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1520 Fort St George June 22nd 1791

Friday 22nd June 1791.

At a Meeting of the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c &c Governor &c &c &c and Council of Fort St George

Upon his Lordship the Commander in Chief coming into the Room and taking the Chair

The Lord Macartney arrives from England with Lord Macartney on board.

Friday 8 o'clock PM

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c &c

Anthony Sadlier Esqr

There being only two Members of the Select Committee present

Friday 8 o'clock PM

The Right Honble Lord Macartney President

Anthony Sadlier Esqr

Morgan Williams Esqr

The Chair at Present

Macartney having taken the Oaths as Governor of Fort St George and

and the usual Allegiance and Secrecy being

administered to Lord Macartney and the other Members

of the Committee. A Letter from the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Court of Directors addressed to the Honble the Governor and Council

assembled

being mentioned

Fort St. George. } of Directors. present to.

Member absent on as a member.

At a Select } Honble George } Sadlier Esq.

Lord President } and.

oaths of his Lord-ship } Committee

Deputy-Chairman }

to the Select Committee is now read, by

1521 Fort St George June 22d 1781

Hostilities commenced by the States General.

By attack we are informed of Hostilities having commenced against the States General of the United Provinces. Agreed therefore in obedience to the Orders contained in the aforementioned Letter that the Subject be taken into Consideration and such Measures adopted towards executing the Orders before us with all the Efficacy and dispatch the situation of our affairs can possibly admit of.

Macartney

"

Wm Williamson

1522 Fort St George June 24th 1781

Sunday June 24th 1781

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c President.
" Anthony Sadlier
" Morgan Williams
" Gunner Eyre Coote and
Major General Sir Hector Munro Knight of the Bath

Mr Holland at the Board of the Bryan
Minutes of last Committee read and approved
The President lays before the Committee
the following Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c
President & Governor of Fort St George

My Lord,

In consequence of my having Letters of
Marque against the Dutch, I ordered the Sea Horse
Boat at 3 O'Clock yesterday evening to examine every
vessel in the Road, and they found Two Sloops &
one Ship under Dutch Colours, and Papers, which
are secured, and People from the Swallow in them.
Beg your Lordship will give me orders for my
future Proceedings in this Business.

I am with great Respect
My Lord
Your Lordships
Most Obedient and most Hble Servt
Tower Hall

Sloops & Ship taken having Dutch Colours & Papers under Dutch flag

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c
President & Governor & Select Committee at
Fort St George

1523. Fort S.t George June 24.th 1721

My Lord, and Gentlemen,

I beg leave to represent to your Lordship that on the 22nd Instant three Men belonging to the Swallow Captain Hall Commander, forcibly entered on board the Snow Purrisbaux which Vessel with her Cargoe, consisting of various sorts of Grain, has been consigned to me by Mr Arthur, William Gregory one of the Honble Compa.s Civil Servants, at will more particularly appear by the original Bills of lading, which I do my self the honor to enclose; I flatter my self your Lordship &c. will give the necessary orders to Captain Hall that the Vessel with her Cargoe may be delivered back to me.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Wm Fraser

Fort S.t George
24.th June 1721

from Mr Jackson requesting an order be given to Capt.n Hall that a Shallop and Cargo be delivered to him

The Committee conceive that the Dutch ship may have been prosecuted on the Seas according to the security of the Vessel and Cargoe, the owner being ignorant of a Dutch War. Bimlepatam being in the Neighbourhood of Vizagapatam from whence the Cargoes was shipped, and the persons mentioned in the Bills of Lading being servants of the Servants there appears no reason to doubt of the Vessel and Cargoe in Question being Englishe property Agreed that Mr Hall be directed to release the Purrisbaux accordingly.

Captain Hall to release the Purrisbaux

1824 Fort St George June 24th 1781

Lieut. Gen. Coote to be informed of the arrival of the Right Honble George Lord Macartney. of the change that has taken place in consequence relative to the Members of Government.

The President informs the Committee that 225 Topas of Beef and Pork were received on the Swallow lately arrived from Bengal, being consigned to the Presidency in particular the Proposal that they be landed at this Place, which is agreed to.

Beef &c landed from the Swallow

Monday Fort 22nd June 1781

The President acquaints the Board that in consequence of the orders to the Select Committee which he brought from England, and which direct the seizure of every Dutch Ship & Settlement within the reach of the Power of this Presidency, He proposes to order Sadras to be immediately attacked and taken.

President proposing that Sadras be immediately attacked and a letter written to Captain Mackay in consequence

This measure becomes now doubly necessary, because it is not impossible but that some convention may be made between Hyder Ally and the Dutch, the consequence of which might be fatal to the British Interests on this Coast, from the vicinity of Sadras and Pulicat. The immediate seizure of those Places will therefore prevent any Inquiry from those Quarters.

In the present state of Affairs Sadras seems to be the object attended with the least difficulty, as from the best information it appears probable that a detachment from Colonel Lesch might by seizing a favorable moment be able to get possession of Sadras without much Resistance.

Sir Eyre

1525. Fort Selenge June 24th 1781

The President therefore proposes that the following Letter be written to Captain Mackay Commander at Chinglepuet

The following Letter is in consequence dispatched to Captain Mackay Commanding at Chinglepuet

To Capt.n George Mackay

Commanding at Chinglepuet

Sir,

Capt.n Mackay from whom with Mr. Cooke under his Command and to take Possession of Pedras

In consequence of the Hostilities commenced by great Britain against the States General of the United Provinces, We do desire that you will immediately, and without any public communications of your Intentions, march with the Troops under your Command to the Dutch Settlement of Pedras of which We hope you will be able to take Possession without much difficulty, or Danger, In this service we rely on Your Zeal for that Exertion which is recommended in the strongest Terms by your Honorable Masters in the present Juncture; But as more than usual Caution Secrecy, and Quickness in your movements will be required also, and we trust you will use great Dispatch we have proceeded on the Confidence that You will be able to carry these our Directions into Execution, Circumstances of which We have cognizance relating either to the Strength of the Settlement to be attacked or to any Disposition of your Neighbouring Allies, or Enemies, Army of Negroes Ally or Enemy be the State of the Roads under your Command

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that the object is not practicable at this time, without too great a Risque, or cannot be undertaken without a material Interruption of any important service in which You may already employed, or engaged. You will in either of such cases, postpone this Expedition until You shall receive our further Orders, taking care to communicate to us a full and Distinct account of the Facts, and Reasons on which your Determination shall be founded. But if upon consultation the Point we have in View, be deemed without Delay, carry the Fortifications of Pedro to be totally demolished. It is probable that of the Soldiers whom you may make Prisoners, many will be induced to serve Us on our Service, and we desire that you will use your endeavors for that Purpose, taking care so to mix them with our Troops, that no inconvenience may arise from them. The remainder must be conveyed under a sufficient Escort to Fort St George as soon as possible.

We suppose that Mr Pinchard has already left Tanjore; but if you should learn that he is not there upon the receipt of this Dispatch, endeavor to communicate to him your Intention. In all events we shall expect to hear from you speedily leaving to your Discretion any point of Conduct not particularly directed in this Letter.

We are &c &c

A.

A. S.

M. W.

Fort St George
June 24th 1761

1527 Fort St George June 24th 1801

Sir

I do myself the honour of addressing a Letter to the Governor General and Council

To the Honble Edward Hay Mostyn Wodehouse

Governor General of Bengal Governor of Fort William

Fort William

&c &c &c

&c &c &c

Department

Lord Macartney on the Deal Road Bengal from England

I have the honour of the Right Honble George

and of his having taken his Seat as President and Go-

of Fort St George. You have at the same time been

informed of the changes which have taken place

relative to the Residency of the several Members

composing the present Government on this Coast

In our address to You of the 10th

I am also informed upon of the reasons which

induced you to send to Europe as prisoners of

Black Persons who had been taken from the Enemy

and for the same Reasons I am now dispatched to You

30 Prisoners embarked on board the Ship Alexander

Captain Innes and on the 29th Ditto Captain

Shilbrooke, and I have recommended their being

kept in Confinement at Bengal, until the same

as they have been at this place, under the

Denomination of Prisoners of War.

I have requested you would cause such Charges

to the above 30 Prisoners as shall

for a proper Allowance for the passage of the

Officers and Each is directed to Captain the

same Consequences. The Captain of the Alexander

having declined disputating for any expence

1528 Fort St George June 24th 1781

Sum while the Commanders of Cruizers have
received on the Pagoda for the Passage of each
Officer.

Fort St George
1 June 1781.

Wear
Honble Sir Eyre
Coote Knt Colonel Commandg
Majesty's Forces
&c &c &c

Agreed that Copy of the Letter from the Committee
of Treasury to the Select Committee be immediately
transmitted to Sir Eyre Coote together with a Copy of
the Letter to Captain Mackay with the Second &
Cypher.

1 Copy of Ltr from Deputy Secy to the Committee to Select &c

Hector Munro
Brigr Genl
Alex Wedderburn
Mat Williams

1529 Fort St George June 8th 1791

25 Received the following Letters

To Mr Secretary Oakes

Sir I this morning Received your letter
dated 4th May inclosing a Cypher which shall
be Kept Secret and used as occasion may require
I have received an answer to my letter of 10th
April which is the latest publick Acknowledgment
I have since written to the Commodore under the
following dates 24th April inclosing Military
Returns 30th Do enclosing Correspondence with
Colonel Pearse Commanding the Bengal Detachment
May 9th and 21st 24th enclosing Military Returns
25th 27th 29th 30th June 4th & 7th I shall be glad to
know if all these Letters got safe that in case
of any miscarriage I may transmit fresh
Copies —

I am Sir

Your Very obedient
Humble servant
John Turing

From Ganjam
Cypher received
in safety

Ganjam
13th June 1791

Duplicate

1530

Fort St George June 25th 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President and Governor

At Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Cuddalore with Intelligence from Chillumbrum

I have the Honor to transmit you a Translate of Hircarrah Intelligence received from Chillumbrum the 21st Instant

His Majesty's Squadron are in Sight standing to the Southward —

I have the Honor to remain Respectfully —

Honble Sir

Your Most Obedt Humble Servant

C. B. Dent

Cuddalore 23d June 1781.

Translate of Intelligence from Chillumbrum received by two Hircarrahs the 21st June —

These People say they left Chillumbrum the 20th at 10 Clock at Night, and report that our Army is incamped between the North Bound hedge of Chillumbrum and Porto Novo River —

1531 Fort St. George June 1781

25 River. — The 19th at Night a Detachment was sent from the Army to attack the Pagoda who took possession of the 1st Gate and outer — Wall, but before they could penetrate to the Second, the Enemy Sprung a Mine and threw a Number of Rockets that killed and wounded 100 Sepoys and 2 officers whose Names were — not then known, that Captain Young of Cavalry and another officer had been wounded and as it grew dark our people retreated, — about 400 500 of the Enemy were killed outright and — Many wounded — 4 Batteries were then — constructed round the Pagoda which had — begun to play upon it — Our people took — possession of the upper Village or Pettah — without opposition and found Grain enough for the whole Army it is said for 6 Months Cattle in abundance and &c. Provisions. —

About 10,000 of the Enemy's Cavalry lay at the Destance of 6. or 7. Miles to the Westward of our Army — and it is said Hyder was on the March, but had not then joined

Charles

1532 Fort St George June 1781

25

Received the following Letters

Charles Smith Esq.r

/in cypher/

From Col. Pearse with Account of Muster taken at Ellore —

The following is an account of the muster taken at Ellore 31st May. Cavalry 31. European Artillery 91. Native Ditto 129. Infantry including native officers 3820. Bullocks for the Bengal Train 1165. Bullocks for your Army of which 6000 are for provisions &c. loaded but near 2000 of them are not joined for want of drivers. If they arrive to night they proceed with me 6920. —

We march to Night the incumbrances of the Bullocks and Baggage is such that I hope we shall not see an Enemy. —

I am

with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

/Sign'd/ O. S. Pearse

Colo

Kristna

10th June 1781.

1523 Fort St. George June 8 1731

25 Honble Sirs

From Mr Ram on want of Money to pay the Spys on the Subject of a Silver Model of Srirungham Pagode

I hope you will have received mine of 24th last or the Duplicate Wherein mentioned that the Manager collected considerable Sums from Poonypunish'd in the Cutcherry which he had not brought to Account. Having Information that the Fines demanded amounted to upwards of 30,000 Pr and Colo Nixon being anxious that the Spys should be paid for the Month of April In presence of Colo Nixon challenged him on that Score demanding it for the Company He denied that the fines were any thing like so considerable as I affirmed. Whereupon I desired him to send for such Persons as were prisoners. 5 were accordingly brought whilst he continued with us, and being interrogated as to the Sums demanded from them confirmed the Intelligence I had received. your Share of the fines amounted to Rs 16000. I had then no doubt as to the Validity of the rest but the time not serving I did not think it necessary to send for others Tho the Manager affirmd that he had not received above 2 or 3000 besides 2000 he had ordered to be paid to Major Chevy for the Use of the Artillery he would not admit that the whole amounted to above 7000 and endeavoured to browbeat the Prisoners and explain away what they said but one thing

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1534 Fort St George June 8 1781

25 he affirmed I believe truly, that the fines were exacted and the greatest part of the Money paid before my Arrival. I have some Reason to think that what he has received this way may have been sent to the Amar. the Mager appearing very uneasy at this Examination I declined making further Enquiries of the Prisoner into this matter lest it should be construed interfering with the Cutchery Court — notwithstanding the Mager was so pressd this day he would produce no Money In the Evening we sent for the Tessildr Reddy and desird him to advance some Money by way of Loan for the Service of the Company considering that he had not brought the Troops which the Co. and I had been given to expect He apologized for the Small Number of Troops on Account of the Enemy having entred his Country and pleading with earnestness his Inability to furnish Money we did not think it advisable to keep him — The Manager then as the last Expedient proposed to force on the Inhabitants a Quantity of the Paddy I had received This Colt Nixon / considering the danger that might attend a delay of Payment to the Sepoys / made no objection to Paccordingly agreed to deliver the necessary Quantity to the acting Dintr for the purpose and Ravalju advanced 3000. Porto Novo Pagodas

1535 Fort St George June 8th 81.

25 My promisory Note that he should be paid out of the Money collected for the Paddy. With this the Sepoys have been paid for April 1/2 in Cash and half in Paddy of the last year - I have as yet heard no Complaints on Account of the Paddy forced on the Inhabitants, but am not certain that any Money has yet been collected - The Begum of the Manager dying the other day has greatly obstructed business. If he could be prevailed upon not to insist on two light a Pace for the Paddy I believe this mode of raising Money would not be attended with great Inconvenience. The Sepoys have the Paddy delivered to them at an Arcot Rupee p Colleum which goes here for 8 Gold fanams. It is reckond to them at 12 Silver fanams the Rupee which at present is in this Place a favorable Exchange, but the Colr being earnest with me that it should be so and the Sepoys murmuring at the Idea of its being - charged to them at the present exchange 14 3/4 fanams / considering also that the Silver fanams were not the common Currency of the place I consented to it. I must confess it appears to me that the Sepoys here are more impatient for their pay than I believe at other places which may be accounted for from so great a Number of them being Recruits whose Credit will not go so far as that of old Sepoys. Possibly it may be owing to the small Number of Europeans here — Should the communication with Tanjore

Continue

25 Cocintrow to be cut off our late Expedient to raise Money
produce any considerable disturbance and the —
Enemy remain in sight Our Difficulties to raise
Money for the Sepoys will be great and in case of
failure alarming — could we have paid the —
Sepoys their whole pay for April in Cash the
Price of Paddy might have been raised and the
Sepoys would have continued Satisfyed but all —
that the Colr or Council urge the Manager or
Ravalgee would not produce above the aforementioned
Sum — There is here a Model of Seringham Pagoda
in wood and Silver formerly intended as a present
to his Majesty. The Silver is said to be worth —
1 Lack of Rupees it is under the Seal of the —
Nabob and the Manager affirms I believe truly
that he dare not open the Packages even to shew
it — If the Nabob could be prevailed upon to give
the Silver to the Company I should imagine it —
might be done without spoiling the Baby House
and might be replaced in better times — The Enemy
continue where they were to the Number I am told
of 20. burning here and there a Town but without
having attempted either Seringham or Warriore at
both which places we have Troops so that we —
are not so much distressed as might be expected
from the Nearness of the Enemy. Some Rain —

having

1537 Fort St. George June 8th 81.

25 Jealousing of late swelled the Rivers added to our Security but they are now fallen again — a putrid flux which is said to be contagious has carried off several of the Natives in 5 or 6 Hours time but I apprehend it is abating — 2 Sepoys died of it last Month or perhaps of the Effects of Inebriety — The Receipt and Disbursements of the Circar in Money stand as follows in the Accounts given me from the 23d March to the End of May

Receipts		Disbursements	
March. received	R° 1753	R°	1309
April Do.	5045		
Borrowed	4132		8350
May received	3432		
borrowed	5290		9341
R°	19652	R°	19000

In this is not included the Account Farm which is annually 5400 R° nor the Cutwals Tribute about an 2000 R° on which Drafts have been made which are not yet brought to Account nor the Tribute from the Several Poligars who in these times pay scarce any

From this Account it appears that the Suncum alone in the year of Phyely 1180 would nearly have supported the whole Expence but as I observed in my last it is not set down in their present Account at above 1/3 of what it then was

P.t

1538 Fort St George June 1781

25 It is in vain to object to any article of them for they say plainly that they have no order to give me any Accounts from the Nabob and only shew them to me out of Friendship which makes me cautious of asking What I think — would be refused — were an order sent to the people here to give me such public Account as I might require to enable me to form a judgement of the value of the Revs these might I should imagine be hereafter of considerable Service to the Company I mentioned in my former Letter the Inconvenience which attended the Public Money not being paid into my hands. Every Day shews it more to instance the Orders which I Sign for the Payment of the Nabobs people to which I make any demur to be Complains I stop his Bills which are not paid in full nor the Money always applied to the uses specified - thus in the last Month orders to the Amount of Rs 7771 were countersigned but only 4 lacks paid. No Disbursement is indeed brought to Account for which the Receipt is not produced, a knowledge of which made me the more difficult in countersigning these Orders but there what remains stands good to procure Cash for perhaps other purposes so that my countersigning

1539 Fort St. George June 8th 1781

25 has no Effect to Expunge that Expence out of the Treasury —

I have the Honor to be with Respect —

Honble Sir

Your Most obt Hum Servt

G. Ram

Trichenopoly
8th June 1781.

P.S

Dudonza has met with great Success since he entered the Marawar Country. I hope by his — Means a Communication will soon be opened from this to the Presidency by the Port of Tondia G.R.

Dispatch'd the following Letters

To Captain Sober Hall
of the Ship Swallow

Sir

To Captain Hole to release the — Pirrie Canoe

26 Your Letter to the Right Honble President of the 23d Instant having been laid — before the Committee I am directed to inform you that from a letter addressed to them in consequence of the Seizure you had made on the Snow Pirrie Canoe as likewise from many corroborating Circumstances it is not to be doubted but the Vessel is English — Property and that her being under Dutch Colours appears only as a Precaution of Security against the Armed Boats of the Enemy — I have it in —

Charge

1540 Fort St George June 1791

26 Charge therefore from the Right Honble President
and Committee to desire you will release the
Purser Cawn accordingly —

I am further directed to desire you will
loose no time in landing the 134 Tuns of Pork and
91 Tuns of Beef which were shipped on the
Swallow for Account and Risk of the Honble
Company — I am Sir
Your Most obedt Servt
F. Parkes
Secy

Fort St George
26th June 1791

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

To General Sir Eyre Coote advising of Lord Macartneys arrival and inclosing Copy of Sec's from England on the Dutch War

We have received your Letter of the
19th Instant with the Enclosures therein Mentioned
The Right Honble George Lord
Macartney having arrived here on the Shepherdess
from England he has taken his Seat as President
and Governor of Fort St George agreeably to his
appointment from the Honble Court of Directors
Enclosed we transmit to you in Cypher
Copy of the Letter from the Secret Committee of
the Court of Directors received by the Swallow by
which you will learn that open Hostilities —

S

1541 Fort St. George June 8/81

26 have commenced between the Court of England
and the States General of the United Provinces

By the aforementioned Letter you
will observe what Sanguine Hopes are formed of
our being able to prosecute the war against the
Dutch with Spirit and Dispatch, In conformity
therefore to these Expectations and as the Success
of any Enterprize against the Dutch in India
may in a great degree depend on the quickness
of our Motions we took the Subject immediately
into Consideration and resolved to address a Letter
to Captain Brackay at Chinglepet stating to
him the Points to be weighed in determining on
the Propriety of marching a Part of his Garrison
to attack the Fort of Sadras. resting the ultimate
Decision on his own Judgment from the Lights
he might be able to obtain as to its Strength
as well as to the present Position and Force of
the Troops Hyder Ally may have in his
Neighbourhood. Enclosed you will receive Copy
of our Letter to Captain Brackay on the Subject.

We could have wished to have had
the benefit of your advice on this occasion but it
having been intimated to us by our Resident at
Sadras that the Dutch seemed apprized of the

Rupture

1542 Fort St George June 8 1781

26 Rupture between England and the States we —
thought it of Consequence that not a moment —
should be Lost and we trust the Measure will Meet
your approbation, —

This Morning a Letter was received —
from Captain Patterson dated Nellore the 17th Instant
— It mentions that Colonel Pearses Detachment
was at Baperta Six Cos to the Northward of
Ongole on the 15th of this Month and that it was
expected to arrive at Nellore in about 7 Days —
from that time — that the Country adjacent was
in Tranquility the Party of the Enemy under —
Lallah not having moved from its former Station
near Pullicat. —

We beg you will favor us with your
opinion to what Extent in the present Situation of
our affairs we may be able to prosecute Hostilities
against the Dutch. The taking of Negapatam
is in every point of View an object of the last —
Importance and we earnestly hope that Circum-
stances may justify the Attempt. — We beg —
likewise to be favoured with your Sentiments —
as well in regard to a Place for effecting a
Junction between the Bengal Detachment —
and the Army as to the Propriety of

Proceeding

1543 Fort St George June 1781.

26 Ordering Colonel Pearse to take possession of the
Fort of Pulicat in his way to the Southward —

Fort St George
26th June 1781.

We are
Sir Your Most obedient
humble servant
[illegible]

To Mr James Daniell
Chief &c. Council
At Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam
Ganjam & Vizag.
advising of the
Dutch War —

Hostilities having Commenced
betwixt the Court of England and the States
General of the United Provinces you will be
on your Guard against any Surprize and
take such Measures as your Situation will
admit towards distressing the Dutch by —
Seizing and demolishing their Factories and
by every other Means in your Power consistent
with a due regard to your own Safety — —

Fort St George
26th June 1781

We are Gentlemen
Your Most obedient Servants
Macartney &c. Council &c

The same to Vizagapatam
Ganjam Madapollam
and Injeram —

1544 Fort St George June 8th 81

26

Received the following Letters

Honorable Sir

From Mr William Michell inclosing Letter from Messrs Davidson & Jourdan with Intelligence from Tanjore and Trichinopoly

I yesterday enclosed a Letter under your address to Mr Graham at Cuddalore requesting it might be forwarded by the first safe opportunity It came under cover to me from Colonel Nixon at Trichinopoly I have now the pleasure of — transmitting you three Letters which I have this Instant received from Mr Davidson at Tanjore I see no Probability of that Gentleman being able to arrive here soon, as the Enemy are in strong force in the Tanjore Country and the following Event will perhaps induce him to remain there still longer —

A Dispatch arrived here the 16th Instant from Columbo which mentions that War had been declared between England and Holland the 20th of last December This Intelligence was brought by the Dutch Embassador at Paris and came on a French Frigate to the Cape on her way to the Islands. The Governor of the Cape had on this authority made a Prize of an English Vessel that came there for Provisions for the use of the Island of St Helena and dispatched hereto Columbo with the aforesaid Intelligence the Dutch at Negapatam have in consequence

1545 Fort St George June 5 1781

26 been making the greatest Exertions to put this place
in a posture of Defence the Vessels are ordered close
under the reach of the Guns and so universally is
this report credited that it is now received by all
Persons as a certain fact —

I suppose your Honor is acquainted —
with the loss of three Companys of our Sepoys near
Tanjore on their return from Combaconum I am
sorry to acquaint you of a like accident that —
lately happen'd at Trichinopoly about a Hundred
of the Enemys horse advanced near the Fort when
Seven Companys of Sibbendy Sepoys with three Guns
were ordered out in pursuit they were joined by
a large body of our horse from the Fort and —
drawn into an Ambuscade. Three or four Thousand
of the Enemys horse had concealed themselves —
under a bank about two miles from the Fort
who suddenly made their appearance and —
surrounded our Troops who panic struck scarcely
made any resistance. Our horse likewise made
the best of their way to the fort — about two —
Companys got safe and the rest were cut to
pieces or taken Prisoners with the loss of three
Guns. Colonel Rixon did not mention this —
circumstance in his Letter but it was so clearly
and positively affirmed by the Hircarrah that

positively

I

1546 Fort St George June 1781

26 I have but faint hopes of the falsehood of his Account — I am afraid that our returns to establish the Marawar wile not turn out as we had reason to expect Many Accounts say that Maupillas Dare imployed by a force from Hydur has blocked them up at Tripatore Three Days journey from Trichenopoly and that Confidential Suba Pilla has been found to tamper with the Enemy — I am extremity sorry Honble Sir that my Letter should contain such disagreable news but as it is my duty to relate every thing on a faithful manner I must always state facts in their true form. Hydurs army begin to feel a little scarcity of Provision and I hope something favorable will be derived Thereupon —

I have the Honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your Most faithful and
obedient Servant
W Michele

Negapatam
22d June 1781

P S

I had the Honor to address you the 7th which I hope has been received. The Dutch Embassadors are not yet returned but 'tis said it will be soon. They are now well treated and allowed to waste publickly to their fancies, —

15/ Fort St George June 8/81

2/ Honorable Sir

From Do
with Intelligence

A vessel under Portuguese Colors from Mauritius but last from Masambeyk arrived here a few days since laden with sulphur &c. She had brought above thirty Caffres which are to be landed at Tranquebar and as I had reason to suppose she was French property I gave immediate Notice to Sir Eyre Coote Tundarstand her papers are all made out in Portuguese, but on a strict search perhaps sufficient proof may be found to make her a prize - most of her people are Frenchmen, —

Masambique } Sulphur

Some Coats are now Loading here with Rice and Ghee for Cuddalore, but tho the quantity is inconsiderable I hope it will prove of some assistance to the Inhabitants of the place who we hear are much distress —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

W. Buchels

Negapatam
23d June 1781

To.

1548 Fort St George June 15th 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

26 President and Governor of Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Masulipatam
a French Privateer
plunders the Vessels
in the Road.

We have just been visited by a French Privateer which anchored in the Road this Morning about 7 o'Clock under English Colours and after having sounded 3 Country Vessels and plundered a Vessel belonging to Coja Satoor at sail a 4 o'Clock this afternoon standing to the Northward 2 more Vessels passed to the Northward one of which appeared to be a large Ship/ about 10 o'Clock this Morning and our Cattamaran People who have just landed from the Privateer informed me that they were told the 2 abovementioned Vessels belonged to them — the Cattamaran People likewise informed me that the crew of the Privateer consisted of Europeans and Coffres and that they have no Soldiers on board — I am very respectfully — Honble Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble

P. Daniell

Masulipatam
15th June 1781

P. S I am very apprehensive of danger to the Navy Ketch who Mr Hastings tells us is to call here with 3 Lacks of Rupees for the D.

Detachment —

1549 Fort St. George June 1781

26 Received the following Representation from Moodoo Kistna Reddy Polygar of Chickore Cotah —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor of Fort St George &c &c &c

Representation from Moodoo Kistna Reddy Polygar of Chickre Cottah applying for a Supply of Ammunition

The Humble Representation of Moodookistna Reddy Polegar of Chickre Cottah which is — Situated in the Districts of the Honorable — Company's Pagoderat. —

I humbly beg leave to address your Lordship that about Eight Months ago the Honble Company and His Highness sent for me and Granted me a Sowl for my Respective Country, which is Chickra Cota, and also — gave me orders to fight with Hyderally's Troops that they shall not enter into the Parts of My Country during which time Lalla the officer of the Cavalry belonging to Hyderally with 4000 Hors entred the Parts of Porur Country nearest to my Place. And Vencatapa Naiks officer — named Audenaranappa informed Lala that Grain &c. Provisions and the Company's Taffy Salways forward to Madras besides I make — ready Provision &c. for the Bengal Camp therefore

if

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26 If he take my place it will be better for him
and so he and Lalla both together with 10000
Horse and 2000 Foot marched towards Chuche
Cotah to fight with me and to take the place I
fought with them for twelve days and in the
Engagement My People killed about fifty
Cavalry fifty Poligar Foot and took two horse
then the Enemy's Run defeated and went away
but now they Consider to come with some more
Force again to take my Place all the Ammunition
what I had Spent in the last fighting for
which Account I applied to Charles Smith Esq.
the late Governor, who was willing to Comply
with my request and so he Granted me an
Order to deliver Ammunition from the Company's
in the interim your Lordship is arrived at
this Place by which Captain William Sydenham
the Town Major says your Lordships Order
must have to let me have Ammunition
Therefore most humbly Pray that
your Lordship will be pleased to Order to let me
have Ammunition to fight with the said Lalla
and at the same time your Lordship will be
pleased to Grant me a Recommendation to the
Commander of the Bengal Army to move the
Vencatapa Nack Poligar from the

26 in the road where they are watching my People in their room If your Lordship will be pleased to grant me Recommendation According to my Request I and other Poligars named Chittalurar Coortavar yungavar and Sail Naidwar shall go and join with the Commander of the Bengal Camp and be taken Care in the Companys affairs with him I always depend upon the Honble Company and your Lordship I have no other Protection than your Lordship to give me Relief in the said Case

taking

Agreed that the contents of the foregoing Representation be complied with and that Colonel Pearse be ordered of the probability of his being joined by Moodoo Vistna Veddy in conjunction with several other petty Polygars

Complied with

Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse

To Colonel Pearse advising of Lord Macartneys Arrival and of the Rebel War

To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse

Commanding the Bengal Detachment

Sir

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney having arrived on the Ship Swallow

from

1552 Fort St George June 1721

The Polegar of Chitra 26 from England has taken the Chair as President
Cotah to be supplied and Governor agreeably to his appointment from —
with Ammunition the Honble Court of Directors —
will join him on his
Route

The late President has laid before us
your two Letters to him dated the 10th Instant
and by a Letter from Captain Patterson of the 17th
we have the Pleasure to hear you expected to arrive
at Pellore in about 8 days from that time —

Hostilities having commenced between
the Court of England and the States Genral of the
United Provinces we desire you will avail yourself
of this Intelligence by [illegible] destroying the Dutch should
it in any Shape come [illegible] within the Compass of your
Power during your [illegible] at Pellore — we have —
desired the opinion o[illegible] Sir Eyre Coote as to the —
Propriety of your Detac[illegible]ment taking the Rank by
Pulicat in order to ho[illegible] Country of that Sort in
your way to the Southward — and we have likewise
requested he will furnish us with the Plan he
proposes for your future operations —

Application having been made to us —
by Moodookistna Reddy Polegar of Chickra Cotah
desiring to be furnished with a Quantity of —
Ammunition we have consented thereto on Account
of the attachment he has shewn to our Cause in resisting
the Enemy under Lallah in the Neighbourhood —
of Pulicat and he has promised in Conjunction —

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26 with several other Petty Polligars to join your
Detachment on its March to the Southward

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St George
26th June 1781

27 Dispatched the following Letters

To Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath
Vice Admiral of the Blue and Commander in
Chief of His Majesty's Ships —
in India

Sir

On the 22d Instant the Right Honble
George Lord Macartney arrived here on the Ship
Swallow from England and acceded to the Chair
as President and Governor of Fort St George —
conformably to his appointment from the Honble
Court of Directors —

Hostilities having commenced between
England and the States General of the United
Provinces the most cordial Union between the
Kings and Company's Forces is strongly recommended
to Us — Permit us on this occasion therefore to
reiterate the assurances we have often made of
our hearty Disposition to maintain the Harmony
which has subsisted between Us since your —

Arrival

To Sir Edw.d Hughes
advising of Lord
Macartney's Arrival
& assurances of a
hearty Concurrence in
any Measure advising
French Privateer
endurying the Coast
Madrapatam
Road —

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24 Arrival in India — The formidable Enemies with whom our Nation is at Variance we shall consider as an additional Argument for uniting our most Zealous Endeavors to frustrate their Designs against us as well as to prosecute the war with Vigour and Spirit and we are happy in the Conviction of receiving from your effectual assistance by cooperating with us in any plan that can be formed for advancing the English Interests in India —

We are sorry to acquaint you that by a Letter received from our Chief at Mason we are informed that a French Privateer had anchored in the Roads under English Colours and after plundering one Vessel and damaging the others she sailed away standing to the Northward — Two other Sail passed the Port to the Northward one of which appeared to be a Large Ship — the Cattamaran Man who had been on board the Privateer mentioned their having been told that the 2 abovementioned Vessels belonged to them the Crew of the Privateer is said to consist of Europeans and Coffrees —

We have the Honor to be

Sir Your Most Obd.t Humble Servants

Macartney &c. &c.

Fort St. George
27 June 1781

1555 Fort St George — June 1781

To Mr James Daniell
Chief &c Council
of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To the Outsettlements to take the Dutch Settlements and during the fortifications

Should it be in your power by the Force under your direction to take Possession of any of the Settlements belonging to the Dutch within your Reach you will immediately order their Fortifications to be totally demolished such being the Instructions from home —

As probably most of the European Soldiers whom you may make Prisoners will be inclined to take Arms in our Service — it is to be wished that you should use your Endeavors for that purpose ordering care to be used in mixing them with our own Troops so that no Inconvenience can arise from the Measure —

We are

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Servant
Macartney &c. &c.

Fort St George
27th June 1781

The same to Vizagapatam
& Ganjam

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Knight of the Bath
and Commander in Chief of the —
Forces

Sir

In our address of yesterdays date

To Sir Eyre Coote
Directions to intercept

We

1556 Fort St George June 6 1781

em with Many
French Frigate
Plunder the Dpot
Masulipatam
Roads

We acknowledged the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Instant and shall now reply to such parts as require an answer —

Although we are fully sensible of the evil Consequences to be apprehended untyl Means be taken on for raising Money to pay the Troops — yet so destitute are we of any immediate Resources that we are totally unable to assist you at present — we have written to the Governor General and Council in the most favorable Terms and entertain Hopes of Receiving a Considerable Supply by the Nymph Sloop of War in which case you may depend on obtaining every assistance we can afford you and should we in the mean time be able to raise a Sum of Money on Loan or otherwise we shall not fail contributing all in our Power to the Relief of your Necessities —

Enclosed you will receive Duplicate of our Letter of the 26th Instant we have since learnt that Colonel Pearse's Detachment was within 15 Miles of Nellore on the 23d of this Month consequently he must have been there some days waiting your Instructions for his future Guidance —

By a Letter received from our Chief at Masulipatam we are informed that a French Privateer had anchored in the Roads under English Colours and after plundering on Board

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27 three others she sailed away standing to the
Northward two other Sail passed the Port to the
Northward one of which appeared to be a large
Ship - the Cuttamaran Men who had been on
board the Privateer mentioned their having been
told that the 2 abovementioned Vessels belonged to
them - the Crew of the Privateer is said to consist
of Europeans and Coffres - we have written to
Sir Edward Hughes Informing him of the above
Intelligence -

We shall forward by the Next
opportunity the orders for Promotion agreeably to
your Recommendation and in Compliance with
Your Request in behalf of Lieutenant Hugh Whelan
he shall be appointed to the Command of the new
Corps to the Southward vacant by the Death
of Lieutenant Burn.

your

We are

Fort St George
27th June 1781.

Sir Your Most obedt
Humble Servants
Macartney &c &c.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General and Council at
Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

We are Sorry to acquaint

To Bengal
advising of a

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French Frigate plundering the Vessels in Masulipatam Road.

27 you that by a letter received from our Chief at Masulipatam we are informed that a French Privateer had anchored in the Road under English Colours and after plundering one Vessel and damageing thru others she Sailed away standeng to the Northward - Two other Sail - paſsed the Port to the Northward much about the same time one of which appeared to be a large Ship - the Catamaran Men who had been on board the Privateer mentioned their having been told that the 2 abovementioned Vessels belonged to them - the Crew of the Privateer is said to consist of Europeans and Caffres, - we have thought it the more necessary to state these Circumstances to you as we understand it was your Intention to dispatch the Nancy Sketch with 3. Lacks of Rupees to Masulipatam for the Use of the Bengal Detachment it is possible the Privateers may be apprized of this as likewise that the Nymph Sloop of War was expected with Treasure. -

We are

Fort St George
27th June 1781

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Wm Hartley & C.

1569 Fort St George June 1781

27 Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney
Governor and President &c. Select Committee.

Honble Sir

From Chengleput Preparations to comply with the Orders of the Comm.

I have the Honor of receiving your Orders in chypher and will this afternoon take the Necessary Steps as far as is in my power for accomplishing yours and and the wishes of the Gentlemen of the Select Committee. — I am

Honble Sir

with great Respect

Your Obt Humble and
Obedient Servant

George Mackay
Capt Comt

Chengleput
27th June 1781.

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

Gentlemen

From Bombay the Garrison of Tellicherry ordered — formed necessary to detain Col. Brownes Detachment.

We enclose Triplicate of our last Letter dated the 30th Ultimo. —

We

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We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that since the date thereof We have been enabled by resources opened to us from Bengal to provide for the Support of the Garrison at Tellicherry and the admiral having at our earnest Requ postponed his departure for a few days to give us time to collect Troops and other requisites for the defence of the Place We now send under Convoy of the Fleet a compleat Relief for the Madras Detachment sewing there under the Command of Major Colgrave all of which will be transported to your Coast by the Fleet and the Ships We have appointed for that Service —

We are very happy that the Means have been put into our Hands of avoiding the discredit and other bad Consequences which would have ensued from abandoning the Place at this Juncture

The Royal Admiral and Royal Charlotte will assist in transporting Major Colgraves detachment to the Coast and We have given orders to the Commander to leave Madras on his return to this place on or before the 15th of June The Royal Charlotte is to proceed to China according to her destination —

It is out of our Power to return Colonel Brownes detachment by this Opportunity The Relief for Tellicherry being so suddenly drawn

Soon

1561 Fort St George June 1781

27 from General Goddards Army and Vindering new
Arrangements necessary which the Lateness of the
Season will not allow the Fleet to wait for, but we
expect to be able to return the whole by the —
Ponsborne Contractor and Duke of Portland. —

We have advices which We belive very
authentick of Hyder having sustained very materal
Loss by the Blowing up of his Magazine and Powder
Works at Bednure on the 2.d or 3.d of last Month

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servants

W Hornby

D. Draper

N. Hackhouse

Bombay Castle
26.th April 1781.

P.S

Enclosed are Duplicates of our Letters dated
the 15.th and 20.th February last also a Packet for the
Governor General and Council which We request —
may be forwarded with all possible Expedition, —

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney

29 Governor and President &.a &.c. Select Commtee

My Lord

I arrived here at 11 o'Clock this
Evening and intende to have a public Darbar —
in

From Capt. Brackey arrives at Trichinopoly writes to

Carnatic

1562 Fort St. George June 27th

Caranpoly for a Reconforcament

29 in the Morning early but from the apparent — infirmities of the 30.h Europeans I brought with me, and the backwardness of my new Recruits to Jallaw me and my Officers I have been obliged to write to Lieut. Andersan who Commands — Carranguly to send me 2 Guards of Europeans and 2 Companys of Grenadur Sepoys - I will return them to him the instant the Service is — over but without them it would be the Height of imprudence to attempt attacking a Place reported to me by Ensigns Lyon and Rubeth who have been in Command these Many — Months near Sadras to mount upwards of fifty Pieces of Cannon and Have only with me a Six and a three Pounder Their force consists of 40 Europeans and 17 Topasses with a Company of Sepoys and some Peons —

I have the Honor to be with — great Respect Your Lordships Most obedient and Very Humble Servant. —

George Mackay
Capt

Tritchoonum
27th June 1741

Received the following Letter from Bombay inclosing Extract from Sir Robert Ainslies Letter dated Constantinople 27th February

1563 Fort St. George June 1781.

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Select Committee

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President and Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

At Fort St. George

Gentlemen

From Bombay advising of a rupture with Holland, enclosing Extract of a letter from Sir Robert Ainslie received at Bussora — 54 Chests of Treasure arrived on the Royal Admiral.

We have been favoured with your — Letter of the 23d. of February —.

We now dispatch the Ranger Snow with Mr Eyles Irwin belonging to your Establishment who is charged with Packets from the Honble Company for your Presidency and — Fort William By advices received at the same time from Bussora we have certain Accounts of a Rupture having taken place with Holland and that Hostilities are actually commenced and we now transmit to the Admiral a — London Gazette published by Authority containing His Majesty's Manifesto and Order for Reprizals against the Dutch. We likewise transmit for your information Extract of a Letter from Sir Robert Ainslie his Majesty's Ambassador at the Porte to Mr Latouche the Resident at — Bussora dated the 27th of February last — containing an Account of the Captures made in consequence and other Articles of Intelligence

Hostilities now transmit

It being material that the — Presidency

1564 Fort St George June 1781.

29 Presidency of Fort Marlbro should be apprized
of this Intelligence we have directed the Commander
of the Ranger to proceed thither after Delivery
of his Dispatches at Madraſs. —

We request you will forward the
inclosed Packet to the Honble the Governor Generals

Upon the Arrival of the Duke of
Portland the Commander delivered 34 Chests of
Treasure out of 70 consigned to us by the
Governor Genral and Council and when we
called upon him for the Remainder he informed
us he understood the whole had been consigned
to General Goddard and that 36 Chests had
been landed and detained at Madraſs This
Procuding has occasioned much Inconvenience
and Distreſs to us as we had taken our Measures
with a Reliance on this Supply and as you
will have an opportunity by the Return of the
Royal Admiral we must request that you
will send round the remainder of the Treasure
by that Ship agreable to its original
Consignment by the Governor Genral & Council

We have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obt Humble Servts
W. Hornby
D. Draſher

Bombay Castle
8th June 1781

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29 Extract of a Letter from his Excellency Sir Robert Ainslie Embassador at the Porte — dated Constantinople the 27th of February 1781 and Recieved at Bussora the 2d May 1781. —

Extract from a Letter from Sir Robert Ainslie

I must refer you to my last Letter — dated the 25th Ultimo which from Mr Consul — Abbotts Accounts must have wached you ere now On the 5th Instant only Recieved his — Majestys most dignified Manifesto dated the 20th December and the Order in Council for Reprisals against the Dutch and by our last Letters from London dated the 11 Instant we had then taken Three Men of War of 50 54 and 60 Guns with two outward bound East India Men and nigh thru Hundred other Ships, Affairs in America wore a very favorable Aspect the Fleets in Europe in Port the French had made a Second Attempt on Jersey and were totally defeated with the loss of between Two and three Thousand Troops and all their Craft I flatter myself that this year will Produce many such Events and bring our — numerous Enemies to the full Conviction that their Alliance with his Majestys rebellious Subjects — in America was as much a Crime against — Sound Policy as it is a flagrant violation of Common Justice. The West India Islands — Indiscriminately

reached

wear

craft.

conviction

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29 indiscriminately have almost bin destroyed by a Hurricane Our Fleets have come of tolerably well and have a Clear superiority in those Seas I was too much hurried to enter upon Busines by last occasion since which / to my great disappointment none has offred which could be trusted

Bussora
6th May 1781

A true Copy
Samuel Manesty

A true Copy
Jas Hatley
Dep. Sec.

Recved the following Letter from Mr
Le Touche Resident at Bussarah.

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

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

By Eyles Irwin and John Smith
From Bussorah

forward Packets from England for the Bengal & Bengal by Mess. Eyles Irwin and John Smith

By Eyles Irwin and John Smith Esqrs I forward the inclosed packet to your address received from London the 2d Instant at the same time I have delivered packets for the two other Presidencies received also under that Date

I have requested those Gentlemen to deliver them to the Honble the Governor & Council of the First Presidency to which they may proceed

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29 unless they should meet a Company's Vessel bound to either of the others, and should think time will be saved by forwarding the Packets by her - in that case I have requested them to do so. -

Should the Packets for the other Presidencies come to your hands I am to request in pursuance of orders from the Honble Court of Directors that you will forward them thither with all possible dispatch. -

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Very Obedient Humble Servant

William Digges La Touche

Bussora
the 6th May 1781.

Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney
Governor and President &c. Select Committee

My Lord

From Captain Mackay with List of Stores & ordnance at Jadrag

Intelligence received this morning from Nandewash from Capt. Flint says that Tippoo Saib with a large detachment and 12 Guns was within a Seemelia of his Fort. - The Commanding Officer of Permacoil is also invested by the Enemy and his Fort exposed to a Seige. - Lieutenant Anderson apprehensive of being soon visited by a considerable

Party

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29 party of Horse and Foot would not spare me a
Man: Seing then my situation and that I was
exposed to have from a Body of Horse down upon
me to relieve the Dutch I had determined to
attack Sadras with the Small and unequal
Number I left Chinglepet with Accordingly I
arrived near this Place this afternoon at 6 Oclock
and immediately sent word to the Governor that
I had orders to attack and take his Fort in the
name of the Honble East India Company and
that if he did not send me out at 7 Oclock in
the Evening his Second and Comandant to
conduct me and the Troops under my Command
into his Fort I would, most certainly assault it
and cause him and his Garrison to repent their
obstinacy before morning — He was very unwilling
to give up his Fort even after I agreed to secure
him and his Garrison in a perfect security of
their private property and I fancy he would have
now'd every means to deceive me if I had not with
the most serious intention marched towards his walls
to escalade them On perceiving what I was about
he sent me out in a hurry his Second and Commandant
and I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that
I am now in quiet possession of Sadras — I have
the Honor to be Your Lordships

Sadras 4 Oclock
in the Morning
June 29th 1781

Most Obdt Humble Servant
George Mackay

1569 Fort St George June 8th 1781

29 A List of Servants at the Factory of —
Madras 29th June 8th 1781

James Peter De Neys Chief
James Simons ——— 2d
Cornelis Jan Muspidar Suntary
Jan Jan Haineg Surgeon
Adrian Jan Adair Capt of Port
Hendrick Raimans Chaplain
Solomon Masonir —— Assistant
Thomas De Lange —— Do
Jan Mehtle —— Do
James Baptist Bomardier Comm.

4 Serjeants	4
Corporals	3
Gunners	2
Soldiers and	42
Sailors	3
Total	64

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I spoyse all Deserted and in fact good for —
Nothing —

George Mackay

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1870 Fort St George June 1791.

29 A Return of Ordinances &c

Military Stores taken at Sundras —

29th June 1791 —

Iron Ordinance

12	Pounders	Mounted on Carriages	7
8	Do	Do	8
6	Do	Do	7
4	Do	Do	3

Brass Ordinance

4	Pounders	Mounted on Carriages	2
			27

12 Pound Shot		344
8 Do	Do	632
6 Do	Do	810
4 Do	Do	500
4 Inch Shells Filled		32
Cohorns in Beds		2
Spare Gun Carriages		3
Wheels for Do		6
Spring Sacks		2
Stand of Arms with Bayonets		150
Bayonet Scabbards		96
Bandeliers		132
Musket Slings		116
Country Pouches		192 —

Cut

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29 Cut Cases	150
Do Scabbards	182
Flints in Boxes	1
Drums	5
Slings for Do	1
Hand Pikes	58
Gun Powder in Chests 1000 lbs	3
12 Pound Cartridges filled	73
8 Do	106
6 Do	95
4 Do	81
Copper Powder Measures	4
Do Funnels	1
Sponge Staffs	53
Handspikes	50
Wooden Gauges &c	1
Iron Crows	2
Wooden Cartridge Boxes	14
Do Fill'd with Powder	6
Ladles with Rawhooks	5
Iron hand Granades filled	302
Damag'd Do in Casks	2
Copper Cartridge Cases	4
1 Small Chest containing Ball and Blount Cartridges	

George Mackay
Capt. Com.t

Rec.d 7 January
Pay.t

To

1512 Fort St George June 1781

To the 29 Honble The President and
Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Wandewash with Intelligence of Tippoo Saibs advancing to besiege that Place

Within this Hour intelligence have been brought of 7000 Infantry a large body of Cavalry and 12 Guns under Tippoo Saib being within six Miles of this place to besiege it every opportunity shall be imbraced to inform you more particularly

I am
Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Most obedient and Hble
Humble Servant
W. Flint

Wandewash
2d June 1781

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
Presidt and the Select Committee

Sir and Sirs

From Carangoly the Works thereof repairing Tippoo Saib advancing to besiege Wandewash

I have received your Letter by your Secretary informing me of the Arrival of your Lordship what instructions I may from time to time receive shall be punctually attended to in my power I am employed with the Help of Mr Wilkins in putting the Fortifications in as good a state of defence as we can I this day received Letters from Captain Flint informing me that Tippoo Saib was in full March and had approached very near with a large

1573 Fort St George June 1781

29 Large Army to Besiege Wandewash there are Large
and Numerous partys of the Horse Round Pirmacool

Sir and Sirs

Carrangooly
28th June 1781

With respect your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Wm Anderson

Duplicate

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqrs
President and Governor and the Select Committee
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs and Sirs

From Tschinopoly with Intelligence respecting the Enemy

I did myself the Honor to write to you
in Cypher the 27th April and sent a Duplicate of
the same the day following I also wrote on the 8th
Instant and acquainted you what we had done
regarding the Tomin Rajah a large Body of the
Enemys Forces appeared near this place the 17th Instant
and encamped at Sameavaram on the North Side
of the Coloroon where they remained three days burning
and plundering all round them but durst not inter
the Island of Seringham where we kept a Strong
Post they since moved off towards Carroor whilst
they remained here several deserters came over to us
and some few Plunderers were taken these we have
put in Chains upon the Works and keep to hard
Labour

1774 Fort St George June 8th 81.

29 labour together with all Hyders Spies who have
fallen into our hands this mode of threatment I
thought preferable to cutting off their Ears and —
Noses the Enemy appeard this day at 11 o'clock in
great force from the Eastward and incampes at
Lalguddy about nine Miles distant it looks as
if they meant to try this place we shall know in
a day or two Hyders approach so near and the
consternay of the Bramans of Seringham who
openly assaild some of the Nabobs people and
declared Hyder to be their protector induced me to
withdraw the Guns from that Post - another —
reason was not having Troops to Maintain both
that and warriore; nevertheless we still keep some —
Troops there. The Raja of Ramnad who has great
prospect of a welcome reception in his own Country
marches this very day. I have Gun recpetable to
spare him two Guns and two Companys which
at such a time is scarcely to be ventured but as
we may derive supplies both of Men and to —
money soon from that Country I run the risk and
hope soon to hear of his safe arrival and to inform
you of the good effects of his restoration. —
Trichinopoly 22d May 1781. —

I have Delayed two days to forward

Your

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By you this Letter in hopes of being able to give some satisfactory accounts of the Enemy who are incamped on the North side of the River extending from — Satgaddy towards Samiavetam where they remain quiet and without any apparent design against this Fort — We hear for certain that Hyder is now at amble half way between Satguddy and Trimlavady Seduced by the hopes of bringing over a Commandant Tomboo Naig from Hyder a Poor man was sent — with a Letter to him to the Terroor Country whom he betrayed and sent to Hyder who cut the Brains ear Nose off and sent him back to Me — The Country of Terroor is given to a relation of the Reddy's and Hyders Troops meet no resistance — Balawntarow took the Pagoda of Srayam Nath by Coul and — afterwards delivered it up to be plundered — no faith or reliance can be put on their words or Oaths 24th May 1781. — The Enemy remain still near us and have not made any motion as if they meant to attack this place the river is very full for this — season of the year which is fortunate as it saves — Seringham from any attempts and must greatly impede and retard any attempts upon us — the — Bramens have come to a better way of thinking and deny one half of what they said and did — The Troops of this garrison are two Months in Arrears and without a Prospect of relief discontents must insue —

Samiavetam

Satguddy,

met

made

deny

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Trichinopoly
28th May 1741

I remain with respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most faithful Humble Servant

Eules Nixon

Received the following Report of
the Committee of Stores with enclosures

Fort St George 22d June 1741

At a Committee of Stores Present

Major George Maule
Captain John Kennedy
Bryan Scottney Esq.

Minutes of last Committee Read and approved

Minutes of Committee of Stores

The Governor having submitted to the Committee the expediency of Complying with an Indent for 1500 Barrels of Powder wanted at Bombay, Resolve to send them one half from this Place and recommend to the Select Committee to write to Bengal to send the remainder of the Indent by the first opportunity and at the same time beg leave to observe that nothing could induce them to spare so much from this Garrison but the possibility of the great want they may be in of Powder at Bombay —

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29 A Report of the State of the Gun Powder accompanies this

The Commissary of Stores Lays before the Committee a List of Stores wanted for the Garrison of Vellore which the Committee recommend may be Complied with as specified by the Commissary of Stores

The Commissary of Stores Lays before the Committee the following Papers

1st An Account of Mortar Beds broke up and Iron work delivered to the Contractors

2d Report of Guns Received from the Nabobs 2d Regiment of Cavalry the 16th December 1780

3d Tints received from Capt. Moorhouse in December 1780.

1st Tints received from different Corps in the Month of January 1781.

5th Tints received from 1st Madras Batt Sepoys in the Month of Febry 1781

6th Tints received from Mogul Cavalry in the Month of March 1781

7 Lgts

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List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeper in the Month of October 1710 and the Seven following Months —

Examined the accompanying List & Rec'd of Gun Carriages and Mortar Beds —

George Maule
John Kennedy
B: Scottney

Remains of Gunpowder in Fort St George until the 20th June 1711

	Cartridge Cartridge	Do	Ball Shot	Bengal Cartridge	Bengal Cartridge	Country
Barrels	100 lb	60 lb	50 lb	100 lb	100 lb	60 lb
Gunpowder	786	3283	41	260	400	1863

Remains of Gunpowder

The Whole made into 60 lb Barrels 7590
Deficient of the Complement 7410
Total 15000

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29 List of Gun Carriages and Mortar Beds

List of Gun Carriages —

Mortar Beds 10. Inch Riw - - - 2
8. Do - - Do - - - - 10.
5½. Do - - Do - - - - 12

Carts with Platforms Riw. - - - - - - - 29
Carts with Bolsters Riw - - - - - - - - 10.

Beg leave to Remark that the above Mortar Beds are increased in Length and Breadth in Proportion to the difference betwixt Oak and Teak, according to the Demensions given by the Commissary of Stores. —

List of Stores wanting for the Garrison of Vellore June 15th 1781.

List of Stores for Vellore —

Grape Shot
Bottoms. 12. Pdr. 40.
6. Do. 90.
3. Do. 200.
Filled Tubes 12. Pdr. 400.
6. Do. 1200
3. Do 1400
Cartridge Pouches - - - 1000.
Bayonet Belts - - - - 1000.
Scabbards - - - - - 1000
Cartridge Paper - Qr 1400
Steel - - - - - Md. 6. steel.
Europe Rope 4/ Inch Circ. 4.
3/. Do Do. 6.

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29	2½ Inch		8
Coir Rope	5½ Inch	Co.	4
	4½	Do	6
	4	Do	"
	3½	Do	6
	3	Do	"
	2½	Do	8
	1½	Do	20
Loose fair		Ca.	1
Barrels for Ammunition			200
Wax Cloth		P.	50
Brown cloth for Cartridge Bag			70
Quick Match		A.	40
Country Coir Match		Lt.	500
Bengal Twine		Lt.	50
Whip Cord or Log Line		Lt.	10
Junk		Cad.	1
Chalk		A.	100
Spung Tacks		A.	20
Rattans		Bund.	20
Cylendar Paper		Do.	30
Pinchers for Tubes		Pr.	10
Claw Hammers			10
Small Scissors		Pr.	20
Flannel		P.	2
Rasps for Fuzes			10
Solder for straping Shells			10
Borax		lb.	2
Axes			10
Pick Axes			10
Hatchets			20
Saws large			20
Do. Small			2
Files of Sorts		Doz.	6
Europe Match		Lt.	12
Europe Fine Match			20
Europe Coarse Match			"

Long cloth

None in Store

Do.

To

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21 Dispatched the following Letter to —

Sir Eyre Coote —

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

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote advising of the — Detachment being detained at Bombay Bengal Detachment arrives at Nellore on the 14th of that Detachment

By the Royal admiral which arrived here the 26th Instant we received a Letter from the — Select Committee at Bombay acquainting us of its being out of their power to return Colonel — Browns Detachment by that opportunity owing to the Relief for Tellicherry being so suddenly drawn from General Goddard's Army and rendering New Arrangements necessary which could not be — completed before the departure of the Squadron — the Committee add however that they expect to be able to Return the whole Detachment by the Pondborne Contractor and Duke of Portland but by private Information received by the Ranger which arrived here last night we understand that the Select Committee Mean to incorporate all the Non-Commissioned and Private European belonging to Colonel Browns Detachment with — the Troops under General Goddard sending back the officers together with Captain Walkers Battalion to this Coast by the abovementioned Ships — The

Ranger.

Ranger

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2d Ranger brought us a letter from the Select Committee of the 8th Inst which makes no Mention whatever of Colonel Browns Detachment so that we cannot place entire Dependance on the above Report —

We have the pleasure to learn by an Extract of a Letter from Sir Robert Ainslie ambassador at the Porte that the last advices he had received from London dated 11th February mention one having taken 3 Men of War of 50, 54 and 60 Guns with 2 outward bound Indiamen and near 300 other allied Ships belonging to the Dutch —

We are in hopes to hear that you have had it in your Power to give Notice to Capt Eddington of Hostilities having commenced against the States General so that he may act against the Dutch Settlements in the Neighbourhood of Palamcotah particularly Tuticorin a place of little strength where we understand they have 100 German Troops but for all particulars relative to Operations against the Dutch we beg leave to refer to the Company's Instructions sent to you in Cypher in our Letter of the 26th Instant —

The Bengal Detachment arrived at Nellore the 26th Instant where it will remain until you send Instructions to Colonel Pearse concerning the Route you wish he should take in proceeding to the Southward — we are the more anxious to be made acquainted with the Plan you may have formed

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29 Formed for its future Movements not only as we
fear that by remaining any length of Time at
Nellore it will be difficult to supply it with
Provisions but because the Season is now arrived
when heavy Rain may be expected and such is the
Nature of the Soil, a great part of the way from
Nellore to Madras that it requires but little Rain
to make the Roads almost impossible for heavy
Artillery - This is a Circumstance worthy of Attention

A Letter received this day from
Captain Flint dated 28th June mentions his having
just had Intelligence that 7000 Infantry a large
body of Cavalry and 12 Guns under Tippoo Saib
were advanced within 6 Miles of Wandewash with
an Intention to besiege it -

We are

Fort St. George
29th June 1781

Sir Your Most obedient
Humble Servant
Macaulay &c

Received the following Letter from Captain
30th William Flint -

To the Honble the President and Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Morning the enemy encamped three
Miles on the South side of the Fort under Tippoo Saib a Few
Horse are moving round the Fort by which 5000 Inhabitants
are prevented leaving the Pettah - I am

From Wandewash
invested by Tippoo Saib

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your &c.
William Flint

Wandewash
29 June 1781.

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Received the following Letter from
Sir Eyre Coote —

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

Gentlemen

From Sir Eyre Coote represents his Distress for Bullocks on the subject of Capt. Clifton's appt as Major — on the Bengal Establishment inclosing Copies of — Letter from Major and Packet with Account of the Attack on Chillumbram. Hyder approaches with his Army

I have had the Honor to receive by the Conveyance of his Majestys Squadron which — Came to an Anchor in the Roads of Porto Novo on the 24th your Letter of the 13th Instant —

The constant personal attendance which I have found Necessary to give to this Army since marching it from Newtown on the 16th in the Morning and the Desire I had of being able to acquaint you of the accomplishments of one or other of the Objects which induced my Moving to this quarter have occasioned the long interval in my — communications relative to its operations. —

After the comment which you have been Pleased to Make in the first paragraph of your — Letter on the Subject of the Draft and Carriage Cattle it can be of no avail my entering upon a detail of the delay and impediments which — were created by their insufficiency I shall only observe that we were eleven hours in Marching three Miles and that we did not get across the Pillar until the 13th at Noon, whereas had we

Even

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30 been able to make the Common marches we
should have crossed the preceding Day at the
same time I cannot in justice to my self Conclude
this Subject without taking the Liberty of referring
you to a perusal of the first and second Letters
I had the Honor to address you after I marched
the Army from the Mount in which I believe
it will be found that at that early period I
informed you of both the Losses and impediments
which were sustained from the badness of the
Draught and Carriage Cattle whether or not all
future inconveniences arising therefrom should be
judged of by that original proof I leave it to
the impartial part of the World to determine

With respect to Captain Clifton's
appointment to the Rank of Major it was not
my meaning when I referred his application
to your Consideration that he should supercede
any of those officers who now command here I
therefore entirely agree with you in his rank
being regulated in the Manner you point out.

Since you have thought Proper to
grant a Brevet Commission of Major to Captain
Donald Mackay during the time he may
continue to Serve on the Malabar Coast being
that he is junior to Capt. Kennedy I esteem it
as nothing more than a justice due his length

Of

of Services that he should also have a brevet
30 Majority granted him but not in any shape
in prejudice to the Rank of Captain Clephane

Untill the Bengal Detachment
shall absolutely have arrived at Nellore and I
shall have received advice thereof from the Officer
in Command informing me of its present State
and Condition it is impossible for me to say
what Service it ought to be employed on, and
whether it should act Separately or in conjunction
with the Army - The recovery of Arcot I have
ever considered as an object of great importance
but the Movements of Hyders Main Army
must be my chief guide in giving directions
regarding that or any other Military Operation
to be undertaken by the Bengal Detachment
In the interim and until I receive the Necessary
Information from the Commanding officer after
his arrival at Nellore of the condition and
Strength of his Force I would recommend until
the orders which might be sent in consequence
should reach him, that the two thousand Cavalry
which were and I suppose have joined him from
the Rajah of Berar be employed in collecting
in grain &c. from the Country and thereby
form a grand Magazine of Provisions at Nellore
as it is the only Place which I know we have
to look towards for the Support of the two Armies

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in the event of their forming a Junction —

I enclose for your information Copies of
30 the latest Letters which I have received from —
Tanjore and Trichinopoly — you will observe the
disagreeable misfortune which has befallen —
some of our Troops at the former Place and if
there is any truth in the repeated informations
I have for these several days past had brought
me a similar misfortune has happened to Some
Companies of Seapoys which were Stationed at a
Post no great distance from the latter —

I have in the former part of this —
X Letter acquainted you that the Army crossed the
Vellar on the 18th at Noon and incamped on the
South bank about three Miles distant from —
Chillambrum — Tending that the Enemy was
no where in considerable Force near it and —
knowing the important acquisition the place —
would be of to us if carried by the very ample —
Supply it would give us of Grain &c. as well
as the very favorable Effect it would have on —
our Affairs in general and being encouraged from
the Intelligence I had daily received and that it
would make but a faint resistance Resolved
to Attack it that evening and as I had no —
battering train to endeavour to carry it by a
Coup de Main before the Enemy could arrive to

Finding

the

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30 As Support — Tending by my information the
Strength of the Garrison exceeded by 500 Men
the Numbers which I had previous to my arrival
been told they consisted of I ordered a Strong
Detachment upon the Service composed of
four Battalions with two Twelves and four-
Six pounders and two Howitz — About dusk
the Detachment arrived at the Pettah Wall
within about one hundred yards of the Gateway
from whence the Enemy fired a few Muskets
but they abandoned it upon a Shot being fired
from one of our Six pounders — Having by this
Means obtained a free access into the Pettah
the Troops entered with great Spirit and pushed
on with a briskness even beyond my wishes
to the Second Pettah which incompassed the-
Fort within about a hundred yards of the Wall-
— On their approach they were Saluted with a
very hot fire of Musketry, which was continued
without Intermission and likewise a fire by Small
fire from their Cannon Howeve the Latter were
pointed too high and did but little damage —
The Troops with great resolution having forced
the gate of the Second Pettah proceeded on with
a twelve Pounder to the first gate of the Fortress
which and the Second were with Much difficulty
burst open and when advancing to the third —

and

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30 and principal gate the Thatched Houses in the
Traverse were fired either intentionally or by
accident which alarmed the assailants to that
degree as to induce them to retire The officers
excepted whose bravery in general I cannot speak
sufficiently in praise of, but who finding them-
selves unsupported were necessarily obliged to
come off — when I have more leisure and forward
to you a Return of our Losses on this occasion —
I shall then do that Justice to the officers which
they merit by particularly recording their
Names - whilst the assault was going on we
fired Several Shot from our Guns and Threw
a Number of Shells which for the time obliged
the Enemy to slacken in their fire but so soon
as they perceived We had withdrawn from the
assault they received it with the same briskness
as before Point to Camp for the European Grenadiers
and the two Eighteen pounders intending where to have
prosecuted the Assault but apprehending from
the Numbers in the Garrison which from the
report of some prisoners we took were said
to be near three thousand and that the —
Seapoys from their being much fatigued as
well from their March in the Morning as
the Harrassment during the Night Night
perhaps not have cooperated with the Necessary
Spirit

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30 Spird and the Europeans be left to Sustain the
whole Burthen of the Apparell Determined to
draw off the Troops and either to Seize a Bro
favorable opportunety for reniewing it or to wait
the arrival of the Battering Cannon which have
Since come on Coard the Superb and to renew
which with their Stores as well as to obtain a
Supply of Provisions which by the Assistance of
Paddy we found in the Pettah of Chellumbrum
had been made to serve us until the 24th in the
Morning I then reinforced the Cellar and came
to my present Encampment — On the 25th
the Morning Went on board the admiral with
an Intention to Settle with him regarding our
future Plan of operations the first News he
communicated to me which indeed Alarmd
from Letters he sent me the preceding Evening
was the Arrival of Lord Macartney to take upon
him the Government of Madras and the certainty
of a Dutch War and the Orders which had
arrived from the Government and the Court of
Directors to commence Hostilities against them
in this Country — The Admiral
Proposed to me with the assistance of a
Detachment from the Army to Make a Descent
upon Negapatam which Offered opened to us
a Successful a Prospect of many Advantages and

30 and I should not have been averse to Making
the Trial but that I saw if it was not accomplished
within Twelve days the Army would be without
a Morsel of Provisions It was therefore ultimately
agreed to that in order to secure that great —
Essential we should first reduce Chillumbrum
in which Proceeded from Sir Edward the Most
obliging asurances of every assistance in his —
Power to afford — Accordingly the Four Eighteen
Pounders with their Stores were Landed and
the Business of Fascines which had been —
before begun was in great forwardness On my
Return on Shore in the Evening a Sipsy who
was formerly in our Service and had been taken
Prisoner in the Tanjore Country Made his Escape
and brought us the Intelligence of Hyders being
within a few Miles of us. Wishing to have this
Report Confirmed by some of our own People I —
sent Numbers out all around In the Interim
ordered Rice to be Landed with all Expedition
there being then not above one day on Shore —
During the whole day of the 26th we had no —
positive Confirmation of the Preceding days —
Intelligence but about Midnight I had News
brought me that I could depend upon. I therefore
judge it expedient to Call a Council of War
to have the opinion of the General Officers as

to

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judged

30 to what should be the Plan of operations to-
be in the then Situation of the Enemy pursued
As the Constant attention now Necessary in
making the Arrangements for an Action in case
the Enemy should chuse to Come to one puts
it out of my Power to furnish you with every
particular which came under Consideration in
the Council of War I must beg the favour of you
to Accept for your present Information Copy of a
Letter which I wrote to Sir Edward Hughes
in Consequence and of his Answer —

I have since written to him requesting
of him to Continue in his present Station until
the Issue of the Movement I am about to make
is known and which must come to a Crisis
in the Space of two or three days provided he
can March Tomorrow which I wish to do and
which I shall most certainly do if all the
Superfluous Baggage can be Embarked and the
Rice got on Shore of which there is still at least
a third to Come — If I may be allowed to
judge from Appearances Hyder Means to
engage us, Nothing therefore can now be thought
of but trying our Strength in the Field in
if we Come off Victorious which I trust and
hope we shall we may yet surmount

our

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30 our present Distresses —

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Camp Near Porto Novo

the 28th June 1781.

Humble Servant

Eyre Coote

To Sir Edward Hughes K: B

Rear Admiral of the Red &c &c

Porto Novo Roads

Dear Sir

The Intelligence which I received —
in the Course of last Night confirming in so strong
a Manner my former Accounts of Hyders being
in very considerable Force betwixt this and Cuddalore
and of his Undertaking an Attack upon that —
Place I was induced to call a Council of War
this Morning and to state to the General and
Field officers then a Minding my own Views the
present Position of the Enemy's Main Army —
and the Proposition you did me the Honor to
make to me regarding an attack upon Negapatam
acquainting them at the same time of the obliging
Assurances you had given me of every Coaperation
from the Fleet which you could with consistency
afford and with a due Regard to the Plan which

the

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30 the present State of affairs rendered it necessary
for you to lay down for its operations —

I take this opportunity of acquainting
you that they are unanemously of opinion that
the Army as soon as it can be equipped with
four days Rice and the heavy and superfluous
Baggage belonging to it embarked on Board
the Ships and Boats now at Porto Novo should
move towards the Enemy with a View to bring
on a general Action and to protect Cuddalore
they also gave it as their opinion that until
this Movement is accomplished Sir Edward
Hughes should be requested to send some part
of the Squadron to cover that place and insure
it being hard pressed by the Enemy before the
Army shall have arrived to its Relief to land
some Men for its support adding that their
Presence there might be much wanted incase
of any Accident happening to the Army — that
on the Contrary if Successful in an Action we
should then be at full liberty to give you
every assistance necessary against Negapatam
or any other place which in Consequence of the
Rupture with Holland are now became national
Objects —

So far as concerns the first point the
furnishing of the Army with four days Rice I have

ordered

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30 ordered all the Boats which can be collected at
Porto Novo to be employed in bringing Sixteen
hundred Bags from the Success Galley but which
I am afraid will prove a Tedious Job unless you
may be able to expedite it by some assistance from
the Boats of the Fleet which I am perswaded you
will readily grant if in your power the more especially
when I assure you that every hour the March of
the Army may now be delayed may be attended
with the most serious Consequences and defeat
the Prospect which there appears of bringing the
Enemy to a general Engagement —

With respect to any part of the Squadron
proceeding to Cuddalore is a point which must
entirely rest with yourself to determine upon —
All I shall say is that their assistance may be
greatly wanted and without their Countenance
bad Consequences may insue — However I hope —
every thing will turn out agreeable to our Mutual
Wishes and that the load of Publick Concern which
we are both destined at present to bear will be
speedily lightened — I have the Honor to be with
very sincere Regard and Esteem — Dear Sir
Your Very Obedient and
faithful Humble Servant
[Signed] Eyre Coote

Camp Near Porto Novo
27th June 1781.

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To Sir Eyre Coote K. B &c &c

Dear Sir

I am honored with your Letter of
today by the Return of the officers who was the
Bearer of mine to you announcing my Intention
to proceed with his Majesty's Squadron under
my Command to an eligible Station to the Southward

The Accompanying Copy of hasty
Orders issued to the Captains of the Squadron the
Instant your Letter came to hand will I doubt
not convince you how earnest I am to effect
what you wish respecting the four days Rice
for the Army and the Military Stores you may
intend to embark here, and I will have no
doubt my orders will be obeyed with alacrity
and dispatch

So soon as that is effected I will
detach a part of the Squadron to Cuddalore Road
for the Purpose of covering that Place until
the Arrival of the Army and request of you
to make me acquainted with every occurrence
that you judge Necessary for me to know

I am with great Regard & Esteem
Dear Sir
Your Most Obedt &
Most humble Servant
Hugh Edwards Vaughan

Superb in Porto Novo
Road the 27th June 1781

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30th Mem.o The Admiral directs that the Captains of the Several Ships of the Squadron do immediately get their long Boats out and send them with all the towing Boats of the Ship to Cade Rice on Board the Ship Succefs Galley now under Nabobs Colours and to land it on Shore at Porto Novo with the utmost Expedition —

That the Long Boats of the several Ships on landing the Rice do receive whatever Military Stores may be offered to them when on Shore, and carry the Same on Board the Succefs Galley and there receive another lading of Rice to be immediately landed and other Military Stores brought off on Returning from the Shore and so on, untill the Quantity of Rice wanted is landed and all the Military Stores sent to the landing Place are embarked on the Succefs Galley or if need be on the Company's Snow Intelligence and other Vefsels now in this Road —

The Admiral adds that he Hopes the Captains will employ such officers on this Service as are most capable and to be depended on for this Prefsing and imminent

Service

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30 Service as on the officers activity, and Diligence
at this very critical Juncture — Much depends

Superb in Porto Novo
Read the 27th June 5781

Copy Attested
Arthr Cuthbert
Secy

To Lieutent General Sir Eyre Coote K.B
&c &c &c

Sir

Hyder still remains in Camp near the Anacutah and thought proper to come with a Large Force to Sringham the 5th Instant to View this Fort, we spoiled his Reconoitring with a 20 ℔ Shot it grazed in front of his party — which was drawn up on the bank of the Cuvy in the Poland near opposite to Chercarpollam our guns on this side a little Lighter up reached him very well and I am truly informed he — was very near being nicked by a Shot which grazed under the Bamboo of his Palankin and covered him all over with Sand, at the first — appearance of the Enemy I neither knew their Views or remembrop and could not for that reason venture to attack — of Tondemans people 100 Men were in the Poland of whom about 14 were Killed and taken Eleven of the latter returned without — Ears and Nose in this Manner the Barbarians conquer Countries Post Pondie your Havcarrah who carried a Letter from me of the 21st Ultimo —

Coop Tonadee

Yours

1599 Fort St George June 6th 1781.

30 was betrayed by a Village Man of Mootapollam
near Cuddalore who delivered him up with the
Letter to Hyder it contained no great Secrets
but Ponadu returned to me without his Ears —
I wish greatly to Retaliate upon the Pindarees
On the 2d of large Convoy of Provisions from the
Westward which I had heard the Enemy —
greatly wanted arrived it was too well guarded
for us to attempt any thing against it — Great
Number of Recruit Horses have also arrived and
many Saddlers and some boats are made of the
Bamboo which grew on the Arnaud Ah Mr
Coke who was in Pandanalore has ban sent
to Serengapatam with a Serjeant 13 Gunners
36 Seapoys 251 Boys and 30 Girls Prisoners —
together with five Soldiers deserters from Cuddalore
I have Received a Letter from Lacky Naick one
of the Western Polygars Mentioning that he is
ready to join the English with all the Force he
can collect — Enclosed I send you Letter from
Sondiman which arrived yesterday and which
for the convenience of packing up in a Small
compass I stripped of its original Cover; —
I have the Honor to Remain
Sir Your Most faithful and
Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Eyles Nixon

Trichinopoly
10th June 1781

P.S.

1600 Fort St George June 1781

P.S.

30 I have Received Intelligence of Hyders having Recalled his heavy guns which had marched to Attoure and that the Seige of Tyagar is talked of as a Matter of fact in Hyders Camp. —

To Sir Eyre Coote K. B
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir

Since I was honored with your information of the Army's being to move on the Night of the 27th No Letter from Camp has reached this nor have any tidings by Hircarrahs of the Army further than Friday. The Bazar Reports are unfavorable in Regard to Tyagar but I would rather wait to believe the reports of One single Man who asserts that he went with the Army as far Tyagar which was of course Relieved The Enemy Since he visited us the 1st Instant has made two Coals to Trichinopoly and I should suppose Means to Possess himself of Seringham having collected a Number of boats near his Camp and having prepared Seven heavy guns to cross and ordered a large Body of Troops in Readiness with Six days Provisions to be transported to the South Side of the River The Rajah certainly has a Cabinet with Hyder but denies it and the Latter Seems to have come to a true understanding

of
visits

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30 understanding with all Men of any consequence
to the Southward —

I have the Honor to be with the
greatest Respect —

Sir Your Most Obedient Servant

Tanjore 11th June 1781. /Signed/ John Brathwaite

To Sir Eyre Coote K. B.
Commander in Chief
&c &c &c

Sir

I have been honored with your Letters
of the 26th Ultimo and you may depend upon it
that Nothing in my power shall be wanting
to give you good Accounts from the Southward
that I have not been idle considering the —
Narrow compass upon which I am obliged to
act will I hope appear to you. I had the honor
to inform you under date 31st Ultimo of an —
Attempt made from hence of which Letter I now
send a Duplicate, this attempt brought Hyder —
himself again over the Colleroon with a large
Force and falling of our Detachment he fell —
most unexpectedly before day Light/ the 1st —
instant/ upon an out Post where I had stationed
the remnant of the Nabobs Battalion with a
three pounder to cover the arrival of Provisions

fell

the

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30 the post was very defensable but they soon
found for their Ammunition to hold long
Lieut Samson with a small party and Communicated
to them and sent out Captain Alcock and a
Gun to Sustain them or to cover their retreat
but the Commandant / the European officers Mr
Godfrey being wounded in Tanjore / divided
into three parties and attempted to fight his
way to the Fort, a very large body of Horse
charged the flanks of the party with their gun
under the fire of two heavy guns from the Fort
which reached them, cut down many of the Men
and Carried off the guns to Hyder who was
in Bulchanahs Garden and he moved
directly with the whole to the River
recrossed the Colleroon the 2d in the Morning
at two o'clock the other parties of the Battalion
took Coul and Service Buried 17 of
Killed and ninety two came in to Cuddalore
and are now in the Hospital — are
unhurt but without Arms or cloths in the
whole they were about 400 The Force which
surrounded them was about 4000 Horse 2000
irregular Foot and Hyder was a little way
behind with 5 Battations and some more Horse
120 of Hyders People were buried in Bulchanas
garden 30 of his Horse lay dead upon the spot

1603 Fort S. George June 8th.

post

30 Near the Post and they lay scattered in two's
and Threes for Several Miles on his March in
Thru was taken and brought into the Fort and
I am told he lost Many Men and Horses in
Recrossing the River which was breast high and
rapid and he was obliged to cover his Fording
place by two lines of Elephants drawn a cross
the River, he has ordered 2 or 3000 Horse to Cover
round this Fort and the Detachment he have
in this Country from Combiconnum to
Pondanalore 20 Miles further off and a much
better Fort than Shau Cottah about two Miles
from the Colleroon and there I understand he
means to assemble his Boats He has ordered
Mahomet Aley Commandant with five
Battalions to Chillumbrum and will I am
told march with the Force he now has with
him / chiefly Horse / this Evening to Volcondapooram
Hope very soon / having dispatched Orders to
Colonel Nixon Capt Eidingtown and Capt
Gibbings / to give you good Accounts of the
Force he leaves here. the lesser Forts and
indeed all the Southern Countries, having
Ventured to open a Negociation with the
Several Polygars under the Sanction of your
Authority

1604 Fort St George June 5th 1781

Authority —

30

I have the Honor to Remain —
with the greatest Respect, —

Tanjore

Sir
Your Most Obd Servt

Supposed

Supported 5th June 1781

/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Macartney
Ord. to Col. Pearse
Mr. Williams.

1605 Fort St George July 1721

1.st Dispatched the following Letter.

To Major John Elphinston

Sir

To Major Elphinston
admits him to proceed
with a detachment, for
the purpose of reducing
Pullicat

In consequence of Hostilities having been com-
menced against the States General of the United Provinces,
We desire that you will proceed forthwith to Pullicat with the
Detachment now first under your command, for the purpose
of taking possession of that Settlement, which we doubt
not you will do in the speediest manner, and on the conditions
most favorable to our Interests —

We have a perfect reliance
on your exertions, and on the secrecy, quickness and prudence
of your measures.

It is our Intention that you should
immediately demolish the Fortifications if you find it prac
ticable, but if otherwise, you will leave such Garison as may
be sufficient to prevent the sudden seizure of the Fort by
the Enemy — You will take care to send to Fort St George
such Stores and Provisions as you can find means of convey-
ing to us — All Military Stores which cant be brought away
are to be destroyed, lest they should hereafter fall into the
hands of the Enemy.

It is probable that of the
Soldiers whom you make Prisoners, many may be in-
duced to bear Arms in our Service, and we desire that
you will use your Endeavors for that purpose in relation
to such as you think eligible to be employed — You
will transmit the remainder to this place in the manner
you —

1606 Fort St George July 1781.

1st You judge most prudent. These Services we trust that you will be able to accomplish without much difficulty or Danger, as soon as they are performed, you will return to this Garison without delay.

We have expressed to you our general Sentiments on the Object entrusted to your care, but we wish to give you a latitude, and leave to your discretion to act on the present occasion according to such Circumstances as may arise in the course of your proceedings.

Two twelve Pounders and some other Stores which may be wanted for the Service we send on board the Carolina Snow to be at your disposition.

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servants

Macartney

&c Select Committee

Fort St George
1st July 1781

To the Honble Hen Stuart Esqr
President and Governor &c Select Committee
at
Fort Marlborough

Gentlemen

To Bencoolen arriving of the Arival of Lord Macartney - sends them some Prisoners

On the 22d Instant the Right Honble George Lord Macartney arrived here from England on the Ship Swallow, and immediately took his Seat as President and Governor of Fort St George agreeably to his Appointment from the Honble Court of Directors.

Enclosed

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1st

Enclosed we transmit to you a List of Europeans and Black Prisoners embarked on board the Ranger Lieutenant Hugh Stephenson Jervis Commander. Most of these Men were sent from the Army with a request from Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote that they might be embarked for Bencoolen to serve on that Establishment which we have complied with, Conceiving they may in different ways be made useful at the same time that the separating them from their Connexions will prove a suitable Punishment. In exception to this however we have permitted the Wife and Children of Francis King to accompany him.

The last letter we received from General Coote was dated 28th Ultimo at Camp near Porto Nove. he mentions that they Army was within a few Miles, and to judge from Appearances that a General Action might be expected in two or three days.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Macartney
&c Select Committee

Fort St. George.
1st July 1781.

Received the following Letters

2
Honble Charles Smith Esq
Governor

Fort St. George
Sir

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2 Sir

From Col. Pearse has part Engle two Batt. from Masulipatam have joined him

Yesterday I sent off two Hircarahs with Letters for you and Sir Eyre Coote, to tell you I was on my way, and that part Engle I expect to be at Pellore on Sunday next & Monday, I have been joined by two Battalions from Masulipatam. I am with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

T. D. Pearse

Col.

Tungatoor

18th June 1781.

Honble Sir

From Anst Agilvie requesting money be sent him ——

I did myself the pleasure to write you the 4th & 5th — informing you of the safe arrival of Cullander Cawn Amoogum, and your two people, I hope in this a little more is on the road, such a small sum is lost where the demands are so great and numerous. That I may be enabled to close my Accounts with the Military Paymaster and Superintendant the 31st December last, I have this day drawn on you for Star Pagodas 12.465.48.75 in favor of Colonel Lang Pagt 2365-48-75

A. Brodie Esqr — 3500 " — " —

— ditto — 6000 " — " —

— ditto — 600 " — " —

12.465-48.75

which I beg you will please to honor and debit the different Employs agreable to the Tenor of the Bills.

Cutts

1609 Fort St George July 1781 —

2 but in particular I must request your immediate attention to the Bill for Six hundred Pagodas, it being the balance due the Owners of the Draught & Carriage Bullocks for December, their necessities are become so great and my inability of relieving them equally so. they have at last agreed to receive that Sum at Madras and they now wait on you, as they are strangers to you and the place, I have made the Bill payable to Mr. Brodie, who I have requested to negociate it for them. I trust to your friendly attention to my request on a former letter, to give me Bills on the Company for the Balance due me when any are drawn —

I am
Honble Sir
with very great respect
Your most Obedt. hble Servt
Thos. C. Agilvie
Paymaster

Vellore
7th June 1781

The foregoing was wrote and dispatched the 7th but the Coolys after making many attempts were obliged to return, they could not get through the Hills, they try it again this Evening I hope they will succeed, the Bullock people who carried the Bills for Pagd. 600 are also returned and are afraid to make another attempt so that Bills will not appear till the Roads are a little more open, poor people they are much to be pitied, their distresses are great and it is not in my power to relieve them, I have the pleasure to tell you that my four acquaintances arrived this Morning with yours &c of the 9th. which

they

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2 They delivered safe a most seasonable supply indeed for I never was in such distress, but it is such a mere Trifle, that I know not how to divide it, and our Wants encrease daily, I have wrote you by the Hircarahs this Evening, that I have 2,600 Bands of Gun Powder in the Magazine, besides an immense quantity of Ammunition of all sorts ready filled and made up, we have much more Powder than Shot to fire away, except it be in Field Ammunition — I am

Honble Sir
with much respect
Your most obdt humble Servt
Thos E. Agilvie

19th June 1781

Honble Sir

20th June

From Attic with Intelligence and urging a Supply of Money being sent

I had the pleasure to be favord with yours of the 9th Yesterday, Surdar Cawn and his Comrades delivered their charge safely, it came in good time, for I was not provided of a single Pagoda. Your sending so small a Sum at a time is only keeping us from starving, it is not even enough to give very one a little, as I have repeatedly wrote you unless some method is fallen on to send us a considerable Sum here and soon I dread the consequences, our Sepoys are Four Months and 20 Days in Arrears, their families are starving, and the Enemy are offering large Bribes for them to quit us, so situated I dont look upon this Place in the State of Security it ought to be in

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2d if it is thought an object worth maintaining, this I only offer as my opinion privately, it is at the same time the opinion of all ours, we have been surrounded these three days past by a strong party from Arcott with two Guns, we had a hint given us of their intentions, to carry off our Bullocks which they would have effected the Night before last through the Treachery of our own People, had we not a few hours before discovered the Plot, a Jemadar of the Arabs who has a few Horse here, his name is Mawn Cawn, he and his people had agreed with the Enemy to come off in them the next Morning and carry off as many Bullocks as they could, I was informed of it by one of their own Party, when proper measures were taken immediately to secure them, and they are all under a Guard in the Fort, it is only against the Treachery of those under our protection we have occasion to Guard, and nothing will effect that, but paying at least a part of the great Arrears due our Fighting Men, a Seapoy told me yesterday when I was paying him the balance one for Pany to do for Cloaths, and something to support a Wife and family who are starving" Large bribes have been offered to the Bullock drivers, to drive off the Cattle while grazing, and the Enemy expects I am certain to succeed in some such plan by keeping hovering round us so close, another Jamadar of the Arabs who was dismissed lately being of no use here, engaged with Hyder to carry off our Cattle, he is now in our Neighbourhood, it is almost impossible to

get

2 get in any Provisions. There is very little in the Bazar, and that so extravagantly dear that it can scarcely be purchased. Rice 4½ Measures for an Arcott Rupee, and every thing else proportionably dear. could you but send me 40000 I could then give every body as much as would really be of use to them. at present I am obliged to deal it out so very sparingly. That neither Men or Officers know the good of its and I require that Sum Monthly to ensure perfect tranquility in the place, for at present I am teased to death from all quarters with the constant cry of a little money. I assure you the people here have no consideration for the scarcity at Madras. they will not admit that excuse.

I have great plenty of Gun Powder in Store besides 2600 Barrels in the Magazine I have four hundred thousand Musket Cartridges ready filled, and a great quantity of Ammunition ready made up, both for our Field and heavy Guns. we cannot possibly run short of Powder, having much more than we have shot to fire away. I have all sorts of Ammunition made up for the Army, and wants make more had I paper and flannel. both of these Articles are entirely expended —

We have heard nothing of the Army since the Arrival of the Fleet, except a Report of the Generals having had an Action with Hyder Saib, but no particulars — I am —

Honble Sir —

with very great respect

your

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Your most Obedient Servant
Thos. E. Agilvie

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that Col.
Baillie was well 19 days ago in Syringapatam, A
Man belonging to Bellore came in the Night before
last, who saw him, Ross Lang, and Rumley the two
former Letters, they live in the old Rajahs Palace
and have plenty to eat, a Bramin feeds all the Prisoners
the other Gentlemen are there, tho he did not see them
they are all two and three together, the Man knew Ross
Lang, and offered to carry a Letter, which he declined
waiting, he said he had been sick but was very well
again, the access to them is not difficult, he went in
with the People who carried in their Provisions —

It is now Sun set and the Arcott de-
tachment still continues about three Miles off on
a Tope, we are taking every precaution to guard against
Treachery, if in agitation, which we all suspect from
the Threats of this exhonerated Damedar of the Nabobs
the Hills are secured with our own People —

Honble Sir

From Col. Lang on the same Subject

I have been favored with yours of the 9th inst
did money arrive at a more reasonable time, and I hope there
is more on the Road, as well for the Nabobs People as our
Own — I had heard of the Army's moving from Cuddalore
and going back again, but we are in the Dark with
regard to any thing that has been done. I have also
heard that Tyagan has surrendered — There has been

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2 a Salute fired this day at Arcott, and one in this Neighbourhood, but dont know on what Account we have now about 5000 of Hyders Devils watching us which will distress us very much indeed if they continue here we have Beef but we Dont know the taste of Mutton, and all Flocks are entirely out of our reach now you may believe me, Dam

Hon^ble Sir

Your very Obd^t Hble Serv^t

R Lang

20 June 1781

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

Governor & President &c Select committee

Right Honble Sir

From Capt^n Mackay enclosing Letter from Capt^n Flint with Intelligence of to and fro work being Invested —

Lieutenant Wilson arrived here with a detachment of Forty Sepoys Accompanied by Ensigns Wiggins and Agg the Morning at 5 oClock after the Garrison Surrendered Independant of the Military Stores and Cannon, there will I hope be found of other Articles a Sufficiency to secure a small Prize Money to me and the Detachment under my Command when we Marched from Trichinopoly I had not the smallest Prospect or Expectation of any Assistance whatever for the Accomplishment of your Orders, Any Application to Lieutenant Anderson for Assistance to attack Sadras was unattended to for Reasons which I make no Doubt he had or ought to have well weighed — Any Resolution of attacking

Sadras

I Sadras must in that case be allowed to have existed without the most distant Idea of any Succour from Carangooly or from Ships, having not received any intimation of the aid you had proposed to honor me with until long after the Fort had Surrendered —

The Gentlemen &c who came from Carangooly pretend they are as well entitled to Prize money or Recompense as the Officers &c I have the honor of commanding. It is needless for me to remark to your Lordship that these Gentlemen's Claim is contrary to the usage and Customs of War and therefore I hope to meet for myself the Gentlemen and Men under my Command, your Countenance and protection —

Yesterday a Dutch Sloop arrived in the Roads and was accordingly taken for the good of the Captors On board I found these three Dutch Letters which I have herewith the honor to transmit — A return of Ordnance and Military Stores and a List of the Dutch Servants Civil and Military belonging to the Dutch Company at Sadras are also enclosed — The Lively Sloop is not yet arrived — The Good Dutch Captain Pritchett is in the offing — He is now with me, and says he has been from Madras twenty days — He has Stores Ammunition and Men on board for the Army at Cuddalore — I have assisted him with Provisions, and recommended to him in the strongest Terms to make all haste to Cuddalore — I have not had the honor of hearing from Madras since this place Surrendered tho' I have had the honor of writing to your Lordship twice since I have been in Possession of the Fort —

I am

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I am with respect
Your Lordships most Obedt
and very humble Servant
Geo: Mackay
Capt: Com:

Madras
1st July 1781

D. The enclosed letter from Capt: Flint just received
I have the honor to send for your Lordships perusal
G. M.

Dear Mackay

I wish you'd dispatch with some
trusty fellow to the Select Committee Intelligence
of Wandiwash being invested this Morning by Tippoo Saib, he
has a large Force encamped within sight I am
preparing for his reception in the best manner
possible

June 27th 1781

Yours ever
(signed) Wm Flint

Dispatched the following Letters

To Captain John Coxon
Commanding the Honble Company's Ship
Grosvenor

Sir

To Captains Coxon and
Hussart, ordd to
be ready to proceed to
Masulipatam

I am directed by the Right Honble
President and Select Committee to desire you will imm
diately prepare to proceed with the Ship under your
Command to Masulipatam for the purpose of
bringing

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2.d bringing a Cargo of Grain to the Presidency

Dam

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

T. Oakes &c.a

Fort St George
2.d July 1781

The same to Captn Kinniard of the Royal Artillery

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General —

To the Secretary of the
Military Department
at
Fort St George

Sir

From the Adjutant General concerning the Rank of Cadets who have been in the Artillery at home — — —

I have the honor to enclose to you by desire of the Commander in Chief in order to be laid before the Honble The President & Select Committee his recommendation for the promotion of One Lieutenant in the Corps of Artillery, Four Lieutenants in the Infantry and Five Staff Appointments, as also the Date of the Rank (not before ascertained) of the Gentlemen Appointed Ensigns in the Years of the 28.th October and 14.th December 1780. with the Promotion of the rest of the Cadets of the Year 1780 agreable to the List from England — Lieutenant Alexander Watson the Adj.t of the 7.th Lamatick Battalion having been named to act in that Station by the Order of Government under Date 30.th September last is now

Confirmed

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2nd Confirmed in it as there is certain Accounts that Engr Marshall was killed in the Action of the 10th Septemr the other Staff Appointments are to take place agreable to the dates of their Appointment to Act in Camp, as noted in the Accompanying form of a General Order

I am further directed to Notice to You, for the Information of the Honble the President and Select Committee, the Commander in Chiefs recommendation that the Cadets who have held Commissions in the Militia at home shall take rank of the other Cadets of the same Season, founded on the rank allowed of late Years in England to Officers in Militia Corps with the regular Troops

I have also the honor to enclose herewith Certificates for the promotion of Native Officers in the 1st and 20th Carnatick Batts. The General is very desirous that the Commissions be made out and forwarded to Camp as expeditiously as possible

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl

Head Quarters
Camp near Cuddalore
11th June 1781

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Cadets who have had Commissions in the Militia at Home shall take rank of the other Cadets of the same Season agreably to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief in consequence of the rank allowed of late Years

in

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2 in England to Officers in Militia Corps with the Regular Troops

3 Dispatched the following Letters

To Sir Edward Hughes KB.
Vice Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief
Of His Majestys Ships in
India.

Sir,

To Sir Edwd Hughes acquainting him of our Success against Sadras & Pulicat

We have the pleasure to inform you that having sent Detachments of Troops against Sadras and Pulicat, those Forts are now in our possession and we hope shortly to hear that the Dutch Settlements to the Northward have likewise fallen into our hands.

We have the Honor to be,
Your most Obedient Servants
G Macartney,
&c.a Select Committee.

Fort St George
3d July 1781

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote KB
Commander in Chief of the
Forces

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote on the same, and desiring a Warrant for a Court Martial on Ensign Conor

Herewith we transmit to you the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held on Ensign James Conor by order of the late President.

Ensign Conor having in consequence demanded a Court Martial we request you will give Orders and grant a Warrant for that purpose.

We

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We have the pleasure to inform you that the Forts of Sadras and Pulicat have been taken Possession of by our Troops, and we hope shortly to hear that the Dutch Settlements to the Northward have likewise fallen into our hands

We are

Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

G Macartney

for Select Committee

Fort St George
3d July 1781

Received the following Letter

My Lord,

From Major Clphinston Pulicat Capitulated & is given up to him — requests a Vessel may be sent to him.

I came to this place this Forenoon and found Lallah in the Pettah with eleven hundred Men, who retired precipitately. — The Fort capitulated on Terms that public Property should belong to the Honble Company, and private Property to the Proprietor. Two Dutch Ships are taken in the Road. I wish a Ship or two was sent immediately for Stores, Provisions there is much Grain here — I have the honor to be —

Your Lordships,
Most Obedient Hble Servants,
John Clphinston,
Major 73d Regt.

Fort at Pulicat
2d July 1781
8 o'clock Morng.

The Royal Charlotte to be ordered to Pulicat

In consequence of the foregoing

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3d foregoing. Agreed that the Ship Royal Charlotte be immediately dispatched to Pulicat and that Captain Cotton be directed to follow all such Instructions as he may receive from Major Upthinston or Officer Commanding there —

Received the following Letters

The Right Honble Lord Macartney
Governor President &c Council
Fort St George.

My Lord & Sirs,

From Capt. Cotton requesting a letter of Marque against the Dutch — —

Hostilities having commenced between His Majesty's Subjects and those of the United States I beg leave to solicit that your Lordship and Council would grant me Letters of Marque against the Dutch or such other Commission or Authority that may be adequate thereto, the Royal Charlotte is in all Respects provided and I pledge myself again in the same Penalties by which I am already bound to be observant to all Orders and Instructions, and that no abuse of the Power shall be the Consequence of such Indulgence —

I have the honor to subscribe myself
My Lord & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most
humble Servant
Joseph Cotton

Fort St George
29th June 1781 —

To —

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To the Honble the President,
and Select Committee
Honble Sirs Sirs

From Captn Flint
arrival of the Enemy
having taken the Pettah

This Morning the Enemy carried the Pettah of this place which affords them cover sufficient to begin with their Batteries, which in all probability will be this Evening —

I am
Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Hble Servant
Wm Flint

Wandewash
30th June 1791

To the Right Honble the President,
and Select Committee,
Right Honble Sirs Sirs,

From Captain Hudson
on his being sent to
Masulipatam —

I have received your Orders of Yesterday directing me to prepare to proceed to Masulipatam, and agreably am using the utmost dispatch to get ready for Sea, hoping you will invest my Owners and direct me to proceed for Bombay, the Presidency the Ship is Chartered for, and where they will expect her Arrival in the course of this Month —

I think it a duty incumbent on me to communicate to you the advantage that may accrue

3 accrue to the Company by my being dispatched from hence in time to pursue the Southern Passage to Bombay the safety of that passage in respect to Cruizers or falling in with Ships of the Enemy must be universally allowed, while our too long detention will oblige us to work up the Coast in the Northeast Monsoon and run every risk of the Enemy, who we have every reason to expect will have Ships of War at Ceylon, Cochinge as there is a Cargo ready for us at Bombay our being early dispatched may enable us to join the last Fleet of China Ships (which on account of their late arrival in China must pursue the Eastern Passage home consequently be late) and on our safe Arrival supply the Company with a Cargo which otherwise must be a Season later and the Defi-ciency in the returns by the Companys Ships wd I am afraid be severely felt.

I dowbt not but this Information will have its due weight, and if it contribute to the advantage of the Honble Company it answers every wish of

Right Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Ayour most Obedient
Humble Servant
Joseph Huddart

Madras
3d July 1781

Minute thereon. The Chief of Masulipatam having in a former letter mentioned that about 1,100 Candies of Rice had already been collected, and it being probable that a more considerable quantity may be ready by this

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3d This time, the President is of opinion that the two Indiamen ought to be dispatched to Trincomalee notwithstanding what is set forth in the foregoing Letter one Ship not being sufficient for the purpose and as the providing Grain for this place is the immediate and most necessary Object no time should be lost in dispatching them, besides that if the two go together, they run the less risk from an Enemy should there be any on the Coast — The Members of the Committee concur in the Presidents opinion —

Received the following Letters —

The Honble W.m Smith,

Dear Sir,

From Mr Davidson with Intelligence.

Upon having marched yesterday from Ambel Anaikar to a Place ten or eleven Miles east of his former situation, and the Rivers being unfordable down, in consequence of some late very strong westerly Winds, my hopes arise of seeing you perhaps in the course of July. By the indiscretion of the Subaltern Commanding, Colonel Dixon lost a Detachment consisting of about 500, hundred Men, with three Guns; they were surrounded by Hyder, the Officer exceeded his orders in advancing farther than directed — I am with my Compliments to Mrs Johnson, and the Ladies, and Mr Douglas —

Your faithful Servant

Hey.r Davidson

Tanjore
23d June 1781

(signed)

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To The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
&c &c Members &c

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We had the honor to write to you the 19th
ultimo, acquainting you with Hyders having crossed the
Coleroon, and our hope, that Mr Davidson would soon
have tendered to you in Person our Proceedings since,
but altho' Hyder crossed the River, he kept such strong
Detachments in the Country, it was impracticable
for Mr Davidson to reach the Coast. Last Night ad-
vices came in that Hyder had marched the Carnat-
tollam Road to the Eastward, and we have reason to
expect he will not return this way, as the Coleroon ge-
nerally is filled by the middle of July, and from the
Rains that have prevailed in all probability it will
rise within 8 or 10 days this event we flatter ourselves
will enable Mr Davidson to repair to Madras and
be productive of the best Consequences to those parts.
Your Commands relative to Tanjore become every
day more necessary, for the Rajah doth not furnish
more than 10,000 Pags. p.r Month, which is far short
of the Disbursements and even this is not obtained
without the greatest importunity. Reports from Hyders
Camp mention that in a late Engagement between
Sir Eyre Coote and Murah Saib the latter suffered
very considerably

We are with great respect
Your most Obd.t Servants

Forces Insp.rs
Davidson & Jourdan,
with Intelligence;
Mr D. intends
coming to Madras.

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Tanjore
23d June 1781.—

(signed) Alex.r Davidson
Francis Pourdan

The Company's Attorney General having been applied to for his Opinion in regard to the Competency of this Government to grant Letters of Marque the following Letter from him is now received—

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
Governor & President &c Council of
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Ben: Sullivan his opinion concerning the granting letters of Marque

Agreable to your desire communicated to me by Mr Secretary Fraser that I should report to your Lordship &c my Opinion whether the Application of Captn Joseph Cotton for letters of Marque against the Dutch, or such other Commission as may be adequate thereto, may be complied with. I have the honor to inform you that by the Charter of 1753 the Company are empowered to appoint, at their different Presidencies, Officers and Commanders as well by Sea as by land — to maintain such a Number of Seamen & Ships of defence as may be necessary for the safeguard of their Settlements — and to Authorize such Officers and Commanders to encounter repulse and destroy all Persons enterprizing the invasion or annoyance of any of his Majestys Subjects or of their Servants, Sloops or Factories within the Limits of their Trade; as also to take

and

3 and Surprise all such persons with their Ships Armour Ammunition and other Goods, and upon just causes to invade and destroy the Enemies of the same. If therefore your Lordship & have received instructions from the Company, founded in Orders from the Crown, to commence Hostilities against the Dutch (for without such orders they cannot make War against a Christian State) I conceive that your putting Captain Cottons Ship in Commission as a Companys armed Vessel or as a private Ship of War is an application that may with great propriety be complied with—

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Benjn Sullivan

Fort St George
3d July 1781

Recived the following Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor & President &c
and to the Honble the Select Committee

My Lords

I had the honor of receiving your two letters of the 30th June and your Lordships may be assured that every exertion and attention in my Power shall be paid to the Orders I have received. I have secured a sufficiency of Money for the purposes of demolishing the Fortifications, and I have collected all Kinds of Provisions and Rice for the Coolies and Men employed

From Capt. Braithwaite is preparing to destroy the Fortifications at Sadras—

employed on this Service, in order that they may have no inducement to quit the place — The Lively arrived here Yesterday Morning and landed the Mens and the other Articles according to the list — Capt. Forrest says that his Ship cannot carry any heavy Stores therefore I have desired of him to take on board the Dutch Governor & Mr. Denys and his Family and carry them to Madras — It will be impossible for me while the Minds of the Inhabitants remain impressed with the Dutch Influence, to prevail upon the Prisoners to enter into our Service or to be able to recruit amongst the People of the Town. I have with all due respect judged it necessary for the good of the Service and the Accomplishment of your Lordships wishes to freight a Sloop and send as many of the principal Dutch Inhabitants and their Families on board of her to Madras as Seamen — Their Malay Slaves are Numerous and remarkable for their Treachery, consequently the sooner this place is rid of the Dutch and their connections the less we will be exposed to their Designs or Intrigues — I had the honor of transmitting to your Lordship a Return of the Men, Ordnance and Military Stores the 1st Instant. Cananoor being but ill supplied with Artillery and Stores, I hope your Lordship will approve of my intentions to send there as many Cannon and Ammunition, as I can find means of Transporting with safety. — I shall act with all Circumspection in the business — Your Lordship will please to

observe

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4th Observe, That without a large Vessel the Guns and Heavy Stores cannot be transported to Madras

I have received Intelligence that a considerable body of Horse are advancing this way from Adamparvy and all Parties were here Yesterday and cut immediately several of the Country People — There are near Sixty Thousand Inhabitants and Strangers at present at this place

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most respectful &
much obliged humble Servant
Geo. Mackays
Capt. Com.

Sadras
3d July 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

Dear Sir

From Masulipatam requesting Ships may be sent to Coringa for Grain

Yours of the 13th reached me Yesterday evening without lengthening my letter for fear of miscarriage I will tell you in few words that you may depend on my doing all I can for you We have abundance of Grain, and particularly 1200 Candies of Rice which will spoil if you do not send for it very soon — The Letters which were sent by many different Hircarahs before the dispatch of the Hawk as far as Nellapatam and from thence by Sea to Pulicat, were there thrown over Board, and the Boat taken — But I hope Capt.n Patterson has been able to forward some of the late Dispatches to you

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4th you from Nellore — so great has been our Expences
of Attachments &c and Provisions and Advances to
Colonel Pearse that the Shaw received above a
Lack of Pagodas from the Banyan Sircars since
my Arival here, we have no Money in the Treasury
But I will get all I can to send you by the
Nymph — The Zemindars are now all employd with
the Sircars in prevailing on them to go and them
Tents, and you may be sure I will drive them with
ready Money as soon as possible — at least all I can
but in such Times I shall have no occasion to point
out the extreme difficulty to you — Timings half
Lack of Rupees he arrived here overland. Sullivan
and Thom Cawn are here likewise nor can they
nor can they get to Madras but by Sea — If two
Men of War were here I could load them with
Grain, and the Ambassadors would then get a
Passage — The Bengal Detachment I hear passed
Angole the 19th — I hope the Nancy Ketch will soon
go first to Madras and deliver you all the Rupees
from Bengal — and if Money is wanted for Colo
Pearse, the nearest Port to Nellore (while they
continue there) is the best place to land it at
Gov sent this letter a safe conveyance, I will by
a Duplicate to Morrow, the Garrison of Samil
cotah is now at Counga for the defence of the
Grain &c ready to go to Madras / they say to the
Amount of 7 Lack of Pagodas / the French Depot
is trying to get among them. but the Land

Winds

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Sent.

Ltr Winds have been favorable, and they dare not attempt the River — I sent off express to Samulcotah as soon as we knew the Privateer Brig in those Roads was a French one. They have plundered and destroyed 8 Boats at Ramapatam with Grain. All Confidence in the Grain Vessels is now lost, unless some Ships of Force appear here to protect them in their intended Voyage to Madras —

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Dear Sir,
Your most Obedt Hble
J Daniell.

Masulipatam
20th June 1781 —

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Dear Sir

Form &c — giving an Account of a Privateer at Conjee

By a letter just received from Mr Hamilton Dundas and the Privateer still remains at an Anchor at Conjeveram with her Prize the Devonshire Capt Taylor — The latter was the large Ship which we saw past this Port at the time the Privateer continued in our Roads. The other Vessel was a Country one, which the Privateer -eer, and had cut away one of her Masts — A Frigate or the Success Galley would take this Privateer, and as the Captain is now treating with the Commandant of two Vessels Captured at Conjeveram for their Ransom it is probable she will continue there, or near it

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I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Dear Sir
Your very Obedt Hble Servant
J Daniell

Masulipatam
22d June 1781

Minute thereon

In consequence of the foregoing the President proposes that the Ships Grosvenor & Royal Admiral be sent to Bounga — which is accordingly agreed to

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Dear Sir

From Mr Casamaijor will send money by the Nymph

I had the honor to receive your letters of the 28th May & 13th Instant in Original and Duplicate and Deem myself much obliged to you for the Communications of Intelligence since mine of the 16th April I addressed you on the 29th of that Month, and the 12th Ultimo. Now add I hope before this time receive the Answers of this Board to the Select Committee, particularly one Dated the 12th Ultimo relative to an Arragement of Revenue Matters made with the Vizeanagrum Family — Triplicate of which is this day forwarded I am full of hope that it will meet with your Approbation, because I am convinced that it is a Settlement the Payment of which I shall be able to enforce & conceive it of as advantages equal to expectations

from

4. from the Revenues of this Chiefship, if you conclude
that the Terms are not favorable, I shall regret
that more was not in my power. The Nymph passed
this Port 10 Days, by accident on the 16th last went the
Letters on shore in the Evening for the Northward and
sailed in the Night. I know full well, the call
you have for money for the Public Disbursements
and the Nymph shall not touch at this Port
without a handsome Supply of Cash for the Pay=
=ment of Sundry Bills drawn by the
late Arrangement made with the Viseanagrum
Family. The great Rist is not due before the end of
August, but I have not a Doubt about getting
a considerable part paid in time for the Nymph
to the Southport which has been given of late to
this Board by your Government has given our
Authority, and by a proper exertion of that influ=
=ence, I am confident that this Settlement will
contribute its proportion towards the Public Ex=
=penditure. The Kimmedy and Tickally Countries
are backward in Payments, it ever (was) has been the Case and
ever will be so I fear, however some has been collected
and I am in hopes to get on by the end August about
77000 Rupees more from Kimmedy, which will go to=
=wards Expences, and nearly complete Stipulations made
with that Zemindar, from Tickally proportionable
Collections shall be made. The only Dependence
for surplus of money for the Presidency is from
Visianagrum, and of that I have little Doubt.

To

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1. To ensure success as much possible, the present System of Government there must be preserved, for the Aspect of the times admits not of Innovation of any kind, and if this Province continues in peace, all will go right — Our Treasury has been reduced by the Lack of Rupees advanced to Colonel Pease, and other Charges for the Bengal Troops, so that there is not more left than will discharge the Expences of the present Month and leave a very small Balance —

The Letter from the Select Committee of the 2d of May has been received and the contents complied with — The letter from Mr Aitkes with the Cypher is arrived safe — The Orders of the Board relative to the Customs on Provisions being taken off. Directions to supply Mr Arnold with Tonnage: and to send the Annual Statements of Revenue &c. have been received, but are not complied to, as the Communication with Madras is yet cut off by the Enemy — It will not be possible to supply Mr Arnold with Tonnage from this District I have made the attempt, every Vessel in the Ports of this Circar, is already engaged, and will proceed to Madras laden with Provisions when the Season serves — The Board desire to know in the last letter to this Place whether we can procure a Supply of Grain, should Government be induced to Freight Vessels for that purpose — when the Crop is ready no Doubt much can be procured, but I must know in time, the number of Garce wanted of each Article — I send this by

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4. a private Vacanah from Masulipatam, at any rate it is my desire if the Communication is not open – you have to request your care of the enclosed.

I am with Sentiments of Respect
Dear Sir
Your devoted & obliged
humble Servant
Ja.s Hodges Casamaijor

Vizagapatam
19th June 1781

Minute concerning the Gun Powder applied for from Bombay —

It appears from the Report of the Committee of Stores that only one half of the quantity of Gun Powder applied for by the Select Committee at Bombay can be spared from this place. The following Letter is ordered to be Dispatched to Calcutta submitting to the Governor General and Council the Expediency of supplying the other half from their Stores —

Dispatches the following Letter —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have lately received a letter from the Select Committee at Bombay, representing their distress for Gun Powder, and desiring we will supply them with 250 Barrels of Gun Powder —

To Bengal — requesting they will supply Bombay with a quantity of Powder advising of our Success against Sadrat & Palacat

By

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4th

By a Vessel now under dispatch we shall furnish that Presidency with 750 Bales which is as much as can be prudently spared, And we beg leave to submit to you the Expediency of completing the Quantity to 1500 Bales from your Stores

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Forts of Sadras and Pulicat are in our Possession, and we hope shortly to hear that all the Dutch Settlements to the Northw[d] have likewise fallen into our hands

We are

Hon[ble] Sir & Sirs

Your most Obl[d]

humble Servants

Macartney

&c Select Committee

Fort St George
4th July 1781

Received the following Letters

To the Hon[ble] Charles Smith Esq[r]

President & Governor &c

Select Committee

Fort St George

Hon[ble] Sir & Sirs

From Nor[th] Tuning — given an Acc[t] of the Conduct of the Nabobs Manager — and requesting Cartt may be sent him —

Since my last of 11th I have to inform your Honor &c — That His Highness's Manager, has made what he calls a beginning to deliver me the Rice on the 14th — But to this time he

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4th he has not brought above fifteen Garce of Rice — so backward are they in their Transactions — I decline receiving any of the Red Rice, untill all the white is in Store —

His Highness Dmanager paid me Yesterday, One Thousand Madras Three Swamies Pago- -das, on Acct of the Honble Company —

Hope your Honors &c will please to send One hundred Carts — as I see the utility of having them more and more daily — Nor do I know, by any other means, how the Stores will be carried from hence —

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt hble Servt
Wm Turing

Nellore
16th June 1781

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & Governor &c Council
of
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Captn Cox on - stating his objections to going to Masulipatam

I Having this day received your Orders to prepare to proceed with the Ship Grosvenor, under my Command to Masulipatam — I beg leave on the part of my Owners to state the following Objections

4 Objections to my being employd on that Service

On the 22 Febuary last I recvd the following letter from your Secretary —

"You are hereby ordered to prepare your Ship "to take in her Lading for Europe, & to receive on "part thereof such Salt Petre & Red wood as shall "be tendered you by the Export Warehouse Keepr"

Signed by Order

Chas. Freeman. Secy

in consequence of this Order the Ship was prepard and received on Acct. of the Company 3000 Bags of Salt Petre & 35 Ton of Red Wood and every way fitted to take in the rest of her Europe Cargo

On the 15th. March I recvd a further Order to take on Board such Provisions and Stores as should be tendered me by the respective Store Keepers and Agents. and having complied with this, on the 21st. of that Month, I was instructed by the Select Committee to proceed with the Grosvenor to Cuddalore, and there to put myself under the Direction of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, which I was in consequence detained till the 7th Inst on which day I had Dispatches & an order to return to this Presidency — The Objections I wish to point out to the Honble Board are — first Should the Grosvenor be sent on this Service, it is not likely she can proceed to Masulipatam to take in her Cargo there and return to Bengal in

4 in less than two Months, at which time it appears probable, the Fleet from Europe will be here discharging their Consignments; a Circumstance that must of Course cause great delay in the delivery of the Cargo which the Grosvenor may bring from the Northward, and which cannot in that case be done in less than 15 Days at soonest —

Allowing the above the Honble Board will please to observe that the 20th Sept. is the earliest date that the Grosvenor will be ready to receive any further part of her Lading for Europe, and I submit it to the Honble Board to determine whether from that date there will be a reasonable and Sufficient time, to prepare and refit the Ship as well as to complete her Europe Cargo by the 15th October, that being the time limited by the Honble Company for the dispatch of all their Chartered Ships from this Coast — and I am sure I need not point out to the Honble Board the risque and Danger there will be in detaining the Ships on the Coast after that period, more particularly as the New Moon in October will happen on the 18th —

Report says there are two of the Enemies Cruizers to the Northward, the Honble Board will best know, whether there is any Truth in this, should these Ships be of Force, it appears to me the Company's Property now on board the Grosvenor will be exposed to great risque, by ordering her on this Service

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* will be regard'd as the danger
& that seems to arise should this
measure be carried into execution
Under all these circumstances
the Honble Board will determine
on the propriety of causing the
Grosvenor to March & retain until
what else Resolution may be
taken as appears on most
carefully attended to
is my duty to observe that I
shall be under the necessity of
protesting in behalf of myself
against all such loss

Service in her present situation, the Ships Company now only consisting of 81 Men every person on board included, the Remnant having reduced her Complement to that Number by impressing twenty of her best Men, and notwithstanding every endeavour has been used to complete the Complement I have not hitherto been able to procure a single man and I much doubt whether the addition of the Royal Admiral, also intended for this Service, owing to similar disadvantages* whatsoever kind that may happen to them by the Grosvenor being employed on this Service

I have the honor to be with much respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
most Hble Servant
T. Coxon

Fort St George
2d July 1781

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Facing has given Mr Snodgrass leave to proceed to Madras

Mr Thomas Snodgrass has been long confined by a severe Indisposition, and the Surgeon having given a Certificate representing that a Change of Air was necessary and recommending the Patient proceed to the Presidency

and

2d

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I have in compliance with Mr Snodgrass's request
granted him permission accordingly—
I am with respect
Honble Sirs &c
Your very Obed.t hble Servant
John Turing

Ganjam
9th June 1781

To The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c Select Committee

Honble Sirs &c

From Capt.n Lysaght returns to Vizagapatam

Agreable to your Commands of the
24th ultimo to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam
I joined the Bengal Army on the 4th Inst with the
Circar Troops, which were Encamped on the Banks
of the River Kistnah, but having been appointed
by Col.l Pearse, to act as one of his Aid de Camps I
of course resigned over the charge of the Detachment
to Captn Bridges the next Senior Officer, and as it
appears by the Honble Committee's further Instructions
that it was not intended that I should accompany
Col.l Pearse further than this Place, unless there
was a necessity for it, I am directed by the Coll.l
to return to my Station in the Masulipatam
Districts, as he can dispense with my further
attendance on him, and thinks that from the
Reports of the Soubahs unfavorable disposition
towards—

1612 Fort St George July. 1781

I assure the Honble Company there may shortly be Service going forward on the Circars —
I have the honor to be with the greatest respect
Honble Sirs
Your most obed. hble Servt
Arthr Lysaght

Vellore
27th June 1781

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

Honble Sirs

From Mr Lysaght enclosing his Correspondence with Col. Pease

I have the pleasure of forwarding your Honor &c Duplicate of my Letter dated 27th Likewise some Correspondence I have had with Colonel Pease since that time — which I entirely submit to your Honors &c Consideration with this remark, That the first part of the Colonels Letter, Contradicts the latter — wherein he tells me — "I do not want "to interfere with you at all" — Then says all "I want from you is to desist from interfering "with the Nawabs People and this Inquiry, "and have sent Orders of the same nature to "Capt. Patterson" —

I need not the Colonels enquiry into my Conduct, since my Arrival

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& (if any Gentleman in Garrison) He would have thanked me, for my attention, to the Service, in procuring the Rice &c. I had then under my Charge—

Capt. Lysaght returns to Masulipatam to Night, all the Troops in Garrison are under Orders to join the Bengal Camp—

I shall be happy to receive your Honors further Commands—

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt. Servant
Wm Turing—

Nellore
29 June 1781

On the 27th June 1781 my Servants came and informed me, there was a Bengal Officer where the Rice was, and wanted to take it away—I did not write him a Note, which I did as follows Viz.

Sir

Colonel Pearse informed me Yesterday Morning, that he did not want to receive any Rice, I had in Store—But wants to receive it from the Arabs Managers himself—As they have many Places where there is Grain—I desired them to supply you from those Stores—houses,

I am
Sir
Your most Obt. Servt

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Nellore
27th June 1781

(signed) Wm Turing —
Store Keeper

On the 28th I received the following Letter
from the same Gentleman

To Mr Turing.
Paymaster.

Sir

Colonel Pearse has ordered me to
receive the Rice in the Killedars Cutcherry.
You will please order the Guard to let it
pass, as their attendance is quite unnecessary.

I am,
Sir,
Your humble Servant
(Signed) A. Kearsey
Captn —
Commissary

June 28th 1781

I wrote him the following reply —
Sir

I will be glad of an Order from
Colonel Pearse himself for the delivery of
the Rice — as I have informed the Honble
the President and Select Committee of
Fort St George, of the Rice being under my
Charge —

I am
Your most Obd. Servant
Wm Turing
Storekeeper

Nellore 28th June 1781 —

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I Received the following Reply

To Turing Esqr
Stockaper
Sir

It is by Colonel Pearses Order that I Act, of course it comes from him I am ordered to receive the Rice immediately, and have a Guard ready for that purpose

I am
Sir
Your most Obt. Hble Servant
A. H. Kearsey Capt.
Commy. Provisions

Nellore
28th June 1781

After this Col. Pease sent Lieut. Kennaway to Capt. Patterson to take off the Guard from the Rice Capt. Patterson told him, the Rice was entirely a Business of mine, and he could not interfere on which Lieut. Kennaway came to me, and told me the Colonel desired I would take away my Servants, and Seapoys from the Rice, and allow the Nabobs People to do as they pleased with it. I told him I must have the Colonels Order in Writing before I could take such a Step — He told me the Colonel would give no written Order — I said I must write him a letter, and try if I could get a Reply —

Wrote him the following Letter viz

To

1646 Fort St. George July 1781

To Colonel Pearse
Commanding the
Sir Bengal Army

This Morning I have received two Notes from Captn Heasey desiring me to deliver him what Rice I have in charge — When I waited on you the 26th in the Morning, and acquainted you with my having such a Quantity of Rice in Store, and would deliver it to your Order — You then told me, you had a Commissary of your own, and would receive Rice &c. from his Highness's the Nabob's People, and grant them Receipts. I imagined from that, they would supply your daily Consumption, and reserve what I had in charge until the Army Marched, In my last accounts to the Honble the President & Select Committee I informed them, that I had such a Quantity of Rice in Store, which you Excuse receiving — That if you now think it necessary to receive this Rice — I beg you will please to send me your own Order for the Delivery of the Rice.

I am
Sir
Your most Obed. Hble Servt
(Signed) Wm Turing
Storekeeper

Nellore
28th June 1781

Received the following Reply

To

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To Mr William Turing
Bookkeper
Sir

I do not want to interfere with you at all - I shall take what the Nabobs People have to deliver, all I want from you, is to desist from interfering with the Nawabs People, and this I require, and have sent Orders of the same Nature to Captn Patterson, this Lieut. Kennaway, the Persian Interpreter, who by his Office, has the Transacting of the Business with the Nawabs Affairs. I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servt,

(signd) J Pearse.

Vellore
28th June 1781

I Wrote the following in Reply

To Colonel Pearse
Commanding the
Bengal Army

Sir

I have been favored with yours of this date - and agreable to your Requisition, shall withdraw my People from the Rice - At the same time, I think it my duty to inform you by doing so, the Garrison of Vellore and also any Troops, that may be expected from the Southward, will be left entirely at the

mercy

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Army of the Nabobs Manager. Whom by dear bought Experience, we know are not much to be relied on for Provisions on Emergencies. I have likewise to inform you, that by complying with your Orders, my Appointment from the Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee of Fort St George is entirely at an end as Storekeeper of Vellore Garrison —

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Hble Servant
Wm Turing

Vellore
28th June 1781

signed

To the above I received no Answer I therefore ordered away all my Servants and Peaspoys from the Charge of the Rice agreable to Colonel Pearses Orders

A True Copy of the Letters
Wm Turing

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c Select Committee
Madras

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From Col. Pearse with an Account of his Proceedings

Doubtless you have heard from Capt.n Patterson of a Mutiny amongst the Nawabs Troops on account of a Months being Furnished, tho it is quelled it is of very great Consequence and their Number ought to be reduced a Mode of Ops which I submit to you, it is to let as many entertain with me as are willing

and

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I and I am told near a Thousand want it, if it be approved of, we shall want Arms, for I left my Spare Arms at Ellore and Angole, the latter I can soon get, and have sent for; the former are out of reach —

Not knowing my actual distination I am at a loss how to prepare I shall wait for Madras, the rumor says we are destined for another place, if so Buxaras. I consider my Army as a Convoy and shall carry every thing I can to you: but in this case the longer we stay here the less we shall Convoy, as the Enemy will most likely send Reinforcements —

The Phouzdar of this Place has got a great deal of Grain more than I can want or carry for we have only brought about 5000 Bullocks from Masulipatam and of them many are hardly able to bear their loads, even now they scarcely get food to help them — We have besides about 1200 draft Bullocks of which about 200 are worth very little and 350 for the Slaughter which were sent from Vizagapatam & Ingeram these must be for your Army, as my People do not use Animal Food, but they are and were from the first Canon — It was wanted to deliver me large flocks of Sheep but I declined taking them because they will only encumber me and perish on the Road — The Phouzdar has 2000 Bullocks ready for us I desired he would get more, which if not wanted by me can be returned or kept here

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I have, for further supplies—

As there are no Tumbrils for the 24 Pounders, I conclude they are not for me, if they are, I apprize you, we have not the means to carry any Ammunition, except on Bullocks, and it is the worst of all possible Carriage.— Experience now confirms the Opinion I have strenuously urged that all Ammunition ought to go on Carriages, for the Draft Bullocks we brought with us, are better than when they set out, but all the Carriage Bullocks are mainly disabled from sore backs, yet they all can be put to the Traces— The Magazine on Bullocks is the subject of eternal Vexation— The Carriages would make a fence against Horse, the Bullocks only confusion, it is vain to talk of length of Train, The Bullocks take up more Room and are defenceless, The Carriages could be drove up in a State to be protected in the tenth part of the time and could not be carried off, for at the worst the Cattle being taken away, the Carriage could not travel— Besides the Ammunition is never drove in a heap: A Rocket striking the Fire might destroy the whole, if it struck a Carriage it might blow up that one, and there the mischief would end— Water might do as much Fire, for we cannot always be sure of dry Ground or the rains— Did this matter was maturely considered, to me it is so evident, that I cannot cease to urge the use of Carriages— The objection against them, founded on the supposed difficulty of

to. of sending them to many parts where Troops may be ordered is answered at once, by saying that wherever Guns can go, the Ammunition Carriages can pass, when Guns are not toge. The Troops cannot want more than their Pouches can hold: or their supplies may be sent on a few Men. I think this for futurity.—

I know the impossibility of getting Carriages now, and so must use what we have, but I foresee that an Army may loose its Ammunition by the present mode, which could not suffer any loss if it had Carriages, let me add that in Europe where the Roads are not near so good, as in this Country Beasts of Burthen are unknown, and only light Carriages are used: and as they have had more Experience than we have, so they may be supposed better judges—

If you could send us by water four Pair of Tumbril Wheels and Axle trees, we should be much assisted, for so many are in a most horrid state, past repair in our present situation; however we shall patch them as well as we can to get on, for all difficulties are surmountable with Diligence and time, but if we March past Madras, the exchange must be made there, which may be perhaps in your Power tho what I propose should not—

On my Arrival here, the Vincatechi Rajah sent his Packet with a Letter and a small present which I received, I enclose a Translation of it, and my Answer, which you will

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4th Will see are merely Complimentary A your Letter of the 21st has This Morning come to hand, and enabled me to say more to the Rajah, than I else could, This Vakeel who is in my Camp, tells me the Rajah will declare in our favor, and join me if I will send a Detachment to Naiapete, to oversaw Lallahs People, who are constantly about him, and urging him to declare in favor of Hyder, but unless I can do that, or move towards him with my Army, he dares not openly profess his Attachments, as it will bring immediate on his Country. This is very good reasoning on his part but I cannot send a Detachment on such Business because an Army parcelled out has no strength, and I have not any authority from you or the General to send one; Rather than do This, I wou'd advance and take an intermediate position so as to support him, and yet delay time in the Environs of This place, and This I submit to your consideration, for under the Orders I have received from General Sir Eyre Coote, supported by your Letters I cannot take upon me to move, unless an Enemy shou'd make it necessary, this Vakeel next recommended writing a letter in strong Terms requiring him to declare or join me, and said that the Rajah wou'd make use of it to Retort=pose by shewing it to Lallahs people, and pointing out his Apprehensions of destruction from this quarter if he shou'd declare in their favor, This as I has no Authority to do more

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I have come; and send you the Copy of the Letter for my own part I do not think there is any reason to doubt his intentions, but I do not chuse to trust to Casualtis lest I should be led into mistakes from the want of a thorough knowlege of the Man I have to deal with —

The Angole Rajah wanted to accompany me, but had not money to enable him to set out —

I am happy at the receipt of your Letter, as it clears up the point relative to the Battering Cannon, I shall prepare to carry them but whether I take them or not. I shall want the Europeans for the Cannon we have got already —

I have urged the Nawabs Manager to get Horse for the Troopers, that were sent round to this place, the Officer tells me he has got only 23 and part of them are barely not unfit for Service.

Captain Lysaght having represented that his Services may be wanted in the Masulipatam Distrct, I have given him leave to return —

I have sent back Lieut.t Mackay, and put Lieut Richardson in Possesion of his Post —

I found it necessary to appoint a Quarter Master General and an Adjutant General — The former I offered to Capt.n Lysaght and on his declining to accept it I gave it to the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Bengal Troops who came with

me

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4me, and I appointed my principal Aid on Camp
Assistant General, I thought it necessary to in-
form you of this, as I have sent word of it to Sir
Eyre Coote, and the Governor General & Supreme Council

I am

With the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
J. L Pearse
Col

Camp at
Nellore
June 27th 1781

P.S. The Plunderers has actually got vast quantities
of every thing. There was a Contest about it, when
Mr Turing wanted to lay on hands on it, and
in consequence of it a representation to you; he
says what I do not use he will ship for Madras
and send thither, Mr Turing came to me and
wanted to interfere, but as a Receiver under a
Receiver can only answer the purposes of Monopoly
and to enhance the Price, and as I find it neither
painful nor troublesome to transact business with
the Nawabs Officers I declined his interference
being unable to get another Letter ready for Sir
Eyre Coote without detaining the Boat, I beg
you will be pleased to communicate such parts
of this letter as you may deem necessary

J. L Pearse

P.S. We are in want of some Medicines which
the Surgeon has written to Doctor Pasley to
purchase

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A purchase for him, may I beg you to send them by a Boat.

I L Pearse

Read Letters from the Vencatraghevi Rajah to Colonel Pearse (as entered in MB No 1

C. C. No 8 B

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President & Council in the Secret Department

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Col. Pearse on various Subjects ---

It is my Intention to quit this Place on Tuesday Morning and to proceed, for I have not heard any thing of the Mahrattas being in motion and think it best to get forward so as to make sure of crossing the Kistnah if I should be ordered to go on without them

Sitteram Rauze has done every thing that Man could do, to get them from his disbanded Troops to entertain, he has asked them seperately and in bodies, he brought over three Sombadars on promise Made of taking five of them and five Demidars, but the men declare they will not entertain with me otherwise than in a body to act together & this I cannot admit of, for besides not having any power to break a Regiment and make a new one, I conceive it is not safe to trust a body of Strangers in my line more especially as they cannot be completed in our discipline and as their demand to be in a

body

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A boy does not please me —

Sullivan is on the greatest pain
for us, he justly apprehends that the blame may
fall on him — Yet if I may believe my Eyes and
Eyes, he is blameless; however, be that as it may
he cannot get them to entir with me, and I must
abandon the fond hope of being by these means
completed, but to shew his attachment to the cause
and his desire to assist, he offers and declares he can
accomplish it, to join us with 2,000 Men, and to lead
them himself if he may be permitted; I have not
the power to say Yea or Nay, all I can do, is to report
it to you, and that I now do —

I think it necessary to acquaint
Mr. Kennaway my Private Interpreter has been
present twice when Sullivan called for the people
before him, and in his presence used every endeavour
to gain them to entertain with me, they then seemed
to agree under the Conditions of the Subadars &c.
but next Morning it was at an end —

I had ordered Cowries to be
sent to Chicacole for the Arms I left there, upon
the expectation of getting Men for them, at one
time I had real hopes and had promised pardon
to all Deserters, except only those who were en-
=gaged in the Vizagapatam Mutiny, of whom
I do not find there are any, tho I thought it best to
make the exception, at times they seemed to agree,
for Engaged to send them back after the Service
Month —

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if should be over, but their Friends & Relations prevailed on them not to believe my promise, and when they next appeared they were immoveable, this according to the best of my belief is the real case, & with I could have prevailed —

With respect to the Bullocks he has already furnished 200 with Drivers, and 100 Coolies who will accompany me, more Bullocks are daily coming in, but he cannot get them to accompany them, and were he to press them as he does the Bullocks it would require an Army to guard them, nevertheless what he sends I will take, and he engages to send at least 1,500 to join me before I shall be out of this District, or here, if I could wait six or eight days to receive them, but this I cannot do, so I must take them hereafter. I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient
Humble Servant
T. Pearse
Col

Vizanagram
22d April 1781

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c Council in the Secret Department
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I wrote to you on the 11th which was the day I arrived at Vizanagram where I first received

Town Col Pearse on the Subjection his March

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I received the honor of a letter from yourselves the same day, again on the 14th to inform you I had received Orders from the Supreme Council to halt for 2,000 Marhattas: on the 18th I was honored with yours of the 9th and on the 22d I wrote again to tell you it was my Intention to march the 24th in the Morning

To day according to what I wrote Yesterday Encamagram, and unless any unforseen accidents happens. I shall be at Rajamundry on the 4th or 5th May, and at Ellore at Latest on the 14th and then I hope to hear from yourselves, and from Sir Eyre Coote in answer to all my former letters, as well those I wrote before I received orders to halt, as since and I flatter myself I shall receive an answer from Sir Eyre Coote, to a letter I wrote him on the 24th in which I told him I should cross the Kistnah before it should begin to rise, and work on the Southern Banks for the Horse, or order to march on, as I thought if it should be thought proper, at the same time, representing that I conceived they would join us, if we quit the Kistna without them, and asking whether it would be proper or not, to march in the night of the 1st Quarter

Unless I find reasons from Mr Daniell to change I shall keep along the Coast and hope by so doing to secure the Convoy and deliver the Cattle safe, and in as good order, as the Season and want of Provender will admit, for I cannot expect to find Grass or Straw and therefore must suppose that

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& that they cannot be in any fine Order after a long March and living on Grain only

We got some Recruits here and lost some Men, we still want 1260 Men to our Compliment, which I did hope to get from Sittaram Rauds People, but tho he took every pains he could, he could not prevail on the disbanded Men to go with me, nor by means of my Native Officers, influence them to quit their homes, Still he hopes you will employ him, and he will join if you please to permit him with 2000 Troops whenever you think proper. I immagine he means to Raysemble those who are disbanded if you think favorably of his Offer, he will also send 1500 Bullocks to Vizagapatam to follow me to Ellore, my last Letter recitid all this concerning him, but as I did not send a Duplicate I mention the heads again.

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As I am disappointed about the Recruits I still hope for Drafts to complete the Army under my Command & am of opinion we are Competent to escort the Convoy if compleated even without the horse, but it will be still easier for us if we are Joined by the Maharattas before we march on.

According to the date of the Letters of the 2.d of April I cannot think they can be ready to set out from Cuttack before the 24.th April, & it will take them a Month to get to Ellore, so that if I hear of their March so as to make the necessary change in the Convoy I think I may fix on the 1.st or 2.d of June for leaving

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& the Kostna: if the Season be not supposed an obstacle I
I be not Ordered to wait for it I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
I. D. Pearse Col

Brum Sing
24th April 1781

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of a Requisition made
by the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, desiring I
would not pass the Fort of Cuddapore till I should
see the Rajah set off for Masulipatam. I am detained
from the 6th the day I arrived till the 13th at Night
when he set out In my interview with him on the
9th he begged me to write to Masulipatam concerning
him, to state that he had not been Summoned in the
Usual way & that he begged to be honord with the
Usual Letter, that he was ready to pay his Tribute to
me or any body Authorized to Receive it or to go and pay
it but dreaded going to Masulipatam on account of a
Person named Vencatroylue who was his Enemy & now
in power with whom he must inevitably have to do
Business if he went, but particularly concerning the Morgue
which Vencatroylue held in his & other districts of the

From Col. Pearse
concerning the Rajah
Juggapetty Rauze.

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4 Circar, untill it had been changed by Sir Tho.s Rumbold into a Stipulated Sum of 10,000 Pagodas a Year, that he would pay that y.e Arrears, 3 Years being due because not demanded y.t he begged the Gentlemen would take the Stipulation y.t make Venca trayloo carry for the present y.t not inforce this Reinstatement of the Morasseu agreable to Orders that he said were come from Madras. Unwilling as I was to interfere I found it necessary to write what he desired; for by a Translation of a Letter I saw I understood that the Rajah was resolved to put all to the Resk of war rather than Submit to the Morasseu y.e the letter I had received from Masulipatam did not warrant me to proceed to extremeties y.t therefore the Responsibility of such a Measure must have rested with me when I reflected on the Critical Situation of affairs y.e the Mischief that might ensue from driving the principal Rajah to Arms, which probably might be the Signal for the rest to do the same; tho I knew the End must be shutting others into their places, yet I considerd that the Tribute now due would be lost y.t possibly the Army under my Command be detained to Reduce them to order again, I therefore preferred waiting & wrote to Masulipatam what he desired, and took the Liberty to observe that it might be more advantageous to postpone the affair of the Morasseu for the present y.t to give him time to address your Board again on the Subject this was a Liberty that nothing but more necessity would have driven me to. I had no Instructions to use force,

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& he was willing to go without after 3 days, or after the Answer should arrive Peniputancy or Any part would have thrown all into Confusion & after all the responsibility must have Lain on me, at a time when my Services were wanted Elsewhere & so many Eyes were turned towards my actions; what I did answer'd my Expectations the Rajah set out as I told you, & this before he knew what I afterwards was instructed to tell him Viz.t that the Gentn agreed to all he asked I am now hastening to the Kistna to get across before the rising of the River, which from the Rain we have had here may be apprehended. I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
T. D. Pearse Col.

Gowerpatna
9 Miles Sth of Cattaveira
10th May 1781

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of the weak State of the Army under my Command I applied to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam for a Reinforcement of two Battalions & they were pleased to grant it, your orders to the Same Effect arrived afterwards & made them

Lieut Col. Pearse
the Detachment
cross the Kistna

On the 31st the Army marched at 8 o'clock & marched away at Midnight, I at the same time set off for Masulipatam having left orders with Major Edwardes

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4 Edmondson to cross on Sunday Morning & the Troops were not too much fatigued. In the Interim the Rains in the neighbourhood caused the River to rise & created great alarm, and in me much uneasiness, it is therefore with great pleasure I now inform you, that by a letter from Captain Lysaght just rec.d by Mr. Daniell, I learn that the whole were across by 9 O'Clock, except the Grain, & I suppose part of the Ammunition. I have not rec.d any Letter from Major Edmondson therefore cannot be more particular.—

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 24.th Ult.o at this place and have also received your former Letter and two Duplicates of it, but the Dates I do not Know as Any papers are with the Army. My absence from the Army prevents my sending a Return. I am with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant,
T. D. Pearse,
Col.

Masulipatam
3.d June 1781

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday late at Night I was honored with your Letter of the 26.th Ult.o by my receiving

From Col. Pearse.
on Lysaghts Party Ranger
going to Masulipatam

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4 it as Peddapore you will at once perceive I did not want many Arguments to quit Vizanagram. I had determined on getting to Ellore so early as the 20.th & on the 21.st wrote to Sir Eyre Coote that I would do so, & having collected my Convoy, & received such Troops as he might be pleased to order to join me, I would cross the Kristna, take post there, & either wait for the Force or march on, according to the Orders I should receive & this resolution. I took in consequence of hearing by accident that it is usual for that River to rise in the latter end of May, or the beginning of June - The Army was at Santipollom when I rec.d Mr. Daniels Letter of the 20.th & I was on my way to Vizagapatam - I shall be at Ellore on the 14.th or 15.th of the Month, as I expected notwithstanding the impediments I have met with in this part of my March, but they are not of any moment & therefore shall not recite them now.

The Chief & Council of Masulipatam desired me to cause Juggapetrauze to go to them, to day I halted here on that Business, as this time, the day he is to setout is not fixed, but it will be in the Evening I received a Letter from Ganjam, telling me that News was arrived there, that Chummagee with 2,000 horse was to march from Ballasore on the 23.d or 24.th I must not expect them till the End of May. I have written to Masulipatam for Maps, & hope to get one, it cannot fail of being useful to check guided, even

(cautiously

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A, admitting it will not do to direct my March.
I shall take all the Bullocks &c.
&c. I can get, for tho' you have sent Orders to Cuyala
& Nellore, those supplies may fail if we get them, they
will prove acceptable to us.
As soon as I have settled with this
Rajah, I shall march on, will of Course be tomorrow
or next day; we still want the Number I told you
of our Compliment. I have not had a line from
General Coote. I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
T. D. Pearse
Col.

Peddapoor
7th May 1781

Dear Mr Kay

Yesterday the enemy pushed for the
pettah, but were repulsd, but by bringing two Guns & a
great number of people carried it this morning, the
immence number of Inhabitants crowded so much on
the Gate that I was apprehensive of losing the Fort,
nothing but Killing & carrying them away will
remove them, do my friend represent my situation in
proper light to the Select Committee, by the quickest
means, & if you should hear any firing tomorrow
morning let them know that Batteries are opend—
respects to Mrs Bailie I am Sincerely
Yours

* From Capt. Flint. expects Batteries to be opened against the Place.

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4th yours

Wm Flint.

30th June 1781 Let me know if any Troops are sent.

To Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President Governor &c.a Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Lt Wm Turing complaining of the stabels manager - advises of the reception he met with from Col. Pearse

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is a Duplicate of my last dated 16th June

This morning Received Mr Secretary Oakes's letter of 25th — From the Conduct of His Highness's Amuldar, from the 14th to 24th — I imagined there would be no more reasons for any more Complaints, as they Employed from Twenty to Thirty Coolies bringing Rice every day, and had applyed to Captain Paterson for a Company of Hes Highness's Sepays to bring in Cattle, but to my Surprize, Yesterday morning a Jemadar returned from the Country with two Letters and informd me, Hes Highness Managery had ordered him to let go all the Bullocks. Immidiately Carried him to Captain Paterson, who took the Letters from him, and I believe sends them to your Honors &c.

On the 25th arrived the Bengal

Detachment

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4th Detachment, as soon as Colonel Pearse arrived at his Ground I accompanyd Captain Paterson, with several Gentlemen from the Fort: and was Introduced to the Colonel by Captain Lysaght — Next morning I had an opportunity of seeing him again at Captain Patersons at Breakfast — But never made any enquirys; about what Provisions, Straw Firewood &c.a there was in Store for him: about ten I went to his Tent, and waited on him, and informd him, His Highness the Nabobs Manager had brought about Forty or Fifty Garce of Rice since the 14th which I would deliver to his Order, for the Use of his Camp — He informd me in Reply, that he did not want to receive any thing from me — That he had a Commissary of his own — and would Receive every thing he wanted from the Nabobs people himself, and Grant them receipts — I then showed him my Instructions from your Honor &c.a and told him, if it was not agreeable to him to Receive any Rice, Sheep &c.a from me; I requested he would afford me his assistance in Receiving from His Highness's People Rice, Bullocks &c.a — It being the Intentions of your Honor &c.a there should be a Magazine for all Kinds of Grain at

Vellore

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1. Nellore, as when the Army Marched, there was no Resources for Provisions of any kind — In short he told me, He had received no orders, and would Render me no Assistance in the Business, I was sent here on — I have posted Centrys over what Rice is put under my care, Nor shall any be delivered without proper Application — Indeed since the 24th they have left off Bringing Rice to my charge — The Amaldar told me this Morning He wanted to send the Rice put under my Charge to the Bengal Camp. I desired he would send Rice from his other Storehouses as he had informd Colonel Pearse he had Plenty of that the Rice in my Charge should not be delivered without Colonel Pearse sent me an Order — There is only one proper Granary in Nellore, which I have applyd for daily since my arrival — They tell me I must get his Highness order for it — There is only a little Paddy in it at present — I request your Honor &c. will Please send me his Highness order to have it Guard out for the Honble Company's Rice — It will Hold, I dare say, above one Hundred Garce — Where they now deliver the Rice, it is the Darbar which I dont much approve of for the Security

of

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A. of the Place. But sooner then make any Obstacles, I allowd them to sent it there —

The Bengal Sepays are fine looking Men, most of them from Six to Seven foot — But there seems very little Discipline or Subordination amongst them —

I am sorry your Honor &c.a should complain of my not writing more frequently, as I was certain Captain Paterson informd you repeatedly of the progress of the Bengal Detach=ment — I thought my writing of Cs consequence will in future convey your Honor &c.a all material Intelligence. I am with great Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm Fleming

Vellore
27.th June 1781

To the Honble President
&c.a Select Committee
Gentlemen

From Capt. Patterson concerning the Rev=catoy here Rajah

I have been favoured with your Letters of the 15.th & 25.th The former Arrived the 24.th & Immediately delivered the inclosed Letters to the Shousdar, but I am not Sensible of any difference in his Conduct

Since

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Since that time, on the Contrary I yesterday intercepted the Accompanying Order from Sinte the Subadar of a Company of Sepays which he himself had ordered out to Collect Bullocks in the Sundry Country's which had Collected 1290. fine Cattle. The Bengal Detachment Arrived here the 25th. I refer you to Mr Turing for Colonel Pearse's proceeding with him on the Subject of Provisions, &c.

The Vengatagary Rajah sent me the accompanying Letter some days ago & I have every Reason to think That he Continues attached to our Interest, He has kept a Vakel here for some time to give him the earliest Notice of Colonel Pearse's Approach

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Vellore
27th June 1781

Your Most Obedt &
Very humble Servant
Alexr Paterson
Capt.n

No 1

To Settybeg Naigue Sund Subadar

As you are bringing all the Bullocks from the Districts of Condacoor — with respect to the Trading Bullocks or Oxens of Gondavaram —

The

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4. The Inhabitants of that Place have agreed to replace in the Room of them - but Expect you will secure and bring down all the Bullocks belonging to the Districts of Tondacoor and Goodloor.

No 2

To Setty beg Nagul Sund Subadar

As you have taken all the Bullocks at Tondacoor - they have agreed to replace in the Room of the Bullocks belonging to Gundavaram; and so you will return all the Bullocks, but you will speak to Kistnama the Amuldar, Secure and bring down all the Bullocks from the Districts of Tondacoor.

Read Letter from the Vencatagheri Rajah to Captain Patterson as entered in MBB: No

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X Capitulation of Pulicat.

7 Articles of Capitulation, between Nicholas Tadama & Henry Scaffier Dqrs Chief and Second of the Dutch Factory of Pulicat, on the Part of the States of Holland, and Major John Johnston on that of His Britannic Majesty, & the Honorable East India Company.

1st That the Fort Geldria, Commonly known by the Name of Pulicat, shall be immediately delivered up, together with the Villages of Mangewaka, Amrewaka, & Carrantorre and the Island of Criha - also all the Guns, Ammunition, & public Stores, Cash of Money & Grain, as likewise all the Vessels, Boats, & Small Craft now at anchor in this road, & harbour, together

with

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4 with their Several Cargoes

9.d That all private Property shall be secured to the respective Owners; Grain only excepted.

8.e That all the Gentlemen of the Settlement, and the European Families, shall be permitted to proceed to Negapatam, (should they desire it,) after having first repaired to Madras by the earliest opportunity that may offer—

4.th That the Troops in Garrison shall be considerd as Prisoners at Discretion.

Dated at Pulicat July 2.d 1781—

(Signd) N.r Tadama (signd) John Oghenston
Henry Scoffier Major 1.st Battn 73.d Regt

A true Translation
Wm G Wasey
Dutch Transltr

Return of Troops Surrenderd at Discretion in Fort Pulicat 2.d July 1781—

1 Officer Commd.g
1 Serj.t Major
22 Non Commissiond Officers & Privates
2 Drummers.

John Oghenston
Majr 1.st Battn 73.d Regt

N.B. Of the above Seven or Eight were Europeans the Others Natives Malays, Caffres &c.

Return

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A Return of Cannon and Military Stores in the Fort of Pullicat 3.d July 1781 —

Quality —

			Serviceable	Unserviceable
Brass Guns Mounted	4	Pounders	2	—
Iron Guns Mounted	18	Pounders	2	"
.....	12	Pounders	1	"
.....	8	Pounders	9	"
.....	6	Pounders	11	—
.....	4	Pounders	"	"
Field Carriages	6	Pounders	8	"
Truck Carriages	18	Pounders	2	"
.....	12	Pounders	1	"
.....	8	Pounders	9	"
.....	6	Pounders	5	"
.....	4	Pounders	—	"
Iron Round Shot	18	Pounders	147	—
.....	12	Pounders	120	—
.....	8	Pounders	80	—
.....	6	Pounders	420	—
.....	4	Pounders	100	"
Grape Shot Quilted	18	Pounders	62	"
.....	12	Pounders	107	"
.....	8	Pounders	161	20

6 Pound-

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Quality

			Jamaica lbs	Abbdeen as lbs
Grape Shot Quilted	6 Pound.	7/7	"	
	4 Pound.	80	"	
Brass Chorns	4 Inch	4	"	
Shells for D.°	4 Inch	158	"	
Hand Granades		320	"	
Gun Powder in 5 Chests	Pounds	3:700	"	
Musket Ball Cartridges		1000	1000	
Spunges with Ram.r Heads	12 Pounds	2	"	
	12 Pound.r	1	"	
	8 Pound.r	7	"	
	6 Pound.r	8	"	
	4 Pound.r	2	"	
Copper Ladles & Worms	12 Pound.r	3	"	
	12 Pound.r	3	"	
	8 Pound.r	13	"	
	6 Pound.r	11	"	
	4 Pound.r	5	"	
Cartridges filled	12 Pound.r	66	"	
	12 Pound.r	12	"	
	8 Pound.r	113	"	
	6 Pound.r	230	"	
	4 Pound.r	100	"	

(Cartridges

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4. Quality

		Serviceable	Unserviceable
Cartridge Bags Empty	6 Pounds.	200	
Handspikes Barchesing		75	
Lead Aprons for Guns		25	
Priming Irons		24	
Brass Priming Wires		34	
Priming Bits		20	
Iron Crows		3	
Gun Black for Mounting Guns		1	"
Small Twine	Bundles	6	
Country Match	Bundles	8	"
Crape Match Skains		2	
Copper Cylinders		7	"
Horn Lanthorns		4	"
Country Rope 2 Inch.	Coil	1/2	
Time Glasses		2	
Calliper Compasses	Pairs	1	
Wooden Horses		3	"
Bengal Canvas	Pieces	1	
Muskets with Bayonets		59	"
Muskets without Bayonets		97	"

Pieces

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Quality

Serviceable
Unserviceable

Old Bayonets	"	40
Swords	104	19
Swords Belts, Buff	100	"
Buff Carriages for Pouches	140	"
Cartridge Pouches Country Make	140	"
Halberds	4	"
Drums Complete	2	"

Tho: Sutleff
Lt. Artly

To Stanhope Charles Smith Esqr.

From Mr Wm Turing on the Subject of money to be advanced monthly to him.

Stanhope Esqr.

I received your Favor of 15th some days ago — Mr Hughes & the Nabob misinformed You, when he told you I demanded 8,000 Pagodas of Monsem — as I only told him on my first Visit when he asked how much money I should want — I told him to advance me Six or Eight Thousand Pagodas — which I would account for, Nor have

visit

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I Received above Five Thousand Pagodas since my arrival here.

I informed Captain Paterson what You wrote me, respecting Putting the Officers on Half Batta — who intends referring the matter to Colonel Pearse — so I really know not how the Business is to be settled — But I suppose it will end in non payment of more than half Batta untill I hear from your Honor again — as His Highness's People have been so Exalted from the Reception Colonel Pearse has given them, that they have paid very little attention to any Messages for Straw &c.a &c.a I have sent to them since — I shall make the Four Thousand go as far as possible, you are pleased to limit me to — But I hope your Honor will be Pleased to extend the Order to two Thousand more — to make it Five thousand p.r Month — You may depend I shall pay no Bills, but what are properly Counter-signed — I am desired to Entertain Fifty Lascars more, as the Fifty Brought from Madras are found to be far insufficient for the Use of the Battering Cannon &c.a &c.a

Colonel

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5th Rockets both from his army as well as from Batteries that had been erected by him in the Road thro' which our Army were to pass. Our People forebore firing until the Enemy advanced closer, when the cannonade on our side began by a terrible discharge of Artillery and Musquetry which killed a great number of their Cavalry, Infantry, French, and Topasses as also a Person who was particularly seated on an Elephant. The Battle was general and lasted from half past six in the morning till four o'clock in the afternoon, when the Enemy were totally broke and defeated, and fled to Mootapollam wither our army pursued them, from whence they fled on all sides a considerable distance to the Westward. Our Army halted that night at Mootapollam —

We have lost some of our Infantry and a few Officers killed and wounded, the Cutwal Gunpath was amongst the former, we have taken ten great Guns and several Horse belonging to the Enemy

Who the person is that was killed on the Elephant is as yet unknown, but the moment that accident happened, Hyder's whole army fled and dispersed with the greatest precipitation —

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr.
President and Governor of Fort St George —

Honble Sir,

Letters having been received from Camp, I have now the Honor to confirm the account of the important Victory gained over Hyder's whole Army the 1st Instant, no particulars are as yet received, only that they fought for 8 hours, and that the engagement was general, but it is confidently asserted by people who have come in

that

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I this morning from the Army, that Mees Saib was actually killed in the action, and his body escorted to Trivadey by 1,300 Horse: it is further said that we have taken a vast number of Horses and eighteen peices of heavy Cannon, and that the number of their slain is very great. I beg leave to felicitate you on this happy event, and have the honor to remain respectfully

Honble Sir.

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
C B Dent –

Cuddalore
3 July 1781 –

letters

Received the following Letter from Capt George Smith Commanding at Pulicat –

From Capt Smith 2000 horse and near 1000 Foot have attacked him requesting a reinforcement

My Lord

I am sorry to acquaint you that I am attacked by about 2,000 horse and near 1,000 Foot and expect by tomorrow evening to have a Battery opened upon me, it is true I have Guns enough in the Fort but no Artillery, and the Guns and Carriages are so bad that they cannot be worked; in short, My Lord, if I am not relieved, I know not what I shall do in three days more, for I have not Water, the most valuable thing at this time, for more than two days, there is a well in the Fort but the water is very salt, if Major Elphinstone's detachment was here, I think he might do them infinite injury and take their Cannon Major Sydenham will inform you of my situation –

I am,
My Lord,
Your Lordships very obedient
Humble Servant
George Smith.

Pulicat
4 July
6 o'clock P.M.

My

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A Colonel Pearse's Commissary came to me this afternoon & told me he was afraid there was no more Rice ready then what I had in my charge I told him if the Colonel would send me an order, I would deliver it to him, if he could get it no where else — I have wrote you so fully in Committee that I have only to assure you my only Views is the Good of the Service

I am

Vellore
27th June 1781

Honble Sir

Your Most Obed. Servt.

Wm Turing

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr.

Treasurer Capt. Bridges has joined Col: Pearse

President & Governor &c. and Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was honored with your Letter of the 14th Ulto, but had previous to its receipt, by Directions from the Board of Masulipatam, joined Colonel Pearse with my Five Companies from Angole, I found Captain Long's Battalion and Three Companies of my own, which with the Five Companies under me, compose this Detachment

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4 Detachment, of which I was ordered by Colonel Pearse to take the Command, we arrived here the 25.th Ulto.— should we be joined by the Reinforcement from this Fort, I shall still Remain the Senior Officer, and have the honor of Commanding the Madras Troops, which form a part of this Army. I flatter Myself I shall be thought equal to the task, and I can only say that No exertions of Mine shall be wanting.

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Most Obedient and Most
Humble Servant,
Tho.s Bridges.

Camp at Nellore,
27.th June, 1781.

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr.
President and Governor &c.a Select Committee
Fort St. George

From Mr John Holland with Intelligence concerning the Nizam

Honble Sir and Sirs

His Highness the Nizam sent one of his Servants to me yesterday, to inform me, that as he had been advised of the March of a Body of Hyder's Horse towards our Circars, he had thought it necessary to order Furroock Mirza, now Chelisham Jung, to station a Detachment of the Nirmul Troops at Commaneet, in

Order

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In Order to cover the Villages on the Confines from the Insults they might be liable to from Plunderers. The Person who brought me the Message said his Highness had directed him to inform me, that he had judged fit to apprise me of this Movement, in Order that I might, if I thought proper communicate the Circumstance to you, and to the Governor General, and at the Same Time advise you of the Motive, as his Highness was unwilling that it should be the Means of giving Rise to any unfriendly Suspicions or Reports

His Highness's Chief Minister Shumsse ul Dowla sent for my Dubash the same Evening, and desired him to tell Me that his Highness had just received News of some Disturbances having been committed by our Sepoys, in some of the Villages dependent on Guntoor; he instructed My Servant to inform me, that his Highness had declared he did not suppose the Disturbances had been authorised, but that he nevertheless had signified his Desire that I would mention the Matter to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam or to the Commanding Officer, that any Irregularities of that kind might be restrained. I have in Consequence written upon the Subject both to the Chief, and to Colonel Pearse, not knowing what Corps the Complaint refers to. I am,

Hyderabad
11th June 1781

Humble Sir and Sirs
With great Respect
Your most obed humble Servant
John Holland

(Endorsed)

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4. Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letter be forwarded to the different Ships with an Address suitable to the Occasion, and that a Copy be likewise Transmitted to Sir Eyre Coote.

Minute on the above —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c &c

Fort St. George

From Captain Foxon requesting Letter of Marque against the Dutch —

My Lord

Having obtained Letters of Marque before my departure from England against y^e^ different Powers then at War with Great Britain, & Hostilities having since commenced against the United States of Holland, I therefore beg leave to request that your Lordship will be pleased to grant me Letters of Marque & Reprisal for the Ship Grosvenor under my command against the Subjects of those States, being ready to enter into the proper and customary Securities given in Similar cases.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

most obedient &

most humble Servant

J. Foxon

Fort St. George
3^d^ July 1781

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Minute thereon
hereunto complies
with -

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The President proposes that a Paper be
drawn out in the name of the Committee with the Company's
Seal affixed, authorizing Captain Coxon to Seize all Ship
and Vessells whether belonging to the French, Spaniards
Dutch or any other Power at War with Great Britain
This the President is of Opinion the Committee are fully
empowered to do by the following Paragraph of the
Letter from the Secret Committee

"Our Orders on this Occasion are circular. Effectual
"Measures must be forthwith taken by all our
"Presidencies for securing every Dutch Ship and
"Settlement within the Reach of your powers
"India" and he prefers this Mode to the giving
a formal Commission as it does not appear that
Letters of Marque have ever been granted by this
Government. The Committee concurring in Opinion
with the President, it is Agreed that a Paper as above
described be drawn up and delivered to Captain Coxon

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Wm Williams

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Letters of Marque 5 ag.t the French Dutch and Spaniards

We the President and Select Committee of Fort St George do hereby authorize you to seize all Ships and Vessels, whether belonging to the French, Spaniards, Dutch or any other Power at War with the English Nation — Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Honble Company of Marchants of England trading to the East Indias in Fort St George this day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty One —

Macartney
Gr Select Committee

The following Letters have been written for are now dispatched to the Resident of Ingeram and Officer commanding at Coringa —

To Mr William Hamilton,
Resident at Ingeram.

To Mr Hamilton advising of the Governor and Royal Admiral being dispatched to Coringa to Capture the French Privateer —

Sir,

You will be informed by the Circular Letter of the 25th and 26th June of Hostilities having commenced against the Dutch, and of the measures which are to be pursued in consequence — Duplicates of those Letters now wait on you —

We have this day received a Letter from the Chief of Masulipatam, informing us that on his receiving intelligence of a french Privateer cruising on that Coast, a Force was sent from the Garrison of Samulcotah to Coringa in order to protect the Grain which had been collected there — This was a prudent measure, and the

Event

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5th Event has shewn its Utility, as we understand that the Privateer was at Anchor off Coringa about the 20th of last month, treating with the Commanders of two Dufresh captured there for their Ransom, but that the Captain of the Privateer had not ventured to carry his Ship into the River, finding there was a force on Shore to oppose him.

In this situation of circumstances we have come to the resolution of Dispatching the Governor and Royal Admiral Indiamen to Coringa, directing the Captains to use their best Endeavours to captivate the French Privateer, but should she have left Coringa before their arrival, or escape from them, they will remain there to protect the Vessels which are ready to load Grain for this Settlement, until the object hereafter proposed shall be effected.

Having provided for the immediate security of Coringa by Sea, we conceive the Troops that have been stationed there may proceed and take possession of Jaggernaikporam and afterwards return to protect the Grain at Coringa if necessary ——

Our first Intention was to have sent the two Indiamen direct to Masulipatam and load them with Rice, but on hearing that the french Privateer was anchored off Coringa, where we understand there is Grain to a very great amount, we judged it proper to alter their destination, whereby a prospect is opened to us of securing the Grain, which in the present scarcity is an object of the utmost consequence, at the same time that it will enable us to withdraw the Troops from Coringa, which we wish should immediately afterwards proceed and take possession of Jaggernaikporam, but should that place have already fallen into our hands you will in such case reduce the

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5 this your authority to whomsoever the Chief and Council at Masulipatam may have appointed to take Charge of the goods found there, it being our pleasure that he immediately deliver them over to you for the purpose of having them conveyed to Coringa, and there put on board the Indiamen, together with all the Bales of our own Investment provided at Ingeram which may be ready to ship, this done you will lose no time in dispatching them to Masulipatam, where they will receive our further orders.

Having expressed our wishes on the foregoing Points we leave it to your discretion to carry them into effect, for which purpose we have directed the officer Commanding the Troops stationed at Coringa as likewise the Captains of the Indiamen to follow all such Instructions as they may receive from you toward executing this Service, which we are anxious to have completed with the utmost activity and Expedition –

We We are

Sir

Your most obedient Servants

Macartney

&c. Select Committee

Fort St George
5th July 1781

* We have the pleasure to inform you that the Forts of Sadras and Pulicat are in our possession

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To the Officer Commanding the Troops stationed at Covinga.

Sr

To the officer Commanding at Covinga to follow all directions he may receive from the Resident at Ingeram.

The Right Honble President and Select Committee having thought proper to entrust to the Direction of their Resident at Ingeram certain Objects, on accomplishing of which the assistance of the Troops under your Command may be requisite, they are pleased to direct that you follow all such instructions as he may furnish you with upon that occasion, without regard to the orders you may have received from your superior Officer or the Chief & Council of Masulipatam

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Thomas Parkes Secy

Fort St George
5th July 1781.

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

To Genl Coote enclosing a Return of the Bengal Detachment; of it's arrival at Nellore.

Sir,

Yesterday we received a Letter from Colonel Pearse dated 27th June. Copy of which we immediately dispatched to you by the Hiberina, but as the winds are strong from the southward, we fear she may have a long passage, and have therefore thought it advisable to write you a few lines overland to inform you of the Detachment being arrived at Nellore, enclosed we send you a Return transmitted to us by Colonel Pearse, he informs us that great Quantities of every thing have been laid in by the Phousdar at Nellore, and in a former

letter

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In Letter he mentions that besides 1165 Bullocks for the Bengal train, he had been furnished with upwards of 6000 Bullocks at Ellore for the purpose of carrying Grain —

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants,

Macartney.

&c Select Committee

To Mr James Daniell,

Chief &c Council of Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

Two letters from your Chief to the late President dated 20th and 22d June having been laid before us, we have come to the Resolution of sending the Royal Admiral and Grosvenor Indiamen to Coringa — The Extent of our Object in so doing will appear by the enclosed copy of a letter we have addressed on this occasion to our Resident at Ingeram —

To Masulipatam advising of the Grosvenor and Royal Admiral being dispatched to Coringa upon their arrival at Masulipatam to be loaded with Grain for the Presidency —

On the Arrival of the above Ships at Masulipatam, we desire you will use all possible dispatch in landing whatever may be necessary, and loading them with Grain for this place — it being our earnest wish that the Grosvenor should return here in time to take in her Cargo for England in the month of October next, we rely on your best exertions therefore to enable us as far as may depend on you, to accomplish this important object —

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Forts of Sadras and Pulicat are in our possession

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Fort St George
5th July 1781 —

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servants
Macartney,
&c Select Committee —

To Captain John Coxon of the Ship
Grosvenor —

Sir

To Captain Coxon with Letter of Marque to proceed immediately in company with the Royal Admiral to Coringa to endeavor to Capture the French Privateer ——

I enclose to you by order of the Right Honble President and Select Committee a Paper under their hands and the Seal of the Honble Company authorizing you to seize all Ships and Effects belonging to any power at War with the English Nation —

Intelligence having been received that a French Privateer has been for some time past at an Anchor off Coringa, I am further directed to desire you will immediately proceed in Concert with Captain Joseph Huddart of the Royal Admiral who has received similar orders and endeavor to Capture the Privateer, but one Chief object being to protect the Grain collected at Coringa you are not on any account to pursue her Should she attempt to escape you, unless you have a fair prospect of taking her within a very short time.

On your arrival at Coringa you are to forward the enclosed Packet for the Resident at Ingeram, and follow all such instructions as you may receive from him —

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7 The President and Committee are further pleased to direct that the greatest dispatch be used in executing such orders as the Resident at Ingeram may furnish you with

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Thomas Oakes
Secretary

Fort St George
5th July 1781

The same is likewise now dispatched by the Secretary to Captain Joseph Huddart of the Royal Admiral

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

Gentlemen

From Genl Coote advising of the success of the army in a general Action with Hyder — enclosing a Letter from Doctor David —

I had the honor to write you the 29th Ult. I have now the satisfaction of congratulating you on the success of the Army under my Command in a General Action yesterday with Hyder Ally, but I must beg leave to defer giving you the particular Discription of it until I have more leisure than at present falls to my share —

The Enemy began a brisk Cannonade about eight o'Clock in the morning, and two hours afterwards brought several peices of Artillery to bear upon our line, which were well served, and notwithstanding the heavy fire we kept up, we could not

drive

5, drove them from their guns till about three o'clock in the afternoon when having taken post with the second line among some sand Hills, by which our Rear was secured, I advanced with the Front Line upon which they covered their guns, and drove them off, leaving us masters of the field, after their Cavalry making some attempts to force us.

I cannot yet ascertain the loss we have sustained, but I fear the number of the killed and wounded Private Europeans, and Seapoys will not amount to less than four or five Hundred. tho' I have the happiness to acquaint you that very few of the Officers suffered -

The whole of the Enemy's force (according to an European Officer who came over to us) consisted of 25 Battalions of Infantry - four hundred Europeans, from forty to fifty thousand horse and above one hundred thousand Match Lock Men, Peons and Polygars with 57 pieces of Cannon which were all briskly employed against us.

Such was the Steadiness, Spirit and Bravery of our little army, that I may safely say their behaviour would do honor to the first Troops in Europe, and had we had a Body of Cavalry, the action would have been much more decisive, as we should have been able to have prevented the Enemy from going off with their Guns, we however pursued them, crossed a Nulla which had they disputed must have cost us a number of lives, and took possession of the Village of Moodoopollam the Rear of our Army arriving about one o'clock this morning

from

5. from whence I found it necessary to march at day break to my present Encampment in order to refresh our Cattle as well as our people who were much fatigued.

I have this day seen nothing but a few Bodies of Horse who keep at a very respectable Distance— Hyder is said to have retired to a place called Peermaul Yeary About 6 miles from hence— From the best intelligence I have been able to obtain, his loss in the engagement must have been upwards of 3000 Men, besides a number of Horse— The Check he has met with will have a good effect among the Country Powers, as it will convince them that we have an Army to cope with him in the Field which he has long endeavoured to persuade them to the Contrary

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
Eyre Coote.—

Camp near
Allapollam,
the 2d July 1781.

Among the many difficulties I have to encounter in this Army, after so severe an Action as that of yesterday, a feeling man may surely be allowed to expostulate on the little attention that is paid by those who are employed and well paid by the Company to allevate the sufferings and distresses of the brave Soldiers, who are consequently left upon the Field of Battle to lament their miserable fate— I enclose a letter just received from the senior Surgeon—

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To Lieut Gen Sir Eyre Coote
Commander in Chief &c &c &c
Sir,

Almost ever since the commence-
ment of the action of yesterday my hands have
been embrued in Blood; and the number of Amputations
have made the Dressing of the wounds tedious: in-
deed that I have not yet done; or I should have
done myself the honor to have waited upon you
in Person, to represent the Expediency of the Gentlemen
giving up their Pallenquins when the Army moved
for the carriage of the unfortunate wounded, who
for the most part (for more than we have Doolies
for) are too desperately wounded to admit of any
carriage but that of a Dooly or Pallenquin - such
Lacerated Gunshot wounds I have seldom met with
- and unless an Easy Carriage can be found for
them, few will recover. I have been as sparing
of limbs as possible as possible but great numbers
have been taken off, and many are without a Dooly
and should we have any Action before these poor
objects can be lodged in an hospital, or put on board
a Ship to be sent to Madras I dread the Consequences

I flatter myself you will pardon
the Liberty I have here taken, knowing my
motive - and that I am with all possible respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient
& Humble Servant
Thomas Davis.

2 July
5 P.M.
Camp

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To The Honble Charles Smith Esq
President and Governor at Fort St George —

From Mr Dent Chief at Cuddalore with advice of the above —

Honble Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to Transmit you Translate of intelligence just this instant received by two Hircarrahs from our Army; if the account given therein should be true, I do most sincerely Congratulate you on this happy occasion, there is great reason to suppose it cannot be void of foundation, as we have heard an incessant discharge of Artillery at this place from the Southward from 6 O'clock yesterday morning till 4 in the afternoon, the smoke of which was very visible to several Gentlemen from the Top of the Factory house, besides the report of our Hircars, there are several people came in from the army who give out that the Enemy were totally routed — The Common Report is, that Meer Saib attacked our Army in front, whilst Hyder attacked it in the Rear, supported by Batteries erected on the Road upon Our Flanks, which Our people Mastered one after another, the rest of the account you have enclosed —

I have the Honor to remain respectfully,
Honble Sir —
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
C B. Dent —

Cuddalore
2 July 1781 —

Translate of Intelligence brought by two Hircarrahs from the Army —

Sunday the 1st July in the morning at six oclock, Hyder gave Battle to our army with all his Forces near Porto Novo, and fired a great many guns and Rockets

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Received the following letter from Capt George Smith Commanding at Pulicat

My Lord

From Capt Smith on the same -

I did myself the honor to acquaint you last night of my situation and what was Doing here - Lala with his Troops which does not exceed 2,500 men, horse and foot, are encamped about a mile and three quarters from the Fort, where I learn he is to wait for the arrival of two heavy Guns which he means to bring against the Forts - After Plundering the greatest part of the town, he went and encamped at the back of it but in such a place that 600 Men with two Guns might have taken his whole Camp, and destroyed a great number of his Troops, this morning they heard of a Detachment coming from Madraſs - they decamped and went about two miles from the Town, I took the advantage of their being so far off, and am getting in all the grain Tobacco &c^a that I can to send to Madraſs - but I must beg leave to acquaint you my Lord that it will be impossible to send any thing from the Shore unleſs there is some force to cover the boats and Prevent the Enemy coming near the beach - The Guns and carriages in this Fort I make no doubt but you have had some account of - I have neither money nor Arrack for the Europeans, they are as well as Sepoys two months in Arrears, The few Prisoners I have in the Fort, I am obliged to employ on promise that I will pay them for their trouble -

I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obdient

Humble Servant

George Smith, -

Pulicat.

July 5th 11 oclock

To -

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In consequence of the foregoing

The Royal Charlotte to be dispatched to Pulicat to carry a Reinforcement to that Garrison —

it is resolved to send the Royal Charlotte to Pulicat to carry a reinforcement for that Garrison, as likewise to bring from thence as much grain as she can load Captain Cotton having applyed for Letters of Marque against the Dutch, it is agreed to furnish him with the same authority to seize all Ships and Vessels belonging to the Enemy as was granted to Captain Coxon —

A Letter of Marque to be granted to Captain Cotton

To Captain Joseph Cotton,
of the Ship
Royal Charlotte,

Sir

I enclose to you by order of the Right Honble President and Select Committee a Paper, under their Hands and the Seal of the Honble Company, authorizing you to seize all Ships and Vessels belonging to any Power at War with the English Nation.

To Captain Cotton with Letters of Marque — to proceed immediately to Pulicat —

I am further directed to desire you will immediately proceed with the Ship under your Command to Pulicat, after receiving on board the Troops and Stores agreable to the accompanying List and follow all such instructions as you may receive from the Officer commanding in that Fort —

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Thomas Oakes Secry

Fort St George
5th July 1781 —

Return —

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Return of Troops &c to embark on board the Royal Charlotte Captain Cotton for Pulicat —

a List of Stores and Troops sent to Pulicat —

1 Lieut. 1 Sergeant & 7 European Artillery.
7 Native Artillery.
2 Tendals and 30 Lascars.
1 Subaltern 1 Sub Jemm. and 76 Seapoys.
Male Rauze Polygars with 130 Peons.
2 Hurdys of Arrack and 2 Dram Cups.
60 Empty 6 Gallon Cags
20 Barrells of Musquet Ammunition Cartridge Bags and Artillery Stores in a small quantity —
N. B. The Seapoys and Peons Carry their arms with them as also the European Artillery —

Fort St George
5 July 1731 —

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney
President and Governor &c. Select Committee of
Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have received from your Secretary an extract of your minutes, Dated the 10th May Directing that Mr Plumer be supplied on account of Hog Hill, with 200 Candies of Cotton at 66 Pagodas p. Candy, and that he be paid Pagodas 6,000, out of the money due by Mr Swan for Cloth purchased by him from the warehouse

Letter from Mr Saunders and Major Maule relative to Mr Plumers application, and to Hog Hills disbursement —

As we have received no orders respecting the business of Hog Hill, we request to be informed whether a Head of Hog Hill is to be erected in our Books or to what other Head the disbursements on account of that work are to be carried

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We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servants
Edward Saunders
George Maule —

Fort St George
5th July 1781 —

Received the following Protest of Captain John Coxon of the Grosvenor.

Protest of Capt Coxon relative to his being ordered to Masulipatan

On this Day being tuesday the Third of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty one, before me Charles Bromley Notary Publick dwelling and Practising at Fort Saint George in the East Indies by lawfull authority duly admitted and Sworn, came John Coxon Esqure of the Ship Grosvenor Commander now Riding at an Anchor in the Road of Madras and in the Service of the Honble the United Company of Merchants Trading to the East Indies, and Declared that on the Twenty Second Day of February last, He received from the then the Honble President and Council of Fort Saint George, Orders and Instructions in Writing, to get ready and prepare the said Ship Grosvenor for to take in a Cargoe for Europe, and in conformity thereto the said Declarant Says, he proceeded to prepare the said Ship for the Purposes as directed, and in consequence Thereof did Receive and Take on board Three Thousand Bags of Sale Petre and thirty five Ton of Redwood and that the said Ship Grosvenor was in every respect got ready to take in the remainder of her Cargoe, That on the fifteenth of March following, he the Said declarant

and

Says

1700 Fort S.t George July 1781—

5.th Says, he received further orders to take on board such Provisions and Stores as the Agents for the Company might tender to him which he actually did take on board; that the Twenty first of the said Month, the Declarant Says he proceeded to Cuddalore by the Direction of the Select Committee—and was by them put under the Direction of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Knight of the Bath, and by him detained and by him detained till the seventh of June, after which time the declarant says he returned to Madras agreable to the orders Received from Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, and that upon his arrival he proceeded to prepare and Make ready his said Ship the Grosvenor for Europe, but that on the second day of this instant July, the said Declarant Says he received from the Secretary to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee a Letter, a Copy of which is as follows—To Captain John Coxon Commanding the Ship Grosvenor "Sir I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to desire you will prepare to proceed to Masulipatam as soon as you shall receive your dispatches and Instructions for that purpose—I am Sir your Most Obed.t Servant F. Oakes, Secretary Fort Saint George—Second July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty one." in answer to these orders and Instructions, the said Declarant says, he as the Commander of the said Ship Grosvenor deeming it as an indespensable part of his duty to give in his objections to the Voyage by a letter under the same date, addressed to the Right Honble the President and Council of Fort Saint George, wherein the said Declarant says. He has stated his objections at large and Submitted the same to their consideration, as will more fully and at large appear, by a Reference had to the address itself and now before the aforementioned Honble Board, the said

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5 Declarant further says That not knowing the Consequences
that may accrue to his Owners and others concerned in
the said Ship Grosvenor by being obliged to comply with
the Orders and Instructions of the said Honble Board
so by him received as of Yesterdays date, He the said
Declarant, deems it essentially necessary to Protest against
the said Honble the United English East India Company
for all an every the Losses and Damages that they the
said owners and others Interested in the said Ship Gros-
venor shall or may suffer and Sustain by his the said
Declarants' Compliance to and with the Orders and
Instructions of yesterday the second of July —

Wherefore I the above said Notary
at the Request of the above said John Coxon, Have Pro-
tested and by these presents do protest against the
said Honble the United Company of Merchants
of England Trading to the East Indias, their Agents
and Factors, for all and every such Losses and Damages
that may accrue to the Owners and others Interested
in the said Ship Grosvenor, by reason and means of
his the Declarants' Obedience to such the Orders of
the said Right Honble the President and Council
of Fort Saint George, which obedience of his the said
Declarant says, is Contrary to his opinion for the reason
he has in his aforementioned Letter addressed to the
said Right Honble President and Council as well
knowing the additional Risk and loss of time arising
to the parties Interested in the said Ship Grosvenor
Thus Done and Protested in Fort Saint George
the day and year first above written —

Ex: B. N. P. —

Charles Bromley
Notary Public —

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The Right Honble the Governor &c &c Select Committee

Right Honorable Sir and Sirs

From Capt Huddart requesting a Letter of Marque

I having Letters of Marque & reprisals granted me against America France and Spain and having information that a War with Holland has commenced since my leaving England, I desire that a Commission may be granted me against the States also

I am

Right Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Joseph Huddart

Fort St George
1st July 1721

Granted

Agreed that Capt Huddart be furnished with the same authority to seize all Ships and Vessels as was granted to the other Captains of the Indiamen

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor and President &c. Council of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. George Baker concerning his Contract with the Company

Humbly Conceiving it to be a Duty encumbent on, or at least Highly Necessary for me to be Do, I beg leave I beg leave to Remind or make known to your Honble board, that about Ten years since your very respectfull Servant entered into Contract with the Honble East India Company, In England, by Deed indented under their Common Seal, and under the Hand and Seal of their and your deputed Servant an Authentick Copy of which has been transmitted to and is now in the possession of your Honble Board) For constructing certain reservoirs or receptacles within this Fort, for containing (together with such others as were then in it,) and furnishing therefrom the Factory

Governor

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5. Garrison &c. &c. with fresh water to the extent and on the terms and conditions in that Deed stipulated and Contained as by reference Thereto had will Appear —

I arrived at this place about Nine years Since, with a View of Compleating that undertaking with all possible dispatch. but Alas! It is not even yet Compleated

The Honorable Board Did (as the Records Thereof will doubtless make appear) of their own Choice Propose To fund Agree with me, so long since as August 1772 To Construct with all expedition the Reservoirs or Cisterns Themselves, Bombproof, on account of the Company, on Condition of my Paying To them the Sum of Three Thousand seven Hundred & Seventy eight Pagodas and Eleven Fanams, As my Part of the Expence of that work, and that Sum I have accordingly long since paid —

But those Cisterns or Reservoirs, Although at last Constructed, being not yet, as Mr Smith the late Governor Informed me, Quite ready for the reception of water, The Quantity Stipulated, however necessary To be in Reserve in the Fort, neither is or can be lodged There by me, till they shall be prepared for the reception of it — I Therefore most Humbly and most Earnestly intreat the favor of your Honble Board to Cause that to be done as soon as you Possible Can, and Commit them to my Care, (subject to the inspecting of your and the Right Honble Governors Order) That I may begin and Lodge the Quantity of Water Agreed on in them, Lest Publick Exigencies should require It before it be done or Lest by being deprived of the Source or by other accident, it may happen not to be possible to do —

In the course of Nine years That I have

wasted

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5. wasted here on this business, I have found it necessary
to Address the Government with many Letters on this
subject Which your Honble Board will, if you Shall
so please, Refer to, But I must particularly Intreat
your favor To receive and Peruse, my Address to the Honble
the Court of Directors of the Fifth of April Last past, and
my two Letters of the Fifth and twenty fourth of the same
month To the Governor and Council, (To neither of which
I as Last have I received any Answer, Though the Latter
was pleaded in April last to procure me one, within
the time therein limited for that purpose) Those though
they do not contain a Particular detail of the Whole business,
will give a Clearer general Idea of the subject than I dare now
(much engaged as I must Presume your Honble Board to
be) Trouble you with, and at the same time shew how much
I was then, As I am still disposed To put the Honble Company
In possession of my Water Works, on Terms that I Conceive
and Which I apprehend both they, and your Honble Board
will also Conceive) To be Advantagious To them—But If
it Shall not be your pleasure To accept the Tenders I have
made of them on the Terms therein Proposed (The Time
for which was then limited to the Thirtieth of April last,
but which I now Extend to the Thirty first day of this present
month of July) It will probably be out of my power, how-
=ever much I may be Inclined to do it, after that time, for
in that Case I propose To Commit the Care of or Transfer my
property In them to some other Person, and Dispose of myself,
as my Age, Ill Health, or other affairs may require, or admit
of—

Pardon I pray you Honble Sirs

Trouble

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5 trouble of this address and Permit me to be, most Respectfully

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant
George Baker.

Fort St George
6th July 1781

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President and
Governor and Select Committee of
Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sr Edward Hughes with congratulatory on the success of your Arms against Hyder, and recommending the getting Possession of Negapatam —

Early this morning I was honord with a Letter from Sir Eyre Coote K B containing the good news that he had defeated Hyders Army in a General Engagement on the first of this month —

On this happy Event, so glorious to our General and the hand full of Brave Men serving under him, and so fortunate to the Public Interests I most heartily and sincerely congratulate you —

From my arrival with the Squadron in this Road on the 24th of last, to the first of this Month when the Army Marched, I have given them every assistance in my power, in landing Stores and provisions and embarking their heavy Artillery and Baggage, without which assistance they could not have marched, altho it was absolutely necessary from the strength and Position of the Enemy; & I have continued since in this Road at Sir Eyre Cootes earnest request, not to quit my present Station untill I heard from him the event of his march, and as it does not appear to me that I can render any

immediate

5 immediate Service to the Army. I think it necessary to proceed with the Squadron to the Northward of Negapatam, leaving the Ships in constant readiness to impede the Trade of our Enemy and to oppose any Naval Force that may be bringing on that Coast to co-operate with the Army as much as is in my Power, and I consistently can, in any Plan you or the General may have to propose, and we agree upon for distressing them —

As you, and the General have several Vessels under your Orders, and Cattamarans may at all times be got to bring me Letters to the Southward, and keep open the Communication between us; I can if occasion be, join the Army at Cuddalore in a few hours, so that no time need be lost in proceeding on any Service agreed on, and as I have taken the Liberty to recommend to his Excellency the getting possession of Negapatam, as a Post of the utmost consequence to our Affairs, so I wish you my Lord and Gentlemen to take that matter under your consideration on this (in my opinion) very important Service, the Squadron would be able to give effectual assistance, if early undertaken, the seizing the Place might be no ways difficult. I have the Honor to be with great Regard

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Edward Hughes.

Superb in Porto Novo Road
the 3d July, 1781 —

P.S. I request you will do me the favor to forward the accompanying Letter by the first opportunity to the Governor and Council of Bengal —

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney, President and
Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

By Captain Forrest Commanding the Lively
and another small vessel freighted for the purpose are
sent the Governor of Sadras Mr Deneys and the rest of the
Dutch Gentlemen and Junior Civil Servants &c. as will be
reported by Capt Forrest — In case of any accidents happening
that might detain, at Sea to remain behind any of
those mentioned in my List to Capt Forrest, I have taken the
liberty to refer sending you a List till tomorrow, when I
shall have the honor of writing more particularly

I am
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your very obedient
Humble Servant
George Mackay —

From Captain Mackay
the Dutch Governor
&c. Sadras sent to
the Presidency —

Sadras,
4 July, 1781 —

6, Recd the following Letter

To the Honble. Charles Smith Esq.

Honble Sir

I wrote the Committee fully of what
had passed, between Col. Pearse and me since his arrival here
Last night and this morning I received two
Messages from his Staff Officers to deliver the Bullocks under
my Charge — I wrote him the enclosed Chitt. N. 1. Soon afterwards
he wrote an Order to Capt Patterson, who in Consequence wrote
me the accompanying order N. 2, withdrawing the guards
over the Bullocks — His Highness the Nabobs Manager
has not yet paid me the settled Allowance of Four Thousand
Pagodas Monthly, your Honor has been pleased to settle
with his Highness to be paid, for the Payment of the Troops

From Mr Mackay enclosing a letter from Col. Pearse and Letter from Capt Patterson Complaints of the Nabobs Manager.

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6, in Nellore Garrison as well as those two Battalions in Camp under the Command of Colo. Pearse. The Madrass officers consider it a Particular Favour that being restored to half Batta being obliged to keep Coolies &c the same as in Camp. by Colo. Pearses Messages and Orders to Me I really am quite at a loss to know what he means or intends. Indeed he seems afraid to give an order (otherwise the whole business might have been settled at first) By giving an order to Captain Patterson as Commanding the Garrison to deliver up all Rice, Bullocks, Sheep &c in Charge from his Highness the Nabobs Manager, which would have been complied with immediately by Post in lieu of that, he wanted both Captain Patterson, and myself to obey any Messages he might send by a Secretary and de Camp &c &c &c which for myself I consider as no order. —

I am with Respect
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
William Fearing

Nellore
7 July 1781

Mr William Fearing Presents his Compliments to Colo. Pearse requests He would send him a written order for delivering up the Bullocks, as he can not answer for delivering them upon a Verbal message — Mr Fearing begs leave to inform him in reply to his Letter of Yesterday that his Highness Manager has delivered no Rice, or any other Article of Provisions since his Arrival — Nor has he furnished the money ordered by the Nabob, for paying the Troops for last month. —

To William Fearing Esqr
Paymaster and Storekeeper
of Nellore —

Sir,

In consequence of Orders from Colo. Pearse

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6, I have taken off the Seapoys that Guarded the Bullocks under your Charge I think it Necessary to geve you this information, that you may act accordingly —

I am,

Sir

Your most Humble Servant

(signed) Alexander Patterson

Capt Comm.

Nellore
1st July 1781 —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Cuddalore advising of the Action with Hyder —

The Eyes being under dispatch we think it our duty to acquaint Your honor &c that on the 1st Instant our Army came to a General engagement with the Enemies forces between Porto Novo and Mootepollam, and gained a Compleat Victory. On this important occasion we beg leave to offer Your honor &c our Sincerest Congratulations, and doubt not it will be attended with the happiest Consequences to the Company's affairs on this Coast —

We have the Honor to be most respectfully —,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
L. B. Dent,
William Maitland,
E H Fallofield,
R. Guy —

Cuddalore,
2 July, 1781 —

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The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

From Capt Peterson
Complaining of the
Phoungdar &c Nations

Honble Sir

I did myself the Honor of writing
to the Committee on the 27th Ult by a Boat which I hired
at Coll Pearse's Request, to carry his Dispatches, Ensign
Pekpol having offered his Service to take charge of the
Dispatches, I sent him in the boat, having no immediate
use for him here - I directed the Engineer to go to the
Phoungdar for days ago, to demand Coolies for carrying on
the Repairs of the Works. He promised to send them, but
he has not yet furnished a Single Cooly. The Paymaster
also informs me that he has not received the money
the Phoungdar was directed to furnish him with - In short
the Nabobs Letters seem to have no Effect upon him. Perhaps
it may be necessary to observe that this is the Very Man
who was sent to supply General Munro with Provisions when
he Marched to Conjeveram, and of whom I understand the
General Made a Public Complaint on his Return. As
Coll Pearse did not seem to understand the intention of the
preparations that had been made for him here, Yesterday
shewed him my instructions from the Committee and
from General Stuart, which he told me gave him much
Satisfaction and Information -

As he has now taken the management
of every thing relative to his army in his own hands, I
imagine it will be unnecessary for me to write on the Subject
in future. I remain with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant,

Alexander Peterson

Nellore
1st July 1781

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My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Pasley recommending Messrs Richardson Watson and Ruding to be appointed full Surgeons —

As the Army is in want of Surgeons and as there are vacancys in the Corps of Surgeons by the Resignation of Mr. Bird and Death of Mr. Campbell — If the Honorable Board thinks proper Mr. Ruding who is well qualified may be sent to the Army as one of the field Surgeons and Messrs. Richardson and Watson the two Senior assistants be appointed to fill up the Vacancys I have the honor to be with much respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
and most Humble Servant
Gilbt Pasley
Surgeon Genl.

Fort St. George,
the 6th July, 1781—

Messrs Richardson Watson and Ruding appointed full Surgeons.

In compliance with the foregoing Letter from our Surgeon General, Messrs. Richardson and Watson are appointed full Surgeons, Mr Ruding having been recommended to us as a Gentleman bred to the Study of Physick and Surgery, and possessing great Professional abilities and experience during a long course of Practice in Germany and the West Indies, it is agreed to admit him into the Service to take rank as youngest Surgeon on the establishment, and that he be ordered to embark on the Lively Brig now under dispatch, and join the Army as soon as possible, where it appears his Services may be very useful — * (the following Ltr. (refer to the Margin.)

* the following letter in answer to one received from Sir Eyre Coote giving an account of the engagement with Hyder Ally Khan prepared as now ordered to be dispatched.

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
And Commander in Chief of the Forces.—

Sir,

By your letter of the second Instant we

To Sir Eyre Coote acknowledging the receipt of his Letter relative to the action with Hyder

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will use every means
to relieve his wants
with Regard to Bullocks
and money. Inclosing
Extract of Letter from
Mr Procter —

6. had the happiness to hear of the success of our Arms in a General Action with Hyder Ally, an event which we doubt not will be attended with the happiest consequences by giving Confidence to our Friends and dispiriting the Enemy, the Effect of Discipline and Valor in a Contest so unequal in point of Numbers is displayed in a manner which reflects the highest honor on the Troops under your Command; and if the Eminent Services you have so often rendered to your King and Country did not make it impossible we should consider the present Victory you have gained as adding to the Lustre of your Character —

We feel for the distresses, your experience may ascribe the Insufficiency of your Draft and Carriage Cattle as likewise for the want of money and Provisions, Evils as unlikely to happen as they are totally requisite to maintain an Army in the Field on any respectable footing, that you may rest assured we will leave no means untried to relieve your wants to the utmost of our power; it has been the Chief object of this Government to give you its best support from the moment of your taking the Field, and the same Exertions shall be continued and every effort encreased to the fullest Extent of our ability — We have at this time near 1200 Bullocks, which we were desirous of sending to you by Sea, but on taking the opinions of our Master Attendant and the Captains of the Indiamen, were deterred from the attempt — we shall collect all we can however and keep them ready to join the Bengal detachment of your army in case of its proceeding from the Southward towards the Northward —

In regard to provisions we are sorry to repeat to you that we are threatened with the most distressful consequences unless we receive speedy Supplies, yet we have great reason to hope a Con.ᵉ Quantity may still arrive before the Rains fall and in the mean time we shall dispatch 6 or

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6th Bags of Rice on the first Ship we can engage for that purpose — With respect to money, we have it but little in our power to afford you assistance, yet as we are convinced that even the smallest Sum may in your present situation be of use, we shall send to you by this opportunity 30,000 Pagodas, which is all that can possibly be spared, after providing for our most pressing necessities — We need add nothing to what we have repeatedly represented, to prove the difficulties we are put to for want of money to defray even the military Expences of this Garrison — We form the most sanguine hopes however of obtaining an ample supply of Cash from Calcutta, and the moment it arrives you may depend on receiving our best and fullest assistance. We are now endeavoring to raise money by loan here, and if we succeed shall assist you from that fund. every argument has been tried with the Nabob, but all to no purpose —

Herewith we transmit to you an Extract of a letter from Mr Procter dated at Jafnapatam the 10th May, containing Intelligence which may be necessary for your information —

Mr John Ruding a Gentleman bred to the Study of Physic and Surgery, having been recommended to us as possessing great professional abilities and Experience during a long Course of Practice in Germany and the West Indies We have been induced to admit him into the Service to take Rank as youngest Surgeon on this Establishment, and Conceiving he may be useful on this Present Service in Camp, We have directed him to Embark on the Lively and join the Army as soon as possible,

We are,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Hum[ble] Servants,
Macartney
Select Committee

Fort St George
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Extract of a Letter from George Proctor Esquire dated Jafnapatam the 13th May 1781

Enclosed Letter from Mr Procter —

About seven Europeans under Mr Lally in Hyders Army deserted to Negapatam from the detachment that was sent against Tanjore in March last, four of whom came on the same Sloop with Mr Aspen and myself to this place. Two of these Men Julien Pelquen and Philip Cook were in Captain Prendergasts Company at Arcot, and entered into Hyder's Service upon the Taking of that place from an apprehension that they would be sent to Seringapatam and confined there, and with an intention to return to the English the first favorable opportunity that might offer, with which Circumstances they assure me that they acquainted the Officers These Men are highly disgusted with the Dutch Service and have desired me to make known their Situation to you, & to request that on the strength of the Cartel subsisting between the English and the Dutch in respect to Deserters you would be pleased to apply to the Dutch that they may be allowed to return to the English Service — They both appear to me to be valuable and deserving Men, and (as I understand) bear the best of Character from their Officers, and if you should accordingly Judge proper to apply to the Dutch for them: It appears to me that the best Channel for preferring the claim would be through the Government at Negapatam

It is well known at Negapatam that the whole party of Europeans under Mr Lally consisting of about Two hundred Infantry would have come over to the Dutch at Negapatam, but that they would not receive them for fear of drawing the resentment of Hyder upon them, and the three Men who came

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6th came on the Sloop with us declared that all the Europeans in Hyder's Service commanded by Monsieur Lally and Monsieur Pimony Erignon consisted of about 400 and 50 men altogether, about one hundred and fifty of whom are Infantry and Artillery, and the rest Hussars and so disgusted on account of the ill treatment they meet with, that they make no doubt but they will take the first favorable opportunity of coming to the English — This is an object to be wished for with the greatest anxiety, for it seems generally to be believed that the defeat of Col.o Bailie and all Hyder's subsequent successes may principally be attributed to the Europeans he has in his Service, and fatal has it been to the English that these Men were discharged from the Service of Bazalet Jung and obliged thereby to enter into the Service of a Power who has long been in enmity to the English. These four Men further declare that Hyder's Seapoys are not in the least to be depended upon, that in a Cannonade between the two armies at Cuddalore upon the first arrival there, that Hyder's Seapoys were thrown into the greatest Confusion, and his whole army generally in great disorder, and that they were persuaded that if it had been possible to have known the real situation of the Enemy, they might have been entirely defeated at that time, and they moreover add, that they conceive that the Enemy may always be attacked by our Troops with most advantage at about two or three o'clock in the morning — All these Particulars may be more fully and correctly known to you and General Coote through other Channels, and every measure in Consequence taken that the situation of things may render prudent and Practicable, and I have only communicated them on the Principle that it may be best to run the risk of repeating the same things over and over that may

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6th be useful rather than that by any accident they should not be mentioned at all —

7th Recind the following letter —

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr President &c
Select Committee

Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Col. Pearse arrives at Angola —

Yesterday I entered the Carnatic, today I crossed the River north of Angola tomorrow I shall cross the River South of it and halt to refresh, as the march is long and we have not halted since we left the Kristna besides we have supplies to take up here: perhaps we shall be forced to stay two days but not an hour longer than I shall find absolutely necessary I had the honor to write to you on the 9th Instant enclosing me to Sir Eyre Coote, I have written a short letter to the Nawab to tell him we have entered his dominions, and sent it him by means of the Angola Rajah, I have written to Sir Eyre Coote I send duplicates of this, and beg you will let the Shroffs who deliver the first Copy have a Receipt that I may pay him his reward —

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
T. D. Pearse
Col.

Angola River,
16th June 1781.

Duplicate

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Governor of Madrass —
Sir

From Col. Pearse on the subject of the subject of his future operations, describing Hollow —

I addressed the Select Committee a day or two ago, relative to this army generally, and Particularly to obtain Points respecting the Tuncatogarce Rajah — I must trouble you on

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7th on the subject of our future operations — first I beg to observe that whatever be our destination, the Longer we wait here the worse it will be for us, and the more difficult to execute, because the Troops lose their Spirits by halting, not knowing the Causes why we do not proceed they conclude that they are very different from what may be avowed in that, that the Enemy are too Strong and we too Weak for it to be safe or Practicable to advance, and the Stories they hear from the Tawny People confirm the Opinion in their minds.

From the Nature of the Guns and Stores sent to me a kind of Guess may be formed that a Seige is to be undertaken, and rumor speaks so plainly of Arcot that I will in what follows take it for granted that it is so, tho: I own I am so totally in the dark that I absolutely know not what orders to give or for what to prepare — I wish I could have been honored with a little more confidence if the plans is laid, or that it had been settled so that we might have been put in motion to execute it as soon as we could have made the necessary and unavoidable preparations, but to return to the Subject, If Arcot be our object there are some points necessary to enquire about — The first is whence provisions are to be drawn for the Troops during the seige; admitting we can carry a months provisions, it will take 17 days to go to the place, so that on our Arrival we could only have 13 days in Store If by any ill fortune we should be so long or longer in taking it we should be under the necessity of seeking provisions, unless we could previously seige some place of Strength and therein lay up a Store for our future use — Is there such a place and can Magazines be formed there, and whence are

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y.e are the supplies to be collected are not I hope impossible questions - for in case of failure of Provisions we might be obliged to quit a certain conquest from inability to wait till the proper time to make it.

We set out from Nellore with about 9000 Candies of Provisions, and with supplies not worth mentioning besides, we reached Nellore and even ran to the End of the month - I trust we shall be able to set off with as much from hence, but the difficulty lies in want of Cattle - I expected to have had six Thousand Carriage Cattle from Masulipatam, but we were disappointed of 1,450 which were the Company's Cattle, but were left for want of Drivers - The Nawab's Manager here can not furnish many Carriage Cattle, it will be well if he can deliver us enough to carry the Camp Equipage of the reinforcement we are to take from hence, and the Stores of the 24. P.r with Packsaddles, &c.a May I fear it is next to impossible, tho' enough of Draught Cattle could be had - But to what end collect draught Cattle, they will not carry their own Straw, cannot be taught to carry till Saddles can be provided and then not in less than a fortnight, even if there were regular drivers to teach them - But grant Bullocks and Saddles ready, the men are not to be got; the horrors that strike the minds of the people on account of Baillie's disaster, and the retreat from Congeveram operate stronger than offers of money, promises, or threats. Now be the consequence as the truths may be, it is my duty to explain them to you, for whether I am to conduct the operations or the General in Person whether my opinion may be of no consequence the preparatory part must fall to me, and therefore that

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7th no time may be lost, I explain what must be done, and yet time is Loosing daily from the absolute Ignorance I am in as to the end Proposed —

I must now proceed to a subject of a Different nature, I mean this place — Nellore is an oblong square Surrounded with a mud wall, having at two or three open Angles of the Square Round Towers, faced with Stone. The Sides have towers at distances from each other according to the Country fashion and these are mud or else a kind of Patch work — There is a ditch, narrow and not deep, dug out of a rock as far as it runs, and out of the earth for the remainder of the circumference; the walls are in very miserable plight, doubting whether to fall or stand, therefore will soon determine on the former. Admit the Contrary and suppose them to stand, may to be kept up with much repair to the end of the troubles; and this it is my opinion is practicable, and it is in consequence of that opinion that I take a view of the inside, there I find the reinforcement that was sent for me, and the returns tell me 2,318 of the Nabobs Troops — amongst them discontent prevails, occasioned by the want of pay, troops ill paid cannot be kept in discipline, hence mutiny and treasons thrice they have mutinied since Capt.n Patterson came here, or at least have behaved in a mutinous manner. Notwithstanding the bad State of the walls, I do conceive that Nellore, with a proper garrison may be of great importance during the troubles — grain might be laid up either to send to Madras or to the army, and it might remain there till convoys could be sent to transport it to the port nearer to the seat of our operations — Bullocks to carry it might also be kept in safety here, and certainly they might be sent forward

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7th at Convenient opportunities to lodge the grain in some
place further advanced and nearer to the army - But to
make Dallors of this importance it must be garrisoned
by the Company's Troops and they must be Your Majesty
and their Commandant must be Governor of the Town
as much to be in Trichinopoly &c where the Company's
troops are stationed, whether this may be agreeable to
the Nawab or not, it is for his Service and I suppose he
might easily be persuaded to agree to it during the War

I find Capt. Pattison has power
but greatly short of that, however it appeared to me
to be highly improper to diminish his authority by
taking the reinforcement intended for me out of the
Garrison, and therefore I have only ordered that they
be in readiness to march but when we do march to
consider the State it will be left in, if other troops are
not sent to reinforce it. May I am of opinion that
Captain Pattison cannot stay with safety without
a body of Troops of the Company's - What then is to
be done. The Europeans, the Artillery, the 2d Battn &
the horse, I shall order out the 2d prisoners I have taken
because it will require time to get the Bullocks
ready for the Stores

If there are any parts of this
Letter that you may deem such as ought not to have
come from my Pen, I beg you to consider that I am em-
barked in the Cause too deeply not to be more Jealous
about it than man in my Station not employed in the
same manner; and that being this Jealous I am too
studious of forms when of doing the duties of my Station
according to the best of my Abilities

I am

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7th Nellore
30th June 1781

I am with the greatest Respect
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
F D Pearse Col.

To The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President &c Select Committee
of Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Capt Edmonds Dividing of the Bengal Detachment having passed Angole

The accompanying Letters are brought from near Poonah by the people I sent with Letter I had the honor to receive from you dated the 27th December 1780 directed for Purseram Bhaw and Dowlat Row Thier People waited for these dispatches till the 28th of last month. They say the Mahrattas rejoice at General Godhards retreat and that a large body of horse have been ready some time in order to join Hyder but a few days before they left their camp it was left by Hyder's Packeal seemingly much displeased and the body of horse intended for him were dispersed — The Bengal Detachment passed this two days ago and were furnished with an ample supply of provisions they have suffered much, and continue to suffer by desertion

Bengal

I have the honor to be with much respect,
Honble Sir,
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Edward Edmonds,
Comdt

Angole,
26th June, 1781.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From McNamellon advising of the Seven Star Gun Boat being taken by a French frigate

I did myself the honor to address you under date the 23d Instant, respecting the proceedings

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and Enclosing Cop. & 7. of the French Privateer at Coringa, a duplicate of which I
Of Letter from the Captain & Mr Dowsett was enclose -

From the European Prisoners Landed
at Jaggernaickporam who are since arrived at this Factory,
we learn that the French Ship is called the St Theresa
and Commanded by Monsieur Barbaron, Capitaine De
Brulot, She mounts sixteen nine pounders and after
manning her proper and arming a small Ship, mustered
about one hundred and twenty Men, part of which are Eu-
ropeans and Caffrees - She is now at the Dutch Settlement
of Jaggernaickporam wooding and Watering

For your better information I
transmit Extract of a Letter from Mr Dowsett late Super
and Super Cargo of the Devonshire Grab, also Copy of a Letter
addressed to me by Mr Taylor late Commander of the Devon
shire -

respect,

I have the Honor to be with
the Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
William Hamilton

Ingeram,
23d June 1781.

Extract of a Letter from Mr Dowsett to Mr Hamilton
Resident at Ingeram, dated 22 June 1781 -

I was taken on the 16th Instant
and treated in a most hospitable manner and every pre-
caution taken by the Captain, to prevent our Cloaths and
necessaries being plundered, but to no effect; and I believe
the Loss of necessaries we sustained was in part plundered
by our own Lascars and Servants, The Captain when
he

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7th he put us on board the Dutch Snow gave us all our necessaries we could find with the value of a Thousand Rupees in money and Silver - The orders issued to their boats when sent on Service was in case of opposition to put every soul to death, The St Theresa is going up the Coast as fast as possible with a Sloop She has armed here, to take, burn and destroy every thing they can, and expects to be joined by a brig mounting ten Guns, when They are jointly to make a descent on Colinga - This Ship left the Islands about three months ago, five others were out at the same time one of which mounting six Guns with sixty Men is said to be off Point Palmiras - Every Vessel that attempts to defend herself, every soul on board is to be put to the sword - Six more Privateers are to sail from the Island in the Course of this month of June - The Prince mounting 32 Guns and 500 Men, a Snow with her as a Tender, with 12 Guns and 200 Men, The Prince Commanded by Monsieur De Theins has four field Peices on board in order to make descents on our small Settlement - The Bombay Merchant fitted out as a Privateer, and two other English Prizes which I have forgot the Names of - The Solamian of 32 Guns, and the St Anne of 18 Guns are fitted out again - Monsieur Champdeville late Commander of the St is just out of her, for ransoming Vessels and suffering Parias Vessels to pass without burning or destroying them - The Privateers are to take all vessels carrying Moorish Passes and Colours as friends to the English, nor do I imagine they will stick at taking any dutch Vessels

Thus

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7. What will answer their purpose, as they declare they will cut out English vessels from Under the Guns of any Dutch Fort in India — The Prevalent Station are three on this Coast, three about Ceylon and the Malabar Coast, when the Season will permit, Three to the Eastward, and for the China Ships, the Remainder in the Red Sea and Gulph of Persia. Their Squadron which appeared lately on this Coast said to be the Eastward waiting the Arrival of Monsieur Tronjolly with five more Capital Ships, when they are to appear on this Coast again, From what I could learn, Cuniga is to be the place of Rendezvous for the Privateers on the Coast — The Prince Des Cheins said to be intended for the west coast — with his Colleague. The amount of Prizes carried to the Islands last year said to be a Million and a half of French Livres no Wonder If as they say, the Nancy with her Cargo of Timber sold for 500,000 Livres — The above intelligence is gleaned from different Conversations with Mr Monsieur Barbaton Captain of the Sheroza and his Officers, two of whom are in the English Interest, and would have eloped had they made a descent at Cuniga — The Sheroza who made a prize of us, was not discovered to be an Enemy till on our broad side on their Pistol shot of us which prevented our destroying our Private and Public Letters for Bengal, the former of which consisted of an hundred Letters from Bombay and a large packet of Paymasters accounts addressed to Mr Claud Alexander from Mr Bayard Two large Packets of the same Nature from General Coote's army at Cuddalore, but they can be of no Service to them for want of Cypher to translate them

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them, the only Packet which I deemed of consequence was from the Governor of Madrass to the Governor General of Bengal, which I contrived to make one of my Servants crawl on his belly with to the Galley and destroy in the Fire —

William Hamilton Esqr

Sir,

This is to acquaint You that I commanded the Ship Devonshire, a Grab, and I came last from and was Madrass, bound here to Coringa, as I was coming in on the Nineteenth in the Evening was taken by the St Theresa Commanded by Monsieur Barbarron, after his firing a broad side and several random Shott at my Vessel, she boarded several Moor Vessels, one in Particular, they killed every Person on board, except one Man, whom they left wounded, which the Officers informed the Captain of, who immediately ordered them back to the Vessel, said there Should not a Man live, and ordered him to be hoisted over board likewise the Captain informed me had I fired one Shott, he would have put us all to death, saying that Dutch Colours or any other forty we got shelter under Should be no way a Protection for us, three of the fore-=mentioned Vessels was sunk and burnt: likewise gave orders to every boat that went from his Vessel to put every to the sword that made the least resistance, after putting us on board a Dutch Snow we got on Shore Jagernaporam and carried there to Coringa being plundered of every thing also had after the Captain sent the Pirates on in the roads of Jagernaickporam & saluted the Fort with 13 Guns, which returned them 15 — there they are at Present wooding and watering. She mounts sixteen nine Pounders, and has about 170 men on board at present after manning my Vessel and sending her away

She

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7th She might easily be taken by our Sloop of war as the People on board are an irregular miserable gang I advise he informs me there are ten more Privateers along the Coast, and that their Rendezvous is to be Coringa which place will not be clear of them, while the season suits, as they say they can get every thing they want from Juggernaporam & it being a safe place to clean their Vessels, they have sent my Vessel to the Island of Mauritius and taken a small sloop in their Service, in order to secure all the little Rivers and inlets along the Coast

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Taylor.

June 22 81

Coringa

6 Oclock in the Evening

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Mr Sheffner Junr relative to the Guns sent from Vizagapatam

Wishing to be at a certainty respecting the Stores ordered to be sent from Vizagapatam I wrote the Chief and Council upon the subject and have received an Answer, Copy whereof I beg leave to transmit Should your honor &c in compliance with the representation of the Chief and Council think proper to allow the Stores to remain at Vizagapatam I hope an opportunity will soon offer to send me a supply of Guns and Carriages immediately from Madrass for at present I can only mount upon the Works, exclusive of Field Pieces 2 Eighteen and

two

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7th two twelve Pounder Guns

Having some time ago ordered a particular survey of the Guns in this Garrison, I have the honor to send you Copy of Lieut Dunbars report by which it appears there is 1 eighteen Pounder and 5 Nine Pounders Iron guns which may serve for the Garrison if your honor Exc will either send Carriages from Madraspatnam or permit me to order them to be made up at this place — at the same time I am to request your approbation to write off the Books the condemned two brass nine Pounder Guns Specified in the report

The Coffre Boys have been entertained in the Service agreeable to your permission

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant
John Turing

Gangam
9th May 1781

Duplicate

To John Turing Esqr
Resident at Gangam

Sir

The Honble President and Select Committee intended that the Guns and Shott ordered from hence for your Factory, should be sent by the Schooner Hastings, but on our applying to the Captain for that Purpose, he acquainted us that they were such weighty Articles he was unable to receive them on board his small Vessel, independent of that circumstance we have represented to the Select Committee, that the Guns ordered for Gangam are all we have in Garrison, and their being sent away, would leave the Settlement intirely

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7th

initialy defenceless and we have recommended that she
be Detained here, if course we cannot now constantly
send them, even should an opportunity offer, until we
have further orders from the Presidency —

We have Receiv'd Stationary sent
for your Settlement by the Hastings are this day dis-
patched overland enclosed is a list of a few Articles that
we are under the necessity of taking out of the Chests,
as the Stationary lately sent to us is damaged —

We are

Sir

Your very obedient Servants

(signed) Ja^s Hodges Major

W^m Crawford

Nath^l Barlow

Charles Maxton

Vizagapatam
6th May 1781

a true Copy
Tohn Turing

To John Turing Esq^r
Sir

Having agreeable to your desire found the
in this Garrison, 18 mounted and 20 a list of them with their
guns, Dimensions &c^a as I found them after proof, excepting
two brass nine pounders, country made, which were much
flawed before, & spread in different places between the
Base and second Reinforce rings on firing, and which I
have therefore omitted as unserviceable.

I am with respect,

Sir

Your very obedient Servant

(signed) G Dunbar Lieu^t Artill^y

Ganjam
5th March 1781.

a true Copy
Tohn Turing

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Turing
inds 60000 Rupees
o Masulpatam
lispatched 2 Snows
the Presidency
orth Grain.

I have received a Letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam representing that Colo Pearse had made pecuniary demands upon them for the expences of the Bengal Detachment which occasioned their applying to me for Assistance. I have in consequence sent a supply of 50,000 Rupees for which sum I shall debit Masulipatam Factory

Hearing the Dony Lutchumdavee loaded by me upon the Honble Company's account with Chunam, Shells, Charcoal, and Curry Stuffs, has lost her passage and is arrived at Calcutta, I sent Copies of the Invoice & Bill of lading to the Supreme Council requesting that if the Dony cannot proceed to Madras the Cargo may be Sold. I likewise transmitted Bills of Lading of the two Snows dispatched by me for the Presidency, with the same kind of Cargoes, that in case these Vessels should also lose their passage, and go to Bengal, the Governor General and Council may give the necessary orders about them and their Cargoes. Nevertheless I still flatter myself with hopes to hear of the arrival of the two Snows at Madras.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient Humble Servant
John Turing

Ganjam
16th May 1781.

Duplicate.

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

Honble

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To Honble Sir G Sirs

From the same
the Post of Mohurry
taken by Lieut Brou
enclosing Letters
Relative thereto

I have been honored with
your Commands dated 2d May, and immediately issued
orders for the two Grandiers Companies of the 6 Coast
Battalion of Seapoys to proceed to Masulipatam and
they have marched completed to the number of the new
establishment Companies, newly absorbed and formed
after perusing with attention your instructions res-
pecting the murder of Rayagree late Pauter of Mohury, the
abhorrence you expressed at the deed, and desire to make a severe
Example in order to put a stop to atrocious acts of this Nature
which have been so frequently practised in this District.
I determined to proceed on the most public liberal Grounds,
at the same time taking the most effectual means to ensure
the successful execution of my measures. I have no reason
to doubt but have the greatest cause to believe that Ray
agree was not only murdered at the Instigation, but by the
Express orders of the Rajah of Mohury, he not only seized Ray-
agree's Family and effects, but received and still entertains
in his Fort at Mohury, the three Men who perpetrated the
deed; but what has still a worse appearance, the Rajah
has given public sanction to the cruel act, by rewarding
Gopy Maharla's murderous Service, in appointing him San-
ter of the Mohury Zemindary. From what I can learn Rayagree
was a Man of some merit, and held in great estimation in the
Country, and I can assure your Honr &c., the manner of his
Death excites universal detestation. Both Kistna & Ceringa
the two principal renters, have been making the strongest
representations to me, that if our Government does not
interfere to punish this wicked action, the Rest of the
Zemindars will disregard the Company's Justice & authority

Yours

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1. From motives of Policy and Equity I judged it best to give the Rajah of Mohery a Circumstantial relation of the information I had received concerning Rayagries death that he might have an opportunity to answer the Charge thus Publickly exhibited — I am also of opinion, common Justice and the dignity of Government required of me to demand the murderers to be delivered up, and particularly to insist upon Gopy Maharta to be dismissed from the office of Pauter or Divan. I also thought it right to furnish the Rajah with his account Current, that he might clearly understand the sum of the Company's pecuniary demands upon his Zemindary — There is no other way of Calling the Rajah of Mohery to account, or taking effectual means to discover Rayagries Murderers and their accomplices, but by having it in our power to use Coercive measures if they become necessary — Upon this occasion I sent for and Consulted with Capt.n Bruce, Senior Officer in the district, respecting the Force he thought would be sufficient, and have acquiesced in sending him accordingly — I transmit No.1 Copy of a Letter I received from the Rajah of Mohery in answer to mine dated 10.th April, knowing the Letter was received and answered by Gopy Maharta in the Rajah's name; and not afterwards receiving any proper satisfaction, I wrote a second letter No.2 upon which Lekanand Juttrang, a Vakeel, came to me from Mohery, this Man did not pretend to deny the circumstances of Rayagries' murder, but seemed surprized at my mentioning the murderers names, and informed me they were then in Mohery Fort — he told me the Inhabitants were alarmed under an apprehension the Company would punish the Rajah by taking possession of his Zemindary, and then

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coerce

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7th as he said by the Rajah's leave, asked me for a Cowle to satisfy the People. This I declined and sent him away telling him, I insisted upon seeing the Rajah or some of his Brothers at Ganjam and that if they did not come and send money to the Renter Bull Kistnah for the payments of the Company's Rents, he the Rajah must stand to all the consequences. The Vakeel promised to return with with an answer in five days, but although twelve have elapsed, I have not heard any thing further from Mohery. I enclose Copy of my Letter to the Rajah, an Advertisement to be published to the Inhabitants of the Mohery Country, and my last Letter to Captain Bruce, which fully explain every Step I have taken with the motives for my proceedings. By employing to large a detachment I trust there is not even the risque of a miscarriage; I expect the Rajah with his Family and Probably Rayagrie's murderers will be alarmed and may make their escape upon our detachment marching to Mohery. but upon receiving my Letter, and finding our Troops remaining quiet in the Country I shall be disappointed if the Rajah does not accept my offer, and Reply for leave to come to Ganjam. This is a point I shall insist upon, that your Honor &c., may be able to exercise your Justice and determine upon the Rajah's Conduct, and what regulations may be necessary in Consequence.

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient Humble Servant
John Turing Jr.

Ganjam,
25th May 1781.

(Duplicate)

Jr

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7.th Dr Narrainder Rayah of Mohery — Cr

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Ganjam 30th April 1781 —
Errors Excepted.
Dan.l Russell
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Translate of a Letter from Narrainder Rayah of Mohery
Dated 6th April 1781 —

I have received your Letter & understand its Contents, you are no doubt well informed of every Thing which passes in my Zemeindary, and are well acquainted how Regularly I have always paid my Tribute, and at all times have shewn due obedi=
=ence to the Company's Orders —

You mention the murder of Raya=
=gree, as he has long been in the management of my Zemindary perhaps was killed by some Peons, whom perhaps he had defrauded of their Pay, they have since absconded
=ed or the should have been punished as they deserved:
why should you suspect me of ordering the Murder of one who conducted himself so well in the management of my Zemindary —

You also mention the Alarms of the inhabitants who as it is certainly not my Interest to oppress, I never could have disturbed in the manage=
=ment of their affairs, as I never disregarded your advice, I shall always be happy in receiving your Commands,

what

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7th what can I say more?

A true Copy
John Turing.

To the Rajah of Mohery —

In the Letter I wrote to you
10th day of April I desired you to come yourself, or
send a proper person to me at Gangam, in order to
explain all your Affairs, you have neither done this
or wrote to me a satisfactory answer. Besides since the
death of Hoyagree, I do not find you have appointed
any proper person in his room to manage the Business
of the Country, and attend to the adjustment and Pay-
ment of the Company's Jemaboundy — I desire to know
in what manner you propose to settle all this business,
and I again desire you will either come yourself,
or send a proper person to talk to me, I shall soon be able
to Judge of your Conduct, and Act accordingly, I desire
an immediate answer —

Gangam
4th May 1781

To Captain Thomas Bruce, Commanding the Troops at
Ootka —

Sir —

Having explained to you my
intentions respecting the Rajah of Mohery upon a Con-
sideration of Circumstances, you give it as your
opinion 6 companies of Sepoys with the two
Battalion Guns is a force sufficient to execute
the Service, I acquiesce accordingly, and desire you
will make the necessary preparations to fit out the
detachment

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7th detachment with all possible expedition which you desire to command yourself — The Grenadiers having marched Compleated to the new Establishment with Veteran Sepoys from the Battalion for Masulipatam, leaves only eight Battalion Companies in this district, of which 5 are now in the Garrison of Ganjam, and 3 in the Cantonments at Aska — As the six Companies must be completed from Ganjam the Garrison will be left rather bare — Therefore I desire you will immediatly send down half or as many of the Recruits as are fit for Common Garrison duty, and when the Service is over they shall be returned to Aska, and this Garrison be completed again: — upon the arrival of the Recruits at Ganjam, the three Companies shall be ordered to proceed to Bairampore, and I shall take care to have your instructions prepared —

I am,

Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servant

(Signed) John Deering.

Ganjam
25th May 1735

To Captain Thomas Bruce Commanding the Troops at Aska —

Sir

Roya gree late Painter of the Mohery Zemindary was murdered at Bairampore on the sixth of last Month, & I have received pretty certain Information this cruel act was Committed by the expres orders and instigation of the Rajah himself. — Having Represented the Circumstances to the Honble the President & Select Committee, they express their abhorrence at such Enormities, and have

desired

7. desired me to pursue the most effectual means to discover the Perpetrators of that horrid Deed as well as his accomplices, that by making a severe example a stop may be put to such deeds, which have been too frequently practised in that District according to the information I have received, the Rajah of Mohary in conjunction with his two younger Brothers ordered his Chief Poyagree to death, and employed his own Brother Poorshotta Maharta and two other Peons named Jeheagana and Jawray Gontayatoo to execute the perpetrated at Baramporo on the 6th of April. what confirms my suspicion against the Rajah is that upon hearing the News, he immediately confined Poyagrees Family, and seized their effects also Gopy Maharta Master of the Seminary, and protects the three murderers who are still with the Rajah in Mohary Fort - Such Enormities are shocking to humanity, and Public Justice calls aloud for the interference of our Government - These are the motives which occasion yours now being sent with a detachment of Troops into the Mohary Country, consisting agreeably to your own Recommendation and desire, of six Companies of Seapoys and a party of Officers to work your Battalion Guns - with this force you will accordingly proceed to Mohary, taking such measures as appear to you proper and effectual for securing the persons of Gopy Maharty, Poorhotta Maharta, Jogheagana, and Jawray Gontayatoo - you will deliver or send to the Rajah the

accompanying

7th accompanying letter, wherein I have minutely explained the informations I have received concerning Roy agree's Death – and required of him instantly to dismiss Gopy Mahar ta from the office of Pauter, and as a testimony of his own innocence to deliver up to deliver up the said Gopy Mahar ta, Pourshotta Maharta, Joghee zana and Jausmay Gontayatoo – Inconsequence from the Rajah you have my positive orders to protect him, his family, and the Inhabitants of his Country – Therefore there can be no just Cause for his taking alarm, but that if he leaves or deserts his Country, he can only blame himself, and the plain Construction of his Desertion will argue his guilt – I caution him in the most serious manner against the Consequences of raising any disturbances. Upon his application I promise to grant him a and a Cawle for himself and any part of his family to come to safe-guard to Ganjam, where his affairs must be enquired into, and settled agreeably to the determination of the Honble President and Select Committee. Upon this occasion I think it very necessary to inform the Inhabitants of the Mohery Country, and indeed to make it known to all the Zemindaars in the District the motive of our Proceedings, with this view and particularly in order to ease the minds of the people, and keep them in tranquility I now deliver to you six Copies of a Declaration which I desire you will have immediately published at Barrampore and in the free Mostahs of the Mohery

1738 Fort St George - July 8th 1738 -

To Mokery Zemindary - I flatter myself you will not find much difficulty in getting possession of Mokery which being effected you will leave a sufficient Guard in the Fort and proceed With the detachment to Barrampore where you will wait my further orders - Wishing success may attend your operations I remain

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) John Turing.

To the Rajah of Mokerry -

I wrote to you the 16th April and 4th May, in the first letter expressing my surprize and Concern upon hearing of your Pauter Royagrá Death - which I found had occasioned universal Alarm among the Inhabitants and Merchants residing in Your Zemindary recommending that Measures thought be taken immediately, to pacify and protect the People - I also desired that if it was found any person had been concerned in the Death of Royagree, proper Enquiry should be made that Justice might be done, at the same time I charged you to be punctual in the Payment of the Honble Company's Jemmabundy, and thinking it necessary I should be satisfied in this and other matters respecting the adjustment and Payment of your old Balance, and present Years Kists - I desired

Your

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7. you to come yourself or depute a proper person to wait upon me at Ganjam. You have neglected until this hour giving me the satisfaction I desired, and have a Right to expect as the Honble Company's Representative in this district. It is true you wrote to me two evasive letters and lately sent one of your Writers in the Character of a Vakeel, but you have not taken means to give any kind of security or satisfaction for the Payment of what appears to remain due to the Renter Ball Kistna, on account of this Years Zemmabundy - and so far from complying with my desire in making proper Enquiry concerning the Death of Rayagree, that I am sorry to find myself obliged to accuse you of appointing to his Office and employing in the Chief management of your business, the very man who there is every reason to believe was Principally concerned in the Murder of Rayagree - but in order that you may have an opportunity to vindicate yourself, and that the whole world may know that the measure of sending ~~the~~ Companies Troops into Your Zemindary is become necessary, for the sake of Public Justice and the protection of the Inhabitants, I will state the Particulars information I have received, which I believe is Notoriously known through the Itchapoor District - I have heard that you Narraindoo Rajah of Moherry, in conjunction with your Younger Brothers ordered your

Chief

1740 Fort St George July 8th 1781

To Chief Sreo Gopy Mahanta to Wooder Boyagree
who hathened the beginning of April to be at Bar-
rampore, transacting the Business of your Zemindary
Thus authorized, Gopy Mahanta sent his own Bro-
ther Poorshotta Mahanta, and two other Seons, named
Jagheegana and Jayhooray Gomtaya too to execute
the bloody order, which was effected about 4 o'clock
in the afternoon of the 6th April by Poorshotta Mahan-
Cutting Boyagree with a sword, and then with
the assistance of Joghreegana and Jawmay Gomtay
also, the Boyagree was immediately put to Death.
in so doing the three aforementioned Persons declard
Publickly in the Streets of Barrampore they had
only executed yours, their masters orders - I have
been also informed upon receiving the news, you
immediately seized all Boyagree's Family and effects
and that you appointed Gopy Mahanta Master of
your Zemindary; receiving and ever since entertaining
and protecting in your Fort, the three Murderers
Poorshotta Mahanta, Joghreegana and Jawmay Gom-
taya too - These are enormities shocking to huma-
nity, and what cannot be suffered to pass unnoticed
by any Government: Therefore my Superiors the
Honble Governor and Select Committee at Madras,
have ordered me to make a strict enquiry into this
Business - I think I act very plainly and candidly
with you, by informing you of all circumstances

and

Fort St George July 8th 1741

ye and thereby put it in your power to answer the Charge brought against you — That you may also Clearly understand the Honble Compys demand upon your Zemindary I send your Account Current until 21st Sept.r when Ball Kistna was appointed Renter of the Itchapoor district, and I also send you the said Renters account Current with you for this Yeas Zemmabundy, After explaining to you all these matters I come to let you know what I expect of You — I do then in the first place demand as a proof of your obedience to the Honble Company's Authority, that you come immediately to Ganjam; I also require as a testimony of your own Innocence, that you do instantly dismiss Gopy Maharta from his Office of Renter, and deliver up to me the said Gopy Maharta, Poorshotta Maharta & Jogheeyana and Jawmay Gontayo too, the supposed Murderers of Royagree — I also require that you give satisfaction to the Renter Ball Kistna for the Payment of this Years Jemmabundy, I have given strict orders to the Officer who commands the Detachment sent into your Zemindary to pay proper attention to you & your Family, also to protect all the Inhabitants, therefore there can be no just pretence whatever for you to take alarm — If you leave or desert or desert your Country, it will be intirely your own fault, and can only be considered as a proof of your

Guilt

1742 Fort St George July 5th 1781

7th Guilt. Sir I do most seriously caution and warn you against the Consequences of Raising any disturbances in the Country, you shall have a safeguard, and a cowle for you and any part of your Family to come to Ganjam. Where your business must be enquired into and settled agreeably to the orders of the Honble Government at Madrass — If you are wise you will follow my advice in Shunning Guilt and Relying entirely upon their Justice —

What can I say more?

Ganjam
the 25th May 1781.

Dr. Narrative Report of Mohurry in Rec'd with the Bill thereon of the Kistbundy

To the Horible Compy's Jamabundy for the Ryot Phasely 1189 or 1779 4th year, that is to say from 25th September 1779, to 23rd Sept. 1780. — 36,000

To D° Sheer out standing balance Rec'd that Year in part. 4,491

To D° Jamabundy for the 2nd year of Phasely 1190 to 25th Sept. 1780. to 25 Sept 1781 — 36,000

To D° Sheer outstanding Balance agreed to pay this Year — 5,000

Rupees 69,491

By Cash Rec'd on Acct for 1779 Ryot Jamabundy from Govindan Malaw tee and Koosavoo Muckoa the Security People of those that pay

By D° Rec'd of Hastamaran in part 1780 Jamabundy 10,000

By Balance due to 30th April 1781 — 25,000

Ganjam 30th April 1781

Errors Excepted

Rupees 69,491 P. the Kistbundy Rupees 69,491

Renter of the Mohurry District

Advertisement

It is notoriously known not only to every Inhabitant of the Mohurry Country, but all over the Ilohapoor District, that Royagree late Renter of the Mohurry Zemindary was cruelly murdered

x

Fort St George July 1781 —

7. at Barrampore on Friday 6th April last by Poorshotta Maharta, Joyheegana and Jawnay Gontayatoo three Peons said to be sent and Employed for this Wicked purpose by Gopy Maharta the Rajah's Chief Peon —

It is also notoriously known that the said Gopy Maharta has been appointed and now acts as Punter of Moherry in the Place of the late Royagree, and that the three murderers Poorshotta Maharta Joyheegana and Jawnay Gontayatoo, have ever since the perpetration of the horrid deed lived and been entertained in Moherry Fort — As all the Zemindars in the Sheherpore district are under the power and protection of the Honble Company, so are they particularly interested in the welfare and prosperity of all the Inhabitants, which make the English Government ready at all times to protect the Innocent and punish the Guilty — Murder is a Crime held in abhorrence by all Nations, and never is suffered to pass with impunity in any well Regulated Government; for this reason when the Honble Governor and Select Committee at Madraſs heard of Royagree's Murder, they ordered me their Resident at Ganjam to make strict Enquiry concerning his Royagree's death — for which cause, and in order to settle the Honble Company's Jemmabundy account with the Rajah, a Detachment of Troops is now sent into the Moherry Country — The Resident does hereby give the most positive assurances of safety and protection to all the Inhabitants of Moherry who are

hereby

1744 Fort St. George July 8th

7. hereby strictly forbid to raise any disturbances
the peaceable cultivation of the Land. Honest protection
but are encouraged to go on in Thangrod Conduct

Given under my hand & Seal at Ganjam this
25th day of May 1758

Duplicate

A true Copy

John Turing

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the satisfaction to
inform your Honor &c. our Troops have got possession of
Moherry Fort with very little loss which I learnt by the
accompanying Copy of a Letter I just now received from
Captain Bruce — I know not whether the Rajah has
fled but I shall allow him a reasonable time to consider
upon my letter — if I find his people raise any
disturbances — I mean to order Captain Bruce to seize
five or six small Forts or Forts there are in the Moherry
Country, all which I recommend to be immediately dest-
troyed, and the Road through the Jungle cleared — I am
very respectfully —

Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most obedient humble Servant
John Turing

Ganjam
the
27 May 1758 —

Duplicate

To John Turing Esqr Resident at Ganjam —

Sir

I have the pleasure to tell you I
am

1745 Fort St George July 1745

I am in possession of Moherry - Lieu[t] Bruce who arrived at the opposite Gate a little before me had people wounded and one missing, which is all the mischief that is done to us - they lost several Peons, the Rajah went off Yesterday, I shall return to Barrampore this Evening and leave Lieu[t] Bruce here with two or three Companies

I am
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Thomas Bruce,

Moherry
May 27th 1745 at 7 ½ A.M.

a True Copy
John Turing -

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq[r]
President and Governor &[c] Members of the Select Committee
Fort St George:

Honble Sir and Sirs -

Although I have not yet received an answer to the Letter I wrote to the Rajah from the same of Moherry, nor any application whatever since our on the same Detachment entered his Country, I do not doubt but he will soon be brought to terms - In my letter 25, 27th and 28th Instant I give your Honor &[c] a circumstantial account of my proceedings, and inform you of my determination to insist upon the Rajah coming to Garrison that by his being under your Power, you may have an opportunity to exercise your Justice

For

1746 Fort St George July 17 81

7 for an Example to the other Gentlemen in that
District — I did not mean to address you upon
the Subject until from a knowledge of the Rajah
Conduct I could have been more positively explicit
but as the season for Cultivation is at hand and
it is necessary to establish some Regulation, I am
anxious to be favored with your Instructions as soon
as possible, that I may not be at a loss to act under
any circumstances — I have not heard a single Expt
in extenuation of the Crime exhibited against the
Rajah, for his being concerned in the Death of his
late Master Boyagree unless it be insanity, which
seems of itself to be sufficient Cause for Government to in-
terfere in the appointment of proper men who can
be depended upon for the management of the Country
and the punctual payment of the Company's
Tribute — From the information I have received,
and every concurring circumstance that is the
strongest Reason to believe the Rajah is guilty of
his Masters death, either as a Principal or Accessory
If he gives me an opportunity I shall let you know
what he has to say in his defence, but in the interim
it may be necessary for your Honor &c to consider
the measure and mode of the punishment you
may think proper to inflict.

I am your Honor &c Obedience to
command the Rajah of his Country altogether or
only

Fort St George – July 1781 –

7. only for a Certain period untill the Company's demands are Cleared: some Jaghire or allowance will be necessary for the maintenance of the Rajah and his Family: or should your Honor &c.ª think it more expedient to continue the Zemindary under the Government of the Rajah or any of his Brothers, you may think it advisable to lay them under some particular restrictions by obliging them to make Certain Assign= =ments for the Security of the Company's Balance, and Regular payment of the Annual Jemmabundy, in which case and indeed at any rate, I beg leave to recommend that every Fort in the Country be imme= =diately destroyed, and broad Roads cut through the Jungle, which would be an effectual means at all times to secure the fidelity and obedience of these uncivilized People – If your Honor &c.ª mean to turn the Mohurry Country into Havelly Lands, and let it to a Renter – I must beg leave to inform you, Ball Kistna thinks he has preferable pretentions on ac= =count of his having a Cowle for Renting the whole district, and that he is willing to manage the Country, accounting for the Collections or paying what you shall think reasonable – Another mode and what I shall adopt, if the Rajah's Conduct makes it necessary and circumstances will Admit, until I receive your particular orders is, for your Resident to manage the Country upon the Company's account

which

7. which can be done easily by granting Cowles to the Inhabitants and agreeing with them for the Circar or Government share of the Produce —

I understand from the Records the estimated value of the Moherry Country is about 75,000 Rupees per Annum but the Worthy President has resided so long in that district, and must have such a thorough local knowledge that what I have taken the liberty to mention can only be considered as hints upon which I wish to know your sentiments so as to be the better able to execute your Commands —

I have received a letter from Captain Bruce informing me that Lieut Bruce had not been disturbed since he was left in the Command at Moherry and that all was quiet at Barrampore only that he heard the Chiquitty Rajah whose Sister is married to the Moherry Man had assembled a few hundred Peons with an intention to assist his Brother in Law. Nevertheless I am of opinion the Moherry Rajah will come himself or send proper people to make submissions altho' it may take the most time considering the Rajah is at present chiefly Governed by Gopy Mahaita, the man who is involved in his master's Guilt — Lovegee the Renter of Chiquitty has been making many Depredations to me against the Chiquitty Rajah for disturbing and interfering with the

1749 Fort St George July 1781 —

7, with him in the management of his Rents, so that if it be necessary I can easily order Capt Bruce to take Chiquilly in his way back to Aska in order to oblige the Rajah to dismiss the armed Peons thus unwarrantably collected —

I enclose the Copy of a Circular Letter I have wrote to the different Zemindars

I am very Respectfully;
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your very Obedient Humble Servant
John Turing

Ganjam
30th May 1781

Copy of circular letters to the Rajahs

I believe it is very well known to you that Royagree late Pouter to the Moherry Country was murdered at Barrampore on the 6th April last, by three Persons named Poorshotta Maharta, Jaghaugana and Gaonay Gontayatoo said to be employed for this wicked purpose by the Rajahs Chief Peon Gopy Maharta who has been since appointed Renter in the room of Royagree.

When the Honorable Governor and Select Committee at Madraps heard of Royagree's murder they were shocked and highly displeased at so horrid a deed and in Consequence advised me their Resident to make Strict enquiry concerning Royagree's death — for this purpose and in order to Settle the Honble Company's Jemabundy Account with the Rajah, I have sent a detachment of troops

unto

1750 Fort St George July 1781

To write to the Mohurry Country —

If Gopy Mahratta Poorshotta Mahratta Jaghegana and Sawmay Gontaga too should come into your Zemindary I desire you immediately seize and send them to me, that such Barbarous Murderers may be properly punished; and I charge you particularly not to receive or give any Assistance whatever to the Rajah of Mohurry's people if they should attempt to raise any disturbance, for I tell you plainly in case you disobey this order you will be most severely punished —

Your duty and true Interest should lead you to encourage and make happy the Inhabitants of your Zemindary, punctually paying your Jemabundy to the Honble Company's Rents, and by your obedient peaceable good Conduct to merit their protection and favor.

What can I say more?

A true Copy

John Torin

Gingeram
21st May 1781

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I had the honor to address you very fully on the 25th, 27th, 28th and 30th Ultimo on the subject of Mahratty affairs — I now beg leave to transmit

From the same
on the same

1751

Fort St George July 17th 1751 –

I transmit Copy of a letter I received last night from Capt.n Bruce which is so far satisfactory in giving an account of the tranquillity of the Country & I think serves to prove that even the Inhabitants are convinced of the Justice and Propriety of our Interference – As the Rajahs People have not yet committed any disturbance in the Country, and I have received Information they are still in doubt and Consultation in what manner they ought to proceed, I mean to make very reasonable allowance for their delay in not sending an Answer to my Letter, more especially as our Troops remain in quiet possession of the two principal places in the Zemindary, and we have it in our power at any time to disperse all the Armed People they can collect to oppose our taking possession of the rest of the Country – It is my earnest wish upon this occasion to overcome and impress the people with high Ideas of your Justice and Regard to the welfare and happiness of the Inhabitants, which I trust will be effected and the Moherry business settled to your full satisfaction, if I succeed in my expectation of being able to bring the Rajah of Moherry to submit himself to your mercy –

I am very respectfully,

Your very obedient humble Servant,

John Turing.

Ganjam,
4th June, 1751

To John Turing Esq.r Resident at Ganjam

Sir

1752 Fort St George July 1781.

7th

In my Last I had the honor to acquaint you with my having taken possession of Moharry and of my return with part of the Detachment the same day to Barrampore where I was happy to find the good effects of the Manifesto that had been published at that place in the Morning, as it had the wished for intention in quieting the minds of the Inhabitants, not only of that place but of the whole Zemindary, who now remain in peaceable possession of the Villages, and so confident are they of the Company's protection, that in many places Cultivation is going on as if the Tranquillity of the Country & the Country had never been disturbed, a more particular instance cannot be given of the Reliance they place in the protection offered them in this manifesto, than their venturing to disobey the orders of the Rajah (a very uncommon instance in those Parts) and remain in the Town of Barramhore, whom they had received positive orders to leave it, and not give the least assistance to the Company's detachment. I have done every thing since my arrival here in confirming the Inhabitants in this happy way of thinking, by not allowing the people under my Command to have the least Connection with the neighbouring Villages whatsoever — The letter you desired I would deliver the Rajah, should I be so fortunate as to take him at Moharry, I was not so lucky as to execute

as

1753 Fort St George July 1751

7th as he went off with his Family some time before
I reached the place, on my Return to Barrampore
I dispatched it by a trusty Person to the place
where I was informed he had Retired to, with di-
rections that it might be delivered into his own
hand, and wait for his Answer, which I was in
great hopes e'er this I should have been able
to forward to you, but to my surprize I have
not yet received it, or is my Messenger Returned, from
which last Circumstances I am willing to impute
this delay to the dilatory tedious manner we
are convinced these people always follow, when
they have any business in hand that Requires
reflection, or that consultation is necessary before
they can determine how to act, the weakness of
the Rajah and the influence of Maharaja Pantes,
who probably may be induced to attempt opposing
the just and proper reasons you have given him
for his immediate submission to the Authority
of Government, but as I am well assured the
letter has been delivered to him, I flatter myself
their own Interest will point out the Answer pro-
per to be Returned, and that they will not attempt
to make any further opposition, or presume to
disturb the Tranquillity of the Country.

I am Sir with Respect
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Thomas Bruce

Copy Barrampore
9th June 1751

a true Copy
John Turing

1754 Fort St George July 8th

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to enclose
From the same
on the same
translate of a Letter I received yesterday from the
Rajah of Mohurry, with the Copy of my Answer. The
Rajah does not seem to deny the Charge of his being
concerned in the death of Royapooe, indeed the circum-
=stances attending that Mans murder are notoriously
known all over the Country — I am certain it will
be most agreeable to you to have this business settled
in the easiest manner possible, therefore I proceed with
the utmost deliberation in the just expectation of
of obliging the Rajah to submit himself entirely
to your authority — If I find Gopy Mahanta has so
=fluence sufficient to prevent the Rajah from complying with my
Requisitions, & that he Gopy Mahanta and the other mur-
=derers are still protected, I shall then as a matter of
necessity order Capt.n Bruce to disperse about five or
six hundred Armed Peons who have been assembled
by Gopy Mahanta, and send parties after him and his
accomplices to apprehend them wherever they are
to be found — But if the Rajah comes or dispatches
proper people to make that submission as I have reason
to expect will be the case in the course of a few days,
the murderers must of course be delivered up, or they
will

1755 Fort St George July 1781

7th will fly the District. The Inhabitants will I trust remain in Peace and the Cultivation be carrying on, which is a great object of Consideration, at the same time that measures are pursued to maintain and exercise your Authority and Justice; so by the time I may expect to be favored with Answers from your Honor &c to my several letters upon the subject of Moberry affairs, I flatter myself matters will be in such a train, that I shall find no difficulty in carrying your orders into immediate Execution,

I am with the greatest respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
John Turing,

Ganjam
17th June 1781

Translate of a Letter from Narrain derdoo Zemindars &c
Moberry to Mr John Turing Resident at Ganjam
dated 4th June 1781

I have received your letter
enclosing my account and understand the Contents
You are Master over this District and also my Superior,
therefore you write so particularly — On account of not
raining this Year the Inhabitants and Merchants
have left this Country, in the mean time I received
your Letter which I trusted as a Cowle, and sent to
Call back again the Inhabitants & Merchants

from the same
or the same

to

1756 Fort St George July 1781

7th to whom I shewed and explained your Letter and encouraged all the People to go on With the cultivation of the Land — When the Company's troops came into my Country I left my Fort, and ran into the Jungle — By God Almighty's sufferings Boyagree is dead, and what is past is past — I have suffered sufficiently an account of his Death, whoever was concerned in Boyagree's Murder they have had proper punishment — Since the Honble Company have governed this District I have always obeyed their orders, and paid the Jamabundy of my Zemindary attending in their Service properly. In the Company's duty I have not been faulty — It is my misfortune that you now should punish me in this manner, I have likewise obeyed the order of Balle Kistna the Honble Company's Renter: it is very true there is some balance due by me on account of not raising that Year after settling my Affairs with the Company I will examine the accounts which you sent to me —

You order me to go to Ganjam. In the more Government they deceived the Zemindars when my Father took an oath he should not go out of the Fort, therefore I cannot go to Ganjam my two Brothers are too young, and do not understand Affairs; for which Reason I shall send a proper Person to you; This is the time for Cultivating the Country by your Troops remaining in my Country all the

Inhabitants

1757 Fort St George July 1757

7th Inhabitants and Merchants are very sorry, and are running to other places and if the Troops stay here another week, you may depend the Country cannot be cultivated, you are master of this Country and whatever you consider best - I am always Ready.

A True Copy

John Turing.

To the Rajah of Moherry.

After the particular letter I wrote to you the 25th May, which you acknowledge to have received, it is not proper for me to enter into further explanations, until you give sufficient proofs of your submission to the Company's Authority - It is the English and not the moors who now govern in this District, therefore any oath taken by your Father cannot effect you, and as I offer a Cowle for your safety, I desire you will come immediately to Ganjam, or return quietly to your House at Moherry or Barram pore, where the Commanding Officer will protect you, and in the mean time I desire you will immediately send down to me your two Brothers, Mattyloo and Sanadoo, with any other proper people you may appoint - I also again insist upon your delivering up to my Mahanta Comm - shotta Mahaila Joghcazana & Sawmy Gontayatoo the cruel Murderers of Royagree - I hear that a Number of your people are assembled at the Village

of

1758 Fort St George July 1758

7th of Sevenpatana it is my positive Command that without a Moments delay you Order all those people to disperse and Return to their houses and attend to their business of Cultivating the Land —

Whatever I have Desired of you is according to Justice and the duty you owe to the Company if you Refuse or even delay to submit to their Just Authority you must abide by all consequences as I cannot be trifled with any longer —

If I do not see you or receive proper satisfaction within five days I shall be obliged to use other methods to make you sensible of your misconduct —

What can I say more?

A True Copy
John Turing

as

6th June 1758 Received the following Letter.

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

Honble Sir

From Masulipatan advising of a French Privateer having anchored in the Road —

We have just been visited by a French privateer which anchored in the Road this morning about 7 oclock under English Colours, and after having seuttled 3 Country Vessels and plundered a Vessel belonging to Coja Sator, set Sail at 4 oclock this afternoon, standing to the Northward

1759 Fort St George July 8th 1781

7th Northward — two more Vessels joined to the North-
ward, (one of which appeared to be a large Ship)
about 10 o'clock this morning; and one Catamaran
people who have just landed from the Privateer
informed me that they were told the two above men-
tioned Vessels belonged to them — the Catamaran
people likewise informed me that the Crew of the
privateer consisted of Europeans and Coffoces, and
that they have no Soldiers on board — I am very
Respectfully —

Honble Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
James Daniell,

Masulipatam
15th June 1781 —

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

Dear Sir,

I could not forward the accom-
panying letters to you in the State they were received,
and I have therefore had them Copied thus small
in hopes they will immediately reach you —
I have the honor to be very Respectfully,
Dear Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
James Daniell,

From the same

Masulipatam
June 81

Recd the following letter:

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

at Fo

Honble

1760 Fort St George, July, 8th

7th Honble Sir & Sirs

From Vizagapatam
despatched the Bengal
detachment with
one Lack of Rupees
Bullocks &c
the 5th Circar Bat.
talion sent to
Masulipatam.

We have been honored with
your Commands of the 2d, 9th and 16th Inst. In obedi-
ence to your orders, at the Recommendation of
the Committee of Stores, we despatched to Capt Forman
on his arrival here to take on board the Guns and
Shott for Ganjam. They were such weighty articles
that he was unable to receive them on board his
small Vessel. This has given us an opportunity
to offer to your Consideration some Remarks on
this Subject, arising from our local knowledge of
Affairs, and being acquainted with prevalent Opi-
nions; the withdrawing all the Guns from hence
and leaving the defence of the place to six or eight Mortars
Howitzers & Cohorns will undoubtedly carry with it the appear-
ance that this Settlement was to be Abandoned on the
first serious alarm whereas in its present State it is
capable of some defence and from our Labours the Inner
Fort is completely surrounded with a Stockade and
Fascine Batteries, whereas it was formerly open: so
that the Inhabitants of the Country would have
some confidence in the Strength of Vizagapatam
and resort to it as a place of Security. We are also
of opinion, that depriving this Settlement of the
means of defence will effect the collections we flatter
ourselves Therefore from these considerations that we
shall be permitted to retain the Guns and we conceive

To

1761 Fort St George July 1785

7th to preserve appearances at all times, is a matter of much moment - Rajah Sitteram Rauze has been made acquainted with your orders of the 9th Ult. and the work at Vizianagaram is pulling down, and is nearly demolished - Rajah Vizeram Rauze arrived on the 29th at the Chief's, we are settling with him for future payments and are in hopes to make such Stipulations as will meet with your Honor &c.as Approbation, and enable us to make remittances to the Presidency -

In conformity to your instructions we have supplied Colo. Pearse with one Lack of Rupees which was dispatched the 2d Inst. under Charge of an European Officer - we have also furnished Colo. Pearse with 850 Draught and Carriage Bullocks and 250 Head of Cattle for Slaughter from the Rajah he has Received 200 Carriage Bullocks and his detachment has been amply supplied with Provisions and a Number of Seapoys Tents - we also hope to be able in a few days to entertain or Purchase for the Service 1000 or 1,200 Carriage Bullocks in time to overtake the Bengal Army at the Kistnah we could have collected more cattle for slaughter, but they are so Wretchedly lean and such a mortality prevails the moment they quit their Native soil, that we have been discouraged from purchasing more, knowing they will mostly die before the proceed far - and even the Bullocks for the Draught and

Carriage

carriage are scarcely worth the sending for they
appear in General to be weak and small in this
Province, and Buffaloe Carts are much used in this
Country to do all the carriage business - The Chief
and Council of Masulipatam having made applic=
-cation to us for a reinforcement of Troops, and hav=
ving accompanied the Request with Arguments which
convinced us of the necessity of complying with their
Requisition immediately, we have detached to that
district the 5th Circar battalion, which leaves only
one in this province and this measure we trust
will meet with your approval -

The Gentlemen at Masulipatam
have applied to us also for an immediate supply
of Two lacks of Rupees on account of their increased
Military Charges and Expences incurred for Provisions
for the Bengal Army. That they had no hopes of
receiving money until the Zemmindars provided at
the Chiefship to defray those Expenditures and that
they did not know the Extent of Col. Pearse's demands
on them - We have written them in reply, that
agreeable to orders we had furnished the Bengal Army
with One lack of Rupees, which would ease their
Treasury in one Respect. That this Issue of Cash
had reduced us too low to afford them any aid for
the present, but that by the End of this month we
Expected to have a considerable balance, which we

intended

intended to remit to the Presidency, but that if their wants Existed at that time, we should send them what was designed for Madras provided we were not in the interim drawn upon — Col.ᴱ Pearse has assured us by Letter that every Endeavor and Argument was used by the Rajahs Vizeiaram Rauze and Setteram Rauze to persuade their disbanded Troops to enlist in the Bengal Army, but to no purpose — We have the honor to be with Respect

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient and

Faithful humble Servant

Ja.s Hy Casamajor,

Henry Crawford.

Nath.l Barlow.

Chas. Maxtone.

Vizagapatam
6th
4. May, 1781.

To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse,
Comanding the Bengal Detachment.

Sir

To Colonel Pearse advising of the success of our Arms against Hyder. Extract of a letter from General Coote regarding his future operations —

Since our last bearing date 26.th June, we have received Duplicates of your Letters of the 16.th, 18.th and 27.th of that Month —

Yesterday We had the pleasure to receive a letter from Sir Eyre Coote, informing us of the success of our Army in a general Action with Hyder Ally on the first Instant — the Enemys

Force

1764 Fort St George July 1764

The Force by the Report of an European officer who came over to us consisted of 23 Battalions of Infantry, 500 Europeans, between forty and fifty Thousand horse, and above 10000 match lock men, Peons, and Pilgars with 47 Pieces of Cannon, which were all brought into action — the Engagement lasted from 8 o'clock in the morning until about 3 in the Afternoon, when our front line advanced, upon which the Enemy drew off their Guns and left us masters of the Field we pursued them until near dark, taking up our ground at the Village of Mortoopollam, the Enemy retired to Permaul Peary distant about 5 miles — The loss on their side is computed at upwards of 3000 Men, besides a Number of Horse — Meer Saib one of Hyder's Principal Generals and Several other Officers of Rank have fallen, and Tally is Reported to have been wounded — The Number of killed and wounded on our Part does not exceed 320 men — Had we dispersed a Body of Cavalry the Victory would have been rendered more decisive by furnishing the means of Preventing the Enemy from Carrying off their Guns, it was however a glorious day and affords an illustrious proof of the Effects of high discipline and Valor in Troops when conducted by an able Commander —

We enclose for your Infor-
=mation an Extract of a Letter from General Cote dated
28th Ultimo, concerning your detachment, in addition to which we have to observe to you, that Mr Graham

Graham

one

1765. Fort St George July 1765

7th one of the Generals Secretaries whom he has sent
to our President to explain his Sentiments more fully
than he could do by letter assures him that the Generals
instructions were, that you should advance towards
Madras; perhaps this Idea might have been strength-
=ened had he known that Pullicat is in our Possession,
as your March would be facilitated by the Security
of such a Port — Should you advance so far without
meeting any Directions from the General, and no
formidable Enemy appear in that Quarter, you
may possibly think it not improper to move towards
Tripassore, where it is said there is a great Quan=
tity of Provisions Merchandize and Treasure deposid
there by Lallah, of whose Strength and situation you
will be informed by the Enclosed Account which
is the Latest we received —

In the Confusion of Hyder's
Affairs and the Consternation which will probably
extend to all his troops and adherents, we are en-
clined to think Tripassore might be taken without
much difficulty or danger.

It gives us much sa=
=tisfaction to observe that the Phougdar of Nellore ap=
=pears to you to have acted with Fidelity and Zeal
=for our Service, but as we have on former occasions
had cause to suspect him of great duplicity of
Conduct, we think it proper to caution you against
Relying too much to his promises of assistance —

&c

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7th

We earnestly recommend to you to bring with you as great a Number of Bullocks and as much provisions as you can possibly collect, the army being in the greatest distress for these Articles and should you be able to escort a larger Quantity of Grain than may be wanted for Consumption in the Field, any Assistance you may be able to afford to this Settlement will be very acceptable.

The Tumbrils, Wheels, and Axle Trees you require, are dispatched by this opportunity together with eighty Carts—

In the prospect of your Immediate march towards us, we shall then with more facility supply you with arms for such of the Nabobs Troops as may be willing to engage with you, if you think proper to receive them—

We are,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

Macartney

Select Committee

Fort St George
7th July 1781—

Extract of Letter from General Sir Eyre Coote to the President & Select Committee at Fort St George—
dated Porto Nove June. 28th. 1781—

Until the Bengal Detachment shall absolutely have arrived at Pollore, and I shall have received advice thereof from the Officer in Command

informed

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To informing me of its present State and Condition it is impossible for me to say what Service it ought to be Employed on or whether it shall act seperately or in conjunction with this Army. The Recovery of Arcot I have ever Considered as an object of great importance, but the movements of Hyder's great Army must be my chief Guide in giving directions regarding that or any other military operations to be undertaken by the Bengal Detachment—

The Honble Charles Smith Esq^r
President and Governor of Fort St George.—

Honble Sir,

I have herewith the honor to enclose Copy of a Paper of News Received Yesterday from Poona.

I am,
Honble Sir,
With great Respect
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Holland.

Hyderabad
4th June 1781

from Mr Holland
losing Intelligence
ved from Poona

that

Copy of a Paper of News from Poona, Received 3. June 1781.

May 2. The English Army decamped from Panayley and Marched to Buddalapoor 3 Cos distance and eight Cos distance from Bombay —

3 The Maratta Camp were encamped at 4 Cos distance

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7th distance from Panaylay.

May 4th Shivry Pundit Purkia Sookaje Holkar Bapu Pundit Anah, Parraramboo and the Rest of the Mah-tah Chiefs, decamped and came to Chonkey the Cos distant from Panayley— News came to Parraramboo from Meah that Selwagee Bonsla and Manogee Sankra the Chiefs of Ulcah Soonauda had invaded Meah

5th— Parraramboo came to Bhor Ghaut to take leave of Nana Puhaneefs and to proceed to his own Country— Shivry Pundit Purkia Bapu Pundit Anah, and Malogee Goparay decamped from Chonkey and proceeded 5 Cos towards Poona. Sookaje Holkar continued, encamped on the same Ground—

6th— Parraramboo arrived at Cheshuvah Moojee Bhonsla upon hearing the News of Sevajees Reverone's Recovery from the small Pox sent him Compliments of Congratulation, with a Pair of Rungt of Pearls, a Kulkiey, Serpech and 5 Pieces of Cloth— Nana Puhaneefs having first seen and approved of them sent them forward to Poonander Ghur where he were presented and accepted by the Peshwa Parraramboo dispatched his Guns on before him and Nana Puhaneefs sent the Marratta Artillery to Poona. Govind Row Gaickewar Pettah Sing Gaickwar his Brother, Sinay Ownt Suckeal and Shumshur Ba-hadur at the time the Guzerat Country was taken had fled and Pettah Sing had joined Rugobah, the Rest

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7th Rest of them are now come to Cheekurah and have
Joined Nana Puhaneejee, who received them with
great Regard, and bestowed on them Gold Strings
for the Hands, Cloths, Elephants, and other such marks
of Favor, and he has intentions of sending Govind
Row Seviah Lawn and Shumsheer Bahadur with 10,000
Horse to Canton at Conda Bauney Ghaut - A Party
of the English army consisting of 2 Battalions of
Sepoys and 500 Troopers with Gulzar Cawn Dookeah,
which were stationed at Soonkeer made an attack
in the Night and beat up the Quarters of Gunnish
Pundit Berejatk, who was in the Neighbourhood
of that place, and who lost upon the occasion 50.
or 60 Horse killed besides wounded —

7th Purseram bawo brought and lodged in the
Magazine at Poona, 8 Pieces of Cannon and 200
Bullock Loads of Ammunition and Stores —

9th Nana Puhanejee joined Purseram bawo a visit
and they were in private together 4 hours after which
Puhaneejee returned to his own Camp

9th — a Salute was fired at Panayley on the Arrival
of an English Sirdar from Bombay —

10th — Purseram bawo arrived by the Dooey Ghaut Road
at Sasoorah

11th — Purseram bawo encamped near Poorunderghur
and Sevajee Madaveroo came out to meet him

12th — Sevajee Madaveroo with 1000 Horse and 500
foot

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7th Foot arrived before Break of day and entered
Poona Purseram bhow proceeded on his march
towards his own Country and Encamped at Chechuah
14th Rago Pundit Purseram bhow's Nephew went
forward with 6000 Horse towards Moah —
15th Rago Pundit Moah with 15000 Horse and
Bevance Row Percunadee with 2000 Horse marched
to Assistance Gunnish Pundit Berdyah Ramm Row
Rastee with 6000 Horse marched for the Hattenee
Districts 100 Coss South of Poona — Nana Purnavees
is still at Chechuah Sorkajee Holkar is at Chonka
at the Foot of Bhorghaut and Hurry Pundit Perkia
with 25,000 Horse, is encamped at 5 Coss distance
from Chonka —
16th — Nana Purnavees entertained Purseram bhow
and dismissed him with the usual Complimentary
Presents
17th Purseram bhow encamped at the River of Mulah
Mulah —

The President delivers in the following
Memorandum —

The President informs the
Committee that one of the first objects which engaged
his attention after his arrival was to Examine into
the State of the Finances and take a Comparative
View of the Demands and Resources of Government
for

The President moves
Propose that a Public
Notification be sent
round for a loan
for Lack of Pagodas

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7th for Prosecuting the War, That in the Course of this Investigation he was concerned to find our Means so very inadequate to the Exegencies of the Service — That no money was to be procured or obtained from the Country Powers by whom supplies had been usually furnished — That every Public Department was loaded with debt, That the most pressing Letters had been received from Sir Eyre Coote on the Subject of the Arrears due to the Army, representing that the Sepoys began to murmur for want of Pay, and that very serious Consequences were to be apprehended unless some speedy remedy were applied — In a situation of such great distress the President is of opinion that the most strenuous Efforts should be made to relieve as far as possible the Necessities of the Army, and make some Provision for their immediate and Pressing demands; That in this Idea he has maturely weighed the subject, and conceives that the Raising a Sum of Money on Loan to be repaid whenever the State of the Company's Affairs may admit, is of all others the least exceptionable Mode that Can be adopted, he therefore proposes that a Publick Notification be sent round to the European and Native Inhabitants as soon as the Terms can be settled proposing a Loan of 5 Lack of Pagodas —

The Members of the Committee concur entirely in Opinion with the President on the Foregoing subject, and it is agreed to

refer

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7th refer the matter to the Consideration of the Council without loss of time.

9th Received the following letters —

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr President & Governor &c &c Select Committee

Fort St George

Hond Sir & Sirs,

From Capt. Edmonds enclosing a Return of the troops at Angola

Herewith I have the honor to send you a Return of the Troops belonging to this Garrison, for the month of June — And I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

Hond Sir and Sirs,

Angola
1 July 1782

Your most Obedient humble Servant,
Edward Edmonds
Captain Comdt

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr President & Select Committee,

Madrass.

Hond Sir and Sirs

From Col. Pearse, Enclosing a Return of his Troops —

The 21st June, and I began to be very uneasy at not hearing of the Arrival of any of my Letters sent by Water, which you pointed out as the safest mode. Enclose a Return of Present Strength and have sent the like to Sir Eyre Coote in the Letter which I beg you will please to order to be forwarded — I am with the greatest respect,

Hond Sir and Sirs,

Nellore
5th July 1782

Your most obedient humble Servant,
J D. Pearse Colo

Sd Sir Eyre Coote's last is dated 5th May.