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1783. Fort St George July 1783.

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Right Honble Lord George Macartney,
President & Governor &c.a Select Committee,
My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Capt.n Mackay order Ensign Wickens under an Arrest; preparing to destroy the Fortifications at Sadras

My duty to the Service required that I should order Ensign Wickens under Arrest for disobedience of Orders, and Neglect of duty Lieut.t Fleming Engineer and Ensign Ogg took the management of the works the instant Ensign Wickens was ordered under arrest, and I am happy to inform your Lordship &c.a that the progress in demolishing the Fortifications is much more to my satisfaction than before. As every Man and every Load landed by the Lively are employed, and also every Soul we had at Chinglepute; and as there is plenty of money and Grain for the Workmen & Coolies &c.a your Lordship &c.a will I hope be pleased to suppose that the utmost Exertions and attention are paid to the Service I have the honor to be on These Fortifications are very strong and massy and require great Labor. The instant the mines are ready they shall be sprung, and without a moments delay I will march for Chinglepute. There are no horse in this part of the Country at present. I have the honor to be -

My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your very obedient humble Servant
George Mackay,
Captain Comm.d.t

Sadras
6 July 1783

P.S. an Inventory of the Property found in the

1774. Fort St. George, July, 1783.

8th Fort &c. shall be laid as soon as possible before your Lordship &c.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From the same on the subject of Lieut. Innes's letter to Capt. Brown dated 9th Inst.

The Engineer reports to me that the Masonry of this Fort is so very strong that it was impossible to make greater progress in demolishing it than they have. It appears to me it will take at least eight days more before the Bastions and walls are destroyed, and I am convinced and will be answerable to your Lordship &c. with my reputation that the Fortifications will be sooner demolished by a great deal than if Mr. Wickens had the management— I offered him all my Europeans off duty and an Officer to work under his directions which he refused— at present all the Europeans off duty and an Officer are continually employed under Messrs. Ogg and Fleming —

In consequence of your Lordships letter directing Ensign Wickens to proceed to Canarguly, I waited upon him and told him that I released him from his Arrest, and would depend upon your Lordship &c. for Ideas in the manner it was most convenient and agreeable. Though from Black Report I think I may with safety congratulate your Lordship

1775 Fort St. George July 1781.

Lordship &c^a upon a Victory obtained by Sir Eyre Coote over Hyder Ally's whole Army

The action happened between Porto Novo and Cuddalore and had not night come on the action would have been more decisive — Hyder fled towards Trividy — the Intercepted Black letter which I have the honor to enclose will inform your Lordship of the Particulars

I am,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
with great Respect
Your most Obedient humble Servant
George Mackay, Cap^t Lieu^t

Madras
7 July 1781 —

The Right Honble President having obtained Tonnage for 11,000 Maunds of Rice to be sent to the Army as mentioned in the Committee's Letter to Sir Eyre Coote of the 6th Instant an Order is now sent to the Agent directing him to indent to the Garrison Storekeeper for that Quantity, to be shipped on board the Fleet and Free Mason engaged for the Purpose

11,000 Maunds of Rice to be sent to the Army

Mr. William Augustus Dobbyn
Agent —

Sir,

I have it in Charge from the Right Honble President and Select Committee to desire you will indent to the Garrison Store

Keeper

to the Agent desiring him to indent for Rice for the Army

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8th Keeper for 11,000 Maunds of Rice 7000 maunds
of which are to be Shipped on the Ship Egret and
the other remaining 4000 maunds on board the
Snow Freemason, to be consigned to the Deputy
Agent on Coup

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Thomas Oakes,
Secretary

Fort St George,
8th July 1781

Letters dispatched to the Northern Settlements

In consequence of the intelligence
received yesterday from Mr Holland Resident at
the Nizams Court, the following Letters to the
Northern Settlements having been ordered to be
prepared are now dispatched

To Mr James Darnell,
Chief &c. Council at Masulipatam.
Gentlemen

To the Northern Settlements, desiring them to keep on their Guard against a Surprize.

The late signal Victory obtained by Sir Eyre Coote over Hyder near Porto Nova must
make a great Change for the better in our Affairs, and
will we hope deter the Country Powers from giving us
disturbance. Yet it becomes us to guard with the
utmost Caution against any Combination against
us and to inspire our Neighbours and Tributaries
with a desire of seeking the Countenance of our Alliance
and Protection.

Though we are unwilling to
doubt

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8th doubt the sincerity of the Professions of the Nizam made to Mr Holland our Resident at Hydrabad previously to the march of the detachment of his Troops towards our Territories, yet Prudence dictates to us to provide against any Surprize — We must therefore recommend to you in the Strongest terms to Employ such Force as you propose and to Extent that we must also greatly rely upon your Influence and Authority over our Tributaries, to induce them to assist effectually in Repelling any Attack which may be made upon our Frontiers — It appears of the most immediate Consequence to conciliate to our Government the Attachment of all the Tributary Rajahs and Zemindaars by the Justice and wisdom of our Conduct towards them, and by such marks of attention and Regard proportionate to their Respective ranks and Characters, as may be most likely to engage their Affections, and secure their Fidelity to the Company —

It is at this Critical Juncture a circumstance of much satisfaction to us that we can so firmly rely on your Circumspection, Activity, and Sense of duty to our honorable Employers.

Enclosed we transmit to you Copy of Mr. Hollands letter on the forgoing Subject.

We

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Fort St George
8 July 1781

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

The same to the Casamayor and Council
Ditto. Acting Resident.

The Letter from Vice Admiral
Sir Edward Hughes of the 3 Instant having
been taken into consideration, the following
Letter is now ordered to be dispatched —

To Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath,
Vice Admiral of the Blue and Commander
in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in

Sir India.

To Sir Edward Hughes on the Subject of Negapatam, and acknowledging his Services.

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 3 Instant, and beg leave to return
you our thanks for your hearty Congratulations
on the success of our Arms against Flyer Alley in
the late General Engagement — It is an Event which
we trust will be attended with the most extensive
good Consequences, at the same time that it redounds
highly to the Honor of our Troops and affords a Striking
Proof of the superiority which Discipline and Valor
will confer, even with the greatest Inequality of Num-
bers

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8th Numbers when directed by Judgement and Alacrity

We are truly sensible of the Services you have rendered to Sir Eyre Coote by the Assistance of the Squadron in landing Stores and Provisions and embarking the heavy Artillery, whereby he was enabled to march towards the Enemy and our Acknowledgements are proportioned to the good Consequences which have resulted from that Assistance

In Regard to Negapatam We entirely agree with you in Considering it as a Post the Possession of which would prove of the utmost Importance to our Affairs, and we likewise concur in opinion with you that the sooner an Expedition were set on foot the easier Conquest it would prove, but as it is entirely out of our Power to afford any Assistance of Troops from this Garrison and being unable to determine when the Situation of Affairs may favor an Undertaking of this Nature, we must take the Liberty of Referring you to Sir Eyre Coote, who alone can decide upon this Point, and we are hasping in the Confidence of your Zealous Support and Assistance in effecting this object whenever an opportunity may offer which affords a Reasonable Prospect of Success

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,

humble Servant,

Macartney

for Select Committee

Fort St George,
8th July, 1781

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

Sir

To Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote on the Subject of Negapatam, Enclosing Copy of a letter from Mr Holland, and of circular letters and Do. of last letter to Colonel Pearse—

We have lately received a letter from Sir Edward Hughes, informing Us of his intention to proceed with his Squadron to the Coast of Negapatam, holding the Ships in readiness to impede the Trade and oppose any Force of the Enemy that may appear on the Coast; that by keeping a windward Station he can be at Cuddalore in a few hours if there be occasion, and proceed in Concert with you on any Service agreed on; he further adds that he has taken the liberty to recommend to you the getting Possession of Negapatam as a Post of the utmost Consequence to Our Affairs, and the more speedy the attempt is made, the easier will be the Conquest, and he requests we will take the matter under our Deliberation.

By this Conveyance we have returned an answer to the foregoing, informing him of the perfect Coincidence of our sentiments with those he has expressed on the subject, however that as we can afford no Assistance of Troops from this Garrison towards executing this Service, and at so great a distance from the Scene are unable to determine when the situation of Circumstances may Encourage an Enterprize of this Nature, that we refer him to

Your

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8th you, who are alone competent on this occasion to decide on the Steps most proper to be taken.

Enclosed we transmit to you Copy of a Letter from Mr Holland, and as the Intelligence may eventually prove of Importance, we have thought it proper to send Copies of it to the several Chiefships in the Circars, with a Circular Letter from Us, a Transcript of which you will receive herewith as likewise Copies of our last Letter to Colonel Pearse.

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

Fort St George
8th July 1781

To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse,
Commandeng the Bengal detachment.

Sir

To Col Pearse
Recommending to him to advance on the subject of Nellore desiring him to bring a great Number of Buccocks

Your Letter of the 30th Ultimo addressed to our late President has been laid before Us.

We concur with you in opinion as to the Propriety of advanceing with your Detachment for the Reasons You have assigned, and should you judge it proper to move to Nairjet, You will be so far on the Way to Gomara ponday within eight miles of Pulicat, late seized by us and now Garrisoned by our Troops.

Among the advantages of moving

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8th This way will probably be that of being joined on the Road by the Vencatagherie Rajah with more convenience than in the route to Arcot, and it is evident that by advancing immediately you would avoid the many Impediments which the swelling of the Rivers would occasion—

The General has been anxious to hear of your Arrival at Nellore, in order to furnish you with his further Instructions, suited to the situation of Affairs at this time, but as the Southward Winds still prevail, and render a sea Conveyance tedious and our intercourse by land being greatly interrupted we think it probable a further length of time must elapse before You can receive his Sentiments for your future Guidance, in this Situation we conceive you ought to pursue the Measures which your Judgement point out to you to be the most eligible founded on circumstances as they arise, endeavouring to meet the Views of the Commander in Chief as nearly as you can forsee them— We shall be careful to give you the earliest Information when the plan is fixed for your future movements, and in Case the siege of Arcot should be resolved on, what you may on the subject shall be particularly attended to in order to be as well prepared as possible to supply your necessary demands—

The information we have received here concerning the Fort of Nellore confirms your description

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St. description of its defenceless state, we trust you will
take the best determination Concerning the Garrison
to be left there, and we shall apply to the Nabob
for the Extension of such Power to any of our Of-
=ficers who may Command there as you may Judge
Necessary

Orders have been sent to the
Officers Commanding at Pulicat, Poonamallee,
Chinglepat, Carangoly, Wandewash, and Vellore to
forward to you wherever you may be all the Intel-
=ligence they can obtain — it will be necessary
also that every Precaution be taken against sur-
=prize from any formidable body of the Enemy, for
although Hyder has received a severe Check in the
Victory lately obtained over him, still he may
endeavor to make an Impression on your Detach-
ment, and should that be his Object, he has the
Means of out-marching our Army by several days,
more particularly in its present distress for
draft and Carriage Bullocks — this is a Subject
we have so Repeatedly written to you upon, that
we have only earnestly to recommend that the
utmost Exertion be made to collect the greatest
Number possible, since Every thing depends
on our being able to supply the Army with Pro-
=visions and the means of Carrying it

A letter has this moment been

received

1784 Fort St George July 8th 1781.

8th Received from Captain Harding Commanding at Poonamalee, advising that 400 Good Infantry and 200 Horse were Yesterday thrown into Trichinopore by Lallah.

We are,
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servants
Macartney.
&c. Select Committee.

Fort St George
8th July 1781.

Read the following letter

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr. Fenwick requesting a Letter of Marque for Capt. Fenwick of the Sucaps Galley —

Being informed that you have been pleased to grant Letters of Marque against the Several Powers at War with the English Nation, permit me in the name of Mr. Cuthbert Fenwick Commanding his Highness the Nabob's Ship Sucaps Galley, to Solicit the same favour.

I am,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient,
Humble Servant
J. E. Fenwick.

Fort St George
9th July 1781

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

Honble

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9th Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Stephen Sulivan informing of his intentions to repair to Madras

Late last night (and not before) I received a Letter from the Acting Secretary Mr Hay, enclosing an Extract of your Letter to the Governor General and Council dated April 1st together with an Extract of the Letter from the Court of Directors dated 18th October 1780 - I have been careful to mention the precise time of my receiving a Public Notification of my Appointment, that I may not appear disrespectful to you for having omitted to address the Committee by an earlier opportunity.

As I have been Nominated Resident and Paymaster at Sangore in a manner so flattering, and far exceeding the merit of my Pretensions, I shall repair to Madras for the Purpose of taking Charge of my Employ, as soon as the Season of the Year will admit of a Voyage without risque

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient
and most humble Servant,
Stephen Sulivan,

Fort St George
May 24 - 1781

(Private)

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
Governor &c. &c. &c.
Dear Sir,

From Masulipatam on the Subject of Colo Pearse's detachment,

I was exceedingly busy at the dispatch

1786 Fort St George July 1786

9th dispatch of the York, that I am afraid I omitted
to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter enclosed to me
by Mr Douglas under date the 21st Ult: for Colonel
Pearse from Sir Eyre, which was immediately by
forwarded — The dhoni Rainbow imported here
the 6th instant with Capt. Montgomery who brought
me your favor of the 28th also the 4 Maharattas
from Sir Eyre's Camp, to whom I have given a
Letter for Mr Holland to take with them to Hyderabad.
I wrote to you by the York on the subject of Colonel
Pearse's detachment, which had then crossed the
River, and I hear they march from the Gudina this
Evening, notwithstanding all has been done which
human Nature could suggest for the welfare and
abundance of the detachment, he leaves the district
dissatisfied — and I understand that much of their
Provisions has already been damaged and expended;
they left Ellore with 30 days Provisions for 12,000
Men, and so full is all the Country of Grain thro'
which they have to Nellore, that if the Enemy are
not before hand with them, or that the Troops do not
intimidate the Country People, they will have
little occasion to touch their magazine of Provisions,
but these people who have been accustomed to abun-
dance know not how to provide for the morrow
God grant them a safe passage to Nellore — when I have
a good opportunity, I will send you a Letter received
from Col Pearse and the Deputy (both Public)

1787 Fort St George July 1st 1781—

9th on the subject of his Complainings—They Zemindars are mostly here, and if the adjustment of their Tributs depended on myself with the full powers of Coersive measures, I would soon fill the treasury—but I have a thousand difficulties to overcome—This Meanspy busenes is a terrible impediment—before Juggernutty was assured that he should have time to write to Madras on it (which I hope and know will avail nothing) he could not be prevailed to Come here and settle without force—but I am now in the midst of it, and you shall hear from me as often as possible—Upparow is not yet Come, but I believe and hope we shall have no occasion to Come to Extremities with him—I wish for your sake and mine that I had a prospect of more time to complete these adjustments with the Zemindars, and that I could be fixed here by you Committee immediately for 3 months after my Appointment to Council, or after any body from Europe may arrive to dislodge me—God knows it would be much for the Company's Interest likewise, and I hope you will effect it—I am truly concern=ed to hear you have been so much indisposed, and most heartily wish you a Speedy Recovery being very Respectfully—

Dear Sir,

Your most devoted &c.

J Daniell,

Masulipatam
10th June, 1781.

1788 Fort St. George July 1781.

Duplicate

9. Dear Sir.

From Gen.l Smith on the subject of the Mahery Rajah; & of Colonel Pearse's Detachment.—

Yesterday I had the pleasure to receive your letter dated 28th Ulto — I beg you will accept my best thanks for your kind communications — Now the Squadron is arrived and the Bengal Detachment draws so near the scene of action, I hope General Coote will be enabled to attack Hyder so vigorously in different quarters that I flatter myself I shall very soon receive from you some very agreeable News.—

Agreeably to your desire I send you copies of my letters since April 16th but because I have written some of which I did not take any Copy — I wrote a long epistle to my friend Douglas on 4th June which I hope he will receive.

I have been so particularly in my publick letters to the Committee respecting the Mahery business, that I have not had occasion to trouble you further — I have not yet received an answer from the Rajah to my letter of the 6th Instant, but it has been delivered, and I have information he has complied with my desire in discharging near four hundred Peons, keeping only about two hundred who belong to Mahery Pot.

I have also received information that the Rajah has turned off Gopy Maharta and appointed one of his old Servants Panter, who I hear is

Sending

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9th sending down to me with a letter — Every thing Re=
mains in perfect tranquillity, and there does not
appear to me any difficulty in the Business there
=fore I wish to receive your instructions that
things may be settled as you shall be pleased
to direct —

When I see this new Pauter, hear
what he has to say, and can speak more confidant
=ly I shall write to the Committee —

I am exceedingly Concerned
to hear you have been indisposed, but hope this
will find you perfectly recovered — You must
have an immence deel of Business — they give
out at Cuttack that 2,000 Horse are actually to be
sent after Colonel Pearse — when the arrive
at Ganjam I shall believe them.

I hope Col.: Pearse will soon
open the Communication with the Presidency,
which has been long interrupted —

I Remain with Respectful Regard
and Esteem,

Dear Sir,

Your devoted and Obliged
humble Servant,
John Turing,

Ganjam,
15th June, 1781.

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

To

1790 Fort St George July 1785.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I presume the Chief and Council of Masulipatam have informed you of the arrival of a French Privateer in Coringa Roads on the 16th Instant, having Captured near this Port the Devonshire Grab Ship, and in Coringa Roads several Carnatic Vessels, one of which she burnt on the 20th and I have reason to imagine she sunk the rest, as they have entirely disappeared.—

From Ingeram a french Privateer destroys the Vessels in Coringa Road.

The appearance of Enemies cruizers on the Coast at this particular Juncture when the Black Vessels belonging to these Ports are preparing for their Voyage to Bengal in order to carry supplies to Madras, will be productive of a very bad effect, unless a Frigate could be sent to give them Confidence and protect their Vessels— Indeed from what I can learn of the present disposition of the Owners of Vessels, they will by no means be induced to trust their Vessels out of Port at the usual season, unless they are eased of their fears by the appearance of an adequate force to repel the Enemys Cruizers and protect the Trade, and by their refusing to perform their Contracts, the Presidency will be

deprived

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9. # deprived of the supplies these Vessels would so liberally furnish

I compute That the Tonnage destroyed by the French Privateers since her Arrival at Masulipatam on the 15th Instant, must have been sufficient for a supply of Fifteen or twenty thousand Cags of Rice.—

I have taken This early opportunity of Representing the bad Consequences that may naturally occur from these peoples fears, that you may take such measures as may appear to you most expedient to avert the threatening Evil.—

I have the honor to be with Respect,—

Hon^ble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
William Hamilton,

Ingeram,
23 June, 1783.

The Right Hon^ble George Lord Macartney,
Governor & President and the Gentlemen of the
Council of Fort St George.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Permacoil Wandewash invested by Tippoo Saib.

Tippoo Saib with a large force and Twelve heavy Guns is now before Wandewash, and making every preparation for a siege, there has

been

1792 Fort St George. July 1781.

I have been much firing for some days past from the Quarter, which makes me imagine he has begun his approaches against the fort. he has so closely invested it that every attempt I have made by Hircars to get an account from Capt. Flint of his situation has proved ineffectual, 'tis said he intends sending part of his Force against this Garrison, and I am making every preparation in my power to receive them and be persuaded that every Exertion shall be used to foil them, should they make the attempt, a Body of four Hundred horse two days ago endeavored to drive off a large number of Sheep and Cattle, (I have provided for the Army) but without effect—

I have the honor to remain,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Devoted
and Obedient Servant,
Benj. Bishop,
Capt. & Comdt.

Permacoil
2d July, 1781.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have received advices that Sallah is about to send on to force the Venkatagarree Rajah to Join him, that his Banditty

from Coll. Pearse
requesting Orders—
he in want of Sale
&c—

have

1793 Fort St George July 1783

9.th have orders to push into the Nellore district, to burn and destroy whatever they Can. The Rajah presses me earnestly to support him, and promises to Join; and flatters me with ex= =pectations that the Kalastri Rajah and others tho' now with Hyder by Necessity, will quit to declare in our favor as soon as we shall draw near to support them; in this State I own I am under the greatest difficulty; to devide my force is neither prudent nor safe, nevertheless I have ordered a Detachment of 600 Men from our Army, and an equal number from the Nawab's, with two Cannon and a Howitzer to be in readiness to March on the Shortest Notice.

The distress of those who would be our Allies is what I can feel, and fear for the Consequences. Yet my Orders to halt are so absolute, that by advancing Contrary to them, I can only Lose a Trifle in my own Person, but by doing it, may Counteract the Plan that is under Consideration; my fear of doing the latter operates more a great deal more than the former, because tho' I should go to Nellore, I should not be out of the district, tho' at a distance from the Fort.

I therefore most earnestly beg for Orders concerning the Rajah, or discre=

=tionary

1794 Fort St George July 17 81.

9th discretionary to act as Circumstances may
require for their support, or to cover the whole
Country for Six Remaining under the walls
of this Place does not answer either End—

I have just learnt that the Na-
wab's People will not move till they are paid. so I
must either increase the detachment from our Army,
or give over all thoughts of supporting the Rajah
till I get definitive Orders—

We are
for Saddles for the Bullocks. the Manager has
sent 2,300 which are more than we can want, but
they are useless till we c— the Materials to make
Saddles. Mr Turing tells me he has advised you
of this, and asked for Supplies—

Every day we hale here our
importance diminishes and our Enemies Strength
-en. If I had not had orders to halt, I should have
been near Madras by this time, or at least in
full march, and advanced to the place which
could have enabled the Rajah to declare, and
thus I should have distracted the Enemy, and
have kept up our Friends Spirits I am with the
greatest Respect,

Nellore
8 July 1781

Hble Sir and Sirs,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
L. D. Pearse
Colo C

1795 Fort St George July 1795

9th P.S. We have News of a Dutch war, if true I suppose I should have heard it from Yourselves.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Captain Bridges transmits a Return & the desertion of his Battalion ceases—

On my arrival here I did myself the honor of acknowledging the Receit of Your Letter of the 16th Inst. and informing you of my having Joined Colonel Pearse from Ongole and as Senior officer taken the Command of the two Circar Battalions of Sepoys—

I now Embrace the opportunity of a Sea Conveyance to transmit you a Monthly Return.

I hope the desertions have ceased as I have lost very few Men since I joined and none since my Arrival at this Place. I have very great reason to believe that many of the Sepoys that deserted (particularly those with their Arms and Accoutrements) on the march from the Circars are gone to Hydrabad.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your very Obedient and Most humble Servant,

Tho.s Bridges.

Camp.a at Nellore July 4th 1795

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9th

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President & Governor &c Council Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Petition of Shamier Sultaun relative to his Property in the Dutch Settlements

The Humble Petition of Shamier Sultaun, a Merchant of the Armenian Nation at Madras

Humbly Sheweth,

That Your Petitioners Ancestors have been established at Madras as Merchants above Seventy Years, and Possessed of Property there; and Your Petitioner is Inward of Thirty Years under the Protection of the Honble Company, in which time according to the Custom of their Nation, they and he have had Factors at several different Ports in India, as well as at Batavia and Negapatam, That at this time the Agents or Factors of Your Petitioners at Batavia are

Messrs Johannes Sherooan,
Manuck Jacobsan,
Varder Gaspor,
Cosroph Petrus,

} Armenian Merchants & Factors.

At Negapatam,

Messrs Demetrius Stephan,
Eleazar Shamier (son to Your Petitioner),
Gregory Gulamier,

} Do

1797 Fort St George July, 1795

9th

But now That your Petitioner sees there are differences arisen between His Britannick Majesty and the Dutch Nation, and it being impossible for your Petitioner at this Juncture to Collect his Concerns from the aforesaid Ports, or from on Board Dutch Ships now on the Indian Seas Your Petitioner thinks it his duty to Represent to the Honble Board this his situ=ation, and humbly to request their protection of his Family, Agents, and Effects. He also En=treats that the Honble Board will Recommend your Petitioner's Case to the Admiral of his Ma=jesty's Squadron for the Protection of the Family, Agents, and Property of Your Petitioner at the aforesaid Ports, or on Board Such Dutch Ships as the King's or other Vessels under the Admiral's Orders may meet with — In thus Claiming the Protection of the Honble Board, and through them the Protection of his Majesty's Officers to his Family, Agents, and Property — Your Petitioner confides that he will meet with their Approbation, these Concerns being of the first importance to him. —

And Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray —

Signed

1798

Fort St George. July 1798

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Agreed that a Letter be addressed to Sir Edward Hughes on the Subject of the forgoing Petition, stating to him that Shamier Sultaun has resided here under the Company's Protection for more than 30 Years, as set forth in the Petition, during which time he has uniformly evinced his attachment to our Interests, and when occasion has required has assisted Us with considerable Loans of money, that for these Reasons we are induced to recommend his Case to his consideration, requesting that he will be pleased to grant to him and his family when occasion shall offer all such indulgence and assistance as their Circumstances and Concerns entitle them to.

This Request complied with to be recommended to the Admiral

Colonel Pearse having in his Letter this day mentioned his being in great want of Bullock Saddles. It is Ordered that all the Bullock Saddles in Store be immediately prepared to be sent to Nellore on a Vessel engaged for that purpose, and those now ready be inspected, that the necessary materials for completing the number wanted be forwarded by this Conveyance.

Bullock Saddles to be sent to Nellore for Colonel Pearse

10th Dispatched the following Letters —

1799 Fort St George July 1st 1799

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have this day been favord with your Letter of the 7th June which we shall reply to by a future opportunity.

A few days since 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 1st Instant — The Enemy's Force by the Report of an European Officer who came over to us consisted of 26 — Battalions of Infantry, 400 Europeans, between forty and fifty thousand horse, and above 100,000 match-lock Men, Peons and Polygars with 47 Peices 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; our Army pursued them until near dark taking up its ground at the Village of Mootoo Pollium, the Enemy retired to Permaul Peary distant about 5 miles — The loss on their side is computed at upwards of 3,000 Men, besides a number of horse — Meer Saib one of Hyder's principal Generals, with several other

To Bengal — with intelligence of the Engagement with Hyder. Requesting a supply of money and Provisions — and a Copy of Letter from Court of Directors relative to Capt. Davy

Officers

1800 Fort St George July 1783

10th Officers of Rank have fallen, and Lally is reported to have been wounded — The number of killed and wounded on our part does not exceed 320 Men — Had we possessed 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 — We have as yet no further public account of the action, but from all we can learn it appears to have been conducted with the greatest skill and Judgement, and affords an illustrious Proof of the Effects of high discipline and Valor in Troops, under an able General even against Superiority of Numbers —

We form very sanguine hopes of the good Consequences which may result from this Event, provided we receive assistance and support from your Government, adequate to our Necessities, We have of late so fully and perspicuously written to you on this subject, that we can have nothing further to offer — Every possible Effort shall be made by us to relieve you from the Burthen as much as possible, yet even the greatest exertions must in our present situation prove ineffectual, and we can look only to you for those Resources in money and Provisions of which we are so totally destitute —

We beg leave to acquaint you

Fort St George July 1781

10th that Captain William Davy formerly an Officer on the Bengal establishment has lately arrived here on the Swallow Packet from England According to the express Information which our President received from Mr Devaynes the Chairman, Capt.n Davy was fully authorized by the Court of Directors to return with his Rank to Bengal with permission in the mean time to remain at Madrass as Persian Interpreter; and to draw his Pay here till he should leave that station and return to the Bengal Establishment—

Tho' so fully expressed, this Point has unluckily been neglected in the dispatches which our President brought with him, but as the appointment of Capt.n Davy related to your Establishment as well as ours, it probably may have been inserted in the General letter to Bengal, in which Case we request you will favor Us with a Copy of the Paragraph Relative thereto—

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servants,
Macartney,
&c.a Select Committee

Fort St George,
10th July 1781

To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse,
Commanding the Bengal Detachment.

Sir

1802 Fort St George July 8th 1788

10th Sir

To Colonel Pearse forwarding Bullock Saddles — informing him of Hostilities with the Dutch —

We have this day been favord with your Letter of the 8th Instant and immediately gave orders for preparing all the Bullock Saddles in Store to be sent to Nellore on a Vessel which we have engaged for that Purpose, and should it prove that the full number you require are not ready, the materials for making them shall be forwarded by this Conveyance —

Our last Letter dated the 7th and 8th Instant, copies of which are enclosed renders it unnecessary to say any thing further on the subject of your motions —

Under date 26th June we gave you the earliest Intelligence in our power of Hostilities having commenced against the States general of the United Provinces.

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

Fort St George
10th July

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

11th Recd the following Letter —

Gentlemen —

The hurry of business

1803 Fort St George July 1st 1803

From Gen.l Coote with a Circumstantial account of the Engagement on the 1.st Instant—

11.th Consequent to the Engagement with the Enemy on the 1.st Instant has hitherto prevented me from transmitting you a Circumstantial account of the Occurrences of that Day, I therefore take this opportunity to Inform you of such matter as seems to me Material from Date the 29.th Ult.o"

Owing to the unavoidable delays in landing the necessary provisions from the Vessels at Porto Novo, I found it impracticable to move the Army till the 30.th Ult.o the necessary orders were given for marching at 3 o'Clock that morning, but a heavy fall of Rain on the night preceeding hindered me from Commencing my march as proposed — Our Field Equipage was rendered so heavy by the Rain, that our miserable Bullocks were not able to carry their Loads; This occasioned the further delay of another day — One Extra days rice was landed, and the March at length commenced on the 1.st Instant at 5 in the morning —— From Every information received, it was Clear that the Enemy had United their whole Force, (Sippoo Saibs Detachment excepted) and from their Position, taken up between us and Cuddalore meant to try the Issue of a General Engagement. The grounds they occupied naturally Strong and Commanding, were rendered much more formidable by most of the Spots that would admit of it to

Advantage

11th Advantage, being strengthened with Front and
Flanking Batteries erected with Judgement
and dispatch, by Hyder Ally's Corps Appropriated
for such Services. Large bodies of Cavalry,
who had from our Arrival at Porto Novo hovered
round our Camp, rendered it impossible for
even a single Hurcarrah to return with any
intelligence to be depended on. Either the
strength or position of the Enemy's Retreat;
Our Grand Guard and other Out Posts were
absolutely the Boundary and limited Extent
of our knowledge respecting the Enemy. The
protection of our Baggage and movements
followers required a very Considerable proportion
of our small Army to prevent or repel any
Insult during our March in that Quarter;
and the forming this most necessary Detachment
Considerably weakened our Force in Line, which
could ill afford a single Man from the Grand
Object of engaging and forcing the Numerous
Army of Hyder Ally, situated as described
However two Regiments of Cavalry, a Battalion
of Sepoys, with three Six and four Three Pounders,
the Baggage guard consisting of about one
Hundred and fifty Sepoys, the few Poligars
we have, and our small Mharatta Corps, were
ordered for their protection; their Road lay on
the right between our Army and the Sea

1805 Fort St George July 1781

11th

By seven in the morning the Line had drawn out of our Ground of Encampment near Porto Nova, Marching from the right The Country soon opened an extensive plain, and as the Enemy's Cavalry appeared there in Force, I formed in two Lines and proceeded on my march in Order of Battle; We had not Advanced above one mile before the Enemy's Batteries were clearly discovered as to position— They lay exactly on our intended road of march. I halted the Army for near an hour— It was necessary, to explore if possible the Ground on our right, in hopes of its' admitting to advance from that Point, by which we should avoid the Enemy's direct Fire from their Batteries, and have a Chance by gaining the left of their Posts to turn or otherwise command them.— The principal Force of their Army was drawn up in the Rear of their Works, extending further on the Plain than either the Eye or horizon could command, with large bodies of Cavalry in every Direction, and their Rocketts were thrown in numbers to impede or harrass our movements— During this interval of unavoidable Inaction thoroughly to examine their Position, we were obliged to suffer a warm Cannonade; their Guns were well served and did execution— We could not afford to throw away many Shot to answer them; having occasion

for

1806 Fort St George July 1781

11th for every round we had for more decisive service

I determined on the movement to the Right, and proceeded about nine o'clock, the two Lines marching Parallel to one another in that direction: Consequently it only required their facing to the front, to reassume at any time their original order. — Two Battalions with eight field Pieces were ordered to form a third face, the flanks of this Corps joining both Lines on the left to keep some Batteries in Check from that quarter which offered while we were forming the above movement.

A practicable Road was found on the right, made by Hyder, meant for other purposes than our Approach,* through it we proceeded towards the Field, His Guns which were under Cover, and his Artillery uncovered in Line galled us considerably as we advanced, but a quick and forward movement seemed absolutely necessary —

On passing the road above mentioned I was obliged to file off & and reduce my front, but as soon as the Ground permitted, formed in order as before, a thick Caldera hedge Covering my right: — Some sand hills contiguous to this post lay luckily situated, were unoccupied and Contributed very materially to favor my future Operations —

The minute was entirely left

* The Road alluded to, was made by Hyder for the purpose of Drawing his Guns to a large Redoubt, about half a mile from the Sea — The work was far advanced and required but — another day to complete it —

1807 Fort St George July 1785

11th gained the Flank of the Enemys batteries, waited with impatience under a heavy Fire of Cannon 'till I had ascertained that the Heights in my Rear were possest by the Second Line, then Instantly moved on with the first, as fast as Order and an advancing fire of Artillery on our Side would permit —

I have the pleasure of acquainting you that the Disposition promptly resolved on succeeded, for there was no time for aught but decided Dispatch; Hesitation in the situation of our Affairs would have been little better than a defeat, having no resource but four days provisions carried on the Soldiers backs — The Guns in their Batteries were soon drawn off and retired to their Line when our Attack was very warmly disputed till 4 o'Clock —

The bravery of our Troops at length carried the point, and the first Line forced the Enemys Infantry, Artillery, and their Cavalry to give way, obliging them to seek for safety by a Retreat — Just as they went off their Principal force of Infantry, who were from the situation of the ground under tolerable Cover, gave one general discharge of Musquetry, but too distant to do considerable Execution.

The second Line obstinately disputed, and with success an attack meditated

on

1810 Fort St George July 1st 1802

11th Service much to my satisfaction In short every Individual of our little Army seemed to feel the Critical Situation of our National Concerns, depended on this Country; our falling Interests Required uncommon Exertions to support them, and to the Honor and Credit of this Army, every Nerve was Parted to the very extent of Possibility; the only difficulty was to restrain the Ardor of the Troops within prudential bounds; Eager to advance, it became particularly Necessary to Guard against Accidental Disorder, situated as we were with Multitudes of Cavalry against us on the watch to take advantage of Hurried or confused movements —

From the want of a Corps of Cavalry on our side equal in number to the service Required, we were, with Victory decidedly declared, obliged to halt just beyond the Enemy's Ground, not being able to take Advantage of so distinguished a day; for with a Corps of Cavalry the Enemy's Guns, Stores, &c., must to a Certainty have fallen into our hands; Their Strong fine Cattle drew their Guns off on a distressing night to us — The Extended Retreation of our Infantry Sepoy Corps, did them the Greatest Credit, no Europeans could be steadier, they were Ever sure of being foremost on every Service it was Necessary to undertake.

Considering the trying situation this Army is in, Destitute of most of the Common Resources for Carrying on Service, Weak Draft, and Badly

1811 Fort St George July 1781

11th Carriage Cattle / Our Guns in the face of the Enemys heaviest Fire were thro' deep Sand obliged to be drawn a full mile by the Soldiers / No Provisions but from day to day: Pay Considerably in Arrears; the principal part of the Carnatick and its Capital in the Possession of the Enemy, Our Armies in different parts of India having also Unfortunately received Checks, and an Enemy in Great force to deal with, whose Rapid Success has Strengthened his Cause with the Natives to an alarming degree, No proper force of Cavalry on our side, and not half Carriage sufficient for our wounded and Sick, these things Considered; I think I may venture to say, That fairly to beat Hyder on his Chosen fortified Ground was as much as could be expected.

You will receive Enclosed the Return of our Killed and wounded, I am happy to Remark that our loss has been inconsiderable, when compared to the business of the Day — I also enclose Copies of Letters received from Colonels Brathwaite & Wilson &c. and Regret that by them you will be informed of — Unfortunate events near Tanjore & Trichinopoly,

From the best Information — possible to obtain of the Enemys loss, it amounts to about three thousand Men. Meer Saib second in Command Dyed soon after the Action of the wounds he received, and a Number of their leading Men are Reported to be killed and Wounded —

1812 Fort St. George, July. 1781.

11th

My movement to Chillumbrum & Porto Nove, has been also attended with the following Material Advantages. The Tanjore Trichinopoly and other Southern Countrys are freed from the Enemys Depredations, and Trichinopoly from an immediate Seige which Hyder had decided to undertake. Provided money is found by Government to pay our troops, and they are Enabled to move properly Relieved from those absolute states Wants Already Recited. it may by degrees be possible to emmerge from our present Difficulties, But without the greatest Exertions from Government to obviate the unsurmountable distresses this Army labors under, no decisive Military Measures for Recovering the Country can be Carried into Execution, nor can any Severe Blow or Check the Enemy may Receive, be followed to Advantage; It must be Evident to every one, that if Hyder Ally, Encoyed up with former Success had not come down to seek us, I could not have moved the Army to follow him, and that at a situation so trying to the Responsible military Commander, that an Officer of Character shudders at the Idea of being placed in such a predicament.

I halted the Army the 2d, and 3, Instant near Mooty Pollam, and on the 4th as my four days provisions would have been Expended marched to this place.

Notwithstanding the great Love

1813 Fort St George July 1781

11th Hyder has with him from Tippoo Saib invested Wandewash on the 30th Ultimo; taking possession of the Pettah; the Enemy's troops before the place are five Rosallas of Infantry, Ten Thousand Cavalry, as many more Irregulars armed; in all full Thirty thousand men, with 13 pieces of Battering Cannon — I have accounts, but none such as can absolutely be depended on, that in consequence of the Action of the 1st Hyder has given order to withdraw the Attack — I have been preparing since my arrival here, in the best manner I am able to move to its Relief if necessary —

Advice is just received that the Admiral sailed this day from Porto Nove, for the Southward — Permit me to request you will be pleased to forward Copies of these Despatches to the Supreme Council for their Information.

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient and
Most Humble Servant,
Eyre Coote.

Camp,
near Cuddalore,
6th July, 1781

PS By the last information respecting the situation of the Enemy's Encampment their Army lay on the Northern Banks of the River Velar, about 7 Cos distant from hence —

To Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote K B.
Commander in Chief —

Sir

&c — &c — &c —

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1814 Fort St. George July 8/81

11th

I am extremely sorry at this time to trouble you as I find myself obliged namely to request a Court Martial to sit here on Capt. Alcock, whom I have been under the Necessity of ordering under Arrest "For exerting an improper "authority in having ordered an Armed Guard from "his Battalion to the Barracks of another Corps, forcibly "to seize and bring before him a Soldier belonging "to the said Corps on complaint of an Havaldar "of his Battalion, and afterwards dismissing the "Prisoner without reporting the matter to me, the "Commanding Officer, contrary to Order and good "Discipline" Upon complaint being made to me by the Commanding Officer of the Corps to which the Prisoner belonged, I wrote to Capt. Alcock, setting forth the illegality and impropriety of his Conduct, and the pernicious tendency it might have if every Officer commanding a Corps exerted such authority there would be an End to all public Authority Corps would be armed against Corps, and all would be one Confusion, and that I considered such an Assumption of Authority in him disrespectful to me and unmilitary. He wrote me an answer maintaining his right to do what he had done, that his conduct was perfectly agreeable to all military Rules, that he had no objections to a public hearing, tho he did not desire it at this time to give trouble, but and

1815 Fort St George July 1781

11th not acknowledge himself in the wrong; as he maintained a right to exert an Authority which I thought I could not admit in any Officer subordinate to me, I ordered him in Arrest on the above Charge the 21st and he remains positive

We have Reports here Sir that you have given a complete overthrow to Meer Saibs Camp, and that he himself is wounded, Hyder marched precipitately yesterday at one oClock in the morning as I am just now informed with certainty towards Chillumbrum, leaving 4000 Horse with the Women Bazar and Baggage, with Orders it is said to proceed Westward or to Uttatore I every moment expect to hear from the Southward and that the Troops are in motion, I have directed them through Condimans Country, and hope soon to give you pleasing accounts from this Country, at present both here and at Trichinopoly great want of money.

I have the honor to be with

the greatest Respect

Sir.

Your most Obedient Servant

/signed/ John Brathwaite.

Tanjore,
23d June, 1781

June the 24th, Hyders Bazar & Baggage are this day marched from — to Uttatore

A True Copy

G Syler

1816 Fort St George July 1781

To Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote K B.

Sir

My custom for some time past had uniformly been, to send out two Companies of Sepoys and the dismounted Troopers with intent to prevent the Country people from being cut, and to save the Villages from being burnt, to whatever side the Enemy appeared on, with orders not to advance beyond a certainty of securing a Retreat, and not to risk the loss of a Man, and always to disperse a few well mounted Men in such a manner as to obtain certain intelligence to prevent all risk — Unfortunately however on the 14th I heard 250 of the Enemy appeared soon after day light and that they were driving off some some Cattle. The two Companies and the Troops always ready were ordered to march out to Chrea pollam, which is within reach of the Guns of the Fort, and a little further if it was safe and a Retreat secure; Upon viewing the situation of our party already advanced further than I thought prudent, I ordered another Company & two Guns to their assistance, and almost immediately after the Enemy fired from either two or three Guns across the River, and an immence Army rushed upon our party, which behaved worse than it is

11. possible to express, more than half of them never discharged their pieces, but fell like coolies to the Enemy who rushed on regardless of the fire from the Fort, a very hot one from heavy Guns to their destruction, In short the three Guns, three Companies and about a hundred dismounted Men belonging to the Troop were cut off past redemption in less than five minutes, for before Capt. Mackenzie with his Battalion could advance from the Crest of the Glacis it was ended - soon after Hyder advanced to Jumbakestonah, which I am told his people escaladed and Plundered the Town within the First wall - upon his entering, many poor Creatures complained of having been cut, to which he answered Balla, these Bramins, but more especially those of Seringham refused to lodge their valuable effects in this Fort, tho' every pains was taken and every assurance given them they should be restored without deduction or diminution; Hyder is now busy in Carrying off the wealth and plunder of all sorts from both the Pagodas, and his Colors flying over their gates - Thus have I plainly and without study or elucidation acquainted you with an accident which makes my heart ache, and which totally arose from Mr Hall's having exceeded his orders, upon my mentioning this in the Orderly Book he was highly offended; and promised to wrong me a written state of Facts signed by Mr Smith and

himself

1818

Fort St George July 1783

H. himself, but not having received as yet, a purpose having a public hearing upon his Conduct—

Trichinopoly
15th June 1783

Signed
Eccles Nixon

A true Copy
Geo. Tyler.

To Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote, K.B. &c. &c.

Sir,

This morning the Enemy got possession of the Pettah and expect they will soon begin with their Batteries; as one of the Enemy's Hircarahs informs me of Mr. Lally having joined Tippoo Saib—

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Wm. Flint,

Wandewash,
30th June 1783

A true Copy
G. Tyler.

To Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

&c. &c. &c.—

Sir,

Flyder with his whole Army surrounded a party of three Companies and all our dismounted Grooms and took the whole Ammunition We also lost three guns owing to the Sepoys having

1819 Fort St George July 8th 1781

11th Parnick struck, or they might have made good their
retreat from Circarpollam, which is within Gun
shot of the Fort — There is not I think any doubt
of its being verified his Views against us, his whole
Army is now in Seringham. My Orders were not
obeyed and which produced the accident,

I am Sir, Your Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Eccles Nixon.

Trichinopoly
15th June 1781.

A true Copy George Tyler

To Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote, K.B.

Sir,

Intelligence this moment
has been brought me of Sippoo Saibs being within
a few miles of this Place, with a large Force & 12
battering Guns to besiege Wandewash, the same
person informs me of a Body of Horse sent to invest
Permacoil

I am,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) William Flint

Vandewash
28th June 1781.

A true Copy
G. Tyler.

To His Excellency Lt. General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief &c. &c.
Sir

1820 Fort St George, July. 17 81

11th

Tippoo Saib is before Wandewash and preparing for a siege, there has been a good deal of firing from the Fort for some nights past which makes me imagine he has begun his approaches against it, five hundred Horse came here two days ago with an intent to drive off my Sheep and Cattle, but I was fortunate enough to foil them—

Wandewash is closely invested that only one of my Hircarrahs I have sent there has returned.

I am,
Your Excellency's
most Obedient Servant
Benj.n Bishop.

Pennacoil,
2. July. 1781

A true Copy
G Fyler.

To The Honble Charles Smith Esq.r
Persiaunt & Lieutenant Governor of
Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

From Cuddalore the Squadron Sails to the Southward. Intelligence respecting Hyder—

I have the honor to acquaint You that the Squadron under Sir Edward Hughes sailed from Porto Nova to the Southward this forenoon.

Two Hircarrahs who were ordered to proceed to Wandewash for Intelligence of Tippoo Saib's motions the 4th Instant, were about 6 miles distance from the bounds of Cuddalore, and seeing a great Number of the Enemy's

1821 Fort St George July 1781

11th Enemys Horse scattered abroad, as far North as Pondicherry and the villages contiguous to Cuddalore, have returned and reported the same to Sir Eyre Coote and me — They further say that Hyder's Army was to encamp round the Bounds of Cuddalore in order to prevent Our Army's marching to the Northward or Westward; and that they had heard Tippoo Saib is still before Wandewash —

I have the honor to remain

Respectfully,

Hon^ble Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant,

C B Dent.

Cuddalore,
6 July 1781

To the Right Hon^ble George Lord Macartney

Governor & President — and the Gentlemen of Council

Fort St George.

From Permacoil with Intelligence respecting the Enemy.

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have received certain accounts that Tippoo Saib has raised the Seige of Wandewash, as yet I have not heard from Capt^n Flint, but the firing from that Quarter has ceased these three days past, which in some measure Confirms the accounts I have received; some Reports say that he is gone Northward with seven thousand Cavalry to join Lalla's Party, with an intention to harrass the Bengal Troops, other Reports affirm that his Father immediately after his defeat

Sent

1822 Fort St. George, July. 17. 81.

11th Sent him orders to join his army without loss of time.
Some of our Sepoys who were prisoners in Hyders Camp
have come in here since the action, They all agree
in their accounts of Hyders loss in the action being
very great, and that his very best Troops suffered most
they positively assert that Meer Saib was killed in
the action, and that Lally was wounded in the thigh
by a Cannon shot, this last part I have heard contradicted
there has been no Horse about this Garrison for some
days past, and I still keep the Cattle and Sheep I have
Collected for the army.

I have the honor to remain
with all respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most devoted & Obedient Servant
Benj: Bishop
Cf. Comm.d.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
President and Select Committee
Madrass.

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Colonel Pearse
waiting in Expectation
for Orders.

In a letter which I sent to
the late President and Select Committee by Watson yesterday,
I informed you that I had sent a detachment to
encourage the Rajahs and Polygars who wish to declare
in our favor, and that as this declaration would save
the

1823 Fort St George – July 1781

11th secure the North End of the Pulicat Island, and I had heard of the taking of Pulicat, I judged that the Road to Madraſs would be open for the Posts to paſs and repaſs as formerly, and that I should send an hurcarrah for Experiment; — this morning about 8 o'Clock I received the fullest information of it's being so by the arrival of my own Hurcarrah from Hyders' Camp, but last from Madraſs, who was entrusted with a Duplicate of your Letter to me of the 26th Instant.

I deemed it rather unfortunate that there is not any thing near me belonging to the Dutch, and that tho' there is of Hyders' I must wait for orders to act, but these I trust I shall receive within a few days, and indeed I have been in hourly expectation of orders or news from you or the General —

I sent Letters dated as follows to the President 10, & 30th June to the Select Committee, 2d 7th 8th 11th 15th 20th 2d 5th 6th 3, 4, 16, 18, 25, 27, June 3, 5, 6 July – and with the letter of the 25th, I sent duplicates of them down to the 25th, and also of those sent 22d & 24th of the 3, June which went by Sea on a Ship laden with Rice from Masulipatam. I apprehend the Ship has been taken there were duplicates of some of my other Letters on her — And unleſs I shall hear of the arrival of the duplicates sent on the 25th

1824 Fort St George July. 1781-

11. 25. th. of June, I shall send a second set that the
Correspondence may be complete-

I am
with great respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
T. D. Pearse Col.-

Nellore
7. th. July 1781-

To the Right Honble. Lord George Macartney,
Governor &c., of Madras-
My Lord-

From Capt. Mackay sends the Colours of Sadras. on the subject of the Stores &c. at that place-

By Lieutenant Dunn of the Bengal Artillery I have the honor of presenting to your Lordship the Colours of Sadras, which I would have done sooner but could not really spare an officer from the duty of the Service. It was it prove the most inferior of number left Prophiet acquired by your Lordship during your Administration in India; ——— Herewith your Lordship will also receive an inventory of all the military Stores and ammunition and of all the Cash and property belonging to the Dutch Company found at Sadras, also an account of the Villages that were subject to them and their yearly Revenue. The Trunnions are knocked off all the Guns, except two brass field pieces which I shall endeavor to Carry with me to Chinglepet. The Gentlemen here have appointed me their Agent for the prize money - in the same

J

1825 Fort St. George July, 1781.

11th I have most respectfully to request Your Lordships approbation and support. The demolishing of the Fortifications is a work of very great labour, the particulars of which Mr. Dunn will have the honor to represent to your Lordship, All the Stores &c^a which could not conveniently be carried to Chinglepat are destroyed, all the property belonging to Black Merchants and [th] different inhabitants were in the manner they were found in the Company's Godowns safely delivered over to them. I took a Receipt for the same from the Chinglepat Amildar, which is here enclosed to your Lordship.

I have the honor to be,
Your Lordships most Obedient
& Respectful humble Servant,
George Mackay.
Dep.[y] Comm.[d]r.

Madras
9 July 1781

Received the following Letters from Captain George Smith enclosing an account of the Revenues of the Dutch Company at Pulicat

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney
President and Governor and Select Committee
My Lord and Sirs

I have the honor of transmitting to you an account of the Revenues paid to the Dutch by the Renters of this Country, which did not pay

From Pulicat with an Account of the Revenues
On the Subject of Pulicat
&c^a &c^a an account of the Revenues

one

1826 Fort St George July 1781

11th one third of the Expences of that Company – I am
sorry I have not yet had it in my power to
transmit to you an account of the Stores & provisions
&c.a in this Garrison, without neglecting that part
of duty which I thought was of the utmost conse-
quence, Viz.t Collecting the grain in the Pettah and
lodging it in and near the fort, and putting the
Garrison and Pettah in a state of Defence; all
which I am obliged to attend to myself. The two
twelve pounders with their appurtenances I have
taken the liberty of ordering on shore and have
mounted them in this Fort, and mean to put two
of the Garrison Guns (the smallest) into
the Pettah, which I hope you will approve of.
I am now employed in forming a Detachment
and getting what boats I can to move up the
River and surprize the Island of Enoeum, & seize
the Grain and what else is there, which I mean to
put in execution when I can depend on the
Intelligence I receive, and make not the smallest
doubt of succes. I have sent some men into
Hyders Camp that I can depend upon, to Watch his
motions and bring me Intelligence when any
of his Troops should be detached to the Northward,
which I shall without loss of time communicate
to the board, and Colonel Pearse – I have
the Honor to be

My Lord & Sirs,
Your most Obed.t humble Servant
George Smith

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11th

Revenues paid to the Dutch Company by the Renters of the different Countries as Undermentioned Viz

The Country of — Mangwakan.

The Village of — Cannontorgi.

The Country of — Amorewakan.

The Island of — Tirkarrs commonly called Erkan.

Which Places was Let to the Renters from January the first One thousand seven hundred and Eighty one, for the Space of three Years at the Yearly Rent of Nine hundred and ten Star Pagodas, Payable by two different payments Viz Four hundred and fifty five Pagodas every Six months.

Renters Names,

Ragoe Wangate Ramah Chitty,

Canacla Ofilloe Chitty Narsoe,

Surva, Sangera, Arnavelam, Chitty,

Sacbermania, Letjemana Chitty,

Annam Bootloe Chitty —

The above Renters have already paid to the Dutch Company their first payment of Four hundred and Fifty Star Pagodas, and their Second Payment becomes due July 1st The Present month —

12th

The Snow Free Mason having been taken up to carry 700 Barrels of Powder to Bombay at the Rate of 1 1/2 Rupee p Barrel, as likewise 2674 Bags of Rice to Cuddalore at 1 3/4 Rupee,

Per

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12 H

P. Bag — The President proposes to the Members of the Committee that as the State of the Treasury will not admit of these Sums being paid here, that Captain Williams have Bills on Bengal for the Amount Freight on the Rice to Cuddalore and Bills on Bombay for the freight on the Gun Powder, with this Reservation that the Bills on Bombay are to be made payable only in case Captain Williams produce a Certificate of his having landed the Rice at Cuddalore, which is Agreed to — and Bills are accordingly Ordered to be drawn on the Presidencies of Bengal and Bombay, carrying the amount in the Military Paymasters Books to this Head of P. War with Hyder Ally and to the Credit of those Presidencies —

Bills to be granted to the Captain of the Sum Mason —

Received the following Letters,

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

Hönble Sir,

From Cuddalore, with Intelligence of the Enemy —

The following is an account given by two Hurcarrahs from Hyder's Army —

That Hyder is encamped between Permanbyary and Comunjaby, which is about 22 Miles to the South West of Cuddalore. His Cavalry are scattered about from Porto Novo, Tirwadi & Villanore as far as Pondicherry — He is Reported he intends to

erect

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12th erect Batteries to the Northward to prevent Our Army marching that way, He has ordered all his Baggage to be sent to Trincomalee, and intends to send Meer Saibs Corps to Mysore & he has appointed his Son Kerim Saib to his Station for the present — That Monsieur de Lallé has lost his leg is beyond all doubt, and that Mahomed Ally the Commandant of Hyder's Seapoys was wounded, some say he is dead —, but there is no Confirmation of it —

Two more Hircarrahs dispatched 6 days past to Wandewash arrived this morning, they Report that Tippoo Saib is encamped by the large Tank or Tank to the Northward of Wandewash, where he has erected 3 Batteries, as also one to the Eastward of the Fort against which he keeps up a constant fire, which our People are defending with great Bravery — He lately sent 4,000 Horse 2,000 Infantry and Guns, against Carangoly Our People Sallied Out and attacked them, on which the Enemy retreated with the Loss of about 50 Horse, and as many Sepoys & some Jemidars — The last mentioned Hircarrahs passed by the Red Hills, and saw the Enemy erecting Batteries thereon, as also at Perambeck, adjacent thereto — their horse are scattered round the Red Hills, Woldore and the Villages contiguous thereto; in Consequence of this Important intelligence, I waited on Sir Eyre Coote, and the whole Army will I believe probably march

from

1830 Fort St George July 1781.

12th from this place tomorrow morning.

I have the honor to remain

very respectfully,

Cuddalore,
7. July, 1781.

Honble Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
C. B. Dent.

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

From Pulicat—
a Detachment sent to
Enctum: and with—
Intelligence of the Enemy

I have just now caught a
Harcan belonging to the Enemy, and by putting a
rope about his neck, and threatning him with death
if he did not truly answer me such Questions as I
should ask, he informed me that Lally was at
Satoure, and that Vithoo Saib was expected to join
him to day or tomorrow, but he could not tell
me where they were going after the Junction. I have
sent a detachment to the Island of Enctum to get
Intelligence of the Island, and the Grain and Effect
of Lala, which is lodged there, and I make no doubt
of success unless the several advices I have had
are very false. I shall dispatch an Harcan to Pal-
icate with the Intelligence I got from Hyders
Harcan immediately. I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
George Smith.

Pulicat,
July 11th 1781.

1831 Fort St. George July 1751.

12th

To The Right Honble Lord George Macartney,

President & Governor &c. Select Committee.

My Lord,

From Capt.n Mackay enclosing Letters to & from the Governor &c. at Sadras—

In my letter addressed to your Lordship of the 29.th ult.o I had the honor to inform you that in a Letter I sent to Mr. Deneys Governor of Sadras, the instant I arrived before this Place, I acquainted him that I was ordered by Your Lordship to attack and take his Fort. That willing to prevent the natural consequences of an Assault I would agree to secure him and the other Servants of the Dutch Company in their private property, provided he would without loss of time send me out his Second and Commandant to conduct me and my party into the Fort — Not supposing he would have consented to my proposals, and having determined that might at all Events to have, if possible, escaladed his walls with ten fine Ladders, I neglected taking a copy of the Letter I wrote to him. His answer to me, however here enclosed, as also an address from Mr. Deneys & Mr. Simmons, after I was in possession of the Fort, and my answer thereto. Enclosed your Lordship will receive also a Letter I received from Mr. Deneys & Simmons after they were on board the Swally. To which I sent no answer.

Unacquainted with the Dutch language, I could not pretend to Judge or know

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19th what were their Records and Publick accounts, and what were not. I therefore collected ever Book account and paper I could find throughout the whole Fort, whether private or publick, and have embarked them on board a large boat in the roads to be forwarded to your Lordship.—

This morning I received a Letter from General Coote dated from Cuddalore the 7th Instant, desiring me to send all the Masula boats I could to the Southward to meet the Store Ships with these orders I intend complying as soon as possible—

The Records and Books of the Dutch Company are packed up in six large chests numbered— As I am apprehensive any abuse from Chinglepatt and the small Garrison left there may be an inducement to a large Body of Horse to come to that Quarter, I hope your Lordship will pardon me for proposing to Colonel and leave an Officer with a Company of Sepoys & 12 European Soldiers to garrison this place until it is blown up— The works go on with all Expedition and the Garrison I have taken the liberty to mention will be full sufficient— I am

Sadras,
July 15th 1781—

My Lord,
Your Lordships most respectful
and Obedient humble Servant,
George Mackay Capt.

1833 Fort St George July, 1781.

12th

Hon^ble Sir,

I was yesterday favored with a Duplicate of your's of the 9th past — I am sorry to say that it is out of our power to increase our Number of Bullocks, and that for want of money — what we already have I fear we shall be obliged to kill to Victual the Garrison, as the Enemy has drove every thing out of our Reach, they are too strong for us in this Valley now. The scarcity and high price of Every thing has forced me to Victual the Office as well as the men; Rice (if to be had) 12 measures for a Pagoda. I hope it will soon be at an End, as I hear from Arcott that the Bengall Army is past Nellore — Arcott is very considerably reinforced lately. there is still plenty of Grain to the Northward of us, provided we had money and a Force to send for it — there is also some Polygars that have been Staunch to us ever since Hyder came to the Country — they flogged a Detachment of his for the second time about thirty miles from hence a few days ago — I hope you will let us know what we have to depend on as soon as the Bengallers arrive, that I may take measures accordingly — it is absolutely necessary I should know — You may believe me, I have the honor to be,

Hon^ble Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servant,

R Lang —

From Nellore, with a State of the Garrison —

Nellore,
1st July 1781 —

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12th Dispatched the following Letter

To Mr John Kenworthy

Deputy Agent at Camp

Sir,

To Mr Kenworthy
Rice sent to the Army
on the Free Mason

I am directed to inform you that 2,074 Bags of Rice as likewise 750 Barrels of Gun Powder have been laden on the Freemason, Captain Williams, the Rice is consigned to you for the use of the Army, and the Powder goes consigned to Bombay — Bills have been granted to Captain Williams for the Amount of the Freight, on Bengal for the Rice — on Bombay for the Powder, but the Condition on which the Bills on Bombay are made payable, is, that Captain Williams produce a Certificate of his having delivered the Rice at Cuddalore — You will therefore be pleased to grant a Certificate to Captain Williams for the Rice as soon as he shall have delivered it.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant

Thomas Oakes Jeny

Fort St George,
12 July 1781.

To the Honble William Hornby Esqre

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs,

On the 22d of last Month the

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To Bombay
informing of Lord
Macartney's Arrival
of Dutch Ships
Gun Powder sent on
the Swanson, enclos
a Copy of Letter from
Sir Eyre Coote with
account of the Action.

12th Right Honble George Lord Macartney arrived here from England on the Ship Swallow and took his seat as President and Governor of Fort St George conformably to his appointment from the Honble Court of Directors.

The Dispatches by the Swallow gave us the first Intelligence of Hostilities having commenced against the States General of the United Provinces, every measure which the situation of our affairs admit of was immediately taken towards distressing the Dutch on this Coast. 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 their Settlements to the Northward have likewise fallen into our hands.

We have been favored with your Letters of the 26th april and 8th June,

The Detachment under Majors Cotgrave arrived with the Fleet, and having disembarked at Cuddalore joined the army there — the Royal Admiral after landing the Troops she had on board was ordered by Sir Edward Hughes to proceed to Negapatam for a Quantity of Arrack which had been purchased for the use of the Squadron — this occasioned a considerable delay, so that she did not arrive here until the 26th of last Month, and of Course your orders to Captain Huddart concerning his Return to Bombay could not possibly have been complied with — We were desirous however of dispatching her to you as soon

as

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12th as she had landed the Wheat you had consigned to Us, but distressed as we are for Grain at this Settlement, and unable to procure Vessels fit for the purpose at this season of the Year, we were reduced to the Necessity of Sending the Royal Admiral to the Northward for a Cargo — On her Return hither she shall be dispatched to you, but we fear it will not be before the Month of October —

We have shipped on the Success Mason Captain Williams 2,374 Bags of Rice for the Use of the Army, which she is first to land at Cuddalore and then proceed to Bombay, having on board 75 Barrels of Gun Powder consigned to your Presidency, which is as large a quantity as we could possibly spare — We have addressed the Governor General & Council in consequence of your Application to Us for 1500 Barrels, and recommended that the remaining 750 Barrels to complete your Indent, be dispatched to you by the first conveyance

We have drawn on You for the amount of the Freight on the Powder, making the Bills payable only on Condition that Captain Williams produce a Certificate of his having landed the Rice at Cuddalore —

Enclosed we transmit to you Copy of a Letter received Yesterday from Sir Eyre Coote giving a particular account of the success of the army in a general engagement with Hyders Army the whole

appears

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12th appears to Us to have been conducted with great Skill and Judgement, and affords an illustrious Proof of the Effects of high Discipline and Valor in Troops under an able General, even against the greatest Superiority of numbers

We are in daily Expectation of the arrival of the Ships Pondborne Contractor and Duke of Portland, and trust that they will bring round to Us the whole of Colonel Browns Detachment, agreeably to what you wrote us under date 26th. april -

We are,

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obedient

humble Servants,

Macartney,

& Select Committee

Fort St George,
July 12th 1781.

Fort St George 11th July 1781 —

At a Committee of Stores, Present,

Major George Maule,

Captain John Kennedy,

Bryan Scollney, Esqrs.

Minutes of the Committee of Stores

The Committee taking into Consideration the great deficiency in the Complement of the Powder for this Garrison — recommend to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to write to the Governor General and Council of Bengal for as large

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to they

12. to a Quantity, as the can with
convenience and Security to
themselves afford us

The defeciency will
appear by the accompanying
Account of Remains to be
Barrels.
8,204 20 lb

The Commissary of
Stores lays before the Committee
the accompanying List of Stores
wanting to Complete the Garrison
Complement, which they recommend
may be made up as soon as
possible.

Examined the
following Field Carriages and
Limbers which being approved
of are ordered to be Received into
Store

Field Carriages 24 Pr new 1
18 D. D° 15
Field Limbers 24 D. D° 3
18 D° D° 13

Geo. Maule
John Kennedy
B. Scott Mcy

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12th List of Military Stores remaining and Wanting the 1st July 1751

List of Military Stores

	Remaining	Wanting
Cartridge Pouches	300	6,000
Shoulder Belts	1,300	10000
Leather Slings for Muskets	1,300	5,000
Bayonet Scabbards		10,000
Sword Scabbards		500
Lock Cases	300	4,000
Haversacks	2	100
Hammers	600	10,000
Pickers	200	10,000
Screw Worms	3000	8,000
Drum Heads	50	1,000
Musket Stocks		1,500
Brass Adzes	4	20
drivers	5	20
Vices	4	30
Side Brasses		1000
Brass Loops		3,000
Fife Cases	2	40
Tube Boxes	55	70
Wad Hooks	20	50
Spring Staves	40	200
Priming Irons	320	300
Steel Bitts	250	100
Claw Hammers		100
Rattan Buckets		200
Tarpaulins Large	120	50
Small	9	20

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12th

Gambril		30	50
Gun		53	30
Mortar Coms of Sorts		28	80
Copper Clouts		6	24
Cotton Match	Rs	68	200
Bondge Barrels			12
Mamoties			2,500
Handles for Do			3,000
Broad Axes			100
Felling Axes		25	100
Helves for Axes		190	200
Bitts for French Pick Axes			1,000
Hand Hatchets		450	500
Bill Hooks		30	800
Sap Hooks with Staves		30	30
Bench Vices			20
Hand Vices			30
Files			24
Rasps	Nos	6	6
Screw Plates	do	1	50
Reel			12
Single Yokes		2	100
Double Yokes		23	1000
Purchasing Hatchetsticks		300	1000
Wooden Pins		344	200
Yoke Pins		75	1200
Bullock Collars		619	200
Leather Buckets		138	150
Rattan Baskets		34	1000

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			Remaining Wanting
12th Europe Junk	Cbl	30	60
Coir Junk	d°		40
Wax Cloth	double pieces	33	500
Wax Candles	Candy	6	Cs 5
Gunny Carriage Bags for Powder Barrels		30	1,000
Country Match	Ms	620	3,000
Knapsacks		500	1,000
Europe Cordage	Cbl		2,000
Coir Cordage	Candys		20
Loose Coir	d°		5
Tar	Barrels		50
Grease	dupperis		30
Europe Twine	lb		100
Bengal Twine	Candys		5
White lead	d°		5
Red lead	d°		2
Indigo	d°		1
Wood Oil	Measrs		600
Rattans			200

S. Manoury
Commissy Stores

200 /

Remains of Gun Powder in Fort St George until the 11th July 1781

	Europe Coarse	Ditto	Barrels	Bengal Coarse	Bengal Fine	Madras
	Barrels	100 lb	60 lb	50 lb	100 lb	100 lb	60 lb
Gun Powder		786	2983	41	260	400	1363 lb

N.B.
The whole made into Cbl Barrels 6,795 lb 40
Deficient of the Complement 8,204 20

B. Scottney
M.S. Keeper

60 Cbs

Reminders of Gun-Powder

* Ordered that a letter be added hereto to the Supreme Council informing them of the deficiency in the proper Store for this Garrison & desiring they will take an early opportunity of supplying us with that Article as amply as possible.

1842 Fort St George July 1781

13. Read the following letters

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c &c &c Select Committee

Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Pearse wanting for Orders on the Subject of his Detachment —

Pardon me if I tell you in plain terms I begen to loose my Spirits it is now the 30 July, and I have not been honored with an answer to any one of the many letters I have sent begging only for so much extension of my power as to enable me to drive the contemptable Force of Sillah away from those unhappy Rajahs who wish to join us, which most assuredly I could have done as you must know from what has happened for if the small force you sent against Pulicat could march to that place, take it, and return reduced by the Garrison they left; what could this Army with 21 Pieces B Ordnance have to fear, but that they should never have any thing to fire at — a small detachment I sent has thrown him into Confusion and Alarm, just as I expected, and if I could have ventured Consistently with my orders only to send that same detachment to Vencatagarre, you would have heard of Sallah; however all would have been done most compleately if I could have gone to the Place myself, I should have been as centrically stationed there as here, and as ready to Execute the plan when it reached me —

If my determination to Arcot as

report

Fort St George July 1781

13th Report says the Vencatagurre Road is practicable, and by having gone there, the Country have been so far settled as to have afforded me provisions at least, and so the question I asked the late President in my letter of the 30th Ultimo would have been answered by my being in a State to make the Provisions for my own wants — As the General is at a great distance engaged in a very arduous undertaking, it was natural to conclude that if I could force any of my letters to Madras - I should have heard from you and had my power extended.

I know not how we are to get the 24 for or the Guns themselves across; we have Bullocks enough but the want of Saddles for carriage Bullocks renders it next to impossible to get supplies adequate, the desertions from our Grain Bullocks will barely be replaced by those we shall get with Saddles, but men are more difficult to get than any thing, nor shall I be able to engage any Horse, nor can the Phouzdar, but at higher Wages than you allow, therefore I am under the necessity of yielding, and promising what is demanded; those I get at advanced Wages are to be depended on, as the Phouzdar says, who has taken security, consequently they are of two fold value in our present circumstances, and tho' I cannot urge the Spending a Rupee if I could find means to save it, I must recommend it to you to approve of yielding to necessity, for a trifle more or less in matters of such vast moment is not of Consideration

it

J

1844

Fort St George July 1781

13th

I sent a letter by public Passpal to try whether the road is open or not, the letter contains nothing else, so if it has not arrived it is of no Consequence, this I sent otherwise, and beg a Receipt may be given for it, as I promise a Reward for its delivery, so I have done for others, tho' I dont hear of their Arrival.

One of my Hircarrahs who was in the Enemy's Camp is returned, he was the man who brought the duplicate of your letter of the 26th, he saw the first Engagement with Meer before the General went to Chilembrum. The Vencatagurry Rajah has sent word that the General has beat Meer Agam, and taken 6 Peices of Cannon. I hope it is true, my spies in Lallahs Camp if it deserves that name, send word he has heard that Negapatam and Sadras were taken and that Hyder sent a Hircarrah to tell him of it, you had better know the truth of these matters.

I humbly intreat you just to let me know if you have heard from me, if not often it is not my fault, I sent by the mode pointed out, that is by water.

I wish to be near the scene of action, therefore grieve at my detention, because cannot learn the cause of it.

I am with the greatest

Respect

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13th Prospect,

My Lord and Gentleman,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
J D Pearse
Colonel

Nellore
10th July, 1781

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

Gentlemen

From Genl Coote on the bad state of the Army as to money and Provision

I had the honor of writing
you the 2d Instant, a duplicate of which was
forwarded the 4th; and the 6th I sent you a full
account of the General Action, with a Return of the
Killed and Wounded, and dispatched a duplicate
there of the 8th.

Yesterday morning on my
march from Cuddalore to this place I received
intelligence of Tippoo Saibs having raised the
seige of Wandewash, soon after he heard of his
fathers defeat, in which I am now informed he
lost a much greater number than I had before
imagined, and that it fell most severe upon his
principal Officers.

You will readily conceive
Gentlemen how truly mortifying and distressing
my present situation is — We might now supply
ourselves for some days with Bullocks, Rice Grain,

and

1846 Fort St. George July 1781

13th and other essential Articles from Pondicherry,
but our Troops being almost three Months in Arrear
and our money Funds totally Empty, it is totally out of
our power to purchase - In short, so absolutely
destitute is this Army of every Requisite, that
unless a large supply of Cash is immediately sent
for its support the most fatal consequences must
be expected I therefore trust Gentlemen that on
your part no Endeavors will be wanting to
avert them

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient,
Humble Servants
(signed) Eyre Coote,
A true Copy
George Taylor.

Camp near Pondechery
10th July 1781

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

As the Army are upon the Eve
of Marching from this place inland, and their
Return very uncertain, considering the situation
of Affairs at this Juncture, We conceive it a duty
incumbent on Us to Represent to your Honor &c.
the actual State of this Settlement - We have only

From Cuddalore
on the state of the
of that place
Col.t Harcher requests
to be allowed Batta.

Sir

1847

Fort St George July 1781.

13.th provisions for one month in Store, which when sold or issued: As Cash to the military, the Troops will be paid up to the beginning of July but we have at present no available means of procuring supplies of Cash or Provisions, as those resources we before had of Bills on Madras, by private Traders, are longer Exist, and Unless your Honor &c.a shall find means of sending up supplies of Cash and Grain for the maintenance of this Garrison, it cannot otherwise be had. Lieut.t Colonel Harper having applied to our Paymaster for Batta, We Beg leave to acquaint you that hitherto no Commandant of this Garrison has ever received any and We beg to be favored with your Orders in Consequence.

We have the honor to be
very respectfully

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
C A Dent
E W Fattafield

Cuddalore
7 July 1781.

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

My Lord & Sirs

By the Ship Carolina Matilda Captain Deaver, I send the Prisoners taken at Paluacat with their Effects, and families, and also

from Pulicat
Prisoners & Rice
sent to Madras

one

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13 one hundred and sixty one bags of Rice, and one hundred and thirty two of Paddy, the above Ship has one of the Brige Vessels under her Convoy which Contains nothing but Private Property and a few families

I am My Lord & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
George Smith

Palliacat
July 10th 1781

Dispatched the following Letter in answer to the foregoing address from the Chief and Council of Cuddalore

To Mr Cotton Bowerbank Lieut
Chief and Council at
Cuddalore

Gentlemen,

We are sorry to observe by your Letter of the 7th Instant the small quantity of Grain you have in Store for the Garrison, as likewise the low State of your Cash and our concern is encreased in finding it so little in our power to assist you, every attention however shall be paid to your wants to the utmost of our Power, yet in times like the present it is partickly incumbent on our Servants at the respective Settlements to use every possible means to avoid adding to the numberless difficulties we have to encounter

To Cuddalore
3,000 Pagodas sent
Lt Harper not to
be allowed Batta

Fort St George July 1781

13th The having been under necessity of exporting large quantities of Grain for the use of the Army we are unable at present to afford you the smallest afistance; and although we are greatly distressed for Money to defray the ordinary Expences of the Garrison, still we have been induced to consent to supply you with the sum of /3000/ three Thousand Pagodas which will be shipped on board the Ship Essex or some other Good Vessel bound to Cuddalore.

In Regard to Col. Harper's application for Batta, we have only to observe that as it has heretofore never been allowed to the Officer Commanding in Cuddalore, we can see no reason for allowing it to Colonel Harper more particularly at this time.

We desire you will keep us constantly advised of every material occurrence.

We are
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servants,
Macartney
Select Committee

Fort St George
13th July 1781

14th Received the following Letters.

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

Honble Sir

I have the honor to acquaint

You

1850 Fort St George July 1781

from Cuddalore
with Intelligence
respecting the Army
and the Enemy

11th You, that Our Army marched from hence to the Northward this morning at 2 OClock, they had scarce moved off their Ground, before the Enemys plundering Horse were on it. The Heavy baggage of the Army is put on board the Rice & Gallys, and the Sloops Indus and Intelligence are to follow and attend their motions. The Indus sailed this forenoon I wrote to Sir Edward Vlughes this morning by a Catamaran to inform him that the Army had Quitted this Neighbourhood

Late last night came in two Hircarrahs from Hyders Army, who gave out that all the forces that were under his Command were in readiness to march. That his head Quarters were then at Carrangully near Vencotam pettah, 22 Miles W. of Cuddalore it was said that he was fully resolved at any Rate to hazard another Battle to retrieve his Character and once more to try his strength with us, between this place and Waldore. All his Cavalry and Infantry are under the greatest apprehensions of Our Army. He has sent some of his heavy Cannon and Baggage to Ammoor. It was reported in his Camp that in Consequence of his order, that Tippoo Saib was preparing to raise the Seige of Wandewash and to Join him, but that our people having on a desperate Sally killed several of his Infantry, and about 40 Officers, that he was resolved to prosecute the seige with

greater

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14th greater vigour it was further said, that Tippoo
Saib was wounded dangerously in the Shoulder
in the late sally, but that it was kept a profound
Secret in his Camp: That are also many other
accounts that Say Tippoo Saib was really wounded

I have the honor to remain
very respectfully,

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
C B Dent

Cuddalore
9th July 1781

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

Honble Sir.

This morning came in two
From Do with D.D.D.do. Hircarrahs from our Army encamped at the Red
Hills: they saw only 2000 horse in the Road, who
it is reported have orders to join Hyder near
Permacoil - This moment a Hircar with a Letter
to the General is come in from Tanjore, he says
there is not one of the Enemy's horse in that or
the Trichinopoly Country I have sent the Hircarrah
on

The Hircarrahs came in this
morning from Caringoly, who report that Tippoo
Saib had erected 2 Batteries to the Northward of
Wandewash, which our people destroyed by a very

heavy

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14th heavy fire, and a sally they made from the Fort in which they killed 400 Men and Seppoo Saib received a Wound in the Arm, those people left Carrangoly the 6th Instant, and say that Seppoo Saibs Army was incamped within 3 miles of Wandewash, they further Report they saw Hyders Army march to the Northeward there Cossids from Permacoil, which they left the 7th Instant, and say that 2,000 of the Enemys Cavalry came and surrounded that Fort for a whole day, afterwards they were joined by 1,000 Infantry and an additional number of Horse, who came to mark out the Ground to Erect Batteries but finding that our People had injured the Water, they went Off towards Wandewash.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully,
Honble Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
C B Dent

Cuddalore
11 July 1781.

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

Honble Sir,

I had just determined to write

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From Col Pearse Kerratta Cavalry Leave Berar on the Subject of his detachment and the Vencateegeeree Rajah

14th to Narepelle at the Instance of the Vencateegeeree Rajah to leave the 24 Prs and Garrison as I found them, and to wait there till ordered to advance, provided the Rajah should furnish grain and necessary forces.

Not a day Would be loft by this, for it is three days march to the Place, therefore the 24 Pounders &c.a would Join in three days, and it would be the same as if I stay'd to take them with me.

But when I had taken this Resolution advices from the Governor General and Council passed through Camp to you, and I learnt they contained news of a body of horse having marched from Berar under Abba Pooloran Punditt to the Southward, and though I had not a letter as I had reason to expect, I thought it might make other changes necessary, so I shall only send a party to Narepelle, which will enable the Rajah to Join us, and I think open the Passage to Madrass — if I may depend on my Intelligence.

I inclose a Letter from the Vencateegeeree Rajah to your President, and one to the Nawab from him, and a small one of Compliment from myself, the purport of which is to inform his Highness that I have been some days in the Carnatic, and hope soon to be able to render him and the Company important Services, under the Guidance of Sir

Eyre

Fort St. George. July 1781.

14th Eyre Coote. But the Letter from the Venkateegeeree Rajah will shew you what I have to expect by marching.

The Rajah says he will join me whenever the army I command reaches Narapette, that if I will not advance, he must submit to his fate, and send his Troops to Hyder; but that if reduced to do this, he will quit Hyder as soon as there shall happen any skirmish where his Troops are present, the Kalastry Rajah sends word to him by a Messenger that he will do the same thing, and this he begged me to communicate to you, and to Sir Eyre Coote, he says there is a body of about 500 Maharattahs who want to quit Lallah, and would join the Army I command if I would give them a Cowl and not suspect them, and that they will return home if I will give them safe Conduct through our Camp and ensure it to them through the Company's Dominions

As I trust the Sapplies will now be able to pass in perfect safety, having heard that Pulicat is in our possession, and as Major Byrn's detachment will command the north End of the Island, by way of Experiment I shall send an Hircarrah with a Packet that shall contain only a letter to inform you he came from me, to acquaint you whether the Road is open or not, he will however have a duplicate of this in

a

1855

Fort St George July 1781

14th a roll to be destroyed if necessary.

By the preparations I have made, we shall be quite ready to march when my orders shall arrive —

I am with the greatest respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
J D Pearse — Coll

Nellore,
6th July 1781

P S I inclose also a translation of the Venetegaun Rayah's Answer to my letter to him {NB. refer to Page 1943.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

My last address to you was dated the 3d of this month from Porto Novo Road in which I informed you of my intentions to proceed with His Majesty's Squadron under my Command to the Southward, and Assigned my Reasons for doing so — Having on the 6th received a letter from Sir Eyre Coote K.B. advising me of his being come with his Army to their former Ground near Cuddalore, I sailed with the Squadron from Porto Novo Road the same day, and anchored here on

From Sir Ed. Hughes takes the Defiance in Negapatam Road

the

Fort St George July 1781

14th the 8th and that night the armed boats of the Squadron took out of Negapatam Road all the all the Vessels of every denomination found riding there, of which twelve Snows, one Ketch and one Sloop appearing to me to be either French or Dutch property, or the property of Persons residing within the dutch Territories and under the protection of that Flag, are now sent to Madras Road under the charge of the Cuddalore armed Tender, Commanded by Lieut. Charles Hughes, one of my Officers, who has my orders to deliver the said Vessels as Prizes of the Squadron to the Prize Agents Attornies to be Sold by Public Sale together with the Goods and Merchandize on board them

As the Squadron is now on the station I wished, as most likely to answer every good purpose to the Public Service, and as I have sent a Ship off Ceylon to destroy any advice Sloops or Boats the Dutch may have Cruizing off the East side of that Island, and to give me the earliest intelligence of the approach of an Enemy, I shall continue here unless absolute necessary co-operation with the Army in any Service I can consistently perform with the Squadron, should Call me hence, or the want of Water make it necessary for me to fall down to Trinquebar for a few days. I have the honor to be with great Regard,

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14th

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My Lord & Gentlemen

Yourmost Obedient

humble Servant

Edw Hughes

Superb off Negapatam,
the 10th July 1781.

The Right Honble Lord George Macartney

Governor and President &c. Select Committee.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to —

From Captain Mackay enclosing an account of the Houses &c. —

transmit and lay before your Lordship &c. an Account of the Houses &c. within the Dutch bounds.

As the greatest part of the — Inhabitants have deserted the Town of Sadrastatnam and the 2 villages, it is impossible during the present hurry and situation of things exactly to ascertain their number —

Our works go on very brisk, there are no Horse at present in this Quarter —

General Coote with the army is encamped on the Red Hills near Pondicherry.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very respectful and

Obedient humble Servant

George Mackay

Capt. Lieut.

Sadras,
12th July 1781

An Account of the houses &c. in Sadras patnam, comprehending in one Town the Villages of Sadras, Umry and Mayoor —

&c.

1858 Fort St George. July 1781

14. H. 6 Large Pagodas
13 Swamy houses
52 Bramin houses
15 Panderin Houses
10 Dancing Girls Houses
2 Church Flower Merchants Houses.
2 Ticktaw Fellaws Houses
80 Chitty Merchants Houses.
16 Chitty Merchants Bazars or shops.
23 Banian Merchants shops.
18 Banian Merchants houses.
4 Cloth Shops.
24 Head Farmers houses of the Villar Cast.
64 Head Farmers houses of the Agmoody Cast.
25 Head Farmers Houses of the Vellar Cast.
12 Canicopply, or Malabar Writers Houses.
6 Houses belonging to the Vellar Chitties!
171 Houses belonging to the Paddy Field Labourers.
36 belonging to Cow-Keepers.
20 Houses belonging to Gentoo Merchants who deal in Diamonds Rubies, Jewelry & Gowkets.
6 Houses belonging to the Comawar or Corn Merchants.
15 Braziers houses.
5 Carpenters Houses
10 Iron Smiths Houses
10 Silver Smiths Houses

1859 Fort S.t George - July 1785.

14.th 21 Weavers Houses.

3 Cloth Painters Houses.

3 Diers Houses

10 Oil-Men's Houses

2 Paria Barrack Houses

8 Tailors Houses

1 House belonging to a Loom-maker for the Weavers.

9 Goddy Men's Houses.

6 Huts belonging to inferior Goddy Men.

5 Pot-Makers Houses.

2 Houses belonging to Malabar Church wardens.

12 Taylors Houses.

22. Moor Men's Houses - Jobbers

19 Washermans Houses.

2 Houses belonging to Head Calenguen Boys.

13. Saving barbers Houses

22 Boat Mens Houses

15 Fisher Mens Houses.

20 Huts belonging to inferior Fishermen.

1 Moolchy Mens Houses

19 Houses belonging to Dotchmen.

12 Topasses Houses.

17 Paria Peoples Houses.

5 Shoe Makers Houses.

10 Large Tanks

11 Small Tanks

40 Large Wells

200 Small Wells

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1 1/4 2 Chaultrys

2 Mussulmens Mosques

39 Gardens and Topes

In the Village of Calpaukum

9 Houses belonging to Paddy Field Labourers

1 Chaultry

4 Tanks

4 Wells

In the Village of Adayaar

3 Swamy houses

26 Paddy Field Labourers Houses

12 Fishermans Houses

2 Tanks

4 wells fresh water

20 salts water Wells for making Salt

Dutch Bounds

From East to West a mile and a half English

From North to South 4 & 1/2 English miles

Madras
12th July 1781

George Mackay
Capt Comm.t

A Return of Ordnance &c Military Stores at Sadras the 29th June 1781

Iron Ordnance

12 pounders mounted on Carriages ---- 7-7

8 Do ---- 8-8

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14th 6 pounders mounted on Carriages —— 7

4 Do —— 3

Brass Ordnance

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 on Beds —— 2

Spare Gun Carriages —— 3

Wheels for Do —— 6

Spring Jacks —— 2

Stand of Arms with Bayonets —— 150

Bandeleirs —— 132

Bayonet Scabbards —— 96

Musquet Slings —— 146

Country Pouches —— 198

Cuttasses —— 150

Cuttas Scabbards —— 182

Flints in Boxes Small —— 1

Drums —— 5

Slings for Do —— 1

Hand Spikes —— 58

Gun Powder in Chests 1000 lb in all —— 3

12 Pound Cartridges filled —— 73

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14 lb.
8 Do — Do — 106
6 Do — Do — 95
4 Do — Do — 81
Copper Powder measures — 4
Do — Funnel — 1
Spung Staffs — 30
Hand Spikes — 40
Do — Short — 10
Wooden Gauge, Sett — 1
Iron Crows — 2
Wooden Cartridge boxes — 14
Do — filled with Powder — 6
Ladles with Wadhooks — 5
Iron hand Grenades filled — 302
Copper Cartridge boxes — 4
Box of Ball ammunition — 1
Barrels of Hand Grenades — 2

A List of different Articles found in the Fort since the last Return —

1 Gin
1 Do Block
Cordage
1 Coil of four Inch Coir Rope
5 Do — of 3 Do — Do —
1 Do — of Europe Hawser
1 Large Coir Cable
2 Rolls of Sinnett

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14 H 10 Small bundles of Rattan

13 Blocks of Different sorts and Sizes

½ Cask of Rosin

½ Do of Tar

3 large Rolls of Service —

6 Anchors from 10 to 14 Hundred Weight

1 Spare Anchor ~~Stock~~

A List of different Articles in the Godowns belonging to the Dutch Company at Sadras 1 July 1781

Godown N° 1.

1 Large Chest of Cinnamon marked N° 9.

1 Chest of Mace — — — — — — — 6.

1 Small Box Nutmegs — — — — — — — 8.

1 Case of Cloves — — — — — — — — — 7.

34 Chests of Copper in Boxes sent to Madras in the Sloop —

1 Chest containing a few Do —

1 Cask of small nails

1 Do of large Do —

Godown N° 2

1 Small bag of Cloves

1 Do — of Cinnamon

1 Do — of nutmegs.

83 Bars of Iron

3 Boxes of Stationary all packed in one Chest

2 Small Boxes containing Remnants of Scarlet Cloath

1 Bag of Country twine.

Godown N° 3.

A Quantity of Sanjore seeds, & Indigo in Cakes

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14th 1 Desk and a Book Case

Godown N° 4.

2 Large Setts of scales
1 Small D° ——
1 D° —— D° ——
} with brass weights.

Godown N° 5.

1 Cask Vermilion
4 Bags of Copper Coin
1 Writing Desk — 1 Case of Stationary
1 Case Bees wax. 2 Leaden Pipes.

Godown N° 6.

Contained 200 Bags of rice besides 300 brought from on board Ship

Godown N° 7.

Containing about 350 Cullums of Paddy.

Godown N° 8.

Contains a great Quatity of Gunny, small Rope, Palmiras, and some planks of Teakwood, 4 Cases of Batavia Arrack 1 Cask with a small Quantity 250 Skeans of Country Match.

Godown N° 9.

2 Jarrs of Oil,
2 Pipes of Cask Vinegar.
20 Empty Baskets

Godown N° 10.

Contains a Quantity of Cloth, many Chests, some small bales, and one Copper Pott, the property of Black People, which has since been delivered to their

Godown

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14th

Godown N.o 11.

Contains a Quantity of Cordage and agreeable to the List added to the Return of Ordnance and military Stores

1 Large Triangle – 1 Small Dc

A Godown without the Fort contains 1 Cask of Tar 2 Cases of Oil and several pieces of Teakwood –

Quantity of Cloth found in the Several Godowns

463 pieces White cloth

326 Brown or unwashed Do

147 – Blue – Do –

100 Sacks of the Dutch Company's Salt at Adyoor Village.

1 Sloop Loaded, he cargo unexamined in the Town Mayor's Care

1 Do Empty sent to Madrass with the Prisoners – Dc –

An Account found in the Cash Chest at the Dutch Factory at Sadras 29th June, 1781

	Pc	f.	b
Porto Novo Pagodas ————	5,161	17	40
Star Pagodas ————	2,482	280	0

25 Rupees – 1 Gold Mohur – 1 Gold Chain – 1 Silver Ring

1 Ring with a Green Stone.

Found in Cash on board the Sloop Porto Novo Pg.s (Dc) 463

An account of the Villages that were subject to the Dutch Company at Sadras

Sadras
Umry
Mayoor
Culpauckum

} Produce yearly.

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		Ps
14th Adayoor	Do Do	360
Taxes arrising from the Baazar		100
Choultry Custom		200

The Dutch Company carried on a Profitable Trade by advancing about 10,000 Ps yearly to the Country Merchants who provided them with blue and white Cloaths — Chintz and Gingam — Formerly they used to advance Yearly a Lack of Pagodas.

A List of the Dutch Europeans, and Topasses inlisted into the Honble East India Company's Service 4th July 1781.

Europeans			Topasses		
John Jordan	Serjeant	1	Fortunatus Texeira	Corporal	1
Earnr Widden			Domingo Desouza	Drummers	2
John Christhallen			Francis Desouza		
Joseph Baljalsie	Corporals	5	John Muller	Fifer	1
Arnold Lawrence			Joseph Bass		
Arnd Wolfe			Verc Peters		
John Breezen			John Andrawdy		
John Kent	Matrosses	3	Leon Derozara		
Simon Brewer			Ango Gypher		
Hans Kool			Anthy Gypher		
Philip Smith			John Derozara	Privates	11
Harmr Bocart			Chos Adrian		
Claudius Hen Leiter	Private	5	Dom Gosalvus		
Alby Milder			Manl Desouza		
			Granl Johnson		
			John Powell		
			Peter David		
			Alaniel Alves		
Total		14	Total		18

Pte Comdt

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14th

The Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

On the 9th Instant the Army left this place and marched to the Northward, and we are informed they are now in the Neighbourhood of Pondicherry.

From Cuddalore on the Subject of the Fortifications and Garrison & Provision.

His Excellency Lt. Genl. Sir Eyre Coote before his departure recommended it to us to inform your Honor &c. as Exactly as possible of the Situation of this place, with Respect to provisions and money, and also to mention to your Honor &c. of what importance it might be were you to think proper to order down two large Vessels to lay off this Port, and be in readiness to receive the Company's property on Board, in Case the Enemy Should make a vigorous Attack on the Fort, and the army be at too great a distance to afford it Relief.

The Stockade carried round the Fort and the Deepning of the Ditch have secured Cuddalore Effectually against Cavalry, or any sudden surprize, but the place is of so great an Extent, being about 3 miles round, and the Walls so remarkably thin and badly furnished with Guns, that with the very small Garrison We have, We think it very

doubtful

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14th doubtful whether it could long be defended against a Regular Attack with Battering Cannon — We might have however time, in any Emergency were any Vessels here to Secure a quantity of Military Stores and all the Money and Valuable Effects of the Inhabitants, which in Such a Situation would be a matter of Great Consequence.

We informed your Honor &c that our Supplies of Cash for these Six Months past had Come from the Captains and Owners of Vessels who had brought down merchandize for Sale; in a few days we shall not have a single Vessel remaining here and this resource being to all appearance at an End, We shall be unable to pay our Garrison in future unless your Honor &c are pleased from time to time to make us remittances from the Presidency.

With respect to provisions, we shall also be under great difficulties, should a body of the Enemy closely invest the place, the stock we now have may with Oeconomy last us 6 Weeks after that is Expended; should no Vessels arrive here in the Interim with grain, (and it is not probable any quantity will be brought by Sea now the Army have left us) we shall be reduced to the Greatest distress.

We doubt not your Honor &c will provide for our Necessities as far as possible,

and

1869 Fort St. George, July, 1781.

14th and beg leave to assure you we shall at all times exert our Utmost Endeavors for the preservation and welfare of this Settlement.

We have the honor to be,
Most Respectfully,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants,
AB Dent
Willm Maitland
E.W. Fallofield

Cuddalore
12 July 1781

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the small detachment I formed and sent from this Garrison the night before last is returned with only two Sepoys wounded; I expected much greater things by the Expedition than has turned out; we were very unlucky in having the wind right against us all the way, by which the Detachment arrived in the Island of Ereeum an hour too late, for they heard of our Coming, and went off with all the money they could scrape together, and

From Pulicat the Island of Ereeum taken.

had

1870 Fort St. George July 1781

14th had just gone away when our people got on Shore.
There was some opposition for about half an hour
after we landed, but the Enemy at last gave way &
ran to the River, where some of them were over taken
by our people, who killed Eight or nine of them,
wounded several, and took one small Gun, one hundred
and forty boats, and thirty two Prisoners with about
Sixteen hundred pieces of Cheeky, and some brass
Pots. had the Nabob's Sepoys behaved as they ought
to have done / but they were under no kind of
Command / the Enemy would never have stood a
fire, but they were encouraged by the backwardness
of the Nabob's people, which might have been
attended with bad consequence; Lala's people
were Posted upon a small Rising behind a breast
Work, where there was a Gun, which was Charged
by us and carried, and they ran as I mentioned before,
and took to the River. There was an Amazing Quantity
of grain carried off the day before, and what remains
now is supposed to be about 6 thousand Pagodas worth.
I have given the Island in Charge of Sam Ready
one of the Chickacole Polygars, whom I sent with
the detachment to take charge of every thing there,
and ordered him to keep a body of his own People
to protect the Island, and all the Inhabitants, and
desired him to employ all the boats in sending the
Grain &c. to me as fast as possible, but to keep some

Paddy

1871 Fort St. George, July. 1781

14th Paddy to supply the bazar for which he was to be accountable. It will be necessary to tell you That the above Sam Ready is mentioned to me by Major Sydenham, and as I know no Black man myself that I could depend on, and as it was necessary that there should be a man of some Rank on the Island, I have appointed him Mannager for the present, and until your Pleasure shall be known, I should have been glad to have left some of my Battalion with him, but as there is no knowing what must happen here, I thought it most prudent to keep my own Men together, for there is very little dependance to be put on the others: and I hope I shall never be under the necessity of joining regular Troops again with such people, who are here under the name of Nabobs Sepoys. In the attack there was no possibility of keeping them together. I have just received a letter from a Major Byrne, of the Bengal Army, acquainting me that he has taken post near Calacarrado to procure every intelligence he can for Colonel Pearse.

Whatever orders you shall be pleased to send me respecting Corcum shall be most punctually obeyed by

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most respectfull

and most Obedient Servant,

George Smith.

Tellicat,
July. 13th. 1781

To

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Fort St George July 15th 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq.

President & Governor &c. a Select Committee at

Fort St George.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have received your Secretary's letter of the 25th Ultt. enclosing a letter to Sondaman to which I accompanying is an answer. It gives me the greatest concern to inform you of an accident which happened here on the 14th Instant, owing to Lt. Hall, whereby we lost near 200 men with three guns; it had such an effect on me, that I have been confined to my bed ever since with a violent Bilious Fever, which prevents my being so explicit as I otherwise should have been. I hope to be able in a few days to acquaint you with the particulars I have received a Letter from Sondaman, mentioning that the Ramnad Rajah had left Tripatore, and was joined by a number of his people, but expected to meet some difficulties before he reached his Capital. —

From Trichenopoly with Intelligence of the Loss of 200 Men and 3 Guns.

I have the honor to remain with Respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most faithful Servant

E. Nixon.

Trichenopoly
17th June, 1781

15th Received the following letters —

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Fort St. George, July. 1781

15th

Honorable Sir

From Bellore – beset by the Enemy – with List of Officers – Prisoners with the Enemy kept in Irons

We are so beset by the Enemy that I find it a most difficult matter with my most experienced hands to get letters to you now: by this conveyance Mr. Ogilvie sends you a Copy of what he wrote the 15th which the people that went with it were obliged to throw away, and did not get back till the 25th – I forward you by this conveyance the Names of our Officers, Prisoners in Irons in Bengalore, which I received this day in a letter from Ensign Lang, dated the 7th Instant – he tells me that their allowance is very small, that Colonel Baillie is in Seringapatam, and worse treated than any of them – I have the honor to be

Honorable Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant

R Lang

27th June 1781

Captains Jones and Goudie – Lieutenants Munro, Campbell, Forbes, Smith, Read, M.Neill, and Halliburton – Ensigns Forbes, Innis, Corner, White, Lang, Mackay, Frank Young, and Nash – Messrs. Leatham, Hodges, Gorey, and Cuthbert, – Doctors Rien, and Ogelvie – 74 Soldiers are in Irons in the Pettah of Bengalore –

Lieut. James Dalrymple of the Company's Troops, and Lieut. Melville 73d Regiment.

Sent

1874 Fort St George July 1781

15th sent from home to Bengalore a few months ago -

Thomas Oakes Esqr Secretary

Sir.

From Dr Capt Galbraith and Mr Hay dyr - Lrs sent from Pulicat to Hyder's Camp.

I have received the orders of the 23d June yesterday, you will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that Captain James Galbraith died the 27th March last, and Mr Hay, Cadet, the 22d October last - Also that I have been informed of Fifty chests, which I suppose to be arms, passing thro' the Carnatic country under a guard of Hyder's Troops from Pulicat -

I am Sir,
Your obedient humble Servant,
Ross Lang -

Vellore
8th July 1781

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

Gentlemen

From Gen Coote with orders Concerning the Bengal Detachment.

I send by the Bearer duplicates of my letters of the 10th and this morning, the former by land and the latter by sea - This is to request that you will order the Bengal detachment (provided you can supply it) to proceed as fast as possible to the Mount, there to halt until we can determine whether

15th whether it would be most advisable for it to form a Junction, or to march to any particular Spot - From present appearances I have no room to doubt of Hyder's intentions to have another action with me. I have just received positive Accounts that there is still a force at Wandewash, preparing for the renewal of the seige of that place - The vessel and boats that were in sight this morning passed Pondichery without stopping - It is now 28 Days since I heard from you -

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

Camp Red Hills,
12th July 1781. 6 P.M.

Duplicate.

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

Gentlemen,

From Do
On the same subject

I beg leave to enclose a Copy of my Letter of the 10th Instant, which was sent to you by Land, there being Vessels in sight which are supposed to be passing from Cuddalore to Madras I avail myself of the opportunity to acquaint you that Hyder has collected all his forces, and is now encamped near Valdore,

to

1876 Fort St George July 1781

15th To this hour I am deprived of all intelligence from the Presidency, which is rather a distressing circumstance at so very critical a time as this is.

I have had no letter from Colonel Pearse, since the month of April last, but have just learnt by chance that his detachment is arrived at Nellore, and as I presume there is some foundation for it, I submit to you Gentlemen who from a knowledge of circumstances, of which I may be totally ignorant, must be the best Judges whether it would not be advisable for him to proceed with all convenient speed to the Carnatic, where I trust you will be able to usefully him with every thing that he may stand in need of; I have written to him (enclosed) to follow any Orders you may be pleased to give him.

From some reports handed to me Yesterday, I have reason to believe that a part of Tippoo Saib's Detachment is still at Wandewash.

I have not been able to procure any provisions from Pondicherry, and am sorry to add that the Distresses of which I have already informed you are daily encreasing, and we are probably at the Eve of another General Engagement.

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Camp 3 miles Northward,
of Pondichery
12th July, 1781.

Fort St. George July 1781

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

The Honble Charles Smith Esqre

Dear Sir,

I just now received a letter
from the Governor General desiring I will afford all
necessary assistance to a Body of Berar Cavalry passing
this way on their march to join Colonel Pearse.
I do not believe they have yet left
Cuttack, although I hear Rajah Ram Pundit is
making preparations to dispatch them.
I am Dear Sir,
Your very obedient,
humble Servant
John Irving

From Ganjam
Directions from Govrnr
General to provide for
Berar Cavalry on their
passage.

Ganjam
25 June 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President and Governor for Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Having been informed that the
French privateer which lately destroyed some Vessels
in

1878 Fort St George July 1781

From Masulipatam on the Subject of the French Privateers, and the Dutch at Jagernaickporam.

15th in these Roads, and at Porunga afterwards sailed to Jagnaickporam, met with a cordial reception from the Dutch of that place, and was plentifully supplied with whatever He stood in need of; we judge it highly necessary to draw the attention of your Honor &c.a to the Conduct observed by the Dutch upon this occasion, more especially as the Intelligence lately communicated by the Dorsetts, who was taken prisoner by the Privateer, and afterwards released, affords us reason to expect there will shortly be more Privateers arrive from the Mauritius at Coringa, and it is intended by them to make that place a General Rendezvous, as being Commodiously situated for their plan of cruising upon the English Trade, as well as in a Condition to supply them with all necessaries by means of the Vicinity of Jagernaickporam, we have already recommended to Mahepulteaos Zemindar of Pettapore, where Jagernaickporam is situated, to prevent as much as possible all supplies of necessaries, except wood and water being carried in from the neighbouring Country to that place, while the Dutch so openly countenance and promote the Operations of the Enemy, but as this will not prevent their receiving the most exact and ample intelligence of the State of these Circars, and other matters it may be of importance for them to be made acquainted with,

We

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15th we beg leave to submit to your Honor &c whether it would not be expedient upon our observing a disposition in the settlement of Jagernaickporam to continue practices of so dangerous a tendency in these Districts, to whose Government it is tributary, and to which it ought in consequence to be considered in all respects accountable, in like manner as the other Tributaries, to send a Party of Troops to take possession of the Fort, and Garrison it, leaving the Dutch Company's Servants and Native Inhabitants at full liberty to continue in the Pettah, and go on with their commerce as heretofore, without molestation; by this means the French Cruizers would be effectually prevented from receiving either of Refreshments, or Intelligence, which might enable them from infesting the coast in the manner they have presumed to do for some time past, and are likely to continue to practise while they conceive themselves to be secure in the Protection and assistance they have already experienced from the Dutch at Jagernaickporam. It might in some degree prevent the intercourse we wish to put a Stop to, to station a party along the shore close to the Fort, but not to mention that this would require a larger force, which can so little be spared in the present time, the possession of the Fort would give much greater effect and facility to what we have in view, we beg however to be favored with

Your

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15th your precise Instructions in what manner that Conduct of the Dutch is to be further Noticed the annoyance which the trade of the Coast and of Bengal receives from the Privateers is likewise well deserving of your Attention We are informed that Tonnage for 150,000 Bags of Rice shortly ~~...~~ engaged in freight from Calcutta is now kept ~~is now kept~~ in readiness at Coringa nor is there any ~~expectation~~ or hope that those who are to navigate their Vessels, can be prevailed on to stir from thence without some protection from the Danger they apprehend, or a strong assurance that the Danger is at an end —

We are Respectfully,
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servants,
Jn Daniell,
James Hodges,
Thomas Barnard
Alex Pringle —

Masulipatam
2d July 1781

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

My Lord —

I have received intelligence that Lallah with his whole force has moved —

From Pondamalee with Intelligence respecting Lallah.

15th towards Nellore. I have this instant advised Colonel Pearse of the same by a Careful Hircar. I have the Honor to enclose your Lordship the Letter I received giving the above intelligence it is from a brave Young Black Officer who commands at Outacotah. I have great reason to place Confidence in the Account as Lallah has been sending his Women and Baggage to Tripassore these several days past. Now my Lord is the Moment for Tripassore it would be the means of preventing Lallah from pursuing his Route Northward.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most Humble and Obedient Servant

H. D. Harding

Pondamalee, 14th July 1781, 12 o'clock.

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,

We have had the pleasure to receive your Letter of 10th Instant by Lieut. Hughes, and congratulate you on this first success of your Squadron

To Sir Edward Hughes Congratulating him on his success at Negapatam on the Subject of that Place.

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15th Squadron in taking the 12 Dutch Snows off Rio Lattee
We consider it as a Circumstance so much greater
advantages, and from the facility with which we
made ourselves Masters of Sadras and Pulicat,
we should flatter ourselves that it would not be
impracticable for the Fleet to get Possession &c.
Negapatam itself, if assisted with a small force
from Colonel Braithwaite at Tanjore, or Captain
Eidington at Palamcottah — We enclose your Letters
to those Officers, directing them to cooperate with
you in the Execution of any Plan you think most
advisable to pursue towards getting Possession of
that Fortress, as far as their situation and present
Circumstances will admit, and as we are informed
that Hyder's Troops have entirely evacuated the
Southern Provinces, we conceive that the necessary
communication between you may be kept up
without Danger or Difficulty.

The Dutch would probably
immediately capitulate on the Terms of securing
their Private Property, but we must earnestly
request that you would not listen to any proposals
for preserving the Fortifications, as it is the Intention
of Government at home, signified to us by the Court
of Directors, that they should be totally destroyed.
Those of Sadras are now demolished, and Pulicat
will undergo the same fate, the moment it can be
Conveniently accomplished —

We

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15th

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servants,

Macartney.

Sr. Select Committee.

Fort St George
15th July 1781

P.S. Enclosed we transmit you Letter received from the Northward —

To Sir Edward Hughes - Knight of the Bath,

Vice Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief

of His Majestys Ships on

India.

Sir,

We beg leave to enclose to your

a Petition lately addressed to Us by Shamier Sutton,

an Armenian Merchant of this Place —

Shamier Sutton has resided here under

the Company's protection for more than thirty Years,

as set forth in the Petition, during which time he has

uniformly evinced his attachment to our Interests,

and when occasions required, has assisted us with

considerable Loans of Money; for these reasons we are

induced to recommend his Case to your Consideration,

earnestly requesting that you will be pleased to grant

to him and his Family when occasions shall offer,

all such Indulgence and Assistance as their

Situations and concerns entitle them to.

We

To Do
meaning Shamier Sutton

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We have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servants,

Macartney

&c. Select Committee

Fort St George,
16th July 1781.

To Colonel John Brathwaite,

Commanding at Tanjore.

Sir,

To Colonel Brathwaite and Captain Ewing town on the Subject of Negapatam; desiring them to cooperate with the Admiral.

Being informed that Hyder's Troops have entirely evacuated all the Country to the Southward of the Coleroon, and that from the Season of the Year it is unlikely they should be able to return thither, we are of Opinion that these Circumstances afford a favorable opportunity of attacking the Dutch Possessions on that Quarter, and we have expressed it in our Letter to Sir Edward Hughes. We therefore desire upon his Communicating to You his Ideas upon the Subject of Negapatam, you will cooperate with him in the Reduction of that Place, provided you think you can do it without interfering with any other material Service upon which you may already have received Orders from Sir Eyre Coote, and without hazarding too much the Safety of your present Command. The Dutch would probably — immediately

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15th immediately capitulate on the Terms of securing their Private Property, but we must earnestly request that you would not listen to any Proposals for Preserving the Fortifications, as it is the Intention of Government at home, signified to us by the Court of Directors, that they should be totally destroyed — Those of Cadras are now demolished, and Pulicat will undergo the same Fate, the moment it can be conveniently accomplished.

I have,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants.
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

P.S. Perhaps you may have been able to reduce some of your Dutch Neighbours —

The same to Captain Eidington Commanding at Palamcotah.

Fort St George
13th July 1781

16th Received the following Letters.

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

My Lord and Sirs,
I am sorry to tell you I have great reason to suppose I have appointed an improper

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From Pulicat recommending the Rajah of Coloor to be manager of Erocum — Copy of the Orders sent to the Officer Commanding at Erocum —

16th improper person to settle the Island of Erocum, & put it once more in a tranquil state — The Person whom I sent there for that purpose has not acted the least in the manner I expected, which has obliged me to send some Sepoys with an Officer to put my orders into Execution — The principal Merchants of the Island have been with me, and expressed a great desire to have the Rajah of Coloor appointed to take care, and defend the Island with his own Poligars against any Enemy that may come there I satisfied them by saying I would make their wishes known to you and that they must wait till an answer came. This Rajah the Islanders are much attached to, and I learn that he is much esteemed by every body as an honest Good man, He is now at Erocum with near two hundred of his People with him, he has some Poligars with Sir Eyre Coote in Camp. He is a Man well known to Cawn Saib, the Nabobs manager of this Place, who speaks of him in the highest manner, and I understand his Character is not unknown at Madras. my opinion of Sam Ready whom I sent to settle the Island of Erocum is so changed, that I thought it absolutely necessary for the good of the Service to take the power from him in time. The inclosed is a Copy of the Orders given to the Officer whom I have sent to Erocum

With the greatest Respect

I

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16th

I am
My Lord and Sirs,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
George. Smith.

Paliacat,
July 16th 1781

To Ensign Thomas Poole.

Sir,

You will Imbark as fast as you can with one Navaldar one Naigue, and Twenty Sepoys to the Island of Ewcum, and on your Arrival there you will please to tell Sam Ready that it is my order that he comes to Poliacat to answer for his neglect of Duty, and disobedience of my orders, and tell him to send all the Poligars Chickeacoole to defend their own Country, and you will please to send for the Coloor Rajah, or if he is not there the next man to him, and tell him he is appointed to take charge of that Island, and to defend it against the Enemies of the English. You will make Sam Ready deliver to you all the Match-Locks and ammunition that was found on the Island, and you will be pleased to take my Jemidar and send for the village People, and enquire of them what has been carried off the Island since the detachment left it. And you will load the Masula boats immediately with

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16th with Paddy, Iron, Chunty &c. and Send them away and what other boats are there must also be loaded and sent down; and you will also Enter the forty boatmen which I sent up for the three large boats to bring them down at the same time with the new Masula Boats. You must prevent any boats keep the boats in a Secure place till they are sent away loaded — The Inhabitants are not to be distressed by any means, many of them have Rice and Paddy in their houses for their families, which is not to be meddled with, unless they have a very large quantity in Godowns, of which I must be made Regardable. The Rice must Come in the Small boats.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

George Smith

Pollicat,
July. 16th. 1781.

P.S. The Jemidar has my Orders to take a particular Account of every thing on the Island, and send it to me as soon as possible, and I desire you will give him every Assistance for that purpose.

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

Gentlemen

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16th Gentlemen

I did myself the honor to write to you yesterday. The dispatches were sent by a Catamaran, despliccates by a Vessel proceeding to Madrass with Sick from Cuddalore.

Hyder Ally with his Army, which he has very considerably reinforced, is encamped very near me, I therefore have not the smallest doubt but he means to make a grand effort.

Totally unconformed as I am, I cannot prevail on myself to give a positive Opinion Regarding the Bengal detachment, but from circumstances I think the sooner they arrive at the Presidency the better.

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

Camp 6 miles to the Northward of Pondicherry, 13th July 1781.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Enclosed we have the honor to transmit you a Bill of Mr. William Hamilton upon Morgan Williams Esqre for Arcot Rupees 5,000, endorsed payable to Your Order, also a Receipt of Mr. Alexander Pringle

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16th Pringle for Madras Pagodas 6,000, received by him at different times on account of Wm. Alexander Brodie, Garrison Storekeeper at Fort St. George, agreeable to your orders on that head. We likewise forward to you an Indent for Timbers and Palmiras, of the former article there is not any in Store, the last of our Stock thereof having been lately expended in some works of indispensable use in the Garrison; the Palmiras it will perhaps occur to you, may be procured from the Neighbouring Country, that is true, but there has been such a demand for them during some time past, and so great and almost useless it may be said a Consumption of them from the bad quality of those our Districts have been able to procure, that it appears to us an advisable measure in order to lighten the Burden upon the Country, to apply to your Honor &c. for a Supply of Palmiras, if it can be from the Company's Stores. As we are absolutely destitute of one of these material articles of Store, and have but a small proportion of the other, we trust an Early attention will be given to what has above been Represented, that these Works may be speedily supplied

We are Respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obedient,

humble

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16th

Humble Servants
James Daniell
Jams Hodges
Thomas Barnard
Alexander Pringle

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Letter of the 12th instant
I have been honored with, conceiving with due
respect that the greater Quantity of ammunition
and Stores &c. that Could be thrown into the Forts
of Carangoly and Chingleput the more Essential
the Service would benefit — I have therefore for
that purpose exerted my utmost endeavours
and purchased the 12 Pounder that I have been so
fortunate as to get safe to Carangoly way at
a future day prevent the place from being
taken.

From Capt. Mackay on the subject of the Fortifications at Madras —

By the enclosed List of Articles
sent to and received at Carangoly and Chingleput
your Lordship &c. will be pleased to Judge of my
activity, and whether my availing myself of the
absence of the Enemy's Horse and effecting with
very great trouble and success the transporting
the Ammunition the whole to the different
Garrisons

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16th Garrisons, does not demonstrate for the Service all the Zeal my humble abilities are Capable of: the remaining part of the Stores unburnt have also been dispatched to Chinglepat, when I receive an Answer of their being received there, a list of them shall be transmitted.

Having destroyed all the Guns (except the 12 Pounder sent to Cuddalore and 2 brass 4 pounders,) burnt the carriages and heavy Stores that could neither be sent to Madrass or carried away, and having left nothing on the least material undone in my line of duty, I shall take the Liberty of representing that the Engineers have reported to me that owing to the strength of the masonry and the hardness of the Coals (which being French gave way like lead) their progress in demolishing the works goes on very slow, and that it will at least take up a Month to destroy the Fortifications. It is true they say the Bastions will be undermined in a few days - I have toild and laboured to assist them - Money and Grain they have, and have had in the greatest plenty - I appeal to themselves, and I hope your Lordship &c.a will excuse this small digression, whether I did not address them a letter requesting they would employ all the men they could, and that I would as an encouragement to the People

to

Fort St. George, July. 1781.—

16th to work longer and better give them double pay out of my own Private Purse — This Circumstance happened ten days ago, and I mention it that your Lordship &c.a may Judge how Anxious I have been to complete the Service I had the honor of being ordered upon. It is my duty to represent to your Lordship &c.a that unless better Tools are sent us here by the Chief Enginee in a Months time, no considerable progress can be effected for a long time.

Engineer

In your Letter of the 15th your Lordship &c.a are pleased to order that in Case the Stores still remain at Madras, and the Fortifications not demolished, I shall leave a Sufficient Garrison at that Place, and forward with the Remainder of my Force to Chingleput.

force

I have already informed your Lordship &c.a that the Stores have been despatched

with

& — The Company's Records and Books with the publick property found in the Godowns are put on board a Large boat in the Road and will be dispatched as soon as we can get people to sail her to Madras —

There being nothing left now but the demolishing the Fortifications and the time that duty will require uncertain I therefore intend in consequence of the above

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Order

1894 Fort St. George, July 1781 –

16th order to leave Lieut.t Baillie in the Command of this Place with one Company and a half of Sepoys and twelve Europeans. This Garrison is full sufficient to guard this Fort until the works are destroyed. I will supply them with plenty of grain and money, and will proceed to Chinglepat tomorrow Evening with the remainder of my Party, and the Dutch and Portuguese Recruits, who will so strengthen the Garrison of Chinglepat, that the Party of Sepoys under Lieut.t Baillie will not be missed. The day before yesterday I dispatched 4 Masoolah boats and a Jemidar with 2 Guards of Sepoys towards the Southward. There is only one Masoolah Boat left. I am quite Ignorant of the Channah Boats Your Lordship wrote me about through Capt.n Sydenham, however I will make every enquiry and send them to Madras.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most respectful and
obedient humble Servant
George Mackay
Capt. Com.d

Pattanos
15 July 1781

A Return of Ordnance &c.a Military Stores sent from Pattanoor to Chinglepat Pallarangully &c.a

To Chinglepat.

Arms with Bayonets ——— 120

Arms

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		&c
16th	Arms with Bayonets	30
	Bayonet Scabbards	96
	Bandeliers	100
	Musket Slings	146
	Country Pouches	156
	Cutlashes	100
	Ditto Scabbards	130
	Brass Drums	2
	4 1/2 Inch mortars and Cohorns	2
	4 1/2 Inch Shells for Do	50
	Iron hand Grandes	300
	Iron in Bars	62
	8 Pounders Iron Shot	613
	6 Ditto Ditto	347
	4 Ditto Ditto	137
	Quilted Rounds of Grape	50
	Large Scales and Weights, sett	1

To Carangoly.

Iron twelve Pounder Gun with Carriage &c	1
Ladle with Sadhook	1
Sponge with Rammerhead	2
12 Pounder Round Shot	242
6 Ditto Ditto	340
6 Pounder Quilted Grape	13
6 Ditto Ditto	7
4 Inch Coir Rope	3
Iron Bars	19

Geo. Mackay
Capt. Comd.

Thos. S. Tanner
Paymaster.

1896 Fort St. George July, 1781.-

16th Dispatched the following Letters.

To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse
Comanding the Bengal Detachment.

Sir,

By our former letter you will perceive that from what we could collect of Sir Eyre Coote's Sentiments concerning the Forces under your Command, we considered that it was his Intention you should pursue your march to Madras — so far as we could pretend to Judge of military operations our opinion leaded to the same determination but we were desirous to leave to an Officer of Experience and ability, entrusted with an important Assistant Command, to abide by his own Judgement and Discretion, formed on Circumstances as they arose, and we are now glad to find the propriety of giving such a Latitude fully justified — It is no doubt highly desireable that you should secure the assistance of the Vencatagherri Rajah —

The Return of the Kolastry Rajah to Us and the Junction of the Mharattas from Sellah are events which would be of equal Service to Us and of Injury to the Enemy — We therefore hope you will be able to forward them by every Encouragement in your Power, using at the same time all the Caution

To Coll. Pearse — On the subject of his march — Enclosing extract from Sir Eyre Coote's letter, recommending to him to move to the Mount — and having a number of Bullocks —

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16th Caution with which Persons of suspected Fidelity are to be received

When we directed the Attack of Pulicat, we had in view the advantage of an open Communication with your Army, and we have not yet possessed the Fortifications that you may be able to take Post there, if circumstances should require it.

Yesterday we received a letter from Sir Eyre Coote, Extracts of which we now enclose to you, and we concur with him in Thinking that it would be advisable for you to proceed with all convenient Expedition to the Mount, which is about eight miles to the Southward of this Place, leaving it to your own Judgement to determine the Particular route of March, observing however that the safest appears to us to be that which is nearest to the Sea. It is essential also to observe that your main Dependance is not finding great supplies here at present you will therefore take abundant care to collect and bring with you a large quantity of Provisions. in Cases of such emergency you must endeavour to obtain them wherever they can be found, without much distinction but it will be proper to give Receipts to our Friends, for such Articles as you may find it necessary to take

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16th take from them. Bullocks of the strongest kind are so essential to the progress of our Troops, and those of this Country are so feeble and so small, that we most earnestly desire that your utmost exertions should be directed to this object, we have no probability of getting them but by means of your Army— the Deficiency in this article has disabled Sir Eyre Coote's Army from quitting the Sea Side.

Any Assistance also that you can procure of Cavalry will be highly acceptable— We are afraid that the Body of horse promised from Bijapur has either not moved, or at too great a distance to be of Use. —

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Macartney

&c: Select Committee.

Fort St George,
16 July, 1781.

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

Sir,

We have had the pleasure to Receive your Letter of the 6th Instant, containing the particulars of the Battle with Hyder on the

To Sir Eyre Coote
on the future
movements of the
Bengal Detachment
— send a supply of
money — with copy
of Letter from Sir
E. Hughes with

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copy of letter to Col. Braithwait — and to Capt. Lisington.

16th the 1st which are highly satisfactory, and fully confirm the Sentiments we expressed on that Signal Victory in our last Address.

We are likewise to acknowledge the Receipt of your letters on the 10th 12th and 13th July, in Answer to which we beg leave to refer you to our dispatches by Mr Graham dated 8th Instant — We sent 30,000 Pagodas by that opportunity, and in consideration of your pressing demands we now dispatch to you a further Supply of 20,000 Pagodas, and we can assure you there are scarcely more than 30,000 Pagodas remaining in the Treasury, to answer our indispensible demands — We have not received a Rupee from Bengal since we wrote — Last the Nancy Ketch which was to have come here with 6 Lacks of Rupees from thence, has not yet appeared —

The Nymph is scarcely to be expected before the middle of next month at soonest, and it is quite uncertain whether we shall receive so any considerable amount, even by that conveyance —

We have endeavored to raise money here by Loan, but as yet little has been procured by that means.

The President who from his and particular situation is enabled to speak to the Nabob with unusual freedom, has repeatedly

urged

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16th urged to him in the most pressing terms the necessity of contributing his assistance His Highness expresses himself fully sensible of the distressed situation of affairs for want of Money, but declares his total inability to furnish us even the smallest supply — We have been thus explicit in Shewing you the real state of our Finances in Justice to the Anxiety we feel to abviate as much as possible the difficulties you labor under — Our own Embarrasments be assured are very pressing, as we are destitute of the means of answering the most necessary demands of Government still we shall view our distress at the Presidency in a secondary light, and make it the primary object of our attention to relieve the necessities of the army. From the state of our finances as described above, we leave you to Judge whether our Exertions are not more than proportionate to our Means.

We have forwarded to you all the Letters from Colonel Pearse under your Address that have come to hand, and at the same time enclosed Copies of such Letters from him to the Committee as appeared any way necessary for your information. We shall lose no time in forwarding to him the Letter enclosed in yours of the 12th Instant. We are much concerned to find that our late Letters have not reached you, by which means you

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16th you have been deprived of much necessary & Information in regard to the Bengal detachment, and being ignorant of its arrival, it has consequently been out of your power to furnish us with your Ideas as to its future operations; nevertheless we thought that in circumstances like the Present, a latitude might be taken, in consequence of which we wrote to Colonel Pearse the enclosed Letter dated 7th Instant, and from some Information our President has had within these few Days, there is Reason to believe he is already on his march this way by the route of Nagapatam.

We have ordered Sadras to be totally demolished, lest it might fall into the Enemy's Hands, but Pulicat has been preserved for the present, as it may prove convenient to Colonel Pearse's detachment, in case he should find it necessary to halt there on his way to the Southward.

We enclose to you Copy of a Letter we have lately received from Sir Edward Hughes, together with our Answer, and Copy of the Letters sent under his Cover to Colonel Braithwaite and Captain Lidingtoun.

We are,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

Macartney.

&c.a Select Committee

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16th July 1781

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16th

Mr William Jackson —

Mr William Jackson appointed Agent for the Capture of Sadras.

being now appointed Agent on the Part of the Honble Company for the Capture of Sadras, the following Letters are ordered to be dispatched.

To Mr William Jackson.

Sir,

To Mr William Jackson, informing him of his Appointment

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you to be Agent on the Part of the Honble Company for the Capture of Sadras, and to desire you will lose no time in taking such steps as appear to you the most speedy and proper for conveying to Fort St George, and taking charge on their arrival here of all Military Stores, money, and Effects taken at Sadras — the Officer Commanding there has been made acquainted with your Appointment and directed to assist in enabling you to act conformably to these Instructions — When all the Effects shall have been received by you, an Arrangement will take place respecting the Rights of the Company and the Captors to Plunder and Booty conformably to the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors of the 8th of March 1758 — in consequence of Letters Patent granted

to

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16th To the Company by his late Majesty, George the
second, dated 14th January, 1758 —

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

Fort St George,
16 July, 1781.

To the Officer
Commanding at Sadras.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
Honble President and Select Committee to
acquaint you that they have been pleased to
appoint Mr William Jackson to be Agent on the
Part of the Honble Company for the Capture of
Sadras, and they are pleased to direct that you
assist in enabling Mr Jackson to act
conformably to his Appointment, as far as
lies in your Power.

The Officer Commanding at Sadras, desired to assist Mr Jackson.

I am,
Sir,
your most Obedient Servant
Thomas Oakes Secry

Fort St George,
16th July, 1781.

Captain Thomas Goldsmith having applied
for his Commission as Major of Engineers by Brevet

granted

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a Commission of Brevet Major of Engineers to be made out for Capt.n Gials.

16.th granted to him by the Hon.ble Court of Directors in their letter of the 2.d February 1781, Agreed that a commission be made out accordingly, dated the day of the arrival of those orders by the Rodney.

Bills on Bengal, to be granted to Mess.rs Delastro, Pelling, and De Friez.

Agreed that Bills to the amount of S.a Rup.s 3,715 ½ Arcot Rupees be granted on the Bengal Presidency in favor of Mess.rs De Castro, Pelling, and De Friez, being the amount of freight for Rice sent to Cuddalore p.r Ship Essex, for the use of the Army; and the military Paymaster General is directed to Credit Bengal Presidency, and debit the head of Second War with Hyder Ally, for the same.

Head of Hog Hill to be made.

Ordered that the head of Hog Hill be raised on the Books of the Committee of Works. — Ordered likewise that an Instrument be made out empowering Captain Cuthbert Pennick of the Success Galley to seize Ships and Vessels belonging to our Enemies.

Capt.n Pennick empowered to seize the Ships of the Enemy.

14.th Dispatched the following Letter

To Mr. James Daniell, Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir,

The Secretary of the Council communicated to you the news of my arrival

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Letter to the Northern Settlements

17th at this Presidency on the 22d Inst, and of my having immediately taken upon me the Government —

You have probably long since received my Letter by the Grosvenor, the Royal admiral, and other Channels; but lest they should have miscarried, I shall repeat to you what I particularly mentioned in one of them —

The Court of Directors have thought proper to dismiss Sir Thomas Rumbold, Mr Whitehill and Mr Perring from their Service, and have appointed me President and Governor of Fort St George with a Council of eleven, whose names stand in the Commission according to the following Order — Mr Cotsford, Sir Hector Monro, Mr Sadlier, Mr Davidson, Mr Williams, Mr Cumming, Mr Holland, Mr Smith, Mr Johnson, Mr Daniell and Mr Crawford

Mr Smith and Mr Johnson have asked leave to resign the Service, and the committee has consented to their request —

It is I believe unnecessary for me to mention to you, that from the late extraordinary change in the Government of this Presidency very sanguine expectations are formed at home that a System of Administration will now take place here of a different complection from that which has been condemned; and it is our duty that such expectations should not be disappointed.

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17th The increase of the Balances in the Northern Circars has alarmed the Company to such a degree, and occasioned such Representations that I have received a most particular Instruction to use every proper and effectual means to reduce them, which the Circumstances and situation of Affairs can possibly admit. Upon your assistance in this point I must have great Reliance, being fully persuaded that by the authority of your employment, the exertion of your abilities and the firmness and Integrity of your Conduct, you will be able not only regularly and punctually to collect all the growing Revenues, but also speedily to recover if not the whole, at least the greatest part of the outstanding Arrears. From every Consideration of Public Duty and of Private regard, you may be assured Sir, of the best support, and most friendly dispositions on my Part; that I shall be happy to seize all occasions of doing Justice to your Services to the Company, and of proving the truth of those Sentiments with which I am

Sir

Your most obedient
and most Humble Servant,
Macartney.

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N.B.
The same to Nizampatam
and Ganjam.

17th Received the following Letter from Mr Holland.

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To the Honble Charles Smith, Esq.re

President & Governor &c

Fort St George.

Hon.ble Sir,

I have herewith the honor to transmit Copy of a Paper of News received yesterday from Poona.

From Mr. Hollond with Papers of News from Poona — and containing a Cipher.

As a Cypher may now be of use, the enclosed is forwarded, althó it is not a complicated one, it may be sufficient for the Purpose, there being no skilful Decypherers here.

I have had the honor of the Board's letter of the 18.th Ultimo, and Yours of the 1.st Instant, and shall reply to them soon.

I am,
Honble Sir,
with Respect,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
John Hollond.

Hyderabad
22.d June 1781.

Copy of a Paper of News from Poona, Received 21.st June 1781.

May 21.st Sookajee Holkar, Malogee Rajah, Hurry Pundit Purkia, and other Mahratta Surdars came to Pohor Ghaut, and from thence proceeded the day following to Salgar.

23.d The above mentioned Surdars arrived at Chingasley

and

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17th and visited Nana Purhaneese —

24th Nana Purhaneese sent a Pair of Hircarrahs with a Letter from Sevagee Madavarow, to Coolaubich who is ten cos south of Poona —

25th News was Received at Poona that the English Army dividing themselves into three Bodies, made an Attack in the night on the Army of Mordajee Scindia consisting of 50,000 Horse and completely defeated them, Scindia himself escaping with great difficulty, his Women fell into the hands of the English, who made them considerable Presents of Cloths, and sent them under an Escort of 300 Sepoys to Ugein, where Scindia caused them to be put to death, he is collecting his army with an intention of determining to attack the English.

26th Nana Purhaneese pitched his Tents near the River of Mola Mutah, which is in the neighbourhood of Poona Hurry Pundet, Purinkia and Sokajee Holker were encamped within half a Cos Distance, about 3 in the afternoon Nana Purhaneese waited upon Sevaje Madavarow, and attended him on a visit to Hurry Pundit Perinkia from whence they went together to Jachajee Holkar, who presented the Peshwa with a Nazar of a Bunch and Ring of Pearls, and two Horses, after which Sevajee Madavarow returned to his House in the City, whether Nana Purhaneese

and

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17th and the rest of the Maratta Chiefs accompanied him, and afterwards went to their own homes—

27th Sevagee Madaverow dismissed 4,000 Sepoys, and is preparing to pay off the arrears of the Army.—

Monsieur Sarange's Brother, Shamier Cavn Rohilla Cassie Pundit Mamah, with their Rissaulas, and an additeon of 2,000 Sepoys are taking Measures for Fortifying and Strengthening Bhor Ghaut—

28th Bajee Pundit Anah, with between 12 & 15,000 Horse who was encamped near the Fort of Malvi, is marched to join Gunnish Pundit Beyreah in Khandeit.

Bevance Row Purtinadee with 4,000 horse, has encamped at the Foot of Bhor Ghaut, Bajee Pundit in his March Plundered the Villages that lay in his way.—

Some 1— 2,000 Sepoys being arrived at Beemery & Kallianey, a Salute from the Fort was fired upon the occasion, which occasioned an alarm among the Marattas, and being reported to Nana Purnaveese he sent a French Officer with 200 Sepoys and 5 Guns to Bhor Ghaut—The English Sepoys arrived at Beemery Kalliany, were sent with an Intention of giving Encouragement and Support to the Inhabitants of Cokeen—

2d Sevagee Madavarow came to Purbutty, and after having been present at the exercising of Sepoys returned

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17th returned in the Evening to his own house
& Some Jewels for the head, and an Honorary Dress
were received by Nana Purhaneese, for Sevagee
Maderaveroa, from the Nabob Nizam ul Dowlah
but have not as yet been delivered
4th Sevagee Maderaveroa entertained Tookajee
Holkar and dismissed him with Complimentary
Presents —
5th Holkar entertained at the Bulwarks Row
and went to Chinchurah Ghur to pay his
Devotions at the Pagoda from whence he goes
to Canton at Wupgam — Govind Row Gaicawar,
Sinah Cawn Suckeel and Shumsheer Bahadur
went also to the above Pagoda from whence they
proceed to their Cantonments —
7th Two Hurcarrahs from Bombay brought News
that 11 Ships had been dispatched to Madras —
There are very few Sirdars now in Poona, the
Armies being gone to their respective Quarters.
18th Received the following Letter.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney;
Governor, President &c.a and Select Committee.
at Fort St George,
Honble Sir and Sirs,

As my Affairs at home Require
my presence there, I beg leave to resign my Commission
as

From Ensign Roberton
desiring permission to
resign

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18th as Ensign in the Company's Service.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

John Robertson.

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,

K.B. President and Governor &c. Select Committee.

Fort St. George.

My Lord and Sirs,

I this morning received ten boats from Trocum loaded with Paddy, which shall be put into Godowns here 'till Gomy bags arrive from Madrass. - I have been waiting several day for them, but none are yet arrived - I shall dispatch the Royal Charlotte the 20th, with some Rice, Tobacco, and Piece goods, with the Books and Records of the Dutch Company - The Governor and the rest of the Gentlemen, prisoners, will also come on the same Ship - By Captain Cotton I shall send a Return of Military and Civil Stores &c. found in the Garrison, together with what grain &c. was found in the Town belonging to Sala. - The enclosed I received from Col. Pearse this morning - I have the honor to be,

From Paliacat the Prisoners, Rice, & Piece Goods to be sent to Madrass.

ays

is

My Lord and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

George Smith —

Paliacat
July 17th. 1781

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18th Sir

I was favored with your letter
of the 11th Yesterday, but as I don't hear any mention
of Pepper from any other Quarter I am a little
induced to suspect the Veracity of the Mircarah,
nevertheless I am very much obliged by the Intelligence
I had a detachment advanced
to Caraware, but think it is too far off, to have
withdrawn it — The Mahawattah Horse was ordered
to Sholinger on the 6th or 7th of which pray send word
to Madras —

From Col. Pearse,
recalls a detachment,

I am,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
F. D. Pearse —

15 July 1781 10 A.M.

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

I have the honor to inform
your Lordship that I marched from Sadras Yesterday
Evening at 6 Oclock and arrived here that morning
at 5 oclock — I left Lieut. Baillie in the Command
with a Company and a half of Sepoys, and 2 Guards
of Europeans, and have given him the necessary
Orders about collecting the Grain. The Engineer
displayed to me before my departure for 40 Barrels
of Powder, independent of what was sent them at
from

From Capt. Mackay
returns from Sadras,
Woodcock besieged
with 100 of the Enemy.

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18th from Madrass, and found an Cadrass - I will this evening send them the number of Barrels they want, and hope the like number will be sent to this place from the Presidency. There is not a bit of Stores that could Possibly have been sent up to Madras by sea that is not now lodged in the Fort of Chingleput and Carrangoly. The Bearers are just returned from Wandewash and will particularly inform your Lordship that Tippoo Saib with a Considerable Force of Horse and Foot is Closely besieging Wandewash Fort. - The Killidar of Carrangoly when we took that place was wounded and left there to be Cured - A few days ago he was removed here by order of General Coote for greater Security - but I understand he is an intriguing dangerous Man, I beg your Lordship will permit me to send him to Madrass to prevent accidents - The Country People in this district are in the greatest uproar imaginable - They pretend that Hyder with his army is in full march towards Trivatore - As yet I have received no intelligence to confirm me in that opinion, but one thing certain is that the Inhabitants have all taken to the woods and Hills -

I am
My Lord
Your Lordship's most Obliged
And Obedient humble Servant,
George Mackay, Lieut. Col.

Chinglepat
27th July 1781

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18th My Lord,

From Vellore, a supply of money received safe — Grain scarce Polygars about Vellore attached to our service —

I have been honored with your Lordships different Letters of the 1st. The supply of money though small, was very great to us, and I hope more will soon follow. Our Servants and followers are miserably off for Rice, and I cannot, nay will not give them a handful of it, carefully avoid it, till I know when a force will be sent this way to enable me to add to my Garrison Stock. Hyder has forced the Polygars to the Northward of us to leave their Bllams, but they will never submit to his Government — They will soon return on our Troops appearing in the Arcott Province.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord

Your Lordships' very Obedt.

Vellore
16 July 1781

Humble Servant.

Ross Lang

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At a Committee of Stores Present

Major George Maule.
Capt. John Kennedy
Bryan Scattergood Esq.

Committee of Stores — respecting the siege of Arcot —

The Committee having proceeded to take into Consideration the complement of Ordnance

18th, and Stores necessary to
undertake the seige of Arcot
find on examination that
there is a sufficiency of Gun
Carriages, Mortars, and Beds
in readiness - but there
appears a Considerable
deficiency of the Gokes,
entrenching Tools, and several
of the smaller Stores, which
are necessary to Compleat such
an expedition - and the
Military Store Keeper
representing the impossibility
of supplying those deficiencies
without an advance of Cash,
the Committee beg leave to
recommend to the Right
Honble the President and
Select Committee, that the
military Storekeeper be supplied
with the Same of at least 2000
Pagodas, to enable him to
procure what is wanted -

The Committee enclose
a List of Guns and Mortars
which they presume will be
sufficient for the purposes of

18th of the siege, and which
shall the Commander-
in-Chief deem necessary to
increase, any such addition
as he shall think proper
can be easily made.—

George Maule.
John Kennedy
Bryan Scottney

List of Guns and Mortar Beds—

Guns,

List of Guns, and Mortar Beds

24 Pounders ——— 8.
18 Ditto ——— 12
12 Ditto ——— 6

Mortars,

10 Inch ——— 1.
8 Ditto ——— 2
5½ Ditto ——— 6

Spare Carriages

24 Pounders ——— 2
18 Ditto ——— 2
12 Ditto ——— 2

Pelard,

George Maule
John Kennedy
Bryan Scottney

J.

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To Mr George Andrew Ram

Sir

I am directed to inform you
of the Arrival of the Right Honble George Lord
Macartney, on board the Ship Swallow the 22d Ultimo,
and of his having taken his seat as President
and Governor of Fort St George, agreeably to his
Appointment from the Honble Court of Directors.

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

To Messrs Ram and Proctor informing them of Lord Macartney's Arrival —

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The same to Mr George Proctor.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We addressed you under date
the 10th Instant, informing you of the Victory which had
been obtained over the Enemy, and we have now the
pleasure to enclose to you a Copy of Sir Eyre Coote's
Letter, wherein he gives a particular account of
the engagement.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

To Bengal with Copy of Letter from Genl Coote, with an account of the action of the 1st Inst.

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19th Received the following letters —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From Mr. Holland receives orders from Bengal to negociate a Treaty with the Nizam.

I received duly your letter of the 21st Ultimo, I esteem myself particularly honored by the approbation you are pleased to express of my public conduct, and beg leave to return you my most sincere acknowledgements for the obliging manner in which you have declared your sentiments on the occasion

Altho' I have long since been apprehensive that the activity and ability of our Enemy would by exhausting our Resources, drive us to the necessity of seeking the assistance of this Court, yet it is matter of most serious uneasiness, to find the Period arrived, and that the alliance is become so urgently necessary —

I have received orders from the Governor General and Council to open a Negotiation for a treaty, and I shall be carefull to inform you of the progress I make in it. —

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most Obedient,
humble Servant,
(signed) John Holland.

Hydrabad,
23d June 1781

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord

From Gen.l Coote enclosing letter to Colonel Pearse intelligence of the Enemy intended marching to Pennacoil

I did myself the honor of writing your Lordship a Letter yesterday, acquainting You of my having received by Mr Graham and the Hibernia your several obliging Letters, as also those from the Select Committee, but which for want of Sea conveyance I have not been able to forward to you, having accommodated Capt.n Bate with the Likely to enable him to proceed to the Fleet with the Admirals Europe Dispatches, and being disappointed in my endeavors to procure another — It's Contents are of a Nature which renders it imprudent to run the Risk of sending it by Land, unless I had leisure, which in the hurry of marching it is impossible to command, to convey them under the Cloak which the urgency and Importance of the case has required my using in the accompanying letter to Colonel Pearse, which after Perusal (for which purpose I have left it open) I must entreat the favor of you to forward by the safest and most expeditious conveyance. I shall send duplicates and triplicates, lest the original should miscarry. at the same time I could wish your Lordship to take copies of the First that may arrive, and to forward them by every means of conveyance, and thereby give

the

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19th the better chance of some one or more reaching him.

I must also beg your Lordship's attention to ordering up a sufficient number of Boats to facilitate the passage of the detachment of Troops the River near Pedicat. In consequence of the Intelligence which I informed you in my letter of yesterday had been brought me of Hyder's having moved to the Northward, I was this morning about to commence my march in the same direction, when fresh accounts came of his being still in Person on the same ground which he had been on these three days, near Valdore, and that the Parties that had gone to the Northward were only detachments from the main army, I came to the immediate resolution of taking up a nearer position to him, and accordingly marched towards Perambeck, the Southernmost End of the Red Hills, which overlooks his encampment, at the distance of between six or seven miles, from thence I could with ease have taken possession of Vellanore, into which I intended throwing the followers and baggage, and thereby to facilitate the push I meditated against the Enemy, however our Army no sooner shewed itself on the heights, than they very obligingly spared me the fatigue and trouble which must necessarily have attended these previous preparations by striking their Tents and commencing their march as appeared to

Us

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19th We by the help of our glasses to the westward on the Gingee Road. By four o'clock in the afternoon the whole, excepting a few Horse, had marched clear off. This Route being convenient either to join Sefsoo Saib, still at Wandewash, which he continues to invest and threatens with a seige, or to proceed further to the Northward. I have determined to march early tomorrow morning to Permacoil.

I had written thus far when a Chobdar Belonging to Hyder was sent to me from the grand Guard, and who being in possession of his Silver Stick, the Ensigna of his Office, I concluded must have brought me a message but upon questioning him, I found he had come off in disgust, as he said of ill treatment to himself and family. The information he gave me having confirmed my own observations of Hyder's movements, I shall accordingly follow my resolution of marching tomorrow morning to Permacoil.

I remain with esteem and regard,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

Eyre Coote.

Camp Red Hills.
15th July, 1781.

To

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To Colonel Pearse commanding the Bengal Detachment

Sir,

It is necessary I should ac-
quaint you that until the arrival of the
Lively Brig Yesterday I had not heard a word
of your Detachment from the month of April
last, nor had received a single line from
Presidency during 29 Days, owing to the
communication by land being intirely cut
off, and that by Sea very tedious. I am now made
happy by the receipt of your Letters of the
20th and 21st April, 13th and 24th may, 3d 4th 10th 12th 16th
18th 25th and 30th June, and first Instant, To all-
which however I can at present only say in
reply, that I highly approve of your whole
conduct, and am perfectly satisfyed it was
not for want of endeavors on your part that
I did not receive constant intelligence of every
occurrence. It gives me much pleasure to find
that that the Select Committee have anticipated
my wishes by expressing the sentiments they
have done to you respecting your moving towards
Madrass, as by the best Intelligence I have been
able to obtain, Hyder has moved towards the
Northward with his army, and altho' I am
myself preparing to follow him as expeditiously
as my unprovided condition will admit of, in

order

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19th order to keep him in Check, It is nevertheless impossible to say how far he may go that way. I must therefore consider any immediate attempts on Trinjasore, until that Point can be well ascertained, as rather too hazardous, and recommend your marching by the usual route from Nellore to Pulicat, which is now in our Possession, with all the Bullocks and necessary Provisions that you can possibly bring With you. It is a place where you may take post, so as to secure yourself and your Convoy from any attempt which the Enemy may make against you. Altho' the distance between you and any considerable force of Hyder's is at present great, nevertheless knowing from my late experience the Rapidity with which he marches, and which is instanced by his having come upwards of one hundred miles in two days and an half, I shall not be entirely free from anxiety on your account until I hear of your reaching Pulicat, where as you will be able to disencumber yourself from your Convoy and your superfluous heavy Baggage, a point to which you cannot be too attentive, I wish to leave it to your own discretion, guided by a local knowledge of Circumstances, how far it may be proper or safe to attack Trinjasore, or to undertake any other Enterprize that may offer. It being one of

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19th the principal objects of Hyder's attention in acting against Us to break our line with his immense bodies of horse, You will be particularly careful in keeping Yours as compact as Possible, by preventing your Sepoys, whenever they may be elated with any appearent success, from dividing or pursuing with too much impetuosity, as they may thereby afford that opportunity to the Enemy which they are ever watching for, of employing their Cavalry with success. These observations I have thought it necessary to make to you no less for your own guidance, than from the knowledge I have of your having no Horse to Cover any small Parties of your Infantry from the fatal consequences which might attend sudden and unexpected attack upon you.

I have written fully to the Select Committee on the subject of your movements and request you will pay every Attention to whatever they may advise or recommend in consequence.

I am &c"

(signed) Eyre Coote

Camp near Pondicherry
14th July, 1781.

P.S. 15th July. I have just received Intelligence from pretty good authority of Hyder's having sent his Son Tippoo Saib to the northward with a very considerable force, said to be intended to

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19th to act against your detachment I must en-
therefore entreat you to pursue your march
with all expedetion to Pullicat where you will
be perfectly secured and I have written to
Madrass to send a sufficient number of boats
to facilitate your crossing the River — &c.

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

My Lord,

From Madras, on the Subject of the Fortifications —

In consequence of a Letter
received from the Town Major this Morning,
I immediately employed the Engineers for
an exact Representation of the State of the
Fortifications of this Garrison, and at what
period he thought they would be completely
destroyed — He deployed that he hoped in the
course of three weeks they would be totally
demolished, so as to put it out of the power
of the Enemy to serve as a Post, or to be of any
consequence to the dutch at a future period.
I have the Honor of Informing your Lordship
that a Detachment of fourteen Europeans arrived
from Chingleput this Evening in order to
prosecute this Service, and I beg leave to assure
that your Lordship may depend upon every
Attention and Exertion on my part for the

Compleating

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19th compleating this Service,

I have the Honor to be with

the greatest Respect,

My Lord,

Your most Obedient

and most humble Servant

Simon Baillie

Lieut. Commandant.

Sadras,
19th July, 1781.

P.S.—

Since writing the above I have been favored with a letter from Sir Eyre Coote, a Copy of which I have the Honor of transmitting your Lordship, and request your immediate orders in consequence.

To Lieut: Simon Baillie, or Officer commanding at Sadras.

Sir,

I have to desire that on receipt hereof, you will give orders to the Engineers employed in destroying the Buildings and works of the Garrison of Sadras, to desist until further orders, but that he go on with the mines, and have every thing in readiness for blowing them up, when necessary. In the Interim you will keep the place in a state of defence.

From Sir Eyre Coote to Lieut: Baillie at Sadras to delay destroying the Works

Hearing that a Vessel called the Gocul Dutt, which was dispatched long since from

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19th from Madrass with Grain and other Articles
for the use of the Army, it now in the Roads of
Sadrass, I desire that you will immediately
apply to the Captain Commanding her, to have
the whole of the Grain landed as expeditiously
as possible, and that you afford him every
assistance in your power in boats &c.
There are more Ships with Army Stores ordered
to rendezvous at Sadras, from which when
they arrive Boats may be had to assist in
landing the Grain. I hear that there is some
Copper and other articles of Publick Property
in the Warehouses, all of which must be loaded
on Board the Vessels aforesaid, in order to be
conveyed to Madrass.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) Eyre Coote

Camp Carangully,
the 19th July 1781.

P.S. An Escort and the necessary Carriage
shall be sent as soon as possible to convey
the Grain to Camp.

A true Copy from the Original.

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

Honble

Fort St. George. July. 1781.

19th Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge our Receipt of your letters bearing date the 5th and 19th April, & 13th and 22d Ditto, with their several Enclosures.

From Bengal
The Dartmouth &
Rochford to be dispatch
with grain the Money
Ketch dispatched with
Treasure. On the subject
of our Agreement with
the Nabob on the
Travancore War, and
the Negotiation with
the Nabob.

We should certainly have complyed with your earnest solicitation in sending round to your Presidency with supplies, as well the Ships Rochford and Earl of Dartmouth, as the Neptune and Belmont which had been for some time in this River, had not the two latter Ships been almost completely loaded with their Europe Cargoes before your Letter was received: in Consequence of the early Resolution which we took on their arrival to dispatch them to Europe, during the month of April: altho' thus prevented from employing the Ships Neptune and Belmont on the Service which you proposed for them, we gave immediate orders on the arrival of the Rochford and Earl of Dartmouth, that all possible expedition should be used in unloading them of their Europe Cargoes, and embarking on them Cargoes of Grain for your Presidency. The Neptune has been since unfortunately prevented from proceeding to Europe by a Leak, and it is yet uncertain what can be done with her. The Dartmouth

having

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19th having been reported to us to be now in a proper condition for receiving her Cargoe, we have directed that it be immediately put on board, and that she sail as soon as the whole shall be embarked. The Rochford is not in such forwardness, but will be ready to receive the supplies which she is to carry, about the middle of next month, She will then be immediately loaded, and as soon as her loading is completed, Orders will be given for her sailing.

The Distress of your Presidency has been represented to us in your letter of the 1st April to be so urgent, that we feel the greatest Concern in the Impossibility of our supplying Your wants at this Season so amply as we wish, or as they require; you must well know that no Tonnage is to be procured here for the Conveyance of such supplies on any Consideration before the end of the next, or the beginning of the ensuing Month, and the Southwesterly Monsoon has for some time prevailed so strongly, that Ships venturing to face it must inevitably make very long passages to your Coast, and are not likely to arrive there sooner than if they were to sail from this River two months later. —

We

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19th We have given immediate orders for a Provision of the Stores desired in the Indent which accompanied your Letter of the 15th Ultimo, and that they be sent as soon as Tonnage can be procured for them.

On the 14th of last month we dispatched the Nancy Ketch with Treasure to your Presidency, amounting to above five Lacks of Current Rupees, in Gold, and consigned as Usual to the Commander in Chief for the Service of the Army; we shall continue these supplies as well as we are able; but as the Transportation of Specie is always hazardous at this Season especially, and exceedingly prejudicial to this Country, which has suffered greatly by the Drains that have been already made from it by the Exportation of its Coin, we must repeat our wish that you may be able to draw upon us for a Part of the future supplies, observing with pleasure within these few days, that you have been able to obtain bills on us to a considerable amount, and we shall hope to make up the Remainder in Grain, which will be the profitable mode of Remittance.

The Agreement which we concluded in the beginning of April last with the Nabob of the Carnatic this Day has Dewan

Syed

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19th Syed Assam Caun, deputed to Bengal for that purpose, has been communicated to you. This Agreement establishing the aid to be afforded by his Highness in the Prosecution of the War on the Coast, we beg leave to refer you to it for a Reply to that Part of your Letter of the 13th Ultimo which relates to this Subject.

We are equally desirous with you to obtain a Peace with the Marattas, but this will avail us little, while they are determined on the Prosecution of the War. We cannot allow ourselves to construe your opinion "That the Marattas cannot propose "any Terms of Accommodation that ought not "to be accepted," in its obvious and literal sense, for they have demanded the sacrifice of the Person of Ragonaut Row, and the surrender of the Fort and Territory of Ahmedabad, and the Fortress of Gwallior, which are not ours to give, and which we could not wrest from the Proprietors without the grossest Violation of Publick Faith — Such Requisitions no State of Affairs would warrant us in yielding to, and we are morally certain that if we had yielded to them, such a conscious act would have been implied by our Conduct of the desperate State of our Affairs, as would have produced an Effect the very

Reverse

19th reverse them that for which it was intended, by raising the presumption of the Enemy to exact yet more ignominious Concessions, or perhaps the refusal to accept of any, nor would it have failed to excite in others the same belief, And the consequent Secession of all Parties against us, as the natural Consequence of our Decline.

We have sent Credentials to Mr. Holland, and empowered him to negociate and conclude a new Treaty of Permanent Alliance with the Nabob Nizamul Mulluck, on the Basis of that already existing, and an Offensive one against Hyder Ally, if he shall be inclined to accede to it — To our Instructions already sent, of which we enclose a Copy for your Information, we have added others conformable to the Stipulations proposed in your Letter of the 13th Instant, with a Reservation of the Concurrence of the Nabob Wallajaw to the first Act, which proposes to give the Nizam possession of the Cudapah Country, as one of the Returns for the Aid afforded by his Highness to the Company during the Present War; having at applied to the Nabob on this occasion, and received his concurrence in the measure, we request that you will intimate the same to Mr. Holland.

We —

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19th We shall do ourselves the
Honor of writing to you on a future Day, in Reply
to that Part of your Letter of the 1st April, which
relates to the advices received from the Secret
Committee of the Court of Directors by the Lively
Brig.

Having been led to understand
that the improved state of Mr Auriol's health
has induced him to determine on an early
return to Bengal, we had appointed Mr Charles
Crommelin Senior to succeed him in the
Office which he holds of our Public Minister
at the Court of Goa, on his vacation of it, but
having since been informed of the Part taken
by the Portuguese in Alliance themselves with
our Enemy the Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn, we are
precluded from continuing such appointment
to him, while the Disposition of that Government
shall appear to be as it has been represented to
Us; desirous nevertheless of availing ourselves
of the Services of Mr Crommelin, We have re-
appointed him Deputy of this Government
for the Communication of all matters that
may occur and come to his hearing with re-
spect to the Portuguese, either as to their
Connection with Hyder Ally Khan, or any
other Measure or Plan of Policy which they
may pursue, and have, any Relation near or distant

to

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19th to the Interest of the Company, such appointment being to take Place on Mr Auriol's Vacating the Commission before mentioned; and we shall Instruct Mr Cromonlin to Correspond with You, communicating to you such matters under his Inquiry as may be necessary for your Information.

On Receipt of Your Letter of the 1st April, we ordered to be transmitted to Mr Stephen Sulivan a Copy of that Paragraph which relates to his appointment at Tanjore, and of the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors respecting it.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants,
Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler

Fort William,
14. June, 1781.

John Hollond Esqr.
Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nabob
Nizam Ally Cawn
Sir

We have received your two Letters of the 10th March and 11th Ultimo, and the Governor General has laid before us

those

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19th those which you have addressed to him under the
following dates, 3, and 11, March, 2, 7, and 25th April.
We are well pleased with
the desire which you express of continuing at
Hydrabad, with a view of being instrumental in
promoting a new Treaty with his Highness the
Nabob Nizam Ulmoolk, and happy to have the
Benefit of your Services, as well as pleased that
the Nabob is so well disposed to enter into
it, We empower you to conclude a New Treaty
with him — His Highness will be immediately
informed by the Governor General of our wishes
that you continue at his Court for this purpose
Our desire is that the new
Treaty to be concluded should be rather a
confirmation of that existing, and an Extention
of the Obligations imposed by it to the several
Presidencies of the Company, instead of a Limitation
of them to that of Fortstgeorge, than that it
should bind either party by New Articles or
Conditions, except such as shall arise out of
the former, or shall be made for the temporary
purposes which we shall herein Prescribe.
To remove the Impression by
which his Highness seems to be misled with
respect to our Connection with the Maratta Chief
Ragaunat Row, We know not on what manner
to convince him of the real State of it, or of our
Intentions, since the Impression seems to have
been

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19th been so strongly held as to produce in his
Highness's mind a Distrust of the assurances which
you made to him in our Name on that Subject,
and which the Governor General has repeated in
his Letters. We can only authorize you to repeat
them, to assure the Nizam that we have no
actual Design of supporting the pretensions of
Peshwa's kid, that we have not at any time taken
Part in his cause since the Commencement of
the present War and that we will not in the
future Prosecution of it, that we are willing, and
Authorize you to make this an express Condition
of the Treaty with him, provided the Ministers
of the Peshwa will consent to an Alliance with
us or he and the Rajah of Berar will be Guarantees
for their forbearance from future Hostilities
against the Company during the War with
Hyder Ally Cawn, or will engage in an Alliance
with us against Hyder Ally Cawn. We include
the Name of the Rajah of Berar, because he has
repeatedly referred us to the Nizam, and
apparently left his Resolutions for a future
Conduct in Suspence to be guided by those
of his Highness. So far we can go with
Justice; Beyond this we cannot —
We will not sacrifice the Life or Liberty of
Ragoba to any political consideration whatever,
but shall resent the Demand as Injurious to
the

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19th The Faith and Character of the Nation which we represent.

We transmit to you enclosed for your own guedance and Information Copy of a Treaty which we Proposed to the Peshwa in the beginning of October last. It was not to be presented directly by this Government, but through the medium of the Rajah of Berar, who not approving of the conditions, did not transmit the original Proposal to the Court of Poona, but waited to be informed of our sentiments with respect to the opinion which he thought would be found to Correspond with that of the Peshwa, if the Treaty was sent to him for his Execution of it.— It is however within our certain knowledge that the Maratta Minister was made acquainted with the Terms proposed, a Copy having been immediately transmitted by Moodajee to Nanna Furneefs, and another by General Goddard on the 1st March, which the Minister Answered by a direct Rejection of it, and his Answer was received on the 5th of that Month, which was within two days of the Period limited for Acceptance, we therefore now Resolved to make no further advances from ourselves to the Maratta Government, we have done all that could be honorably required of us, and we will not again

propose

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14th expose ourselves to the Hazard of a Second Refusal

We desire that the Nizam may be prevailed on to Join us in any Plan, having for its object the effectual distress of our Common Enemy Hyder Ally, and for his extirpation, and we think that a Negotiation to this effect at Likely to be Successful, since the Nizam has an equal Interest with the Company in the accomplishment of such an object

The Payment of the Peshcush due to his Highness from the Presidency of Fort St. George, and some provision for the regular Discharge of it in future, we are aware may be Insisted on before the Nizam will agree to enter into Treaty with us. On these Points we desire you to acquaint him that he is not unin formed of our present Situation, that we are burthened with the Expences of the Presidencies of Fort St. George, and Bombay, unable to support themselves even in times of Peace without our Aid, and that it depends on us and our Resources only, to support the Prosecution of a War in all Parts of India, created and brought on by himself. If his claims therefore (the Justice of which we have repeatedly admitted) are not answered as he desires, he has no one to reproach but himself

19th himself; but for his Highness's Satisfaction
We are yet willing to do what he ought to
deem equivolent to Payment of the Arrears of
the Peshcush due, and to a Provision for the
regular Discharge of it in future — To this effect
We authorize you to offer him the Company's
Bonds for the amount of the former, running
at the usual Interest, and the same Bonds for
the future Payments of the Peshcush, as they
become due, until the conclusion of the War,
after which it will be discharged by the
regular and Usual means.

We are,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servants,
(Signed) Governor General,
& Council.

Fort William,
31st May, 1781.

A true Copy
E. Hay
Act. Secy

P.S. Upon further consideration We Judge
it expedient to advise the Nabob in a formal
Letter of our Desire to conclude a New Treaty
of Alliance with him, and have only informed
him that We have authorized You to continue
at his Court for the Purpose of settling with
him, any Plan of operations which may be
necessary at a time so critical as this to the
mutual

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19th mutual Advancement of his and our Interests and in which he may be willing to Join, having understood from you that he was cordially disposed to such a Connection, and knowing that it equally concerns his Interests as our own, if not his more than ours.

Stay. Adjourned —

20th Received the following letter from Captain Harding —

Right Honble Lord Macartney.

My Lord,

From Poonamalee with Intelligence respecting the Enemy.

This moment I have Intelligence that the Enemy, assisted by the Vencatty Gerry Rajah, are making strong Redoubts between Gomeraporey and Achamapet the first is two miles from Gomeraporey, the other about 4 miles distant from each other, on the Achamapet Road; they have two small Guns at the farthest, and mean to retreat from one Post to the other, Part of Lallah's force moved North last night: about 1,000 Horse, and as many Peons. I have given notice to Colonel Pearse.

I have the honor to be,

with the greatest respect,

My Lord,

20th July, 11, o'Clock.

Your Lordships most humble
and obedient Servant
H D Harding

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20th. Dispatched the following letters —

Colonel Pearse

Sir

Late last night I received your Letter of the 15th. Inst, and this moment the enclosed is brought to me under Cover from Sir Eyre Coote, who desires that it should be forwarded to you without delay; I therefore dispatch it with as much Expedition as possible, only detaining the Hircarrah to accompany it with this Note.

It is unnecessary to add any thing to what is Contained in my former Letter, because your own Judgement and Discretion must decide for you in the present posture of affairs, with more Certainty and Safety than any Instruction from this distance. Before this letter reaches you, you will probably have taken your determination relative to what Troops you take with you, and what Troops you leave behind you, I fear much that those of the Nabob will not prove so useful or obedient upon Service as you may expect; if however you have resolved to take them with you, I dare say from the discipline and example of your Army, they will prove very different from our Ideas of them — As to Shoes and Stockings for the Europeans, which you mention, they could not be got ready for some days, and your Post must have been taken long

to Colonel Pearse on the Subject of his detachment with Intelligence respecting the Roads to Pulicat

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20th long before they could possibly reach you. If you had given me Notice in time, I could have sent them as I did the Carts and the Bullock Saddles

There are two Roads for you to Pulicat, One by Accomaket and Naickampette which is the great Road, The other is the Seaside road by Armegon and Chickerecoody. The latter is said to be very Sandy and heavy, and not easily Practicable for Cannon, but of this Circumstance you will take care particularly to enquire.

There are no Rivers on the Accomaket or Naikampet road, deep enough to require boats for passing your Army; but by the Armagon and Chickerecoody road, you will have the Pulicat river to cross. It is 200 Yards wide, and not fordable in any part. This is the best Information I can obtain, but whether it be perfectly accurate or not, you will be able to learn from the Officers with you, who know the Country, or by other means. At all events, You may rely on finding all the Boats I can get collected ready to transport your Army over the Pulicat river; in Case you should take the seaside road, which I understand is the safest, I shall hope to hear from you every day as you march along, and you may be assured I shall watch over every circumstance that can facilitate your progress. I send herewith a small draft, copied from a large one, of the roads

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20th roads from Nellore to Madrass and are with
great Truth and Regard,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,
Macartney.

Fort St George,
1st July, 1781.

NB. the following to be read after letter from Col: Pearse 6th July — Page 1855.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of
Vencategery to Colonel J. Pearse 5 July 1781

To discharge my Duty in
whatever is ordered by the Nabob, and in such a
manner as shall be agreeable to the Company, is
my earnest Wish. — From my former letter you
will have learnt the particulars of my helpless
situation; under various Pretences I have evaded
Performance of the promise given to send —
Jehyram manaier with a Body of Men at the
expiration of a Week; and a month is now
elapsed. Tyrmal Row my Vakeel informed me by
your order, that in the space of a Week I should
be assisted by you, since which ten days are
passed.
The Enemy's Army, Publeur
lies near to
which is twenty five Cos distant from this place,
and the Force that was before at Chandergery
continues there still. — Two trusty Sirdars with

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20th a Detachment of Horse and Foot are as Prisoners in the Hands of Chibela Ram, while the Importunity of his Emissaries is such, as I cannot longer withstand my Situation is beyond Measure destitute, I shall however be able to protract for two or three days more, if they do not proceed to extremities, if they do and force Jopliyrammanaick [illegible] to let out, the Step must be considered as a Case of necessity.

As myself, and the said Nair are from our Souls devoted to the Nabob and the Company, and except our Duty and Allegiance to them have no other concern, it behoves you to adopt such measures as that I may be able hereafter to appear in their presence without Shame, and he be enabled to join your Victorious Arms, upon Friendship will be the Reward of his Services. I beg you will give the General and Governor Smith Behader the necessary information, in order that his business may be properly [illegible] I send a letter in reply to that which you forwarded from the Governor and hope from your kindness that it will arrive with him, what more can I write?

I Remain &c.

P. S.

Sir Eyre Coote, K.t. B. &c.

Dear Sir,

In consequence of the order which

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20th which I brought out with me from England.—
The Select Committee gave directions to have Sadras
intirely demolished, and had the Gentlemen
employed on that Service been as expeditious
as was expected the business would have been long
since completed. In consideration of your wishes
I have desired Lieutenant Baillie to suspend
the execution of his orders, till he hears again
from you on that Subject—But unless you
have Particular Reasons (which as yet I am
a Stranger to,) I am persuaded you would not
wish to disappoint the Intentions of the Company
on this point. They are founded on very good
reasons, and should be delayed as little as
possible Pulicat was preserved merely for
the purpose of Colonel Peare's detachment,
otherwise it would have been long since destroyed.
All the Stores, goods, &c.ª are brought from Sadras
to this Place, I beleive except what was removed
to Chinglepet, so that nothing remains but to
blow up the place, and render it incapable of being
of use to an Enemy, or to be restored without great
difficulty and Expence.

You will be so good as to send your
sentiments upon this business to Lieut.t Baillie,
who has directions not to proceed 'till he hears
from you.

I have the honor.

To

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20th, to be with great truth and Regard.

Sir;

Your most obedient
& most Humble Servant
Macartney

Fort St. George
June 20th 1781

P.S. The Guns being taken away from Sadras,
I believe it can not be considered as a place of
Defence now —

Lieut. Simion Baillie, Commanding at
Sadras.

Sir;

To Sadras —
Enclosing a letter for
Sir Eyre Coote, the
Officer there to follow
his Directions —

Enclosed I send you a letter
for Sir Eyre Coote, which I desire you to
forward to him without delay — It relates to the
demolition of Sadras; with regard to which
you will follow his directions, till you shall
receive orders from hence.

You will proceed as he desires
in the mines &c. so as to be able when the final
order is given, to destroy the work in such a
manner as to render the place incapable of being
of use to an Enemy, or of being restored without
great difficulty and Expence.

I am.
Sir.
your most obedient Servant
Macartney

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July 20th 1781

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21st Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney.
President &c. Select Committee
Madras.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

The Enemy's Plunderers are

From Col. Pearse — the Enemy's Plunderers carry off an Elephant.

now all round us, destroying every thing, and I cannot prevent it, therefore we shall soon be distressed for forage, they carried off a sick Elephant that went out contrary to orders for food, tho' not far from us, but where they were not ever suspected, as it was close beneath our out Post. I went out with half the Pickets, but to no manner of Purpose, I never could get within twice cannon shot.

I am,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
J. D. Pearse.

My Lord,

An Hercar just come from Periapoo Sahib's

From Poonamalee with Intelligence respecting the Enemy Capt Harding requests one officer to be sent there —

Preparations every thing provided for Periapoo Sahib's army, Grain, Grass, &c, &c, they are to refresh there, some part to move to this Quarter, and the rest to proceed to Sattavar. I have advised Colonel Pearse of this. I wish much for another Officer.

I

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21st I have ordered in 200 Sepoys belonging to the Nabob (now in this Quarter) to the Fort, so I fear nothing, let the Enemy make their appearance when they please.

I have Honor to be my Lord,
Your Lordships
most Obedient Servant
H.D. Harding.

21.

Dispatched the following letter to Sir Eyre Coote.

To Sir Eyre Coote,

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, dated from Red Hills, covering one for Colonel Pearse, which I immediately sent off to him, after taking a Copy of it as you desired, Inclosed is a Draft of my Letter which accompanied it, Duplicates of Both shall be dispatched to him this day, and you may rest assured that I shall do every thing in my power to supply his wants and facilitate his march.

To Lt. Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote. his Letters forwarded to Col.o Pearse -

Your Hircarrah informed me that he had been charged with two letters for me, but that being pressed by some horsemen of the Enemy, he had thrown them away, and that when he got clear, he had been able to find only one of them, altho' he had searched very diligently for both, what the last Letter contains I shall probably

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21st probably soon know by a Duplicate. I flatter myself your approach to the Northward will give me an early opportunity of seeing you, and of assuring you in person of those sentiments of truth and regard with which I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient
and most faithful Humble Servant,
Macartney.

Fort St. George,
July 21st 1781.

22d Received the following Letters from Sir Edward Hughes.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney, K.B. &c.

My Lord,

Having received Letters from the Secretary of State written in the Cypher used at this time by your Presidency, I must beg the favor you will order a Copy of that Cypher to be made for me, and sent by Lieut. Hughes of the Cuddalore, armed Tender, or if he has left the Road before this comes to your Lordship's Hands, by the first possible safe conveyance.

I have the honor to be with great Regard,

My Lord,
your Lordship's most Obedient,
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes.

Superb off Negapatan.
the 16 July, 1781.

From Sir Edward Hughes requesting a Copy of the Cypher —

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To the 22d Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Knight of the Bath — President and Governor
&c. the Select Committee of
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Dr with Intelligence. I have had the honor to receive your very obliging Letter of the 8th of this Month, and nothing very material having occurred since my Last letter to you of the 10th, I have only to inform you that by intercepted letters from Columbo and Jaffnapatam, it appears that the French Squadron with transports to the number of twenty sail in all, are expected hourly on these seas. I have therefore resolved to preserve my present Station with the Squadron, ready at all times to cooperate with Sir Eyre Coote, in the reduction of Negapatam, and every service that can consistently be undertaken for the Public Good.

I have the honor to be with great Regard,

My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes

Superb off Negapatam,
the 16th July, 1781

Agreed that a Copy be made of the Cypher Sir Edward Hughes has applied for, and transmitted to him by the first opportunity

Copy of the Cypher to be transmitted to Sir Edward Hughes

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22d Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

Right Honble Lord Macartney.

My Lord,

From Sir Eyre Coote, arrives at Permacoil.

By this conveyance you will receive my Letter of yesterday. I marched about two in the morning from the Red Hills, and reached this Place with the army between 12 and 1 o'clock, which considering the distance is 17 miles, is no bad marching. Letters from the Officer on Command at Wandewash inform me that the detachment of Hyder's Army formerly under the Command of Meer Saib, and now under the Command of his Son, had Joind three already there under Tippoo Saib, that every preparation for a seige is going on, but no batteries yet opened: the latest letter bears date as yesterday. It is probable my next movement will be either direct, or by way of Carrangoly.

I have the honor to be with great Regard and esteem,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient humble Servant.

Eyre Coote.

Camp Permacoil,
16th July 1781.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I must beg your indulgence of a few days to reply to your letters received by the Lively Brig and Hibernica. The Purport of this is to inform you of my having arrived yesterday at this place with the Army under my command in three days from the Red Hills. Before I marched from thence, I advanced towards Hyder, then at Valdore, upon which he struck his encampment and moved off, and by my Intelligence marched by the Gingee Road with an Intention, either to support the attack meditated upon Wandewash or to proceed further to the Northward with views on the Bengal Detachment — These were either of them Objects of sufficient importance to call for my attention, and to induce my marching to this place, where I could supply myself with the provisions necessary to go to the relief of Wandewash, if besieged, or to pursue my march towards Madras in order to check any attempt that might be meditated against the Bengal Detachment, or to countenance its march. It gives me concern to acquaint you of the great Sickness that prevails amongst both the Europeans and Seapoys: the number already in the hospital and daily falling ill are almost incredible, and what alarms me more, desertion is become frequent, many

Lord Macartney arrives at Caranjeh — the Europeans sick, the Sepoys desert, delays the demolition of Ladore —

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22d many Seapoys leaving me every day. These circumstances make me most anxiously wish for a Junction with the Bengal Troops — I enclose my letter to Colonel Baird on that subject, which I leave open for your information, and request of you to forward it to him with all possible expedition — I have received a letter this day from Mr Dent at Cuddalore, informing me of the arrival of the Nancy Ketch from Bengal with money, and of his having ordered her down to Conjeveram, where the other Vessels belonging to the Army were ordered to rendezvous — I have this day sent directions for them to come on to Madras, but have directed the Nancy Ketch to return to Madras and there land the Treasure, my present distance from the Shore rendering it rather dangerous landing it any where else — As Madras must, whilst the Army is obliged to draw its supplies from the Sea, be of the utmost consequence in protecting the landing thereof, I have written to the Officer in command to discontinue the destruction of the Buildings, but to go on with the mines, and to make every other previous preparation for blowing them up when necessary — I am sorry to be informed by a letter from Captain Mackay, that he has destroyed all the Guns, and burnt the Carriages, which is one of the last things he should have done; since until the destruction of the Works was completed, common sense dictated that they should be defended. I have directed the Vessels attending on the army to take

on

22d on board some Copper which I hear is in the Garrison of Sadras, and what else may be proper to be said and sent to the Presidency. By a letter received this Evening from Paronacoil, I am informed that Hyder with a part of his army has returned to his former encampment at Valdore. If this be true, I can account for such a movement on no other way, than his having hopes of the arrival of the French, or else having some design on Cuddalore which if he attacks, am afraid must fall. If his views are still to the Southward I think he must have given up all thoughts of maintaining Chitt. and the other Northern Garrisons contiguous thereto.

I have the honr to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Camp at Carangoly
July 19th 1781

To Colonel Pearse.

Sir,

From Sir Eyre Coote to Colonel Pearse with Instructions

I enclose you a duplicate of my last: circumstances now rendering it necessary that you should advance as fast as possible in order to form a junction with the Grand Army I have to direct that you will without loss of time come with your Detachment and Convoy by the Safest route to Saint Thomas's Mount, and there take up your Station by

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22d By the time you reach it I hope to be able, if I do not meet you there, to send you more particular orders — The Enemy at present threaten the Seige of Wandewash: their operations on that quarter must in a great measure guide mine — I trust you have brought and will continue to bring as much provisions as you possibly can along with you, I must warn you that Grain and straw, articles so necessary for the support of our Cattle, are no where in store in the Country, neither are they to be purchased at any price. Wherever you may leave the Mount you ought to bring with you provisions enough for at least twenty days expence of your detachment, a Junction is now the chief object, and to effect your march with expedition, and security to your place of destination must be your principal care the burning of Villages or other devastations committed by the plundering Horse in the country, you must not allow on any shape to divert your attention. Hyder with his main army is at no great distance from Wandewash. and the Intelligence I before wrote you of his Son Tippoo Saib and the Son of Meer Saib his Brother in Law with their Respective detachments having moved to the Northward, has not been confirmed. On the contrary my accounts of yesterday place both the Commanders close to Wandewash.

I am,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Eyre Coote

Camp. Carangoly
19 July 1781.

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22d Read Letter from John De le Pine as entered in the Miscellany Book N.o —

Agreed that a Sett of Bills be drawn on the Bombay Presidency in favor of John De le Pine or order for Pot 195.4.9 being the Amount of Shot purchased from him at Pallicherry for which the Storekeeper there has given his receipt

Sett of Bills to be drawn on Bombay in favor of Mr John De le Pine —

Received the following Letters —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor and President
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee
My Lord and Gentlemen

Two days ago I did my self the honor to inform you that I had received certain information of Sepoy Sails having passed the Mouth of Wandewash, this Intelligence was brought me by one of Captain Flints Horses, who had been taken by the Enemy and afterwards made his escape; he assured me of it with the greatest confidence, tho' I repeatedly put him on his guard not to assert a circumstance of such consequence without he was certain of it, he likewise added that he had marched thirteen Miles with the Enemys camp before he made his escape, upon which I acquainted you of it, and sent the man on to the General since when I have had repeated Intelligence that Hyders People under Sepoy

From Arnee the 19th of Wandewash marched

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22d Tipsoo Saib are still before the place making faciner &c.a there has been no firing from that quarter these five days past, I have made daily attempts to get a letter from Captain Flint but the fort is so closely surrounded by Horse, that as yet I have found it impossible.

I am with all Respect,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most devoted Servant
Benjamin Bishop.

Permacoil,
July, 16th 1784.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &c.a Select Committee
Fort St George.

My Lord and Sirs,

In consequence of a letter I received this morning from Major Sydenham, telling me it was your particular desire that I sent proper people to examine the Road from this (by the sea side to Darapatam) I have sent two men that I may depend on, and I have also enquired minutely of two or three different People who are well acquainted with the roads and am informed as follows.

That from Darapatam to Pumbule is six English miles, where there is one Tank and one Well with good water — That from Pumbule to Poondey is about 5 miles, where there is no Tank but eight or ten Wells — That from Poondey to Chickery coree is thirty two miles, but between these two places there

From Palacaut with Intelligence respecting the Roads between that Place and Pellore —

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22d There are eight or nine small Villages, which have all been burnt down but in every one of these Villages there are six or seven wells of pretty good Water —

That from Chickery comes to Noccundawrem is seven miles and a half, where there is three small Tanks of pretty good Water

That from Noccundawrem to Caramundalum is 4½ miles, where there are two Tanks and five Wells.

From Caramundalum to this Place is three miles.

I shall put a stop to the sending of the Paddy from Errocum, in order to have all the Coal ready to send to the River, which Colonel Pearse will be obliged to pass, if he comes by this Road — I shall be able to send ten Masula boats, which will carry 200 Men, And about eighty small boats, which will take 800 Men; but as these boats are not well calculated to carry Guns, it will be necessary to have Catamarans for that purpose, which must be sent from Madras, for I cannot find materials here to make such as are proper and are large enough for that business As soon as I can learn from Colonel Pearse what time he will be at the River, I will so contrive it that the boats shall all be there as soon as he is, you may depend on it that nothing shall be wanting on my side to facilitate and quicken the Colonels march to this place —

1959

Fort St. George July 1761

22d

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect, My Lord and Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
George Smith.

Palacecat.
July 21st 12 o'clock Nt.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
President &c. Select Committee
Madras

My Lord and Gentlemen

Sallah advanced to Narapet

From Col. Pearse
Sallah retreats from
Nairpettah — in want
of Accoutrements for
the Cavalry —

finding my detachment there, he turned off to Uncategeare,
where the Rajah acted the farce of opposing and retiring
into the Jungels, but Uncategeerce is not destroyed that
I can learn. Sallah has come into the Vellore district
about four Cos, and his plunderers have advanced and
plundered to within a very small distance — they
retired again to such as put them in security
from me in the night — all this I heard yesterday
at the same time your Letters of the 10th and the
duplicates of the 7th and 8th arrived, by which it became
necessary to send to fetch the stores, and I sent off in
the night a Battalion with two Guns, Carts sufficient
for the Purpose of conveying them to Camp. I expect them
here tomorrow morning, and then I can begin to
think of other parties, tho' my want of cavalry will
subject me to the mortifications that others have
borne before me, if we had arms and accoutrements
for a few more horse, I believe we could mount them

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22d Thurs, there were 30 who came from Bengal with me but not accoutred like the rest, and tho we have only 24 for the Nabob's Horse, we might possibly buy if we had money, but that will run very short unless you can supply us. I wrote the day before yesterday and what I said will shew why I am more reconciled to staying here than I was before.

I am with the greatest respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
J. L. Pearse.

Nellore,
18 July 1781.

Despatches the following letter to Colonel Pearse.

To Colonel Pearse.

Sir,

Colonel Pearse — 5000 Pag. sent him — and forwarding a letter from Sir Eyre Coote —

I am to acknowledge two letters from you of the 14th and one of the 16th which I have this day received. I now send you by the Lively 5000 Pagodas, which is all that I can at present well spare or indeed can well venture, but we shall supply you better when you come nearer us. With Respect to the Mahratta horse which you mention, you must be the best Judge how far they may be useful to you. Inclosed I send you a letter which has just been transmitted to me for you from Sir Eyre Coote.

I send the Lively to Pulicat to carry with this letter and the money, as soon as you receive news of her arrival, you will order a proper Escort to

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22d to carry it to you. If accoutrements for 20 Grooms
and Shoes for 100 Infantry can be procured in time
for the Lively's sailing, they shall be supplied you.
She is but this moment come in from the Southward,
and is the only good opportunity that has offered
for some time.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Macartney.

P.S. If I knew what medicines you wanted I should
endeavor to supply you, but till this day I never
heard of your deficiency in that respect; your Surgeon
should have sent an indent for them. By our readiness
to furnish you with every article which you have
demanded, you may imagine this particular would
not be neglected ——

23d Received the following Letters.

My Lord,

My Vakeel at Tripatore has sent
me word, that the force under Tippoo Saib marched this
morning towards Conjeveram, leaving a Reinforcement
in the Fort under the Command of a French Officer: the
accounts he heard was, that Tippoo Saib meant (when
General Coote had moved to Madras/ to take Sadras
and there form a
magazine — I regularly advise Colonel Pearse of
every certain Intelligence I receive —

From Poonamalee
Tippoo Saib marches
to Conjeveram.

J

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23.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord
Your Lordships devoted
and obedient Servant
H. D. Harding.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward
a letter this moment received from the Bellore Resy
I am concerned at having asked leave yesterday to
visit Madras, but let me assure your Lordship the
moment I wrote on that subject I knew nothing
of the approach of the Enemy, I should be
unhappy to give your Lordship the smallest
idea that I would wish to be from my Post when
the nature of the Service required my Presence.
Lallahs force have moved north, I hourly expect
Hircars from the Enemy, and will give your Lordship
every information respecting their motions, as well
as advise Colonel Pearse.

From Do with Intelligence forwarding a letter from Colonel Pearse

I have the honor to be,
Your Lordships
devoted Servant
H. D. Harding.

P.S. I send the Bearer of Colonel Pearse's letter, who
will give your Lordship an account of the situation
of the Enemy.

My

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23d My Lord,

I have just had intelligence brought of a Body of the Enemy consisting of 8000 horse, 6000 Seapoys, and 5 Guns on their march to Trippetty, the Back Road from Arcot to Vellore. The army with Tippoo Saib, at Gowalore and Tripatore, Salla gone North and left but few People at Sattavar.

I have the honor to be,

Your Lordships obedient Servant

H. D. Harding.

brought of Intelligence

10, o'Clock 22.

P.S. since writing the above I have received another letter from the Officer in Command at Permacoil dated 18th informing me of Hyders having early yesterday morning again marched to the Westward, and about 8 o'clock struck into the Vandewash Road, and encamped at Tinderavanum. The Officer further writes that he had received information that Hyder had detached a great part of his horse to join Tippoo Saib last night at Vandewash.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c.a &c.a

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

Having by private letters from the Presidency heard of your Lordships arrival we have the honor to congratulate you on your appointment to the Government, and arrival at Fort St. George, as well as to acquaint you that by order of the late Select

Sent Mssrs Davidson & Jordan the Royal provisions no money — the Enemy in possession of the Country —

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23d Select Committee. Mr Davidson is prepared and in daily expectation of repairing to the Presidency when he will lay before your Lordship and the Council our Proceedings here. The Rajah not furnishing sufficient to defray the expences of the Garrison, the distress for money is great but the Colevan Iver having filled, Colonel Braithwaite the Commanding officer is collecting troops to clear the Tanjore Country of the Mysoreans, who are in possession not only of the open Country, but of every place in it, except the Fort of Tanjore. That object effected we may hope that the Grain still remaining undestroyed will furnish money for the Garrison, but unless success attends the army more cannot be expected

We have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
(signed) Alexander Davidson
Francis Jourdan

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President and the Select Committee.
My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Genl Roberts enclosing Bills on the Company

Having received orders from the Honble Select Committee to subsist the Garrison of Tanjore in the best manner I could till remittances could be made, and the Seapoys during the siege be of six-

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23d six Months in Arrears, and mutinous, I was under
the necessity of advancing them what money I could
raise, at several times. Having lost the greatest
part of my Papers on my march, and my Writer
not had the Particular accounts of the above Sums
having left me while I was in the Enemy's hands,
regular pay rolls &c have therefore drawn out the
as it was not in my power to make out the enclosed
Bills from Memorandums I had made of the gross
Sums advanced, which I beg Leave to lay before the
Honble board for their approbation.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

George Roberts.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c &c

of Fort St George.

My Lord,

I have the honor of acknowledging
Your Lordship's Letter of the 20th Instant, and have rec
forwarded the two Letters from Sir Eyre Coote; in Consequence
of Orders from the General, I have dispatched the
Vessel which arrived this Evening with money for the
army to the Presidency. The accompanying Letter from
Sir Eyre Coote I beg leave to entrust with Ensign
Gepp, who proceeds to the Presidency in order to join
his Corps ——

I

Lrom Sadras—
forwarding Letter
from Genl Coote.

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23.

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
Simon Baillie.
Lieut. Commandt.

Madras,
22d July 1781

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the Eye Coote
Wandewash retired

I had the honor of addressing you yesterday, informing you of the arrival of the army at this Place, and enclosing orders to Colonel Baillie to move on with his Detachment to the Mount, with all possible expedition in order to form a Junction.

By a letter just received from Captain Oliver dated the 18th to the Right Honble the President, and which goes by this opportunity, I find that the day before yesterday Tippoo Saib with his Detachment had marched towards Arcot This being the case, Colonel Baillie's advancing speedily becomes highly necessary, and as Wandewash is safe, being the third time in my Life I have had the honor to relieve it, it is not very probable that I shall my self move to the Mount to join him.

I have the honor to

be

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23d &c.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Eyre Coote.

Camp Carangoley
28th July. 1781

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I do myself the honor to enclose to you copy of my last letter I transmit for your information Copy of a Letter which I have just received from Captain Flint at Wandewash, The intelligence he gives me of Tippoo Saibs Seapoys having refused his orders to escalade is very satisfactory as it shews that his Troops are neither very daring nor Obedient. I do not believe that Hyder when he wrote his Son that he would himself make an attempt upon Wandewash, meant any thing else than to lessen the discredit of raising the Seige, by furnishing Tippoo Saibs Army with a decent apology for marching away. Had his intentions been real, he would never have given up the Investiture and allowed time to Capt. Flint to destroy all the materials they had collected for prosecuting the Seige, and which I understand he

From Genl Coote, enclosing copy of letter from Capt. Flint at Wandewash — requests copy of the Cypher he sent to Col. Pearse.

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23d to be done.

I was anxious for further
letter from you to inform me, whether in
Consequence of the Letter from your Committee,
Colonel Pearse is advancing to Pulicat. My late
order to him for coming with all expedition to
the Mount have been sent in the Cypher which
is in use for the out Garrisons, but as none of
the letters I have yet received from him have been
written in Cypher, I am in doubt whether he
has that, or indeed any other Cypher. If upon
enquiry it should be found that copy of the
Garrison Cypher has not yet been sent him,
I must take the liberty to request that one be
forwarded to him with all expedition.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
Eyre Coote

Head Quarters
Camp Carangoly
the 21st July 1781

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote.

Sir,

I wrote you yesterday, if
Tippoo's march towards Arcot, he order'd his
army to escalade this Fort the 16th at night, the
Sepoys refused or were so mutinous against
it

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23. that he was under the necessity of countermanding the order I am informed Hyder wrote to Tippoo Saib that on his way to Arcot he would make a trial of his Army, I hear he is encamped on this side of Gingee.

Give me leave Sir to congratulate you on the important Victory of the first Instant, since which the Enemy lost a great number of Men by desertion, the Carnatic People are anxious to get off, as they hear he will soon go to the Gauts, and carry them with him.

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
William Flint

Wandewash
the 19th July 1781.

A True Copy
George Tyler.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,

My Lord,

I have received your letter number 8 accompanying a present statement of your finances dated the 16th Instant, and which is the only one that has reached me from the Presidency of a later date than the dispatches brought to me by Mr Graham, of course all intermediate

From Genl Coote
dispatches to him
intercepted —
enclosing letter
from Capt Flint
anxious to have
further account
of the Bengal
Detachment

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23d intermediate ones have either miscarried, or by being sent by sea have been unable to get to me In the Statement of Finances I observe you have put down 20,000 Pags sent the Army on the 16th Inst of which nor of the Public letter you refer to I have not received the smallest Intelligence, I have written Letters to your Lordship and to the Board since those you have no doubt lodged under the following dates, the 6th Instant Duplicate 8th 15th 16th 19th 20th and 21st, and as it does not appear by your Letter that any of the first of these have reached you, I am naturally very uneasy. I enclose Copy of a Letter from Captain Flint just received from which it appears that the Enemy are by this time in very great force at Cuddalore. I shall be extremely anxious, until I hear further account of the Bengal Detachment. If it has not left Vellore it ought now to continue there, until I can cover its approach, If come on to Pulicat it may without much Risk pursue its march by the Sea side, and join me at the mount. I shall either march that evening or to-morrow morning, and hope to be at the Mount in a few days. In the mean time I hope your Lordship will take every opportunity of giving me information of Colonel Pearse's Motions I have the honor to be with the greatest Esteem and Regard

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient and faithful Humble Servant

(Signed) Eyre Coote

Camp near Conjeveram
22 July 1781. 11 A.M.

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To the 23d Honble George Lord Macartney
President &c. &c. Select Committee
Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I sent a detachment to

From Col. Pearse calls a Detachmt. 1000 of the Nabob's Troops offer to join him — the Scheys desert from the European Battalion.

to Caroore and it staid some days from the difficulty to get provisions, and the distance, Major Byrn had told me a Party had got between him and Nellore at least he believed so, and I heard from Palicat that Tippoo Saib was with Lallah, I therefore moved out to secure their retreat. I heard just as the troops were in motion, that it was not necessary as a single Camel went thither and returned safe, however the Detachment was so far off, and as it is, better in my Camp. I beg to inform you that the Company of Europeans having been sent off in a hurry and unprovided with Necessaries, have not been able to get Supplies here and therefore are in want of everything, few have any Shoes or Stockings, many only long drawers, therefore as they cannot march barefoot, they must be left, unless you can send Supplies. I think I can get a Thousand of the Nabob's Troops to march with me, if I will only stipulate to pay them regularly whilst they serve, and that they shall return after the Service is over. They are so desireable a Body, I hope you will approve of my engageing to pay them. If you disapprove of it, and I know it before I move, I shall not suffer any loss if we move and I

taken

23d take them and you should disapprove of it, I may suffer severely, they are too valuable for me not to embrace the Terms, and run the risk the Circar Battalions had — Men when they joined, they have lost by desertion, and to them — last night. It seems they were promised they should not quit the Circars so that account for it. But it is to very little purpose to carry them further; if left here they would make good Garrison for the Place, and we might do the Battalion you sent to it, and the one that is of the Nabobs and the Garrison would then be much encreased, for I think the Circar Troops would be content to stay here, as it is near home and they would expect to return soon, and the Nabobs Troops are a little mutinous at times for want of pay, therefore by reducing their Number, the Place would be in more safety, if we remove all the Company's Troops I think the Enemy will soon have the Place, if we draw on the Circar Battalions, I fear we shall have but few to spare at Cuddalore, I have wrote to the General on this subject, but as I must do the best I can for the Army, if the General should have passed and directed me to leave a Garrison here, and leave it to me, I shall prefer the Southern Battalion and one thousand Nabobs Troops to the 2 Circar Battalions, and shall

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23d, them — Therefore I beg you to let me know whether
it whether it will meet with approbation or not,
for if I take the Nabobs Troops and you disapprove
of paying them, it will ruin me, however I am
ready to run the risk, and I shall do it, for the
Service requires every exertion now, and these are
men worth having, but will not entertain into
Battalions, tho ready to go any where in a body —
Their Arms might be changed if you should
please to send on as they pass Madras — the Carts
&c., are arrived — The Mahrattas have passed —
Gunjam by this time, their advanced Party were
at Malondie on the 6, or 7th as Mr During tells me.
Pray be kind enough to give the Bearer a receipt
for the Letter, mentioning the day, he is to have a
reward proportioned to his time.

I am with the greatest

Respect,

My Lord &c. Gentleman,

Your most Obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. B. Pearse, Colo.

Vellore,
1st. July 1781.

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir
Eyre Coote and Col. Pearse.

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, K. B
&c.a — &c.a — &c.a

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the
receipt

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To Sir Eyre Coote advising 23d receipt late last night of your last in Cypher, Covering one to Colonel Pearse, which was dispatched by Express in two hours after it reached me, And this morning the Lively Brig sailed to Kistna Patatam with a Duplicate and 6000 Pagodas and some Articles which Col. Pearse seemed to have occasion for.

Inclosed are Colonel Pearse's latest Letters to me and my Answers, I also send you a letter to me from Captain Smith, commanding at Pulicat. I have ordered every thing to be ready for the Nancy Ketch

Gl. Pigot at Trichinopoly

arrived here on Saturday night, and yesterday morning landed the Treasure

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Macartney

Fort St George,
23d July 1781

To Colonel Pearse,

Sir

To Col. Pearse forwarding a letter from Sir Eyre Coote and recommending to him to march by the Sea side

That moment I have received the enclosed Letter from Sir Eyre Coote, which I forward to you without delay. If, before it reaches you, you should happen to have set out from Nellore, I hope you will have chosen the Sea side road, which I understand is the safest in your Situation. Every Precaution is taken that you may have Boats to enable you to cross the River near Pulicat.

I am, Sir,

with esteem and regard

Your most humble Servant

Macartney

1975 Fort St George, July, 1781 —

24th Rec'd the following letter from Mr John Turing with Enclosures

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqre

President and Governor &c. Members of the Select Committee,

Fort St George.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Since I had the honor to address you under date 7th Instant, I have received two letters from the Rajah of Mohurrys, Copies of which I beg leave to transmit. Kistna Patcavie the new Peaster brought the last letter, and from her Character and appearance seems to be a reasonable kind of Man. The Rajah acknowledges the crime he has committed, and so far transacted right in displacing Gopy Maharta, and dismissing the armed Peons who had been collected. Gopy Mahar ta and his accomplices have taken to the Jungle —

I have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your very obedient

humble Servant

John Turing —

Cuttack,

29th June 1781.

From Ganjam

with Copies of Letters to

and from the Rajah of

Mohurry.

From

1976 Fort St. George July 1781.

24.th

From the Rajah of Mohurry dated 16th June 1781.

From the Rajah of Mohurry to Mr Sterling

I have received your second letter and understand the Contents concerning the murder of Rayagree and the Company's Jemabundy — According to your directions I have discharged the Rent from Peranapatana and encouraged them to go and stay in their Villages to cultivate the ground, you are pleased to order me to come myself to Ganjam or send my Brother with proper people — In the Moors Government my Brother was deceived and took an Oath not to go to any Nabob and for this Reason I cannot go to Ganjam and it is well known I do not agree with my Brother, therefore I cannot trust them to go to Ganjam —

According to your directions I have discharged Gopy Matlaw, and I have appointed Kistna Putnaick to be my Pauter who is a proper person, and whose family for several Generations have served Faithfully in this Zemindary — I mean to send Kistna Putnaick to Ganjam, whatever he comes and agrees with you I shall approve — By my last Luck Rayagree has been murdered, therefore I entreat you will excuse this fault, I am always ready to pay the Company's Jemabundy punctually, now I beg you

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24th you will take away the Sepoys from Moherry and Barrampour, and whatever my Pointer shall say you must hear — he you are master for this district, therefore you must protect me.

A True Copy

John Swiney

From the Rajah of Moherry dated 16th June 1781

I hope you understand all my mind by my last letter, and that I am always ready to obey the Company's order — If you had sent me an order by two Sepoys to quit my Fort, I would have left in immediately, and gone into the Jungle By your Sepoys remaining in Moherry Fort and at Barrampour the Country is not cultivated, the time of cultivation is almost past, therefore I now send my Pointer Ristna Patnaick to Tanjore, according to his desire you must excuse my fault, and take away the Sepoys from Moherry and Barrampour and if you do so the Country can be cultivated properly; after removing the Sepoys I can stay quietly in my house, and I shall always consider to pay my Jemabundy punctually, Now the Monsoon is begun, and it gives me great trouble to leave my house and stay in the Jungle, therefore you must call away the Sepoys.

A True Copy

John Swiney

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24th

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

Dear Sir,

I received duly and am very much obliged to you for your favor of the 1st Instant — My Letters to the Board inform you of the business I am now charged with. I wish with all my heart but Shrewdness may be reasonable, and not think it a good opportunity for making high demands. As it will now be of the utmost importance to me to have early Intelligence, it is needless for me to request that you will be so good as to send me the speediest advices of every occurrence which you may think the public service requires I should be informed of.

From Mr Holland requesting early Intelligence may be sent him

I am much obliged to you for the friendly manner in which you express yourself upon the Subject of my late intended return to Madras, as I flatter myself I shall be ever well disposed to concur with you in all Salutary Councils for the Publick Service, I am persuaded that nothing can happen to interrupt the good understanding that has long subsisted between us, and which I shall continue to cultivate.

I am,

Dear Sir, with respect

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Hydrabad, 24th
25th June, 1781

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) John Holland,

From Wandewash
Lieut. Sadmarches
towards Arcot

My Lord,

This morning Lieut. Sadd marched towards Arcot, and is to encamp for the night at Trivelore — Agreeable to your — directions Information has been sent to Colonel Peare.

I am,
My Lord,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) William Flint.

Wandewash
18th July 1781

The Right Honble Lord Macartney.

My Lord,

From Genl. Coote
extends marching to
Madras — Wandewash
relieved —

I have this Instant received the enclosed from Wandewash to your address, which I am persuaded will afford you equal pleasure with myself, as it conveys to us the agreeable Intelligence of that place being relieved, and flatters me with having soon the Happiness which I have so anxiously wished for of a personal Interview — As I think there is nothing can now occur to prevent my fulfilling the — Resolution I have come to of marching to the mount, for the purpose mentioned in my publick

letters

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24th Letters — I shall send you regular Intelligence of my approach —

I have the honor to be with the most perfect esteem and regard,

Camp Carangoley
26th July 1781

Your Lordships
Faithful humble Servant
Eyre Coote,

25th Dispatched the following Letters.

To Alexander Davidson and Francis Jourdan Esquires

Gentlemen,

To Alex. Davidson and Jourdan desiring them to return to the Presidency

The President has received the favor of your Letter from Tanjore without a date Congratulating him on his accession to this Government for which he returns you many thanks —

Mr Sullivan lately appointed from Home to be resident at Tanjore, having signified to us his acceptance of that employment, and his Intention to proceed thither in a short time — We shall expect to hear of your leaving Tanjore soon after the receipt of this Letter this the more desireable as Mr Jourdans Dismission must deprive us of those advantages which might be derived from his Services, and as Mr Davidsons attendance in Council, of which he is appointed a Member under the new Commission, cannot fail to be of great use to us at this time;

1981 Fort St. George July 10th 1781.

25.11

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

To Mr Cotton Bowerbank Dent.

Sir

I return you many thanks for your obliging letter which I received by the Lively and the duplicate of it by another Conveyance — I am sorry to find that the official communication of my arrival here and taking upon me the Government had not reached your hands.

I flatter myself you will have long since received the letter from the Select Committee of the 13th July, together with the three thousand Pagodas which we sent by the Ship Essex — We had it not in our power to do more for you, but you must rely upon our constant attention to your Settlement to the best of our power; at present we much concern that it corresponds so little with our Inclinations — The Army absorbs all our money — Provisions are very scarce, and if we should meet with any disappointment in the supplies we expect, the consequences must be fatal — I trust you will be able to draw Paddy and Rice from the southward, especially as I understand that the

Tanjore

To Mr Dent
unable to send Ships
to remove the Inhabitants Stores &c
the bring returns
to the Amount.

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25th Tanjore Country has been for some time free from Hydert Troops, and our Squadron being on the Coast will be a Protection to the Vessels bound to your Neighbourhood, as to what you mention of our furnishing you with Stores in order to convey away the Garrison, Servants of the Factory Stores, &c. in case of accident, it is out of our power to grant you any assistance, you must state your situation to the Admiral, and depend upon him for the present, if you can obtain it by no other means, when the Fleet arrives indeed we may spare you an Indiaman or two, and shall in that point be decided by your danger, and the concurrent Circumstances of our other affairs.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Army under Sir Eyre Coote arrived this morning at the mount

I am,

Fort St. George
25th July 1781

Your most obedient
Hum.ble Servant,
Macartney

Received the following letter from Mr Graham

Right Honble Lord Macartney
Madras

My Lord

The General having been good
enough

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From Mr Graham
the Army arrives
at Chingleput —
Sir Eyre Coote indisposed

25th dear mdi found both yesterday and today, will I hope
plead apology for his not having answered your
Lordships letters received by different conveyances
within these last 24 hours — He is now gone to Rest,
being a good deal fatigued with his march from five
miles South of Chingleput to our present —
encampment, we commenced our march at 3 P.M
and arrived on our ground just by dark — The
afternoon was intensely hot — but as the enemy gave
us no trouble, we completed our march without much
difficulty — The Rear Guard however is but just come
in — I suppose we shall march again tomorrow
and the following day will be at the mount — The
General hearing that Colonel Pearse had not left
Nellore the 15th is anxious to get on in order to prevent
his approach — The General desired I would present
his best respects to your Lordship. I have the honr
to be
My Lord with
the most profound Respect
Your Lordships
most devoted and
Obliged humble Servant
J. Graham,

Camp 8 miles north of Chingleput,
26th July 9 P.M.

26th Received the following letters —

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

My Lord and Sirs,
I have been obliged to send
to

1784 Letter to George Seley 19 Oct

From Admiral
and the Subject of the Boats
for Black Rock &c &c
the Rivers Navigating
them by Catamarans
may be used for them

Dear Sir

I received your Letter of the 5th to which I can only add that the Boatmen
are so far pleased with their afternoons amusement, that
they all appear ready
to attend on Monday next, but they all appear unwilling
boats if any wind can possibly go further with
Two Gentlemen, one from a Catamaran by the
and it may from one shore to the other without
either undertake for the small boats are not calculated
for any other places than smooth water rivers
have endeavoured all in my power to prevail on
the boatmen to try if they could not take the small
boats to sea along shore, but find it impossible
not one of them dare venture over the surf for they say
they are certain they will overset. This being the
Case I am getting together all the Catamarans I can,
which will amount to twenty, and by tomorrow
night I shall have them and thirteen Albemarle boats
ready to move as soon as I hear that Colonel Roche
is near the River — If twenty more Catamarans
could be sent from Madras, they would answer
much better than the little boats, for the latter are
so very unsteady, that they are easily overset,
if the people on them are not well acquainted with
their construction, and three or four Catamarans
will be much wanted for the Guns and heavy stores,
the smaller ones will be found very useful in
transporting the baggage and followers of the
Army — They are so convenient for things to be
rolled on and off, that work of this kind can be

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26th carried on with more expedition than by those small boats that are here —

I have the honor to be

with the greatest Respect.

My Lord and Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

George Smith

Paliacat

July 25th 1781

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Sirs

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that by the aid of some Carpenters with Wood and Rope I shall be able to send 20 of the largest of the small boats, with these I have in readiness, so that I may venture to assure you that Colonel Pearse will find no Difficulty in passing the River, there is one great matter in favor of the Boats, that the men belonging to them are all going with great chearfulness, and I dare say will work very willingly —

From Do. Boats in readiness for Colonel Pearse.

I am,

My Lord and Sirs,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

George Smith

Paliacat

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26th

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have duly received your
letter of the 26th June 7 - 8 10 - 16 - 17 July & before
acknowledge the receipt of the Cabbies, I now send I
represent the Cartey: the things that bear the name of
Cockle, are sure such bags as you use to Water to
convey water from the Coss of horses into Sort, with
a very little Straw stuffed into them, consequently
of no kind of use to any body, and the bags are so
thin they would not hold grain without loosing
Cloth of some kind or other, therefore I shall not
be able to convey much to Madras if every
to supply my own wants by the way. I have done
all I could to get the Angole Rajah to come, but
in vain, he pleads want of money, poor enough
I believe he is, but I think he wants Inclination.
I shall leave the Europeans, for they are not in
a state to march, and I am sorry for it — I shall
leave also the 24 Pounders, which would only impede
me, so they must return as they came by water — I
shall march tomorrow night. If I had had the Cypher
Letter to follow your instructions on my arrival, I
should have been at the Mount, and without
vexation, for I should have pushed on, and have been
in your environs soon after the Victory, where all
was confusion, I will do all I can, do not expect
too

Lieut Col Baird,
Captain of the
Black Cattles —
by to march —
and by 80 Pearadas,
Engages 1000 of the
Cattle Troops.

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26th too much — consider the load of our Convoy: of
all tasks a Convoy where beasts of burthen are concerned,
and men to load and unload wanted and perpetually
deserting; the worst and what frowns least honor to
him that conducts it, if I succeed I shall be thankful
that it fell to my lot as the General is marching
towards us, we may have Enemies on greater numbers
than if we had been at Cudalore, but then he may
be at hand to extricate us if we meet with ill
difficulties. I have received the 88 Maharattas, but
no more came on today, they appear friends, and
pleased, I have done every thing to satisfy them,
and engaged them pay from the next new Moon —
I shall take the Nabobs thousand men. I wrote for the
recruits raised by Captain Edmonds, and received
a letter asking questions today, which cuts off all
hopes of seeing a man of them. It is very extraordy
that my Packet of duplicates has not reached you,
it contained returns: I know you have not received
it, because you do not mention it, pray favor
me so far as to let me know what letters have been
received by the Select Committee since the 19th April —
which was the last that was acknowledged, they
are of more moment to me than may at first
appear, because they give an account of every thing
I did all the way along, and my reasons — I commended
them in my letter of the 25th I think they went on
the 27th, and my Journal says so, but perhaps I am
mistaken, for you acknowledge the letter of the 27th but
not

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26th not the Packet.

I am with the greatest
Respect_

My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
L. D. Pearse Col.

Nellore,
July 21st 1781.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Colonel Pearse_
delays his March_
on the subject of
Carriage_ Draft Bullocks_

I had given orders to march
to night, but found it impossible, the Casks are so
incomplete that the necessary Stores could not be
furnished so early_ however a worse misfortune
than that has happened, so many drivers went off to day
and in the night, that I could not carry away 2500
Coods of grain till new arrangements could be made.
I foresee I shall be finely disappointed before I can reach
Madras. permit me to give my opinion, that in the
Ayre do provide Carriages for every thing, you will
never be able to move as you ought_ Bullocks
will not answer_ I think the drivers ought
to be raised, paid and mustered as your Troops are,
and not under Contractors or Commissaries, but just as
your Seapoys are; possibly, then they might go you
old in Service and be attached, but when they are
hired only occasionally, or pressed, the Commanding
officer who relies on them will suffer every possible
mortification and vexation, and your Service
delay and disappointment_ if all were on
Carriages

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26th carriages fewer men would do, the stores of grain would be always packed, and the carriages would form a fence against the horse. It will be said we have always carried things on Bullocks, why change now? formerly you had but one thousand troops, now you have forty, if you change in our fast way not in all Beasts of Burthen except for Officers Baggage) are unknown to European Armies—

I am with great Respect,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
J. D. Pearse, Lt Col.

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

From Genl Coote, on the Latest War— congratulates his Lordship on his accession to the Government— endorses copy of letter to Col. Braithwaite— on Lt. Pearse's detach. and the Nabob—

My Lord and Gentlemen,

By the letter which I had the honor to address to your Committee under date the 19th Instant, I sent you a Summary acknowledgement of the receipt of your dispatches by the Hibernia and Lively Brig, I shall here do myself the pleasure of enumerating the dates of them, as well as others which have reached me since the 29th June, viz. 8th and 16th Instant —

Add to this humble Tender of my Congratulations on the accession of Lord Macartney

to

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26th to the Government of Fort St George may rather appear late I hope as I know them to be sensible that they will not on that account be less acceptable the high Reputation, the distinguished Credit and just approbation with which his Lordship has filled offices of honor and trust under the British Government leave me no room to hesitate in pronouncing it an Effect which will be productive of the most beneficial Effects to the Affairs of the Company, and to the Interests of the English Nation on this Coast, and which I lament the just grounds there are for the observation I could never have arrived at their present very critical situation, had the reins of Government been guided by even a proportionate share of that Probity and Ability which have rendered his Lordship so respected and beloved in both public and private life.

Permit me the liberty of returning my most sincere and hearty thanks to the Committee in general, not only for the repeated assurances which they have done me the honor to give me of their hearty disposition to relieve the wants of the Army and to support its operations but for the first instance given me in proof thereof in the supply of Cash sent me by the Lively Brig which was most seasonable, and proved of the most essential Service — Your further attention to providing the Army with Rice and the second supply

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26th scarcity of Cash are such additional testimonies
of your desire to relieve and assist on as demand
my most ample acknowledgements, At the same time
I wish you to be satisfied that under the existing
circumstances (difficulties) and obstinate there is nothing that
depends upon personal Attention and Assiduity
shall remain unexerted to give efficacy and
success to every Operation of this Army, whilst
I feel in the most sensible manner the honor
done me by the very handsome terms upon wh
pleased to congratulate me in upon my late
Victory. I trust it will in its effects render me
that satisfaction which I have ever enjoyed in
the connection of being instrumental towards
promoting the honor and Interests of my
Country.

Considering as both the British
Government and the Court of Directors do, the vast ad-
dvantage their mutual Interests would derive by
a speedy and successful reduction of the Dutch
Settlements on this Coast and in the Island of
Ceylon, and earnestly recommending, as they have
done these objects to the zealous attention of your
Government, you may easily believe that it is
to me a matter of sincere regret and concern on the
reference you have been pleased to make to me
for my opinion on so important a subject, to
find myself involved in the conduct of a War,
so foreign it would seem to the expectations of

Cotte

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to both the Nation & the Company, and which
in its nature and consequence contributed
powerfully to check every desire I must naturally
possess to forward the views of the Brest ministry
and which could not have failed of being accomplished
in their fullest extent had Peace and Tranquillity
reigned in the Carnatic. I enclose for your
information a copy of my last letter to Colonel Braithwaite
which will shew you what I have said to them
Concerning Negapatnam or Trankenbar, and the
other Dutch Settlements South thereof, when the
formation of the Bengal detachment had been
formed, and the objects which it may be
thought expedient and practicable for the Army
then to perform will admit of its strength being
in any shape diminished, I shall be happy to
comending with you in employing that part
which I am well aware can be but small, in
such manner as may promise the greatest
Public advantage.

Seeing that you had no
discretion or authority to move for the Defence
you directed against Pulicat and Sadras, I am
much flattered by the wish you entertained to
have had the aid of my advice and which
as impossible could have been otherwise than
accordant to those measures of which the Success
has furnished the most favorable proof that
could be given us of their propriety, and I beg

Your

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26th you will accept of my congratulations on the success which has attended them.

I approve entirely of the sentiments you have expressed to Colonel Pearse on the subject of his moving from Nellore to the Pondeney, to the end of forming a junction with that Army, I confess I am somewhat disappointed that after the receipt of your Committee's letter of the 8th Instant, any occurrence should have been esteemed by him of consequence sufficient to postpone his march I still flatter myself that he will ere now have embraced the Road by the Sea side to Pulicat, which I should imagine he would find a safe one, as I think the Enemy would hardly venture to send a force equal to oppose him on that route, now that

I am desirous

I conceive that it would rather be injudicious at this juncture, when the Enemy have absolutely entered the Nellore Country, to draw away from it those troops belonging to the Nabob, which have been raised and established in it for it's protection and defence I trust therefore that Colonel Pearse will not judge it expedient to bring along with him the Thousand he mentions in his Letters; and undisciplined as they must be, they would be very improper people to mix with his regulars, and might in the event of an attack

from

26th from an Enemy armed & behaved in such which might produce Effects in the minds of the Disaffected Troops that would be attended with the most ruinous consequences. The only way I know such a Corps could be usefully employed would be in protecting his Convoy. If the Maharatta Horse who have come over to Colonel Pearse did to undergo any previous conditions, they ought undoubtedly to be performed, I have observed this Rule most strictly with all who have deserted to me by the Names which Colonel Pearse mentions of the Horse, I believe them to belong to the same Party as those with me, and intend of course included in the original Agreement with the Nabob, whereby it is stipulated each Private Man shall have Thirty five Rupees for himself and Horse, I am thus particular on this subject, that you may communicate the same to Colonel Pearse, who will find the Horse useful in Protecting his Baggage and Convoy

As I was myself marching to Madras, I sent orders to Cudras for the Vessel with 20,000 pags on board to return that to and to have it immediately, by some mistake which I have not had yet clearly explained to me the money was removed from her into the Intelligence Schooner Captain Murray

on

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26 in consequence of which I last night dispatched
similar orders for her to proceed to Madrass and
to land the Treasure.

I have already expressed the
just sense I entertained of your exertions for
the support of this Army and am only sorry
that your means should not be more ample and
that his Lordships expostulations with the
Nabob however steady and accompanied with
that determined firmness so suitable to his
Character and situation, should have failed
in their deserved success; it is a proof that I
am not singular in having met a defeat in that
quarter, which I did on my first coming from
Bengal, notwithstanding he was seemingly
convinced that every thing I urged towards
Rousing him to afford his assistance in the
support of his own Cause was proper I am
informed that in some late production which
he has sent to the Committee, he has thought
proper to make mention of my name as his
Enemy, on Effect which I can only account
for my having honored with, by my urgency for
his pursuing those measures which I esteemed
most for his own Honor and the good of his
Country.

As I shall march to the
mount tomorrow, and thereby have an opportunity

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26th of as soon communicating with you in Person
many of these points in your Letter to which
I have been omitted to reply. I shall not take up
your time with acquainting you of any further
relative to my different marches to this place
unless mentioning to you that our Sickness
continues, and that Numbers are falling down
daily.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote.

Camp near Vandewash,
the 24th July 1781

N.B. Here read Letter to Col. Braithwaite Entered on the following page

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

Honble Sirs and Sirs

In my Letter of the 2d Instant
I had the honor to inform you of the arrival of the
detached Party of Bengal Cavalry, yesterday afternoon
the Commander of the detachment found me a visit
when he made demands and wanted me to enter
into engagements, I did not think he had a right
or reason to require, or that I had authority to
agree to, however I found myself under the necessity
of addressing a letter upon the Subject to the
Governor General, a Copy whereof I beg leave to
transmit

From Gunjam
on the Subject of the
Berar Rajah – the
Commander of the Cavalry
visit him, and want him
to enter into engagements

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No # N.B. Reads this Letter after the one from Genl Cook of the 24th July (entered on the opposite side)

To Colonel Brathwaite
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

I have already written you
informing you of the rapture between England and
the United States, and of the commencement of Hostilities
to do our part against them in this Country as far
as may be in our power is not only proper, but a duty
highly incumbent on us — Negapatam and Tuttucaren
are two Settlements belonging to the Dutch within
the Scope of your Command of great Consequence,
and which would be acquisitions of the highest
Importance to us — They are of Course Objects which
must claim your attention — But the first thing
to be done is to drive the Detachment which Hyder
has left behind out of the Tanjore and Trichinopoly
Countries — I shall expect to hear of your having
already assembled in Force and entered upon that
Business, in which I doubt not you have been
Successful, as I understand they have Hyder's
Orders to retreat when the Following should become
impossible

impassable, and there was an appearance of their being attacked — I conclude both these Events must have fallen out, and that both Lieutenant Colonel Nixon and yourself have not been inattentive to the recovery of Seringham, which ought not upon any Account to be permitted to remain any time in the Possession of the Enemy — The other small Garrisons in the Tanjore Country now in their Hands will soon be recovered when once you have beat them in the Field —

I suppose Captain Prington in Conse-quence of the orders you informed me you sent him has before this Time joined you with as Strong a reinforcement as could be Spared from Palamcotta — It will be proper however that you send Discretionat Orders to the officer now in Command there regarding Tuttacareen, and the other smaller Dutch Settlements Contiguous to that Station — If he can do nothing towards taking of them and afterwards maintaining them, which is doubtless the first Aim, he may possibly be able to advantage the Service and injure

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injure the Enemy by the use which he may make of

the enclosed Memorandum — If get 300 Europeans

would certainly be an Acquisition of very great

Consequence — —

Admiral Sir Edward Hughes being

now with the Squadron cruising off Negapatam,

I recommend your corresponding with him

on any thing that may occur to You regarding that

or the other Dutch Settlement.

Hyder has not attempted to come

within my reach since the Action, and has

troubled us very little with his Cavalry in our

March to this Place — He is now Laying at

a large Tank Contiguous to Gingee — Sepoys Salt

and the Sons of Aleer Sail were by the latest

Intelligence with their respective Detachments

near to Conjeveram — upon my moving this way

they Thought proper on the 18th Instant to

relinquish the operations they had begun for the Siege

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of Wandewash — Captain Flint writes me that on the 16th Tippoo Saib ordered an General escalade but his Seapoys refused the Service and were Mutinous — This is a Satisfactory piece of Intelligence — The Bengal Detachment are near, and we shall soon form a Junction.

At a proper Season you must not lose Sight of Cheliumbrum — You ought also to attend to the immediate Destruction of the Rafts and Boats which the Enemy has constructed at Tambaconum.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Eyre Coote

Camp Carrangooley
the 28th July 1781

Hon.ble Sir Wm Fleeming Bart

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26th transmit

* Read the following after his letter from Mr Turing 11 July

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.
Bengal &c.

I have had several messages from Abba Punt desiring an advance of money to satisfy his People, although no more have yet joined, and I hear only of 50 Horse being arrived at Kalevaly, and 100 at Jaggamauk, or that all accounts agree when the rest of the Thousand said to be coming from Cuttack will be all collected, to enable them to proceed in any force.

If Royal Ram Punt actually advanced 70 Thousand Rupees which he strongly but insufficient to serve these People until they joined Col Pearse, it appears rather extraordinary they should already be in any Distress however much as their real or pretended want that I believe I shall be obliged to pay Abba Punt some Money to keep these together who are arrived, until the rest of the Detachment join, and in the Interim I hope to be favored with your instructions

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir
Your Obed Humble Servt

Ganjam
12th July 1781.

A true Copy
J. Turing

Ganjam,
11th July, 1782

* Numerical Letter from Mr Turing to the Gov. Gen.l as entered in the Margin

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &c &c &c
Fort St George

Coom Masulipatam,
a Detachment sent after
Jaggernaik Pass —
Poligars surrender

My Lord

I have only time to do myself the honor of congratulating you on your safe arrival at Madras

Have the Governor general formed a sufficient to order any payments to be made to the Boyar People upon their march through the Circars I think he would certainly have mentioned the Terms of his agreement and the sums stipulated to be paid — But the Abba Punt acknowledges 7,000 Rupees has been advanced before they left Cuttack, yet the real or pretended want of the few who are arrived is now so great that to prevent their making it a pretence to return or desert I fear I shall be obliged to advance some money to keep them together until I can receive an Answer from the Governor General —

There are about 300 horse now here; but I have seen various reports concerning the number expected that there is no speaking with any certainty until they actually arrive

I am with Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) John Turing

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26th ult. Admiral, of which I have just been informed
on my return from the war with the Dutch by the two
Danish Ships, which left Madras a few days ago
and this day, and that we have in consequence re-
-ceived the Commander in Chief's Orders to
desist to proceed against Jaggernaipore
The Factory at Policate has already surrendered
to the Resident of Masulipatam, of which your
Lordship will be more fully advised by a letter from
Mr Duff which accompanies this
I shall take the earliest
opportunity of writing you more fully and
have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Lordships
Most Obedient Servant
P Daniell

Masulipatam
15th July 11 P.M.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B
President and Governor &c &c &c
Fort St George

My Lord,

From Masulipatam
Jaggernaikpore
surrender.

I did myself the honor of
addressing you last night on the surrender of Policate
to Mr Duff and I have now the pleasure to inform
you that Jaggernapore surrendered to Captain
Lysaght the 14th instant in the Evening without
opposition
I have the Honor to be,
very Respectfully
Your Lordships most Obedient
humble Servant
P. Daniell.

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27th Arrived the Honble Companys Ship
Duke of Portland with dispatches from the
Select Committee of Bombay.

The Portland arrives from Bombay

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

Gentlemen,

We enclose Duplicate of our
last Letter dated the 8th Inst. transmitted by the Ranger
Snow, with Copies of the Dispatches from the
Honble Company dated the 8th of January, which
we request may be transmitted to Bengal in case
of Accident to Mr. Swan

From Bombay detain the Madras Europeans, and remd the Officers and some French Prisoners –

We are much concerned to inform
you that we find ourselves only able to execute in
part our intention of returning the Madras Troops
now on this Coast. Upon instruction into the
State of our Forces after the last severe Campaign, we
found we had not above 600 Private Europeans on
command, which with a small number of Pitches
constituted the whole strength of the European
Infantry on this Establishment. In Short the
total of Rank and file upon the general Return
amounted only to 502, sick included, nor was
even our inadequate Establishment of Artillery
complete, and we have no prospect of receiving a
recruit from Europe –

Whilst we are in a State of actual
War

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27th that with a formidable Country Power and
the National Enemies we have to guard against
are newly augmented by the Rupture with
Holland, we think it would be highly impolitic
dangerous, and unjustifiable, to leave this Settlement
of so much consequence in the Great Systems
with so Slender a Force in Europeans. We have
therefore Judged the Detention of the Madras Infantry
and Artillery to be indispensable, and we doubt
not the evident Necessity of the Measure, under
the Facts and Circumstances above Stated, will
be at once admitted by you.

We did not on that occasion
confine our Attention to the immediate Interests
of the Company under that Presidency; We
considered that General Coote has a most respectable
Body of Europeans under his Command, that a
large Force might probably soon arrive at Madras
from Europe, and that a Junction must by this
time have taken place with Colonel Baillie's
Detachment, by which we trust the Army under
General Coote will be rendered superior
to every Opposition, and the assistance of
the men under Colonel Brown in every
necessary or material — whilst without that
Aid the Presidency could hardly look at even
the appearance of a Body of Europeans —

Our extreme distress for
money, and the insufficiency of the Army Under

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27th have rendered it an utter Impossibility to sustain any longer the Expence of keeping up your Troops on the Footing of a seperate Detachment on a foreign Service, with Expensive establishments, and as We have demonstrated the impossibility of parting with them altogether, we had no other alternative left than to dissolve the Detachment, and send home the Officers, incorporating the non-commission and Private with the Troops of this establishment, until we may be in a condition to return them or an equal number. We shall thus obtain a most material addition to our small force and the Company be relieved from an Expence which could not be supported, and we doubt not you will do us the justice to believe, we have not entered upon this Measure without the most absolute conviction of its' necessity

We were not surprized at receiving a Remonstrance on the Subject from Colonel Brown, a Copy of which with our Answer we beg leave to transmit for your Notice. We shall do all in our power to abviate the Objections he has offered, to which indeed we cannot allow the weight he gives them, and for this purpose we request you will continue the allowances hitherto made to the Families of the Men of this detachment, debiting this Presidency for the Amount, whilst we shall allow the Men their full Pay without Deduction until their Families can be sent round, in which we must likewise request

your

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27th you will give your Assistance to those who may be desirous of removing.

Colonel Brown with the other Officers of Infantry and Artillery, now return to Madras on the Duke of Portland Bombay and Contractor, and General Goddard having recommended the Return of the Carnatic Battalion of Seapoys, we have according to our former Intention, imbarked them on these three Ships and Enclosed is a detail of the whole imbarkation

The heavy arrears due to the Madras Troops, which General Goddard acquaints us amounted to Six Lacks of Rupees, evinced the impossibility of maintaining them as a seperate Detachment. The General has been put to the utmost difficulty to answer in any degree the hopes and indespensable demands of the Officers and Men, though we have given him every possible assistance, nor can this emergency want those any expedient left than what we recommended, on his asking our advice to refer them to your Government or the Commander in Chief, for the Balance that might remain due after he had paid as much as he possibly could — For this purpose we gave him a Credit on our treasury for Two Lacks of Rupees —

The Commanders of the Duke of Portland, Bombay and Contractor have represented to us in strong terms the justice of our making an addition to the usual allowance

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27th for the Passage of the Officers and Seapoys on account of the scarcity and enhanced Price of Provisions at this Place — We have in consequence put on board 20 days provisions for the Seapoys on the Companys account for which we have charged them half the usual Allowance of 2½ Fanams p Man and given them Bills upon you for the full Amount of the Allowance, but as they represent they will still be considerable sufferers by entertaining the Officers, we have promised and we now beg leave to recommend their Case to your future Consideration.

We have also embarked on these Ships sundry French Prisoners, as p List enclosed, being chiefly those you sent round by the Bombay and Contractor, having no Opportunity of sending them home from hence — We enclose for your notice Copies of a Letter we received from Monsieur D'Espinette, our answer and a Reply from him, by which you will observe the Colonel protests against being sent to China, and we have assured him that our Intention extends no further than to send him to Madras, where he will be subject to your Disposal. He also requests earnestly to have permission to come on Shore immediately on the Ships arrival at Madras, and we have acquainted him that Point must likewise rest with you

to

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2d to determine,

We are
with esteem
Gentlemen,
your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Wm Hornby
S Draper
Thomas Goddard
John Halsey

Bombay Castle
3 July 1781

To the Honble William Hornby Esq.
Governor and President &c. Select Committee

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to lay before
you a Letter from Colonel Brown addressed to your
Committee upon the subject of transferring the European
Artillery and Infantry of the Madras to the Bombay
Establishment. I at the same time enclose for your
perusal, his Letter to me, accompanying this address,
and another which I received this Day in answer
to one I wrote him acknowledging receipt of the
former —

I beg to request you will take
the latter into your serious consideration, and communicate
to me your sentiments regarding the Men whose Terms
of Service are expired, and a provision for the Families
of those a part of whose subsistance has been hitherto
remitted

Colby's a letter from Genl Goddard

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27th remitted to the Coast for that purpose. I have deferred answering Colonel Brown on these Points, till I can have an opportunity of Consulting with you upon the steps proper to be taken, in order to remove and render as light as possible these Inconveniencies. I must also solicit your further Advice and Assistance upon the Subject of the Arrears due to the Officers and Seapoy Battalion, and the most eligible mode of settling their accounts, since it is at present absolutely out of my power to raise money sufficient to discharge them.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Thomas Goddard

Bombay
22 June 1781

A true Copy
Jo Hatley
Dep Secy

To Brigadier General Goddard,
Commander in Chief of the Bengal Army

Sirs

From Col. Brown to Gen. Goddard.

The accompanying Letter on the Subject of transferring the Company of Artillery and the European Battalion of the Mad. Establishment to the Bombay, I request you will be pleased to lay before the Select Committee for their consideration

As they seem to be of opinion from the late Resolution passed by them that I am under their Orders, I beg your attention to the following

27th following.

When I was ordered from Madras with the Detachment to join the Army under your Command, my Instructions from the Select Committee of Madras were to proceed with all possible Expedition and join myself with the Detachment under your immediate Orders and to return with the Detachment so soon as the Service on which I was employed would admit of it. Thus circumstanced I never considered myself under the orders of this Presidency, any authority of which ever me I disavow, and protest not only against their proceedings, which I deem illegal and unconstitutional by taking upon them an authority which is not vested in them, and thereby denying that a superior power, the Supreme Council, by whose orders and authority the Detachment was formed, and ordered to proceed and join your Army at that time in the Guzerat Country, and to be put under your immediate orders, but declare that I cannot obey any other than your Orders, to which only from the tenor of my Instructions I deem myself answerable

The Hardships individuals will suffer, should you see grant your concurrence to such a step, is of little Consequence, but the loss which the Madras Establishment will sustain by transferring Some of its oldest Corps, formed with great trouble and Pains, will be

If

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2d. of such a Nature, that it cannot well be
separated, particularly at a time when the Veterans
of which those Corps are mostly composed, would
be of the greatest consequence on the Coast—
If the Service of this part of the Detachment is
required for this Presidency for any longer time,
you Sir, under whose Orders only I acknowledge myself
to be, have it fully in your power to detain them and
their Officers, and to order the other part with me
round; but the power of transferring can only be
vested in the Supreme Council, or Select Committee
of Madras agreeable to my Instructions.

I cannot conclude without
repeating, that consider myself under your Orders
only, and that whatever Restriction is placed I shall
deem it your's, and not consider myself responsible
for any bad consequences that might arise from
being under the necessity of acting contrary to my
Instructions.

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest Respect
Sir
Your most humble and
Obedient Servant
George Brown
Colo

Bombay
20th June 1781

To Brigadier General Goddard
Commander in Chief of the Bengal Army
Sir

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27th

Copy of a letter from Col. Brown to Genl Goddard

I have received your Letter of this date returning mine of yesterday's Date directed to the Select Committee of Bombay on account of its being sealed, which I assure you was an oversight It accompanies this in the manner you desire, and I request you will be pleased to lay it before them.

In addition to my letter of yesterday, I beg leave to inform you, that there are four Men of the artillery Company, and ninety five in the Battalion, whose Term of Service is expired who will not reenlist upon any other Conditions than that of obtaining permission to rest on the Coast.

There are Seventy One who have Wives and Families for the support of whom a part of Subsistence has been monthly remitted they are as you may naturally suppose very anxious to return or at least to have a mode fixed upon either for getting their Families round here, or to have the allowance continued. One of them a Serjeant Hitchcock is an absolute invalid, occasioned by the fall of a tree, when employed in making Fascines at Bassein. I doubt not but you will readily grant him permission to return.

As the time of Embarkation approaches, I beg leave to lay before you the Distress of the Officers, and Sepoy Battalion for want of money, and request you will be pleased to

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27th to give Directions for their Arrears to be cleared

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I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect,
Sir,
Your most humble and
Obedient Servant,
George Brown.
Colonel

Bombay,
21st June, 1781.

True Copies
Jas. Hartley
Dep. Secy.

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.
President and Select Committee
Honble Sir, and Sirs

With the deepest concern I find myself under the disagreeable necessity of addressing you on the subject of transferring the Company's and first Battalion of the Second Regiment of European Infantry of the Madras Establishment to your Service, a Resolution which I embrace must be of the greatest detriment to the Service in general.

When I was ordered from Madras with the Detachment to join General Goddard's Army my Instructions from the Select Committee of Madras were to proceed with all possible expedition and put myself under that immediate orders and to return with the detachment so soon as the service in which I was to be employed would admit

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27th admit Sir— This circumstance I never considered myself under the Orders of this Presidency the authority of which over me I disavow, and protest not only against their proceedings, which I deem illegal, and unconstitutional, by taking upon them an authority which is not vested in them, and thereby denying that of a Supreme Council, by whose Order and Authority that Detachment was formed, and ordered to proceed and join General Goddards Army at that time in the Guzerat country and to be first under his immediate Orders— But on the contrary expect your lending me every Assistance in your Power to enable me to return with the Detachment with which I was entrusted to the Presidency of Madras agreeable to my Instructions from which I cannot possibly deviate, as it appears that any Service and the Detachment is no longer required with the Bengal Army—

The Injury Individuals will suffer by such a Resolution taking place, although great, is but of little Consequence, but the detriment which the Madras Establishment will sustain by loosing some of its oldest Corps formed with great trouble and pains will be of such a Nature that the loss cannot be retrieved particularly at such a Crisis when the Returns of which they are mostly composed would be of the greatest advantage on the Coast

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27th

If these troops are wanted for the
Service of this settlement for any longer time,
upon an application to Genl. Stuart and
whose Corps only I acknowledge myself to be
with their Officers will I abandon upon the
Expediency being pointed out to them. Be ordered
to remain here to do duty so long as may be requisite
but if have them transported immediately to your
Coast, as what I cannot allow you to carry into Execution and which I am
persuaded upon mature deliberation you will
see the propriety of.

The hard treatment which those
Troops have undergone, should they be detained the
greater part of whom having Wives and Children, for
maintenance and support of whose Family
or the greater part of their subsistance had been
hitherto paid at Madras, will be of the greatest
detriment to the Service and the
disencouragement of the Black Soldiers of the
Establishment in the Service and performing with
cheerfulness that duty which was expected
from them finds he is oppressed and deluded
instead of being encouraged, and his necessities
attended to, will of course grow discontented
and dispirited; and more than probable take
the earliest opportunity of quitting the Service

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Whereupon Gentlemen found it to
expedient to detain this post the most Considerable
of the Detachment had been made acquainted
with your intentions and you not with to encrease
your European Establishment I should have
exerted not only my own endeavours, but got
the officers to prevail on many to have entered
your Service voluntarily, which would have been
by far a more acceptable, than those the present
which by the Ties formed by the Parents of the
being detained, contrary to their own desires
and contrary to the promise made them through
me by the Presidency of Madras, that they were
to return so soon as the occasion which they
were going, would admit of, would be avoided
I irritated at what they then [illegible] I will not take
upon me to say with what justice for real
Hardship and a Breach of the promise made
them, I fear few, if left to themselves, would
remain behind and from what I learn and what
I have been an Eye Witness to the detainers
the whole in the manner proposed will I am
apprehensive be the cause of much disgust faction
and discontent — and perhaps worse

I cannot conclude without
observing that I can not possibly acknowledge
any Authority of yours over me or any part of
the Detachment entrusted to my charge, and
that I cannot obey any orders but those
which

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27th ultimo I receive from General Goddard, under whose immediate orders only, I am placed by the Supreme Council, and the Select Committee of Madras:

I am with Respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Humble and Obedient Servant

George Brown

Colonel

Bombay June the 20th 1781

A true Copy

Ja. Hadley

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To Colonel George Brown

Commanding Officer of the Madras Detachment.

Sir,

General Goddard has laid before us your letter dated the 20th Instant.

We have considered the objections you have urged against the measure of transferring to this Establishment the European Artillery and Infantry of the Detachment under your Command, and shall only say that it is a measure justified by the strongest necessity, and that we have been impelled to it by reasons which you have not had an opportunity of being informed of, but which shall be fully explained to the Government at Fort St. George.

With respect to our Authority over the detachment under your Command, or right to give you orders, it is a point which need not

make

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27th make any part of the Question on the Present head?

We are,

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants.

W. H. D. F. G. I. M.

Bombay Castle
20th June 1781

A true Copy

Ja.s Hartley
Dep.y Sec.y

Extract of a Letter from his Excellency Sir Robert Ainslie Embassador at the Porte, dated Constantinople the 27th Dec.r 1780 — and received at Bussora the 3d May, 1781 —

Extract of a letter from Sir Robert Ainslie —

I must refer you to my last Letter dated the 23d Ultimo, which from Mr. Consul Abbott's accounts must have reached you ere now. On the 5th Instant only I received his Majesty's 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 11th Instant, we had then taken three men of War of 80, 64 and 60 Guns, with two outward bound East Indiamen, and nigh three hundred other Ships — Affairs in America wear 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

fall

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27th full conviction that their Alliance with his Majesty's
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 have almost been destroyed by a
hurricane — Our Fleets have come Tolerably well
and have a clear Superiority in those Seas — I
was too much hurried to enter upon business by
last occasion, since which I to my great disappointment
none has offered which could be trusted.

A True Copy
Jas. Hartley
Dep. Secty. —

Bussora 9th May 1781
A true Extract
Samuel Manesty

To the Honble William Hornby Esqre
President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Gentlemen

Mr. Williams, Town Mayor of
Bombay, by a letter he has done me the honor of writing,
gives me to understand that it is your Intention I
should Embark on the Pondborne by the way of China,
I dare Gentlemen take upon me to observe that no
Officer of the Garrison of Pondecherry, has from Madras
been sent by that route it is even contrary to the
Capitulation of Pondecherry — Permit then Gentlemen
of my protesting against this Embarkation for if
ever at Madras it had been intended that we
should go by China, where then was the necessity
of our being sent to Bombay, to return thus

a/ From Col. Despinette

To

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27th to Madras and from thence to embark for China, is the means of our being kept for ever at Sea - The most direct Channel is that which the Articles of our Capitulation prescribe and I have claim a right to the same, on the name of his most Christian Majesty.

I beg Gentlemen you will pay some regard to our situation - We are four Officers of the Pondicherry Regiment viz^{t} -

Mr D, Epinette Lieut^{t} Colonel,
Mr Antest Captain,
Mr Damp - Lieutenant,
Mr Blandeau Ensign.

The rest of these Gentlemen were of the Garrison of Mahee - I have the honor of addressing this Letter to you with all the Respect I owe you, and an Answer to it is necessary for the Justification of my Conduct to the french Minister.

I am with Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obed^{t} Hum^{ble} S^{a} &c^{a}
D'Espinette

To Lieut^{t} Colonel D'Espinette
Sir,

We have been favored with your letter without a date, and beg leave to acquaint you in reply, that it is by no means our intention or wish

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27th wish to keep you longer at Sea than is unavoidable. It is not in our Power to furnish a direct Conveyance from hence to Europe, and we have therefore judged it best to send you to Madras as a Measure that will tend to expedite your passage, as more frequent and early opportunities will offer from thence.

We beg further to acquaint you that your Suite can be provided with a passage on the Ship that now tenders this Letter, extends no further than to convey you to Fort St George, you will then be under the direction of that Government, with whom it will rest to determine by what route you are to pursue the remainder of your passage.

We have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
William Hornby
Daniel Draper
Thomas Goddard
John Hatsey

Bombay Castle
26 June 1781

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President and Governor etca Select Committee

Sir and Gentlemen

I yesterday received the Letter you have done me the honor of writing, relative to our embarking

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27th embarking for Madrass and we shall strictly conform to your orders regarding the same—May it Gentlemen beg you will give orders for our having immediate permission to disembark as soon as we reach Madrass, and may I further request you granting me a certificate to the purport that the Officers of the Pondicherry regiment during their stay at Bombay have not received their Diet money, and that on writing to them you will do request of the Committee at Madrass to permit us to remain there until an opportunity shall offer for our going to Europe.

I have &c. &c.

Col. Lapointe,

Pons Esqrs

Sat. Hartley

Dep. Secy

The following is the Destribution of the Officers and Sepoys Batt.n as they are to embark on the Duke of Portland Pons borne, and Contractor, Tindamen.

Duke of Portland Contractor — Pons borne

Colonel Brown	6	Major Scart	1	Capt Mackay	6
Lieut Oliver	3	Ensign Byrne	1	Lieut Gott	2
Ensign Howe	2	Mr Rankin	2	Lucas	2
Capt Sheckata	4	Capt Yer	4	Mr Addenton	6
Ensign Gomond	1	" Leeche	3	Dep Commissary	2
Mr Turing	4	Lieut Braunecker	1	Contractor	1