Mr Sulivan granted permission to go to Bengal on account of his private business

The Secretary, Mr Sulivan, representing that urgent Business requires his attendance in Bengal, and requesting the permission of the Committee to proceed thither; it is accordingly granted him.

Read letter from Lt Genl Sir Eyre Coote.

To the Honble the President &c Select Committee.

Gentlemen,

From Sir Eyre Coote tendering to the Company Cut Rupees 82,000 for the use of Genl Goddard's Army on condition of his being reimbursed out of the Treasury here

Before I left Bengal my Attorneys Messrs Crofts and Johnson shipped on board the Ravensworth Captain Raddan Commander bound for Madras the Sum of eighty two thousand current Rupees and consigned the same to Messrs De Castro, Telling and De Frez Merchants at Madras on my own account and risk — Captain Raddan not having touched at Madras has carried the Money to the Malabar Coast and by a letter which I have received from Mr William Bruere a Passenger on board the said Ships, dated Tellicherry the 3rd Decr 1780 I have reason to believe that the above mentioned Sum of 82,000 Current Rupees has been landed at Bombay for which port Captain Raddan was about to sail. I therefore beg leave as I have no occasion for the money at Bombay to propose that the value thereof be paid me out of the Sum of five Lacks now at Madras intended for the Services of General Goddard's Army and that the above named Gentlemen pass such orders in my name and on my account as shall be

Sufficient

sufficient to enable General Goddard to recover the same at Bombay. I make this Proposal with the greater readiness as the Company's risk will be thereby so much lessened, and I hope that you also Gentlemen will on that principle find no difficulty in adopting it; any further Indemnification you may deem necessary for the Company's Security Messrs. de Castro Belling and de Sneez are authorised to grant in my name.

I enclose for your Information Copies of two Letters one from your Resident at Nagore and one from the Resident at Tranquebar By the former you will see in how unfriendly a manner the Dutch Chief at Negapatam has behaved and how little any of that Nation merit Indulgence from our Government. In such a time of distress, and which the Dutch Chief at Negapatam is well acquainted with, his Conduct is unpardonable — Those of the Vessels are yet arrived from Surat, I have written repeatedly for them to come here, God send them soon, otherwise the Consequences may be fatal — Hyder continues on his situation to the Southward, and is daily gathering strength. I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obt. Hble Servant
Eyre Coote.

Camp, Cuddalore
17th. Feby 1781.

To His Excellency
Lt. Gen: Sir Eyre Coote KB Dublin

Sir

Your

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You may depend on my using every posible exertion
to send an ample supply of Rice and Arrack to Cuddalore.
At present the wind will not allow of a Boat or ...
going to the Northward with the least prospect of
succes. Within the last 24 hours I have got several
nearly loaded, and a Snow at Negapatan would
by this time have been ready to sail, but for the
unfriendly Conduct of the Dutch Governor who
has refused to let even Arrack which is my own
Property, and Rice produced in our own districts
and which I have purchased be sent on board
Captain Harris's Vessel in Negapatan Road.

Snow ready

Nagore 14th Feby 1781. I have the honor to be most respectfully,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant
(signed) J. Huddleston

P.S. There is not a fear or probability of procuring Biscuit.

A true Copy
Wm Tierney
Secy.

To His Excellency General Sir Eyre Coote, K.B.
Commander in Chief of the British Land Forces in India.

Sir

I did myself the pleasure of writing you the 9th Inst. the Intelligence I then had. The French Ship that was here sailed the 12th in the night it is said for the Mauritius, and the Governor here has learned from the Captain of the Ship which was here, that the whole Squadron was going to the Mauritius immediately; which I believe to be true, as I understand they were not in a Situation to stay in India without repairs. — A Portuguese Ship arrived here this day, left Madras the 12th. brings no particular news. Saw nothing of the French Ships at Pondicherry

or

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or along the Coast. I have no other Intelligence worthy your notice at present. I am with esteem, Respect, and my sincerest wish for your good success

Sir,

Your most obt and most hble Servant

Edward McIntosh

Thanquebar 11th Feby 1781.
A true Copy
Wm Kierney Secy

(Signed)

The President is of opinion that Sir Eyre Coote's request should be complied with and a letter written to him in consequence.

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C. Smith

Very proper S. S.

A. D.

To which it was agreed the following Answer should be sent.

To Lieut. Gen: Sir Eyre Coote KB.
Commander in Chief of all the Forces in India.

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote his appa accepted.

We have received your letter of the 17th Instant acquainting us of your Attorneys at Bengal having taken on board of the Ravenworth, the sum of Eighty two Thousand Current Rupees, consigned to Messrs Belling, de Castro and de Frias on your account, and that the Vessel having passed this port had reached Tellicherry in her way to Bombay, that in order to lessen the risk of the Company, as it was necessary to transport money thither for the Support of Gen: Goddards Army, that you tendered the same to be made payable to Gen: Goddard, for that Sum to be advanced to you from the five Lacks consigned to him and now landed here.

We are heartily willing to concur

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concur with your desire, particularly as the risk to
the Company at this period will be so much lessened
and we shall accordingly take the necessary measures
that no loss of time may ensue in forwarding the
orders to Bombay

We have issued such repeated directions
for the vessels at Sadras to join you that we doubt
not they will before this have reached Cuddalore

We are with esteem
Sir
Your most obedt Hble Servants
Charles Smith Chn
Secret Committee

Fort St George
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Read the following letter from Mr. Morley
Resident at Anjengo.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Chairman &c. Members of the Select Committee at
Fort St. George.

Shows Mr Morley
has intelligence of two
French Privateers being
off Point de Galle.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen;

I dispatch this address via Palamcotah
purposely to advise your Honors &c. that I had last
night intelligence from three English Gentlemen, who
were Passengers on a Vessel, which they passed this
Place going to the Northward, that a few days before
they left a French Privateer (the St. Anna) of 18 Guns
at Ponte de Galle, just refitted and ready to sail,
and that another (said to be the Solomon of 32 Guns)
appeared in the Offing, during their stay there,
which after making some Signals to the former,
again stood out to Sea, steering a N. N. W. Course.
These Privateers, from the Description I have had of
these

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them, I judge to be the same that were cruizing on
this Coast in October last. I am with the greatest
respect,

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

Your most obt. Hble Servant

Ja.s Morley.

Read the following Report from the

Chief Engineer.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr.

President & Govr. of Fort St. George.

Honble Sirs

My indisposition having prevented
me, making you acquainted with the Progress of
the works during the week before last, I have
now the honor to inform you since that Period
the Bricklayers under the Contractor for the Fortifications
have partly been employed during the last fortnight
in forming the mud Centers for the arches of one
half of the Sea-Gate Tenaillon with which I am
ready to proceed as soon as a sufficient stock of
Materials can be collected in the Fort, and partly
in Chunaming with the first Coat the arch-work
of the Cistern Gallery to the Southward of the Sea
Gate and the Cisterns to the Northward of that
work. They have compleated Chunamed one half of the
said Gallery and Thirty four of the Cisterns, so that
there remains only three Cisterns untouched.

There has been a great increase of
Work People in Wag Bile. About Four thousand have
been daily at work and a good number of Carts
and

Ans.d
Fort St. George
the 27th Feby 1781.

in

From the Chief Engr.
reporting the state
of Works under his
Superintendance.

and both are continually encreasing.

The Workmen under the Contractor for Repairs have been employed at the two Powder Mills, in making and compleating Chevaux de Frize for the several Retrenchments, on the Draw Bridges, and in completing the Bomb Proof Doors &c. on the East Line

One of the Sheds for Rice is nearly completed and the other in good forwardness

I am with respectfully,

Honble Sir,

Your most obedt. & most Hble Servant

Geo. Maule
Chief Engineer

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19th Feby 1781.
"

Dispatched the following letter to

Lt Gen. Sir Eyre Coote

Lieut. Gen. Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief of the Forces in India.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your

To Lieut. Sir Eyre Coote
a Lack of Pagodas sent on
the Lump Galley —
requesting many may
be advanced to Mr. Welch

Letters of the 14th and 15th Instant.

The Success Galley, that sails this Evening will carry to you, one Lack of Pagodas; - Fifty Thousand more than you were desirous should be sent. To apologize for this, we promise ourselves is unnecessary. You well know our inability to supply our Paymaster in the Field, with the demand he is necessarily obliged to make upon us; - and when we inform you, that our expectations from the Northward, are at an end, by reason of the approach of

of the Bengal Detachment, which the Subordinacies are required by the Government General to furnish with both Money and Provisions, we are convinced you will be entirely satisfied with our having encroached upon your Funds - Mr Welsh has acquainted us of his having already received from You 24,000 Pagodas. We have therefore only to request that he may be supplied with any such further Sums, as he may stand in need of.

The attention which Mr Daniell has paid to the wants of your Army, - has met with our warmest approbation. We have acquainted him of the favorable manner in which you have represented his exertions to the Committee, and have further informed him, that all the right from Seniority, we are apt happy to confer upon him, with our best acknowledgements, the Chiefship of Masulipatam.

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We have taken off the Suspension of Mr John Holland, - who in course succeeds to a Seat in Council. In restoring Mr Holland to the Service, we have cautiously refrained from every step that could possibly warrant his leaving the Court of the Nabab Nizam Ally. We have rather confirmed him in his nomination by expressing to him our earnest desire, that he should continue at Hyderabad, until positively informed from hence, that his services in the Decan can be dispensed with.

Mr Davidson & Mr Saunders being

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being deputed to Tanjore, for the purpose of concluding certain arrangements with the Rajah, for the proportion of the part it is equitable he should bear in the general defence of the Carnatic; — They now take their passage on board the Success Galley; — and in their way will be desirous of conferring with you if practicable.

Mr. Ram and Mr. Rector two of the Company's Civil Servants will shortly repair to the Trichinopoly & Tinnevelly Countries, as Receivers of the Revenues of those Provinces, which we are happy to inform you the Nabob has assigned over to us during the continuance of the war.

Enclosed is a List of the Officers and Privates who proceed on the Success Galley & Arrazon to join the Army. We have the honor to be with esteem,

Sir,

Your most obedt. Hble Servants
Chas. Smith &c.
Select Committee.

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19th Feby 1781.

The Committee judging it necessary at this Juncture to have a Resident at Madras, Mr. Richard Kinchant is appointed to that Station with an Allowance of 1000 Pagodas P Month in lieu of all Charges.

Mr. Kinchant appointed Resident at Madras

Read the following letters —

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr.
President &c. &c. Select Committee.

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of January

which

From Col. Braithwaite an advantage gained over the Enemy — Tondeman about to relieve Ramnadporam.

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which informs me of the arrival of a French Fleet upon the Coast - from them little danger is to be apprehended as I conceive they are the old Ships from the Islands, and without Troops they can convey nothing but the Country Trade.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I this day received Intelligence of some advantage gained by the Nabob's Renter of the Madura Country over a Rebel called Chinee Murden and of the taking a Head Gallery Alive Prisoner. As I cannot rely on this for a positive fact, I am unwilling to trouble your Honors with further particulars. Tondiman writes word he has a large Body of Troops ready to march for the relief of Ramnada: Peram and only requires they should be paid Batta - A large Convoy of Provisions is ready in the Country to March for the third Relief of Wandiwash which I hope will prove effectual as I have received Intelligence that the People engaged in that Cause begin to quarrel with each other. I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that Colonel Braithwaite gives me a very ready assistance and concurrence in every thing that regards the public good and Service, and I am certain he will do me the justice to say I never baulked or thwarted a single proposal of his.

In conformity to an order you were some time since pleased to send me I sent a small party of the Nabobs Artillery and thirty of the Horse Men raised here by Me under the Command

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Command of Capt. Geils in order to proceed by Sea to Madras they attempted in vain to make a passage and were therefore relanded after which several deserted the Seamen absolutely refused to embark a second time. A Second party of the Nabobs artillery joined by what remained of the former embarked on Board the Matilda and made their Passage as far as Tanguevar. Where on hearing the news of the French Fleet they landed and are now detained by Mr Sudderton at Tragore.

I am extremely sorry to represent to your Honors the impossibility of paying the Troops regularly by the Sale of Grain as five hundred Pagodas could not be raised per Month by that article which is here a mere Drug. I gave it out in orders the other day that the Servants of the Company should receive a certain Quantity of it in part payment at seven Pichinopoly Fanams each Calcum but they refused to take it. I must therefore beg your Honors will be pleased to supply your Paymaster with Cash by some other means as the Troops have not been paid for last Month. I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sirs and Sirs,

Your faithful & most obedient Servant

Eccles Nixone.

Pichinopoly
19th Febry 1781.

The Honble
Charles Smith Esqr
President and Govr &c. Council Fort St. George.

From Mr. Light enclosing the from Mr. Angelbeck at Tutacorin.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I had the honour of addressing your on the 18th enclosing you a Copy of a Letter I wrote to Mr Van Angelbeck the Dutch Chief at Tutacorin. I have

now send you his Answer; And hope I soon to have the pleasure of enclosing you one from the Chief Dw. of Colombo — Dr. Van Angelbeek in his privale Letter to me in answer to mine seems shy of entering on the Subject tells me he receives no Instructions from his Superiors.

I acquainted Mr Sullivan that Capt. Eidingtoun had appointed Mr William Hammond his Aid de Camp and requested he would inform me if he was to draw the Pay, Batta &c. usually annexed to this Post — I have received orders from Captain Eidingtoun to raise the number of Lascars to fifty — I am with due Respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your very obt Hble Servant

Wm Light.

Pallamcotah
22nd Decr 1780.

Translation.

To William Light Esqr at Pallamcotah.

Sir,

Yesterday afternoon I received the letter you did me the honour to write to me on the 17th of this Month.

As the Subject of this Letter is of the last Importance, on which I am neither authorized or instructed in any degree by my Superiors, I find myself incapable of returning any Answer to the Proposals you make me on the part of your Government; but I will with the greatest pleasure perform my Duty in sending your Letter to the Governor and Council of Ceylon, and

Sir

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in communicating to you their answer as soon as possible. — I have the honor to be,

Sir, very sincerely

Your very Obe & very ob.t Servant

(Signed) F. G. Van Angelbeck.

Tutacorin,
the 21st Dec.r 1780.

James Landon
French Translator.

As all Ideas of a Negociation with the Dutch is now droped, the above Letter requires no answer.

Read letter from the Resident at Nagore.

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
&c &c &c Members of the Select Committee at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

I have been honored with your
5 | from Nagore. two 12lbrs. and Ammunition to the Dutch ships — the troops refuse to embark — enclosing a Paper of News —
letter of the 5th Instant and shall not fail to observe attentively the Conduct of the Dutch, and inform your Honors &c. from time to time of whatever I may discover of their disposition towards us.

I now forward by the Snow Carolina & Matilda 2 of the Brigs six pounder Field Pieces mentioned in my letter of the 5th Instant. The other two I have detained in consequence of Col. Braithwaite having requested of me to keep the 12 Pounders in readiness to be sent to Captain Brunaues if necessary to assist him in reducing Chillumbrum.

I also forward 35 Barrels of Arrack being the Cargo of a Vessel sometime since driven

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into this Port by stress of weather.

Lieutenant Saunders with 31 Recruits Artillery Men from Trichinopoly proceed on this Vessel to the Presidency — about 30 Troopers have been sent hither for the same purpose but they absolutely refuse to embark.

Enclosed I send your Honor &c. a duplicate of the paper of news lately sent by Pattypoy.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obt. & Hble Servant

P. Auchmuty.

Caricall 31st Janry 1781.

Caricall, January 30th 1781.

Received from Doctr Anderstone Esq. three Brass field Pieces & Carriages with their Carriages complete

J. Deaves

News received from Anjenga.

Extract of a Letter from John Sidney Esqr. Consul at Leghorn dated 8th July 1780.

Ere this reaches you, suppose you will have been informed of the Riots committed in London, by the Protestant Association, headed by Lord George Gordon every thing was in confusion, no place was a sanctuary against their depredations, it continued six days, when by the assistance of the Military it was quelled and his Lordship committed close prisoner to the Tower, the damage sustained by the destruction of public and Private property amounts to the enormous sum of one Million Sterling.

Since writing of this, the Post is come

coming and brings the extraordinary Gazette with the glorious news of the Surrender of Charles Town the 12th May to General Clinton; about 6,000 Troops and Military Prisoners of war, 400 Cannon and all the Shipping &c.— Lord Cornwallis was gone up the Country where it was not to be doubted he would be joined by Thousands, and General Clinton returned to New York with 5000 Men to attack Washington. In Georgia where the Spaniards sent 3000 Men to attack Pensacola General Campbell has wholly ruined. Their Fleet in going to Orleans from the Havannah in a Storm lost several Ships and 700 Men, The insurrection in London was quelled, Lord George Gordon in the Tower and several in Prison to be tried, and 20,000 Troops in London.

The French Fleet under Guichen was got back to Martinico much demolished, and ours under Admiral Rodney to St. Lucia, where he had been reinforced with two 74 Ships from Admiral Arbuthnot. Admiral Greaves with 5 or 6 Ships was gone to North America after Terray.

The Channel Fleet consisting of 30 Sail sailed the 8th June under the Command of Admiral Geary, Barrington, Darby Digby and Rop.— The Spaniards has been unsuccessful in their premeditated attack on the Ships in Gibralter.— The five Ships they sent in, by their accounts taking fire too soon, whereby upwards of 1000 Spaniards were drowned.

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Extract of a letter from Counsel Michael
dell'Agio of Cyprus dated 6th August 1780.

Capt. Lorringine is just arrived in
18 days from Leghorn, his said the Fleet of 30 Sail
of Spaniards have been destroyed near Gibraltar.

Extract of a Letter from Mr William Sholto
Vice Consul at Scanderoon dated 13th August 1780.

Yesterday arrived a Venetian Snow,
Capt. Lorringine from Leghorn and Cyprus,
the Captain says we have taken 30 sail of spanish
Men of war.

A private letter from Leghorn by the
above Snow says: the inhabitants of Philadelphia
had attempted to destroy the French Minister from
the Court of Versailes, and all his Countrymen
in that City, which with much difficulty had
been prevented by persons in power.

Extract of a letter from Mr Robert
Farar dated Leghorn 16 July 1780

The letters from England did not
come forward by last Post, but it was wrote
by Top houses in houses in Holland & that Admil
Rooney had engaged Monsr de Guichen a
second time and had defeated him totally
but no particulars are mentioned, Another
Letter from Leghorn of the 11th July from the
noted house of Sapte & Co says that Monsr de
Guichen the French Admiral is Killed.

NB. The freshest Letters by the Venetian Snow
Capt. Lorringine from Leghorne are of the
16th

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16th July none of which mention any thing of the Spanish Fleet of 30 Ships which Captain Loringine says to be taken or destroyed near Gibraltar, but as that Ship must have sailed from Leghorn + 19 July, probably that news arrived there after that Captain had received his Dispatch, and was daily waiting a fair wind to set sail, this news wants confirmation.

+ See extracts of a letter from Cyprus 6th Augt

Extract of a letter from London dated 16th June 1780.

After mentioning the insurrection, says, our public funds are risen, during the disorders we have always had more buyers than sellers. I am confirmed in my opinion that this Country can never be destroyed, but by our own consent, which God forbid. Peace across the Atlantic Ocean cannot be at a distance, I congratulate you on the surrender of Charles Town South Carolina on the 12th May with all its Dependancies, Shipping in the harbour and the army under General Lincoln to his Majesty's arms under the Command of General Sir Hy Clinton and Admiral Arbuthnot. There are taken 7 General officers, a Commodore, 16 Continental Regiments, three Battalions of Artillery together with the Town and Country Militia. French and Sea Men making about 5000 Men in arms. The Lieutenant Governor and Council and Civil officers are all Prisoners, four Frigates and several armed Vessels with a great number of Boats and about 400 Pieces of Cannon.

Tanjore 18th Jany 1781

signed Boothwaite

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Agreed.

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Agreed that Messrs Hamilton Hall, and Roulston Robinet, (who are in the same predicament with those Gentlemen lately promoted to be Volunteers on this Establishment) be appointed Volunteers, and recommended to the Court of Directors to be appointed Cadets.

Messrs Hamilton Hall and Roulston Robinet appointed Volunteers.

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19th Received the following Letter from
Lt General Sir Eyre Coote.

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esqr
President & Governor &c. a Select Committee
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I must endeavour Here as
soon as possible after receipt of this Letter, your
From Sir Eyre Coote desiring a Vessel with Money and Provisions may be immediately dispatched to Hermandoe giving that the Troops Fleet have certain Orders for the Reception
from Sir Eyre Coote will send down a Ship of Force to this place,
& that you will put on board of her fifty thou-
-sand Pagodas of the sum I left Deposited in the
Treasury & what further Sum you may
be able to supply us from your own Funds
& for the use of your own Paymaster, In a
Letter I mentioned the Vessel command-
-ed by Capt. Kennick as one I had heard was
well fitted out, and I now think would
be very suitable for the present service.
I have written to Lt. Stevens & to send
me down all the recruited men of the Euro-
pean Corps belonging to the Army, they might
also come by the same conveyance, and
me likewise as much Provisions as you
can without occasioning any great delay
in the Dispatch of the Vessel as it is necessary
-ie to protect our supplies coming from the
southward. I must beg your particular
attention to send Arrack and Biscuit for
the Europeans, what Military Stores are
wanted

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19th wanted Capt. Mainey has been written
to about by the Company Capt. Moorhouse
Heyder continues with his army in the
same situation as when I last wrote you.
I have skirmishes occasionaley with his
advanced parties, and have been always
successful. I can do nothing on the grand
scale untie a Magazine is formed here
none of the Boats are yet come from Sadras
the French Fleet are Totally disappeared,
and by a Letter from Tanjore Dare
given to understand are safely Moored for
the Island — they landed no men.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/signed/ Eyre Coote.

Camp fort Dalerey,
15 | 16 Feb. 1701.

20 This Day Messrs. Davison & Saunders set out
on their Deputation to Tanjore.

Received the following Letter.

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I embrace the earliest opportunity in my power to comply with the orders of
the Honble Board for an account of the Revenues
and management of this Country, as

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From M. Legg with an account of the Revenues &c of the Pimarcotty Country

20th my Information would hopefully admit of, in which I have been as particularly attentive & exact as I could frame myself my enquiries with what I have to accommend on this subject will prove reasonable in the present situation of affairs — The calamitys in which the other parts of the Carnatick are involved may render the resources from this Country more particularly to the attention of the Honble Board — The preservation of its Revenues under proper management may prove a very useful fund in this time of General distress. The difficultys it now labours under, the damages it has sustained may soon be adjusted by the Nabob acting with sincerity in conjunction with us for the benefit of the Company and the good of this Country, in order that I may be the better able to give your Honor &c a distinct account of the Revenues, it will be necessary to inform you, that since the time that the Nabob by the Reduction of the Revd Mr Gowen was placed in full possession of all the provinces to the Southward of Pulicat only, the Country of Pimarcotty, exclusive of Polygars Pischeshes, seldom or ever raised in their Revenue 700,000 Chuckrums, about 2/3 of which sum is the produce of Perhaps Corn, & the remainder product depends mostly on the Dry Grain of the Car — The whole district is divided into Tallooars, under their distinct Managers, who

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20th who are amenable to the Circar for the Revenue of each Factory, but with such Latitude as enables them to commit innumerable Acts of Oppression, & has hitherto been the cause of innumerable emigrations to the neighbouring Province of Travancore, & of late years greatly diminished the Revenue of this Government. The Revenues as far as my information from the Country Registers are as thereby, consists of 3/5th of the whole produce of the Lands, being accounted Government share of the Corn, & may amount in General to between 4 and 5 Lacks of Cullahs of Paddy, which is commonly sold as from 12 to 15 Gold Fanams each Cullah, the sum together with the Circar proportion of any Grain, such as Bungol, Combo, &c a tax upon all Handycrafts & the Customs are the whole of the Circar claims upon the Country.

The dry Grain amounts about 100,000 Chuckrums, the Pole tax upon Inhabitants about 60,000 & the Customs from 50 to 60,000 C. Pardon the Liberty I take to inform you that in the time of the Queen who was in Possession of this Country six years, she collected 72 Lacks of Chuckrums at the rate of 12 Lacks each Year, but when it is to be observed with this Sum was included 6 Lacks which she raised by

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20th by complaints from the Soucars & Merchants in the Country, also by Letters from the Polygars or Poschcash, to the Soucars he gave orders upon the inhabitants, which they were unable to recover, and many of the Ryotts people by this means became Bankrupts, he likewise adopted another mode in collecting the revenues, also high by oppressive, which was by obliging the Inhabitants of Substance in each Village to take from the Circar the Government proportion of the Corp at an advance Price, generally 10 P.C: by these oppressive measures it was calculated upon that many of his successors have done since.

Rasa Ty Hucumuth Row followed on an by his footsteps in this undertaking the Revenues. Shahe Mahomed Ally Cawn attempted the same, but was prevented by a want of Military Force. The Brahmins seeing that their refusing to comply with these unjust measures was not enforced by punishment, would not receive the Grain of the Circar which obliged them to dispose of their share of the Grain to such purchasers as they found in the District since that time the usual mode of receiving the revenues has been by mortgaging to individuals for an advance at the commencement of the Fasels, upon the Circar proportion of the Grain, it is sold by the Circar

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20th Managers to the inhabitants, Collected by them under the inspection of the Mortgage as this Advance is generally made before the Grain is on the Ground, the Mortgagee is from 6 to 10 Mon ths longer before hee= =ceives the amount of his Loan & the high Re= =turn exceedingly paid to Lascars & others during this time greatly diminishes the amount of the Revenues in the time of suc= =ceive Renters Littlemore than 6 Lacks of Chuckrums yearly was collected till the modelier was appointed Renter in 1694 during that year he raised, excluding the Polygar Pendrest, 150,000 Chuckr, but in order to effect this he borrowed Sum of Mony for which he gave his Bond to Individuals to whom he failed giving security, there still remains a Ballance due of three Bonds of 100,000 Chuckrums, in the Year of his Dentre which there was the most extraordinary Crop in the memory of Man, & no disturbances in the Country, notwithstanding he collect= =ed only 50,000 Chuckrums, Polygar Pendrest owing to his having little or no Military force in the Country. Ally Cawan Farm the last Renter paid the Comp.a 650,000 Chuckr for which there still remains due to Comp.a & Mess.rs Tho.s they have securities, about 200,000 Ch.s, would be certain any Polygar Pendrest from a total want of Military Power

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20th Power, The unfortunate accident of Capt Campbells defeat at Shevegunny - The immense Incursion also which had happened in the year 1780 - with the Circar of that part of Peishaw of the Coast. The circumstances of the present Renter was judged by the Board a very advisable measure in the present situation of the Country as he was a man whose family had ever been respected by the Polygars, from whose successful Government in a Monarch was to be expected: in conjunction with him was placed in the management of the Country as Fouzdar Pydee Alley Cawn, entitled a Phouzdar / Chuster Cawn, whose Military abilities the Board greatly Depended upon, could be spared from Arcot, where he was intended as the Commander of the Country, and in all probability had the Nabobship been continued under him since 78, the Polygars would have remained peaceful Allies, if not Tributary to the Circar - The Polygar Peishcush in this as well as in every other part of the Carnatick is an undetermined Revenue, as it depends entirely on the Body of Troops in the Country, where the collections are to be made, & in this part is usually more an exaction than any regular Tribute, what they acknowledge as due from them or Respect to the Circar, the collection however that has been made from them for some years past generally has amounted from between 50 to 70,000 Chuckrums

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20th in the year 7d the Nabob's Troops for the Protection of this Country, & recollection of the Revenues were reduced from great Arrears to Disband themselves, & left the country unprotected from that time. the Polygars who had been accustomed to see a superior Force in the District refused to pay the Balance said to be due upon their Peishcushes, or to pay any Contribution till a Military Force should arrive in the Country, and Compel them to do it, and even threatened to throw off the Heavy Yoke they had for some Years reluctantly Laboured under. Upon this the Governor ordered a Detachment of Sepoys consisting of two Regiments of Cavalry and the attached Infantry were ordered for this service in the Month of April 1700, and in their progress towards settled the Arrears due from the Rottans Polygars, but the delays they met with here, rendered it too late to effect any thing material against the Rajah of the Country, as they had by this time an opportunity of removing the Grain they had upon the ground, into strong Holds, the seizing of which was the only means the Circar could depend on for their compliance with their Demands, which amounted to nearly 200,000 Chuckrums, & for the collection of which the Nabob had sent up an Agent to the

Country

20th Country to whom Cornes had been given upon the
Other parts of the Revenue for Arrears of
Pay due to his Cavalry. The distress & discontent
which evidently prevailed amongst the Troops of
which this Detachment consisted for want of Pay,
gave the Polygars great encouragement to pro-
secute the System of Independence which it
appears some of them had laid down, even after
the affair of Shevegunny. The principal of
whom appeared to be Cattamanagee of Bun-
dalamcoolay & Murdera Pillah acting
under Reader of the Varian of Shevegunny
who now looked upon himself as impardon-
-able from his success against the Circars
in the Month of January, these two are the
principal Polygars in the District of
Cattamanaigee from his retreat & Shevegun-
-ny from the strength of his Pollam, being
situated near mountains to which he can
always retire in times of danger, it was
judged proper by the Nabobs Shoud Nor
Nawar Alley Cawn to order the Detachment
with one Battalion which was on the
Country, to move towards the heart of the
Polygar district, & commence collecting
the Pischeushes from those bordering on the
Circar Lands, & accordingly the Detachment
having received a large sum of money march-
-d to Condachettah in the neighbourhood of Vellapor
where they received a small sum & were
preparing

20th preparing to move further towards the more
Southerne Polygars of Shevegenny when they
received orders immediately to leave the Tinnevelly Coun-
try & proceed to Trichinopaly with the utmost
expedition, as the Carnatick were invaded by
Hyder Aly Cawn, these orders were immediately
complied with, & the Country left un protected,
except 40 incompleat Companys not amounting
ing to two Thousand of Tenedy Peons & the Ry-
Batts of Seapoy, all nibe for service for the long
mean of pay, due to them from the Circars this
gave the Polygars an opportunity of committing
with impunity many acts of violence amongst
the Circar Villages under a pretence that they
had for many years protected them from the
Invasion from their Enemies, and had now at
cert their property, & received it from domes-
tick Rivers, that they had been threatened
by the Circar, & that in consequence of which
they had been under the necessity of calling
together their forces which had incurred a great
expence, that therefore the inhabitants of every
Village should pay them a proportionate Pole
Tax which they have collected from them since
that time which from the best information I can
get, between the two Polygars Cutumanaigan
& Shevegenny amounts to near 200,000 Pagodas
Cutumanaigan who is the leading man then
finding that from the circumstances —
difficulties under which the Circar

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20th Sabaured, enabled him in some measure to expect a compliance with any demands he might make to the Circar, tendered his Fidelity to him on condition that his Father who had been Prisoner upwards of 20 years should be released as soon as the Country was again in tranquility - In consequence of which application was made to the Nabob - while waiting for an answer he still continues to raise his contributions upon the inhabitants within the Limit of what he calles his ancient rights, and Capt. Edington thinking it prudent to release the Naraian who was formerly chief of Sherogurry from his Irons, and sent him with a ceremonious parade to Pinaveley, the present acting chief of Sherogurry being aware of this Naraian, & convinced that his hours of Liberty would not be many as he would in all probability be divested of all command & be drove from the Polleam should his old Master be supported by the Company's Troops collected all his Troops and took possession of one of the Circar Taleems, the Pancangee Country, which having subdued he left under the management of his own people, & immediately dispatched Vitcanadoss Dindejuct for assistance. Kattapenagee as soon as he was acquainted with the Instability towards the Sherogurry Polygar, demanded that his Father should be delivered

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20th over to the care of the Attacondetter Polygar with whom he is at present at Vuriaur & Jear Alias Dun Gawn the Killedar of Cloud a man who was always appointed by the Circar to settle disputes between the Polygars & in whom they place great confidence as his conduct has ever been strictly just towards them in his engagements, upon the receipt of your Honor & Cos Letter to your Riding Town intimating the Nabob's compliance with the terms proposed by Catamanaigue respecting his Fathers releasement soon as the Country should again be in a state of Tranquility, the Contents were communicated to him but these terms he now refuses accepting as the Shevegunny Polygar who had been on hors was taken from under the charge of the Killedar and his Father left Sole in his former state of confinement which he looks upon as a Disgrace, therefore now insists that he shall be released and delivered over to the Polygar & Cawn above mentioned and hopes in Dinawdey that he would Remain Joint Rejoicer with Troops that he would ever look on the Enemys of the Circar as his, & would Go accompanied by a part of our Army wherever ordered. as Capt Edingtown has not received orders to release him, & conceives his confinement to be upon one consequence than at first supposed

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20th by the anxiety with which they seem to press
his release, he has therefore refused com-
=plying with those demands; but has promis
=ed that if he could take any step to con-
=vince the Hon'ble Board of the integrity of
his intentions by marching against the
Enemys of the Circar, that might acquit
him in the Eyes of his Superiors, he would
take upon himself the release of his Father,
but he still refuses to recede from his last
proposals, & continues raising his Contribu-
=tions & preventing the collection of the Circar
Revenues in the neighbourhood of his Fortress.
I have now given your Honor &c. a particu-
=cular account of the rise of the Poligars
troubles, and shall only in order the bet-
=ter to enable you to judge of what steps may
be necessary to be taken to suppress them,
I beg leave to troube you with the en-
=closed account of their strength and situation
you are pleased further to observe in your
Letter to me, that we have had given us
=thority for encouraging the Poligars to join
the Company's forces, by promising a re-
=mission of one years Peshcush, this I cannot
=vince could be but a very small induce-
=ment to them to act in alliance with
us, as they can place no dependance on the
Nabob's promises, & positively deny the Balance
said to be due from them for 3 campaigns

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20th That they till within these last two years always paid to the full amount of their Invoice, We are convinced will be but a small inducement to them to act in accordance with us, as they can place no dependence on the Nabobs promises & positively deny the Balance said to be due from them for years past.) & that they like within these last two years always paid to the full amount of their Invoice, the Claims the Nabob annually upon them at the end of the year 1699 amounted to 200,000 Pagodas, they have paid more the last year, which with according to the Nabobs account amount to about 100,000 more, this is no large a balance that even the remission of one years Custom will not at all be sufficient to induce them to pay the other two, & expence of Both to collect which must be considerable will amount to nearly what could be collected from them. what I conceive to be the most advisable step to be taken would be a remission of two Lacks of Pagodas said to be due, & state the future Customs at the average sum paid for the last 20 years, & in the time when less commotion may be in the Carnatick, lay the Country upon by proper roads to all their Colleges, which will be the only security you will have for their future obedience, as there are many of the

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20th, The Polygars also have shown real fidelity & attachment to the Circars, I would recommend holding out to them rewards by granting particular Advantages to those who have been obedient, no longer to dispute with them their claims of Balances formerly due by each, said to be due, & they would be happy I should imagine even at this crisis to operate in conjunction with the Company's Troops; this is from my best information (what I) judged Measures of making useful Allies of this numerous Body of People, who may be very dangerous Enemies if in the Interest of Hyder Ally. You are also desired to desire me to inform you of what I think may be further necessary for keeping the Country in a state of Tranquility, & ensuring the receipt of its Revenues; in keeping this Country in Tranquility nothing more is necessary than the assistance and Alliance of the Polygars with the assistance of a field Piece of two Batt.ns of Sepoys & this Brigade of Artillery with I make no Doubt be sufficient to frustrate Hyder in effectual any attempts to invade it, it is by nature strongly defend=ed, and can be maintained by a small Force against a great body of Troops, even should the Polygars of Bandelcum comply & Steer every which may be expected as soon as join their assistance with the Company's Troops.

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20th against Hoj der Ally: nor from the numbers of the other Polygars who are at variance with them, & from whose Aggressions they have lately demanded the assistance of the Circar, & who would immediately join a Force upon whose strength they could depend, would with little difficulty dispossess them of their Poligams, & bring them to a sense of the necessity of being obedient to the Company & Circar powers; & the Revenues in this Country in this case may be collected with little or no difficulty. I would particularly recommend to the attention of the Honble Board, that they would require of the Nabob that his renter should be made amenable to him for the revenues of this Country, otherwise when Incroached by private Creditors at the Presidency, who, in order to avoid their claims give orders even upon this country for sums which will be complied with in preference to those the Board may conduct, & for the non performance of his engagements with you he will ever hold out as an excuse the Commotions in the District, as the Revenue of this Government consists in the proportion of Land produce, it will be necessary to inform you, it is usual with the Circar to dispose of their Grain to the Inhabitants upon their orders payable from

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20th one to 8 Mon the after Recollecting of Mr Mac-
=ney the Circar however employ'd 30
Companies of Sepoys, which should con-
=sist of 50 Barrs, each Company; but are
always greatly short of their numbers,
the expences of which amounts upwards
of 50,000 Chuckrs yearly. I should imagine
were the Company to take the management
of the Revenues into their hands, with the
Field Force I have mentioned, little more
would be necessary than a Body of Sepoys,
who might be in the Cities, who could not
be otherwise employed, and to whom an
allowance of one D. A. Rupee or two Chuckrs
each month would be sufficient paying in a
Country where Provisions and Necessaries
of Life are so cheap. A Resident with 2
Assistants would with little difficulty
carry this Scheme into execution, and by
this means the rich Inhabitants & Towns
=men who leave from the Oppressions under
which they have hitherto Laboured in
this Country from Renters Cabobs Aumil-
dars and Managers, left at and retired
to the neighbouring Country of Trave-
core, would again return by being thus
protected by the Company's influence.

Thus as far as lays in my Power
I have complied with your Honors &c
orders respecting the situation, management

& Revenues

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20th Revenues of this Country, & I shall think myself particularly happy if I have given the Honble Board any Information which may merit their approbation is

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have paid all the Bills for the last Month.

I am,

Dalemcotah, 16 January 1701.

with due respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
(signed) Willm Lygat.

Places	Nems Names	Situation	Distance	Number
Pendalumcotchy	Cutamainagee	NE	25 Mal	3000
Manacothy	Setracotalava	NE	10	300
Itiapoor	Itiapoonagee	N°	22	2000
Hayaravachmponah	Anadgonda Vanian	N°	30	2000
Colarapettah	Colengado Cundannagee	NW	45	2500
Neglaraponam	Irayyatnagee	NE	35	1000
Mailemandee	Conjaponaiga	NW	37	500
Callaragoody	Shermulnagee	N	30	1000
Colatoor	Amachianagee	N	34	500
Cilpettah	Cyapatnagee	NW	35	1000
Peddanoor	Pundanagee	NE	40	800
Ciremboor	Pannarteeum	NE	15	300
Ullahmattee	Mudiapadajour	W	12	2500
Naliurcholy	Cuttat ta Cauvan	NW	22	500
Indera taliaveer	Inderatelleavaun	NW	20	300
Ullalgaveeme	Pettahroonee Vanian	NW	25	500
Veeragerry Choumpetta	Shevanana Cuttawa	W	25	2000
Chumgumpettah	Nellacota Shevago	NW	22	500
Ulliat	Sreleevan	W	14	300

20th	Sherugerry	a Varnian & Shadenpettah	W	16	3500
	Necaturiguvat	Pullicadacan	W	35	500
	Shatoor	Tongranbaveen	W	43	1500
	Colagundat	Vandeneven	W	34	400
	Tombachenaigee	Tombachenaigee	NW	52	700
	Colaperraigee	Colaperraigee	NW	50	500
	Elameraraigee	Elameraraigee	NW	44	1000
	Commilnaigee	Commilnaigee	NW	46	800
	Pavilnaigee	Pavilnaigee	NW	34	300
Fr	Treihanagoodie	Numbetatuar	P	22	500
	Nagonunderry	Nattar	P	15	300
	Nareicattar	Naicunnanat	P	50	500
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To the Honble Charles Smith Esq.
President & Governor,
&c. &c. Select Committee.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Capt Pettingrow complains of the inability of the Shawdar & the Renters bad conduct.

I have been favored with your Letter of the 20th Inst. with an accompanying order from the Nabob to his Shawdar which I delivered and as usual they promised every thing, but from past experience I am perswaded that so far from fo-
-warding the Service, they will to the utmost of their power retard it, this my Letter of the middle of last month and some others since that period will sufficiently shew in what, and under such circumstances as far as was consistent with my Duty to the Company which I shall ever prefer to every other consideration, I have shewn respect to the Shawdar and Renter, it would be injustice not to distinguish the one from the other, the former is by nature a fool was put in by the Renter does nothing but by his

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20th her desire, this circumstance I mentioned to your Honors before, but it is so unaccountable to me, & has been the cause of all the troubles we have had in this Province from the Polygars, no external Enemy being nearer us than a hundred Miles, & the most common Policy or Sense would never allow Enemies to enter the Government of the Power they were immediately under if the contending parties were equally indifferent to them untill it were determined clearly which of them were likely to succeed I have in my former Letters wrote so fully in respect to the transactions here that I have nothing more to add, but that your Honors may depend upon it that unless you take the management of this Country out of the Company into your own hands, very little of the revenue will be paid to that account. I write most strictly & bring my orders regarding the lending of money as far as is in my power; at present the collections are so badly managed, that little or nothing is received on the Company account, I have also to acquaint you that Mr. Leigh informs me he will not be able to raise money enough for the next payments which are near at hand, it will therefore be necessary for your Honors to establish Credit here with the Towars or else on means of sending Money that the service may not be at a stand on that account.

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Salem to Ditto.

December 19th 1700.

I have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most humble and obedient Servant

[signed] James Eidingtown.

P S In respect to the Magazine, your Honors must have been misinformed, the Natives have almost excellent ones here, & those of the Company, as I believe they ever were. J. E.

Ordered that Mr. Proctor do Receive on the Company's Account the Money mentioned in the above Letter.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr.

President & Governor &c. & Select Committee

of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Masulipatam with an account of a Mutiny among the Sepoys of Capt. Cheshire's Baton & recommending them to be removed out of the Fort.

A circumstance of a very extraordinary nature having yesterday happened in this Garrison, we think it very necessary to give you the earliest Information thereof. The accompanying Paper contains the most perfect account we have been able to obtain of the manner in which the Affair happened; the motive thereof we have not been able to trace with any Degree of Certainty. Capt. Charlyne & Capt. O'Hara were of opinion that it was the Effect of a General Combination or at least a combination of great numbers of the Men in Capt. Cheshire's Battn & Capt. O'Hara's represented from what he knew of the temper of Capt. Cheshire's men, he could not answer for the fidelity of his own

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20th own Men, if they remained to gether with Those of the former. They both joined in recommending to us that Capt.n Chefshyre's Batt.y should be considered one of the Fleet, as it was impossible immediately to discover the real State of this Transaction, or whether it was the effect of a Spirit confined to one or a few men, or diffused through the greatest part of the Batt.y we have therefore ordered Capt.n Chefshyre's Batt.y to Ellore to prevent the worst that may have possibly got amongst Capt.n Chefshyre's people from spreading further and imbodying the Sepoys under Capt.n Long, we have ordered the latter to join the Detachment in the Bounds of the Rhima. Capt.n Long has only 2 Companies with him, & this measure therefore will not much increase our present Disbursements. The Commissary is in prison and in Irons, we esteem it our duty to address the three Captains in Garrison on the subject of his Punishment and regarding certain Points offered to our consideration by Capt.n Lloyd, the better to provide for the safety of the Place in a time when we cannot be too attentive to whatever may conduce thereto, it did not appear the opinion of those Officers, as we should judge by their reply, expedient to take any step in addition to the bringing of this Offender to his deserved punishment; the future proceedings

20th Proceedings Therefore respecting him will now depend upon the parties more immediately concerned therein —

We addressed a Letter to your Honr Nov.r under Date 6th November, regarding the situation of Our Garrison in particular, which more required your attention, as that Letter is very full and we judge it may not be advisable to repeat it, when the safe arrival of your Dispatches is so precarious, the particulars thereof, we beg leave to refer you thereto, and to assure you that it is of the last consequence to the Company's most essential interest in these parts to bestow some effectual attention on what we have therein recommended: The encrease of the number of our Europeans, for whom Provisions will from hence must depend, we cannot with any degree of Prudence expose ourselves further at this time, and we therefore leave it great deal to be understood, whilst others were would be communicated. When we received the Report from Capt. Thomas of the above transaction, he observed that it would be a great encouragement to his people to remain firm in their Duty to give them hopes of being shortly relieved from the Service of this Garrison. We told him Nay if he thought the measure at all necessary & we had room to continue satisfied with their conduct, we would recommend to your Honr & Cou that they should be removed from hence by your order

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20th orders, and we do now accordingly acquit ourselves of our Promise, & beg leave to recommend this to you.

We are respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed.t Hble. Servants
James Hodges.
John Peter Barbaree.
Thos. Barnard.
Alex.r Dingle

Amsterdam
3, January 1701.

This Morning as Capt.n Chesshire's Battalion was marching from their Representative to the General Parade, in order to mount the Garrison Guards, a Serjt. of the Battalion came in the rear of the Guard, and called out Halt, upon which the Commandant asked him who made him a Commanding Officer; The Serjt. replied he would let you know, & immediately shot him through the Thighs & right hand; the musket was Loaded with a Ball and Slugs, upon which the Battalion Broke, the Serjeants, Major etc. who was present endeavoured to form them again, when a Soldier was told him to go immediately and acquaint the Governour, & he would form them, adding that if he did not go away immediately they would shoot him, on which the Serjeants Major went to Capt.n Chesshire's house, but not finding him at home, became to Capt.n Chard, & informed

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20th Copy of the Circumstance, on which Capt.
Obara fell in the Europeans, No 2, Coast
Battalion with 3 field Pieces loaded with Grape,
& there waited further orders, the Commandant
in his interval visited, & confined in the Main
Guard.

A true Copy.
(signed) Alexander Dirom Sec.

Sec.

Wrote the following Letters.

To Mr James Hodges
Chief &c Council
at
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

By Letters from Lieut
General Sir Eyre Coote we are informed that
the French Fleet sailed from Pondicherry
Road the 13th Inst. & from concurring circumstances
— that he has every reason to suppose they have
left the Coast, & gone for the Mauritius. We therefore
desire that every Vessel you may have in
readiness with Grain & Provisions may be im-
mediately dispatched to the Presidency.

We are,

Gentlemen.

Your most Obed.t Servants.
&c.a S. Committee.

Fort St George,
the 20th February 1801.

To Masulipatam
acquainting them
of the Departure of
the French Fleet
and ordering them
to send Grain and
Provision to the
Presidency

A Letter to the same purport to Vizagapatam.

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20th and Ganjam

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c Council
of
Fort William.

Gentlemen,

To Bengal — forwarding a Letter from the Nabob's Executors, & advising of the Departure of the French Fleet

We have received a Letter from the Nabob's now consolidated Executors dated 16th Inst with one enclosed under your address, which we now forward to you, together with such other Letters as have passed on the Subject of

By Letter from Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote we understand the French Fleet left Pondicherry the 13th Inst. & was supposed to have sailed for the Islands.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Hble Servants,

Fort St George &c.
2d February 1700/1

(signed) Chas. Smith.
Nos. Committee.

21st

Received Letter from Sir Eyre Coote.

To the Honble the Select Committee,

From Sir Eyre Coote, desiring Leave to come to Town on account of Sickness

Gentlemen.

I cannot come to Pay you the Ceremony I owe you on account of Sickness, one of the Vessels not arrived from Madras, many Boats come from the Southward. Our Surgeons Letter

his

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which 21st This morning intelligence was dispatched by a Catamaran, enclosing your Excellencys letter from Mr. Huddlestone, your readers will see by me, whereby you will perceive he has been obstructed in his endeavours to send us provisions by the Deputy chief at Negapatam. I have this moment received intelligence that he holds a secret correspondence with Hyder, who is now applying to him for Powder and Ball. I have also learned from good authority that Hyder is well informed of our present distress, and that in consequence he this day at 12 O'Clock sent off a Detachment to the Tanjore country consisting of 4,000 Infantry and 5,000 Cavalry with Instructions to burn and lay waste every thing that could be of Service to us, and in particular to cut off the Inland Communication with the Sea Ports, to prevent any supplies going into them, as he had heard that we were to receive succours, with the Intent secretly in his interest that as soon as convenient we had instruments in our power to command by Sea. I do earnestly beg of you therefore to take measures in sending down a Marine Force to protect the Coast, & to send us as speedy and ample supply of Provisions as possible.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t Servt.

Cuddalore,
A
14. February 1791.
9 O'Clock P. M.

signed Eyre Coote.

The

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21st The present critical situation of affairs requires the utmost attention to all positive consequences which may result from Lieut. Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote being able to bring the Enemy to a decisive Engagement, Therefore the President is of opinion that in the event of our Army meeting with any check or any accident what cannot be foreseen, two of the Indiamen now under dispatch for Bengal may be of the greatest Service, For these purposes that two be detained, & in order to avoid our partiality in the dispatch of the latter two that the four Commanders may be desired to draw Lots for their Destination —

Nomination thereof.

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The Commanders of the four Ships having according to Drawn Lots, the Neptune and Belmont are to proceed to Bengal, the Dartmouth and Rockford to remain here until further orders —

Ordered that the Neptune and Belmont be dispatched accordingly —

22d Received Letter from Mr. Holland enclosing an account of his Disbursements at the Nizam's Court. —

To The Honble Charles Smith Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a
Select Committee
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Please

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From Mr Holland 22.d
enclosing account
of his Disbursements.

I have herewith the honor to enclose
the accounts of my disbursements from the
time of my appointment to this Court to the
31.st March last.

From Hyderabad
the 7.th February 1701

I am with great respect,
Your most Obedient Humble
Servant.
(signed) John Holland.

Ordered that Mr Holland's
to be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.
accounts be referred to the Auditor, and that he
be desired to report upon them.

Received the following
Letter from Lieut. Roberts Commanding at
Pagoda.

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esq.r
President & the Select Committee,
Honble Sirs & Sirs.

From Lieut. Roberts
complaining of the
exchange of Money
sent him by the
Bay. master at
Trichinopoly.

Having been honored with
your Commands of the 20.th of Oct.r 1700, to do every
thing in my Power to assist the Garrison
in the Commanding Officer was sufficiently
to receive money from Trichinopoly, I advanced
the Company of the 19.th Batt.n Pay for the Month
of Aug.t Sept.r & Oct.r agreable to the exchange of
this Place, which was at the rate of Fanams 15
P.r Pagoda — Sir as the communication being
a little upon Thought I could with safety Escort
money from Trichinopoly to this Place whether

Colonel

W. Leona

22.d Colonel Nixon informed me before he could take on him to send the Boy for the Garrison, Therefore wrote him, and also Mr. Dalke requesting they would send it as I should be at a loss without a remittance to subsist the Garrison any longer, it was accordingly sent with an account of the Countreys Bay from Mr. Dalk endorsed to Ensign Higginbottom, who commands that Company at the rate of Pard 10 ¼ P.r S.r Bag.r Ens.r Higginbottom accordingly wrote to Mr. Dalk relative to the difference of exchange & to desire he would make us the deficiency, but after repeatedly writing him no Rect. had, sending him the particular accounts of each Month, the only satisfaction he could get us, that he has paid the Countreys agreeable to the returns and inventor Rolls.

When Mr. Dalk sent the Boy for his Garrison in Nov.r he omitted sending the Lascars, I was therefore under the necessity of sending again & this for their Pay, which he objected paying, on account of the new Lascars I had entertained, tho' I had advised him before of having your orders Gentlemen for so doing. I therefore wrote him again, expressing my surprize at his making any objection to paying them, when I had before told him my authority for entertaining them; on which he at last sent it with an account stated in Star Pagodas at the rate of Fo 49 ½ P.r Pagoda, there wanted

him

into

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22nd into Cotta Nova Pags. in which Spice he rented at 113 ½ P.C. tho' the exchange here is 117 ½

I am quite ignorant Gentlemen, being out of my line, of the exchange Dollars are Generaley Rated at, but imagening that it must be either at the Comtrys exchange, or that of the place they were paid at, I have been in the latter, to prevent any Dispute with the Paymaster, but the exchange M.r Balk reckons the Pagoda at, differing very materially from either, and after he representations made to him on that head he refuses to make up the Deficiency, the Loss must either fall upon me or the Servys. I therefore Gentlemen thought it my Duty in Justice to myself and this Garrison to represent it to the Honble Board & shall wait their orders relative to it, at the same time must also beg leave to observe the inconveniency we are put to by M.r Balk's making frivolous objections about the exchange, and sending the Troops the Garrison at this time when by being surrounded by the Enemy, I am obliged to watch every opportunity and send Escorts for remittance.

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
George Roberts.

Tygar
Jan.y 22, 1781.

The Hydra dispatched to Cuddalore with Grain for the Army

The Ships Hydra being arrived from

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22d from Bengal with 3,000 Bags of Rice on account of the Honble Company and Rest being a necessity for subsisting Lieut. General Stephens Coste with Grain with all possible expedition, and as the French Fleet have left the Coast.

It was ordered that Mr Captain be Invited to proceed immediately to Cuddalore, the Committee do not conceive there can be any Danger, should it however turn out otherwise, as the case is evidently so urgent, it is thought reasonable that the Company do take their risque upon themselves, and the following letter is accordingly written to Capt. Farnamont.

To Capt. Joseph Farnamont,
Commander of the Great Ship
Hydra.

Sir,

Instructions to Capt Farnamont of the Hydra The Company take the risque upon themselves.

The Honble the Select Committee having freighted the Vessel you command for Cuddalore, and agreed on the part of the Honble East India Company to assure her from Capture by an Enemy from hence to Cuddalore & back to this Port, valuing her with all her Tackle & Stores &c., at the Sum of Eight Thousand Current Pagodas (8,000 Curr.t Pags.) you are hereby ordered to repair on board the said Ship, and make the best of your way to Cuddalore, on your arrival there you are to deliver your Cargo to the Chief & Council, who have orders to receive it, and

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22.nd and Dispatch upon from thence as soon as may be practicable

Dispatches upon a quick Passage and am

Sir,

Fort St. George, Your most Obedient Servt,
22, February 1791. H. A. Craig,
Secry.

Dispatched the following Letter

To Lieut.t Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote, K.B.
Commander in Chief of the Forces
in India.

To Sir Eyre Coote, The Hebden and Belmont Dispatches to Bengal — The Dartmouth & Rochford to remain to be fitted under his orders —

Sir,

Reflecting on the situation of affairs on this Coast at this critical juncture, when we may hourly expect to hear of a rupture between upon and Hyder Ally, and fearing least any thing should happen to render the assistance of the Indiamen essentially necessary, either in transporting Provisions & Stores for the use of the Army or otherwise, we have deemed it expedient and have resolved accordingly to detain two of the Ships destined for Bengal, in consequence of which Belmont were dispatched last night, the Dartmouth and Rochford may here, these two Ships together with the Governor and Success Galley will be more than sufficient for every service which may eventually be required of them, we hope in a and
very short time we shall be able to dispatch them and also
to Bengal —

the

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22.d We have rec.d your Letter of the 14th Instant and are preparing to send the Dantomouth & Rodney to the Southward, to attend upon Operations or to be employed in such manner as you may convey=

=vey.

We now dispatch the Grab Hydros to you with 3,000 Bags of Rice, and as soon as she is entirely at the Companys Risk, Master to be cautioned with all expedition, & returned to the Presidency as soon as possible.

Enclosed you will receive Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Chief & Council at Masulipatam, you have already been ac=quainted with our having ordered Captain Lysaght to proceed thither with the Invalids from Vizagapatam, & you will easily perceive the ne=cessity of a further arrangement taking place there, we have therefore in the Dea Boat M.r Daniell's Services can be dispensed with at Cud=dalore, directed from hence to the Presidency or order to proceed to take charge of the Chiefship of Masulipatam, where we conceive his services are so essentially necessary. In this case M.r Dent will of course succeed to the Chiefship of Cuddalore.

directed

We are with Esteem,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

Charles Smith

Wm Select Committee

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22d February 1781

To M.r James Daniell

Chief &c Council,

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22d at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen,

To Cuddalore Directly the Hydra to be immediately returned Ordering Mr Daniell to the Presidency.

Wenow Dispatch the Grab Hydra with 3,000 Bags of Rice for Cuddalore for Neces of the Army, but as the urgency of the case Seasond it indispensibly necessary that she should be unloaden entirely at the Companys cost, we Desire that she may be unladen & returned to the Presidency with all possible expedition —

As we hope Mr. Daniells services may be dispenced with at Cuddalore, and his presence at Manulipatam being essentially necessary at this juncture, we would have him taken early opportunity of repairing to the Presidency as his quitting Cuddalore herewith is ordered Delivering the charge of the Settlement to Mr. Cotton Bowcher and Dent, the next senior Servants.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed. Servants,

Chas Smith,

&c. 5 Committee.

Fort St. George,
22, February, 1701.

23. Received the following Letter.

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esqr.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have received Mr. Secretary Chalmers

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From Ingeram with the intelligence of two French Frigates

23 Sullivans Letter of the 3d, Wh. wherein he signifies your Commands that I shou'd take the present opportunity of dispatching for the Presidency any Vessels I may have in addiness with Grain and Provisions your Letter of the 2d, Wh. which is referred to, Mr. Secretary Sullivan, I have never come to hand.

I am sorry to inform you that I have been obliged to unload Chinam, & Stock, which I had taken on board the French Privateer, are not in any considerable this time to hire Vessels Dorfs, unless I could either from them, or condemn a Privateer, which I have Before Vessels at Coringa by the Privateer, I had provided and upon different Vessels were then destroyed as well Cattle on board I am under with respect to them as an For a Detachment should make from Bengal, I purpose delivering commanding Officer, or dispose manner you shall judge

From these circumstances I am induced to think Privateer & her Consort or some are still on the Coast, some stationed on point Gurdewaree near a Garrison at

Fr. ships

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23 and some Vessels lately arrived from Madras saw
a Ship at Anchor off Point Pennt and a Boat
in Shore making signals — This is the exact
station the Solomon took after receiving Coringa
as I had certain advice of her sending a Boat ashore
several times and buying Provisions off the Country
people.

The Sepoy of a Country Boat which
arrived at Coringa this Day from the Northward
informs me, that he was boarded off Calingapatam
four days ago by two Boats manned by Europeans, who
took ten Bags of Rice from him, he did not see the
Vessel to which the Boats belonged —

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed.t & Hble Servants,
Signed Wm Hamilton —

Ingeram,
10th Febr, 1780 —

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Select
Committee
of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I Inform Dutts a French Ship comes into Bandaramalacha,

I do myself the honor to address you under Date the 8th Inst.t acknowledging Mr. Secretary Sullivan's Letter of the 31st Ult.o and acquainting you that I could not by any means induce the Vessels belonging to this Port to sail for Madras with Supplies on account of the French Cruizers, who are still hovering about these Coasts, and as a further Objection to their freighting their Vessels At the Presidency, they urge that those which

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23. have already been sent have been detained in the road an unreasonable time without a single Boat to deliver their Cargo, to their great injury & detriment. The same Complaint is General Pondered and at all the Northern Ports, and unless Remedied can have no assurances that their Vessels will be unloaded in a reasonable time reasonable it will be a very difficult matter to send supplies this Country daily to make known to you.

I have this moment received advice that a Fleet of Ships is come close to Porto Novo (Cuddalore) that the Lascars belonging to all the Ships lying there have swam on shore & the Inhabitants have left the Place.

and

I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

Your most Obed. & Humble Servants,

Signed Wm. Hamilton.

Fort St. George,
9th Febry 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq

Select Department

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

from Virrogapatam the Treasure to be sent to Manelipatam, on account of the necessity of the Troops remaining there Capt. Lysaght ordered to Manelipatam.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have this day received in duplicate your command of the 25th Ulto. from Mr. Secretary Sullivan, directing us to send the Treasure to Manelipatam, & appointing Capt. Lysaght to the Command of the Troops in the Northern

We shall pay due obedience

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23th Transmit orders send Mr Treasure to Masulipatam,
and as many Invalids as are out of the Hospital,
the original number sent was only 50 Men,
and many are now sick and unable to march,
so that we shall not be able to detach more than
half that number in terms as expressive as we
could use, we conveyed our sentiments in a former
Letter that these Invalids were of the utmost con-
=sequence to us, we hope it will soon be out of
connected with their being here, We again beg leave
to advert to the Arguments made use of in that
address on the subject of the Invalids.

Tuesday before yesterday we
received Mr Secretary Sullivans Letter of the 31st
Ulto=.

Capt Lysaght has received direc=
=tions to proceed to Masulipatam.

We are with respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient
and faithful Hble Servts,
signed
J. H. Causmaker
Jno Cruwe Lord.
Nath: Barlow.
Chas: Maxtone.

Vizagapatam
10th February 1801.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & Governor &c &c Members of the
Select Committee of
Fort St George.

from Dett of 40
Chests of Treasure
sent to Masulipa
tam under an
Escort.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We

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23d.

We have the honor to acquaint you that we have this Day dispatched to Manadie-patam 40 Chests of Treasure containing in all 200,000 Pagodas under an Escort of an European Officer one Company of Sepoys and all the Invalids that were out of the Hospital amounting to 30 Men.

Please and Rt assured,

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

Your most Obedient and most faithfull humble Servants,

signed { "Fra. Coxe Major.
" Nath. Barlow
" Chas. Macrone.

Vizagapatam
the 12th February, 1707.

Dispatched the following Letter

To Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

Rear Admiral of the Red and Commander in Chief

of Her Majesty's Ships in India—

Sir

To Sir Edward Hughes enclosing Copy of Intelligence received of the strength of the French Fleet and Conditions—Recital of the Operations of the Army.

Since Letter of the 24th Inst. we acquainted you with Departure of a Squadron of French Ships on the Coast, on that & the following day, they cruized in sight between Pulicat and this Port, and on the 27th in the morning they bore down directly towards the Shipping in our road, as apparently with the view of making an attack upon it, but finding the Vessels Dismasted under the protection of our Guns, they hauled off and

23d, and made Sail that Evening for Condichony

By two English Seamen who came with the Squadron from the Islands, and who were permitted by Mons. Bonvet the Commanding Officer to land at this Coast, we have particular Intelligence respecting the Strength of the French Fleet, and the State of the Ships which were left at the Islands, a Copy of this we have the honor to enclose herewith for your information.

The Fleet arrived at Condichery about the 29th or 30th Ult. and continued there until the 13th Instant when they quitted the Coast, no Advices from Pondicherry give us every reason to suppose that they are returned to the Mauritius.

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Army under the Command of Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote marched from the Mount the 24th Ult. towards Wandewash, which had been invested for a considerable time by the Enemy's Troops. Vellore and Permacoole were likewise very closely pressed, by the movement of the Army these important Places were all fortunately relieved, and the General took Carangooly, a Fort of consequence which had been possessed and much strengthened by the Enemy. After this he marched to Condichery with a view of frustrating any attempt that might be made by the French Fleet to succour Hyder Ally, the Troops however shewed no inclination of that nature, and tho' pressingly desired by them to land some of their Europeans, they positively refused

Declaring

23d declaring they were not warranted by their orders to
assist him with a single Man.

Hyder in expectation of support
from this Armament had marched himself in force towards Pondicherry. The General after
destroying their Boats & spiking their Cannon offered
him Battle, which he declined & moved to the South-
ward, Our Army followed and encamped near
Cuddalore, where the General was obliged to wait
a few days for a supply of Provisions from hence
This has been sent and we are now in daily expec-
tation of having some favorable accounts of his
Operations, as he writes in great confidence of succes

We are very anxious for the
return of your Squadron to this Coast, & hope very
shortly to have the pleasure of seeing it —
The arrival of the French Fleet and the interrup-
tion occasioned by the meeting of Privateers
of which there are now two near the Port of Co-
romgar, / the Solomon of 32 and the St. Anne of 18
Guns / have prevented that free communication
upon which the Army and even the Settlement
itself Depends too much for its necessary supplies.

even

We are much concerned to find
that no accommodation has yet taken place with
the Marattas, we are convinced of the utter impos-
sibility of carrying on the war with them in our
present circumstances, & trust that every endea-
vour will be used to accomplish a peace upon
almost any terms, rather than continue an
unavailing Hostility at the hazard of the
Company's

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23d, Company's most valuable Possessions & Interests.

We have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Fort St George,
23, February, 1781.

Your most Obedient Humble Servt.
Chas. Smith.
Nom. S. Committee,

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Select Committee
of Bombay.

To Bombay with Intelligence of the French Fleet & advising of the motion & wants of the Army.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have received your Letter of the 4th Octr. last, with the Packets which came from England by Capt. Scott.—

In our Letter of the 25th Ulto. &c.,

N.B. (The same as the Letter to Sir Edward Hughes)

We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Fort St. George.
23, February, 1781.

Your most Obed.t Servts.
Charles Smith,
&c. S. Committee.

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

From Manelipatam acquainting of the refractoriness of the Zemindars & requesting orders how to act in such Cases— and stating the Zemindars apology for their disobedience of orders.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

A very unexpected conduct on the part of two of the Zemindars of this District furnishes the occasion of this address, & makes it necessary to entreat your immediate Decision; it is indeed a Case that calls so urgently for Dispatch, that if the opportunity of

23d, a speedy communication could not afford by means of the new establishment of the Dawkes, we should have ventured to take upon ourselves the adopting of suitable measures, all Wh they would have been of such a Nature as we must always wish to submit to the Judgement of superior authority However experience, The Publick advices which came by the Speedwell Capt. Jeffries being of a nature to make a favourable impression on the minds of the people & the time being then arrived when the Commanders usually receive their last summons to come to the place which limits their departure from hence to three days, & as we had to journy the principal Zemindar began European Horse & a Company of Sepoys, we thought it prudent to avail ourselves of the opportunity to despatch this last summons, hoping it would receive an additional degree of force from the effect of the news we have diligently circulated abroad, we are sorry to inform you that we have been disappointed in our expectation. Tippoo Rauze of Muggletoor and Row Venca-ta Row of Cottapore have excused themselves from coming at this time, the reasons for this conduct will appear in the representation we have the honor to enclose, the one from Tippoo merely covers the letter from the Vakeel of Row Vencata Row who is at this place on his Masters business. The disposition of Tippoo also is a fact which we do not distinctly know and the detention of Row Venca ta Row to his Country after figuring

23d, giving his tacke for tho' report is equally true) how far these allegations together with what is reported of the distress which it would bring on them appears to oblige them to quit their homes at this time Deserve to be considered in extenuation of their conduct is with all due deference submitted to your Honour & Co but we think it necessary to acquaint you that any indulgence shewn to these two Zemindars will expose you to a quick importunity from all Heads, and particularly from Juggapettaraauze who unless we judge lay claim to the same favor, we have not any advices from the Officer sent to escort him (Juggapettaraauze) nor from himself, but we expect that he will follow the example which has been shewn him —

The General situation of Affairs will probably determine the measures you may prescribe to us upon this occasion, but as the welfare of these parts is much concerned therein, we esteem it our duty to inform you that the state of affairs here particularly considered very much requires an exertion of Vigor — the above Zemindars have not only been deficient upon this occasion, but have been very deficient in their Engagements to the Company upon account of the last Peshcush, so that there is still a great balance due, and many Ryots by this conduct come in very slowly from their Tobacco for some time past, in our present uncertainty of what measures you may think proper to adopt, we have judged it prudent to make such preparations as we hope will effectually support them whatever

them

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23d whatever they may be, and must leave only to entreat your Decision may be speedy.

I am with respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

signed James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos Barnard

Masulipatam,
21st February 1700

Representations of Jurisprudence,
Remarks of Ellore Circar, received the 10th June,
1701.

Your Letter I received which gave me a great pleasure, in which you inform me you have certain Affairs with Sepoys to conduct me thither. I have had the Gout and Cholick for this Month past and cannot command that I have not been able to stir. I have been very much troubled by my Servants, I have settled the Servants Wages and Rewarded the Bonds from the Inhabitants to the Seacars: if I do not settle my business the time I cannot Recover my business in a proper manner. If you will please to allow me two Months, I may satisfy the Seacars, and as soon as I can be able to stir out, I will do myself the honor to pay you a visit, on the same subject I have addressed you several Petition, on which Reason they you was pleased to send me Havildar and 12 Sepoys, second by one Jemadar and 22 Sepoys, who are very much obliged at the Portgate. Kindly you send an Officer with a Company of Sepoys

23d Sepoys who ought to come immediately, also behaved to me very ill. I have always been obedient to the Company these 22 years, and to be used in this manner now on account of my sickness I think very hard, by means of Cauvery and some Districts remained me to Case I Lack of Pags, which the Company I dare say are well acquainted with. if I was able to proceed to Masulipatam I should be very happy, as I then could lay the circumstance of my affairs clearly before you — The Gomastahs belonging to the Company can acquaint you my sickness is real, you will please to order the Officer to depart my Premises. I shall prepare to pay the Company's Tribute. I hope you will admit of this, as I have always studied the Company's Interest, & prayed for their prosperity. I believe you always behave with great justice, & would not wish to have those proceedings acted —

My Vakeel Veranakurle explain to you the state of my affairs, which I most humbly beg you will please to consider.

A Letter from Row Mahipatterow to Cotar Litchmidays Sircar — received 27 February 1791.

The Company sent an Officer and Sepoys to bring me to Masulipatam, but Nine Months & fifteen days ago I arrived here, & now I begin to settle the Zemindary, on which it has not been collected yet your Money from the District as soon as I have settled the Zemindary, I will collect money and send it by you in case

one

any of

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29. If I come soon to Masulipatam, it is very hard to discharge your Debt.

Should you speak to the Company to allow me one Month to remain here, I can be able to discharge your Debt, and pay the Company's Money for 3 Ships.

If the Chief accepted it, you will request to write a Letter to the Officer here, in case he do not write me to repair to Masulipatam I will comply with that order by and by the Company's Officer intended to come to the Fort, whom I desired not to enter, as my Family are in the Fort, upon which he wrote a Letter to the Chief to make him angry.

27. Comes the following Letter.

To Mr. Richard Joseph Sulivan,

Secretary to the

Select Committee.

From Ganjam the Owners of Ships will not permit them to load on account of the news of the French Fleet & Pointers entering Bills of Lading for Bales.

Sir,

I have received your Letter dated the 22, 26, & 31, Ulto

I have too much reason to believe the Committee have been misinformed respecting the Coast being clear of Pointers, for I have received very late Letters from Ingeram mentioning that the Solomon is stood off Point Godaveri, it is not a few days since a large vessel hoisted close in shore & kept in sight of this place two days, which I suspect to be an Enemy, & altho' She has altered her appearance from being a Ship, I think she is most likely the Man

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26th of 18 Carriage Guns, a Ship has likewise frequently also heard off Manickpatam, I have mentioned any construction of these Vessels to the President at Balasore, Nor also to the Governor General, the appearance of these Vessels from time to time, the arrival of the French Fleet on the Coast, and the daily accounts of Vessels being chased & plundered, serves to terrify the people so much that the owners of the few Vessels remaining in the Ports of this District are actually afraid to send them to sea, especially loaded with Charcoal, Shells, and the different Articles of Provisions I have provided to send to the Presidency.

I had calculated and engaged Tonnage for 15,000 Candy of Shells, 6,000 Candy of Charcoal, and different Articles of the Garrison Stores, Inhabitants, meaning also to send as many Bullocks & Sheep as the Vessels could carry, One of the Vessels I had freighted was carried out of Ganjam roads by the Solomon, there is a Snow at Masulipatam in the River, which I doubt will not be able to get over the Bar, and some of the other Vessels now in Ganjam River are I fear in the same Predicament, owing to the water shallowing so much. I have taken on board a large Boat, which will save from Jonathan in a Day or two, 2,500 Parah of Shells, agreable to the enclosed Bill of Lading, for which I have paid the full Freight the owner and Serang would not receive any thing else on board & they are induced to proceed under the confidence of a Dutch Pass; she has a full Cargo - I am Sir &c

Nor Tim Eaton

Serang

Fort St. George, 14th February, 1801.

26th Particular that the Committee may understand the difficulties I must meet. The Owners have when I pressed them to proceed told me they cannot get people to navigate their Vessels, & asked me for an indemnification against the risk of the Privateers. This is & has been the Obstacle to defeat my endeavours to procure Vessels & supplies to the Boundary, for I trust the Committee do me the justice to believe no exertion on my part would be wanting to execute their commands.

I hope the Capture of Carangulz & relief of Wandawar and Vellore is only a Prelude to Sir Eyre Coote's further success.

I am,
Sir,
Your very Obedient
humble Servant,
(signed) John Iverny.

Carnatic,
14th Febry 1801.

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

From the Chief Engineer on the repair of the Gates of the Works.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Bricklayers under the Contractor for the fortifications have been employed during the last week on the Cisterns to the Northward of the Sea Gate Tenaille, and the Gallaries to the Northward and Southward of that work; the Cisterns to the Northward are all coarse plastered, and the Gallery has one of its side walls coarse plastered the Outward wall of the Cisterns to the Northward

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26th Northward of the Sea gate is all Coarse Chunamed,
and the Workmen are proceeding with Before Chunam.
The Cadies Veran long Gallery increase
Daily, as do the Carters that Work, there are now near
5,000 People employed.
The Workmen under the Contract
for for repairs continue employed as before.

I am very respectfully,
Honble Sirs,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Geo: Maule
Chief Engineer

Fort St George,
26th February 1798.

26th A Wrote the following Letter to Masulipatam

To M.r James Hodges,
Provincial Chief & Council
at
Masulipatam.

To Masulipatam
Directing them how
to act with respect
to the late
Zemindars

Gentlemen,

Late last night we received your
Letter Dated the 20th Inst, & are much concerned to
learn that two of the principal Zemindars in your
Districts have shewn such a spirit of Disobedience
to your orders, and that you are apprehensive Exemplary
Punishment will follow the example shewn him, we
would have you endeavour to bring them to a
proper sense of their Duty by Persuasion rather
than by compulsive measures giving them to
understand that you have already represented their
Conduct home, informing them that they continue
to shew such refractory Dispositions they must
stand to be

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26th, lay the consequences which must result from their disobedience to the orders of Government.

We desire you will send us an answer to this Letter as soon as you conveniently can after having signified to the Zemindars our pleasure at their Sale conduct & warning them of the consequences, should they obstinately persevere in carrying out first two causes as have existed in their representations, which accompanies Your Letter.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your Obed.t Hble Servants,

Fort St. George,
26th Feby 1781.

(signed) Chas Smith,
Sen.r Select Committee,

27th

Received the following Letter.

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Select Committee
of Fort St. George.

From Zemindar to the Zemindar who demanded provisions without Pass, their motives except unknown.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have received since yesterday a letter from the Officer who was sent to escort Juggapetty Rauze Zemindar of Peddapore, to his place of a similar nature with this one forwarded from Pettapore & Noggatore, which you have already been made acquainted with. Each of the Persons to whom these advices relate has armed previous to his sent, whether it has been effected entirely in consequence of your late order that it might be ready to join the Detachment from Bengal, their future

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27th Their future conduct must determine. Receipts which prevail concerning their views in these proceedings do not deserve to be mentioned, unless we could have them from any good authority. We have in our Letter of yesterday communicated the Grounds of their conduct so far as it is arrived to us.

We have written the Parties concerned and remonstrated with them upon their conduct, they have also been informed of the reference which has been made to you, the Officers have been dispatched their different Stations to proceed with the Examination of the Inhabitants before your Orders arrive, whereby they have been told to remain quietly where they are.

In this State Things remain at present.

We are with respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient

humble Servants,

James Hodges,
John Peter Boitard,
Tho: Barnard

Fort St George,
21st Feb: 1709.

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esqr:

President & Governor &c: Select Committee at Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr. Proctor enclosing his account current with the Company, & a narrative of other matters concerning his employ.

Your Honr &c having been pleased to appoint me receiver of the Revenues of the Tinnivelly Country on account of the Company, I send your Honor &c herewith enclosed my accounts

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27th my account with the Company for Money that I have received, and Ballamounting supplied the Carnatick Battalions of Sepoys, together with an Abstract, specifying howbeit Battalions & in what quantity I have issued the Ball mounting, and what remains in store ready to be delivered for the year 1700.

2d I am concerned that I should not have been able to make greater progress than I have in supplying the Sepoys with their ball mounting but which is owing to my having been appointed to Recompley only in many last, & the troubles that began in this Country on July following

which I am entirely unconcerned of, but am entirely satisfied to be the manufactoring the powder Cloths, & by which I apprehend I shall be a sufferer in Rs money that I had at the time, & still have outstanding in the Country for that purpose.

3d, That is entirely impracticable during the continuance of the present troubles in the Country to supply the Sepoys in their Garrisons with their ball mounting for the year 1700, I take the Liberty to recommend to your Honr &c" that after the delivery of the ball mounting that is already made up, to such of the Sepoys at Camp as have not been supplied, if the Army should come this way, or the Army should otherwise be conveniently situated to receive it, & to the Sepoys at other places that can be supplied at least once, that the Commander Sepoys that may then remain to be supplied with ball mounting, have the Stoppages that have been made for them for the year 1700 refund them &c"

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27th the same manner as your Honor & Board ordered the 12th Oct. last to be done in respect of the Sepoys who have their half mounting due to them for the years 1778 & 1779.—

4th In the General order given out by your Honor &c. the 24th Oct. last it is proposed that I shall supply the stops for the year 1780 "that is "that is in regard to the claims for half mounting "previous to this year, the Select Committee write "to this as soon as possible an exact account of what "has been made up, and afterwards give Direction "for paying the Deficiencys to the Sepoys in money "instead of Stops" As an account of half mounting supplied the Sepoys for the years 1778 & 1779 have I find upon enquiry to be delivered in to your Honor &c. to give the necessary orders for paying the Sepoys their Arrears of half mounting in Money without knowing what has been supplied them for those years, I am of opinion that the agent for that Period should be immediately called upon for the account of the Money he has received, and half mounting issued: since the longer this is delayed, the more complicated and difficult it will be to settle, and which is the more necessary to be done in justice to the Sepoys, by putting them all as soon as possible on the same footing as Sir Eyre Coote gave out at head quarters at the Mount the 24th Dec. last. The following order Viz.— Officers Commanding Sepoy Corps who "have given in to the adjutant General the Rolls for half mounting due to their respective

Battalions

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27th Battalions are to Draw on the Paymaster agreeable
to the Abstract of the Men Present" The Sepoys
in Camps have in consequence thereof most Probably
been paid their Arrears by the Paymaster there
and the 4th Battalion have been paid their Arrears
by the Sepoy Paymasters here

5th Whereas your Honor & Council
be pleased upon receipt of the accounts of half Monthly
supplied by the Agent for the year 1759 & 1760 to
issue orders for the Payment of the Sepoy pays
to the Sepoys who have not been supplied with
their half Monthly for those years, and that of
the Year 1760, in lieu thereof the usual Pay mas-
ters where the Sepoys may be stationed should be
ordered to pay every Sepoy himself with the assis-
tance of the Battalion Commanders in the same
manner as the Batmen are Paid Monthly, and to
pay no Sepoys but those who are Present
and for the Course of time only they were entertained
in the Battalions under Stoppages

6th Your Honor &c will be pleased
to observe in the Accounts I have sent
your Honor &c enclosed that the late Mr Charle
Mordaunt who immediately proceeded upon
the agency paid the 2d Battalion comanded
by Capt. John Walker the Sum of Pags 9330
instead of half a Months pay for the year of 1759, Has
no stoppages therefore should be paid that Batt.
for that year, this is the only Battalion that
Mr Mordaunt overpaid with half a months pay
or Money in Lieu thereof for that year, in the Year 1760

Inquire

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27th Inst. I request your Honor &c will be pleased to signify your orders to whom I shall pay the Balance of Cash debited in my account Current, being Pags 4,830, 11.70 and Deliver the half annual Imy Mat is ready made up —

I am, Honble Sir & Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant,

Signed/ George Proctor

Agent & Auditor of Accounts

Fort St. George,

27th February 1801 —

Accounts of Italy

Accounts of half Mounting delivered and remaining in Store, ready made up for the following Carnatick Batt.ons of Sepoys & Company of Marksmen, for the Year 1780 Viz.t

Battalions	Havildars	Naigues	Sepoys
1st	33	25	169
2d	50	50	650
5th	4	5	38
7th	10	10	90
9th Two Grenadier Companys	10	10	98
11th	16	17	117
13th to Do	8	9	119
14th	40	40	530
15th	50	50	502
17th	47	44	560
18th	9	10	119
Company of Marksmen	4	5	84
1st 7th 11th Carnatick & 2d Circar Batt.ons but the Number not specified in the Indents that belong to each	10	10	132
	291	285	3108

Abstract

Delivered to	Jackets	Drawers	Turbans	Sashes
291 Havildars	582	582	291	291
285 Naigues	570	570	285	285
3208 Sepoys	6416	6416	3208	3208
3784 Men	5768	5768	3784	3784
Remaining in Store				
for 129 Havildars	258	258	129	129
128 Naigues	256	256	128	128
2235 Sepoys	4470	4470	2235	2235
2492 Men	4484	4484	2492	2492

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The Honble Company Dr.

To long Cloth ordinary	38 13 55	for making of	10886	Jackets &	10886	Drawers for	5443	Sepoys at Ps	59 17	Pr Corge	Ps 2298 11 40
Ditto middling	2 18 52	Do	826	Do	826	Do	413	Naigues	66 10 40	Do	194 25 8
Ditto fine	2 19 51	Do	840	Do	840	Do	420	Havildars	89 22	Do	267 13 60
Taylors hire for making			12552	do	12552	Do		at 2 f 40 Each			747 6
Turbands of 26 Covits long	272 3						5443	Sepoys	7 39 26	do	2159 36 32
do 28 Do	41 13						833	Havildars & Naigues	10 8 20	do	424 28 59
Sashes 10 Do	272 3						5443	Sepoys	3 28 70	do	1003 23 18
do 12 do	41 13						833	Havildars & Naigues	3 34	do	158 28
Blue Cloths half Pieces	3 11 18		12552	do					28	do	99 31 40
Commission on Pags	73 53 36 17 @ 5 Pr Cent										367 13 9

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Charges Vizt.

Rent of a Godown from January 1780 to this Month 14 Mo at 12 Pags		Pr Month	Ps 168	
Packing of half mounting for 6 Battalions	6 21	Pr Bo	39	
Wages to 1 Conicopoly from January 1780 to this month Do	8	Pr Month	112	
do 1 do do	6		84	
do 4 Peons do	1 21 each		84	487

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Do

Dr. Agent for Sepoy Half-mounting for the Year 1780 Cd.

1780			
Jany 27th	To Cash received from the Treasury by Mr. Charles Mordaunt deceased	3,000	—
Febry 7th	do by do	2,000	—
May 5th	do received by me this day	3,000	—
June 16th	do	2,000	—
1781			
Febry 7th	do	2,370	—
	Pagodas	12,370	—

1780				
Jany 17	By Cash sent to Pondicherry by Golah Peons to Capt. John Walker of the 8th Battn. of Sepoys in lieu of half mounting for the year 1779 — Pgs 9334			
	Hire of Golah Peons — 1/4	934	35	
June 8th	do. deficient upon receiving the Balance of Cash from Hanaii Conicopoly to Mr. Mordaunt deced	1,376	29	56
1781				
Febry 22d	do as Pr. my Account of half mounting provided for the year 1780	8,208	4	26
	Balance	1850	11	78
	Pagodas	12,370	—	

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Errors Excepted

Pr. George Proctor

Agent

Wrote

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604 Fort St. George, February 1780.

27th

Wrote the following Letter.

To John Peter Denoyis Esqr.

at

Sadras.

To the Chief at Sadras informing him of a Resident being appointed to that place.

Sir,

The present situation of affairs rendering it necessary that we should have a resident at Sadras, we have appointed Mr. Richard Kinchant to reside there with your permission, & doubt not but you will readily afford him your assistance in providing him with a house, Boat, Catamarans, or such other matters as he may have occasion to apply to you for.

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obd. Hble Servants,

Charles Smith,

&c. &c. &c. Committee.

Fort St. George,

24th Feby. 1780.

To Mr. Richard Kinchant.

Instructions to Mr. Kinchant to be allowed 100 Pags. p. Month.

Sir,

Having appointed you Resident at Sadras on the Coast of Coromandel, you will accordingly proceed thither with all convenience.

You are to communicate from time to time and the Commander in Chief all such Intelligence as you shall be able to obtain & deem worthy of their attention.

Enclosed you will receive

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27th receive a Letter for the Chief of Sadras desiring
he will afford you every assistance you may
stand in need of

We allow you to Draw an Allowance of one hundred Pagodas p.r Month
in lieu of every charge you may beat.

We are,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants
Charles Smith,
&c. &c. Committee

Fort St. George,
27th February, 1781.

Wednesday 28th At a Select Committee Present
The Honble Charles Smith
Esqr. President
&
Samuel Johnson Esqr.
&
Lieutenant General Sir
Eyre Coote, and Major General Sir Hector
Munro absent on Service
Alexander Davidson Esqr.
absent on a Deputation to Tanjore.

Minutes of last Committee
read and approved

The Nabob having agreed
in his Letter Dated 5th Inst. to encroach £6.4.10
to give up the Revenues of the Pinaccles &
Tuticorin Polly Durbuck to reimburse the Company
the Sums advanced on account of the arrears
due to the Cavalry and the expences they
may be at during the present War,
the

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The following Articles of agreement are
made & entered into between the Presi-
dent and Select Committee on the part of
the Company and the Nabob

The following Articles of Agreement to take place
between His Highness the Nabob of the
Carnatick and the Honble Charles
Smith Esqr. President and the
Select Committee on the part of the
East India Company.

Articles of agreement between the President and the Select Committee and the Nabob

1st That Persons of Money & Grain be
appointed on the part of the Company one in the
Country of Tanjore, and the other in the
Country of Trichinopoly, and the like in the
Country of Tinevelly, while the Enemy remain
in the Carnatick.

2d The amount of Tuncahs already
granted to Individuals in the said Countries
shall be paid by his Highness the Nabob from
the Revenues of those Countries when Peace
shall be established in the Carnatick, and
the present Revenues after defraying the
Expences of those Countries, shall be paid to
the Company on Account for the publick
Service —

3d The Company's receivers during
their remaining in those Countries are not to
any respect to interfere in any of the business
of his Highness Government, such as examining
or changing Accounts, or the Disputes
of any of the subjects, either in the Tanjore
Country

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Country, nor are they to Lend or advance any money, either Directly or indirectly, Publickly or Privately, to any of his Servants, Subjects or Dependants, without first informing him and obtaining his approbation, nor are they to suffer or permit their Dubashes to do the like. The Revenues of the Countries aforesaid are to be received from their Immeldars; for the Security of the Revenues they are with the concurrence of the Immeldars to erect in any such a Body of his Troops, which his Highness has pleased to order under the orders of the Commanding Officer at Balasore as shall be deemed necessary. If the Immeldars should refuse any complaint against any of their Dubashes, he shall make an enquiry into the circumstances, & if he finds the complaint to be well grounded, he shall dismiss him and appoint another in his stead, but as all complaints will readily be adjusted by this Highness, he requests such trifling matters may not be entered on the Company records.

3rdly The Commanding Officer of Garrisons are to attend solely to the management of the Forts, and are not on any account to interfere directly or indirectly in any of the affairs of his Government or Revenues, nor are they to lend or advance any Money to any of his Subjects, Servants, or Dependants, nor present

their

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Their Duchanter or to Do, But in case they have
already advanced any Sum or Sums of money
to any of his Servants, &c., in aforesaid, which
Sum or Sums of Money cant be agreed when
Peace shall be reestablished in the Kingdom
Country —

4thly, Any Paddy the Produce of the
said Countries to be sold by the Receivers, the
Highness's Armidans to be consulted as the
Price, for which it must be sold, and the
Receivers must be carefull to have Prospect
Vouchers for the Sale. The Accounts to be kept
as by Law Examined and the Receivers, to the
end that Scruples and Differences or Disputes may
arise, & should the Armidans refuse or neglect
to Deliver the Grain as soon as required by the
Companys Receivers, they are in such case to
take the Government share of the Corn wherever
they shall find it, & Servants of the Circarkary
present to keep the Account —

5thly, If any of his Highness's Sub-
jects should prefer any complaints against
the Company's Receivers, they are
to come then to the Armidan, & if any complaint
should be preferred against the Armidan, the
Company's receivers are to refer the Complaint
to the Cutcherry Durga —

Lastly, The Receivers Here to be
appointed are to continue while the Enemy
remains in the Country, but as soon as the
Enemy is by the Blessing of God expelled
from

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From the Heights of Commissioners, Head Quarters
=ments of Receivers are immediately to cease
& they are to be recalled, and the Inspector
made acquainted, that the Company
of the Company's money in the manner he
has always done, & no more, his first connection
with the Company, & the Money will be received
by Managers at the Presidencies until the others
arrive.

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Charles Smith
Samuel Johnson

Read the following
Letter of Instructions was this day delivered
to Mr Proctor

To Mr. George Proctor,
Sir,

Instructions to Mr Proctor, to be delivered by Capt Bell on his joining the Detachment under Major Davie and Baker

His Highness the Nabob having assigned over to the Honorable Company all the Revenues of the Districts Ceded by him under the above mentioned denomination, that they may be collected towards defraying the expences of the War, we have appointed you receiver of those Revenues on behalf of the Company, and Mr. Richard Thomas Upon your Assistant. —

We direct that you proceed to Calicut with all possible Dispatch, & make such Arrangements as appear to you most expedient for

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for carrying this Service into immediate execution.

We have ordered Capt. Errington to afford you such Military assistance as you may require for this Service, but we desire you will be extremely careful that this power be exercised in a manner the least exceptionable, & most favorable to the inhabitants.—

We desire you will employ in the most reasonable terms such Conveyances & other Servants as may be indispensibly necessary for conducting this business in a clear effectual manner, & that you send to us a regular Account of all your receipts & Disbursements.—

We recommend your taking particular care that all receipts of money or Grain shall be authenticated in such a manner as appears to you best calculated for preventing all future Disputes, that if practicable one or more of his Highness Servants be present at the receipt & Delivery

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Sir

I Send herewith the Account of the Grain received on the Account, & as desire you will furnish Mr Sullivan and Lieut Paymaster at Carrimattah & Mr Robert Bamlary Paymaster at Madura such Sums as they may require for the Payment of the Troops, Pioneers & Bullocks employed in bringing Grain at the market Price for the same Specifying how, & when they required it. ——

I am also directed that the Revenues of the Jaghire Country be accordingly to his Intention appropriated to the publick Service during the War; & particularly enjoin you to see that this object be fulfilled, & in order to remove every suspicion that may be known to exist among the Natives, & Europeans for whom, & to whom you are to issue, & receive the Grain, & Money, the Directions given by the Board for superintending the Operation will

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To all Persons whatsoever of all private station, until the Conclusion of the War, and for this purpose upon whole apply to the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah to attend upon every occasion for his Power —

The great distance upon will be from the Boundary will be the consideration we trust upon will indeavour to give you no great molestation, & we shall only add that we persuade ourselves upon Consideration justify these restrictions, and strongly that the Poligars the Committee have entertained of your merit —

Herewith upon will receive a Copy of the agreement we have made with his Highness the Nabob, for your future guidance —

We have allowed 4 pr. Bullocks Loads a Day in lieu of hay and Batta, to upon Assistant Captain's Peon & Batta —

We are,

Sir,

Fort St. George,
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upon most obedient
humble Servants,
Charles Smith,
&c. Committee.

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Instructions to be observ'd
for Mr Ram—
Paymaster Sergeant

Sergeant for the Garrison in the Black Town
County, to supply the Paymaster here
with such Sums as he may require out
of Monies now delivered Mr. Ram —

The President
Minutes of the
Council—

submits to the consideration of the Committee
the propriety of admitting Mr. John Wilcox
into the Corps of Volunteers on this Establish-
=ment, who he understands is of a respect-
=able Family in England, but has unfor-
=tunately come out in the Station of a Priv-
=ate Soldier. —

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Agreed that
Mr John Wilcox
appointed a
Volunteer.

Mr John Wilcox be appointed a
Volunteer on this Establishment.

28th

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28th Dispatched the following Letters.

To the Honble Hew Stewart Esqr
President and Governor &c.a Select Committee at
Fort Marlboro.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 8 Sept.r advising of the arrival of the Seapoys and Stores sent you by the Concord.

We are now to acquaint you that the Carnatic, was in the Month of July last, invaded by Hyder Ally Cawn at the Head of a very powerful Army. His success over a Detachment of our Troops on the 10th September last gave him a considerable advantage by enabling him to take Arcot and several of the Nabobs Forts, but as we have lately obtained a large Reinforcement from Bengal, the Hopes we entertain of a favorable turn to our Affairs are very sanguine. General Sir Eyre Coote who has taken the Command of the Army, is now in the Field. His Operations hitherto have been successful, and we are in daily Expectation of hearing that he has gained some decisive Advantage over the Enemy.

To Fort St Marlboro advising of the Invasion of the Carnatic by Hyder Ally, & the appearance of the French Fleet.

A Squadron of French Ships made made their Appearance on this Coast, off Pallicat the 24th ultimo. on that and the following Day they exchanged Signals between Pallicat, & this Port, & on the 27th in the Morning they bore down directly towards the Shipping in our Roads apparently with the View of making an Attack upon it, but finding the Vessels drawn up under the Protection of our Guns, they hauled off, and made Sail that Evening for Pondicherry. By two English Seamen, who came with the Squadron from the Islands, & who were permitted by Mons.r Bouvet the commanding Officer to land at this Port, we have particular Intelligence respecting the Strength of the French Fleet, & the state of the Ships which were left at the Islands. A Copy of this we have the Honor to enclose herewith for your Information.

The Fleet arrived at Pondicherry about

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28th The 29th or 30 Ultimo I continued there untill the 13th Instant when they quitted the Coast. Our advices from Tranquebar give us every Reason to suppose that they are returned to the Mauritius — We are

every

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
&c. select Committee

Fort St George,
28th February 1781.

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

Gentlemen

To Bengal
acquainting them
with Mr Hollands
reinstatement &
his orders to remain
at Hydrabad —

Having lately taken into consideration the Proceedings upon Record, relative to the suspension of Mr John Holland from the Service, and being of opinion that the Act by which the company are at present deprived of that Gentlemans Abilities in his Line upon this Establishment, may with propriety be rescinded. We have come to that Determination, and as his rank entitles him to the Seat in Council become vacant by the Death of Mr William Cumming. We have admitted him to that Station accordingly.

In doing this, we have no Intention of withdrawing him from his Employement at the Nizams Court untill his Services there can be dispensed with, of which he has been informed. And we have directed him to remain at Hydrabad in his present Charge, as long as you and we shall deem it expedient — We are

Gentlemen

your most obedient & Humble Servants

Fort St George
28 February 1781.

Charles Smith
&c. select Committee

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To John Holland Esqr

Sir,

We have lately reconsidered the Proceedings relative to your Suspension from the Service, and are come to the Determination of reversing that Act, and placing you in your Rank and Station.

To Mr Holland informing him of his Reinstatement & desiring him to remain at Hydrabad

You have in consequence been appointed to fill the Vacancy in Council occasioned by the Death of Mr William Cumming; but as we deem it highly expedient at this Juncture to avail ourselves of your Services at the Nizams Court, we desire you will continue in your present Charge, advising us from Time to Time of any thing that may be necessary for our Information. We have acquainted the Governor General & Council of Bengal with our Resolution, and Intentions respecting you. We are

Sir your most obedient Servants

Fort St George
28 February 1781.

Charles Smith
for select Committee

March 2 Received the following Letters from Vizagapatam

Select Department

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqre
President & Governor &c Members of the select committee
at Fort St George

Honorable Sir, & Sirs.

We beg leave to relate a Transaction which has occurred here, within these few days. The Chief had certain Intelligence, that Sitteram Rauze was erecting Mud out works at Virenagrum, so as to cover one entire Face and Two Angles of the Fort. Upon this Report the Chief sent for Sitteram Rauze on the subject, desiring he would pull the work down of his own accord, that it might

From Vizagapatam
Sitteram Rauze erects out Works at Virenagrum
Suspicions of his disaffection to the Company.

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2 that it might appear to the World as if it was an Act of his own, after some Delay, he replied to this Letter, alledging that as he got Mr Casamayors Permission to repair the Fort, when he was at Vriaugeum, that he thought this trifling work as nothing, but that he would stop it. Mr Casamayor solemnly avers that he never granted him any such Permission. That upon the subject being started, he assured Sitteram Raure that it was not in his Power, or of the Government at Vizagapatam to grant him such a leave, but recommended it to Sitteram Raure to apply to the Governor & Council, upon which he replied that such a request would by his Enemies be made use of as an Argument against him, Mr Casamayor then told him, that he had better think of it no more. In common Justice to Mr Casamayor We cannot doubt his Assertions, especially when Opposed to the known Duplicity of Sitteram Raures Character, and being sensible besides, that to allow him to act in any respect against a declared Order is adopting a prelude to greater encroachments. We have in consequence directed the Chief to write him to pull down the Work without delay, and to be certain that our Orders are executed, We shall detach Lieut Brown with his Company of Sepoys to see the Work properly destroyed, & we have fixed on this Gentleman, as we know him professed of Discretion and good sense.

At this period we conceive it is our Duty to be peremptory in our public conduct, and as it is in our power to enforce obedience on just Grounds, it will be dangerous to betray the least apprehension. But as the Situation of the Times warrant suspicions, we think it right to utter what excites it in us, because it is fully within your Grasp, to remove the Evil, should your Honor & a think our conclusions are proper. We therefore beg leave to observe, that we think the Erection of this new Work originates from the Rajah being requested to raise

Troops

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2d Troops. We do not take upon ourselves, or presume to Judge of the Political Necessity of making this Requisition, but it is evident he has assumed a Hauteur of Conduct since this Confidence has been placed in him. Delays are common, before Letters are replied to, and the Style of his addresses to the Government are divested of those Expressions of Respect heretofore in common use.

We are highly flattered with the Approbation expressed of our late Conduct with regard to the Collections. We only require a Continuance of your Support to complete the Work with Honour, and credit which has been fortunately begun, notwithstanding the large receipts, much is due from the Vireanagrum Family, and from their ample Possessions all can shortly be liquidated; This Point once accomplished would pave the way to adopt a Mode of encreasing the Jemmabundy of the Vireanagrum Family, so as to enable Government to discharge all necessary Expences civil & Millitary, and provide the Investment indented for.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient & faithful Hum: Servts

James Henry Casamayor
Henry Crawford
Nathl Barlow
Charles Maystone

Vizagapatam
21st February 1781.

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esqr
President & Governor &c. Members of the select Committee
at Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to transmit

you

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2d your Duplicate of our addrefs dated the 20th Instant.

Setteram Rauze having written a Letter, wherein there is implied a desire that he wishes to have the Work examined before it is pulled down, on Account of its Insignificance; We have been induced to depute Messrs Crawford & Maystone on that Business, & should it prove so trifling as he represents it, he shall permitt it to stand, with directions that no additions be made, provided your Honor & Council conclude, that such an Indulgence is proper, after he had taken upon himself to erect Works, when he knew it was contrary to Orders

From Vizagapatam two Members of Council deputed to examine the Works under by Setteram Rauze at his Request.

We are with Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obedient & faithful humble Servants

Vizagapatam
22nd February 1701

James Henry Casamajor,
Henry Crawford,
Nath: Barlow
Charles Maystone,

3 Received the following Letter from Capt: Eidingtown,

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr.
President & Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Capt: Eidingtown his new Battalion & Lieut: Brown Corps are very near compleat has taken two Troops of Nabob Cavalry into pay

Your orders of the 27th November direct ing me to give you the best Information in my Power concerning the Revenue of this Country, I beg leave to your Honor for advance made to the Company on the Nabobs account, I think it my Duty in consequence to inform You, that the Renter is making over to different People Contracts for the Crops at present on the Ground which will begin cutting about a Month hence: I am totally ignorant in what Manner you intend securing it for the publick Service or have I heard the Renter has

over

3d any orders concerning it, but this far I am certain that if managed as it has lately been, little will be brought to any Account except his own, as I before informed your Honour, of the Method he takes of receiving the Revenues under the Cloak of the Polygars — I must observe also, that it will be necessary to lay in about Twelve or fifteen Thousand Chuckrams worth of Paddy for garrison Store, from this Crop. I have received none from the present Renter, or has he complied with the order regarding the Repairs of the Fort. Not even paying the Nabobs Artificers belonging to it, Upon the Soldiers informing me they intended leaving the Place, being Starving. I was obliged to desire he would deliver out Rice to them from that in Store under his Charge — The Sepoy People also, receiving no Pay, refused to carry Letters. I have been obliged at different Times to give them Money which I have charged in the Article of secret Service I had employed some Polygars for this Purpose, but found they did not answer so well — The rest of the Money under that Head is for Intelligence, the Necessity of which is obvious; but I shall at all Times much sooner forget a few Pagodas of my own, than charge one to the Company I could not account for, I mention this because the Pay-master tells me, he has orders to pay no secret Service Money

Your Letter also mentions the Nabobs having order'd the immediate Payment of the Arrears due to his Troops. I do not find that he has done so nor was there Money there for the Purpose. but I beg leave to recommend it as highly necessary, their being paid out of the first of our Crop — I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Boat with Arms &c.a for Lieut. Burns Corps is arrived safe at Tuticorin, I was extremely disappointed at finding no Arms, Shoes, or Cloathing, were on Board for the other Troops under my Command I should not have been so urgent on this Subject, but that the Arms I have are absolutely unserviceable

I am

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I can likewise assure your Honors, that Lieut Barn will shortly have his Corps compleat & that my new Battalions will very soon be in such order — Arms & Cloathing will in a few days be all they want; except Men to complete with (in all not 2000 the 700, Establishment) and I must & fall on Methods for it I have applications to the Phousdar to that Effect I have advanced Lieut Barn, one Thousand Star Pagodas & he tells me he wants more for the recruiting Service &c I have taken a Troop of the Nabobs that was here, into the Company's pay, and from five Horses, have procured to near Sixty good ones — I have had them Valued, & intend giving Orders on the Paymaster for the amount, which if he does not pay, in case of scarcity of Money, I will endeavour to satisfy the owners, or pay them myself I am also entertaining another Troop; who are to serve on Foot till I can get them Mounted, and have already inlisted near Sixty five young Fellows of high Cast &c Troopers receive three Pagodas monthly without Batta in the Field, their Troops whilst on Foot will not cost much more than an equal number of common Sepoys; and the service that may be expected from them will make largely up for the Difference, I enclose herewith the Copy of a Letter I wrote to the Chief of Tutecorin, on hearing that three dutch Artillery Men had gone to the Polygar Cutabamangue — To which he sent a very satisfactory answer, assuring me that they were not Artillery Men. and that as the Shevegurry Polygar had got the three Men, and insisted on their serving him, they deserted with an Intention of going to the King of Travencore but were carried by one they employed as a Guide to the Shevegurry Man. The above exactly corresponds with Intelligence I afterwards received; and this Polygars Conduct may serve to point out his, and I may add The Polygars intentions in this Province. I also wrote to the King of Travencore on the very extraordinary Step of his sending a large Body of Troops into this Country, where he has some Villages without having requested

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3d the Nabob or me with his Intentions. I will transmit the Board a copy of his Letter, At present it appears to me as if he had settled Matters with the Colt Rajah and only waits to hear the fate of your Army.

I have the Honor to be

Palamcotah Jan.y 26. 1701.

Honble Sir & Sirs, Your respectful obed.t Servant,

James Edingtown.

+ Wrote the following Letters to the commandants of Sudcheem poly & Palamcotah

To Capt.n James Edingtown.

commanding at

Pallamcotah

Sir,

The Nabob having assigned over to the Company during the War, all the Revenues of the Tinevelly country without any exception, We have thought proper to appoint Mr Geo: Booden to receive those Revenues on Behalf of the Company, & that Gentleman has in consequence been furnished by us with sufficient Powers to carry this Service into execution.

To Capt.n Edingtown & Lieu.t Col.l Nixon desiring them to afford the Company's Receiver any Military Assistance in their respective Commands

But as it is expedient, that he should have any military Assistance that may be necessary to enforce the Authority we have given him to collect the Government Share of the Revenues, we hereby expressly direct, that you comply with such applications as he may make to you in writing for that Purpose proportioning the Force, to the nature, & extent of the Service, for which it may be required

We also strictly enjoin that none of the Troops under your Command, be employed directly or indirectly in any Business respecting the management of the Country, or Collection of the Revenues

of Revenue

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3d otherwise than upon the requisition of the Receiver in the manner above prescribed

We are

Sir your most obedient Servants

Charles Smith
Jno Select Committee

Fort St. George
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The same to Lieut Col. Nixon acquainting him of Mr Ram having been appointed Receiver of the Pachi moloy Country.

4th Received the following Letters

To Chas. Oakley Esqr. Military Secretary.

Sir,

I enclose you a List of Casualties in the 8th Battalion Carnatic Sepoys, which you will be pleased to lay before the Honble the President & select Committee that they may give orders to the Paymaster of Bundicoory to strike off their family Allowance. I also enclose you recommendations for a Subedar and Jemidar.

From Capt. Walker enclosing a List of Casualties in his Battalion & a Copy of his Court Martial & Acquittal

You will see that we have had a most alarming Desertion, the greatest part of it happened while I was under an Arrest, I was accused among other things of having deceived the Sepoys, in promising them double Batta, as Capt. Kelly's Battalion had been paid at Bombay; which I was not able to perform their first things into their Heads that had been long forgot, if ever they did exist, for before this, they seemed quite reconciled to their Situation. They were paid in the same manner as the Bengal Sepoys, & therefore they had nothing more to expect.

I will not take up your Time at present, as you will see every thing at large in the Court Martial

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4th martial, which the Judge Advocate is to send to you by the first opportunity. I take the Liberty however to enclose you a Copy of the Crimes exhibited against him, the Sentence of the Court, and the General orders in consequence thereof, which I request you will be pleased to shew to the Fort the President & select committee if you think proper

I remain with great Respect

Sir

Your very obedient Servant

John Walker

Camp
before Baboor
30th November 1780.

Crime. Captain John Walker, commanding the 8th Carnatic Battalion Sepoys. ordered in Arrest by the Commander in Chief upon the following Accusations brought against him by Lieut Lee, Ensigns Edward Gibbings Stevens and A Gibbings Subalterns in his Battalion Viz.t for demanding and receiving exorbitant Interest in the Battalion and casting out Insinuations in a public manner on their Characters, much to their Prejudice, & Dishonour, and other Practices much to the Prejudice of the Service

Sentence The Court having maturely considered the Evidence produced in support of the first Part of the Charge against the Prisoner Viz.t that of demanding & receiving exorbitant Interest in the Battalion with what has been offered in his Defence, are of opinion that he is not guilty — The Court after the most deliberate Consideration acquit the Prisoner of the second Part of the Charge particularly specified in the Crime exhibited against him; The latter part of the Charge Viz.t That of other Practices much to the Prejudice of the Service being confined by the Evidence to the deception of the Battalion in making Promises which the Prisoner could not perform, and for making false Musters & Returns.

The Court considering in any Point of View the first Part of the Charge, are of opinion that the Prisoner Capt.n Walker, exerted himself like a good and diligent Officer, in encouraging his Men

and

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4th using his utmost endeavours to fulfill any Promise he might have made them — They do therefore in this Particular acquit him of any Crime whatever

The Court are further of Opinion that the Prisoner is not guilty of the latter Part of the Charge, Viz.t making false Musters and Returns They do therefore acquit him honourably of this and any other Crime whatever, & he is hereby honourably acquitted

I approve
(Signed) Thomas Goddard
D: General

Camp near Sewat 14th Oct.r 1700

G: Orders

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The Commander in Chief having perused with Attention the Proceedings of the Court Martial held on the Orders of Yesterday, takes this Public Method of adding his Approbation of the Conduct of Capt.n Walker & the Honorable Acquittal of the Court. It affords him the highest satisfaction to find, that after the strictest Scrutiny, founded on the most unjust & ungenerous Accusations, his Character should appear to the Court not only free from Blame, but even worthy of Praise in the very Circumstances on which they have ground their Accusations against him — The Commander in Chief thinks it necessary at the same Time to express his strong disapprobation of the Conduct of Messrs Edward Gibbings, Stevens & A Gibbings. The Charges exhibited by them against Capt.n Walker being all of them disapproved; he hopes it will be a warning to them not to act in so inconsiderate a Manner in future, & on this Occasion he is sorry to remark that they seem to have been influenced more by Views of a Private Nature, than a sense of Duty in conforming to the Company's Regulations

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4th Regulations

But the Conduct of Mr Gee in his feeble, and malicious Attempt to prove the Charge of false Musters, & Returns is of so flagrant a Nature that neither his severest Censure, nor the Odium inseparable from such Behaviour can be considered as an adequate Satisfaction to Capt.n Walker, he has therefore thought proper to remove him from the 8th Battalion Carnatic Sepoys, to the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment of Madras Europeans, untile the Pleasure of the Commander in Chief at Madras shall be known.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr.
President & Governor &ca Members of the select Committee
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Anjengo with Intelligence the Captain Prize at Cost two of Hyders Vessels taken.

Mr Benshaw having sent us three pairs of Pattamars, who had brought him Advices from your Honor &ca to be forwarded to Bombay & requested they might be returned by their Route, Judging that from Goa overland to be impracticable at present on Account of the War with Hyder Ally. We accordingly now dis patch them, & have the Honor to communicate to you the following Intelligence

We learn from Capt.n Dundas of the Prime, (which imported here Yesterday) that he fell in with his Majesty's Ships Isis Inspenbe & Burford a few miles to the Southward of Tellicherry on the 26th Ultimo at Night, and by one of his Midshipmen who went on Board the former, to deliver a Packet for the Admiral he was informed that our Honble Masters Ships Coutheaster & Bombay together with some Country Ships from Bengal, laden with Rice, were then in Company with that Part of our Fleet which in conjunction with the rest of his Majesty's Ships, under the Command of Sir Edward Hughes had severely

cannonaded

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4.th cannonaded Calicut on the 23 & 24.th Ultimo, when they also took a Ship of 26 Guns, and burned another belonging to Hyder Ally — But that the Sartine Frigate unfortunately grounded, and was wrecked on that occasion in attempting to get in sufficiently near the Shore to use her Guns with good effect — and that for the purpose of saving as much as possible of the Stores of this Frigate, as well as to bring off the Prize Ship the Eagle & Cutter were left at Calicut, where they would remain but a day or two longer

longer

The Prince spoke also with the Sandies Snow, Capt.n Jones from your Presidency on the 4.th Instant about seven Leagues to the Southward of Cochin She had at that Time a very favorable Wind for proceeding to the Northward, and probably reached Tellicherry the following Day in the Evening

We have the Honor herewith to transmit a Packet to your address from the Presidency of Bombay, and are very respectfully

Honble Sirs & Gentlemen,

your most obedient humble Servants

James Morley
Arthur King
J. Hutchinson

Anjengo
the 9.th December 1780.

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r Military Secretary
Fort St. George.

Dear Sir,

Do me the Honor to lay the enclosed before the select Committee favoring me with their Reply, if any is necessary

I am respectfully

Dear Sir

your most Humble Servant

James Peters.

Tellicherry
5.th January 1781.

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To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President and Governor &ca select Committee of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Peters
has obtained Major
Cotgraves Permission
to proceed to the
Presidency

As my Health and the Situation of my Family, would not suffer me to remain longer with the Detachment at Tellichery, I obtained Major Cotgroves Leave to give the Charge of my Sick in the field Hospital to Mr Harrison Surgeon there & to proceed for the Presidency, which I hope will meet with your approbation, which is the utmost of my Ambition, and constant Study to deserve

I am most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tellichery
5 January 1781.

Your humble & obedient Servant

James Peters
Surgeon

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & Governor &ca select Committee at
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Dalton
with Copy of a Letter
from Mr Skardon
acquainting them
of his being taken
Prisoner

We have been favord with your commands of the 28th November by the Lord Sloop, enclosing Copy of a Cypher, in which whenever it may appear necessary, We shall write to your Honor &c agreable to your directions, & shall take the utmost Care to conceal it from any Bodys inspection

We imagine Mr Cumming made you acquainted with the Imprisonment of Mr Skardon at Pondichery, and the subsequent Treatment he met with

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4th with; but that your Honor &c may obtain every possible Information on this Occasion We now forward you Copy of a Letter from Mr Brandon to Mr Cumming, which contains a particular Account of this Transaction

Mons? Gerard having repeatedly offered his utmost Assistance to forward Succours of money &c to Officers, who are Prisoners with Hyder Ally, as far as Lays in his Power, We beg leave to communicate his good Intentions to your Honor &c in Case you should chuse to employ him on this Occasion

We did ourselves the Honor to address you on the 6th Instant, Duplicate of which Letter waits on you enclosed

We have the Honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient Humble Servants

J Daniell
W: Maitland
E W: Fallofield

Cuddalore
17th January 1781.

To William Cumming Esqr

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity of informing you of my present Situation, and the Reason of my being so very unfortunate. On the 17th Instant a Sloop of War came into Pondicherry Roads, seized & carried away Mr Burrys Snow, immediately after which two separate Guards made Prisoners Mr Baunton and myself. We were carried to the main Guard & kept there till at Night when we were both locked up in an almost dark Dungeon & denied Pen or Paper or the Sight of our Friends. Even the

Mons?

Servants

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4th who brought us Victuals were not allowed to speak to us, the 19th at Noon, we were carried separately to our Houses, and order'd to pack up our Cloaths, & get ready Palanqueins to proceed to Pennacoil (NB I found ale my Papers had been seized, as also the Honble Companys Books – I & I had deliver'd to the Lady with whom I lived, and she since inform'd me that fearing a Discovery, she burned them) at Five the same afternoon Mr Brunton & myself set out with an Escort of 10 Horsemen, & 6 Sepoys and arrived the next morning at this Place, where we have remained ever since. The Lomandant Rupsum Cawn has behaved remarkable polite, allows us a separate Tent to remain in all Day, & we sleep with him in his own Tent every Night. He gives us his own Victuals, & does not even keep a Centry over us, we are allow'd to walk about in Front of the Tents, Rupsum Cawn informs us that he has laid our Case before the Bahaudar at Arcot, & that he only detains us 'till an answer arrives; He also informed me that at Mons[r] Barys particular request, he had sent us to this Place Prisoners, upon which Information, I obtained Leave to write to Mr Bury, and asked him his reason for acting in so very extraordinary a Manner, he answer'd that he was only by any means the Cause of our being made Prisoners & that he had never wrote, or concerned himself about us, and sincerely wished we might find some Method of getting released. This answer I explained to Rupsum Cawn at his Durbar, who publickly called Mr Bury a Liar, and ordered me, to write him again informing him, that as we were seized at his Desire if he will write to Rupsecun Cawn to release us, he will immediately send us back to Pondicherry. I wrote this, and added that it now intirely depended upon

him

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or not

4th whether we remained Prisoners, this is three Days ago, & I have not yet received his answer

1st Jany. at Night

de Bury.

This Day I have received Mons.r de Bussy's answer, He says that not being the occasion of my Imprisonment, he has it not in his Power to release me, The Chief here still says that Mons.r is the Person who wrote to Suffrein to seize me. By some Hints dropt this day I fancy they want to get some Money for my Release from me, but they will not succeed

hints

Should I be kept Prisoner be so good as cause my Two Boxes, & all my Property to be sold, & the Money to be remitted me, & if you can persuade the Governor to make me an allowance for the Time I was in Pondicherry pray let that be added

Before Permacoil
31 Dec.r 1780

The unfortunate
(signed) John Humphrey

A true Copy. E.W. Fallofield.
Secry

Duplicate

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a at
Fort St.r George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Cuddalore,
Br.t Daniell taken
charge of the Settlem.t
armed Boats of
Pondichery.

Mr Cumming having an Bar
ked on a Chillinga, the Day before yesterday for
the Presidency, Mr. Daniell has taken Charge of
the settlement agreable to your commands We think
it our Duty to inform your Honor &c.a as early as
Possible, that there are two armed Boats now at

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4th Pondichery, and a small Sloop filled with Sepoys.

We have received Intelligence that this Sloop came from Balasore into Pondichery Road, dispatched for Water, and that Two Europeans which came in her (supposed to be English, are taken out & confined in Pondichery, A long Boat that sailed with Mr Cummings Baggage in Company with him, returned to Cuddalore yesterday Morning, & the Europeans that were on Board her, declare they were pursued for some Time by two armed Boats, In Consequence of this Intelligence, we have stationed a Catta maran off Alemparva to give Notice of there Pondichery Boats &c to any Cattamarans or Boats your Honor &c may possibly have dispatched with Money to Cuddalore in consequence of our Application of the 8th Ultimo, as well as to any other Vessels or Cattamarans bound to the Southward

we have the Honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient & Humble Servants

Cuddalore
5th Jany 1781

J. Daniell
Wm Maitland
E. W. Falloofield

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq
President & Governor &c &c members of the select Committee
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I dispatch this address Via Pallemcotah purposely to advise your Honor &c that I had

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From Mr Morley 4th had last Night Intelligence from three English Gentlemen, who were Passengers on a Vessel, which then Passed this Place going to the Northward that a few days before, they left a French Privateer (the St Anne) of 10 Guns at Pointe de Galle, just refitted, & ready to Sail and that another (said to be the Solomon of 32 Guns) appear'd in the Offing, during their Stay there, which after making some Signals to the former again stood out to sea steering a W N W Course, these Privateers from the Description I have had of them, I judge to be the same, that were cruizing on this Coast in October last

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I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Anjengo the 24th January 1781

Your most obedient humble Servant

James Morley

The 31st January A Ship passed by this Fort yesterday standing to the Northward, which from the reports of some People I sent off to her, in a small Boat, I am convinced must be one of the Privateers abovementioned called the St Anne.

James Morley

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr President and Governor &c^a &c^a Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having this moment received a Letter from the resident at Anjengo, wherein some particulars of the French Fleet is mentioned I enclose you the Paragraph for perusal, I likewise enclose your Honours a Copy of my Letter to Mr Angelbeck, whose

From Capt. Sidingham with Copy of Intelligence under quat Difficulty in procuring Copies.

you

which

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4th I omitted yesterday — together with a Copy of a Paper I am just getting translated into Malabar, as my last resource for having your Orders respecting the Travancore Battalions complied with, I have also to mention being near two days without being able to procure one Hundred and fifty Coolies from Tinevelly to bring the Chests of arms for Lieut Burne Corps from Tutacorin. This obliged me to send an officer & Party to insist on Coolies being found, in Place of which they have sent silver Smiths, Conicophlies, & some of the Renters Servants, no doubt with a View to represent to the Nabob my having pressed the Inhabitants of Tinevelly in place of Coolies, & that in Consequence the Bazars there, & in the Neighbourhood are shut up which I understand to be the Case, I leave to your Honor, to draw the conclusion from this extraordinary Conduct, & hope you will fall on effectual means to put a stop to these treacherous Proceedings that I may be enabled to carry on the Service which otherwise be impossible — It is necessary further to observe that in place of any Difficulty in finding the number I demanded Three Thousand might have been procured in half the Time, real Coolies, for whom it would have been no hardship

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Pallemcotah
24th January 1781.

Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient Servant
James Cuding Town

Extract of a Letter from Mr Young to the Secretary dated Tryingo 24 January 1781

The Commander of a Macao Ship that arrived here two days ago, informs me, that in the

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4th to Instant, he fell in with a French Fleet off the Nicobars, consisting of seven King's Ships (the Largest of 74 Guns) and Two Privateers, which were waiting there for our returning China Ships, but as all these (about twenty in Number, were to sail together from Canton, I think they will prove a Match for the Mossieurs. So considerable a part of the French naval Force on this side the Cape being employed on the cruizing Service, I think clearly shews they have no designs of attempting any thing on Bengal or India

To Mr Angelbeke

Chief of

Sutacoan.

Sir

Not having dispatched the Letter I wrote to you some Days ago, I now enclose you the heads of European News, some Bookins came here the other Day (who said they were sent by you) to look after some European Deserters and as I hear that three European Gunners from Sutacoan, have entered into the Service of the Polygar Lutapa Nay, who has given some reason to believe him dispatched by the Nabob and English Company, I am called on from my Station to enquire immediately of you, the Particulars of so uncommon a Circumstance as that of European Gunners entering into a Polygar Service. I am certain Mr Angelbeke, either as a Gentleman, or Chief from the Dutch are at Peace with England, would not con[illegible] any thing contrary to his Character in one from the Nation in the other, And therefore make sure of the Fact the Matter being cleared up, I am that the Deserters will be demanded from the Polygar

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4th and insisted on his giving them up.

Palamcotah
9th January 1781

I have the Honor to be &c.
Signd James Cuningstown

Advertisement.

To all well affected Persons to the Nabob and Honble Company

An Order from his Highness the Nabob
Wallajah Khaujeajee having been transmitted to the
Commanding Officer of Palamcottah by the Honble
the Governor & Select Committee to be delivered by
him to the Foujdar, with Instructions, for the contents
of the Nabobs Order, being immediately put in Execution
vizt that the Foujdar do immediately deliver over to the
Honble Company's commanding Officer of Palamcotah
his Highness's 9th Battalion of Sepoys, together with
Ten Companies from his Sebendies, in order to form
two Battalions for the Company's Service, & as that
Battalion & Sebendy Company's were exhemely weak
and many of the Men unfit for Service, It became
necessary to get Draughts from his Highnesses other
Sebendy Companys to complete there Corps to the
Company's Establishment which was promised by
the Foujdar, & partly complied with, & daily promises
made for the whole Number of good Men being sent
and by that means has been delayed to this late
Period, whereby the commanding Officer of Palamcotah
finds himself under the disagreable Necessity of
publishing these unaccountable Delays of the Foujdar
and taking upon himself as the only remaining
step, and which he
into the Company
from the Sibbendy
hitherto refused many Men who were not discharged,

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1st doubts not of the following Terms being gladly accepted of, if not prevented by their Subedars, or ill affected Persons, who in that case must expect to be treated as Traytors to the Nabob, & Company

The Commanding Officer of Pallamcotah, engages in the Name of the Honble Company, to pay off the arrears of all such Men as shall be approved of, and voluntary enter into the Service in six Months Time, From the Day of their enlisting in the Honble Company's Service besides one Pagoda enlisting Money

God save the Nabob, & prosper his and the Company's Service.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & Governor &c. &c. &c. Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of the Conduct of the Nabobs Servants, as represented to your Honors yesterday. I found I could no longer depend on their Promises in sending Coolies for the repairs of the Fort which you particularly enjoined me to attend to, or for Paddy and other Stores for the Garrison. I therefore demanded what I judged immediately sufficient for both, and sent an Officer with a party of Sepoys to remain at Tenevelly until complied with, but was astonished this Morning to find by the Coolies sent, they continued to play the same Game, notwithstanding the very particular Orders I had given the Officer I sent on that Duty, which I desired him to explain to the Soubadar &c. I was therefore

From Capt. Livingston with Copy of his Instructions to Lieut. Grathem to procure Coolies.

before

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4th of which I enclose a Copy, I requested of Mr Light, and the other Gentlemen of the Garrison to attend that they might witness the manner I had been treated with as well as to have their opinion on the Propriety of the accompanying Paper. Mr Light thought the Latter Part too harsh; I offered to defer sending the whole, if he would undertake to procure Coolies & Flour, which he declined. The other Gentlemen were unanimous on the Propriety & necessity of the Measure, and I make no doubt of its having the desired Effect without actual Chastisement

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most respectful and obedient Servant

James Eddingtown

Palamcottah
28th January 1781.

To Ensign James Graham
on Duty at
Tinevelly

Sir

I am directed by Capt. Eddingtown to acquaint you that out of one Hundred & twenty Boys, you have sent as Coolies, there are only twenty Nine that really are so and out of that twenty nine, only nineteen that are any ways fit, the rest being Conceptions & Inducements from Tinevelly & Pallamcottah In the Letter Capt. Eddingtown wrote you Last night he pointed out to you, that the Villages round the Neighbourhood of Tinevelly were the proper places and that the Moneygars of those Villages ought to send them in under particular People, that should be answerable for their not running away & should

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4th any Man runs away, after being sent into the Works or taken Sick, the Moneygars must supply others in their Place. The Tourzdars conduct therefore in the above, is so censurable, the Station he holds that Capt. Liddingtown is both to give it a Name

You are on the receipt of this, to insist on the Tourzdars telling you in direct Terms who the Person is that has behaved in so infamous a Manner, and to whom you are to apply for Coolies and the Garrison Horses for the Fort, in order to fulfill the Duty you are sent on in as short a Time as poss-ible. Should the Renter be the Man, which he appe-hends to be the case, and who has given out for some Days that he has been sick. You are to insist on seeing him and that as little Deceit as possible may be used, he sends Mr Leslie, Surgeon of the Garrison to see him & give his opinion thereon; Should it appear that he is so sick as not to be able to carry on the necessary Service of the Renter, you will then insist on his giving you a Person properly authorized to act for him, & in his Name. If after all obstacles should be thrown in your Way so as to retard the Service of his Highness the Nabob, and the Honble Company, you will in that Case use military Force, and to that End he sends you a couple of Dammonars with Cats of nine Tails, which you are to use at your Discretion as none but Traytors at this critical Juncture could act so base a Part, or should they attempt to repel Force with Force, you will send Captain Liddingtown the earliest Intelligence Sir

Your very obedient humble Servt.

(Signed) Wm Hammond

Aid de Camp

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To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esqr

Sir

I have been favord with your

From Mr Light has received an order for Pags 40,000 & wrote to supply Mr Barclay with money to answer his Demands

Letter, enclosing one an order for forty thousand Star Pagodas The Paddy of Vellamcottah is now cutting and the Renter has given directions that no Money is to be paid to any Person tile I have collected the Sums above mentioned I shall agreable to the orders of the Board supply Mr Barclay with Money for his payments for the Month of February, I was not in my Power to do it, for last Month, as it has been with Difficulty I raised sufficient for the Pay ments of Pallamcottah Sum

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Vellamcottah
7th February 1781

Wm Light

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

Gentlemen

Since writing you my Letter of the 17th Instant, wherein you have Duplicate enclosed the Vessels have arrived from Madras, & brought us an acceptable Supply of Provisions, Mr Huddleston also by his active Exertions has conquered in some Measure the Difficulty Thrown in his Way by the Dutch Chief of Negapatam, and sent us a small supply of Rice and Arrack by the Snow Hastings But I am afraid ere this Time he has got an Order to oppose his Endeavours which will deprive us in future

From Sir Eyre Coote proposes to Ship his Ground his Dishorses much relieved by the Arrival of the Vessels from Madras Sickness among the Europeans & desertion among the Sepoys

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4th future of reaping any Benefits from them I mean the Detachment gone from Hyders Army, which has already destroyed all the Villages on the Sea Coast as low down as and round Tranquebar, indeed Mr Huddleston by his last Letter seemed to apprehend that they would soon come his way & had thereupon written to inform Coll Braithwaite of their Motions

The Cause which obliged me to remain near the Fort of Cuddalore was Longer expecting I shall change my Ground Tomorrow, & take up my Station at new Town, which is a fine commanding Country, and from whence I shall be better able to wait the Enemys motions, and to take advantage of any favorable opportunity that may offer of doing something effectual against him. Be sides remain strongly posted on the Southern and Western Roads perhaps my movement Tomorrow may make him also think of changing his Station. The European Corps have of late rather sickly, some have died, & there are now above a Hundred in the Hospital I attribute their sickness in a great measure to the Water here, which is esteemed rather unwholsome but as the contrary is the case at the Ground I move to Tomorrow, I trust it will be the means of preventing further Illness among them

I hope my Letter of the 16 Instant has reached you in safety, & that attention has been paid to my request of sending me Money by a safe Sea Conveyance & also what Men may be recovered of those belonging to the European Corps with the Army.

Besides the marine Force, I hope now on the way, if a small armed Vessel could be procured and sent, she would be of infinite Service in protecting such Boats as might be

Emergency

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H. bringing us Intelligence from the Southward

I have perused Capt. Eddingtowns Letter of the 8th February addressed to your Committee I believe his representations of the Behaviour of the Nabobs Troops to be pretty just. I hope therefore that you will not fail to make his Highness acquainted with it, and state to him the absolute impossibility of protecting his Country, if he will neither provide for the Payment of the Troops employed thereon, nor check Practices in his Agents which are destructive of all good Government, contradictory to his own orders and by the Disputes they occasion, prevent our joining collecting our Forces together, & pushing the War with Vigour. In short unless he will effectually unite his endeavours to ours in support of his own Cause he cannot consider himself injured by any Measure which either our Government, or their Agents may adopt to maintain and establish his Interests

A desertion amongst the Sepoys having much weaken'd the strength of the Sepoy Corps, and my original Force, which was but small having been very considerably diminished by the strong Garrison left in Carangooly has occasioned it absolutely necessary for me to obtain reinforcements from the Southward, for which purpose I have written both to Pallamcotah & Tanjore, & have recommended their being sent me by Sea if practicable, as the present situation of the Enemy renders any Junction by Land too hazardous to be attempted

* but which I hope will be now in a great measure checked by the appearance of Plenty

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

your most obedient humble Servant

Camp Cuddalore 20 February 1781.

Eyre Coote

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5th The following Letter was this Day written in answer to the
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To Lieut General Sir Eyre K: B:
Commander in Chief of the Forces in
India

Sir

We did not receive the Duplicate
of your Letter of the 28th Ulto. in 8 until Yesterday
as the Original never came to our Hands, we suppose
it must have been intercepted.

To Lieut Eyre Coote
in answer to the
foregoing.

It affords us much satisfaction
to learn that the 1111 Vessels from Madras were arri
ved with you, and that you had obtained also a small
Quantity of Provisions from Mr Huddlestone By
The Success Galley, Amazon, & Hydra, You will have
received such further supplies of Stores, Provisions,
Money &c as we hope may answer your Wants
until you can be supplied from the South, But
should you be disappointed totally in that Quarter
we will strain every Nerve to relieve you, tho' our
Resources will by such Operations become very
urgent.

The Coromandel will be ready
to sail by the 12th instant This Ship with the
Success Galley will we trust be sufficient to protect
your Supplies from the Southward, But we shall
still endeavour to procure a Small armed Vessel
as you desire.

We most heartily wish you Success
Fort St George and are with much Esteem
5th March 1781 Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants

Charles Smith
for self & Committee

P.S. since closing the foregoing the Original of your
Letter of the 20th Ulto is come to hand

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5th Received Letter from the Nabob dated 5th Instant (as entered in Country Correspondence No) desiring that further Instructions may be given to the Receivers.

From the Nabob.

6th Received the following Letter from the Nabob dated the 5th Instant (as entered in Country Correspondence No) desiring that the Disbursements at Tuchinopoly may be paid from the Revenues collected in that District with an Account of the Revenues, Inwards and Charges at Tuchinopoly & Tinnevelly

From the Nabob

7th In compliance with the Nabobs Requests in the foregoing Letters, the following additional Instructions were this Day delivered to Messrs Braun and Proctor.

To Mr George Proctor,

Sir,

Additional Instructions to Messrs Proctor & Braun

Since closing our Instructions to you, of the 28th Ultimo, we have received a Letter from the Nabob, which makes it expedient that we should add the following to what has been already given you in Charge.

The Nabob has sent us in an account of the Expences of Servants Wages, Pay for the Troops, Batta to Polygars, Repairs of the Fort &c all which are usually paid out of the Revenues of the Districts in which you are appointed Receiver, We think it necessary therefore to direct that those necessary Disbursements after being submitted to your Inspection & Controul, be provided for in such Time and manner as to you shall seem proper, and consistent with the superior Consideration due to the Absolute Wants of the Troops in the Company's

Pay

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To the Pay, and the Exigencies of the Army on the Field.

As the greatest part of the Revenue is collected in Grain, We recommend to your particular Attention, the regulating the Prices at which it is to be sold, and in this you will be guided chiefly by the Opinions of the Nabobs Amildars, and other Officers of the Government, Taking all possible Care however that the Price be never so high as to impede the free Sale of Grain, as far as the consumption will permit, nor so low as to cause any unwarrantable Diminution in the actual receipts of Money from the Country. It will be highly proper also that you distinguish the Grain of different sorts, & denominations, and in such manner that no Disputes may hereafter arise respecting the Quantity or Quality of each species with their respective Rates of sale.

The Nabob informs us that he shall want fifteen Thousand Pagodas from the Tonavelly District for the expences of his Family — We wish that Sum to be set apart accordingly if it be possible and remitted to us, that we may pay it to the Nabob

Whatever surplus may be in your Hands, after providing for the Expences of the Troops, and other charges appertaining to the District We would have remitted to the Presidency or to the Paymaster at Camp, should the Army be so far to the Southward, as to render the conveyance of Money to it safe and expeditious We are

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Your most obedient Servants

Charles Smith

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7th The same to Mr Rans, desiring him to remit 5000 Pagodas.

8th Received the following Letters

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Governor & President &c. &c. &c. Comm.tee of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since my Letters of the 27th & 28th Ultimo (duplicates of which I now transmit, together with the Papers published on those occasions) my Time has been taken up, in endeavouring to oblige the Renter to send small Stores into the South, & prevent the Ill Effects of his Villainous attempts to distress the Country, by that, and every other detestable Means having manifested himself intent upon retarding and entirely preventing the Execution of the Service entrusted to me. I have at length obtained about 250 Coolies for the necessary Repairs of the Fort and building Huts for the Sepoys Families who go on Service with me. The Latter in my Opinion is not only a proper encouragement, but the Families being so situated will operate as a Pledge for the Mens good Behaviour, and bind them from deserting the Service. The Articles of small Stores are also coming in though Slowly.

From Capt Pedington complains of the Conduct of the Renter, his distress for want of money his Steps to remove the Cause.

A detachment from Madura gained a Night advantage over the Enemy

An appearance of a Drought gave the Renter and them an Opportunity of bringing on a pretended Scarcity, the better to succeed in which he actually stopt the Water from running into the Nullahs, when they might have been supplied from Tanks near full, as reported to me by a Person sent to examine them. No 9 is Copy of the Papers I

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Sir Published, on so alarming a occasion, some of
the poorer People having died for want) But fortunately abundance of Rain falling among the Hills
filled the River which has more effectually than any
thing I could do frustrated those base Schemes
established plenty in the Bazars, and ensured a copious
crop, which is ripening very fast, and in some Places
they have begun to cut it down, Therefore in order
to save it from going into the same Channel with
last crop I have required the Foujdar to order the
Renters to cause his Shonegars to give the People
I should send, an account of the Certain Share of
the Paddy and not to allow any of it to be mort
-gaged to Individuals: the Whole being already made
over to the Company, Likewise to make the
Renters give an exact account in what manner
the revenue of last Crop has been disposed, By
which means I hope to bring this Villainy more
fully to Light, as well as check them in some degree
from following the like Practices respecting this present
Crop. I sent for Mr Light in Expectation of his
Concurrence with the above Measures, but he will
take no Interference upon him. The Mortgages
which I wrote your Honors, were already given
upon this Crop in favor of Individuals seem to be
relinquished by them, Your Letter relative to the
Companys Claim to the Peshawram Revenue being
to cease to admit of Doubt. I have proposed that
Forty Thousand Pagodas Worth of the Circar Share
of the Crop should be immediately assigned to
Mr Light conformable to the ancillary Secretary
Letter of the 7th Instant, and Directly Order and the
Letter to prevent any Imbezzlement by Mr Lights
Agents or others, I insisted on having People who
should keep an Account in what manner the

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S.t Loan was disposed, and of the receipts of money from such Sales. This Privilege I deemed it my duty to assume, on the Principle of the Order which directs commanding Officers to keep one key of the Cash Chest since the payment of the Troops under me must depend upon the sale of the above Paddy, instead of money in the Chest. Besides such precaution became the more necessary being obliged to advance Money for the present pay ments: because of after all that has happened the present Hunter be continued, he may the moment I quit this part of the Country continue to stop further collections to provide therefore against such accidents has induced me to propose that whatever Money I advance more should be repaid with the first collected from the disposal of the Paddy — in order that I may at all events secure the Command of as much as possible for carrying on the Service — I am sorry to find Mr Light dis satisfied with these salutary proportions, urging that I ought to take Bills on Madras for the money I advance — That he had also a right to stop the Bal lance due to him by the Company of Pagodas 15,773 on the first January, which after the present pay ments would be increased to Pagodas 23000. I can not help expressing myself alarmed at such Declaration; for even supposing the collections go on properly, if he is to stop so much on his own account I know not when any will arrive for payment of the Troops, I told him from a Foresight of what would happen I had drawn my own money from Madras; & intended drawing for more, as things might be worse hereafter That my Money was lying dead, and should be at the Service of the Public either at, or without Interest. But prudence directed me to reserve a certain

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8th a certain sum at command when I took the Field - being perfectly convinced I could not otherwise place dependence on Resources here, Mr Light at last yielded the Point of my placing People to superintend the Collections, and I am confident of the results in that Mind, the 40,000 Pagodas, will be got pretty well in I flatter my self, Gentlemen, these steps will meet your approval; in case of failure of Money (too much to be apprehended, perhaps by reason of the Renter) I am the Person who will suffer along with the Service, & not the Paymaster) I must beg to mention one Circumstance more, which appear'd to me extreem ly unaccountable - I own the steps I have been obliged to adopt, and having occasion to speak with the late Foujdar Ally Nowaz Cawn it was given out I intended to replace him in the Foujdarie - which, Mr Light, led I suppose into this Belief by way of Precaution, pulled out a Letter and read that the Governor was now convinced of the Impro priety of the Nabobs again making Ally Nowaz Cawn Foujdar & Renter of this Province I assured him I never had recommended him to the Board for that Employ neither would ever take concern in proposing him, or any other Person, unless drove to it by public Emergency, But that who- ever had been the Means of the Governors saying he was convinced of the Impropriety of his holding that office must have misrepresented such an a gross Manner, As he is a Man of Abilities, & his Family being Prisoners at Vellore are securitys for him, were any necessary. Whereas the present Foujdar is a Fool, the mere Creature of the Renter, and every Way unfit for his Station I dwell the more on such matters to your Honours

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8th from conviction that there has been a Misrepresentation made of the Affairs of this Province which has gone near to bringing ruin upon it; and I am free to say, that had not I exerted myself in spite of all opposition, this Country would now have been in the same situation with the Baramaul & Morasaur Provinces. The Dearth to have accelerated it's so mortally more abundant, and the Inclinations of the People in general, equally prone with their neighbours who have revolt, I am moreover liable to lose my Life or worse, suffer eternal Disgrace by martial Law, should I falsify Faith to my superiors, which there are not, Every thing therefore dear to me, as well as what I hold at present, as the flattering Hopes of success in the Service I am shortly to be employed on are Incentives to me, and Bonds of surety for me

I have just received a Letter from Lieu.t Wallcott, acquainting me a Detachment from Madura, with the one under him had joined the Enemy to abandon a strong Post they occupied twelve miles this side of Madura, with some Loss on their side, in Men & Horses, and that our South Detachments were the 29th day (Yesterday) to march for Colavanthanny, from whence he had not a Doubt the Enemy would fly they took the Nabobs mud Fort at that Village several Months ago, and have ever since had a Post established there whereby they were enabled to overawe the Madura Colonies, & lead them to act on their side.

I have Intelligence from different Quarters, that the Polygars in general at the instigation of the Enemy intend seizing as much of the Crop as they possibly can, & the extent

of

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8th of the Country will put it out of my Power wholly to
prevent such Designs. I have advanced Lieu.t Burn
for Pay &c to his Corps 3,000 Star Pagodas, & to
Lieu.t Kalicotta Detachment about 1000 more.

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most respectful and
most obedient humble Servant

James Edingtown

Palamcotah
February 1781

P.S. Having upon Discovering the treacherous Practices
of the present Renter, and total incapacity of the
Fouzdar mentioned Baba Saib the Killedar of Palcade
as a Person I thought qualified for managing the
Affairs of this Province it is here incumbent upon
me to remark, that the striking change of Carriage
he betrayed on Back of the Enemys success particular-
ly the fall of Arcot, added to his being nearly related
to Chunda Saibs Descendants, have made my
Sentiments by no means favorable respecting him

James Edingtown

The Commanding Officer of Pallamcotah having
had a report made to him that neither Paddy or
Rice could be bought in the Bazar, and having
Person applied to the Renter for supplies being sent
to the Fort, received for answer that he had no
Paddy or Rice to send and that even Jowarelly
could afford none to sell. At the same Time
Information was brought of the Inhabitants
there growing clamorous for want of Rice; having
given them extraordinary Encouragement, the
serious consideration which they require from his

Knowledge

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Sir

Of the plentiful crops, there have been these several Years back and especially as the last, only gathered a few months was remarkably so We cannot but conclude that unwarrantable Monopolies have been connived at, encouraged, and promoted by the Renters, as an attempt to distress and alarm the Country, & thereby obstruct the public Service. That he has thus acted in this view is too manifest, to admit of Doubt, the scarcity having appeared previous to the Measures taken and which necessity pointed out for prevailing upon him to fulfill the Requisitions made of early Date and which has been repeatedly, but without Effect renewed, for his furnishing this Fort with a proper Garrison of Rice; called on therefore by the Station he holds, to make minute enquiry into, & prevent effectually agains[t] Transactions of so villainous a Cast and public evil Tendency, he hereby directs & requires of the Fouzdar to cause the underwritten to be published by Beat of Tom Tom in Tinevelly, & that he will immediately command all Monegars in the Province to have the like done in the Villages they are respectively Stationed to

To all Merchants, Braamins and other Inhabitants of the Province of Tinavelly

You are hereby respectively to give in to the Cutcherry principle Conicoplie of the Village or Place, where you are resident a just account of every Cottah of Paddy, or Measure of Rice in your Possession, as you shall answer to the Contrary, for exemplary Punishment will be inflicted upon any one convicted of having given in a false Account and any such Conicoply or under the like Penalty required to enquire, and give into the Fouzdar, a just Account of such Quantity of last Crop, as may have been

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8. been already consumed, specifying in what Manner the Comicoplies will as soon as possible send to the Cutcherry, at Tinavelly, the Accounts thereby demanded of Paddy & Rice in the Possession of Merchants and other individuals

Palamcottah 2nd February 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith, Esqr
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Masulipatam the Conduct of the Zemindars wears a more favorable appearance

We have the Pleasure to inform you, that the Officers sent to escort the Zemindars Jaggapettie Rauze of Peddapore, and Row Venkati Row of Pettapore have advised us that the aforesaid Zemindars have quitted their respective Forts, and are on their Way to this Place

Mr Pringle having been at Coringa and it being in his Road from thence to Pettapore by Muggoltoor, the Zemindar thereof Sriparty Rauze solicited an Interview with him that he might have an opportunity of more fully representing his Situation. We had authorized Mr Pringle in case of such an Overture from Sriparty Rauze to avail himself thereof, that we might ascertain by his (Mr Pringles) means the Truth of certain Reports which had prevailed of Military Preparations being making by the aforesaid Zemindar. Mr Pringle complied accordingly with Sriparty Rauzes Request. He (Mr Pringle) reports to us that the Zemmindar was to all appearance much indisposed, & that he could

Mr. could not quit his House without great Prejudice to
his Health if not Danger to his Life, at least that was
the apparent Condition of the Man; That the Lemonies
das invited him (Mr Pringle) to see the various
Apartments of his House, and that he was carried
in the course of his Progress through these to a
Terrace which overlooked the whole Fort, which is but
small, not more than 500 Feet square, and has
no Buildings in it, but the Nayahs dwelling House
with Stables, and some Stalls for Cattle that he looked
attentively for the Men, and military preparations
said to be making within the Fort. That regarding
the first he did not see any more than he supposed
the usual Inhabitants of the Place 3 or 400, few of
them armed and none more so than is common at
the Residence of a Zemmendar That respecting the
other Particulars he saw nothing that was the
Appearance of any Hostile purpose, or of Design on
the Part of this Zemmendar of being troublesome
That his Professions to him (Mr Pringle implied
quite the reverse. He confessed his inability in
all respects to such a Design as was imputed to
him, the ill state of his Health, his want of the
sources, and even a sense of his own Character &
Feelings, utterly averse to any Conduct that might
involve him in a Scene of Hostility & Bloodshed
That he hoped he should not be compelled to
leave his Home before his Health would allow it
and that a Month would be given him for that
Purpose, which he said was no less necessary for
the Company's Interests, than his own, as he really
had not had Time sufficient to arrange his Affairs
so as they might be well conducted, & the Accounts
demanded be satisfied in his absence. This is the
substance

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S^th substance of the Report made by Mr Paingle, which is submitted to your Honor & Board of opinion that as the other Two Commissioners are coming hither, & their submission on their Parts very much alters the State of affairs, such as we have lately communicated it, for your Orders thereon, it would be expedient to suspend our further Proceedings against any of them, on account of their late apparent refractory Behaviour, until you shall have had the Opportunity of replying to the advices now forwarded

We are respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient humble Serv^ts

James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thomas Barnard
Alex^r Paingle

Masulipatam
1 March 1791.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President and Governor &c^a &c^a &c^a select Committee at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captn Gibbings a Com^r of the troops of a Detachm^t over the Country.

I have the Honour to acquaint you that Captain Cadenglown and a Detachment of four Companies of the 10th Battalion of Sepoys, under the Command of Lieu^t Talbot, to assist

con^t

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8th me in driving the Enemy out of this Country I detach'd Lieut M'Kinnan from hence with four companies of the 2d Battalion, one 12 Pounder, & 2 field Pieces, and all the Nabobs Troops I could collect to join Lieut Wallet near Tirmangalum, where the Enemy had established a Post at a strong Pagoda and cut off all communication with the Tinevelly Country, as soon as the Detachments Joined, they attacked the Enemy and drove them from their Post, and took Possession of it, and after settling with the Polygars there, and leaving a Lawmandars Guard, on the Pagoda, they marched after the Enemy, and drove them into another Pagoda, called Tiviaroor, about half way between this and Vellemcoat, which they were obliged to batter with the 12 Pounder, and then drove them out of it, with some loss to the Enemy, and as they were retreating to Sulivanthaun, our Troops pressed very close on them, and killed many of them, They drove them from Sulivanthaun to Vellemcoat, and from thence into Hyders Country and I believe if we had Force enough here, that Dindigul could now be easily taken. The enemy consisted of £250 Hyders Horse about 500 Sepoys & 2000 Polygars & Colleries that had joined them we had three Sepoys killed 15 Wounded, & one Havildar & 3 private of the Nabobs wounded

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Madura
12th February 1781.

your most obedient humble servant

Robert Gibbings

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To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President and Governor &c. Members of the select

committee at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Gangam

the Apology of the

Raja of Munsedaw

complied of.

In a former Letter I had the Honor to acquaint the Cause of my sending a Guard to Munsedaw, and explained the Motives for desiring the Rajah to come to Gangam, The Rajah is Young and the Affairs of the Country managed by his Mother and their Pautars, for some Time they delayd giveing me any Kind of Satisfaction, but finding I would not recall the Detachment, the Rajah thought proper to write me a Letter and dispatch four principal Pautars, who came, and in their Masters name acknowledged the Fault they had committed in receiving Juggernaut doo with any Military Honors, contrary to my Knowledge and permission & promiseing never to do any thing of the Kind in future. The Young Man is sick, or makes a pretence of Illness to excuse his not coming to Gangam, but he promises in his Letter to wait upon me when he recovers. as all I wanted was to make them & the whole District sensible of the Impropriety of their Conduct I accepted their Apologies, and have withdrawn the Guard after making him pay the Batta of the Detachment As all the Vessels have left Barova, and there only Two remaining under Repair in Comapour River I have recalled the Detachments lately stationed at those Places, and mean to Garrison Gangam with Six Companies of Sepoys — Our Works are now in great

Forward to —

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St. Jowardness, The Ditch will be rather a tedious Business. could I be supplied with a few European Invalid Artillery Men, and some Guns, and Carriages. I think Ganjam will then be in a State of perfect Security against any Force that is likely to be brought against it.

I am, with Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Irving

Ganjam
17th February 1781

At a Select Committee present
The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Pres.t Governor
Samuel Johnson
"
Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote
and Major General Sir Hector Munro absent
on Service Mr. Davidson on a Deputation
to Tanjore.

Monday
the 12.

Minutes of last committee
read and Approved

The President delivers in the
following Letter from Capt.n Keating with the Journal
of the Siege of Amboor, and returns of the Troops
and Stores in that Garrison at the time of its
surrender as entered in M Book

From Capt.n Keating with a Journal of the Siege of amboor Capitulation &c.

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

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To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & select Committee &

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In an account transmitted to us by Mr Lewis Da Costa of the exportation of Grain which he has made for the two last years, and present season it is said that there were many Consignments made to Mr Dent, Garrison Store keeper of Fort St George at the End of 1699 and beginning of the year 1700 as we are desirous of knowing whether such were actually made and of what Articles, We request that you will call on Mr Dent for an exact account of all the consignments which he has received from Mr Lewis da Costa, mentioning their respective Dates, the Goods consigned and the Names of the Ships or Vessels on which they have been sent. We must also request that you will acquire the same Account from Messrs Da Costa Pelling & De Faes to whom likewise it is said that many Consignments have been made by Mr Lewis Da Costa, and having received those Accounts we request that you will immediately transmit them to us for our Information.

Fauxr Bengal desiring an Extract of Proceedings regarding Mr Lewis Da Costa he is accused of a treacherous Correspondence

Mr Lewis Da Costa having been charged before us, with having carried on a Correspondence of a Treasonable tendency with his Majestys Enemies he has been committed to Prison, and having long known that he was publickly famish'd at your Presidency in the Course of the last War for a similar Crime request that you will forward us as soon after your receipt of this Letter as

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ditto Fort St George 12th March 1761.

possible, with an authenticated Extract, of all such Parts of your Proceedings as relate to this Subject, and generally to any Correspondence held by the same person with the Enemies of the King and Company.

We are

Fort William
2 February 1761

Hond.le Sir & Sirs
your most obedient humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler

Resolution thereon

Resolved, That Letters be written in consequence to Mr Dent and to Messrs Pelly & De Fries requiring to know what Consignments they have received from Mr Louis Da Costa in the Time mentioned above, and the Secretary is ordered to search the Records relative to the Conduct of Mr Da Costa during the last War.

Read Letter from Vizagapatam
(Select Department)

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqre
President & Governor &c. Members of the Select Committee
at Fort St George

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

Messrs Crawford & Maytone having returned from Bryeanagaum We have the Honor to enclose the Report delivered by them, of the new Works erected by Bajah Vittiaun Rauze

We have directed that the Bajah shall

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Shall not proceed with the Work and we wait your Honrs
Orders on this Subject.

The Rajah has applied to the
Chief for Arms, Accoutrements, and Cloathing for 500
Sepoys, he has raised for the Service of the Company
As We have not even old Arms more than sufficient
for the Augmentations ordered of the Battalions
in this District, The Chief is directed to inform the
Rajah that he cannot be supplied

As we may soon have occasion
for Arms, we beg leave to request that our Indents
transmitted some time since be complied with

We are with Respect

Honble Sirs & Sir

your most obedient & faithful
humble Servants

James Henry Casamajor
Henry Crawford
Charles Maystone

From Vizagapatam with Report of the State of the new Works erected by Sitteram Pauze. The Rajah has applied for Arms &c for 500 Sepoys raised by him for the service of the Company Request their Indent for Military Stores may be complied with

Vizagapatam
1st March 1781

To James Henry Casamajor Esq
Chief &c Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Having repeatedly to your Instructions explained to Vizianagrum to take a View of the State of the Mud Work lately erected by the Rajah we are to acquaint you, it is a Wall of no material Thickness running from the South West Angle of the Fort parallel to the west face two considerable

Distance

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Distance it then takes its direction along the south Ea[st]
of the Fort a good way beyond the south East Angle
covering the Bastion in that Angle which was blown
down. The Mud Wall then is continued a little to
the Northward & terminates in about the Parallel to
the South Face of the Fort Wall The whole takes in
a considerable Space of Ground, which within the Work
being very uneven, the Wall in some Places is seven
Feet high and in others not above three Feet, and
to the south Line there is a dry Ditch, There are also
several round Bastions or Turrets in many parts of
This Work, which on the whole appears to us of no Con-
sequence in its present State The Rajah aperits it was
only intended to protect his Servants and Dependents
and their Families, in case of the Moratto's invading
the District, which, at the time he began this Work
was currently talked of. The Thickness of this Wall
is about four feet at the Base and three Feet at the
Top, but is not yet near complete

We are with Respect

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servants

Henry Crawford

(Signed) Charles Maystone

A true Copy

Charles Maystone
Survey.

The Committee approve of what
the Chief and Council have done respecting the
outworks which Lieutenant Brouze had erected at Vizeana-
gram and it is agreed that orders be sent to Vizagapatam
to have those outworks immediately demolished

Approbation of the Committee on the Conduct of the Chief & Council respecting the above works.

Resolution thereon

Read the following Letters from the

Northward & Southward viz

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To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Presidents & Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have herewith the Honor to trans-
mit you a Return of the Stores under my Charge for last
Month, and to inform you, that, I have received from
the Nabobs manager, one Thousand complete Stands
of new arms, which will only be issued as the service
may require.

From Mr Polk
with Return of Stores
& Indent for the Garrison
of Trichinopoly
he has received
1000 Stands of Arms
from the Nabobs
manager

As the accompanying Indent ex-
ceeded the Number allowed for the Service of this Garrison
of one Synang, three Tindals, & seventy three Lascars
I have taken the Liberty to augment them to one Hun-
dred and formed them into two companies, and ap-
pointed a proportion of Officers to each, as directed by
the Regulations of which I hope your Honor & c will
approve

the

I am with the greatest Respect & Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Trichinopoly
18th January 1781.

your most obedient humble Servant
Thomas Polk
Store Keeper.

Sir

The following is the Number of Lascars
wanted daily for the Use of the Laboratory & Work

For casting Balls	10
— making up Musket ammunition	24
— Making Fireballs	4
— pulverizing salt Petre &c	4
— gauging and filing Shot	8
for proving Shells	6
for making Waste	12
for picking Oakum	
for inspecting and airing the Cartridges in the expence Magazine	4
	78

pulverizing

Oakum
airing

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I am

Sir

with Esteem yours

(Signed) J. Judson
Inspector of Stores

Sadras
3 December 1780

a true Copy Thomas Palk Storekeeper

The Committee approve of Mr Palk's
minute thereon having augmented the Number of Lascars as mentioned
in his Letter.

Read Letter from the Nabob
of the 8th Instant (as entered in country Correspondence
From the Nabob. No) requesting Mr Proctor may be directed to pay
Arrears due to Mr Morey out of the Revenues of the Tine
velly Country.

As the Nabob has assigned
Committee cannot comply with the Nabobs request the Revenues of the Tinevelly Districts over to the
Company, the Committee cannot covenant to
alienate any Part thereof.

Charles Smith

Jon. Johnson

Fort St. George, 13th March 1781

This Day the following Letters were received

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & Governor &c. Select Committee,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Capt. Ediington advising that the Amer had demanded of the Renter Bills on Madras for a Lack of Pagodas.

The Foujdar read me a Letter he has received from Amar acherun he praises him to send Bills of Exchange for a Sack of Pagodas, and makes no mention of this Country being made over to the Company — The above circumstance seems so strange, and as it may be the means of objections to money being paid on account of the Company, I mention it as my duty points out without loss of time — I take this opportunity of informing Your Honor with the arrival of Lieutenant Pennecuick here, who had been at Ghania for his health —

I have the Honor to be, Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Respectfull
Obedient Servant
James Ediington

Palamcotah,
15th Febry 1781

P.S. I received your Letter of 26th ult.
and forwarded by Express three for Anjengo
the 8th Instant —

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President and Governor of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Webb urges the necessity of sending him Money for the Payment of the Army — The Gent can advance him no more money for the pay of the Coast troops —

Since the arrival of the Success Galley at Cuddalore General Sir Eyre Coote has given me a Sufficient Sum of Money to fully Compleat the Payments of the Army for the Month of January, and has at the same

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13th same time informed me it is Totally out of his Power to advance me any further Sum, that the little Cash he has remaining must be kept entirely for the Payment of the Bengal Detachment, he therefore hopes you will immediately forward some Money for my Disbursements as there is a whole Months Pay now due to the Army, and for fear of creating Jealousy amongst the Soldiery he is prevented issuing any Pay to the Bengal Detachment, until I receive some Cash to commence Paying the Coast Troops; he has desired I will Represent to you the absolute necessary there is of regularly paying the Troops, and the impossibility of his keeping together this small Army without they are punctually paid, altho the Siapoys &c. have Rice daily served out to them, yet it by no means contents them, and some days ago before the General gave me Money to pay them for January, they began to be much dissatisfied and very troublesome —

I am

Honble Sir,

With the greatest Respect,

Your most Obed^t

Humble Servant,

Thos Welch.

Paymaster.

Camp near
Cuddalore
4th March 1781

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President and Governor &c Select Committee

at

Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with yours Commands of the 17th and 22d Ultimo and beg leave to assure Your

From Cuddalore they have landed the Cargoes of Grain and Rice

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13th your Honor &c. that it gives us the most particular Satisfaction, that our conduct has met with your approbation— The Cargoes from the Success Galley the Amazon, and the Hydra, have been landed here, and We shall use our endeavours to unlade the other Vessels with the utmost expedition. The Success Galley has proceeded to the Southward, the Amazon, by the directions of Sir Eyre Coote, has been dispatched to Porto Novo, to retake a Vessell loaden with grain, which has been taken by an Armed Vessel of Hyder's off Porto Novo Sr. Hydra is now dispatched to your Honor &c. and Mr. Daniell after delivering over the charge of this Settlement to Mr. Dent, proceeds on her to the Presidency.

We have the honor to be very

Honble Sir & Sirs

Respectfully,

Your most Obdt
humble Servants

J Daniell.
C B Dent
Wm Maitland
C Th Fallofield
R Guy.

Cuddalore
4th March 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c. Members of the Select Committee
Port St George.

Gentlemen,

We arrive at Cuddalore the 24th ult. but had no occasion to address you from thence. Gent Coote on account of the Incursion against Nagor did not think it advisable for us to leave Cuddalore 'till the 1st Instant when we again embarked on the Success Galley and

Some Mess.rs Davidson & Dundas the Villages &c. of the Nagore Dis. trict have plundered by the Enemy—

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Tagling

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13th and after touching at Tranquebar with Dispatches of Consequence from the General to be forwarded by the Resident there We Landed at this Place. Yesterday afternoon the Dalla with his Detachment left this place some days since with immense Booty plundered in the Town and Villages of these Districts, particularly in the Suburbs of Negapatam. It is thought a few hundred of the straggling Horse are still in the Vicinity of the Negapatam Bounds at Tranquebar. We concerted Measures with Mr. McIntosh for procuring Tonnage for the Embarkation of Captain Lamotte's Detachment and having had a Conference with Genl Coote at Cuddalore We have been enabled to render Mr Hudleston some Assistance, by giving him our opinion of the State of the Army and the very great Importance of the Junction of the Tanjore Detachment with the Troops expected from Tranquebar, and by the Cautions of the Resident here sufficient Tonnage has been procured, and as a change of Wind is daily expected, Mr Hudleston has a lively hope that two Battns of Sepoys may be embarked for Cuddalore in a few days. Col. Braithwaite has been then shall now advised of our arrival, procuded on our Deputation —

We are with Respect

Gentlemen,

Your most humble

Servants

Vigore 4th March 1781

(Signed) Alex.r Davidson

Francis Sourdan

15th

Wrote the following Letter.

To Captain Edward Edmonds

Commanding at Pongole —

To Capt Edmonds
on Shooring him

Sir

We understand by a letter which you have

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To enlist Seapoy Recruits

15th written to General Stuart that Seapoy Recruits can be enlisted in your neighbourhood, who upon a Promise of Promotion to some of the leading Men would chearfully do duty to the Southward, or wherever their Service might be wanted.—

In the present State of the Army it becomes expedient to give every encouragement to the recruiting service, and as the means by which you propose to obtain useful men at this juncture appear very proper. We Authorise you in consequence to give such Promise of Promotion as to you shall seem best calculated to attain the end, having due regard to the Service and to the merit of the Persons who may be employed under Promises of this Nature—

We are
Sir
Your Obedient
Humble Servants
Charles Smith
P. Sellet Commee

Fort St George
15th March 1781

This Day a Letter was written to the Nabob in answer to his of the 5th Instant / as entered in Country Correspondence N.V

16th The following Minute of the President was this day sent round—

It being absolutely necessary that directions should be sent to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam for making the requisite preparations to have Colonel Pearse's Detachment transported across the Kistna, the President proposes that orders be sent for bringing if practicable, the large Boat, now on the Godavery River to the Kistna— if this cannot be done, that a Boat be immediately built exactly of the same size and dimensions, provided it can be constructed in time

Minute of the President recommending that Preparations be made for the transporting of the Bengal Detachment over the Kistnah—

for

Fort St George, March 1781

16th for this Service, but if this also be not feasible, that Boats be procured, and other means taken, for transporting the Detachment over the Pulicat with all possible safety and Expedition.

16th March, 1781. I approve. I I.

17th In consequence of the above Minute the following Letter was written to Masulipatam

To Mr James Hodges,

Provisional Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam directing the necessary preparation to be made for the above purpose

The approach of Col. Pearse's Detachment rendering it highly necessary that preparations should be made for transporting them across the Pulicat Lake We direct that the large Boat now on the Guadaway be brought (if practicable) to the Pulicat or that another of the same size and dimensions be immediately constructed, if you are of opinion it can be finished in time to answer the Service proposed - for all events We desire that Boats may be provided & such measures taken that no hindrance may occur in the safe and speedy Conveyance of that Detachment over the Pulicat.

We are, Gentlemen, Your most Obedient Servants Charles Smyth for Select Comm.

Port St George 17th March 1781.

18th Wrote the following Letter to Captains Thomson and Todd -

To

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To Captain Thompson
of the Earl of Dartmouth.

Sir —

To Capt Thomson & Todd ordering them to proceed with their Ships to Cuddalore there to put themselves under the orders of Sir Eyre Coote —

Sir Eyre Coote having strongly prest us to send your Ship & the Earl of Rochford to the Southward to Cooperate with the Army until the Arrival of the Squadron from Bombay We hereby direct in consequence that you repair on Board and make the best of your way to Cuddalore, putting yourself under the orders of Sir Eyre Coote, who will employ you as may most conducive to the good of the Service —

By Order of the President and Select Commitee —

Fort St George
18th March 1781

The same to Capt Todd
of the Earl of Rochford
To which the following Answers were received.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & Select Committee
of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Capts Thomson & Todd desiring to have full Information of the Nature of the Service required of them before they can comply with the Orders of the Committee —

Your Orders to me of this date to proceed to Cuddalore with the Ship under my command I have received, but as they are entirely silent relating to the Nature of the Service that the Ship is to be employed upon, and the length thereof; I must beg leave to return them, 'till informed of these particulars; by which I shall be enabled to Victual the Ship, and take such other precautions as appear necessary to me for the Indemnification of my self and Owners —

I am respectfully

Honble

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18th

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Fort St George
18th March 1781.

Yourmost Obt. Servant
David Thomson

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President and Governor &c. Council
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this Instant received orders to proceed to Cuddalore, said to be in consequence of Sir Eyre Coote's pressing Solicitation for that purpose — As this is a Service which I had very reason to suppose would only have been Ordered and must even then have detained me but a short time I beg to know how long I am or may be kept to the Southward and likewise the nature of the Service I am sent upon, that I may be able to Calculate my Ships for the time, and to comply with my Owners Instructions in protesting against all Damages either the Ship under my Command or her Cargo may receive in Consequence of this detention and deviation from the Original Orders sent me by the Honble Court of Directors. I likewise beg leave to observe that the Situation of my Ship being upon her last Voyage and rather Tender / on which it necessary for me to use very precaution against bad Weather, which may be expected at the change of the Monsoon, so as to keep her in a proper Condition to receive the Honble Company's Cargo for Europe.

I am with the Greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your

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Fort St George
18 March 1781

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
James Tod

At a Select Committee Present,
The Honble Charles Smith Esqr President, Governor,
Samuel Johnson,

Monday
the 19th

Lieutenant General
Sir Eyre Coote and Major General Sir Hector Munro
absent on service — Mr Davidson on a Deputation
to Tanjore.

Minutes of last Committee read & approved —

Read the following Letter from Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote, dated the 7th March, and received the 13th.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c. Gentlemen of the Select Committee.

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have now before me unacknowledged your Letters of the 12th 17th 18th 19th and 22d Ultimo,

From Sir Eyre Coote approves of the Steps taken by the Committee in the Proposed Treaty with the Dutch; requests that the two Indiamen be immediately dispatched to him submits the expediency of a diversion towards Arcot, & the practicability of retaking it &

To an Answer to the Letter from Major Colgrave inclosed in yours of the 12th and that you may be fully acquainted with my Sentiments on the State of Affairs on the Malabar Coast, and of my orders in particular to Major Colgrave, I do myself the pleasure to inclose you Copies of my Letters to him, to Brigadier General Goddard, and to the Select Committee at Bombay — It is much to be lamented

Tripasore recommending that Lieut.

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Bishop & Flint & Ensign Moor to be promoted in the mode proposed by him —

lamented that at so critical a period we should have been so circumstanced as not to have been at liberty to act up to those Promises so repeatedly and so publickly pledged to the Seapoys under Command of Major Col graw, I trust however that what I have Written to him and to General Goddard will be the means of preventing any further Delay in their Relief, and that the Discontent amongst the Seapoys will be thereby effectually suppressed —

I observe what you say of the arrival of a Mr Deighton from Bengal with Instructions from the Government there to yourselves and to the Nabob for proceeding to Ceylon to Conclude a Treaty with the Dutch, of which the Conditions were to be the Cession of the Tinnevelly Countries by the Nabob to the Dutch, with an exclusive Right to the Pearl Fishery for ever, for the assistance of a Thousand European Military and a Thousand Malays

The Nabob having refused his Concurrence in a Measure which was to have robbed him of so valuable a Territory as Tinnevelly and a Right in the Pearl Fishery which the Dutch have never yet been able to deprive him of either by a Claim of Supremacy, or by the Most easy mode of Negotiation is very natural The Grounds too upon which you have yourselves declined pressing him on the Subject are such as I think must stand the Test in the Judgement of our Superiors at home what surprizes me most, is that the Governor and Council in their Proceedings upon this Business should never have once asked my opinion as to the Expediency or Propriety, notwithstanding that the Object which was

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was to be derived from it was so entirely connected with my Station and Authority, and as being so I should apprehend could not have been amplified without my approbation —

I must be satisfied to be informed that the Detachment under Command of Colonel Pearse had left Bengal, altho its dispatch has been delayed for so long a Time, that its Arrival here may be too late to be of Service to our affairs Indeed the apparent unfriendly Disposition of the Maharatta Army laying at Cuttack, renders it in my mind very doubtfull whether it will ever be permitted to proceed on to the Carnatic. However as it is our Duty to do every thing on our part that may promise to expedite and assist the publick Service, it has occurred to me that the Disposition which Seetaram Rauze some time ago shewed to give us his assistance might now be turned to advantage, by giving him to join Colonel Pearse with a Thousand or even five hundred Horse — Having none with him they certainly would be highly Serviceable to him on his arrival in the Carnatic. I beg leave also to remind you of the opportunity which the approach of Colonel Pearse will afford of bringing Draught and Carriage Cattle from the Northward as well as Bullocks and Sheep for the Subsistence of the Europeans. Captain Edmonds will have it in his Power to assist in this Business — The Success Galley and Anagon with their Acceptable Cargoes arrived safe here, and I have already detached them both upon Service — The former to Nagore to take on Board some Troops from the Tanjore

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Tanjore Corps, which I have ordered to be imbarked at that place and brought Hither. the latter I have sent to retake a Ballasto Vessel with Grain, which has been seized by Hyder's armed Boats at Porto Novo and to cover off that place in order to protect the Boats coming from the Southward with Grain and other Supplies for this place – The Snow Hastings, which was sent by Mr. Hudleston with a Supply of Rice from Nagore I directed to call in her Return at Porto Novo, and to endeavor to retake a Vessel which had been some time since seized by Hyders Armed Boats there – She accordingly retook the Vessel, and proceeded with her to Nagore, where Mr. Hudleston whose Activity and Attention to the public Service deserves every Commendation I can bestow on him, is now loading them with Grain to return hither. He apprehends however that the Depredations which have been committed by the Enemy, and their being still in that Country, will incapacitate them from giving us any further assistance. He complains & I am afraid with too much Reason of the little Protection afforded him by the Tanjore Troops. – Indeed some late Movements of a Detachment there in the Field have been so unaccountable, that I have been obliged to state the Circumstances as they have occurred to Colonel Brathwaite, and to require an Explanation of them. I inclose you Copy of my Letter to him for your Information – I hope you will from a Conviction of the Necessity which has inducted me to infringe upon your Orders regarding the Destination of the Amazon, approve of the Service I have employed her on – I promise that when the two Indiamen arrive,

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which I hope may be soon, she shall not without very sufficient Cause be delayed from prosecuting her Voyage agreable to your Original Instructions — I consider the Service she has now been sent on of such Importance that I did not wait untill her Cargoe was unloaded, She has still one half on Board.

I Messrs. Davidson and Sourdan who have proceeded on the Success Galley to Nagore, have honored me with a Visit, and communicated to me the object of their Mission to Tanjore, which I much approve, as undertaken upon Grounds of real public utility; I most heartily therefore wish it Success.

I am obliged by your ready Concurrence in accepting my Proposal regarding the Money. I having agid to supply at Bombay, for an equal Sum taken from the five Lacks sent from Bengal for the use of that Presidency, and I trust that nothing will occur to disappoint the wish I thereby had of assisting the public Service —

I feel in the Resolution which you inform Me in Your Letter of the 22d. you had come to of detaining the Dartmouth & Rochford Indiamen, an attention to myself as well as to the publick Service, I cannot but meet my approbation on the Latter Score, at the Same — At the Same time permit Me to Return you my most Sincere Acknowledgements for the Regard Manifested for my Success, by that and by the Expedition and Dispatch which you used in sending me supplies by the Success Galley, Amazon and Hydra Vessels — The Latter comes this Together with Mr. Darnell, whose further Services I could have Wished to have benefited from during my Stay here, but as I am of opinion with

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with yourselves that in the present distracted State of affairs at Masulipatam, the public may experience still greater Benefit from his presence at that Station I chearfully reconcile the Disappointment I met with in his leaving this place, I hope that furnished with your Sentiments and Instructions he may by his Spirited Exertions prove instrumental in restoring every thing in that quarter to Peace and quiet, and in tracing the Source of that mutinous and refractory Spirit which has broke forth amongst the Seapoys there — In the Interim I trust that the Measures which the Gentlemen there have already taken to suppress it, will have the desired Effect — Let me recommend it to you to lose no time in sending the Detachment Europeans to Masulipatam, and on their Arrival at that place, in directing those which were ordered from Vizagapatam to return immediately to their Station

I hope that you found an Opportunity by either the Neptune or the Belmont to convey the Guns & Military Stores which it was long since resolved to send from Vizagapatam to Ganjam, as they are so much wanted and the Safety and Security of that place so much depends upon them to know

depends.

I shall be glad how soon the Dartmouth and Rochfordian arrive here, as I shall send them to the Southward to draw all the Grain possible from the Tanjore Country either to be kept here for the use of the Army, or to be sent to Madras as Circumstances may direct — This Gentlemen is what I propose doing, altho' you will observe from what has been already said regarding the State the Tanjore Country is now in, that I place

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no Dependance on my Views being accomplished. On the Contrary I should apprehend they will be frustrated, unless I should be fortunate enough to effect something of Consequence against the Enemy. In the Interim I most earnestly recommend it to you to leave no Carteaus untried for bringing grain and every other Necessary from the Northward for the use of the Town and Garrison —

By the best Information I can obtain Hyder has moved the greatest part of his Force towards Chillumbrum — I should imagine that whilst the Attention of his whole Army I may say is taken up in this quarter, a Diversion might be created to the Northward without either Difficulty or Danger, and that aided by the Poligars who before offered their Services Troops — more might be easily taken, and with their assistance and the assistance of a few of the Nabobs or our own Sepoys, be maintained against any force Hyder would dare to send against it, whilst he is obliged to watch the Motions of this Army — Any movement of this kind would most assuredly produce Effects favorable to my operations in this quarter —

I hear that Arcot itself is but weakly garrisoned — I should imagine that the Nabobs' Interests in his Capital are not so entirely annihilated but that something might be concerted amongst his Friends there towards reducing it. In any well concerted Plan Colonel Lang might be required to lend his assistance, submitting the whole however, as he is an Officer of Experience, and must

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must from the contiguity of his Situation be well informed of the State of affairs about Arcot, to his Judgment how far such undertaking may be practicable and prudent. For my Opinion on the Reference you inform me Lieut. Colonel Lang had made to you regarding offers from people in the Enemy's Service to come over, I inclose you Copy of a Letter I wrote him on the Subject

The Gentlemen Cadets for Bengal had better proceed to that Establishment as the late Innovations which have taken place in the Military Line there will I should imagine entitle them to speedy Promotion. The Invalids which came from Bengal with the Shaw Allum. I recommend being returned by the first Conveyance

In the Letter you did me the honor of writing me under Date the 30th of January you Submitted to my Consideration a Mode of Rewarding the Services of Lieut. Flint and Ensign Moore in Lieu of that I recommended, and which was Promotion, the only Proper recompense I know of for Military Merit, and for essential Service rendered the Public — they and also Lieut. Bishop have exclusive of that very Pretension to be favorably spoke of to the Court of Directors, who I am perswaded will be well satisfied, that Men who may distinguish themselves in the Support of their affairs at so Critical a Conjuncture as the present be rewarded in that way most Consistent with their Profession and Character — In these Sentiments I trust you will not take amiss my

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Waving all Idea of Pecuniary Considerations and
inbracing your Acquiescence with my Original
Recommendation of Lieuts Bishop & Flint and Ensign
Moon for Promotion and the two former to be appointed
to the Charge of the Two first vacant Battalions
agreable to their Seniority

I am frequent in my Importunities
to the Officers in Command of the Garrisons of Chin-
-glepuel Caringuley Permacoil and Vandiwash to use
every Endeavor to lay in Grain, and I must request of
you to urge the Nabob to write pressingly to those
places at which he has Agents on the same Subject.

In two or three days we shall have
expended all the Cattle we collected in our March
hither, for the use of the Europeans; and as there is
no Prospect in our present Situation of getting any
immediate Supply, if any could be sent us by the
Indiamen they would prove highly Serviceable—

Let me entreat of you to use your
utmost Endeavors to Supply your Paymaster with
Money— The advances I have already made have
left me quite bare, and the Troops are two months
in Arrears— Altho' the Governor General and Council
have by their Orders endeavored to Anticipate your
Resources from Masulipatam, I should think that
you may still be able to draw some Money from there,
I hope also that by this Time the Nabob may have
furnished part of the Supply of Cash he promised
before I left Madras—

Permit me in Consideration of the long
and faithful Services of Captain Edward Sannes to
recommend his Son James Sannes already on the List
of

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of Cadets belonging to this Establishment to be promoted to the Rank of Lieut. Fireworker in the Artillery Corps —

I inclose you Copy of an intercepted Letter from a Monsieur Pivot a French Gentleman now residing at Tranquebar, addressed to his friend at Serampore, the Danish Factory in Bengal as I think its Contents are not unworthy of a Place upon Record —

I have the Honor to be with much Esteem —

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t Servant

Eyre Coote.

Camp, Newtown near Cuddalore, 7th March 1781

P.S.

Since writing the above I have the pleasure to inform you that I have received Letters from Nagore acquainting me with the safe arrival of the Success Galley at that Place — I have also received Intelligence that Hyder has detached Two Thousand of his irregular Horse to take Post in the Roads leading from Madras to Arcot & can assure you from what I have seen of the same kind that they are in no Shape formidable —

To Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote, K.B.

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Sir

I had the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 15th & 29th of Nov.r both the same day the 26th Ultimo Trusting my Letter to the Select Committee

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Commodore have reached safe. I have only at this time to acquaint you I have received Dadvice from Bombay that then an troops to be sent from thence to relieve me in the course of this month, when I shall imbark with this Detachment for Pallam-cottah agreeable to your last Instructions. But in its present State I am sorry to say I have no Sanguine expectations of being able to prosecute with the degree of success you might expect the Service for which you have destined it, for besides the bad consequences of obliging the Seapoys to take the Field so soon after the disagreable Service they have been upon these two Years past without at least some Months relaxation in Garrison, and giving them an opportunity of collecting and Settling their dispersed families, we are very ill appointed for taking the Field in particular for want of Tents and of Accoutrements which I find it impossible to make up here for want of Materials

There is now very few of the Enemy before Tellicherry, and these mostly Nairs, who we oblige to Act on the defensive tho' have made several Successful Sallies on them and forced them to abandon all their accessible posts, but those on the hills they seem resolved to maintain, in Order to prevent our having a Communication with the Country, or forming any alliances with the Neighbouring Rajahs, or of effecting a Junction with the Troops of the King of Cotiote our Ally, both which are my present objects and have reason to hope I shall succeed, particularly after the arrival of the relief from Bombay. If I do succeed in these points, the most probable advantages will

will be the obliging Snyder to keep a Strong Garrison
on Calicut, the Inhabitants of which I am informed
are more attached to the English, and would be
glad of an opportunity to revolt, or of obliging him
to abandon the place intirely, as well as Mahé of
which last it is said he keeps possession for the
French —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servant,
John Colgrave,

Pallicherry
12, Janry 1781

Signed

P.S. The Dawks at present are stopped frequently
I defer sending the Returns of the Detachment for
last Month — there are no material Occurrences since
the last one sent —

A true Copy — George Taylor

To Major Colgrave,
Commanding Pallicherry.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the
12th Instant, which informs me that you have received
Letters from Bombay acquainting you that Troops
were to be sent from thence to relieve you, I have my-
self received information to the same effect from
Brigadier General Goddard. I have therefore to
direct that so soon as such relief shall arrive
you will without loss of time march with
your detachment by the safest and most convenient
route to Pallamcotah, in order ultimately to join