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27th Duke of Portland Contractor — Ponsborne

Sub Assistant — 1 — Gibbins — " — Lieut Hagan — 2

Mr Sewed — 6 — Ensign M.Intosh 1 — Carlisle — 2

Capt. Clarke — 3 — " — Forbes — 2 — Rutledge — 2

Capt. Walker — 4 — " — Parley — 2 — Capt. Durand — 3

Lieut Taylor — 2 — " — Atkenson 2 — " — Dewar — 4

— " — Abbot — " — " — Busted — 2 — Scowler — 3

— " — Read — 4 — " — Carey — 2 — " — M.Leod — 3

— " — M.Pherson — " — " — Wann — " — Lieut Wright — 2

Ensign Gibbins — 2 — " — Hall — 2 — " — Beale — 2

Two Draughtsmen — " — Helasse — 1 — Ensign Stevens

— " — Harding — 1 — " — Smale

— " — Bannerman 1

Number of Servants	46	25	48
Sergeants	3	2	2
Commandant	"	"	1
Serbedars	3	2	2
Jemedars	4	3	3
Havaldars	16	16	16
Naigues	15	15	15
Drummers	4	4	4
Boatmen	4	3	3
Sepoys	160	180	150
Total	250	250	250

George Brown
Colonel

True Copy
Thomas Goddard
Brigadier General

Sal. Hadley
Sep. Secy

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Account of 21st Monthly Allowances paid at Bombay to the following French Officers which has been made good to the end of June, 1781 —

account of Allowance to the French Officers at Bombay	Monsieur D'Espinette Lieut. Colonel	175..	2.. —
	Monsieur Deruft Lieutenant	65..	2..
	Monsieur Plaideux Ensign	34	2..
	Monsieur D'Imagre Volunteer	30	— —
	Monsieur La Motte Lieutenant	60	— —
	Monsieur Dureux Do	60	— —
	Monsieur Boucher Do	60	— —
	Monsieur Laval Civilian Do	60	— —
	Monsieur Duval Do	60	— —
	Monsieur Gilbert Do	60	— —
	Monsieur Boudoison Do	60	— —
	One Private Soldier	8	— —
	Rupees	756..	— —

Robert Sparks
Land Paymaster

A True Copy
Jas. Hartley
Dep Secty

Extract of a letter from John Abbott Esqr
His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Alleppo,
dated 14th of May 1781 received the 9th June following

Thus by way of Bagdat is to inform
you that John Sullivan Esqr was at Constantinople,

and

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Extract of a Letter from John Elbee Esqr Aleppo —

27th and about to set out the 28th April by way of Diarbeker and Bagdat, I have a Letter from the Court of Directors which mentions his having a Packet for you and for India

We received Yesterday Evening the Agreeable News of Admiral Rodney having taken the Dutch Islands of St. Eustatia and St. Martins on the 3d of February, and 200 Ships of the Enemy's there, 1 Sixty Gun & 1 Thirty eight Gun Dutch Men of War, with immence property, Valued at three Millions Sterling.

It is imagined a General Peace will soon take Place, the Emperor of Germany and Empress of Russia are mediators.

Commodore Johnstone sailed from Portsmouth the 13th March with thirteen Indiamen, outward bound, under his Convoy; and the Grand Fleet of about 30 Ships of the line commanded by Admiral Darby with Succours for Gibraltar, sailed the same day, so we may soon hear of an engagement with the Spanish Fleet near that Fortress.

Basora
9th June 1781

Bombay Castle
11th July 1781

A true Copy
(signed) Samuel Manesty

A true Copy
Sam. Hatley
Sec. Secy.

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27th List of French Officers from Pondicherry and Mahé embarked on the Pondborne, Duke of Portland and Contractor

List of French Officers embarked

Monsieur D'Espinette Lt Col by Brevet
Monsieur Durey — Lieutenant
Monsieur Rondeau — Ensign
Monsieur La Meurer, Draftsman
Monsieur D'Sougre, Volunteer
} from Pondicherry Per Pondborne

Monsieur La Motte, Lieutenant
Monsieur Dureux — Do —
Monsieur Bourbon — Do —
} from Mahé Per Contractor

Monsieur Laval
Monsieur Dunn — Lieutenant — from Mahé
Monsieur Gilbert — from Mahé
Monsieur Boisdeson
} Per Duke of Portland

And one private Soldier from Pondicherry

Thomas Williams
Town Major

A true Copy

Sal. Hartley
Sep. Secty

Stephen Sulivan Esqr. Secretary

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Select Committee to acquaint you that Capt. Sutton Commander of the Duke of Portland is indebted to the Company on the Sum of Pags 00.2.09 for Provisions put on board for the Lascars, which I send

&c

Fort St. George July 1781

24th be discharged before he is entitled to payment
of the certificate granted him.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Edwd Ravenscroft
Secy

Bombay
12th July 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqre
President and Governor &c Council at
Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

Our last Letter dated the 3d Instant
has been already delivered in Triplicate to the Commanders
of the Duke of Portland, Pembroke and Contractor and
another Transcript is now enclosed.

Messrs Paul Benfield and Gilbert
Slow arrived here from England by the way of Bussora
on the 7th Instant charged with dispatches to your
Presidency. We have therefore furnished them with
the Panther Snow one of our Cruizers to convey them
to Mocha and take the Opportunity to transmit
to you a Packet from the Honble Company to your
Address which had been opened at Bussora agreeable
to the Directions contained on the Superscription.

The Ships not having yet
been able to work out of the harbour and the
Season being late, We have given Discretional Orders
to the Commanders to make the best of their way

to

From Bombay transmit a Packet from England.

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27th List of French Officers from Pondicherry and Make embarked on the Pondborne, Duke of Portland and Contractor

List of French Officers embarked

Monsieur D'Espinette Lt Col by Brevet
Monsieur Durup — Lieutenant
Monsieur Plaideux — Ensign
Monsieur La Mesnee, Draftsman
Monsieur D'Imagre, Volunteer
} from Pondicherry Per Pondborne

Monsieur La Motte, Lieutenant
Monsieur Dureux — Do —
Monsieur Bonbon — Do —
} from Make Per Contractor

Monsieur Laval
Monsieur Duval
Monsieur Gilbert
Monsieur Boisdeson
} Volunteers from Make — Per Duke of Portland

And one private Soldier from Pondichery

Thomas Williams
Town Major

A true Copy

Jas. Hartley
Dep. Sec.y

Stephen Sullivan Esq.re Secretary

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble the Select Committee to acquaint you that Capt.n Sutton Commander of the Duke of Portland is indebted to the Company in the Sum of Pag.s 8009.09 for provisions put on board for the Sepoys, which should

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24th be discharged before he is entitled to payment
of the certificate granted him.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Edwd Ravenscroft
Lt & J

Castle Bombay
12th July 1781

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqre
President and Governor &c Council at
Fort St George.

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to Madras and take the Opportunity to transmit
to you a Packet from the Honble Company to your
address which had been opened at Bussora agreeable
to the Directions contained on the Superscription

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been able to work out of the harbour and the
season being late, We have given Discretionall orders
to the Commanders to make the best of their way

to

From Bombay. transmit a Packet from England.

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27th to Madras singly, in case the 3 Ships should not be able to clear the Port together

The Commander of the Panther is directed to return to Bombay after landing Mess.rs Benfield and Seton

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
William Hornby
Daniel Draper
Thomas Goddard
John Halsey
Thomas Day
John Gostelloe
Robert Sparke

Bombay Castle
10th July, 1781

P.S. We have the pleasure of enclosing an Extract of Intelligence from Bussora since the departure of Messrs. Benfield and Seton from thence —

Received the following Letter from
Brigadier General Goddard,

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqre
President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

I have the honor to address you

Lieut. Brig. Genl. Goddard advising of the detention of the Madras Europeans at Bombay.

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27th you by the opportunity of the Ships which carry moved the Officers of the Detachment from your Presidency furnished for the service of the War on this Coast, and the Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys, and beg leave to return you my sincere and unfeigned thanks for the essential Benefits derived to the public cause and the operations conducted by me from the aid and services of your Troops, during the late campaign against the Mahratta State. Permit me to express my entire satisfaction with the conduct and Spirit of Lieut.t Colonel Brown and the whole of the Officers and men composing his detachment on every occasion that called them forth, and while I take upon me to recommend them wherever to you in the strongest manner, to hope that you will be pleased in consequence of it, to honor them with particular Marks of your favor and Approbation.

It is with the sincerest Concern I have to acquaint you with the measure on which I have been, tho reluctantly, compelled to acquiesce from considerations of the strongest and most unavoidable necessity of returning the European non Commissioned and private of your Detachment at this Presidency, either till their Services on this coast Can be dispensed with, or till they can be replaced by an equal number from the Bombay Establishment —

As the reasons which have produced this Resolution, are fully explained to you, in the advices

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27th advices from this Government, which accompany the present address, and to which I have myself subscribed, it is unnecessary to trouble you with a repetition of them here, and I trust your sentiments will coincide with and on this occasion and that you will believe nothing but the fullest conviction of its indispensible necessity could have induced me to give my concurrence to a measure, to which from the Exigency of the case it was impossible any reference could have been previously made to your Government

It is needless to remind you to you the difficulties which must unavoidably have arose, in proceeding forth for the payment of the Arrears due to your troops.

Every possible exertion has been made on my part to satisfy their demands and to remove the inconveniences which the Officers in particular must have been subjected to on account of the advanced price of every article of life on this side of India, and the Debts they were in consequence obliged to contract, and I am happy to tell you that my endeavors have succeeded and that I have been able partly in Specie and by the means of Credits at this place to supply them with four Lacks of Rupees, which will I conceive be sufficient to clear them off to the end of June. The early departure of the Detachment rendering it impossible for

The

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27th the Paymaster to complete his accounts previous
to leaving Bombay, I must beg leave to refe
him to you with particulars of his late Disburse-
ments and have the Honor to be with the greatest
Respect,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
Thomas Goddard.

Bombay —
July 5th 1781

Received the following letters from
Colonel Pearse —

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Late last night I received word
that the Nawab's troops refused to go, unless permitted to
return and get their necessaries, their pay they knew
I had got, therefore I knew it was only an excuse
to avoid going — I shall get as many as I can, but
Troops like the Nawab's are really only an useless
incumbrance to a state, and an expence without
end, the sooner therefore they are taken into the
Company's Service entirely the better, they may
become Soldiers then, at present they are only armed
Peons, nicknamed Seapoys, to make a show on paper.
This disappointment succeeds disappointment, when
it will end I cannot say, but I feel it day and
night, and suffer beyond the power to describe.
I shall conform to your instructions about the

route

Poona Col Pearse
the Nabob's troops refuse
to march the Venkatajee
then Raja wanting
to join him

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27th route as nearly as I can, my own opinion about it was the same as my letters if received will shew you. I shall march tonight, all being now so forward that we shall be quite ready at that time. The Elephant is retaken by means of the Poligars of the Jungles, to whom I sent to stop it. The Vencatigeeree Rajah has had blows with Lallah, and is in his jungles waiting to join me at Rainket. I hear the Kalastry Rajah has joined the General, and that Lallah has destroyed his Country in Consequence.

I am,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
L. S. Pearse, Col

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
Governor &c. Madras.

My Lord.

From Col. Pearse, concerning his Mant. — the Circar Battalion &c.

Late last night I was made superlatively happy by the receipt of your letter and Sir Eyre Coote's, more especially as it further assured me I had so conducted myself as to meet his approbation. I marched this morning. I shall be at Carrawarree the day after tomorrow, and the next day I think I shall enter the Island, where all my cares will end, for there my Convoy will

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27th will be in security —

I have left the Nawabs troops and the eleventh Battalion, the 24 Pounders, and all sick not able to march, neverthe less the Convoy is horribly weighty, and I shall rejoice extremely to get rid of it —

I have taken the Europeans — They got stores from Masulipatam, made up necessaries after I sent them back, and are able to march.

I hear Hyder has threatned to cut off Lallah's head, and have therefore wrote to the Vencatagerree Rajah, who still resolves to join me, that if Lallah has a mind to come over, I will receive him and his forces, and if he brings treasure or Jewels they shall be secured, neither will I touch them, nor shall anyone else. I was lost to this from seeing that the villages in our route are not hurt, which therefore indicates good will to us.

I hope I have not stipulated too much, it appears to me so desireable to spread the thirst of Desertion amongst his army, that if once it can be begun, Hyder will moulder to nothing in a Month.

I shall march close to the sea all the way, and hope to have more particular orders about the Convoy.

You will, I believe get Bullocks enough

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27th enough, but you must provide them, for we shall hardly have any when we arrive: daily they go off in great numbers, nor can I prevent it.

The Circar Battalions are deserting daily 60. or 80 since they set off, as many when we set out before, so that they will be Skeletons when we reach Palicat.

I am,
My Lord,
with great Respect,
Your most obedient
and most humble Servant,
F. D. Braithwaite Colo

Abkarcachum Chetter.
24th July 1781

(pared)

time would not admit of writing it over fair.

+ Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Cuddalore with intelligence respecting the Enemy.

I have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship, that yesterday Evening the Ship Seaton, Captain Williams, anchored in the Road with Rice from Madras for the use of the Army; which I have ordered to be immediately landed, and have in consequence wrote to Sir Eyre Coote, to know his Commands respecting it. No Invoice or Letters are come with it — The Effex which came in Company with the above Ship was detained together with the

Ditto wrote

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27th the Packets by Captain Murray of the Intelligence lying somewhat to the Northward of Pulicat.

I was favored with a Letter from Sir Eyre Coote of the 19th Instant from Cavengoly, where he had arrived after three long marches, and meant to rest some time there; I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that our Troops were in the highest Spirits, and from the Skirmishes report, I learn that the Enemy began to be greatly distressed for Rice.

All communication between this place and Vellore is totally cut off; two Shroffs that I dispatched the 2d Instant with a letter to Colonel Lang, giving him an account of the Victory gained over Hyder the 1st Instant, returned here two days ago, after having been taken by One Hogg, a Commander of some Horse, within seven miles this side of Vellore, and being deprived of their Cowries verbally treated on delivering the Letter which was found on one of them; orders were given for hanging them on a Tree; but on further Consideration they thought best to send them back to tell the Story threatening them with death if they were found acting against us Spies. These people being from the above circumstance rendered incapable of Serving again in that Capacity, have applied to me to be pensioned, which I submit to your Lordship.

I have not heard for some time from the Admiral, but expect daily, by return of the Hibernia Captain Greaves.

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27th

I have the honor to remain
very respectfully
My Lord,
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant
C B Lent

Cuddalore
25, July, 1781.

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

My Lord and Sirs,

From Pulicat crossing boats for the Bengal Detachment

By an Hircar passing from the Northward yesterday I learnt that Col. Pearse was on his march and for fear he should be at the River and detained there for want of boats, I sent away last night fourteen Masula boats, 20 small ones, and 20 Catamarans, which I should imagine sufficient to bring Colonel Pearse's Army over the River in two days, I have given the boat men some money, and eight days provisions with them with word and Water for that time, with orders not to go into the River till they were ordered by Col. Pearse but to lay outside the stuff in deep water by which means they will be ready at a Moments warning - I have wrote Colonel Pearse four letters upon this business of the boats, and requested he would let me know what time he would be at the River, but I have never been favored with an Answer.

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

Pulicat
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27th

Lord Macartney, Governor,

My Lord,

An Hircar is just come from Goonerapoondy with information of the arrival of Tippoo Saib's Force at that place at three o'clock this morning.

I have the honor to be,
Your Lordships,
obedient Servant
H. D. Hardeng.

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Poondamalee
27th July 10. Clock AM.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr. Governor General

Honble Sir,

On sunday morning eighth Instant Abba Pundit Commander of the Detachment of Berar Cavalry sent on this Vackeel from Pooty with your letter to me dated 28th April last, upon which I immediately wrote a complimentary letter and sent the Fort adjutant to conduct the Mahratta Chief either directly to the Fort, or to the Place I had allotted for his encampment, he chose to proceed to his ground and encamped upon the banks of the River, where I ordered all necessary supplies.

This forenoon Abba Pundit accompanied by his Principal People paid me a visit, and I received him with all suitable attention. After the formal Ceremonies had passed

Abba

Copies of two letters written by the Governor General concerning the Berar Cavalry by the Resident at Goorgaum

The following was enclosed in Mr Goring's letter

Honble Sir,

I have had several messages from Abba Pundit desiring an advance of money to satisfy his People although no more than not paid, and I hear only of 80 Horse being arrived at Mahoula and

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and 100 at Juggernaut so that it could not be known where the rest of the Thousand came & be convey from Cuttack will be directed to meet them to proceed on any service.

If Rajah Ram Pundit actually found 70 thousand Rupees which he thinks he can procure to reach the Pagoda until they joined Colonel Pearse or attend us themselves extraordinary they should already be in any distress - however such other mode or proceeding as I believe I shall be obliged to pay Abba Pundit some money to buy him together who are arrived within the rest of the Detachment join me and in the interim I hope to be favored with your Instructions

I am very respectfully

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

12 July 81 humble Servant

A Sombay

John Irving

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2d Abba Pundit desired to speak in private when he told me Rajah ram Pundit had agreed with you to furnish 2 thousand Horse, to go upon service to join Colonel Pearse, who were to be paid one Lack of Rupees per month, in lieu of every charge and in consequence he Abba Pundit was now arrived at Ganjam with between 3 and 400 Horse and that he is to be joined in a few days by 6 or 700 more, that 70 thousand Rupees had been advanced to Hiproogy by Rajah ram Pundit at Cuttack, which is all expended, and Abba Pundit told me he cannot proceed unless I pay him 25 thousand Rupees at Ganjam, and agree to his receiving 25 thousand rupees at Vizagapatam, and twenty five thousand Rupees at Masulipatam, that he expects Rajah Chimmagee Baboo will send some Horse from Nagpore, and he hopes to make up the number 2000 before he joins Colonel Pearse,

I could not help expressing any surprize at Abba Pundit's demands. I told him you had ordered, and I was ready to afford him every assistance to facilitate his March, but that you had not given me directions to pay him any money, and that I could not comply with his requisition without your particular instructions. Abba Pundit told me very plainly he must wait your answer as he cannot March without receiving money here, and assurances of getting supplies

at

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27th at other places.

Had you made any —
Stipulations or intended particular sums should
be paid to the Mahratta Chief as he marched
through the Circars, I have not a doubt you
would have given previous directions — the treasury
at this factory is at present very low, and I have
orders which I believe are general to Vizagapatam
and Masulipatam, to use my utmost exertions
to send every rupee that can be collected to
the Presidency by his Majesty's Sloop Nymph.
Nevertheless if you are pleased
to authorize and direct me to pay any particular
sum of money to Abba Pundit, I shall obey
your orders as far as the State of my finances
will admit. —

I do not believe all the
Pundits people will be collected for several
days, therefore I request a speedy answer that
as little time may be lost as possible.

I did all I could to urge
Abba Pundit to proceed, assuring him your
answer would be received before he could reach
Vizenagram, and that I would faithfully
execute your commands, but he seems determined
not to stir without receiving money. He acknowledges
to me Rajah ram Pundit thought 70 thousand
Rupees would be sufficient to serve till he
joined Colonel Peare, but now he hears the
Bengal Detachment was well advanced towards
Guadavaja

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27th Madrass he could not venture to proceed without the certainty of receiving at least six weeks pay.

I am very respectfully,
Your very obedient
humble Servant,
A true Copy
John Gurney.

Ganjam
10th July 1781

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Madelsholan
Policatt Ceylon

Having received intelligence yesterday from Mr. Hamilton that War was declared against Holland, that Sadras and Pulicat were taken, and that Captain Lysaght was gone to Jaggernaporam, I without loss of time proceeded to Policole, and summoned the Dutch Chief to deliver up the Factory.

I have the honor to enclose to your Lordship &c. a copy of the Convention agreed upon by me, on the part of the English East India Company, and G. Van Haeften Chief of Policole and I. I. Vanequid de Jan second, on the Part of the Netherlands Company, which I hope will meet with your Lordships &c. Approbation. Enclosed also I have the honor to transmit a copy of the Parole signed by the other Dutch Servants belonging

to

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27th to the Factory of Pulicate. An inventory of the Property belonging to the Netherlands Company is making out, and shall be transmitted the moment it is finished.

I have the honor to be with perfect Respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant,

William Duff.

Madapollam,
15th July, 1781.

Copy of the Capitulation of Pulicate

Copy of a Convention between William Duff Resident at Maddepollam on the Part of the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, and G. Van Haften and J. F. Variguet de Jan on the part of the Netherlands Company for the Factory of Pulicate and its dependancees.

First — All the Dutch Gentlemen who are in the Netherlands Company's Service shall be Prisoners of War and admitted upon their Parole, that they shall not serve directly or indirectly against the King of Great Britain, his subjects, or Allies until the pleasure of the Honble the President and Members of the Select Committee of Fort St. George be known regarding them.

Secondly, The Netherlands Company's Servants, as well the Inhabitants shall be protected in their possessions and Effects moveable and immoveable.

as

Thirdly — All property and Part of Government belonging

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27th belonging to the Netherlands Company, and hereafter with the Country Powers of whatever Nation or Country shall be faithfully given up.

Signed on the part of the United English East India Company at Policole the 14th July, 1781

(signed) William Duff

Signed on the part of the Netherlands Company at Policole the 14th July 1781

(signed) G. V. Hasten.

J. H. Vanquet de Jan.

We the underwritten do Ratify and confirm every part of this agreement and hold ourselves bound for a due performance of it.

Policole
14th July 1781

(signed) G. V. Hasten.

J. H. Vanquet de Jan.

Terms of the Parole signed by the Dutch of Policole

We F. Nurenburg and J. H. Schluphaken Servants of the Netherlands Company are admitted Prisoners of War upon their parole, hereunto saying that they will not serve directly or indirectly against the King of Great Britain, his subjects or Allies, until the pleasure of the Honble the President &c. Members of the Select Committee of Fort St. George is known regarding them.

Policole
14th July 1781

(signed) F. Nurenburg

J. H. Schluphagen

28. Received the following letter from Mr. Sutton of the

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B
28th
President, and Governor &c. Select Committee
at Fort St. George.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the Auditor of accounts concerning Mr Peters Accounts

First — I have received from the Deputy Secretary an Extract of the minutes of the 7th June last, directing me to examine Mr James Peters's accounts, and make my Report to your Lordship &c. in Consequence of which I beg leave to represent that I conceive Mr Peters was not entitled to draw any Batta for the Month of May, as I understand upon enquiry that he arrived here the 29th April last when his Batta ought to have ceased

Second — Mr Peters not having furnished your Lordship &c. with any Vouchers in support of the Charges mentioned in his Abstract, nor sent any returns of the sick as is ordered by the Regulations Page 64, I thought it my duty to call upon him for them, his answer, I enclose, by which your Lordship &c. will perceive, that he declines sending them to me — I cannot therefore with propriety judge whether his Charges for Hospital disbursements and Servants wages should be admitted.

Third — The Charge for the House Rent during the time Mr Peters was absent from the Presidency on Service ought not to be paid — whenever Troops are on full Batta it implies the being on actual Service — Full Batta therefore

and

St. George
July 1781

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28th and House Rent can never be paid at the same time.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
W. Jackson
Secretary of Records

Received the following Letter.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Sir Edward Hughes acknowledging the Services of Captain Gowanney of the Hibernia.

Captain Gowanway of the Snow Hibernia having at this time requested of me to signify to You the Services on which he had been employed to His Majesty's Squadron under my Command from Your Presidency, in Justice to him I have to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter dated the 25th January last from the Select Committee of Fort St. George, with the information of a French Squadron being arrived on that Coast, which I received on the 11th March following at Bombay, and that he received my Dispatches for the Select Committee of Fort St. George and for Sir Eyre Coote dated the 4th of the 3d of April following, with which he proceeded to Madrass

I have the honor to be

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28th with great Respect and Regard,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Edward Hughes.

Superb in Trangue bar Road,
The 25th July 1781

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I received the honor of your
Letter of the 27th last Month, on the 22d. of this by
the Hibernia in which You are pleased to announce
to me the arrival of a new Governor to your Presidency
and the Commencement of Hostilities between
England and the States General —

On the first of these Events I
most sincerely felicitate every Servant of the
Company's, as well as the Presidency in general,
the second calls on us all for a vigorous and
mutual exertion of every power we are possessed
of to depress this new Foe, in doing which you
may depend on my ready co-operation with
you in all measures consistent with the Service
to which the Squadron under my Command is
more particularly destined

I am concerned to find the
Enemy have been so daring as to send a Privateer

or

From Sir E. Hughes with Assurances of his disposition to cooperate in the prosecution of the War.

vigor.

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28th or Privateer on the Coast at this time but as they are aware of the situation of the Squadron and the necessity there is of its keeping a windward Station it is not much to be wondered at I am however in good hopes that the expected reinforcements to the Squadron will Contain a number of small Ships of force sufficient to clear the Coast of every vessel of that kind and I have the honor to be with Great Regard and Esteem

Superb on Trancquebar Roads
the 25th July 1781

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Edward Hughes

The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Governor and Gentlemen of the
Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have now to lay before your
Formal Paper Clipsen Enclosing the Rank

the particulars of my grievance and hardship of my present
situation which unavoidably subjects me to the
greatest distress and inconvenience as you will
perceive by the following circumstances — I was
appointed to Command the Artillery to March in
January 1778 with rank as Major for that
Service only and on my return from that
Expedition Lieut Colonel Heme on the 16th of
March 1779 had vacated the Majority of the
Artillery in December following I was appointed

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appointed to the duty of Lieut Colonel Stone on
Majors pay and have been constantly on service
ever since and acted as Field Officer under the
Command of Lord McLeod in July 1780 doing
duty with his Majestys Field Officers Commanders
also the Captains of his Majestys 73d Regiment
the Youngest Captain of which Commands the
Eldest of the Companys; and further under
the Command of General Munro, have been
acknowledged to Rank as Major, he having given
me his warrant under that denomination to
sit President of a General Court Martial therefore
after the date of such warrant no inferior
Rank can be acknowledged by me

But these matters My Lord
and Gentlemen are even out of the Question from
the Mode and precedent of the Honorable Compys
Service being more strongly in my favor

When Infantry Officers have gone home
on Liberty their places have been filled up and
their Rank given those Officers who acted in their
places, tho' not the emoluments, But on its being
known that they were not returning, after two
Years the continuance of Rank remained, with the
Pay and emoluments, and this was the Case with
with Lieut Colonels Billingham and Bompas
Colonel Horne My Lord
and Gentlemen is now signified to you as having
been appointed to the Infantry, of course the
Majority of Artillery has been vacated from the

time

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28th time Lieut Colonel Horne departed his duty and I who filled his place am entitled to rank from such date, and which I hope now you will please to grant me from the 25th March 1779 or otherways you Lay me under many inconveniencies such as being Commanded by Junior Officers of the Bengal detachment with whom I have lived on a superior degree of Rank; and at present Captain Elliot of the Bengal artillery was promoted as Major who think he has a Right to supercede me and who acted under me in the Bengal Service

That is a Hardship too severe to reconcile as I might hope for my Right after giving satisfaction to the Commander in Chief in my large Command of Artillery with which my Allowances has not been sufficient to support the expences of the Field

But My Lord and Gentlemen as Colonel James, is on the verge of going to Europe and at present unfit for Field duty the commanding for the date of a Majors Commission I hope will be dispensed with and that the Honorable Court Committee will consider my Command with an appointment of Lieutenant Colonel

As this is the confined Rank of the Officer of Artillery, I beg leave to observe that Rank by vacancy of Corps can never be deemed supercession by any Infantry Officer whatever

I

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I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

Charles Clifton Major

doing duty as Lieutenant Colonel

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor of

Fort St George

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose
you a duplicate of my last the Hibernia Captain
Greenaway, charged with the Admirals dispatches
for Madras, Arrived here last night from whom I
was informed that the Squadron are watering at
Tranquebar. On board the Hibernia 9th Passengers
Captain Pocock and Mr Richard Gay, a Covt
Servant of this Establishment

Drowned Ens. Dent,
the Garrison of Cuddalore
in want of money
with intelligence
of the Enemy.

The Greenaway will be unloaded
this Evening and is to proceed to Bombay tomorrow
Since the Army left us there
is but little appearance of War in this Quarter
and Provisions are daily bringing in from the
Inhabitants of the Villages in the Neighbourhood
of this Place

Dent

As we are in very great want
of money for the payment of this Garrison those
resources from which we were before supplied having
failed us for some time past, I flatter myself your
Lordship

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Lordship will be pleased to order a supply of Cash to be sent hither for that purpose. Our Monthly Military Disbursements including the Fortifications carrying on is from 6 to 7000 Pagodas p Month; the Civil List are several Months in Arrears

Two Hircarrahs are this Instant arrived from Cavirypatty, who inform me that Our Army marched from thence to Chungleput the 23d Instant, and that their march was impeded somewhat by the Enemy who had assembled to the Number of 10,000 Horse and some Cannon and that they fired a number of Shot & threw a number of Rockets, but were dispersed by a quick Cannonade, tho' still kept following the Army. Hyder is moved from Arcot to a place called Acherwakum 15 miles to the Westward of Chungleput, and it is reported he means also to follow the Army and to send 400 Horse to Pondicherry

I have the honor to remain
with Respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordships most Obedient,
humble Servant,
E. B. Dent

Cuddalore
27 July 1781

29th Received the following Letters

My Lord

Permit me to renew my request

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From Lt Harding applies for another officer —

29th of having an Officer sent to replace Mr Goodsman, now at Madras upon your Lordship is pleased to consider this post of the greatest Consequence and the honor you have done me in wishing I should remain here has prevented my application to the General to serve with the Army — The farther North the army moves renders this Post the more exposed and I have the greatest Reason to believe some Stroke will shortly be made in that quarter which induces me to request an Officer being sent me — Report still prevails that Hyder means to send an Army this way and that he is now on the Ground where he defeated Colonel Baillie, as there is a likelyhood of the communication being cut off between this and Madras soon — I wish to have money sent to pay the Europeans for August and the Seapoys for July — I've expended all my own money on the Fortifications

I have the honor to be,

Your Lordship's,

28 July 9 o'Clock P.M.

Obedient Servant.

H D Harding.

My Lord —

A trumpeter from Tippoo Sahib

From & with intelligence —

Army came to me this Evening he informs Tippoo has moved 6 miles North of Bonapoleum on his way to oppose the Bengal Army. His force 12000 Horse 1000 foot 10 guns & French Officers *

* I am this moment about informing the General

I am My Lord

Your Lordship's obedient Servant

H D Harding

7 o'Clock 26th

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29th

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

My Lord and Sirs

Gnon Lt Smith the Bengal Army arrives to the Southward of Devanapatnam

Agreeable to your Orders through the Gnon Nayor I have had a Sloop to the Rice going on board the Dutch Prize and am now taking that out which was on her and before any more is shifted off shall wait your orders I sent away the day before yesterday a Prize Snow with one thousand bags & In Consequence of a letter received from Colonel Pearse that morning I have sent to call back all the boats from the Northward the Bengal Army arrived to day a little to the Southward of Devanapatnam And I am informed by a Black man who came from Chickery cotah that Tippoo Saheb was very near that place

I am
My Lord and Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servant
George Smith

Pulicat
July 28th 1781

30th Received the following Letter from Colonel Pearse

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor of Madras
Honble Sir

From Col Pearse on his march to Pulicat

The day after tomorrow I shall enter the Island and proceed as fast as possible to Today I hear that Hyder is gone Arcot and Tippoo Saheb to Jour Lallah and that Sir Eyre Coote is at Conjeveram

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30th Chengleput — The Rains have afforded us plenty of water and Grass I received the Duplicate of your Letter and Sir Eyre's late last night the Originals reached me the day before as I told you Yesterday

I am with the

greatest Respect

My Lord

Your most obedient

and most humble Servant

(signed) T D Pearse Colo

Gondoro
25th July 1781

My Lord

I am now at Pirbalo as I told

your Lo I should be. We marched 32 miles in two days

to effect it — but here even I must

Encamp on the same Tomorrow all Roads will be behind me and I shall see only one Peon to guard I do not hear of any Enemy being near me and have not seen a Horseman The Dispel arrived at Kistnapatam I was hoped, and sent word for it to follow to Durgapatam but I am 5 miles south of it The Vencatagerie Rajah sent word he will be at Durgapatam in three hours I shall write again in the Evening being rather fatigued just now

I am with the greatest

Respect

My Lord

Your most obedient

and most humble Servant

T D Pearse Colo

27 July

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30 My Lord

I know not how sufficiently to express my sensibility for the very great exertions used to supply our wants tho my heavy march prevented my benefiting by them. The Brig arrived at Kottora Patam and I desired the Capitain to go to Durgrajapatam but presume he had a further Commission to execute. I presume my letters have reached you as I find the Road is open therefore conclude you have daily heard of my march and station Yesterday I told you of my having entered the Poland I brought the Maharattas two marches with me, not hearing from you about them and finding they must be fed tho I did not think it prudent to trust them, and learning that their Vakeel were coming over wet to get home I gave them 2 weeks pay, took their arms away and gave them a passport to Manulipatam and to secure their good treatment and to prevent their doing harm I desired Captain Paterson to send a small party with them to Ongole and that it might be relieved there by a like Party to Proceed to Manulipatam – the next day your Lordships letter concerning them came with a letter for Pondee Kuttoo he was no longer with me today I was honored with your letter of the 25th with the enclosure from Sir Eyre Coote to you I have taken the most prudent method which my Intelligence provided me to be the fittest for me

From Col. Pearse, sends the Maharattas to Manulipatam.

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30th

in my Condition it is so deep a Road that we cannot proceed as rapidly as we did. It was past 4 when we got here yesterday and rear was not up till after sunset yet we marched at ½ past 5 for we could not march earlier on account of the cannon today we march at Sunrise to save the Horses and Cattle which suffered exceedingly yesterday —

I am with the greatest Respect.

My Lord

Your most Obedient humble Servant

F. D. Pearse

Pambala
28 July 1781

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord

I arrived at this place to day with infinite fatigue to every body; the desertion from my drivers will I fear leave me distressed for provisions before I reach you, tho I expected to have had 1000 loads to share the, you will get a great many Bullocks if you cannot provide Drivers at Madras, there will be little benefit from the cattle, the Venkatagiree Rajah is to join this Army I am in hourly expectation of him

From Col. Pearse
the Venkatagherri Rajah join him

I am with the greatest Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most obed. Servant

F D Pearse

Nearoor
29th July 1781

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30th Rd

add I have the extreme Pleasure to acquaint that the Vencatageree Rajah is arrived in my Camp and is just gone away from visiting me

I D Pearse

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President and Governor & Members of the Select Committee at Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your commands of the 26th and 27th June and 8th Instant with a Copy of Mr Kellow's Letter did not reach us before yesterday. The Victory over Hyder Ally has been announced to all the province as well as the arrival of Lord Macartney; and we beg leave to congratulate his Lordship on his taking Charge of the Government

Every possible attention shall be paid to your orders with respect to the conduct to be observed by us to the Zemindars and Zemindars of these Districts. We are free from every apprehension of their want of fidelity the Vezeanagaram Family alone is possessed of Power and influence to create any actual distress to our affairs in this Province but they have so uniformly adhered to the Interests of the Honble Company and by such a connection have so seperated themselves from all other Protectors that we conceive they would on any emergency devote their Services to the support of this

Down Nizapatam concerning the Zemindars of those districts Vizianagram and a Dutch Snow taken

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30th Government the state of this Province with regard to our own force and that of the Inhabitants too well known to your Lordship &c^a to render it necessary for us to remark anything on that Head — We are very replcat with thanks for the Confidence your Lordship &c^a are pleased to place in our Circumspection and sense of duty every exertion shall be made on our Parts to preserve Opinions so much to our honor and so very Indulgent to our endeavours

On hearing or reported for a fact that Hostilities had commenced against the States of the United provinces and that Sadras and Pulicat were in the possession of the English Government, We took the resolution of attacking the Dutch Settlement of Bimulipatam — Lieut Brown with three Companies of Sepoys drawn from Cossim Cotah and one Company from that Garrison was ordered on the 16th at night on that Service and took possession of the Fort yesterday morning the Garrison was summoned to surrender at discretion on which condition Private property was to be preserved and with these Terms they complied without making resistance — At the same time that the Sepoys marched We took up a Vessel in the Road Armed her with twenty European Invalids and thirty Sepoys, and directed Lieut Ruffell to go with that force and seize a Snow belonging to the Dutch Company that happened to be at Bimulipatam — That Service was also effected

with

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30th

with success - As soon as we are fully acquainted with other particulars as well as of the public property taken in the Fort Your Lordship & Co shall be made informed in due time we shall immediately proceed to demolish the Fortifications and obey other parts of the Instructions and Commands contained in the Letters of the 26th & 27th Ult. — The Chief of Bombay & Tom Mr Vaymont and Mr Dormieux the Second, desire permission to be allowed to stay in their own houses at that Place, and as we can apprehend nothing from their residence there, We request that they may be allowed that indulgence

We are with Sentiments of

Respect

Vizagapatam
18th July 1801

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
faithful humble Servants
Jas Hy Casamajor
Hy Crawford
Charles Maitone

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

My Lord

I have the honor of congratulating your Lordship on your arrival in India but I am concerned it should have happened at a time when the

from Mr Dundas
Lord Bathurst
& the detachment
to the field

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30th

the Countrey Treasury is entirely the Revenues
deranged, and our resources for supplies I suppose
almost desperate. Mr Sowdan and I left Madras
on a Deputation to this Place before your Lordship
left England; and altho I was ordered back some
considerable time since, I have been prevented from
returning by the Enemy being in possession of all
this little Kingdom, except the Fort of Tanjore
Hyder entered the Tanjore Country in March
a few days after our arrival in it and as usual
with the Maharattas and Mysoreans carried on
his devastations with Fire and Sword. The Plains and
Districts which remained unplundered he exhausted
Managers in them and levied Contributions. This
invasion added to the Sufpiness of the Rajah have
defeated the intentions of our mission; and the
Intercourse by Tappal has been so entirely shut
that we have been prevented from transmitting
our Proceedings to the Presidency. We have heard
but once from the Government these five months
and we are sometimes forty, fifty days without
having a Line from either Madras, or from the Army

Since the Coleroon has fallen,
Colonel Braithwaite has had a Detachment in the
Field which since the report of General Coote's
action with Hyder of the first July has been
augmented to a force equal to two Battalions and
four six Pounders, With these Troops he purposes
collecting Grain — opening the Communication
with the Sea and with the addition of some

heavy

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30th

heavy Guns exhibiting the Enemy by no means
the Forts and strong holds now in the possession
of the Mysoreans The Colonel expects an
augmentation of his Force from Madura by
Madura and Tinnivelly when those detachments
shall have joined him he has flattering hopes of
getting possession of the whole Country
He will also be able to furnish
me with an Escort to the Coast, and at present
of nothing unforeseen happens that I shall
be at Madras in the Course of this Month
I am respectfully

My Lord
Your Lordships
most obedient
humble Servant
Alex^r Davidson

Tanjore
4th July 1782

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose
for a Copy of a letter I have received from the
Bengal Army Engineer dated the 26th of the regiment
Bengal Army I sent General Cotte and requested him to send
it to your Lordship The Enemy have strong
holds at Achampet a large Camp at Jemalabad
but my Views proving on the night cannot
be particular

29th — 10 Clock

I have the honor to be
Your Lordships obedient Servant
H B Harding

From Lt H Harding
enclosing letter from
Bengal Army

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30th Dear Harding

I received yours yesterday

but the Man who brought it saw nothing of any

Post or Enemy on the Road so I am apt to think

you may have been deceived in that point we

marched from Nellore the 24th in the morning

and are now at this place distant about 22

miles from it, we march again tomorrow

morning and I fancy shall continue to do

so every morning, till we arrive at the Place

of our Destination, which I leave you to

Guess. Bridges with the Madras detachment

and Some Nabobs Troops and 6 Guns is a

few Coss at our front. You must excuse my

being more particular for fear of accidents

we have heard of General Coote's march and

suppose he must be by this time at Madras

about an hundred of those vagabonds offered

their Services to the Colonel and are now with

us

I am

Dear Harding

Yours Sincerely

R Sneedinan

from the Bengal Detachment to Colonel Harding with Intelligence

London
25th July 1781

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Sirs

I have the honor to transmit

you the Intelligence just now brought me from

Captain

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30th

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From Capt Smith
Worrotah taken
by Tippoo Saheb
enclosing letter
from Colonel Pearse

Tippoo Saheb's camp by one of my own
People who has been with them this week
past and it is not to be doubted. He says
that Tippoo Saheb with Meer Saheb's son
formed Latta at Worrotah and yesterday about
12 o'clock that Fort surrendered to them after
battering it a whole day. That Latta was
sent + after the pass to the Northward the
Rest of their Troops under Tippoo and Meer
Sahib's Son will not come time to day
to Come near to Pulicat. Their whole force
is 12000 Horse and 7000 Sepoys with fourteen
pieces of Cannon 9 or 10 of which he thinks
must be 18 Pounders and not less. I have
forwarded this account to Colonel Pearse
There is but one European in Tippoo Saheb's
Camp and he seems to be a man of Consequence
by keeping an elegant Palanquin all their
Artillery is worked by Black Gunners

I am
My Lord and Sirs
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
George Smith

Pulicat
July 29th 1781

PS There was in Worrotah when it surrendered
to Tippoo one large Gun and several small ones
4 Companies of Nabobs Sepoys 2000 Peons
2 European Officers and 2 Sepoys taken
Prisoners

+ immediately

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30th

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My Lord and Sirs

I just this Instant received the following words from Colonel Pearse —

Sir

I am very sorry you have had the trouble to send boats to meet me by my Letter it was I thought pretty clear that my enquiries were confined to the Pulicat river and had I needed any at Kistnapatam or else where I should have informed you of it I took a very different route on purpose to avoid Rivers and arrived here yesterday about 2 o'Clock I shall proceed this Evening towards you and shall be at Pulicat river on the 31st —

I am Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) D Pearse Colond

Enclosure in Capt. Smith's letter —

Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqre

Governor General &c Council of

Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 14th of last Month

If the accident which you mention to have prevented the Vestitune from

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To Calcutta to consign all supplies from thence to this Presidency in regard to the treaty with the Rajah of Berar an offensive rather than an offensive alliance with him recommended desiring Gunpowder may be sent

accompanying the Element can be repaired so soon as to allow her to proceed to Europe might perhaps be advisable to send her when laden to Madras in time to sail with the Governor, which we intend to dispatch in Octo. for the Joint force of those two Ships might enable them to withstand attacks which against either singly would be irresistable

The Nancy Ketch arrived at Cuddalore on the 4th Instant with Specie the Commander in Chief ordered her to come here and to deposit in our Treasury the 6 Lacks of Rupees consigned to him The Sum of 3 Lacks of Rupees intended to be sent to Masulipatam for the use of the Detachment under Colonel Pearse is also landed here and delivered to our care; as that detachment is advanced considerably to the Southward of Nellore These two bodies are likely to form very soon a junction and it may probably in future be more convenient to consign all supplies directly to the Presidency, from whence they can be sent according to the several wants and occasions for them

As you are pleased to mention that the agreement which you have concluded with the Nabob of the Carnatic was communicated to us it was no doubt your intention it should be so but the dispatch containing

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30th at least not reached us. however your letter of the 26th of last February, had conveyed to us in the fullest manner your Ideas upon that Subject

We are very glad to find by the Copy you have transmitted to us of your first Instructions to Mr Holland, that he had found the Nizam Ul Mulouk inclined to enter into a treaty with the English. In such a disposition it will not be best to be meeting towards us, but Friendship and assistance to undertake the conquest of any territory for him. In our actual situation a defensive rather than an offensive alliance appears desireable for us It might not perhaps at this time be altogether safe to discover that we have any thoughts of disposing of Countries not in our possession. Hereafter a favourable reason to believe that propositions of that tendency made at Hyderabad would soon be known at the other Courts of Hindostan and might become very prejudicial to our Interest at least we think it a very tender ground to tread upon in the present juncture — An engagement of such a nature might not be in our power to fulfil and therefore more prudent to be avoided It might involve us in new difficulties or preclude us from any other chance of removing those which now surround us. We have had the less reluctance in yielding to the force of these reflections that the Idea of

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30th Of going with the Cudapah Country for the Nizam originated at this Presidency at a time when a sacrifice of that kind was thought effectually necessary in order to detach the Nizam from his connections from Hyder Ally and was rather complied with than proposed — by your Board. We shall communicate these our sentiments to the Holland in the perfuasion that you will approve of them as more immediately adapted to our present situation and the favorable disposition of the Nizam

Under date the 12 July we advised you of the application which had been made to us by the Select Committee of Bombay for 1500 Barrels of Gunpowder & our inability to supply them with more than 700 Barrels Our Stock has diminished considerably since that time, and by Letters from the Committee of Stores We find there is a Deficiency of upwards of 2000 Barrels on the Bengal Establishment for this Year we request therefore you will be pleased to take an early opportunity of supplying us with this Article as amply as possible

We are

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Macartney &c-

Select Committee

Fort St George
30th July 1781

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30th

By the last letters from the Northward we have the pleasure to hear that the Dutch Settlements of Pulicate and Jaggernaickpore are in our possession

To Sir Edward Hughes K B

Vice Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

To Sir Edward Hughes
General Coote arrives at the Mount

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 16th Instant and return you our thanks for the Intelligence it contains

Sir Eyre Coote arrived with the Army at the Mount on the 25th Instant

Pulicate & Jaggernaickpore from Batavia

and marched from thence yesterday morning towards the Northward in that way to join to the Bengal Detachment, which we have the pleasure to inform you has reached to within 60 miles of Pulicat, and by the last letter from Colonel Pearse dated 27th Instant we have the satisfaction to learn that by taking the Road between the Lake and the Sea he is in perfect security against any attempts the Enemy may make to obstruct his March to Pulicat at which place he expected to arrive on the 31 Instant

By the last letters from the Northward we have the pleasure to hear that the Dutch Settlements of Pulicate and Jaggernaickpore are in our possession

We

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30th

We have ordered the Panther
to convey these despatches to you on her way
to Bombay.

Fort St George
30th July 1781

We are
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney &c
Select Committee

To James Daniell Esqre
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 15th and 16th
Instant addressed to the Right Honorable
President informing him that the Dutch
Settlements of Pulicat and Sadraspatam
had surrendered without opposition

The Letter from the Select
Committee to your Board dated the 8th Instant
was communicated to the Council of Captain Coxon
of the 18th Regiment who was not to
come on Shore in Consequence of the
Royal Admiral to bring a
Packet
Inclosed in the aforementioned
letter you will have received an address from
the Select Committee to the Resident at
Ingeram in Consequence of which it is
expected the two Indiamen may shortly

To Masulipatam
250 Bales to be sent
on the Grosvenor and
as great a quantity
of Rice as the Ca
brings

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30th

arrive at Masulipatam with the Bales and other Goods I am therefore directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to desire that on the arrival of these Ships at your Port you will cause all the Goods to be landed excepting only 250 Bales which are wanted to complete the Loading of the Ship Grosvenor for England and fill them up with Rice for this Place

It is considered of importance that the Grosvenor receive a full Cargo for Europe, and as the taking on board so small a number as 250 Bales will cause but little diminution in the Quantity of Rice which these Ships are capable of bringing the foregoing Plan has been resolved on in the fullest Confidence at the same time that your best Endeavors will be exerted to send all the Grain you can to the Presidency and should it so happen that you are able to procure more Tonnage than is sufficient to transport the Rice collected at Masulipatam for the use of this Settlement in that Case the Select Committee are desirous that Vessels be taken up to convey all the Bales you have ready whether of your own Investment or those landed from the Grosvenor and Royal Admiral

I am further directed to inform you that the Army under Sir Eyre Coote arrived at the Mount the 25th Instant and

moved

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30th

moved yesterday to the Northward on the way to join Colonel Pearse who in his last letter dated 28th Instant mentions the perfect security of his detachment against any attempts the Enemy might make to obstruct his march to Pulicat at which place he expects very shortly to arrive

I am with respect

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Thomas Oakes Secy

Fort St. George
30th July 1781

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have been favoured with your letter of the 3d Instant by the Enclosures thereon mentioned the immediate Return of the Panther to your Presidency pursuant to our Power dated 20th of Feby last for that purpose we refer you to our Letter on the Subject of it contains which demands our serious attention, we must therefore defer answering it to a future opportunity

A Petition has been laid before us by John De Lisle belonging to the Detachment lately returned from Pallacherry stating that his having been encouraged to procure the Fleet

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To Bombay
Bills drawn in favor of Mr De Lisle Pine and with Intelligence respecting the Army

demand

30th by the Enemy against the Fort of Tellicherry that in Consequence he had collected a considerable Quantity which he had delivered over to the Company's Storekeeper at Tellicherry and obtained his Receipt for the Same He further sets forth that owing to the scarcity of money at the time on his departure the account was not settled and begs we will order the payment of his Demand being Rupees 195 11 4 9 at the Bramtalcon bar Reference solely to your Presidency we have not judge proper to comply with his request in the exact Manner he could wish but as the demand in itself is reasonable and stands supported by the Receipt of the Storekeeper at Tellicherry we have drawn a set of bills on you in his favor for the amount

We have the pleasure to inform you that Sir Eyre Coote arrived with the Army under his Command within a few miles of this place on the 25th Instant and marched yesterday morning towards the Northward on his way to join the Bengal Detachment under Colonel Pearse which we expect will arrive at Pulicat by tomorrow Evening

By the last letters from the Northward we have the pleasure to hear that the Dutch Settlements of Policole and Jaggernaickpa or in our possession

We have ordered the Panther to deliver our dispatches to Sir Edward Hughes

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31st lying with the Squadron off Negapatam and
them to proceed without delay to your
Presidency

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient
humble servants
Macartney &c
Select Committee

31st Received the following Letters

Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose for
another letter from the Rangat Convoy this moment
but you will observe by this that I have not
neglected giving Colonel Pearse every Intelligence
I heard worthy his attention. Outacotta is in
possession of the Enemy

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient humble servant
H D Harding

From Captain Harding
enclosing Letter from the
Rangat Convoy Outacotta
taken by the Enemy

Dear Harding

I received yours of the 28th & 29th
I believe the Colonel has letters for Cuddalore
The Army moved from Cuddalore a long and most tire-
some March from 4 in the morning 'till about
eight

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night last night and will march again I believe tomorrow morning – our Guns & Cattle were all encamped and the rear Guard (which I was with) is only this minute arrived in Camp – now we can secure our baggage by having the Sea in our Flank – I think we are more than a match for Tippoo Saheb and twice the Force you mention – I am

Your sincerely
H Speedeman

Camp on the North end of Pulicat Island 28th July 1781 – 9 A.M

P.S. I have five more men of yours with me who I shall dispatch as occasion offers P.S.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

From Captain Harding with Intelligence

My Lord

About two o'clock in the Fore noon the Fort, four Camels and a number of Rocket Boys; they have thrown a few but fall short I shall have a warm Night of it I suppose I hope your Lordship received my letter this morning

I have the Honor to be
Your Lordships obedient Servant
[signed] H D Harding

Poonamalee
1 o'Clock P.M.

To the Honble Lord George Macartney

Sir

At three P.M. I received a note from Lieutenant Anderson of Cavangoly in which

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from Cadras with Intelligence of Hyder moving towards Vandewash

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he desired I would inform you of his having intelligence that Hyder's Army marches tomorrow morning, but whether for Arnagoly or Vandewash is Uncertain

I am Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

F. P. Cy Engineers

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &ca Select Committee

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My Lord and Sirs

from Captain Smith with Intelligence

Another of my Spies is just come in from Sephoo Sahebs Camp with exactly or nearly the same Story as was brought me Yesterday, with this addition that the Enemy was prepared and ready to March down that way but they received Intelligence that the Bengal Army was coming the High road and they fetched their Camp again at Woorcotah and yesterday Evening there was fresh intelligence brought Sephoo that Colonel Peare was coming by the Lower Road they were taking on Sephoo's Camp that they were going down to the Sea but there was no preparation for Marching when the Spy came away which was before eight oClock last night The two Thousand Sallah is returned and is now with Sephoo and Meer Sahebs Son This Man says the Enemy

and

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31st are building batteries at Perumbaucum and Tuckallum they hear that the Bengal Army intends to March to Arcot and there is a talk in the Enemy's Camp that Hyder is expected to join them

I am
My Lord and Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
George Smith

My Lord and Sirs

I have just this moment received a Letter from Colonel Pearse he arrived Yesterday at Naiya Satram and will be to day at Ravanah pah Satram, about 35 miles from Polliacat which will be three days march

from the Bengal Army Encamped at Naiya Satram

I am
My Lord and Sirs
Your humble Servant
George Smith

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Macartney

Genth Soldiers

Mr Williams

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Recd the following Letters,

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From the Committee of Works, enclosing a letter from Col: James, with his Bills for Repairs done to the Barracks at the Mount.

We beg leave to lay before your Ldship & the enclosed copy of a letter which we have received from Col: James, together with copies of two Bills which accompanied it; as the work charged for in these Bills was not ordered by us, nor executed in the customary mode, we request your Lordship &c will favor us with your orders on the subject.

We have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and
Most humble Servants,
Edwd Saunders
Geo: Maule.

Fort St George
29th July 1781.

To Alexander Davidson Esqr President
& the rest of the Gentlemen of
the Committee of Works.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to lay before you my Accounts of Building and Repairs, while I commanded the Artillery Cantonments at St Thomas's Mount, which I did by order of Sir Thomas Rumbold, Your considering the length of time I have laid out of my Money, and ordering immediate payment will much oblige

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

Your very Obedient
& most Hble Servant
E. James

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A true Copy
J. Balfour
Clk to the Committee of Works.

Cash laid out on account of Repairs of the Artillery Barracks, Magazine, Hospital, and building a Shed for Guns Tumbrils and Stores at St Thomas's Mount in May June and July 1780. —

To Bricklayers		16.	14 ..
To Jaggery		4.	4 ..
To Carpenters		15.	23 40
To cutting 136 Stones and fixing Iron Hooks with Lead at 3f. a Stone		9.	30 ..
To Chunam		20.	.. ..
To Bricks			15 .. ..
To Tiles		47.	21 ..
	Total	128.	8. 40.

Fort St. George
15th December 1780.

A true Copy J. Balfour
Clk to the Comm. of Wks.

The Honble Company Dr

To building an Officers Guard Room, a Main Guard Room, and Prison, also a Cook Room, and Necessary House at St. Thomas's Mount.

400 Barrows of Chunam Cargo and flat Tiles		40	.. ..
300 Palmyras		53	.. ..
1000 Reapers		49	.. ..
		23	17 ..
Carr. d. forw. d.		165.	17 ..

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1st.	Brought forward	165 17 ..
	Jaggery	6 .. ..
	Bricklayers Cooly	10 .. ..
	Nails	17 .. ..
	Total	198 17 ..

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15th December 1790

Ed James

A true Copy
J. Balfour
Clk to the Comm: of Wks

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor & President &c

From,
Capt. Bishop,
with Intelligence of
Hyder's being at
Achelawauk.

My Lord.

Hircars that I wrote to your Lordship by, the 20th & 23d Inst. returned this day and report that they were taken by Hyder's People, and under the necessity of destroying those letters. They contained information of Hyder's situation at Acheravauk a Village about 8 miles from this Garrison – he has been there since the 19th Inst., and at present no appearance of his Moving. He has detached numerous parties of his Marauders to plunder, burn and destroy every thing they can lay their hands on, which they execute with wonderful alacrity. The Villages all round me for many days past have been on fire, and many of the miserable Inhabitants come in here, bearing dreadful marks of the wanton barbarity of those Villains. When he first halted at Acheravauk, I thought it probable that he intended to attack Wandewash, Carangoly, and this place; but I don't find he is making preparations for that purpose; Indeed I imagine the Drubbing he got at Mootapollam has checked his Ardor for fighting in any way – Every Movement he made while our Army was near him afterwards strongly indicated that it was so – whenever he moves again I will take care to inform your Lordship of it, and of his Route.

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I have the honor to remain

Your Lordships

Most Obedient Servant

Benj: Bishop.

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July 27th 1781.

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord.

From,
Col: Pearse – the
Detachment arrives
at Ramanea Choultry

I have the pleasure to inform you of the Arrival of the Army at Ramanea Choultry, to morrow we shall be at Chicaricottee and the Rest at the River. About 7 last night I received a Letter from Captain Smith dated the 28th telling me Tippoo Saib was expected at Chicarocotta at that Evening. It surprized me a good deal, and was contrary to every thing I could learn; but at last I found there was a road across the Lake to Ramanea Choultry, of which in spite of all Enquiry before, I was totally ignorant, I therefore sent the money on board the Brig and put a part of my [illegible] in the Brig and Boats, reserving enough for use, if necessary, and as I had intended to march at 3 to avoid the heat, I was forced to – postpone it till Daybreak. My cautions were unnecessary – – on the March I heard from him again telling me Tippoo had taken Woorcottah and was expected at Calicat in the Evening of yesterday and about half an hour afterwards a Letter from yourself of the 28th telling me that Sir Eyre Coote would march on the 29th in the Morning. The force I have I trust is equal to Tippoo's who have but 4 to 1, and 7 Pieces of Ordnance less than I have, but I dare say I shall not hear any more of him, tho' I shall be on my Guard.

Our difficulties for want of Drivers encrease daily: I most heartily wish I was with the Grand Army; for a Convoy is indeed a most tormenting Duty from which an Officer can hardly gain any Credit. tho'

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tho' he may leave what he had The Vencataghurry Rajah is with me.

I am

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most obedient and

most humble Servant

J D. Pearse Col.

Ramanea Choultry

30th July 1781.

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney, K. B

President & Governor &c

Select Committee

My Lord and Sirs.

From Capt. Smith, enclosing a rough drawing of the Enemy's situation.

Permit me to send you a rough drawing of the Enemy's situation, and the several places about them which I have collected from People who are very well acquainted with the Country & have been an Eye Witness to, what is drawn on the accompanying paper. I have not heard a word from Colonel Pearse to day: tho' he has not made his wants known to me, I may be pretty certain that he will want both Wood and Straw when he comes here, for which I have sent out in the Country, for there is neither one or the other at Paliacat.

I am My Lord and Sirs

Your most obedient

humble Servant

George Smith

Paliacat

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To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c Select Committee

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My Lord and Sirs,

From Capt. Smith, expects the Detachment daily he is preparing to receive them.

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have just this Instant received a Letter from Colonel Pearse, who tells me he will be with me to morrow & says his Cattle is much distressed for Forage. I have sent out for Straw, and also Wood which is a scarce Article here: and I hope to have plenty of both ready against the Colonel arrives: The Boats will be ready to move over as soon as he makes his appearance

July 31. 2 P.M.

I am My Lord and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servant

George Smith.

Dispatched the following Letters.

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

To, General Coote, promising to send 10,000 Bags of Rice immediately to the Mount.

Sir,

In consequence of what you desired with regard to Rice for the Army We shall give directions to supply you as far as lies in our power. it is necessary however in order that you should be fully informed of the supply to be expected from us at present, to mention that 10,000 Bags of Rice are the utmost that can possibly be spared till we receive an addition to our Stock, and of that We have very little prospect for a considerable time, Anxious however to forward all your wishes for the accomodation of the Army, the 10,000 Bags shall be sent to the Mount with

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with the utmost expedition – We must observe that with the Conveniencies we have left, it will not be possible to convey more than 500 Bags p day, as the greatest part of the Bullocks and Carts are now with you: however, at your return, with the Assistance of that sort that you can give us the whole quantity may soon be transported to you.

We have this moment been informed, by your Note to the President of the safe Arrival of the Bengal Detachm.t at Pulicat, a Circumstance which affords us great Satisfaction, and we are happy in the prospect of the speedy Junction with your Army.

We are

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Macartney &c

Select Committee

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To John Holland Esq.r Resident at the Court of the Nizam.

Sir

To Mr. Holland, with Intelligence, & respecting the Treaty to be entered into with the Nizam.

Since our last letters to you the advantages of the Victory obtained lately over Hyder are becoming daily more conspicuous: he feels very sensibly the loss of Meer Saib, and others of his principal Generals, to whom his Troops were attached. Previous to the Battle he had throughout the Campaign many thousand Horse constantly hovering and endeavoring to harrass our Army:– But since that Event none have been trusted from his Camp: which Sir Eyre Coote can attribute to no other cause but to Hyder's consciousness that his People now are dispirited and disaffected: of the last Disposition we have indeed proofs by the numbers

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that come in every day from his Army both to our main body to the Bengal Detachment and to Fort St. George. — These fugitives mention many circumstances which denote that the spirits of those they left behind are entirely broken.

Sir Eyre Coote with his Army is already past Madras in his way to the Northward to meet Col. Pearse who is proceeding from Nellore with the Bengal Detachment. — The Junction will probably take place in a very few days at Pulicat, a Post in our possession in consequence of the Dutch War, and is become of Importance in the present juncture.

There is little doubt that Sir Eyre Coote who with so small an Army defeated Hyder will when encreased in his Numbers by a considerable reinforcement that Colonel Pearse brings with him be able to terminate the Campaign by expelling the Enemy from the Carnatic before the ____ Monsoon.

The Ship Duke of Portland is arrived from Bombay which with the Pansborne and Contractor daily expected have Colonel Brown &c. on board, besides a Battalion of ___ Sepoys. — We have received by that Conveyance authentic Accounts of the capture of the Island of St. Eustatius with an immense booty, besides the Mars Ship of War, Commanded by Admiral Byland, who is Killed, several Frigates and about 300 Sail of Merchantmen. Our Enemies in America are in great confusion and distress. — Our Stocks at home are rising which is an uncommon circumstance in the midst of a War. We have lately received a supply of money from Bengal, and we expect soon the great Reinforcement of Ships and Men coming from Europe.

Enclosed you will receive an Extract of a Letter from the Governor General to which we have written, the

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Answer of which we enclose a Copy. You will thereby clearly perceive our Sentiments on the principles which we think should guide you in the formation of a Treaty with the Nizam. And we trust that the other Advantages as to the payment of the Arrears for the Circars, the engagement of future punctuality &c &c to be gained by him will in the present favorable aspect of our Affairs, and the disposition which you have lately discovered in that Prince towards a connection with us, be sufficient inducements to him to desire a renewal of Treaty, and the continuation of our Friendship.

We are Sir

Your most obedient Servants

Fort St George
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Macartney & Select Comee

To
M. William Duff, Resident
at Madapollam.

Sir.

To
Mr. Duff, enclosing
a Parole which is to
be signed by the
Gentlemen at
Palicolet.

We have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 15th Instant, informing us of your having taken possession of the Factory of Policol, and enclosing Articles entered into by you, on the part of the English East India Company and the due performance of them ratified by the late Chief and Second of Policat, on behalf of the Dutch Company.

A copy of the Parole signed by the aforesaid Chief and Second of Policol has likewise been received by which it appears that the ultimate decision in regard to the disposal of their persons is left to this Government: We enclose to you therefore a Copy of the Parole signed by the Garrison of Pulicat to which we would have you conform as far as Circumstances may admit, intimating to you our desire that the Servants of the Dutch Company taken at Policol remain for the present either

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either at that Place, or wherever they can be the most conveniently accomodated to the Northward, but you are not to admit of their proceeding to Madras, till you hear from us farther upon that point, as such a Step would subject us to great Inconveniences at present.— We shall soon determine in what manner the Dutch Servants and Others, Prisoners of War, are to be disposed of

We hope shortly to receive an Inventory of the Property taken at Pulicat.

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We are, Sir,
Your most obedient Servants
Macartney & Select Comee

To Lieutenant Simon Baillie
Commanding at Sadras

Sir,

To
Lieut. Baillie,
directing him to take immediate measures for the demolition of Sadras.

Sir Eyre Coote having informed the President that the necessity of preserving Sadras at the time of the former Order no longer existing, and he concurring with us in Opinion that it should be now destroyed, We desire that you will lose no time, but proceed without delay to the total demolition of it in the manner proposed in the President's letter to you of the 20th Ultimo.

The Success Galley now proceeds to Sadras in order to assist you in bringing away any Persons Stores &c that may be necessary, and to return here as soon as the Service is performed, or that you inform Captain Fenwick his attendance is no longer required.

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We are Sir
Your most obedient Servants
Macartney & Select Comee

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1st Received the following letter,

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor of Madras.

My Lord,

From Col: Pearse, is arrived at Chicracottah.

I have the pleasure to inform you that we are arrived at Chicracottah, and shall be at Pulicat to morrow, where I believe I must halt a Day to refresh— I have not met any Enemy but Heat and Sand, and want of Fodder for the Cattle, which are almost exhausted.

I am, with the greatest respect
My Lord
Your most obedient and
Most humble Servant
T. D. Pearse Col.

31st July 1781. 1 P.M.

2d Received the following Letters,

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Capt. Falconar Watson & Maughan, desiring to be taken under the convoy of the — Indiamen, bound to China.

We beg leave to acquaint you that in the Ships York, Carter and Pyramgore, under our respective Commands now laying in this Road, We came here in full expectation of finding a Convoy bound to China from Admiral Hughes; but to our great disappointment find there is

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is none yet ordered, nor likely to be sent this Season:—

Therefore as We understand some of the Hon.ble Company's Ships are soon to be sent from hence in a Fleet for China, we wish to go in Company with them, and under their protection, and have accordingly to request the favor of you to give directions to the Commodore of the Fleet to grant us Convoy.

We also beg leave to remark to you that our Ships are well equipped with Guns and Men according to the custom of this Country, and capable of making a tolerable defence, consequently may be considered a small additional force to the Fleet; And we have the honour to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very obedient Servants
Colin Falconar
Walter Watson
Thomas Maughan.

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To
The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President & Governor &c
Gentlemen of the Select Committee.

My Lord & Gentlemen

From
Mr Kinchant
requesting to be
appointed Resident
at Sadras.

The capture of this place rendering my publick appointment of no further use, and as the Honble Board have thought proper to suspend their orders relative to the Demolition of the Works, Permit me to request, if a Civil Servant is nominated as Resident of this place, that I may have the honor of being appointed to that Station.

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I am, with the greatest respect,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
R: Kinchant.

Sadras 30th July 1781.

To
The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord.

From Colo Pearse, with advice of the arrival of the Detachment at Pulicat.

I have the happiness to inform you that the Army under my Command is arriving at ——— Pulicat, — is all across the first Ford, and will speedily be over the second: — The advanced Guard has crossed both: —

Thus I shall have compassed in one day what I expected would have taken up three. I am, with the greatest respect

My Lord
Your most obedient humble Servant
L: D: Pearse — Col:

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

From Capt Smith with the above intelligence and that Tippoo Saheb had marched towards Vencatagherry.

My Lord and Sirs —

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that Colonel Pearse is Arrived here & his Army is now crossing the River

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2d River, and by one o'Clock the whole will be encamped about ½ a mile to the Southward of this Fort, with a good Tank on their Right & another on their Left —

Tippoo Saib, with the three Armies marched yesterday morning to Vencatagherry, & from thence they are going into the Circars — this Account is brought me by one of my People, who marched with their Army three or four miles before he left them. I am

My Lord & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Geo: Smith

Policacat Aug.t 1.st 1781.

At a Select Committee, Present

Thursday 2.d August

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B President and Governor

Anthony Sadleir.

Morgan Williams.

Lieutenant-General Sir Eyre Coote and Major-General Sir Hector Munro absent on Service.

Mr. Holland absent at Hydrabad.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved. —

Read Letter from the Nabob.

Read Letter from the Nabob (as Entered in Country Correspondence No. 105) requesting 500 Firelocks for his Sepoys in the Palnaud Country

Minute thereon

Agreed that the same Number of Arms be replaced from the Company's Stores, wherever most convenient, as shall on Enquiry appear to have been furnished

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furnished to Colonel Baillie by the Chowdar of Palnaud.

Read Letter from Captains Falconar, Watson & Maughan dated 31st. July.

Read Letter from Captains Falconar Watson & Maughan.

The Committee taking into consideration the orders of the Honorable Company on the subject of exploring the Streights of Malacca, are of opinion that the Ship Cartier being copper-bottomed & a good Sailer, will answer every purpose of that sort It is Agreed that the Ships mentioned in the foregoing Letter be received under the convoy of the Indiamen about to sail for China.

Their Request complied with.

The President informs the Committee that a Charge for Secret Service, Pay and Batta to Hircars &c amounting to Pagodas has been presented to him by the late President; But as the State of the Treasury will not at this time admit of its being paid, the President proposes that it be now brought to Account, which is Agreed to.

The late Presidents Charge for Secret Service &c &c to be carried to Account.

It being attended with great inconvenience as well as expence, to accomodate the French and Dutch Prisoners at this Settlement, the President is desired to dispose of them from time to time, in such manner as may appear to him the most proper & effectual towards obviating these Embarrasments.

The President desired to dispose of the French and Dutch Prisoners in any manner he thinks proper.

Read Letter from the Committee of Works dated 29th. July.

Read Letter from the Committee of Works enclosing Col. James's Letter & Bills

Agreed that the Consideration of the foregoing & the Accounts it contains be deferred, until the arrival of Mr. Davidson, to whom Colonel James's Letter is addressed as President of the Committee of Works.

Consideration of the above to be defer'd till the arrival of Mr. Davidson.

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Read the following Letter from Messrs.
Taylor Savage and Call.

To

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President and Governor &c

Gentlemen of the Select Committee of
Fort St. George.

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From,
Messrs Taylor
Savage & Call.

On the 5th of March last we addressed the Honble Select Committee on the subject of certain Districts assigned us by his Highness the Nabob in the Tinnevelly and Trichinopoly Countries, and with the view of aiding the public service made a Tender of the Revenues, requesting the Honble Company's Bonds for whatever had or might be collected.

In expectation of an Answer We waited till the 19th Ult°, when We addressed the Secretary who informed us "That it was Resolved to submit the Contents of our Letter to the "Decision of the Honble Court of Directors" We are much concerned the Honble Committee did not think it expedient to accept of our Offer, and the more so, as a Reference to England will, in our embarrassed situation, be attended with consequences equally fatal as if a decided line had been taken against us.

In our Letter of the 5th of March We have stated that those Countries were delivered over by his Highness the Nabob, chiefly for the purpose of reimbursing us in part the Sum of Four Lacks of Pagodas (with the growing Interest) advanced under the Sanction & Security of the Honble East-India Company thro' their President and Council, to pay off the Arrears due to his Highness's Regiments of Cavalry

It is true the Honble Company have not thought fit

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fit to ratify this Act of their President & Council, on the Contrary, they have disavowed it — and say — "The Loan if actually made, "was a direct breach of our Orders; The Parties who concurred in "the measure, had no Authority from us for so doing". In reply to this, We beg leave to observe, that the loan was made with the previous sanction & approbation of the President & Council, that it was of a public nature, and applied to a public purpose, and — that the faith of Government was pledged in the most explicit manner for it's Security; — Under such Circumstances We humbly conceive we are not chargeable with any breach of Orders; — — with respect to the Conduct of the President & Council, as their motives for granting the Honble Company's Sanction & Security for the Cavalry Loan, appear on the Records, We shall not — trouble your Lordship &c with a recital of them, but only observe that the Company's Disapprobation of the Measure cannot, in Justice operate so as to affect the Security granted us, nor from the like parity of reasoning should any Portion of the Honble Company's displeasure fall to our lot.

The Sum of Four Lacks of Pagodas has actually been advanced by us to the different Regiments, as can be made appear whenever the Honble Board may judge proper — Countries were assigned sufficient for the purpose of repaying us, but the pressing Calls for money previous & subsequent to the Siege of Pondicherry, obliged his Highness the Nabab to appropriate the greatest part of the Revenues so assigned, to the exigencies of — Government, yet we did not even murmur, tho surrounded with clamorous Creditors, and labouring under the severest distress, with scarce a sufficiency to defray our necessary expences.

Had our Proposition met with a favorable — reception it was not our intention to have troubled the Honble Board on the subject of the Cavalry Loan in general, until we had been favored with the resolution of the Honble Court of Directors upon the State of our Case as represented in the General Letter from this Presidency of the 13th March 1779 But finding Collectors

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appointed to receive such of the Revenues assigned to us as have escaped the Devastations of the Enemy, Our Grain seized without any Equivalent, and a preference given to the claims of others, by giving them full and ample reparation, We cannot in Justice to ourselves remain silent, and here we must beg leave to call the attention of your Lordship &c to the very peculiar manner in which we have been treated, not doubting but you will grant us that Relief we are so clearly entitled to.

Altho' the Honble Court of Directors have strictly enjoined their President & Council to disavow the Security for Four Lacks of Pagodas advanced to his Highness the Nabob's Cavalry at a very critical Juncture, when several of the Regiments (then consisting of 3600 Men) having mutinied, had confined their Officers & threatned to plunder the Carnatick, and go off to Hyder:— Yet we find soon after the breaking out of the present troubles (notwithstanding such Disavowal) the Sum of Pagodas 2,19203..0..14.— has been advanced by the Honble President and Council in Money and Bonds to clear off the Arrears then due to (about 600 Men) part of the very same Troops, and that the charges of entertaining them from that period to the 30th Ultimo, have amounted to Pagodas 1,62313..1..16 making in the whole the Sum of Pagodas 3,81596..1..20 — nay, even the day on which the Right Honble President arrived, Bonds were granted to Colonel James for the Sum of Pags: 40,742: 25. 15 advanced by him (before our engagement with his Highness the Nabob & without any authority whatever) to the identical Troops whose Arrears were discharged by us with the Sanction and Security of Government

From what has been said, We do not mean to infer that the utmost punctuality ought not to be observed in the payment of Troops, more especially when about to proceed on actual Service, nor do we mean to infer that Colonel James ought not to be reimbursed what he voluntarily advanced for the Good of the Service, Our Intention is merely to point out the calamitous state to which we are reduced by the Honble Company's having directed a disavowal of their Security for money advanced those very Troops under and by virtue of a solemn engagement with their Representatives and at the same time to shew the preference which has not only been given to Colonel James, but also to Colonel Capper (who has had Bonds granted him for the Sum of Pagodas 25,880. due to him from his Highness the Nabob) & the Honble Company's Officers serving in his Highness's Cavalry, who have thus the Channel of the Honble President and Council, by the late Loan, received the full Amount due to them from his Highness the Nabob; while We, the

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entitled to a priority of Payment, are left without remedy for arrears paid those Officers & Men upwards of three Years ago.

We most humbly conceive that all Contracts or * * * Engagements entered into between this Government and Individuals residing under its protection, ought for the preservation of that mutual Faith and Confidence which has hitherto subsisted between them, to be held sacred and inviolable & that such contracts or engagements should not be created to serve the necessity of the Day, nor postponed or * * * prejudiced by any future emergency whatever: — That it has been so, in the present instance, is too evident, not only by the Honble Company's disavowal of their security, the New Cavalry Loan, and the partiality to Colonel James and Colonel Capper, but more particularly so, by the Act of the late Select Committee, who, instead of granting their countenance and protection, have been the Instruments of depriving us of the Revenues assigned in the Tinnevelly & Trichinopoly Countries, for the old * * * Cavalry Loan, by obtaining from his Highness the Nabab an * * Assignment of these very Districts (with others) to reimburse the Honble Company what has been advanced on Account of the New Loan, tho', as before stated, a voluntary Tender of the Revenues has been made by us, on Bonds being granted for the Amount of the Collections.

Out of respect to our Honble Employers, and the delicate situation of public affairs, We have hitherto refrained from adopting any measures for the Recovery of what is justly due to us, tho' to this time, for the reason already assigned, (the Revenues of the Countries having been appropriated to the necessities of Government) We have not received even the Interest of our money — Many Suits have been instituted against us in the Mayor's Court, and we have thereby been compelled to sell off by public Sale Jewels which were mortgaged to us, and by us to others at a Loss of One hundred thousand pagodas under the estimated value of them; unless some speedy & effectual mode is adopted to extricate us from our present embarrassments, We are apprehensive a much greater loss will ensue, of which we deem it incumbent to acquaint your Lordship &c. having on behalf of ourselves, and all others eventually concerned, entered a formal and regular Protest against the Honble Company to cover all losses or damages we have or may hereafter sustain on Account of the Cavalry Loan.

The Subject of the present Address is of the utmost Import to the Merchants and others of this Colony who have entrusted us with their property. — We have stated our Case with Truth and candour, And we shall conclude, with humbly appealing to your Lordship &c. for such redress as the present posture of Affairs will admit

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admit of, so that we may in some measure be relieved from a state of misery scarcely to be equalled. We have the honor to be, with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George 31st July 1781.

Ja.s Call
James Taylor
Geo: Savage
} for Committee

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lye on the Table

Read Letter from Lieu.t George Roberts dated 23d July.

Lieu.t Roberts Bills to be referred to the Auditor of Accounts

Ordered that the Bills enclosed in the aforesaid Letter be transmitted to the Auditor of Accounts, in order that he may report his opinion on them to the Committee.

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.

The Right Honble President lays before the Committee, a letter he has received from the Rajah of Tanjore, in the Mhuratta language, with a Translation in English, as Entered in Country Correspondence No. 10

The President refuses the Presents sent him by the Rajah of Tanjore

His Lordship takes this occasion to inform the Committee, that being firmly resolved to fulfill his Covenants, he had required every Present that had been offered to him, & that he meant strictly to observe that Conduct; He therefore told the Tanjore Packeel, that he could not possibly accept the Salpeche of Diamonds, but to shew his respect for the Rajah of Tanjore, he would take the Dress alone, without any Ornaments whatsoever.

Macartney
Archd Campbell
Wm Williams

20th Fort St George 4 August 1781

By Dispatched the following Letters.

To Mr James Daniel
Chief &c Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam
Covering Copy of the
Letter to be signed
by the Servants of the
Dutch Company
captured at Jaggerna
ickpore and advancing
of Tippo Saib's March
to the Northward

The Right Honble President has laid before us two Letters addressed to him by your Chief dated 15th and 16th Ultimo informing him that the Dutch Factories of Policat and Jagganaggpore had surrendered to us without opposition —

We inclose to you a Copy of the Parole signed by the Garrison of Pulicat, to which we would have you conform as far as Circumstances may admit with respect to all such Persons belonging to the Dutch Company as have fallen into our hands at Paggernaypore — it is further our Desire that they may remain either at that place or wherever they can be the most conveniently accomodated to the northward, but you are not to allow of their proceeding to Madras 'till you hear from us further upon that point, as such a Step would subject us to great Inconvenience at present — we shall soon determine what

Manner

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2d Manner the Dutch Servants and other Prisoners of war are to be disposed of —

By a Letter just received from Captain George Smith Commanding at Pulicat, we learn — that Tippoo Saib with the three Detachments of Hyder's Army marched the Day before yesterday to Oncatagherè in his way to the Carnatic — we can give but little Credit to this Intelligence, at the same time we think it necessary to transmit it to you, that you may be on your Guard, in case it should prove to be well founded —

We have the pleasure to inform you of the Junction of Colonel Pearse's Detachment with our Army at Pulicat —

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your Most obedient Servants

Macartney

For Select Committee.

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2d Aug.t 1781

To John Holland Esq.r

Resident at the Court of His Highness
Nizam Ally Cawn —

Sir

We herewith transmit to you an

Extract

To Mr. Holland
with Extract of

29th Fort St George August 1781

The Company's Letter concerning Mr John Sullivan

2d Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to this Government Dated 2d February last received by the Radney Packet.—

Notwithstanding the appointment of Mr John Sullivan as Resident at the Rajah's Court, you will perceive by the abovementioned Extract from the Company's Commands that it is their Intention you should remain at Hyderabad so long as it may be thought necessary for the Interest of the Company.—

By a Letter received this Morning from Captain George Smith Commanding at Pulicat we learn, that Tippoo Sait with the three detachments of Hyder's army marched the day before yesterday to Vencatagherie in his way to the Circars; we can give but little Credit to this Intelligence, at the same time we think it proper to transmit it to you lest it should prove to be well founded.

We have the Pleasure to inform you of the Junction of Colonel Pearse's Detachment with our Army at Pulicat.—

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants

Macartney

&c &c &c Council

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Received the following Letter from
Captain Bishop Commanding at Permacoil

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

My Lord,

From Capt. Bishop with Intelligence concerning Hyder-Naick —

I frequently since your Lordships arrival I have done myself the Honor to address you, but the Tappal Peons and Horses are so strictly — watched by the Enemy's Horse / by whom I am — quite surrounded / that I am apprehensive many of my Letters have miscarried; last Night a large Body of the Enemy's Horse and Seapoys with five Guns, nine Elephants and Camels Encamped about 7 — Miles west of this Garrison, and march'd this Morning for Wandewash, to join the Troops already there under Tippoo Saib: a Letter Recd yesterday from Capt. Flint says, that they had broke Ground, and were making very preparation to make Batteries, the Enemy at that time consisted of 5 Risselas, 12,000 Polygars — with many Horse 1.32, 3. 24, & 5. Howr. Mortars with — many Small Guns, I have daily for some time past informed the General of their intention, our army is now

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33 Miles North of Pondicherry, and Hyders is en-
Encamp'd between Villenour and Waldaur. I frequently
see large Bodys of Horse moving about our Camp,
and sometimes hear firing; the Enemy's Horse come
here daily to drive off the Sheep and Bullocks I have
Collected for the army; as yet they have not been
able to effect their purpose, owing to the good Behaviour
of the Seapoys who have frequently beat them off—
I have upwards of three thousand Sheep, and three
Hundred Carriage Bullocks, with many Bullocks &
Cows for Slaughter, be assured My Lord I will
embrace every opportunity to acquaint you of the
Enemy's Motions that may come to my knowledge.

I am with great Respect,

Your Lordships Most Ob.t Ser.t

Geo. Bishop.

Permacoil
14th July 1781. 9 A.M.

Wrote the following Letter to the Chief &c.
Council at Vizagapatam.

To Mr James Henry Casamajor
Chief &c. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen,

To Vizagapatam inclosing them a Parole to be signed by Dutch Persons advising of Tippoo Saibs Marching to the Northward.

Under date the 26th June we advised you of Hostilities having Commenced against the States General of the united Provinces directing you to be on your gard against any surprize, and to take such measures as your situation admitted to seize and demolish their factories consistently with due regard to your own safety, and the day following we again advised you on the same subject, directing that the Fortifications of such of the Dutch Settlements as might fall into your hands to be immediately and totally demolished pursuant to Instructions we had received to that Effect from the Honble Court of Directors — We hope soon to hear that you have been able to carry the foregoing Orders into Execution —

We enclose to you a Copy of the Parole signed by the Garrison of Pulicat, to which we would have you conform as far as circumstances may admit, with respect to all such persons belonging to the Dutch Company as have fallen into our hands at Taggurnaickpore. It is further our desire that they may remain either at that place or wherever they can be the most conveniently

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3 accomodated to the Northward, but you are not to allow of their proceeding to Madras 'till you hear from us further upon that point, as such a step would subject us to great inconvenience at present. We shall soon determine in what — Manner the Dutch Servants and other Prisoners of War are to be disposed of. —

By a Letter just received from Captain George Smith commanding at Pulicat, we Learn that Tipoo Sait with the three Detachments of Hyder's Army marched the day before yesterday to Vencatagheri on his way to the Circars. —

We can give but little credit to this Intelligence, at the same time we think it necessary to — transmit it to you that you may be on your — guard in case it should prove to be well founded.

We have the pleasure to inform you of the junction of Colonel Pearce's Detachment with our Army at Pulicat. —

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient Servants

Macartney

for Lieut Committee

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Came in the following Letter

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Commitee

Fort St. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From General Coote joins the Bengal Detachment and on the subject of Rice and Bullocks

I have been honored by the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Instant.—

I went yesterday Morning with a Detachment from the Cavalry to Pulicat and reviewed the Northern Army, which I found in pretty good condition in point of health and Spirits, but not strong in numbers as might have been wished—There is along with them some of the Nabob's Native Sepoys—I have seen the Comercotagerry Rajah, who appears to me to have with him from 1500 to 2,000 Polygars—when I have another Interview with him, I shall inform Myself more particularly regarding them.—

The Convoy of Bullocks has arrived pretty Strong, and I understand they are in general very good, but the greater proportion both Draft and Carriage have never been broken. They consequently have brought no loads with them and it will require

Some

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4th Some time before they can render me that essential service which I stand so much in need of — That no time however may be lost I must request you will be pleased to give orders for a considerable number of Saddles to be made with the utmost expedition, that the Carriage Bullocks may be put in Training immediately Arrive at the Mount —

I have not yet obtained an exact account of the State of the Grain with the Detachment, but by what I can learn there is not in all along with it above sufficient for it's own consumption for five days, of which four was served out to the Troops yesterday. I have given instructions to the officer in command at Pullicat to Load all the Grain he can upon the two Vessels now laying there, and to despatch them without delay to the Presidency —

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that we have this Morning formed the Junction — We shall march tomorrow Morning, and the following Morning shall reach the Mount —

I am convinced that the 10,000 Bags of Rice which you mention as the present supply you can afford me with is in proportion to your Stock — And however much it is to be regretted that the

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4th We should find our means of supplying Provisions at so important a period so limited as to fall short of one half of what I could wish them. I shall do all in my power to accommodate them to our unavoidable Demands, at the same time I cannot help fuling the Circumstance as a most cruel check to those operations which I am on the Eve of undertaking. —

You further acquaint me that the 10,000 Bags of Rice shall be sent to the Mount — with the utmost Expedition, observing that with the conveniences you have you will not be able to convey more than 500 Bags p.r Day, as the greatest part of the Bullocks and Carts are now with me — That — you may lay under no Misapprehension regarding the Draft and carriage Bullocks and Carts sent by the Agent W. Dobbyn with the Army, I enclose you a Return and Report of the same delivered to me by W.m Lennarthy, the Agent at Camp, you will be pleased to observe that the whole Number of Bullocks therein stated are only 600, and these the Agent informs me were only obtained after the most urgent and repeated applications to W.m Dobbyn, at the Same time I have been given to understand in Several Letters from your Commercial Gentlemen at Madras

That

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4th That 1500 good Bullocks were in readiness for me at the Presidency - The N. B. annexed to Wm. Ellsworthy's Report of the State of the Carts not only point out the insufficiency of 87 out of 128 but declares that Number to be private property and prefers for the Occasion, such an obvious and Scandalous a default in the discharge of a Department upon which the Success, nay the very existence of this Army depends, I am persuaded you will deem highly deserving of the strictest Enquiry and that a Conduct so very reprehensible will not escape your just displeasure -

I have ordered the Commissary to forward his Indents for the Battering Train, and the necessary accompaniments to the Military Stores, and have not a doubt of your inforcing his applications, and directing them to be complied with, with the utmost dispatch -

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant,

Eyre Coote.

Camp Near Wellour.

3d August, 1781 -

Return

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5th Return of Bullocks & Carts Received from Mr Dobbyns Ministry

A Return of Bullocks and Cart received from Mr Dobbyn —

Carriage Bullocks	Draft Bullocks	Double Carts	Single Carts
Quantity ----	244	356	29 99

I Kenworthey
Agent

N.B.

Many of the single Carts are private Property and were prepid for the use of the Army to the Amount of 37 and very unfit for the Service they are employed on.

My Lord and Sirs,

From Captain Sutton and Coker requesting to be dispatched as soon as possible to China, and representing the danger of being detained.

The Chartered time for our departure from this Coast to China drawing near, and the prospect that appears to us of a farther detention induces us to trouble you with this application. 'Tis very certain ships have sail'd from hence late as the 15th of August and reached China, in good time and with safety, but where one has succeeded sailing so late, Numbers have lost their passage who sail'd earlier —

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4th earlier - Your Lordship and the members of the Honble Board will be pleased to observe that should such an event take place - there is no Port to pass the season at as before y^e Dutch War - and - after the turbulent time of the setting in of the - Monsoon in the China Seas exposed to the numberless dangers that are there, we should be necessitated to return to this Coast or Bombay - No Harbour to the Eastward affording us either shelter or Food - We beg leave to inform your Lordship and the - Board, that neither of us are provided with Sale provisions for a longer time than four Months, so that the effecting our passage to China is a matter of the most serious consequence, nor is it possible for us to procure without y^e like Quantity of Rice, and every day we stay lessens our store - which should be kept compleat - Under these circumstances, We trust the situation of the - ships and those concern'd with be taken into consideration, and that an early dispatch may be granted us, which we beg leave to represent should not be later than the tenth of this Month at farthest - We conceive it our Duty to apprize

Your

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Your Lordship and the Honble Board of our
Sentiments on this subject, — and remain

My Lord and Sirs

Your Most Obedt
And Most Humble Servants
John Sutton, — Joseph Cotton

Fort St George
Augst 3d 1781

To the Right Honble the Governor
and Select Committee of Fort St George

Honble Sirs.

From Ensign
Connor requesting
leave to Resign.

I beg leave to Represent to you —
that I have been Six Years in the Honble Company's
Service and that I have endeavored to do my Duty
as far as lay in my Power, since I have had the
Honor to be Appointed an officer by order of
Sir Tho.s Rumbold but finding this Climate to
be very Prejudicial to my Constitution, which has
Rendered me unfit for the Military Line, and as
I have the very great misfortune to be under an
Arrest which Renders me exceedingly Unhappy
do therefore beg your Honors Permission to Resign
the Honble Company's Service —

I am, Honble Sirs,
with the Most profound Respect
Your Honors Most Obedt
and Most Humble Servant
James Connor, Ens.n 19 Batt.n
Lt.d

Fort St George,
August, 4th 1781.

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Dispatched the following Letter

To Lieut.t General Sir Eyre Coote K.B

and Commander in Chief of the

Forces

Sir

We have received the Honor of your Letter of yesterday which we hasten to acknowledge. A Sufficient quantity of Bullock saddles will be I hope be ready soon, for as it occurred to us that such would be wanted, we ordered at some days since a considerable Number to be made; our attention to the supply of grain has been also early and unremitted.

The quantity which is considerable now lying at Cuddalore, and was intended for your army, may be brought back here. Every assistance has been directed by an President to be given to Mr. Foster for landing the Cargo of the Ajax. We hourly expect the Rice from Policat, We have taken up Vessels to go to Nagapatnam and other neighboring parts for the purpose of bringing grain to this place, we have sent on every side where any possibility of supply

To General Coote
every Exertion will
be made to procure
Grain and other things
the Army are in
want of: advising that
the battering Train
will be ready as vigard

transmitted

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4th presented itself — Indeed we flatter ourselves that you will perceive no possible exertion is omitted by us — Our President has this day been informed that a quantity of Grain has been lately collected at Pigampatnam about 2 Miles to the Northward — he immediately took Steps to insure the Delivery of it to the use of this Settlement, and has freighted Vessells to transport it hither without loss of time.

We have reason therefore to expect that we shall be able to exceed the Quantity of 10,000 Bags which we mentioned to You — We know the risk of reducing our own quantity so much, but the Success of your army is to be our primary object — We are in the present situation of our affairs sufficiently justify'd in exposing ourselves to some hazard in order to supply you as fully as you desire, that your operations may not be cramped, and that your exertions may have their full Effect.

With regard to the Number of Carts, Mr Dobbyn says that he supplied all that it was possible to procure — He had sent 100 to Col. Pearce some little time before, and the march to the Mount was so sudden, that it was not possible

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4th possible to obtain so soon a greater Number — As to the Bullocks he declares in the most solemn manner that he told Mr Kenworthy the whole Number was ready that he wanted, & that Mr Kenworthy sent for no more than what are contain'd in the return. So that point rests between those two Gentlemen; but you may be assured that no neglect shall pass unpunished which can in the smallest degree affect your operations; long before the Receipt of your Letter, the President had prepared the proper officers to get the battering train ready, with every supply of Military Stores and Ammunition that could possibly be wanted, and we have the satisfaction to find that you will not experience a moments delay in that department —

We have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servants
Macartney
Com. Select Committee

Fort St George
4th Aug. 1791

Mr James Daniell,
Chief &c. Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen,

To the Northern Settlements, advising of a Junction being formed with the Bengal Detachment, and desiring that no means be left untried to supply the Presidency with Grain.

The very desirable Event of a Junction between our main Army and the Detachment from Bengal which has lately taken place in this Neighbourhood is necessarily attended with Demands for vast Quantities of Provisions, our Resources from the Southward having entirely failed, We must call upon you in the most pressing manner to exert yourselves in supplying this place from Nizampatam or other Ports in your District with as much Rice Paddy, Ratchany, Dunnelos & other Grain, as can be collected: the Merchants need no longer be apprehensive of Privateers, None being now on the Coast, besides which We have sent an Armed Ship to cruize to the Northward for the express purposes of protecting Vessels bound with Provisions for this Place. our success depend so much on Plenty of Grain that you must leave no means untried to contribute to our Supply if notwithstanding the considerable advantages to be gained at present by the importation of Grain to this Presidency and the

Safety

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4th Safety of conveying it, you should still find that it is not undertaken on a Private account, you must take up Rupees and send us Grain on account of the Company

We are &c.

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4th Augt. 1781.

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient Servants

Macartney
for Select Committee

The Same to
Maddepollam
Ongoram
Vizagapatam
Ganjam

5th Received the following Letters

Duplicate

Honble Sirs

I had the Honor to address you on 24th May and again on 3d June, Duplicate of which were forwarded, but have not as yet been favored with an Answer. After the unfortunate affair of Chuckla Pollam on 14th June, where about 500 Sepoys were lost, Syringham surrendered

From Mr. Ram concerning the State of the Circumspidy Country and the Distress of the Garrison for want of Money &c.

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5th surrindured to the Enemy, and Colo Nixon thought it
expedient to withdraw the Nabobs Artillery from
Warriore for the defence of the Fort which from that time
till the departure of the Enemy on 21st was daily
threatened with an Aparelt — The necessary preparations
were made on our part to receive the Enemy, and all the
Troops in Garrison stationed nightly on the 4 Faces of
the Fort — On the 19th the Colo being confined to his
bed by a fever sent for me, and told me that Capt.
Patterson, Town Major, and present Comand. of 19th Batt.
had represented to him that the discontent of the
Sepoys on their being continually on duty and want
of pay was such that their Services incase of an Assault
could not be depended on — The Colo's Indisposition
rendering him incapable of examining into this Matter
he desired I would endeavor to procure some Money from
the Manager, and also see what the model of Springham
mentioned in my last, might produce. The manager as
usual pleading inability, I mentioned to him the Model
he replied that it being under the Nabobs Seal he could
not touch it. If I chose to do it, he would order the
Buckshaw, under whose charge it was, to attend me.
I waited till the next day but finding that the
Circar people would only be passive in the Business

at

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5th at the Col.s Request Went with the Buckshaw and other Circar people to the open place where it was kept, and bro.t it to my house in 9 cases, in hopes that this would induce the Manager to advance money to redeem it - the same day a fire broke out amidst the Dry wood laid up in Store upon the Rock between the Company's and Nabob's Powder Magazine, extending to both and burnt for an hour with great violence, but by the timely assistance of the officers and Sepoys it was happily extinguished without doing any considerable damage, tho' from the Situation of the place it appeared to have been set on fire by design - Our apprehensions both from within and without continuing, and the Manager still refusing to produce any money, at the Col.s desire I unpacked the model and put it together, when instead of the Quantity of Silver mentioned in my last, as what the general opinion gave out, there did not appear to be from the best Judgment I was able to form of it, above 10000 Rs. weight, Such parts of the Silver as were unconnected with wood or Clasp I weighed, and found to be Pagodas weight 3,414 ℔ or P. N P. 663 ℔. besides a Small Box containing loose Silver, not belonging to the model, Pa: weight 6,462 ℔. only P. NO. 517. The loss of the workmanship which no doubt cost the Nabob more than the worth at once determined us

Not

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y^e not to melt it down but Rawalju offering to lend us
the
3,000 P provided it were lodged in his house, prefing
Exigency of the time induced us to accept of it on his
own Terms, which were, that the paymaster should give
him Bills for the Money lent me on the Company's
Account 2 Apt namely P Dr P 2,000 to be made
by him Star 2000, and that I would give him a
Note in the Company's Name that they should pay
him the 3,000 P lent on the Model with Interest
provided the Circar should take the model by force
out of his hands, or that it should fall into the
hands of Enemy by the Capture the Fort, these terms
being agreed on, the model was repacked with the
greatest Care, an Account in English and Malabar
put in each case sealed by me, the Buckshaw and
Nabob's Manager, the Silver parts lodged with Rawalju
the Ground-work Frame and Feet with the Circar
Buckshaw, who was present at the Packing, as well as
the opening of it, and there is reason to think that
this unpacking has been of the greatest Service to
it, as during the long time it had lain unlook
at, it had begun to damage / the Separate Box of
Silver remains in my hands — with this Money

and

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5th and 500 P N P. lent by the Colr and 500 lent by me, both borrowed from Rawalgy on our Notes, together with the assistance of Paddy, the Sepoys have been paid up to June, and the Detachment from thence consisting of 1,000 Men Company's and Nabob's enabled to march to the Tanjore Country, they set off last Night under the Command of Capt. Mc Kenzie, and carried with them 200 Bullocks load of Rice — It would be injustice not to mention the offer which the Colr made of his plate to be coined or mortgage for the pay of the Sepoys but the other Gentlemen in the place not agreeing in a Subscription of theirs the matter dropt, nor had we the satisfaction of knowing what might have been raised by this means, the price of Paddy I have raised, and hope to continue it without Inconvenience — Since my Arrival I have paid to the Paymaster's Employ S. P. 5,700. exclusive of the 2000 P. N. which I provided for him, and for which he has given Bills, and the 500 lately borrowed, and Paddy 35,825 Callums, 11,289. Colr I have issued on Account of the works carrying on, to be charged to the Nabob, and 6,500 Col to the Nabob's Troops, the Paddy tho' delivered at different Prices may to avoid trouble be estimated as a Pagoda the Callum, there remain about 16,000 in my hands, and about 10,000

Colr

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5th Colr in the hands of Ravalgie, the rest of the Paddy excepting that in Store for the Garrison, I believe must be left to the manager for the Circar People, He has just out since the departure of the Enemy to bring in an inferior kind of Grain called Callum Paddy, of which he says there will be 20000 Colr of this I shall claim for the Company, and have ordered out proper people to take an Account of it after this no more grain can be expected till Novr next - I soon found out that the Manager would not or could not perform his promise of delivering me the Paddy he had mortgaged to Ravalgie, I was therefore reduced to the necessity either of taking it by force, or giving him Receipts in the Company's Name Policy / to say nothing of the hardship it would have been on him / strongly forbad the first, and considering that it would be in the Company's Power to make the Circar satisfy him at a future Period, I gave him Receipts that satisfied him in the following form, which I hope will not subject the Company to any Inconveniences - Recd of / AB. / for the use of the Company / N / colls of Paddy of the Growth of the present year, Witness my hand &c. The other

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5th Tunkadaro will of Course expect like Receipts — There
is a small dispute between Mr. Palk and me concern
= ing about 5,000 Colls of Paddy, which the Manager —
affirms to have been part of the Government Share —
but Mr. Palk his own Property, but as he has ipsed
it in pay to the Company's Sepoys at my Desire, I at his
have left it to be settled hereafter by your Superiours —
Towards the end of last Month when our Distress
for Money was at the highest, the Col. and I. —
addressed a letter to the Manager, after several Conferences
with him, to acquaint him that in the present —
necessity It was absolutely necessary he should procure
some Money for the Public Service — On this he has
taken to his old Expedient of forcing a loan from the
Poor Inhabitants, contrary to the Col.s and my Intention
which was that he should borrow from the rich, but
we cannot well interfere for the present, since that
would furnish him with an Excuse for procuring
nothing, tho' to say the truth not much is to be
to expected from so poor a fund — It was not till
this that the Inhabitants began to complain of the
Paddy forced on them mentioned in my last, or at
least Complaints were only from those who thought

they

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3, th they had reason to expect from favor a partial Exemption, which would have borne the harder on their fellow Citizens - The two 500. borrowed by me and the Coll. we have promised shall be paid out of the Money which the Managar is now procuring and which he is to give us the End of the Month - The Coll. and I finding that the Managar would not procure us any money from those who were able to afford it, sent for them ourselves, but notwithstanding our offering them notes in the Company's Name, represented to them the reasonableness of their contributing towards defraying the expence of the forces by whom their Persons and Effects were secured, they persisted in an obstinate Avowal of their Inability - At first imagined that they might be afraid of the Managar, expecting that if they lent to us on the Company's Account, he would come on them on the Circars, on that Idea we promised them our Protection in that case, but all to no purpose, our trial of the Ready in the same way, and with like success I mentioned in my last, tho' I am apprized he gave the Managar 40,000 Rs. This coming to us has however had the good Effect which the Coll. expected from it, Montal Vaig and 5 other Polegars

2no Fort St. George August 2 1781

5th Poligars have already sent their Cattels to know the terms on which they may expect pardon, and their Services be accepted of.— The warrior Pallami Poligar is also negotiating thro the means of the Reddy— The manager has sent him word that unless he brings a supply of Money with him he has no favor to expect, and this Slender hope is all the Col.e and I have of money to pay the Troops for June, for I am convinced that what the Manager will produce, and what we have in part anticipated will not be sufficient— With regard to the Manager — Asseber Cawn, notwithstanding all his assertions — that he neither has nor can procure Money, I am assured that he has since my Arrival remitted money to the Ameer, my Informer says Pag.s 10,000.— I am ashamed of giving Circumstances or Report — only, but it is scarcely possible for me to procure Troops, whilst he remains in Power in a place where he is so dreaded— From his low Origin and insolent Manners, he is detested by all Moormen of family in the place, and knowing this he is afraid to irritate them further by pressing them for Money, and this is the Cause of his great oppression on the

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3d The poor I am daily apprized I am inclined to —
believe notwithstanding the Caution with which the Peop-
ple both of Europeans and Black people against
him suggests to me that [illegible] be removed an-
other Manager in his Pla[illegible] would be able to give
us the assistance we are [illegible]o much in need of. He
would no doubt fall on the [illegible]ans Creatures, who —
are reported able to bear [illegible]me not understanding of a
little placing. If the Nabob [illegible]ill hear of this, —
Golam Alley the former Ma[illegible]nager has the Hearts
of the Natives, as well as th[illegible] good opinion of the
Gentlemen of the place, he bear[illegible] a good character and
has been so cautious in his Conduct of giving
Umbrage to the present Ma[illegible]nager, that he has
not yet visited me; his Conduct during his former
government was I understa[illegible]d unreproachable —
towards the old Nabob, but he had the Misfortune
to fall under the displeasure of the Amar — with
respect to the fines, I charged the Manager with
having received, as mentioned in my last, he has
at last acknowledged and given in an Account
of 110758 Rs 7/50 of which he says he received before
my Arrival, This Account I have the greatest

Pleasure

Fort St George August 5th

5th Reason to think far short of the truth — with — regard to the Disposal of the Money, notanon of which was hinted to me by him before I made — trouble about it, Dam to omit at the Genral Account with us making out for the End of the year of Phasaley 1190, which expires today — He has also given my Sumpartees a kind of Conceptive — proper Letters to the Respective Hamildars where they are going, to take an Account of the Tillage of the Country, and has promised to shew me a — particular Account of the arableland in the Several Districts, and their produce — Some trifling Sums taken out of the Nabob's Treasury without my knowledge has made it necessary for me to put Company's Seroys over it to prevent the like in — future, this gave some offence to the Manager, but seems to have had the good Effect of rendering him more tractable, letters from Eddingtoun assure us of a Dutch war, Mr. Procter it is said is forcably detained at Colombo. — I have the Honor to be with respect —

Honble Sir

Your Most obedient

Humble Servant

G. Ram —

Trichinopoly
11th July 1781

P. S

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5 H. P.S

We have heard from Ramnad that the Marawar Rajah had driven his opponent into the Tanjour Country, and is likely to do well —

The Reddis people have retaken Terriore & cut off the head of his Competitor, who was supported there by Hyder — Sringham was evacuated by the Enemy on 21st Last — Capt.n Mc Kenzie has returned with his Detachment on some false Alarm, but will Return march again without Delay — G: R

Honble Sir & Sirs

I should have written to you more frequently, but for the Difficulty attending the Conveyance of Letters, on attempting which I have lately lost several Letters, and had a Harkar killed at Wareanpollum — I hope this will make it's way to you, altho' I have nothing agreeable to tell you. The state of the Country being most deplorable, and the Ryotts so totally ruin'd that it was with the utmost Difficulty we raised 3000 Pagodas upon the model of Sringham Pagoda, which has been remitted here on the Nabob's Bond for a Number of Years, and notwithstanding these shifts we

From Lt Col Nixon on the same Subject — and advising of the Loss of Dindigul. 500 Sepoys with 2 guns under Lt Bate

Fort St. George. August 1781

5th we are Short of the Sepoys Pay for Many Last, you mu
have heard of the accident which happend here the
14th Ultimo, owing to the bad Conduct of Lieut Hale,
who lost a Detachment of near 500 Sepoys with three
Guns. I had been my Custom since the Enemy en-
camped near us, to send out two Companys of Sepoys
more or less as occasion seemd to require, and the Troops
which Mr Hale commands to whatever side the
Enemy appeared on, with Intent to prevent the
Villagers from being Cut by Straggling Partys, and to
save the villages from being burned; my orders were
uniformly to advance some well mounted men to
obtain certain Intelligence of the Enemy's Strength
and Situation, to secure a Retreat, and not to run
the risk of loosing a single Man; on that unfortunate
Day in the Morning, I received Intelligence of 250 Horse
being very near the Fort, and ordered out the Troops
People and the two Companys as usual to Chircarpolu
a Village to the Eastward and within reach of the
Cannon of the Fort, by what Fatality it happend is
unaccountable, but in order to secure any Thing I ordered
two Guns and one Company which kept post at the
River Side to join the party, which at this time had

fired

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5th fired Several Shot at the Enemy, and were advanced a little way past the Village, immediately upon their Junction, Hyder fired across the River from either two or three Guns, upon which the whole Army rush'd on at full Speed from two Sides, regardless of a very heavy Fire from very heavy Guns from the walls, which must have killed many of them, and in less than five Minutes before Capt Mackenzies Battalion could reach the Eastern Glacis to cover their Retreat, the Scene was closed and every man but those who were mounted, killed or taken Prisoners, and three Guns lost. I have ordered a Board of Officers to inquire into the Conduct of those Concerned in that Business, and believe nothing less than a Courtmartial can determine it. Mootoo Naick a Polygar, the greatest Rebel of all them to the Southward, and who had Several Times behaved very ill, writes to the Nabobs Manager here under Date the 14th of June, Malabar Stile, that he will do strictly according to his orders with great Pleasure, as it becomes a Faithful Subject, on Account of his entire Dependance upon him, his people did not come to this Fort, as they had served with Jafer Sayb at Carrapatoore all the Time, and got no Batta from him, though all others received it, he hopes to enjoy the same Kindness for

the

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5th the Sircar, on Account of which he will send his people
now, as soon as he shall be ordered again, he will behave
according to his being had kindly by the Sircar —
whose it is to provide for him, he is entirely at the
Sircar's Commands. Poochey Naick the Chief Polygar of
the whole Jaun writes to me under Date the 23d of June,
Malabar Stile, he acknowledges the Receit of the
Coll. Cajan and read the Contents, which are very —
well, His Highness the Nabob he says knows how
himself and his Forefathers have behaved towards him
untill this very day, wherefore He has honord and
exalted him above all the rest of the Polygars, which
all people know, though he with his People have been strong
about 7 Months, beginning from Hyders first Invasion
yet has he not got any Paddy nor Bonds for the 2000 —
Chukrum due to him from the Amaldar, who notwithstanding
has given both to other Polygars. The Reason for his not
answering the Coll. Cajan soonir was owing to his —
Ignorance how to direct him, he rejoyeth of having been
spared concerning the Coll favorable caring for him,
Concerning the sending of his People he must have
some Consultation first, whereof Supergin whom
he will send shall give a clearer Account — As
the Coll may please to send him order by the same

Man

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5th Man so he will do immediately, He begs only that the Col. may provide that that Man may not be detained from a quick Return by any Troubles. Four Vackuls from different Polygars are arrived, who declare their Masters readiness to obey and assist the Sircar in any thing, so that if we had a little Money to pay these People Batta, there is no doubt of their assembling a great force in a very few days. To Tondiman who has been a little dilatory in sending some People he had promised, I sent Mr. Norris with a Letter, it has had the desired Effect, and he is getting ready 5,000 People, who together with three Companys of Capt. Mackenzies Batt. shall be sent without loss of time to join the Tanjore party, which had advanced as far as Singrapetah, and taken some Grain which was Collected for Hyder. The Colleys of Sowrgoody, Coolapary, Nimlapetty, and some other adjacent Villages not more than 12 Miles from hence having very fully and readily assisted and connected themselves with the Enemy, Ordered their Places to be plundered and levelled to the Ground, which was done by the Nabob's Rintar two days ago, and immense quantitys of Grain burnt in each of them which I understand was collected for the Enemy

Two

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5th Clos. The Reddy of Tanjore, to whom I begin to think the Rabob from his delays in sending his Cowl does not mean fairly, came here upon my Promise of the Company's Protection, and the stipulations with which you are already acquainted he has been very useful and paid an attentive obedience to every order since his arrival here, having received some Intelligence of the Enemy's weak and dispersed State in his Country, he sent a Party from hence of his own people; they tell me this Party took his Nephew Prisoner, the Rajah Hyder set up, and struck off his Head; the latest Intelligence from the Southern Country's mention nothing of any material disturbances there. The Maravar Rajah is safely arrived at Ramnad, and I hear has driven his only Enemy and opponent, Maphy Dewy, out of his own into the Tanjore Country, to Ardingee, where with about 1,000 adherents he has joyned Hyder's People, who are much stronger in that Country than could be imagined, or expected in the present Situation of things. Having now acquainted you with every thing which I coud esteem worth your notice, I shall beg leave to inform you that I

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5th I have laid out of my own money for the Purchase of Stores to mount a Grenadier Troop for the Company the Sums of 1851 Star Pagodas 7/15 P.C. N. Pag.s and 209 Arcot Rupees, which if you will be pleased to order to be paid to Mr. Maxwell — You will greatly oblige —

Trichinopoly the 12th July 1781

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most faithful and Most obedient Servant

E. Sadon

To the Honble Charles Smith Esq.r

President and Governor

of Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

From Mr Hollond concerning the Treaty ordered to be made with the Regency by the Supreme Council and with news from Surat.

In the Letter which I had the Honor to address to the Board under date the 25th Ultimo I advised you of my having received orders from the Supreme Council to negotiate a Treaty at this Court, I have since had some conferences upon that important Subject with his Highness, and it gives

Me

2122 Fort St George August 5th 1781

5th We pleasure to be able to inform you that he continues to shew a disposition to enter inloan alliance with us, he has sent for Ministers from the Courts of Poonah and Berar, and upon their arrival I shall be able to give you more particular Intelligence Nothing has yet been said with respect to Terms, the great difficulty lies there — but I hope His Highness will not be — unreasonable —

There are so many good — Reasons for our taking care of Colonel Pearce's Detachment, that it is scarcely necessary to mention any additional ones, as the Rizam however is apprehensive that if — any accident should happen to that Party, it must unavoidably produce a very ill effect upon the Negotiation, which is now on foot through His mediation with the — Marattas, it is proper to hint to you the Desire he has expressed that it may be

Water —

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2. rather kept at Vellore, than by being
ordered forward be exposed at so critical a
juncture to a shadow of Risk. —

We have news here from
Surat that our Government had seized
upon the Dutch Factory, and had got
possession of Cash and Effects to a very
considerable amount, no less as Reports
say than fifty Lacks of Rupees; —

I am,
Honble Sir
with Respect
Your Mo.t Obed.t
humble Servant
John Hollond

Hydrabad
14th July 1781.

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

My Lord,

I was this morning honored
with your Lordship's Commands of the 9th

From Mr. Daniell
wch do his utmost
to procure Money

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ord Provisions—
ars from Ganjam
t at the Barrier
ly are advanced
ther, wishes to be
formed if he is to
vance them money.

5th instant, and have forwarded the inclosures which accompanied it agreable to your directions

Our Tributaries are most of them sure, and the Reports of coming Flats and — past Victories are echoed thro' the different — Parts of this Settlement in hopes of getting some part of their balances from them by Taxes from the Soucars — The difficulty however of accomplishing this great end is infinitely beyond expression — The aversion of the Zemindars to a Compliance with our demands proceeds from the expectation of a change of Government, and their Eyes are steadily fixed on the unhappy conflict to the Southward to wait the event, and all their reflections engaged to find Reasons for delay — The Soucars in consequence of the present times are averse to any engagements with the Zemindars, the Zemindars inattention to the payment of the Soucars former Taxes — increases the difficulty, and as the Grain has been long off the Ground, the Security of the Soucars is more to be expected from the coming

Year

2135 Fort St George August 2d 79

5th than the past crops, your Lordship may well conclude the difficulty I must meet by encountering so many evils. —

Indeed my Lord all you can say to me on the Subject of the Southern wants cannot encrease my knowledge of them or my great desire to relieve the Necessities of the Army and Madras — For this reason Sir Eyre Coote hurried me from Cuddalore, he was pleased to place an implicit confidence in my exertions — Since my Arrival here I have endeavoured to gain the same degree of Credit by my industry — and hope I shall not be disappointed — I have filled the Fort of Masulipatam with Grain, and have recovered Money enough from the Soucars to defray the late heavy expences of these districts in the preparation for Colonel Pearse's detachment advances to it, expence of our own detachment on the Northward banks of the Kistnah to secure a passage for the Bengal Army, and the payment of our Garrisons in the Circars, as well as those of Ongole and Nellore, your Lordship may well

Judge

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5th Judge that after all this in the course of 3 —
Months we have nothing left in the Treasury, and
all our Expectations are now centred in our —
present adjustments with the Zemindars — I
expect some of the Tupo daily, and Doubt do
my utmost to raise Money on them to forward
to you — In short your Lordship may firmly
rely on me for every thing that is possible to
be done, and that no labour or pains shall
be wanting on my part to collect all the Money
the Country can possibly afford, and as much
Grain as you can find Tonnage to convey to
the Presidency — The two Indiamen now in —
the Roads of Coringa will be so much crowded
with Dutch Bales, that I am afraid they can
take in but little Rice, and we have already —
12,000 Bags which will soon spoil if we do
not speedily receive Vessels from the Presidency
to convey it thither —

With respect to the Soubah's —
declarations to Mr. Holland of ordering Troops
from Nirmalah to be sent on the Borders of the
Commanded district from a Report that a

Body

2137 Fort St George, August 5th 1811

5th body of the Enemy's Cavalry were to invade the Circars, I have no reason to believe that either the one or the other ever had existence — no such body of the Enemy has been heard of, the Cavalry he intended to order were those belonging to Chetisham Jung, the Son of the late Fazil Beg Cawn, from whom the Soubah demands Arrears of /20/ Twenty Lacks of Rupees, and if these Troops had been sent from Nirmalah, / the Residence of Chetisham Jung / on such a pretence the Soubah might more easily have accomplished his purpose for the Recovery of his Money from Chetisham Jung, who will I believe only pay it to him conditionally — The purport of Mr Hollond's letter to the Presidency was forwarded to me from Hydrabad — we were of Course as much on our Guard as our few Troops would admit of, but we have heard nothing more on this Subject and as I understand the Treaty with the Soubah advances apace, we shall I hope have nothing to apprehend from the Westward —

By a Letter from Mr Strang

Sam

2134 Fort St George 4 August 1781

I am informed that a part of the Berar Cavalry are advanced as far as Ganjam, and as soon as I hear they have marched from thence, I shall prepare Boats to transport them over the Kistnah — I find however they are already much in want of Cash, and beg your Lordship will inform me as soon as possible if you chuse I shall advance them any Money in passing thro' those districts — I much fear we shall have a variety of trouble with them, the expence will be enormous, and the Number so small as to be of little more benefit to the Company than the Name — I have the Honor to be most

Respectfully,

Your Lordship's very Obd.

& Most humble Servant

I Daniell

Masulipatam,
20th July 1781.

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney K.B.
President and Govrnr. &c. &c. Members of
the Select Committee of
Fort St. George

My

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My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mr. Duff has commenced the demolition of Policole.

I have been Honord with your Comands of the 26th Ultimo and in Consequence have Commenced to Demolish the Factory here, as well as the One at Masulipatam belonging to the Dutch.

Enclosed is Copy of the Protest delivrd to me by the Dutch Gentlemen here on behalf of the Netherlands Company.

An Inventory of the Property belonging to the Netherlands Company taken at Policole is nearly finished and will be forwarded in a day or two at farthest.

I have the Honor to be with Perfect Respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servants

William Duff

Policole,
25th July 5th 81.

Protest

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Protest of the Chief and Second of Policol

5th Protest delivered by Messrs Girardy — Van Haeften and James Theodore Vanequet De Jan, Chief and Second of the Dutch Factory of Paticole, to Mr William Duff Resident at Madapollam. —

Sir,

Since you have been pleased to inform Us that War has been declared betwen England and Holland in consequence of which you had received Orders to take possession of this Factory in the name of His Britannic Majesty and that of the English East India Company, and whereas you have further thought proper to put these orders into — execution, notwithstanding We have declared ourselves entirely ignorant that any Rupture has taken place betwen the two Nations, and although We acknowledge at the same time our — inability to oppose these violent and unprecedented — Procedings; —

For these Reasons We finish

Ourselves

Fort St. George 5th August 1781

5th ourselves therefore under the necessity of protesting in the strongest manner against the Conduct you have observed towards this Factory, and We do accordingly now Protest against the same in the Name and on the part of their High Mightinesses the States General of the United Provinces and that of his Serene Highness the Prince of Orange and Nassau, as likewise on behalf of our Honorable Constituents, the Directors of the Dutch East India Company, and on that of our respective Superiors in India, holding you responsible for all Consequences —

Pollicole
14th July 1781 —

/Signed/ G. V. Haegstre
J. F. Vanegnat de Fau

A True Translation
W. G. Watty Dutch Translator

A True Copy
Signed/ Wm Duff.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord,

From Mr. Ogilvie advising of their great Distress for

I did myself the Honor to address your Lordship the 5th Instant, and in

Duplicate

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want of Money and regarding the Battering Guns at Vellore —

2d Duplicate the 6th When acquainted you how much we were distressid for want of money, which I fear will be more so from the present situation of Hyders Army, which we hear lyes near to Conjeveram, the high road from Madras to Vellore, from the long absence of some of our Hircars I am much afraid they are taken — Since I last wrote your Lordship Received a 1,000 from the Military Paymaster that I divided as equally as possible, giving every Body a little, now my Cash chest is empty - and not the most distant prospect of getting the smallest supply, except from Madras, our resources here have been long exhausted — From the intelligence we have from Arcott, it appears that Hyder is determined to defend it, he has within these few days sent on thirty pieces of Cannon, all of which are mounted on the walls, I beg leave to observe to your Lordship that we have only Six Pieces of Battering Cannon that are mounted, Viz.t Two 24 Prs Two 20. Prs and Two 18 Prs we have not a Spare Carriage for any of them As I suppose the General will have occasion for these Guns upon his moving

this

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5th This way, for fear of accidents I hope your Lordship will order at least one Spare Carriage for every Gun to be sent with the Army — the Two 20 Pounder Guns are French metal, one of them requires a 24 Pdr Carriage, and the other an 18 Pdr, we have another 24 Pdr Gun here, but have no Carriage for her, I have just finished a Carriage for one of the 20 Pdrs which was before mounted on a Ship Truck Carriage, I should have made spare Carriages for all our Guns, but could not get wood fit for that purpose, we have great plenty of shot for all our Guns.—

I am
My Lord,
With very great respect,
Your Lordship's Most obedient
and very humble servant,
Thos C Ogilvie,
Paymaster

Vellore
25th July 1781

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

From Lt Lang

I had the Honor to address the

Right

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Fort St. George August 5th 1781

Respecting the Distress of the Garrison for Provision, and requesting a speedy Supply.

5th Right Honble the President the 5th Instant — acquainting him of the Situation of this Garrison. I am now under the necessity of telling you that my Garrison Stock of Grain is so much sunk, that it is absolutely necessary some immediate — step should be taken to supply us with men and money, or this place must fall into the hands of the Enemy in the course of a few weeks. our Sepoys are five Months in arrears, and the Nabob's I cannot tell how long, and altho' the latter are never to be depended on, yet the Garrison has — benefited much from their Services, and cannot do without them; our Bullocks I fear much we shall loose, as it is now totally out of my power to supply the owners or drivers with money or Grain — The Garrison of Arcot now consists of 4000 Sepoys and peons and 500 Horse: a few days ago all the heavy Guns which Hyder and Tippoo Saib had in the field were sent in there and are mounted on the Works — it is a most difficult matter to get a Man into that place now, and are so — close watched here, that I have not had a Soul from Madras since the 8th and not a man can

get

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5th got from Tanna to Wandewash, I must therefore request that you will direct that Sir Eyre Coote be made acquainted with my situation, —

We are sometimes put to our Shifts for meat, however I let no opportunity slip — a few days ago I was so lucky to get 150 head of Cattle, as to which we have not been able to get any for Months past, however we never can be in real want of meat while we have so many draught and Carriage Bullocks in the Service — but it shall be my last shift to kill them. I have the Honor to be with all due Respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your very obedient &

Devoted Servant,

Ross Lang.

Vellore,
25th July 1781

Fort St. George 3d August, 1781

At a Committee of Stores Present,

Major George Maule,
Capt. John Kennedy,
Bryan Scottney Esqr.

Minutes of the

The Military Storekeeper

Leaving

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5th

Committee of Stores

Having received a Memorandum from Sir Eyre Coote to prepare six 18 Pounders, including the 4 landed from the Success Galley, with the Complement of ammunition, Small Stores, &c. Lays it before the Committee — but the Gentlemen being entirely unacquainted with the State of Bullocks, cannot ascertain the number that the General may think proper to allot for transporting the Stores — they however have given orders for the 18 Pounders with a sufficient Complement of Ammunition & Small Stores to be in Readiness —

The Military Storekeeper Lays before the Committee the following List of Stores wanted for Mandewash —

Stores

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11.

Stores wanted — immediately for Wande- wash — in part of an Indent to be completed hereafter —

Powder 60 ℔ Barrs		30.
Cartridge Bags	24 Pdr	45.
Do	18	45.
Do	12	45.
Do	9	45.
Flints		1,000
Cartridge paper Reams		1
Port fires		20.
Round Shot	24 Pdr	40.
Do	18 Do	40.
Do	12 Do	40.
Do	9 Do	40.

Coir Rope (Coil 3 Inch) 1.

Grape for 24, 18, 12, & 9, of each 10.

The above to be sent by order of Sir Eyre Coote

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5th Aug. 1781

Signed Wm Fydenham
Town Major.

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5th The Committee resolve that they be immediately got ready for the first opportunity of sending them —

The Military Storekeeper likewise lays before the Committee a List of Stores laden on the Ship Grosvenor for Palamcotah 13th March 1731. and Remarks that they were landed by order of Sir Eyre Coote at Cuddalore except 1,000 Musquets, which were returned to this Place —

And also a List of Stores laden on the Snow Fredericks burgh for Cuddalore the 19th June, and relanded on Account of her proving leaky —

The Committee examine four 12 Pounder Field Carriages and Limbers and 27 Carts which —

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5th being approved of are
or desired to be received
into Stores —

The above Carriages,
Limbers, and Carts are
made of Good Materials
and well put together —

George Maule,
John Kennedy
B. Scottney

To the Right Honble Geor. Lord Macartny K.B.
President and Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord and Sirs,

From Capt. Smith
and Prisoners by
the Lively.

By the lively Captain Forrest &
and ten Prisoners taken from Labia, three Europeans
and one black Drummer of Colonel Pearse's Army
left behind —

I am
My Lord & Sirs,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
George Smith

Pahiacat
3d Augt 1781.

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5th Came in the following Letter

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

My Lord,

From Capt. Brackay concerning the great Arrears of the Garrison.

The dangerous indisposition of our Paymaster Mr. Taner has prevented your being furnished with a particular statement of the considerable arrears due to this Garrison and of its monthly disbursements, which in general amount for since September last to between three and four thousand Pagodas, as soon as possible these accounts shall be prepared for your Lordship's inspection — All the ready money found at Sadras was by me put into the Honble Company's Treasury at Chingleput, and has been disbursed in a just and exact manner by Mr. Taner towards defraying the expences of the people employed in demolishing the works of Sadras, and paying in part the Sum due to their Troops in this Fort, the whole amount not being equal to the arrears

due

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Chinglepet,
4th Aug.t 1781

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sr Edward Hughes concerning Negapatam &c. rec.d last Decr from Col. Braithwaite

I had the Honor to receive your Letters of the 15th & 16th of last Month, with the several inclosures that accompanied them by

Sir

C.de Duc, — Having had the particular Honor of accomplishing the first piece of Service your — Lordship undertook in India, I must respectfully take this opportunity of requesting your Lordship will be pleased to lay your further Commands upon me for any future purpose to be effected, as no one can be more chearfully and Zealous by devotd to carry on any piece of Service under your — Lordship than — My Lord,

Your very Respectfull Obligd
humble servant
George Mackay
Capt. Lieut.

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thinks that if assisted by a small force from Col. Braithwaite or Captn. Eddingtown the Squadron will be able to get possession of Negapatam, forwards two Letters to them Gentlemen, has not heard from them, — with pay every attention to the recommendation of Shamier Sattan.

6th the return of the Superbe's Long boat on the 30th

I am very happy to concede with you in opinion that if assisted with a small force from Colonel Braithwaite or Captain Eddingtown it would be by no means impracticable for the Squadron to get possession of Negapatnam, but without such a force I am sure it would be — extremely ill judged in me to attempt it at the risque of weakening the Squadron on which so much depends —

I have forwarded with the greatest care the Letters inclosed to me for those Gentlemen to Tanjore, but altho' I have written Colonel — Brathwaite as long ago as the 21st of last — Month, I have received no answer from him as yet, nor can I by any means in my power — procure the least intelligence or information respecting the State of that Garrison or of the Tanjore Country in general, except that a Small Body of Hyder's Cavalry and Infantry are at Carrical and Trimlewash, watching over the Magazines of Grain he has there, and a

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6th Detachment only three days ago came from that body into the Bounds of Tranquebar, and threatned to lay waste the few Villages belonging to that Settlement, if any Water was furnished for the Squadron, and the Governor although perfectly well inclined to give the Squadron every assistance and refreshment in his power, did actually refuse to give any more water openly, and I was under the necessity of quitting the Road with all the Ships except one, on board which he has promised to put water occasionally as he can.

I particularly note the last Paragraph of your Letter of the 15th and shall strictly conform myself to your Request therein made, as far as it rests with me, but if any Detachment be made for the reduction of Negapatnam, it may be necessary to give the officer who commands it like instructions respecting a Surrender, as I have heard that an officer under like circumstances agreed to a Capitulation without the Consent or even asking the opinion of the Naval officer co-operating with him.

I Shall on answer to your Letter of the

16th

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6th 16th I beg leave to assure you that I am entirely disposed from my own knowledge of Shamier Sultan as well as from your recommendation of him to do him all the service in my power, but as the matter of Captures from the Enemy does not rest with me alone, but also with every officer and Man who may expect to benefit by such Capture, I apprehend Shamier Sultan will find it impossible to protect your Resident Merchants of Factors at Batavia, and Ykru at Negapatnam, and his friends at Madras would do him an act of kindness by explaining to him the Law of Nations at War with each other, as well as the very great extent of the Words in His Majesty's late Declaration of War against the States General, their Subjects, and all others residing within their Territories —

I am much concerned for the damage the French Privateer Ste Teresa has done on the Northern parts of this Coast, and hope the Coventry, Nymph, and Chaser who will no doubt

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6th doubt have intelligence of her in Bengal may give a good Account of her in their way back to join me, at this time I have only the five Line of Battle Ships and a Foreship, and cannot spare one of these to look after her — I have the Honor to be —

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes

Superbe off Negapatnam
the 5th August 1781

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Lt Higgins
Letter concerning his Rank in the Army

I take the Liberty of offering to — your consideration what I humbly conceive to — be an error respecting my Rank in the Army — and hope from your indulgence to have what I — presume to think my right. —

I was appointed an Ensign in his — Majesty's 40th Regiment of Foot on the 11th of — March 1772

I quitted

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6th I quitted his Majesty's Service in 1775. and was the year following appointed a Cadet in the Honorable Company's Service forth on the Court of directors List

On my arrival here as I understood that all Cadets who had bore Commissions in his Majesty's Service were first promoted, I applyd for the same indulgence, but was answered that the Custom was then discontinued, and that all Cadets in future were to rank according to the directors List —

My Promotion was also retarded by the Promotion of Six Cadets made in this Country the same year I was made in England and who took rank of me, four of which now remain, and are lately Promoted to the Rank of Lieut.s Orr & Mess.rs Forbes.

Lee
Orr &
Wilson.

Since this Cadets who have bore Commissions in the Kings Service are now ordered to take rank of others of the same year, and eighty four Cadets of the year 1779 took Rank of Several made in the Country the same Year —

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6th

I humbly hope that your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee will be pleased to consider my situation and Grant me the favour of being placed next in rank to Lieutenant Mc Ferrand who is the youngest officer of the preceding year —

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest respect My Lord
and Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
and Most Humble Servant
Tho.s Higinbotham

Fort St. George,
Aug.t 3.d 1781.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Knight of the Bath, President and Governor
of Fort St. George.

My Lord,

I had the Honor to receive your Lordships Kind and polite Letter of the 25th Ultimo the 1st Instant, by means of a Catamaran, and am happy to hear that Sir Eyre Coote with the Army had arrived at the Mount, from Whence I shall for my

From N. Dent —
the Garrison are
much distressed
for want of pay
Capt. Williamson
not deliver the full
Quantity of Rice sent
with Provisions for
the Enemy —

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6th they will form a Speedy Junction with the Bengal Army, and finaley restore Tranquility to the Carnatick.

I am sorry Affairs were so circumstanced as not to admit of the Ships Epsis's arrival with the Supply of Cash which your Lordship and the Select Committee were so considerate to send Us. - On this Occasion I have to offer your Lordship my Sincere Thanks for the intention, as well as your attention to this Settlement, it is to be Hoped however that this little Supply may arrive by some other Conveyance, for as the Merchants of this Place have pleaded inability to advance Us any further Sum on Account of the Contribution Loan for the Army, which they agreed to pay whilst Sir Eyre Coote was on the Spot and it is not in my Power, nor could it be Prudent to compel them to pay the Ballance, being about 5,000 Pagodas, the Garrison is consequently distressed for their Pay. We have Endeavored to make it out hither to as well as We could by means of the Produce arising from the Sales

of

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6th of that Grain, which was purchased here in June last from Captain Le Franc of the Snow Fredricknagore, and which now is near expended.

A Great part of the Rice imported by the True Mason is in very bad Condition — Captain Williams delivered only 2270 Bags, many of which were not half full, though he says he received at Madras 2340 Bags, and that the difference being 70 his officers sent on shore the first day of unloading, but this has been proved to the contrary by Colonel Harpur Havildar, who sent Sepoys on each of the 6 Boats that went off the day of her arrival, — and as the Captain would insist that 7 Boats were sent from the Ship, I commanded to Lieu Sinding for Mr Brack his Chief officer on Shore, who he said would swear to the Truth of the assertion but upon his being asked by me whether he — could swear to what had been advanced he replied he could according to the best of his Judgement and to the Account that had been taken on board, perceiving the officer inclined to evade

the

6th the Questions, and the Captain at the same Time telling me that If his Ship was detained on this Account, the Company should pay him 50 Pagodas demurage per day, altho' the Rice was all landed, I put the matter short and demanded of the Officer whether he would swear positively that Swin Boats of Rice instead of 6. went from the Ship — He said He could not, but to the accounts only; As I found it to no purpose detaining the Ship, I gave Captain Williams a Conditional Receipt specifying that He had delivd 2,270. Bags of Rice, tho' he acknowledged to have recvd 70 More at the Presidency, the difference of which should be the Subject of an after Enquiry, as the Ship was then preparing to proceed for Bombay —

Since the True Mason's Departure I have made very necessary Enquiry, and find that Captain Williams's Officers did not deliver the full Quantity of Rice that he Received by Twenty Bags — Upon the whole I cannot help remarking that this is a very extraordinary affair. As soon as the Rice is all measured, for the

Captain

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6th Captain would deliver only by the Bag, saying he was accountable for such a Number, I shall lay this Matter before the Council of this St Thomas together with Colonel Harpur's Note to me, and the Agent for the Contracts Order to the Captain for receiving it which will then wait on your Lordship officially, I thought it was nevertheless proper in me to give you this timely information, in order that you may be enabled to write to Bombay before Captain Williams Sails for Europe, as I understand on the Strength of his delivering 2000 Compleat Bags of Rice here weighing each 2 Bengal Maunds, he is to be paid the Amount of a Bill of Exchange.

The Letter enclosed me by Mr Kingston by direction of the Select Committee to be forwarded to Messrs Davidson and Sourdan I sent without delay by two Mercarrahs on a Catamaran, to go so far as four Miles to the Northward of Tranquebar where they were to be landed, and to wait 'till their Return. —

I hope as your Lordship does, that both

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6th both the Presidency and this Settlement will — receive Supplies of Grain from the Tanjore Country Pundirs and Hyders Amuldars still continue to collect the Revenues thereabouts, and the Enemy have a Force at Chillombrum, at which Place a few days ago 400 Horse and 200 Seapoys arrived with Elephants and Camels from Tiagar, to escort Grain from thence to Hyders Army, and on the 28th Ultimo they sent away 100 Bullocks with Grain, and with 4 Iron Guns they dismounted from the Bastions, they carried with them to Hyders Army — At Porto Novo they have only 40 Sibindy Sepoys. —

The 29th Ultimo a Thousand of the — Enemys Cavalry arrived at Pondichiry to escort a Supply of Provisions to their Army, a large Quantity of which had lately been brought in from the — inland Countries, —

The 30th Ultimo two Harcarahs came in from Arcott, and reported that Hyder had — ordered a Detachment from his Army to —

Secure

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6th Secure the Passes of the Coroma —

The 1st Instant several Plundering
Horse entr'd Our Bounds, and carried off Som
Cattle, but did no other damage —

Conformable to your Lordships'
Advice I addressed the Admiral yesterday,
Stating to Him Our Situation, and that I
should not fail giving him the most early
information whenever Our affairs were such
as to require his immediate Assistance; at
present I do not see much cause of Apprehens
from the Enemy here, as they must be otherw
employed to the Northward in watching the
motions of our Army, than to concern themsel
about a Place which Now can be but of
little Consequence to them, as they have alread
Pondicherry and Porto Novo, both which Sea Por
they derive but little benefit from —

Two Hircarrahs with Paquets from
Tanjore came in this morning, and are sent
herewith on two Madras Masoolah Boats
brought hither by the Free Mason, My last

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6th Letter from Sir Edward Hughes was of the 15th — Ultimo, from Negapatam, in which he appears very anxious to hear from Sir Eyre Coote, to whom he had written by the Superbe's Long Boat; the Dispatches it seems were forwarded on to the General as he was marched, and the officer returned to Cuddalore without a Reply, from whence he — proceeded with my Letters to the Admiral.

This morning a Country Snow under Danish Colours anchored here She has on board a few Garce of Rice and Paddy, Betle Nuts &c. Provisions, partly the Property of Messrs. De Souza and Mitchell — There are no Europeans on — board — the Noqueadah or Master of the Vessel wanted to land part of the Cargo here, but as — I am sensible of the Situation of the Presidency with respect to Provisions, I have prevailed — him to proceed to Madras without Loss of Time, as I shall do all other Vessels, except what may be actualy necessary for the present Consumption, —

I have the Honor to —

Remain

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6th Remain with the Sentiments of Respect and
due Esteem, —

My Lord

Your Lordships Most
Obedient & Obliged Humble Servant
C. B Dirt

Cuddalore,
3d Augt 1781

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President and Governor &c. Council,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Lt Crawford concerning his — Allowances, and — requesting an order to the Paymaster General on the same —

Having applied to the Military Paymaster respecting the allowance I was to receive from the Honble Company in addition to my Kings Pay, he informed me it was necessary that he should receive the instructions of the Board about it.

I therefore am under the necessity of troubling your Lordship and the other Gentlemen of the Board to request the favor of you to give the proper orders.

I hope that as my rank in the Army

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6th Army is the same with Lord Macleods, that you will be pleased to settle my gratuity on the same footing as his Lordships.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
Humble servant

James Crauford
Colonel & Lieut Co. of the
1st Batn of the 73d Regt

Fort St George
6th Augt 1781.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Having had the Honor of addressing your Honble Board in January last respecting the Debt due to us by His Highness the Nabob for juding &c Co. of his Regiments of Cavalry, and which we were induced to trouble

From Lt Cooby — Ct Campbell and Capt Gourdan — concerning the debt due to them from the Rebel on acct of his Cavalry —

You

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6 you with from His Highness giving us to understand that he had settled with the President and Council a Mode for satisfying us, we have waited until now in Hopes of hearing of some Arrangements having Taken place in our favor, but that not being the case, we are under the necessity of again humbly requesting the Honble Board's Attention to the above mentioned Letter, as also to the Several Letters which his Highness the Nabob wrote to the Honble Board on the Subject in September & October 1780 likewise the Minutes entr'd at that time, and from which we entertained the most promising expectations that altho' it might not be perfectly Convenient for Government during the present Situation of affairs, to make us any considerable advances, we Should by this time have received something from the Tinnevelly Country or had some kind of security for the Payment at a more convenient Period. —

As a great part of our Private Fortunes is involved in this concern, the Honble Board will we flatter ourselves excuse the —

Anxiety

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6th Anxiety we feel to know what their pleasure is relative thereto —

We have the Honor to be with the Most profound respect

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your Very Devoted & Obliged Humble Servants

H. A. M. Cosby
Dug: Campbell
Edward Jourdan

Fort St George,
August 5th 1791.

Order thereon — Ordered to lie on the Table —

8th Received the following Letter from Captain George Smith Commanding at Pulicat

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

My Lord & Sirs,

By Perswering in my —

From Capt Smith

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has found a further Quantity of Rice; is deepening the Ditch; sends some Bullocks by Col. Pearse —

8th, enquiry, and searching after grain, I have found out about thirteen Garse of rice more in two Godowns in the Petah, I have Interrogated several people about it, and cannot get a true information who are the owners — I understand some principal Dubashes at Madraspatam have been wrote to by some people here to make a Demand of it as their own, but whoever were the first owners I think can have no pretensions to it now, for Lalla had Possessed himself of the Petah, and all the grain in it several Months before we came here, & as we Dispossessed him of what was remaining in the Village. I hope you will think that it becomes the property of the Company and Captors and send me an order to dispose of it as such — Ishall dispatch a small prize Snow tomorrow Morning with 1000 Cags of Rice, she is so leaky that the officer Commanding her says it will be dangerous to put any more on board, as soon as she is gone Ishall begin to load the Carolina Matilda, I have had Coolys employed this some time past deepening the Ditch, and I am now filling

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& filling it with water from the Lake, I told Sir Eyre Coote what I was doing and he approved of it, but requested that I would not put the Company to any great expence, which I promised not to do. The Road being pretty open I sent down the Right before last about sixty Bullocks all Stout ones, which I picked up between this and Chickiragooday to the Northward, left behind by Colo Pearse; and I have found since about twenty more, which I shall send off tonight,

I am my Lord and Sirs

Your most obedient

Humble servant

George Smith

I have had no Intelligence of the Enemy these three days

Pulicat
Aug. 26th 1781.

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At a Select Committee Present

Thursday } The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
the 9th }

President Governor

Anthony Sadleir

Morgan Williams

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote and

Major General Sir Hector Munro absent on Service

Mr Holland absent at Hydrabad

Minutes of last Committee Read

and approved.

Read the following Letter from

Mr William Jackson with an Account of

the Half-Mounting Received from the Attornies

of the late Agent —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

at Fort St George.

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My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Wm Jackson
enclosing account
of Sepoy Half Mounting.

I have the Honor to send you an Account of Sepoy Half Mounting and Slops received from Mr Proctors Attorney by order of the Select Committee on the 16th April last, and which I have since delivered to different Battalions for the year 1780. There are still some Sepoys and particularly those belonging to the 18th Battalions, that have not yet been supplied. I am therefore under the Necessity of informing your Lordship &c. That until the Troubles are in some degree subsided, it will be impossible to provide any more Slops. I take the Liberty to recommend to your Lordship &c. That such Sepoys as cannot be supplied with Half Mounting and Slops may have their stoppages for the Year 1780 repaid to them.

I have applied to the late Agents Attorney

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Attorney for Pagodas 1,250 11 78 being the
Balance of Cash remaining in his Hands when
the Employ was delivered over to my Charge who
has informed me that owing to the Scarcity of
Cash, it is out of his Power at Present to Comply
with my Requisition —

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
W. Jackson
Agent

Fort St George
the
8. August 1781.

Stoppages for Hall Mounting to be repaid to the Sepoys.

As the Hall Mounting cannot at this time be made up owing to the Troubles in the Country It is agreed that the Amount of the Stoppages which have been made be paid back to the Sepoys agreeably to what is recommended in the foregoing Letter —

Read Letter from Colonel Crawford as entered No. 42 in the Diary of this — Committee, —

Agreed

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Gratuity to be allowed to Lt. Crowford agreeable to his Rank

Agreed that the Gratuity of Colonel Crawford be settled agreeably to his Rank in his Majesty's Service.—

The Circar Batt.s to be completed to the first establishment.

The Committee judging it expedient in the present situation of affairs to keep up a respectable Force in the Northern Circars—

It is Resolved that the Battalions be immediately completed to their full Establishment and such number of Supernumeraries added to each, as to make the Military Force equal to what it was before the Battalions were drafted from thence.

Macartney
Auth.d Sadleir
Wm. Williams

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Dispatched the following Letters ——

To Sir Edward Hughes, K.B.

Vice admiral of the Blue,
and Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships in
India.

Sir,

To Sir Edw.d Hughes — advising of the junction of the Bengal Detachment with the main Army ——

We have the honor of your Letter of the 5th of August, in answer to ours of the 15th and 16th past, and are much concerned at your disappointment in not hearing from Col.o Brathwaite & Capt. Eddington — We send duplicates of our Letters to those Gentlemen under your Cover by Lieut. Hughes, which we flatter ourselves have long since reached your hands —

Sir Eyre Coote's Army and the Bengal Detachment formed a Junction on the 3.d Instant, they are now at the Mount, and preparing to move in a few days —

We are heavily employed in supplying them with all the articles of their Demands, which are in our power to furnish — Provisions are the principal We are doing all in our power to obtain them from the Northward and By your assistance we hope to receive some soon from the Southward —

Our President has explained to Hyder Sultan what you wished to have communicated to him, he seems perfectly to understand it — and only hopes that where a particular attention can be shewn consistently with the Law of Nations and the practice of the Service — the Armenians will be remembered

We

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9th We are much concerned that None of the Ships of your Squadron which went to Bengal, have yet appeared in our road — If they had we might have hoped for a Convoy to China — The Indiamen now here bound to Canton, are to sail from hence before the 15th and we confess ourselves very anxious for their safety — We have no objection to your opening any of our packets from England, on which you have reason to think dispatches for you are inclosed

We are —

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants,

Macartney

&c &c &c Council

P.S. We have found it necessary to detain for a few Hours the Gentleman who brought us your Letter of the 5th Instant, in order to avail Ourselves of the opportunity of his Return, to send you the Cypher you applied to us for, and it now waits on You —

To Colonel John Braithwaite,

Commanding at Tanjore.

Sir

In consequence of the Letters you have received from this Presidency, and from the Commander in Chief, We flatter ourselves that the Tanjore Country is now clear of the Enemy, and that you have already marched from the Capital, for the Purpose of attacking, with the Assistance of the Admiral, the Dutch Settlement of Negapatam — You will be

Col

To Col Braithwaite to use all the means in his power to export Grain to the Presidency —

Fort St. George, 18th August 1781

To double the good Effects of the late Victory obtained by Sir Eyre Coote, by the evacuation of Hyders Troops from the Country where you command, and We hope you will meet no obstruction in your march. Nagore as well as the other Ports adjacent to Negapatam will we conceive be in perfect Security; on your arrival in the Neighbourhood you will please to avail yourself of those advantages to induce the merchants and Inhabitants along the Coast to send their Grain to Madras, where it will sell at a Considerable profit and where it may be conveyed in perfect safety, as we have no Enemy in those Parts, and as our President has written to the Admiral to suffer all Vessels with Grain to pass unmolested to us. He has represented to him the great increase in the demand for Provisions at this place, since the junction of the main Army with the Detachment under Col. Pearse — We have furnished from the Garrison Stores such Quantities of Provisions in order to remove every possible impediment to the operations of the Army that until we can soon receive some fresh Supply, we shall be reduced at the Presidency to actual want. —

The mention of this circumstance conveys to you the fullest Instructions to pursue every method in your Power for encouraging and procuring the Exportation of grain of all Sorts from the Tanjore Country to this Place. His Highness the Nabob has applied to our President to engage your Protection for Mahomet Hussain Khan's Son's Wife and family, they have been for some time resident in the Southern Provinces, and are probably at present

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9th present either at Negapatam or in the Country of Tanjore — As We wish to shew every attention to his Highness, We flatter ourselves, he will have a proof of it in the Services you will render to those persons wherever they may have occasion for your assistance

We inclose to you a Copy of a Petition which has been laid before Us by Shamier Sultan, an Armenian Merchant of that place, and desire you will afford to Him Family and Connexions resident in the Tanjore Country, whatever assistance may be in your Power —

We are Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

Macartney

Wm Sclwt Comm.r

Fort St George
9th August 1781

Col Lang. & Mr Ogilvie

Sir

To Col Lang and Mr Ogilvie 1000 Pag.s sent them advising of the Junction of the Bengal Detachment with the main Army

On the 15th & 16th of last month I sent you by several Hircarrahs 2000 pagodas, but by not hearing from you, I fear they have not reached you. I now with a Thousand more, you may always depend upon me for the supplies you want, whenever there is any possible means of conveying them. The Grand Army formed a junction with the Bengal Detachment on the 3d Instant near Pulicat. They are now at the Mount, and will march in two or three days, so that I hope all your Difficulties and Anxieties will soon be relieved —

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Fort St George
8th August 1781

Sam. Sir,

Your most Obd.
Servant
Macartney —

To Captain George Smith,
Commanding at Pulicat.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the
6th Instant. From what you represent in regard to
the grain you have lately discovered, we conceive it
to belong to the Company and the Captors. This is
a Point however which may hereafter be enquired
into, in the mean time you will send it to Madras,
in the same Manner as you have done with respect
to the other Grain taken at Pulicat.

To Capt Geo Smith
the Grain lately
discovered at Pulicat, to be
sent to the Presidency —
no repairs to be
made to Pulicat, but
for the protection
of the Garrison —

As to what you say regarding the
deepening of the Ditch and filling it with Water,
we have only to observe that it is by no Means
our intention that any repairs or alteration whatever
should be made to the Fort of Pulicat, except they
be absolutely necessary for the Protection of the Garrison,
until Circumstances make it advisable entirely
to demolish the Fortification and abandon the Place.

We are, Sir,

Fort St George,
9th August 1781.

Your most Obd. Servants,
Macartney,
For Select Committee

To

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To Captain Sutton,
Commanding the Ship
Sid,
Duke of Portland.

To Capt Sutton not a moment to be lost in getting the Contractor ready to accompany him to China with all Ships to be taken under his Convoy—

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of a letter addressed jointly by you and Capt Cotton to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, dated the 3d Instant, representing the Inconvenience that may arise should you fail in making your passage to China, and desiring an early Dispatch for that Place— In answer to which I am to inform you that the Right Honble President and Select Committee, sensible of the Justness of your observations on the foregoing Subject, are anxious for your speedy Departure for which purpose they have given orders that not a Moment be lost in getting ready the Contractor which is just arrived, in order that she may accompany you to China, and they hope it may be effected in three days from this time, when you will receive your Dispatches—

Captains Falconer Watson and Maughan, Commanding Ships of some Strength now lying in the Road, having addressed the Right Honble President and Select Committee requesting to be received under the Convoy of the Company's Ships, they are pleased to direct that they be taken under your convoy accordingly— the Carlisle Commanded by Captain Watson being Copper bottomed and

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9th and a good Sailer, it is conceived she may answer the Purposes of a leading Ship, to give Notice of any Enemies who may be in wait with an Intention to intercept you.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient
Servant,
T. Oakes Secry

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To Captains Falconer Watson & Maughan,
Gentlemen

To Captains Falconer, Watson, and Maughan, to be taken under the Convoy of the China Fleet

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo, requesting to be received under the Convoy of the Company's Ships bound for China.

The Select Committee have been pleased to comply with your request, and the necessary directions are given to the Commodore of the Fleet to take you under his Convoy, you will therefore receive his orders according to the usual rules and Custom of the Service

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most Obdt
Servant,
Tho: Oakes Secry

Fort St George,
9th August 1781

10th Received the following Letter

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

My Lord & Gentlemen I humbly beg leave to present to your Lordship

From Capt. Le Mesurier.

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requesting he may be reimbursed for Victualling Troops brought from Bombay

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Lordship and Honble Committee the several Bills for Victualling the Detachment of officers and Seapoys I have brought round from Bombay, agreable to the terms settled them by the Honble President & Council, which I flatter myself will meet with your approbation, and therefore request your Lordship and the Honble Committee will order the Amount to be paid me here, as I am destitute of money to pay for the necessary supplies of the Ship, which are at present considerable

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
8th August 1781

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
& most humble
Servant
Frederick Le Messurier

To the Right Honble the President of the Council
and the Select Committee,
Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Ensign Barrow desiring leave to resign

My Health being so much impaired I beg leave to Resign the Honble Company Service, being Desirous of Returning to England the first Opportunity I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed
Humble Servant,
Will Barrow
Ensign 71 Batt

10th August 1781

Granted

Agreed that Ensign Barrow's Resignation be accepted of

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Fort St. George. 16th August 1781

This day the following Letter were written

To Wm. James Daniell,
Chief & Council
of Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

The Letter from your Chief to the Right Honble President of the 20th of last Month hath been laid before us.

It is with great Concern we observe what he therein represents in regard to the difficulty of collecting money from the Zemindars & Renters in the Masulipatam District, more especially at this time, when the Exigencies of the public Service are so extremely pressing. We assure Ourselves however of the most strenuous Efforts on your part, and have the greater Confidence in the Success of your Endeavours since the late favorable Events that have taken place, which we trust will operate to good effect by making the Zemindars more punctual in the discharge of their balance to the Company. Your Chief observes that the two Indiamen now at Coringa will be so much crowded with Dutch Bales that he fears they will be able to take in but little Rice. In reply to this we must refer you to our Letter of the 5th with one from the Secretary to Mr. Daniell of the 30th July, ordering all the Stores, Bales &c. put on Board the Indiamen at Coringa to be landed at Masulipatam in order that they might be loaded from thence with the Rice

To Masulipatam to use their utmost endeavours in procuring Money from the Zemindars &c. & am appointed Agent on the part of the Company for the Stores and Effects captured in the Circars

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10. Price you had collected but being in want of 750 Bales to Complete a Cargo for the Governor which was to be dispatched for Europe in the Month of October, we wished that Number of Bales to be sent to us by these Ships — Our Necessities on the Score of Grain are very great, we must therefore repeat to you our former orders, by desiring that you will cause as large a Quantity as possible to be shipped on the Board the Grosvenor and Royal Admiral, after loading the 750 Bales as before-mentioned —

We cannot come to no determination with respect to the Horse Cavalry, our President will take the opinion of Sir Eyre Coote concerning them, when we shall furnish you with our orders on the Subject —

We have appointed Mr William Oram Agent on the part of the Company for the Stores effects &c. captured from the Dutch in the Circars, or consequence of which he now proceeds to take an Account jointly with the Agent for the Captors of all the effects &c. at the several Dutch Settlements which have fallen into our hands — As soon as the accts shall be taken, the Effects must be sent to Madras with all convenient expedition, and in such manner as may appear most for the advantage of the Company and the Captors. You will be pleased therefore to afford to the Agent all reasonable assistance on his application to you for that purpose — On the arrival of these Effects at Madras, an Account must again be

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10, be taken, and the whole delivered over to the Company's Agents who will give proper Receipts for the same to the Agent for the Captors, in order that no difficulty may hereafter occur in adjusting the Accounts between the Company and the Captors.

Having judged it expedient in the present Situation of affairs to keep up a respectable Force in the Circars, We direct that the Battalion be immediately completed to their full Establishment and such Number of Supernumeraries added to each as to make the Military Force equal to what it was before the Battalions were drafted from your District — We desire that no time may be lost in demolishing the Fortifications of Jaggernaigpore, and every other Dutch Settlement within the limits of your District, and that it may be done in the most effectual Manner, so as to render the Reestablishment of the Factory a Difficult and expensive Undertaking.

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

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To Wm. James Henry Casamajor
Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 18th Ultimo

To Vizagapatam Mr. Oram appointed agent on the part of the Company for the

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Stores and Effects captured in the Circars—

10th Ultimo informing Us of your having taken Possession of the Dutch Settlement of Bimlipatam— We much approve of your seizing the Vessel lying in the Road, and hope soon to receive the Particulars of her Cargo, as likewise of the Stores, Merchandize, &c. taken at Bimlipatam— in regard to the request you make on behalf of Mr Vrymond and Mr. Dormieux, the late Chief and Second of that place, We are to observe that orders have already been sent to you on the subject of the Prisoners who may fall into our Hands conformably to which these Gentlemen may be permitted to reside at Bimlipatam, until we shall judge proper to make an Amangement for their future destination—

We have appointed Mr. William Orain Agent on the part of the Company for the Stores, Effects, &c. captured from the Dutch in the Circars, in consequence of which he now proceeds to take an Account jointly with the Agent for the Captors of all the Effects, &c. at the several Dutch Settlements which have fallen into our Hands, as soon as the account shall be taken, the Effects must be sent to Madras, with all convenient Expedition, and in such manner as may appear most for the Advantage of the Company and the Captors, you will be pleased therefore to afford to the Agents all reasonable assistance on their application to you for that purpose, on the arrival of these Effects at Madras, an Account must again be taken, and the whole delivered over to the Company's agent, who will give proper Receipts for the same to the Agent for the Captors, in order that no difficulty may

hereafter

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10th hereafter occur in Adjusting the Accounts between the Company and the Captors

Having judged it expedient in the present Situation of Affairs to keep a respectable Force in the Circars, We direct that the Battalions in your District be immediately recruited to their full Establishment

We desire that no time may be lost in demolishing the Fortifications of Bimlipatam and every other Settlement belonging to the Dutch within the Limits of your District, and that it may be done in the most effectual manner, so as to render the reestablishment of the Factory a difficult and expensive Undertaking

We are

Gentlemen,

Your most Obdt

Servants

Fort St George
10th August 1781.

Q Macartney,
&a Select Committee.

To John Turing Esqr
Resident at Ganjam

Sir

To Ganjam enforming the Berar Cavalry

I am directed by the Right Honble President to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th and 11th Ultimo, and to inform you that it is not in his Power at this time to reply to what you say respecting the Berar Horse, but that he shall take the opinion of Sir Eyre Coote when the Select Committee will furnish you with orders on the Subject

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your

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Your most Obd.
Servant
Thos. Oakes
Secry.

To John Holland Esqr
Resident at the Court of
His Highness the Nizam.

Sir,

To John Holland Esqr. enclosing letter for the Nizam — advising of the Junction of the Bengal Detach! with our Army — & on the situation of affairs in the Carnatic —

towards!

Enclosed is a letter from our President which you will please to present to his Highness the Nizam, you will perceive by it that we have received your Letter of the 14th of July, a part of which mentioning His Highness anxiety about the safety of our Detachment from Bengal has given occasion to write to that Court before any answer is come to the Notification given of Lord Macartney's Accession to this Government the favorable disposition toward us which His Highness advice about our Troops denotes, requires that We would communicate to him without delay the Event of the happy junction which took place the 3d Instant between the Bengal Detachment & our main Army, within a few Miles of Pulicat; the Whole is to march in a day or two in Pursuit of Hyder Ally, whose conduct plainly proves his consciousness of not being able to stay much longer in the Carnatic we trust that the Princes of Hindostan will be soon convinced that whatever temporary success may be obtained thro' accident against us, the Bravery Military skill, and indefatigable Perseverance of our Troops will enable us to terminate the contest

to

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to our advantage, you will not fail at the same time to declare the firm Resolutions of the Honble Company to direct its Power and Arms solely to the Maintenance of Peace and Harmony Among its Allies, and to establish Justice and Promote happiness. the Company has no ambitious Views, the Territories it already holds are necessary, but are sufficient for all the purposes of Commerce, its original object; this Presidency, of which you form a part, is determined to abide by these Sentiments: the Desire of Peace signified from Bengal and Bombay testify that the same Line of Conduct will be pursued by those Governments. and when the present Troubles shall once subside by the Establishment of a firm and just Treaty, there is reason to believe that it will be of long duration.

This Letter will be accompanied by triplicate of public Letters from this Government of the 4th by which you will know our Thoughts on the true Principles of Alliance, which to be durable ought to contain no engagement likely to produce new difficulties, or to prolong the war by new Undertakings, our opinion clearly is that it is best not to disturb possessions of the several powers of Hindostan, but that they and the Company should continue satisfied with what they now respectively possess.—

The Territories we have in the Carnatic together with the Northern Circars, every day rising in Value and importance to us, will secure to this Presidency all the advantages of Wealth, Trade, and Consequence that we can wish.—

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10th Coote will probably render it not difficult to procure Tranquility for this Part of India. Hyder it is thought is sufficiently humbled to be disposed to peace with us on equal Terms, No sacrifice need therefore be made on our part — If any difficulties should impede a general accommodation, they must occur on the other side of the Peninsula —

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

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11th The following Letter was received from Lieutenant Colonel Harper Commanding at Cuddalore —

To The Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President and Governor &c Select Committee

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs, Fort St. George.

From Lt Col Harper — inclosing Returns for July — and advising of the Success of a Polygar in our Service —

Accompanying this I have the hon to forward to you the Monthly Returns &c of this Garrison for July — I beg leave to inform you that a little before the Army marched to the Northward, the Baramagamy Peddy, the Head Man of a District near Chillambrum, offered his Services to the General who recommended it to me to furnish him with Arms, and to make such use of him as I should think necessary — on which I furnished him with one

Arms

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10th Arms and ammunition, and he has since made two excursions into the Country, which is in possession of Hyder's Amuldars, from the Enemy and an hundred and thirty Sheep, besides releasing a number of miserable Inhabitants, who were Prisoners, and put to Torture by Hyder's Amuldars for the purpose of exacting Money from them — the last time, he was out eight or ten days, as far as Tiruvanalore, from which place he drove Hyder's people, when many of the Inhabitants who were Prisoners made their escape. — He had some little skirmishing with the Enemy, killed and wounded several, and took three good Horses, and the Amuldar Jugo Pundit / Raja Berebul's Son in Law / Palinquin, and brought them in here — he also took at Lalpet during the time he was out twelve Bandies with Rice going from the Southward to Hyders Camp, which he likewise sent here — of his people he had but one badly wounded — He meant to have attempted surprizing Palmcottah, but on the way had some disputes with his people, which delayed him so that he did not arrive there till after day light and therefore returned. He seems to be an active enterprizing Man, and willing to do any thing I desire him — He receives no Pay or allowances from the Company, has about two hundred armed Men, and only depends on being rewarded hereafter as he deserves —

I remain with the greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your

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Cuddalore
5th August 1781

Your most Obedt Hble
Servt
Thos Davis

To
The Right Honble Lord Macartney,
&c &c &c

Requests the following Letter
may be laid before the Select Committee.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr Davis requesting a supply of Medicines for the Army

Finding the Stores at this Presidency totaly destitute of such Medicines as I require for Field Service, and having discovered a good assortment of Medicines which are for Sale — I beg leave to represent that those now in the Field are nearly expended, and that without the Surgeon General shall be enabled to comply with my Indent already delivered in, the distress of the Army may readily be conceived, but possibly will be recorded for some considerable time after its departure from hence.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt
most Hble Servant,

Thos Davis
Surgn Maj. Dt

Camp
11th August 1781

Agreed in consequence of the above Representation that a Letter be addressed to the Surgeon General on the subject who must be directed to comply with Mr Davis's Indent as fully as he is able from the present Stock; but should it prove inadequate to the immediate necessary Demand in that

The Surgeon General to comply with Mr Davis's Indent

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12, case the Surgeon General must be desired to purchase a small Quantity to make up the Deficiency, until the usual supplies arrive from England, which may now be expected in a few Weeks.

13th The following Letters were this Day received.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President Governor &c. Select Committee.

From Capt. Sutton, Lt. Mussa = mia & Baldwin, requesting Payt for the Battalions the Troops from Bombay

My Lord & Sirs, Fort St George.

Having been tendered Bills on the Presidency of Bengal for the payment of our disbursements in bringing the Troops from Bombay, we beg leave to represent to your Lordships and the Honble Committee the great inconvenience we shall suffer by such mode of payment, as we really have not money to defray the Common Expence of our respective Ships, and such Bills we find are not now negotiable, except at a very great discount.

We request your Lordships and the Honble Committee will be pleased to observe, that the whole of this Money was laid out by us at Bombay to purchase Provisions and Necessaries for the Troops at the particular desire of the Honble President & Council, who fully sensible of the great expence we necessarily were at in providing for such a Number of passengers, promised to lay this Matter before your Honble Board, and recommend that some addition may be made to the usual allowance, which is now Humbly submitted to your Consideration — We beg Leave to add that had it not

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B. not been for the certainty of being repaid here the amount of our Disbursements for Victualling the Troops at Bombay, we could not have undertaken it, as we entirely depended on the Money we shall receive here to pay for the necessary expences of our Ships.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
13th August 1781

Your most Obt & most Hble Servts
John Sutton
Frederick Le Messurier
James Baldwin

From Capts. Sutton, Cotton, Le Messurier & Baldwin, requst. a small Vessel to reconnoitre the Straights

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

My Lord & Sirs,

Fort St George

Your Secretary's Letters of the 9th Instant addressed to Captain Sutton wherein the Carter Capt Watson is mentioned as a Ship sufficient for the purpose of going before to explore the Straights in our way to China has been taken into our serious consideration, and we conceive it a Duty incumbent on us to apprize your Lordship and the Honble Committee, that having consulted Captain Watson on the subject, he declares himself not at Liberty to leave the Body of the Fleet, whose Protection he has requested, and this on account of the Value of his Cargo and his Owners Instructions, looking on such a Service as

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13th Inc. hazardous We beg leave also to inform you that in our opinion, the Carrier can by no means answer the intended purpose of going upon discovery and giving us the requisite notice to avoid a superior Enemy. being deprived of a necessary Convoy, we think the only Substitute for one would be a small good Sailing Vessel who could early apprize us of any danger before we should be discovered by such force waiting to intercept us.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George,
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My Lord & Sirs,
Your most Obt
Humble Servts
John Sutton
Jos. Cotton
Frederick Le Mesurier
James Baldwin

14th Wrote the following Letter to the Surgeon Genl

To Gilbert Pasley, Esqr
Surgeon General,
Sir

To the Surgeon Genl Comply with the Presidt. and Select Committee to inform you that a letter has been addressed to them by Mr Davis the Senior Surgeon in Camp, representing that the Stores at this Presidency are totally destitute of such medicines as he requires for field Service, and proposing that a quantity be purchased for the use of the Army

All applications of this nature should be made to the Select Committee through the Channel

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14th Channel of the Surgeon General, on which account they have directed me to address you in reply to Mr. Davis's Letter, and to assure you will comply with his Indent as fully as you are able from the present Stor, but Should it prove inadequate to the immediate necessary demands, in that case you will be pleased to purchase a small Quantity to make up the deficiency until the usual supplies arrive from England, which may now be expected in a few Weeks

I am, Sir,

Your most Obdt

Servant

Thos. Oakley Secy

Fort St George

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Came in the following Letter -

To the Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Sirs

From Public advising of the Carolina Matilda being dispatched to Madras with Bazr Goods

I have the pleasure to tell you that I have Dispatched the Carolina Matilda for Madras with the Different Articles as contained in the encloud list. I informed you in my Letter of the 8th Instant, that I had delivered to the proprietors the goods which were saved from the boat that was wrecked on this Coast, but forgot to tell you of the Behaviour of the Amuldar of Carraminguleum, who when the boat was lost and the Cargo washed on Shore cut upon the Bales and plundered them as soon I heard of this, I put him prisoner and sent him

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to him he should remain so till the things plundered were restored, He positively denied the Charge, till I brought proof against him, when he consented to go, and bring back and deliver up what he had taken away, if I would permit him, accordingly I sent a guard with him to his Village, and in a few hours after he returned with fifty four Corge of Cambrick and very fine handkerchiefs, which were delivered to the owners, agreeable to your Orders My Lord & Sirs, the Grain discovered by me shall be sent by the first opportunity to Madras, at present there is no Vessel here, & if it was not for the very heavy rain that falls every night, I could send it down in open boats — As I understand it is not your desire that any repairs, be made to the Garrison of Pulicat, but what are absolutely necessary for the protection of the place, and as I think my Garrison strong enough to defend the Fort, even if there was no Ditch, I have ordered the Workmen to leave off and nothing more to be done to it — I am.

My Lord & Sirs,

Your most Obdt

Humble Servant,

George Smith,

Pulicat
13th August 1781

Shipped on board the Ships Carolina & Matilda the following things viz.

1260 Bags & 7560 Mans Rice —
8 Bar of Dutch Iron —
26 Brass Weights, different Sizes —
one Surgeon of Col Pearse's Army Left behind sick
20 black prisoners, who have been taken from Salsette at Different times —

My

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14th

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Surgeon General demanding a Purchase of Medicines

I have had the Honor to receive the Letter you were pleased to address to me the Subject of it being of the utmost importance to the Service, I beg leave without any delay to Reply That the Stores are entirely deficient of all Capital Medicines. That Mr Davis's Indent is a very full and large one, and ought to be Complied with as he can receive no future Supplies. That the Medicines which are on Board the expected Shipping are in consequence of Indents sent in the Year 1781, consequently must be even a deficient supply, as none of the great and expensive Expences which have happend since, were then foreseen and that without a large Purchase of Medicines, the Army, the Garrison and the Hospital will be in the highest distress for them. The above are Facts and Worthy of the serious Notice and Consideration of your Lordship and the Honble Board.

I have the Honor to be with much Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obt & Most Hble Servt

Gott. Pasley

Surgeon General

Fort St George.
14th August 1781.

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Agreed to.

O. Agreed that the Surgeon General do purchase such Articles as he may judge most immediately wanted, observing the strictest Oeconomy on this Occasion.

The following Letter was likewise received

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President Governor &c. Select Committee.

O My Lord & Sirs, Fort St. George

From Captains Sutton, Scattergood & Baldwin, request Bills on England or China for their Expences in bringing Troops from Bombay.

We are very sorry to be under the necessity of troubling your Lordships and the Honble Committee further respecting the payment of our several disbursements, on Account of the Troops which we have brought from Bombay, but your Secretary having given us as a decisive answer, that we could only be paid by bills on Bengal, we beg leave to assure you that we have made every enquiry, and used our utmost endeavours to find out if we could negotiate such bills, in which we have met no success. Being destitute of Money to pay for the provisions and Stores we have bought for our respective ships, we humbly request Your Lordships and the Honble Committee will take our case into Consideration: for should we be detained from sailing at the appointed time on Account of our debts, we must in our justification protest against the cause that prevents us, Conscious of the present scarcity of money, we are ready to accept of bills on England or China whither we are bound, or of any other mode of payment that may be negotiable, but bills on Bengal can be of no

use

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14th use to us, in our present situation

The season for sailing to China being already far advanced, a few days delay may be attended with very serious consequences, we therefore hope your Lordship and the Honble Committee will take such measures as you shall think most proper to prevent our being detained on shore, for our inability to furnish money to pay for the necessaries we have bought—

We have the honor to be,

My Lord & Sirs, Your most Obed.t & most humb.l Servants

John Sutton,
Frederick Le Mesurier
James Baldwin.

Fort St. George.
11th August 1781—

To captains Sutton, Le Mesurier and Baldwin granting them Bills on Bengal

I Wrote the following Letter—

To Captains John Sutton
Frederick Le Mesurier,
&
James Baldwin,

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterdays date—

The very low state of the Treasury puts it out of the Power of this Government to comply with your wishes with respect to the reimbursing you at this place the sum you have expended for the

Support

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11th support of the officers and Troops brought round from the Malabar Coast the only alternative that remains is to give you Bills on Bengal for the Amount, a mode which through Necessity has been adopted for the Discharge of Demands on Government for many months past

I am further directed to inform you in answer to the latter part of your address, that however well disposed the Select Committee may be to consider favorably the Circumstances which you represent of the disadvantage under which you laid in a Sea Stock for the Passengers, owing to the advanced Price of Provisions, that yet the exhausted State of the Finances does not at this time admit of any extraordinary allowance being made to you on that Account

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Servant
Tho.s Oakes
Secry

Fort St George,
11th August 1781.

To Captains John Sutton
Joseph Cotton
Frederick Le Mesurier,
and
James Baldwin,
Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterdays date, addressed to the Select Committee

To Captains Sutton, Cotton, Le Mesurier & Baldwin, the Rodney

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Brig appointed to accompany them to China

14th Committee.

What you have set forth in regard to the Expediency of being furnished with a good sailing Vessel to explore the Straights of Malacca, and give You timely Notice, should a superior Force be laying in wait to intercept you, had on a former Occasion passed under the Consideration of the Committee, who conceived that the Ship Cartier might have answered every Purpose of this kind, but as you now represent her Incapacity to perform that Service, the Right Honble President has been pleased to order the Rodney Brig to accompany the ships to China and has given the Commander his sailing Instructions, a Copy of which is now ordered to be sent to the Senior Captains of the Fleet.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt

Servant

Tho.s Oakes Secy.

Fort St George
14th August 1781

15th Came in the following Letters.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

Governor and President

Fort St George.

From Bonnacoil with Detail respecting the Enemy.

My Lord

Hyder Aly continues encamped at Ashwaund in the same situation as when I wrote to you last, which was on the 29th Ultimo, he has seized on all the principal Inhabitants of the Country, plundered them of

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15th of their little remaining all, and has sent them and their Families prisoners to Trinomalee Chittapet and other forts bordering on his own Country. he has his Horse and Infantry out at Exercise every day, at which time he expends a Quantity of Powder

Be prouded My Lord that nothing but the failure of my Hircarras shall prevent your hearing every Circumstance respecting Hyder and his Army, which comes to my Knowledge, and which I think will be interesting to you to know while he continues in this part of the Country, but so strict a Watch is kept by his irregular Horse for all Papyal peons and Hircars, that I am very apprehensive many of mine to your Lordship have Miscarried — I have the Honor to remain with all imaginable Respect.

Permacoil.
2d August, 1781.

Your Lordships most
Obedient and faithfull
Servant
Benj. Bishop.

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
Governor & President
Fort St. George.

My Lord, A large Detachment of Horse and Infantry with four Guns marched from Hyders Camp last Night, and this Morning passed about 7 Miles West of this Garrison, and just now they are getting into the Cuddalore Road, their Guns seem to be heavy

by

From &c
with &c &c

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13th by the Number of Bullocks that draw them, Hyder is still at Ackawaud, which I have repeatedly informed your Lordship of since the 19th Ultimo, the day he first Encamped there a Korear which came this Morning from his Camp informs me that he is preparing to move towards Cangeveram and that a large Detachment from his Army had marched that way two days ago

I am with all Respect,

Permacoil, 4th August, 1781

Your Lordships

most Obedt & humble Servt

Benj. Bishop

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

Governor & President

Fort St George.

My Lord

On the 1st Instant I did myself the Honor to acquaint your Lordship that a Detach. from Hyder's Army had passed a few miles from this Garrison, marching to the Southward, that appeared to me to be about One Thousand Horse & two Battalions of Sepoys and shortly after four Guns and two Tumbrils. I am since then informed they were sent to reinforce Hyder's Troops already in the Tanjore Country. Hyder's Camp continues at Ackawaude, on the same situation as when I had last your Lordships last. The only reason I have

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15th in his Collecting Money from the different Polygars in that part of the Country, but at this Critical period I should imagine he has more interesting Schemes in agitation, it's certain that great discontent and disaffection subsists in his Army, and great desertion from it, I have had many deserters here, wanting service, but they have been all dismissed, knowing it was contrary to the General's Opinion to keep them—

I have the Honor to remain,

Your Lordships

Obdt & faithful

Servant,

Benj: Bishop

Pennacool
8th August 1781

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Sir Ed Hughes with Congratulations on the taking of Policole & Tagganaikpore

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 30th of last Month by the Panther, and thank you for the information it contains, as well as congratulate you on the taking of the Dutch Settlements of Policole and Taggenaikpore— As it will be of little consequence whether the Panther sails now for Bombay or a few days hence, and I have at present no other means of conveying Letters to Madras, I have taken the

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15th the Liberty to order Her Commander to return to your Road with this and some other dispatches calling at Cuddalore for those of your Chief there, and taking off the Recovered Men from Ladras Trumain.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obd!
Humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes.

Superbe off Negapatam
10th August 1781.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governor and Select Committee
Port St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Do Do — advising of Coll — Brathwaites march.d from Tanjore; & of the Dutch assisting Hyder.

Since I had the honor to address you last on the 10th of this Month, I have received information from Trangue bar that Col. Brathwaite had marched on the 4th from Tanjore towards Trincatapally, having with him some heavy Guns to be employed in the reduction of that place and that on the 11th the Governor of Negapatam had detached from that Garrison 100 Europeans, 100 Topasses, 100 Malays and 600 Seapoys to reinforce Hyders Troops at Combaconum, which I think they would not have ventured to have done, if a Party of our Troops was in their neighbourhood.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your

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Superbe, off Negapatam
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Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

Sir

I am directed to send to you in Order to be presented to the Right Honble the President and the Select Committee the Names of Four Gentlemen recommended by the Commander in Chief to be added to the List of Volunteers in the Infantry of this Establishment.

From the Adjutant Genl. four Gentlemen recommended to be appd Volunteers.

Head Quarters
Choultry plain
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Messrs John Campbell,
Charl Rumley
Franc.s Story, and
Joseph Bridges.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
Servant.
Henry Malcolm.
Adt General

To
Thomas Oakes Esqr
Secretary of the Military Department
Fort St. George.

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

My Lord & Sirs,

I have just now received Intelligence from a Man who left Tippoo Saibs Camp last Night; he was with them to the Northward, he says they have been there several days in the Vencatagurry Country, where they collected a large Quantity of Grain, that Salla was Dispatched

From Pulicat, with Intelligence respecting the Enemy.

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13th to. Vellore with 4,000 Horse, but he met with so warm a reception at that place, that he was obliged to return after loosing near 1,000 of his Horse, that Salla is now with Tippoo Saib at Salavary, and they wen to March some time to day to Paddy Pollom Arnee, Just before this Man left their Camp, a Camel arrived from Arcot with a Letter from Hyder, and it was currently reported in their Camp that they were going to Arcot, If they should be called away in a hurry, I shall be under no apprehension of a Siege, but if not, I may expect to see them to night or tomorrow Morning, as they are only twelve Miles off. I have sent out six intelligent people for some days past who have not yet returned, you with all possible Expedition. I should be glad to see another Vessel for the remainder of the grain, which will be near 2000 Cags.

I am,

Pallicat, 14th August, 1781.

My Lord & Sirs,

Your most Obd.t
Humble Servant
Geo. Smith

To the Right Hönble Lord Macartney,
President & Governor &c. Council
Fort St. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Capt.n Lallaurier concerning Payment for victualling the Troops that round from Bombay.

I took the Liberty to write to the Hönble Select Committee on the 9th Instant, inclosing bills of my Disbursements for victualling the troops I brought

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15th brought from Bombay, amounting in the whole to thirteen hundred and twenty five Pagodas Fifteen Fanams, and requesting the amount might be paid me, as I wanted money to purchase necessaries for the use of the Ship. I have made further application since, jointly with Captain Sutton & Captain Baldwin, in consequence of which we have been offered Bills on Bengal, which as we cannot negociate, and can be of no use to us, we have declined in our letter of yesterday's date to the Honble Committee. In order to settle this Matter, as well as the situation of affairs would permit, I made a proposal this Morning to the Right Honble President, not only to accept of a Certificate for what was due to me, as part of my Priviledge, but also of becoming answerable to the other two Commanders for their shares to be paid in China, provided I received certificates for the whole, which I have a right to, agreeable to the Honble Company's Indulgence, as I have not yet paid into the Treasury of Madras & Bombay much more than the half of six Thousand pounds, which is allowed me; this proposal having been rejected, I am left without the means of paying for the necessaries I have bought for the use of my Ship. I am therefore under the necessity of leaving the amount of such things as I have received out of the Honble Company's Stores unpaid, requesting of your Lordships and the Honble Board that

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15th That it may be reckoned in part payment of what is due to me, and in order to defray my other expences I must on behalf of my Owners apply to your Lord-=ship and the Honble Board, and make a requisition of money sufficient for that purpose, in part of fifteen hundred Dollars agreable to the Charter Party entred into between the Honble Company and the Owners of the Ship, wherein the following paragraph is specified in the 11th Page Viz.

"And furthermore it is agreed that if the said ship shall arrive at her consigned Port within "8 Months after the delivery of the said Ships "dispatches as aforesaid, and shall not on or before "the said 11th day of February, which shall be in "the year of our Lord 1781 be dispatched for "England as aforesaid, then the said United Company "their Presidents, Agents, Factors, or Assigns, shall "over and above the Value of the said £500 Sterling "before mentioned, to be allowed to be carried out, "supply unto the Master of the said ship for the "time being so many Pagodas, Rupees, or Pieces "of Eight, Dollars, or other Coins, as mid shall "require, for buying Provisions or other necessaries "for the ship, not exceeding the value of 1500 Dollars "valuing the Money so supplied at 6/ Sterl. apiece "of eight or Dollar in time of peace, and seven "Shillings and Six pence in time of war, and "in the same proportion for Pagodas & other Coins &c

I beg leave to assure your Lordships and the Honble

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15th Hon'ble Board that nothing but the greatest necessity could induce me to make the above demand, but as the money due for victualling the Troops from Bombay is on account of the Owners, I am not justifiable in borrowing money on their account inconsistent with the terms of the Charter party, and shall besides be obliged to protest against the Nonpayment of the above Money, that my Owners may be enabled to recover the damages that may ensue in Consequence thereof, would your Lordship and the Hon'ble Board be pleased to grant me Certificates in part of my privilege, as I have before had the honour to mention, I could take the whole on myself, and be accountable to my Owners for the Amount, but otherwise I must leave it to be settled by them and the Hon'ble Company at Home —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George,
15th August, 1781.

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obed.
& most Humble
Servant,
Frederick Le Mesurier.

Dispatched the following Letter

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To Gilbert Pasley Esq.
Surgeon General.

To the Surgeon Genl directing him to purchase Medicines.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday's date addressed to the Right Honble President and Select Committee

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15th Has been received and viewing your Representation of the Deficiency of medicines and the expediency of purchasing a quantity for present use, in the light of a Necessity not to be dispensed with, They are pleased to desire you will observe the strictest Oeconomy on this Occasion, and that you purchase such Articles only as may be the most immediately wanted —

I am, Sir,

Your most Obdt

Servant

Thos Oakley Secy

Port St George
15th August 87 81.

To Thomas Fitzhugh Esqr
Chief & Co Supra Cargoes
at Canton.

Gentlemen,

To Canton — advis? of French officers proced? by the way of China.

In the Month of October last we embarked a Number of French officers on the Ships Pondicherry and Contractor, bound for Bombay, desiring the Select Committee would provide them with a Passage to Europe at the Company's Expence, agreeably to the Terms of the Capitulation of Pondicherry, but as no opportunity of sending them home occurred at Bombay, most of these officers have been returned to us, and they now proceed by the Several Ships mentioned in the inclosed List — An application hath been made to us by these Gentlemen for an advance of 4 Months Pay to

Defray

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15. defray their Expences at Canton, in the same manner as was allowed under similar Circumstances to the French officers who embarked last Year by the way of China — we are sensible of the reasonableness of this request, yet such is the low State of our Treasury, that we have it not in our Power to comply with it, and have therefore been under the Necessity of granting Bills on you for the Amount. —

Enclosed you will receive a Copy of the Parole signed by the French Officers, Civil and Military abovementioned.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t

Servants

— Macartney

Hon. Lieut Committee

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To Captain John Sutton.
Commanding the Ship

Duke of Portland.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to desire you will receive on board your Ship the undermentioned

Gentlemen.

Mons.r Laval.
Mons.r Guibert.
Mons.r David.
Mons.r Boideson.

late belonging to the Civil Establishment at Mahé, who are to

To Capt.n Sutton.
Letter carrier, Cotton, & Baldwin directing them to receive on board their ships French officers for China —

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B.H. to be provided with a Passage to Europe at the Company's Expence, agreeably to the Terms of the Capitulation, you will therefore accomodate them on the Duke of Portland, and on your Arrival in England deliver them over to the proper officer appointed to receive and take Charge of French Prisoners.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant,

Thos Oakes Esq.r

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The same to Capt.n Frederick Le Mesurier of the Powerful to receive on board Mr Devaux, late a Lieutenant in the French Service at Mahé.

To Capt.n John Cotton of the Royal Charlotte &c to receive on board Mr La Motte.

and To Capt.n James Baldwin of the Contract po. to receive on board Mr Bonher

Received the following Letters

From Ensign Elliott regarding permission to resign the Service

Sir

I am well assured that the present time is a very improper one for an Officer to apply to you for a resignation in, but hope in Consideration of my ill State of health, you may be induced to recommend me even at this juncture.

I have had the honor of being in the Service of the Company about eleven Months during which time I have not enjoyed one of perfect health, while the Battalion to

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13th to which I belong was on duty in Fort St. George, I was never able to do duty with it four days together, on its joining the Army I went with it into the field, and Notwithstanding my utmost Efforts to the Contrary, found my Constitution very inadequate to the fatigues of a Campaign in this Country. In consiquence of which I was not able to proceed with the Army further than Porto Novo, from which place I was sent by Sea to Madras. I have now Sir an opportunity of returning to England in the Contractor, and should esteem it a particular indulgence if you would be so kind to grant me your concurrence.

I have the honor to be with all respect,

Sir,

Your most Obed.
Humble Servant
J. Allison,
Cno. 41st Batn. of Scapoys

16th Wrote the following letter—

To Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

Vice admiral of the Blue and
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships
in India

Sir

We have received the honor of your two Letters of the 12th & 13th Instant, and return you our thanks for your congratulations on the reduction of the Dutch Settlements in the Northern Circars—

We are much concerned to find that the situation of affairs in the Tanjore Country has prevented

To Sir Edd Hughes — approve of his detention of the Contractor — advising of General Coote having marched with the Army towards Porto Nove; of an intention to relieve Vellore, and Coja Sing to Arcot.

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16th prevented Colonel Braithwaite from giving you that assistance, which is so necessary to you, and which we had ordered him to afford you, the moment it should be in his power — with respect to Capt. Codrington to whom We wrote in the same manner, We have had no Letter from him for a Considerable time past, which surprises us very much, for indeed have we had any Accounts whatsoever from the Tinnivelly Country since the latter end of May — Your detention of the Panther we conceive can be attended with very little Inconvenience to the Presidency of Bombay, where they have so many Vessels, and may prove of great use at this time in promoting your communication with us —

Sir Eyre Coote with his whole Army marched this Morning from the Mount and took the Road to Poonamalee. His Intentions are if he is not disappointed with respect to provisions to proceed to Tripasoor, to render himself master of that place, to relieve Vellore, and to lay siege to Arcot, and with the great Army under his Command We hope all these objects may be easily and speedily accomplished,

We have the Honor to be, &c.

Fort St. George,
16th October 1781

Sir,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Macartney
for Select Committee

Col. Lang & Mr. Ogilvie,

Sir,

To Vellore, advising of the army's marching to its relief — with a Supply of 21,000 Pagodas —

On the 9th Instant I sent you 1,000 Pagodas which I hope will reach you in safety — I am glad that

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The 16th that has not been case of the 2,000 Pagodas, which were dispached on the 15th & 16th of last Month, I flatter myself all your Troubles will soon be at an end— as the Army Marched from hence this day, and one of the principal Objects of their operations is the relief of Vellore, 25,000 Pagodas have been within this week delivered to the Army, by our treasury, with directions to the paymaster to apply a Considerable part of it to discharge the arrears of your Garrison—

I am with great truth & regard,

Sir &c.

Macartney.

Port St George
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17th The following Letters were this day received—

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney, K.B.
President Governor &c. Select Commettee
Port St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have to acquaint your Lordship

From Mr Willm Turing, Complaint of the Nabobs managers Delay in payg the Troops— & requesting to have the Nabobs Grainery put under his charge—

&c. that His Highness's Manager has put off Payment of the money ordered by the Nabob, for Paying the Company's Troops in this Garrison agreable to Letter of 21st June last—

I am directed by the Commanding officer of this Garrison to pay the Coolies Employed by the Engineer in filling up the East and West Gates, making Works for the 24 Pounders on the Enemies approaching this way—

As the Nabobs people would render no assistance

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17. Assistancy, nor advance one Pagoda

Captain Patterson has desired me to receive the Grain in Store, arrived from Ellore — I represented to the Committee under date 27th June, that there was only one proper Grainery in Nellore, I request your Lordship &c will please send me his Highness's order for it to hold the Company's Stores, nor is there any Place to keep the Military Stores in, I am obliged to Cover them with Tarpawlins, and Tents, in the best manner I can — as to the Bullocks (from Ellore) there is no Person here can Purchase them — with Submission to your Lordship &c. I beg leave to propose there Dismissing With the Nabobs Manager, and to be deducted from the Sum to be delivered Col. Pearse —

I shall forward your Lordship &c a Return of Stores by first sea Conveyance.

I am with great Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obt.

Servant,

Wm Turing

Nellore, 10th August, 1781

My Lord

From Capt. Patterson, concerning the Nabobs Complaints of his Conduct — and with Intelligence of the Enemy.

I have been honored with your Lordship's Orders respecting the Bullocks and Grain that came from Ellore, and have directed Mr Turing the Storekeeper to dispose of the Bullocks to the best advantage — I am sorry to learn that great complaints have been made of my Conduct by the Nabob and his people,

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people" I hope your Lordship will do me the justice to believe them entirely groundless, which is all I can say to so general a charge. should the Matter appear to your Lordship to Merit any further enquiry, it will give me great satisfaction to have my Conduct examined into, as I am not conscious of having ever acted in the course of 25 Years Service from any other Motive than the Publick good. The Nabobs Phousdar is much dissatisfied with having a Company's Officer to command the Troops here, and has constantly endeavoured to persuade the Nabobs Officers that they were to obey his orders only, which has greatly lessened my Authority in the Garrison. As he has the Payment, the Promotion, and dismission of the Nabobs Troops solely in his power, they will not easily be persuaded to Act contrary to his wishes. Of this and other parts of his conduct I formerly complained to the Honble the Governor and Select Committee, and this will Account for his endeavours to invent charges against me, which is a well known practice in Nabobs Garrisons commanded by a Company's Officer.

The Lalla with his Party of Horse Amounting to about 2,000 came here the 5th and burnt all the Villages in the Neighbourhood, and afterward crossed the River and did all the Mischief he could on the North side, he had also collected several thousand Cattle about 8 Miles off, which were guarded by 200 Horse. Having received intelligence of this, I sent out

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17. out a party on the Night of the 6th who dispersed the Horse and brought away the Cattle which were returned to their proper owners. By the best Accounts I can learn, the party is gone away again — Tippoo Saib with a large Body of Horse and foot and 10 Guns has been within 40 Miles of this place for several Days, but his view seems to be to collect provisions &c. I have however taken every Measure in my power for the Security of the place, I have by the advice of the Engineer ordered the two side gates to be Shut up. and I have also Employed some Coolies for other very Necessary purposes, which I have directed Mr Turing to Pay for, & Carry to the Nabob's Account, as the Phousdar still Continues to refuse every kind of assistance —

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships

Most Obedient

Humble Servant,

Alex.r Paterson

Nellore
10th August 1781.

P. S. I have this instant Received advice that Tippoo Saib Received a Letter from his Father on the 2d at Midnight, at Sardaporam / with in 10 Miles of Dencalaguny / upon which he marched off immediately for the Southward, by the way of Calastry —

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President and Governor &c &c of

Fort St George.

My Lord

From Sadras advis? of the Enemy's being repulsed in an attack on that Place

Since I had the Honor of addressing your Lordship last, the Enemy have Retreated about 5 or 6 Miles to the Westward On the 8th about 12 at Noon the Enemy made their Appearance within 150 Yards of the Fort, and kept up a brisk Fire of Musquetry till past one. From the brisk Fire which We returned with Musquetry and Round & Grape, they retreated, it is supposed with great Loss, and did not make their appearance again till this Morning, and those in small Parties Consisting entirely of Cavalry. Two of the Cavalry came over to us Yesterday, should your Lordship wish to have them sent to the Presidency, I shall detain Major Sydenham's Boat for that purpose, one of the Men declares himself to be a servant of Colonel Baillie, and the other formerly in the Service of the King of Tanjore, where his Family now reside They appear to be very Intelligent Men, and probably may be able to give your Lordship very Information which you may require

I have the Honor of Inclosing a List of the Killed and Wounded, and am with the greatest Respect, My Lord,

Your

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Madras
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Your very Obed.t
Servant
Simon Bailliè.
Lieut. Command.r

To the Right Hönble Lord Macartney
President & Governor &c. &c. &c.
Madras

My Lord

From Madras advising of the Enemy's retreat from that Place — and of the Demolition of the Works being began upon —

I had the honor of addressing your Lordship Yesterday, and have now the Pleasure of Informing you that the Enemy have moved off to Acheroudy, Distant from this Place about 30 English Miles. The Engineer this Evening loaded two Mines by Way of Experiment upon a Redoubt near the Fort, and I have the Satisfaction of Informing your Lordship that they Answered extremely well. The Engineer not having made me his Report prevents me from the Pleasure of Informing your Lordship the exact time that the Works will be Destroyed in — I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

My Lord,

Madras
12th August 1781

Your very Obed.t &
most humble Servant,
Simon Bailliè
Lieut. Command.t

To

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

Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Sir Eyre Coote representing the want of Carriage for Provisions for the army & his inability to procure any distance from Pondras on that account —.

After having happily effected a point so essential to the future success of the War, as the junction with the Bengal Troops, and since the 5th Instant, the day on which the Army encamp'd at the Mount, after receiving from the Right Honble the President every assistance which he could command or in his power to afford, and myself using every exertion, I could from the means with which I am possessed, it is not without the most sensible regret and concern that I now submit for your information and inspection, copy of a Report which has been delivered to me by the Quarter Master General, signed by Mr Stevens the Agent, which shews the whole quantity of Rice that can be carried for the general expence of the Army to be 6,274 Marcalls which is not upon the most moderate calculation equal to above one and a half Days consumption —

The supplies of Carriage Cattle which I flattered myself with obtaining, along with the Bengal Detachment have not only fallen considerably short of my expectations in point of Numbers, but those which have been received are, from not being trained almost of little or no use —

The Army which I now have the Honor

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17. The honor to command is of that Force, which if properly supplied with provisions, I conceive to be equal to any Military undertaking required in the present Service, may such as I would undertake to march to any part of India, how mortifying must it then be to those feelings of Regard which I have for the Honor and Interest of my Country to pronounce it impossible for me under the circumstances above stated, to flatter myself with the hope of rendering any essential Services to the Public.

The distance of Arcot from hence (which is the relief of the Garrison of Vellore I conceive to be objects to which our present operations ought to be directed) is upwards of Seventy five Miles, which at 12 Miles per day will require six days to March — The quantity of Rice, which by the Agents' Report can be carried is, as mentioned above, equal to One and an half days — So that tho' it ought not in Strictness to form any part of the present calculation, I will for the moment add the four Days Rice which can be carried on the Mens Backs, and then we shall have in all five and an half days, which, every accident set aside, you will perceive is inadequate even to subsist the Army for a march to Arcot, and of course insufficient to maintain it to Vellore, which is one days march further off —

Without having any Magazines contiguous to either of these Places, or the means of

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17th forming them. I conceive it is unnecessary for me to advance further Arguments to prove the total impracticability of Marching the Army on any distant or important operations. For that it is evident to a demonstration, that it could not be moved above three days march from hence, without exposing it to the disadvantages which might arise from the loss of credit, attendent upon a Return for Provisions. If the Army Continues here it must be at an enormous expence; and without any probability of being relieved from the present difficulties; on the Contrary there is a prospect of those increasing, and the General Situation of our affairs becoming daily Worse — what under such circumstances is the line Sought myself to pursue, so as to be of any essential service to the public, I confess myself totally incapable of pronouncing upon, at the same time I see it in a light of absolute necessity that the Army should march — I have therefore this day advanced a Brigade as far as Pomaraloe, by which Route I intend to march the Whole, having in contemplation to take Tippapoor, in hope that we may there find some provisions, and perhaps also, open a Communication with the Northern Polloms, from whence, there is an opinion entertained, some supplies of Grain may be drawn.

I have not stated these Circumstances to your Comon Mee in the light of Complaint, but

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17th Let purely to evince to yourselves, and the rest of the World, the disadvantages which, from the distressful Situation of the times, I labour under in acting in the command of this Army, and to Vindicate myself to my King and Country, for taking a step which as a Military Man I must ever disapprove, as I see no certainty against a Return for Provisions, which cannot fail to impress the Enemy with the Idea of a Retreat, and thereby entail upon ourselves a Stain of discredit, which nothing but the extreme Necessity of the Times can at all apologize for.

Besides the means of conveyance for Rice mentioned above, I have reason to hope by the unremitting applications and exertions of the Right Honble the President, that I shall have the Service of a thousand Coolies, who, exclusive of carrying their own Subsistance, will be able to convey a quantity of Rice equal to one and an half day's consumption of the Army to Poondamalee, which will make the whole quantity we can carry from hence equal to seven days expence, when at to be able to prosecute every Service which ought to precede the Siege of Arcot, and to enter upon that with any Certainty of succeeding, we should have along with us a sufficiency for at least thirty days consumption.

I shall conclude this most heart breaking Subject, with returning the Right Honble the President and the other Gentlemen of the Committee

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17th Committee, my sincere thanks for the ready disposition which in every Instance they have shewn to give Currency to, and to promote the Success of all my Operations— It is only therefore left to me Mutually to regret that the times should be so very unfavorable as to defeat the Intent of our most Zealous Endeavours.

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt,

Most Humble Servt,

Eyre Coote.

Head quarters,
Choultry Plain,
15th August, 1781.

To Lt Colonel Campbell,
Quarter Master General.

Sir,

I now send you a Return of the quantity of Rice I shall be able to carry for the Black Troops and Followers of the Army, Viz.

The agents Report specifying the quantity of Provisions he can carry for the Army —

23 Tumbrils, each Tumbril to carry 12 Bags, each bag to contain 6 Marcalls ... 1656

35 Single carts from Capt. Moorhouse, each cart to carry 3 bags, each bag 6 Marcalls ... 630

9 Single Carts with the Grenadrs, each Cart to 3 bags, each Bag 6 Marcalls ... 162

12 Single Carts belonging to Mr. Dobbyn, each cart to carry 3 bags, each bag 6 Marcalls ... 216

29 Double Carts belonging to Mr Dobbyn, each Cart to carry 6 Bags, each bag 6 Marcalls ... 1044

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17 87 Carts pressd by Mr Dobbyn, each cart
to carry 3 Bags, each bag 6 Mar.s 1566
200 Carriage Bullocks, each Bullock to
carry 5 Marcalls 1000

13th August 1781 / Signd / Marcalls 6774

I Kenworthy
Agent

To the Right Honble Geo. Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &c. Select Committee.

My Lord and Sirs,

An European Gunner, an Englishman, is Just come in here, and says he was taken prisoner with Col. Baillie, and has been with Tippoo Saib ever since; that he ran away from him three days ago, when he was in the Vincatagerah Country, as I have sent one of my Gunners Sick to Madras, I will keep this Man in his room, if you approve of it: one of my Hircars is this moment Arrived, he slept last Night in Sallas Camp, which was at Satwary and this Morning very early they marched to Tippapoor. Tippo Saib did not stop at Arnee. as was reported to me Yesterday, he passed by it on his way to Arcot, where he was Intended to Arrive some time to day

From Pulicat, with Intelligence of the Enemy.

I am with respect,
My Lord & Sirs,
Your most Obed.t
& humble Servant,
Geo. Smith

Pulicat,
15th August, 1781.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney, K.B
Governor and President &c Members of the
Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Lord Macleod advising of his Intention not to take the Field & declining to receive Batta &c &c

As the decision General Sir Eyre Coote has given on a point of Military Etiquette between Brigadier Stuart and myself, renders it impossible for me to serve with the Army without setting aside his Majesty's pleasure, notified to me before I left England by Lord Amherst, Commander in Chief of the British Forces, and as I do not wish to subject the East India Company at this Juncture to any Expence, when I have it not in my power to render them or the Public, the smallest Service in the Field, I beg leave to decline receiving longer the Batta and Table allowance granted any me by the Company, or having an aid de Camp and Secretary — I have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t &
most humble Servant,

Macleod

Fort St George
16. August, 1781.

Wrote the following Letter to Captain Alexander Patterson, Commanding at Nellore, enclosing to him an Extract of a Letter from the Nabob, dated 13th August 1781 —

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To Capt. Alexander Patterson,

Commanding at Nellore,

Sir,

To Capt. Patterson, enclosing extracts of a letter from the Nabob, containing complaints against him, which he is desired to reply to.

I have received your Letter of the 10th Instant wherein you say you hear that great Complaints have been made of your Conduct by the Nabob and his People, and express your hope to have an opportunity of Clearing yourself from the Charges which may have been brought against you—

It is a Maxim with me never to establish an opinion on partial Representations nor am I disposed to admit Ideas to the Prejudice of any One, until his Conduct shall have been proved faulty; in Justice to you therefore I send you Extracts of a Letter I have lately received from His Highness the Nabob, containing Points of Accusation against you, some of which are of much less Weight than others— however send you the whole, that you may have an opportunity of Replying to them, which I desire you will do by the first Opportunity.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obt

Servant

Macartney

Port St George

17th August 1781.

19th Wrote the following letter to Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm, Adjutant General—

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To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm.

Adjutant General.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 13th Instant, mentioning the Names of four Gentlemen recommended by the Commander in Chief to be added to the List of Volunteers in the Infantry of this Establishment.

The Right Honble President and Select Committee, desirous of Meting as far as possible the wishes of the Commander in Chief, are pleased to Consent that these Gentlemen be added to the List of Volunteers, but as the orders of the Court of Directors are express and positive against the admission of Persons not of their own Nomination, the Select Committee do not consider themselves at Liberty to give Commissions to the Volunteers in prejudice to the Cadets appointed in England. I am therefore to inform you that they will for the present be placed under the Cadets of this Liason.

For the more particular Information of the Commander in Chief, and to shew the decisive orders received on this Subject from the Court of Directors, which make it impossible for the Committee to assume any further Latitude in this respect, they have directed me to enclose to you an Extract of the General Letter

to the Adjutant Genl. — Volunteers appointed, agreably to the desire of the General — enclosing extract of letter from England

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19th Letter from England, dated 16th June 1779.

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I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed
Servant
Thos Oakes
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20th Came in the following Letter.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr
President & Governor &c Committee
Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieut Col Nixon having disbursed about three thousand pagodas in the purchasing of thirty nine horses for the Troops has applied to me to give him an interest bond for that sum, upon the Superintendant, with an allowance of interest, but as I could not do either without the sanction of your honor &c. I should be glad to be favored with your pleasure relative thereto—

I should also be glad to know if you approve of my paying a new Corps of Sibbendies which he is raising upon a new Establishment.

I am sorry I see a necessity for making your honor &c. acquainted with our situation for the difficulties which I have of late experienced to answer the many heavy demands upon me, some of which have been from Camp, I have been very ano[y]ed, & are

From Gr. Vals. concern. money advanced to Col. Nixon for purchasing horses, — in want of money to pay the Troops.

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are daily growing more and more so money is not to be raised upon any terms whatever, and Buchanjee Gomastah is forbid to take up any more of my bills on the Superintendant, So that if the Circar does not assist with a piece towards the support of the Troops in this district, I know not from whence our future supplies are to come to undertake any thing in the field, under these circumstances will be I apprehend impossible, from what I have very lately experienced in equipping the 6th Batt.n & a few Cavalry to act in the Tonjore Country, and it was with the utmost difficulty a sufficiency to pay them for the Month of May was scraped together, since which they are in arrears. Col. Brathwaite informs, that he expects this detachment to be paid from hence, to this I can only assure your honor Sir that no endeavors in my power shall be left untried, which I can devise to forward this and every other service.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

Honble Sir &c.

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

Tho.s Rumbold.

Paym.r

Tichinopoly,
20th July 1781

Duplicate

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
Governor &c.

My Lord

Being truly sensible of the singular honor conferred

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From Mr. Ram on his appointment and the situation of affairs in the Trichinopoly Country

I confirmed on me by your Lordships in bringing out a Letter from my Brother Ram in Ireland which has been Remitted to me by my friends at Madras, I take the earliest opportunity of addressing your Lordships to return my sincere thanks for this favor till I can have the honor of paying you my Respects in person, for which I hope to obtain your Lordships permission to come up to Madras, if the Situation of affairs in this Garrison should not render my stay then Necessary - Your Lordship will not I flatter myself, deem this an idle Request, but will readily believe that there may be circumstances relative to the Exercise of my Inward Employ, which cannot well be communicated by Letter

Your Lordship has no doubt seen by the Records the Intent for which I was sent hither, I am sorry to say that the vague and indefinite Orders given by the Nabob to his people here in relation to my Employ, Copy of which are at Madras, have put it out of my power to answer all the purposes which I was taught to believe by the Gentlemen who sent me might be expected from my appointment - How far I may have been of any service to the Company your Lordship will be enabled to judge by my Letters to the late Governor, under date 24th May, 3rd June, & 11th July, which being entirely on Public Business, have I presume, been communicated to your

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2d to your Lordship — The narrow limits to which I am confined by the difficulty of the Communication will I hope plead my excuse for referring your Lordship to these, which I hope will be found satisfactory, and I flatter myself that if the Nabob can be prevailed on to grant those points which are therein stipulated for, my appointm.t will not be altogether useless to the Company, particularly that in my first of ordering his manager to deliver the whole Revenue to me for the Companys use, and to receive back so much as will satisfy such of the Nabobs people as are likely to render Service to the Public, and to none else — The Manager has already delivered me 1,500 Pagodas out of the Money he was forcing from the Inhabitants, as mentioned in my last, 1,000 of which Colonel Nixon and I were obliged to Anticipate to enable the Detachment from hence to join Colonel Braithwaite, and expect he will produce as much more as with the assistance of Paddy will suffice for the Payment of the Seapoys for June, after which I am not without hopes of getting something from the Reddy, whose People got a considerable Booty in the Expedition to his Country, having taken the Mint which Hyder Naig was establishing there, Notwithstanding this he pleads Poverty, in excuse for not lending us money on Notes in the Company's Name, and as he is at present rendering us no inconsiderable Service in bringing in the other Poligars, it would be impolitic to press him, the Poligar Moutat Naig has already sent

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20th. sent in his Packet, and Yesterday the Colonel and I signed a Cowle to the Worriar pollam Polegar, & which is sent by the Paddy, and will, I have no doubt, bring him in both with Money and Troops

The Paddy's People lately took and brought in one Syed ally Cawn, a Relation of Monsieur Lawn, the Golconda Nabob, who appears by his Papers to have been a Considerable man in Hyder's Camp, they are now translating, and will I imagine give us some useful Information. I have already hinted in my Letters to the late Governor, that I had reason to think the Manager took Measures to prevent any one whom he thinks capable of giving me Information from coming near me — Every day more confirms me in this opinion, I was however on the Point of procuring what I wanted when the Man who had ingaged to give it me, died suddenly — his name was Malichy Saib, I lately remitted two Letters from him to the Amer, and perhaps it may be of Service that the Nabob should have early Intelligence of his Death, which the present Difficulty of communication may otherwise prevent — as he was about 70, his Death cannot be Considered any other than a Natural Event, tho his good health seemed to promise a longer Period — but the Sickness in this Place is not understood and quite worn out — The Manager, at the Request of the Col., fitted out an Expedition of the Nabobs Troops under Major Calway to take Tricatapolly from Hyders People

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2d People, whose continuing them directly in the Road between this and Tanjore was a very troublesome Circumstance, and as Colonel Brathwaite by his letters seemed to be in no hurry to remove them, we thought this would have been favorably taken both by him and the Rajah, from whom we never entertained an Idea of keeping the Fort. But at this Colonel Brathwaite took offence, and ordered Major Galway not to enter the Tanjore Country — Col. Brathwaite is now before it himself, and we are in hourly Expectation to hear of it's being taken he has with him 2 Batt.ns from Tanjore 1,000 Men Company's and Natives from hence, and 2 Batt.s which are on the Road from Palamcotah, may be daily expected to join him — The Maravar Country will not I fear be so soon settled as my last to the late Governor gave reason to expect —

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect,

My Lord,

Your most Obed.t & most Obed.t Humble Servant

G. Ram.

Trichinopoly
26th July, 1781

P.S. 28th July — Col. Brathwaite has raised the Siege of Dindigul, his Guns not being heavy enough to breach it —

G. Ram

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To The Honble the President
and Select Committee of
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I had the Honor of writing you a long letter the 17th July, containing many particulars, Dupplicate of which was dispatched on the 16th ulto with the following Postscript after our misfortune of the 14th ultimo and expecting to be assaulted by Hyder's whole Army for several nights following, which he certainly did meditate, I judged it absolutely necessary to Strengthen the Garrison by raising a few Companies of Sibendy Seapoys, who receive no bounty Money, their Pay is smaller than the Battalion, and in Garrison will be equally useful they are also to serve in the Trichinopoly Country, and when in Camp to receive Batta, my intention is to compleat this Corps to 500 Seapoys upon the following Pay, a Subadar 10 Pags ₰ Month. a Jemadar 6, a Havaldar 2, a Naig 1½ a Sepoy 1 Pag. 12 fan. and a Drummer 1½ Pagodas ₰ Month, if you approve of the plan, and of my encreasing the number, I shall be able to do it, tho we have already raised a very stout good looking Seapoys, chiefly from the Nabobs discharged Companies, and Consist of 300 Private, the officers generally from the Nabobs Service, most of who

From Lt Col. Nixon, raises a corps of Sibbendies — conceives the situation of affairs in the Trichinopoly District.

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20th were formerly in the Company's Shaw taken one Subadar of the Invalids of this Garrison into the Sibindies: some Letters of Hyders with orders to his Amuldars have just now fallen into my hands. they represent in very strong terms his great scarcity of Provisions. Mr Nordis is returned from the Tondeman, and I am sorry to acquaint you that he has not been so successful as I was taught to believe by the Letters I received before from Tondeman Coolapa Naick a powerful Poligar near Palamcottah, I am informed, has made an alliance with the Dutch — The Reddy of Tonion having received intelligence of a Party of Hyders under Cuncara Chitty, the Man who lately had so narrow an escape from that Country, having entered it he requested a small Party of our People, which joined with some of his own, arrived there two days ago, & I am in hopes will save it from their depredation for the present — at the request and by the intercession of the Reddy, who had really taken very great pains to bring the Woomiapollam man over, Interest, Mr Ram and myself sent a Cowle, which purports only that he may come and return safe to his own place — The Reddy is of opinion he will quit Cuncara Chitty with whom he is at present joined Colonel Braithwaite, to whom I have given all the assistance in my power, is again advanced

to

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20th to Tricattapully, which I think cannot now stand long, he has been successfull in two little affairs against the Enemy, and has cleared the Country from Panpanasum to the Coleroon — The following Intelligence from Tondiman, wherein he does not forget to sound his own praise, arrived Yesterday. He writes that Mahapulty Dewr China Sawmy and the Widow of Wonian Dewr who are now at Shevegunga had received a Cacheel from Hyder whom they sent to him — Hyder promises Tondiman five Sacks of Canda Rayah Pagodas, — a large District in the Seringapatam Country, with whatever he may require, for the due performance of all which Hyder offers to give a proper person as his Security, and to Swear either at the Mosque or the Pagoda in return for the above. Hyder requires that Tondiman shall attack and take the Country and Forts of Trichinopoly & Tanjore, to effect which he will send him Ten Thousand Horse, with Butchi Nadik & all the other Poligars, and directs that Tondiman shall take possession of the Fort and Country of Tanjore, and that all the Poligars shall be subject to him, but that the Fort and Country of Trichinopoly must be Delivered up to Hyder — he also desires that a trusty head man may be sent to remain in the Camp with him — Tondiman returned for answer that he wanted neither bullocks nor money, that a piece of dried bread from the

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20th Nabobs Favor was more to him than his Life, or any other thing— I have received a Letter from Major Gillis at Trippatore, mentioning that unless he has immediate and effectual supplies of Provision and Stores he would be under the necessity of abandoning the Fort, that he had repeatedly and in the most earnest manner applied to Tondiman for Provision, but he positively refused giving him any assistance whatever he would not even see Major Gillis, who came to Trimiam on purpose, or would he take his Bond for 500 Pags— the Major has also wrote to the Nabobs Manager here on the same Subject, who says it is not in his power to afford any relief, but that he has directed Tondiman to do it— a Detachment of ours and the Nabobs people are preparing to go to the Westward to cover the cultivation of the Country, and to attack Carnatally, in which business we expect to be assisted by all the Poligars— Our distresses and difficulties for want of Pay are likely to increase, as Colonel Braithwaite will expect to pay the Troops which have joined him from time, a thing impossible to be accomplished— Lt Bowden with the Pallamcottah Detachment, consisting of near 3,000 Men with 6 Field pieces, who left Madura the 25th Ultimo, must have joined Col. Braithwaite ere this— and I think he will now be able to defeat Hyders whole Force in the Tanjore Country.

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20th Country —

I have the honor to remain with great
Respect,
Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,
Your most faithful
Obt Servant
Eccles Nixon.

Pichinopoly,
3d August, 1781.

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

O My Lord,

I did myself the honor of addressing
your Lordship Yesterday, and have now the pleasure
of Informing you that the Fortifications and
Buildings of this Place will be entirely demolished
in ten days at furthest, provided we receive no
Obstruction from the Enemy which I have very
Reason to suppose have guarded this Part of the
Country.

From Sadras the works will be demolished in ten days.

I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect,
O My Lord,
Your very Obd &
most humble Servant,
Simon Baillie,
Lieut Commandt.

Sadras,
11th August, 1781.

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
Governor & President
Fort St George.

My Lord

This Morning at 7 o'Clock I did
myself the honor to acquaint your Lordship that
Hyder was at that time decamping from Nerrawauk,
since when a Body of his Troops passed this Garrison
from the Southward to join him, I imagine them
to be the same that Marched from his Camp on the
3d Instant, which I frequently acquainted your
Lordship of since that time I have been informed
this Morning that Hyder is gone towards
Conjeveram, a few days ago I surprized a party of his
Horsemen and got five Good Horses.

From Permacoil, with intelligence of the Enemy.

I have the Honor to remain
Your Lordship's
most Obd Servant
Benj Bishop

Permacoil,
11th August 1781.

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

My Lord and Sirs,

Last Night a French man was brought
to me who deserted a few days ago from Tippoo Saib's
Camp, He came off with the Artillery man of whom I
wrote you the 15th Inst. but separated in going thro
some woods, and did not meet again on the road, This
French

From Pettical, a French deserter comes in — the Inhabitants settled again on the Island — a quantity of grain ready to be shipped

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20th French man is one of an hundred and fifty that were sent from the Isle de France some time ago to your Hyder. I keep him a prisoner in the Fort until an opportunity offers to send him to Madras — I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Inhabitants of Cocum num to be quite settled again on the Island. I have furnished the Farmers there with plenty of seed, and they have already sown a great deal of Paddy and Nachane, I have a Cargo of Rice and Paddy ready for the first Vessel that comes for it, I would send it in boats if it was not for the rain that falls every Night.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Sirs,

Your most Obedt
humble Servant
Geo: Smith

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17th August, 1781

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

I have herewith the honor to
forward a letter addressed to the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee by Captain
Donald Mackay of the Artillery, belonging to
the Madras Establishment on the Subject of
which I cannot pretend to pass an opinion as
the

Herewith Cuddalore Consultancy Letter from Captain Donald Mackay, Colonel Braithwaite, Brodger, and Campbell concerning their conduct

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20th The Chief grievance complained of appears to have Originated from a Decision given by the Honble the Court of Directors, in favor of Major Clifton — Such has arisen from misrepresentation, as Capt. Mackay alledges, it may perhaps not be deemed improper in your Government to require from the Parties a particular Statement of their respective cases, and to transmit the same for the reconsideration of the Court of Directors —

The only point in Captain Mackay's Letter which he appears not to be well informed on, is regarding Major Elliot who came to that Rank & now holds in the common course of service, and in the usual line of Succession in the Artillery Corps on the Bengal Establishment — There are however some other promotions which have taken place in the Bengal Military, whereby Captain Mackay suffers a Hardship in common with many other Officers, both here and at Bombay, and of which I shall have an opportunity to speak more particularly in the Sequel of this Letter —

I further beg leave to lay before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee Copy of a Letter addressed to me by some Old Captains belonging to this Establishment the very lively terms in which they have themselves expressed the sence they entertain of the Hardships they suffer by the

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20th The late extraordinary promotion in the Bengal Military, and the very just and proper Distinction which they have allowd between Supernumerary, the Consequence of the Common course of the Service, and those occasiond by the Measure referred to, leaves me little to say on the Subject, so far as it concerns them Individually, but seeing that they have sued to me as Commander in Chief in India to interpose for their Redress, I require that I should not only state to your Honorable Committee my Sentiments on the Proceeding which has produced the Representation before you, but also the reasons why I cannot propose any remedy for the Hardship complained of.

When I was solicited to take upon me the Station of Commander in Chief in India it was not only expected of me as a Duty annexed thereto, but pointed out as an Object deserving my attention, to introduce such Regulation into the military Service in general, and in particular at Bengal, as would tend to preserve that order and Oeconomy so necessary to its being Maintained on a creditable footing, and in a Manner the most Consistent with the Interests of the Honble Company. It became consequently one of the very first things to which I turned my mind on my arrival in Bengal, and that

20th That I might be as little misled as possible, in the plan which it might be most proper to recommend and adopt, I searched every Record on Military Subjects, and was particularly attentive in examining the Orders and Regulations of my predecessors in the Command of the Army in Bengal. From these, and from such informations as I could collect from the Oldest and most experienced Officers on that Establishment, I formed such a plan for the Military there, as appeared to me the best adapted for its future good management, when acting by themselves or with the Troops of the other Establishments, and the most consistent with the Interests of my constituents. It was submitted to the Supreme Council, and I was made happy in having it honored with their approbation, as it flattered me with the hopes of its being permanent, and thereby realizing to my Employers those advantages which I promised myself might result therefrom.

But to my equal astonishment and concern I had scarcely left Bengal, to come upon the present arduous Service, when new Arrangements were deemed necessary, and that they might appear to have the Sanction of a Military Authority, a Provincial Commander in Chief was created, under whose patronage and recommendation these Arrangements were Carried into Force. Viewing them in the most impartial light, they do not appear to me calculated to Answer any es-

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26. a pernicious good End. On the contrary, Such them
fraught with many pernicious Consequences, &
Subversive of all Military good Order and
Subordination, but thereby to the Company, from
the very heavy increase of expence they occasion,
distructive to the Service, by raising to commands
Young and inexperienced Officers, who in a
Subordinate rank would have been of the greatest
use in the detail of disciplining the Troops; injurious
in the highest degree to the Military Service,
both here and at Bombay, from the uncommon
and grievous supercession of old, experienced,
and deserving Officers on both their Establishments,
and with whom they were already Acting on
Service, and last of all in direct Violation of the
repeated and express Orders of the Court of Directors,
who in the Determination that their Establishment
of Field officers in Bengal should not be
subjected to any Innovation, either as to the
Service or expence, have of late Years, on Occasions
wherein they have been pleased to restore officers
to their original Rank in the Service whereby
they were entitled to be Field Officers, directed
that they should continue in the Receipt of Capt.
pay until a Vacancy in the said Establishment
of that Rank, to which they had arrived,

Should

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Should happen—

I have already expressed my disapprobation of the whole of the Measure to the Governor Genl and Council, and disavowed all kind of connection with it, and upon such grounds as, I trust, will stand the test, when known at Home, and which having for their basis the reasons above produced, I hope they will also have their due weight with your Honble Committee in pleading my excuse for not proposing any other remedy for redress of the Hardships which the Officers on this Establishment suffer, than requesting that they have the benefit of the Right Honble the President and Committee's recommendation to the justice of the Honble the Court of Directors, and as this Letter may be of Service to the cause in genl / there being many more Officers in a Similar predicament to those who have signed the accompanying representation / permit me to beg the favor it may go a number in your first dispatches to England—

I shall beg leave to intrude upon the time of your Honble Committee for a few moments longer by mentioning another consequence which attends the promotion in Bengal, and which I think renders it a Measure equally exceptionable and improper

by

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20 by the promotion it gives to the many Officers in every Rank over those in His Majesty's Service, who by a Constitutional act of the British Legislature are entitled, the youngest on the Kings to command the oldest of the same rank in the Company's Service — This circumstance as being at the Head of the Kings Troops in India also weighs very powerfully in influencing me to decline the recommendation of any Plan which might tend to increase an Evil which it is my Duty on every account to check and suppress.

I have the Honor to be,

Camp Poonamalee,
18th August 1781

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obd
Humble Servant,

Eyre Coote,

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I flatter myself the disagreeable Situation I am placed in will plead my Excuse for intruding on your time when it must be so much taken up with the public Service —

I hope it will be allowed that an Officer who has served so many Years with Credit

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20 Credit, and now finds himself supersided at home
and abroad, Tho' he cannot resent the Injury received
at a time when the Services of every Officer are so
much wanted, yet he cannot in Justice to himself
silently submit to it

Being just arrived from Bombay,
where my rank and Services brought me to be appointed
to act as Major at the Siege of Bassein, till the
pleasure of the Governor General and Council of Bengal
was known, since my arrival I find the Government
of Madras approved of my appointment, by sending
me a Brevet to confirm General Goddard's appointment
of me at Bassein, and to prevent the Injury
I was likely to suffer, had the Service continued,
of a Supercession by Officers much younger than
me. that Service being now over, I am returned
to the Coast, where I find my appointment by
Brevet discontinued, tho' superseded in an equal
degree, I am ordered to take the Field under
Major Clifton, whom I never looked on to have the
Superior Command over me, but from a misrepresentation
of Facts to my Superiors thereby obtained an order
Appointing him to rank over me ——— In other
Governments I have been his Commanding officer,
as will appear by the records, and I have from the
Beginning judged myself injured by being
superseded by him, but it was less severe when
Col. Pearse commanded the Corps, and Major
Clifton

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20th Clifton and I did duty seperatly, as much as the
service would admit. I am now ordered under her
immediate Command, the Service may require it,
and I (by, still I must feel a reluctance in serving
under an Officer who has unjustly superceded me,
and whose Services nor professional abilities can
intitle him to command me——

Colonel James has declared himself
unfit for all duty, and does not even attend the
duties of Commandant of Artillery in Fort St.
George, where the Senior Officer of Artillery in
Cases like this, has always resided, and Fort St.
George by that rule becomes Major Clifton's
Station, add to this the supercession from Bengal
by Officers much inferior in the Service to me, in
particular the appointment of Captain Elliot
to a Majority by Brevet, to enable him to take
rank of me and others on this Coast. To submit
to this would be acknowledging, he might be
Commanded me by Brevet, when I am deprived of more
wise an equal Number of Field Officers
appointed to the Artillery on the Coast, as at
Bengal, I should be now to Major by Commission,
and have escaped part of the Mortification
I now feel—— Having explained the Injuries
I conceive myself to labour under, I submit to your
Justice and feelings for such redress as you, after
considering

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20 considering the Several Circumstances, may think
my Case merits ——

I have the Honor to be with respect,
I am &c, at St. Tho. Mount.
My Lord & Gentlemen,
11th August, 1781

Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt
D. Mackay.
Capt. of Artillery

To His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Lieut General and Commander in Chief &c
in
India.

Sir,

Compelled from the very peculiar
and to a Soldier very mortifying situation we are
now placed in towards our Commander in Chief we
flatter ourselves that he will pardon the Liberty
we take, and we beg leave to assure him that nothing
but so delicate a matter should have induced us to
take off his attention from the very important
affairs, which must necessarily at this time
occupy his Thoughts

Taught from the declaration of the
Honble the Court of Directors, from Government in
India, and from the Custom of the Service, to
look forward for a certain Regular promotion we

Hope

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Hope that we have not by any misconduct forfeited that prospect, but may be permitted to say that during the many Years we have served in our present rank, it has ever been our Study to discharge our duty to the best of our Judgment, and tho' the rise on this Establishment has been very slow, yet we have never repined, nor were at present should we feel any uneasiness in being Commanded by our Juniors on other Establish'ts provided they rose according to the Original Field Number, but we are at this moment so painfully Situated in being placed in direct opposite a light to the Officers in the Bengal Detachment, that in Justice to ourselves, in Justice to those feelings which a Soldier must possess, we most earnestly implore the assistance of

him who alone can give it to us, nor have we a doubt but that this application to Sir Eyre Coote will meet all the support our most Sanguine Expectation can point out, and that so far from being displeased with us for thus making our Sentiments known to him, that he will acquiesce with us in opinion that this Numerous Increase of Field officers in the Bengal Army is a Heart breaking Circumstance, particularly so at this Crisis, when we must unavoidably act together and when those Gentlemen who have the Rank of Major

for

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26th from the late unprecedented and amazing promotion
of our Juniors as Captains —

In making this application we by
no means wish to be understood that we have any
pecuniary Views, or mean to put Government to any
additional Expence for the present — all we can
desire is to be relieved from the Greatest Weight
a Soldier can feel.

We beg leave to mention an Instance
that Occurred during the late War with
Hyder Ally, something nearly a Similar one —
A Captain in the Bengal Establishment
who was ordered to this Coast on Service, had
before he left Calcutta his Commission antidated
to supercede all those of the same Rank Here but
when he produced his Commission, and by Virtue
of its Date offered to take his seat at a General
Court Martial it was objected to, the Matter
referred, and instant Redress given to the Officers
on the Madras Establishment — with very
apology for giving you this Trouble and trespassing
thus on Your time and with every Reliance on the
protection and support of our Commander in Chief.

We have the Honor to be with the
greatest Respect, Your Excellency's
very Obed.t, devoted
Humble Serv.ts
John Colgrave,
Wm Beatty,
Jno. Bridger
Donald Campbell
The

Camp at Mount,
8th August, 1781

Signed
A true Copy,
Wm Tierney
Sec.y

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 9th of this Month to day and am truely sorry to inform you that I have not hitherto received any Letter or Answer from Col. Brathwaite, to the several Dispatches, both yours, and my own, which I have at different times forwarded to him, nor indeed the least Intelligence from the Tanjore Country to be depended on; but I am well assured a body of 1700 Men in two Detachments have Marched from Negapatam to join Hyder's Troops there, and it is said they are Strengthening the defences of Combaconum -

The Letters for Colonel Boathwaite and Captain Eidington by Lieutenant Hughes have been forwarded From Tranquebar with the greatest care towards Tanjore.

I congratulate you very sincerely on the junction of the Bengal Detachment with our Army under Sir Eyre Coote, and hope nothing will be wanting to insure him success against the Enemy. I am only sorry that so little is in my power at present to assist in this desirable end, and as to supplies of Grain it is totally impracticable, the Dutch from Negapatnam having shut up very

Post

From Sir Edwd Hughes — the Capture of Hyder with Troops — his inability to afford convoy to the China ships, — receiving notice of the Cipher

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20th Port along the Coast to the Southward of this
place, and stopped all Boats coming this way and
that at Tranquebar loaded for their own supplies —

I regret much that it is out of my
power to give Convoy this Year to the Ships bound
to China, you My Lord and Gentlemen, know that
the few Ships under my Command are employed in a
manner best suited to distress our Enemies, and forward
the Public Service, if a reinforcement arrives soon,
I will still exert myself for the safety of the
Company's Ships in the China Seas —

I have received the favor of the Company's
Cypher, which shall be kept with the greatest care,
and thank you for your obliging permission granted
me to open such Packets as I may reasonably judge
contain Letters for me —

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obd.t
Humble Servant.
Edw.d Hughes

Superbe off Negapatam,
12th August, 1781

20th Dispatched the following Letter,

To Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Vice admiral of the Blue, and
Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships in India. Sir,

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Sir,

We did Ourselves the Honor of writing to you some time ago on behalf of Shamier Sultan, inclosing a Petition he had addressed to us in regard to his Family and Effects, &c since which he had laid before us a letter lately received from your Secretary on the same Subject, and in answer thereto has submitted some points to our Consideration requesting we would state them to you, which we consented to in Justice to his Merits, and because we are confident it is your Wish to attend as far as possible to the circumstances of particular Cases, so as to obviate the Difficulties and Distress which Individuals might otherwise be unjustly exposed to ——

He represents that it was not in the nature of things possible for him to have removed his Family and Effects from Negapatam in so short a space of time as with 14 Days from the Receipt of advices of a Dutch War, even had he been apprized that such an Indulgence would be allowed, which however was not the case — That he would not risk the sending for his Property whilst it was doubtful whether it would not be captured by the English, that he hopes the Misfortune it has proved to his Family in being thus obliged to remain, though much against their will, at Negapatam;

to Sir E. Hughes, on Shamier Sultan's Petition — requesting he may be allowed a flag of truce to remove his family Effects from Negapatam.

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20th Negapatam will not be aggravated by being considered as a Ground for raising on it an Idea of their having renounced their allegiance to the English, that he and his whole Family were born at Madras, and having always enjoyed the Protection of the British Flag, he hopes it will not be withdrawn from him at the moment when his Property is at Stake, humbly conceiving that the Law of Nations may be so far influenced by Circumstances, as to be always compatible with the Laws of Humanity, He therefore prays you will grant him a Flag of Truce, in Order to remove his Family and Effects in Safety to Madras.

We beg leave to submit the forgoing to your Consideration, and have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt
Humble Servants

Macartney
Geo. Stuart Bowe

Fort St George
20th August 1781

To
Mr. John Turing,
Resident at Ganjam.

Sir

In consequence of your Letters respecting the Berar Cavalry, our President has consulted the Commander in Chief, Sir Eyre Coote, and Colonel Pearse, who has lately arrived here from

To Ganjam
The Berar Cavalry
to be dismissed.

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20. from the Northward. They are both clearly of opinion that the Circar Cavalry might have been very serviceable had they joined Col. Pearse on his march thro' the Circars, there is not the least prospect that they can now make their way, or in any manner forward the operations of the Campaign. Col. Pearse added that he meant to communicate these his sentiments in his letters to Mr. Hastings. We judge thereon it will be better on every account that as they have not fulfilled their engagements, they may return to Berar, which you will please to signify to them, unless you shall have received contrary Instructions from the Governor General. We think however that they should be paid for the time past, according to the stipulations made with them, and in proportion to the Number which have marched into your District. In the arrangement of this matter, we must greatly rely on your address and Frugality In the present State of our Finance, every Pagoda is of Consequence to us, and we reckon much upon you for a Speedy supply in that point.

Having judged it expedient in the present Situation of affairs to keep a respectable Force in the Circars, we direct that the Battalion of Seapoys in your District be immediately recruited to its full Establishment.

We are, Sir, your

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Fort St George.

28th August, 1781.

Your most Obd.
Servant
Macartney.
Va Lt. Committee.

To Colonel John Braithwaite.

Sir,

To Col. Braithwaite with positive directions to proceed to Negapatam.

By our late Letters from the Neighbourhood of Tanjore we are informed that some of Hyders Troops still continue in that Country, and have been reinforced by detachments from the Garrison of Negapatam, which must have weakened considerably that Garrison — We wrote to you on the 15th of last Month our desire that you should attack that Settlement, if it could be done without interfering with any other material Service, but we are now anxious that in preference to any other Enterprize, you do not lose a moment to proceed to the attack of Negapatam, while the admiral and his Fleet are before it, ready to co-operate in a measure which would be of much more important consequence, and be more acceptable at this moment than the Surrender of any Fort in the Power of Hyder, which if we should be Successful against his main Army, as we have reason to expect, must be very soon evacuated by his Troops. We learn with pleasure that a Considerable Reinforcement had marched from Palamcotah

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Macartney.
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20th Palamcotah, and must be arrived at your Camp long since: It is therefore our express desire that if without imminent Hazard of the Country under you command, you can march to Negapatan with a Strength, which joined to the powerful assistance of the admiral will be likely to reduce it, you do set out on that Expedition without the least delay, leaving however a Sufficient Garrison at Tanjore to guard against Surprize, as the time approaches when the Squadron will be obliged to quit that Station, after which it will be exceedingly difficult to accomplish this Service by any Naval Force we could send upon it.

By our Letters from Col. Nixon We have reason to flatter Ourselves that he will be able to detach a part of his Garrison either to join you, or to supply the place of some of the Troops you will take to Negapatan.

We have the utmost Reliance on your Spirit, abilities and prudence on this interesting occasion.

Sir Eyre Coote has marched with the whole Army in pursuit of Hyder. We Understand the General is already in possession of Trinjapoor The Army collecting his Forces from the Southward, in order to oppose the Progress of our Troops to Arcot.

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

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To Lieut: Colonel Nixon,

Commanding at Prichinopoly.

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 3d Instant, which we shall answer by a Hircarrah in a day or two—

To Col. Nixon, directing him to proceed with a detachment to assist Colonel Braithwaite.

Enclosed you will receive a Copy of our Letter to Colonel Braithwaite, by which you will perceive how much we have at heart that the Dutch Settlement of Negapatam should be attacked without delay, we have no doubt but that you will co-operate to the utmost of your Power to the success of that Measure, and that you will send all possible assistance to Colonel Braithwaite for that purpose, as we have promised him you would do— and we wish you that if the Service shall permit it, that you will march in person, and give your own aid, as well as that of your Troops to Colonel Braithwaite in this important Occasion— We are,

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20th August 1781

Sir
Your most Obdt
Servants
O Macartney
&a Select Committee

To

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To Captain James Eidingtoun,
Commanding at Palamcotah.

Sir,

It is a Matter of equal
Astonishment and concern to us that we have not
heard from you for several Months in the Interval
we have written to you repeatedly, as we have had Letters
from Tanjore and Trichinopoly, notwithstanding the
incursion of the Enemy, and as there has been a communication
between those Countrys and Palamcotah, we think it
might have been possible to have imparted to us an
account of your Proceedings We expected with the Force
under your Command to have heard before this
time of your success against the Dutch, in your Neighbour-
hood we are now extremely anxious that their
Settlement of Negapatam should be immediately
attacked, before the admiral, who conceive very
powerful assistance on the occasion, will be obliged
to quit that Station. We have learnt that you
have sent a Detachment to Tanjore but we are desirous
that if it can be done with safety, you should march
in person, and give your own aid, as well as that
of your Troops to Colonel Braithwaite on this
important occasion.

We shall expect to hear from
you more frequently for the future and are,

Sir, Your most Obd
Servants

Fort St George,
2d August 1781

To Captn Eidingtoun
to proceed with a
detachment to
assist Colonel
Braithwaite.

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Fort St. George, August 5th 1781.

To Mr. William Oram,

Sir,

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 Effects &c. captured from the Dutch in the Circars, in consequence of which you will proceed thither, and take an account jointly with the Agent for the Captors of all the Effects &c. at the several Dutch Settlements which have fallen into our hands. As soon as the Account shall be taken, the Effects must be sent to Madras with all convenient expedition, and in such manner as may appear most for the advantage of the Company and the Captors; on the arrival of those Effects at Madras, an account must again be taken, and the whole to be delivered over to you, and you will give proper Receipts for the same to the Agent for the Captors, in order that no difficulties may hereafter occur in adjusting the Accounts between the Company and the Captors, when the whole shall have been received, an arrangement will take place respecting the Right of the Company and the Captors to Plunder and Booty, conformably to the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors of the 8th March 1758, in consequence of Letters Patent granted

To Mr. Will. Oram, appt. Agent on the part of the Company for captures from the Dutch in the Circars — directing him to proceed thither.

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20th granted to the Company by his late Majesty King
the Second, dated 11th January 1758.

The Chief and Council have been made
acquainted with your appointment, and directed to
assist in enabling you to act conformably to those
instructions, on application from you for that
purpose.

I am, Sir,
Your most Obedt
Servant
Thos Oakley
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Fort St. George.
20th August, 1781.

21st Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B
Governor and President &c Members of the
Select Committee.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose a
List of Men of the 1st Battalion of his Majesty's
73d Regiment, who being unfit for further service
are Invalided and come recommended for the Chelsea
Pension. I have therefore to request you will be
pleased to Order them passages to Europe on the
first Ships that may be dispatched, together with
the Wives and Children of those who have any.
The Reason of my making so early an application
is the information I received but too late, that the
Captains of the Indiamen which sailed the 11th for
China, would have been glad to have received them,
as

Person Lord Macartney requesting a passage to Europe for Invalids of his Regiment

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as they might have been of some Service in assisting
the Seamen

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servt
Macleod.

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List of the Men of the 1st Battalion of his
Majestys 73d Regiment unfit for further service

Companies.	Wm Maxwell Old and Consumptive.
	John Duncan Gravel.
Colonels	Alex. Moor old and worn out.
	Walter Gollan Ditto.
Lieut. Colonels	Thomas Warren, Fractured Scull.
Majors	George Peacock, old and worn out with Service
	John Duncan Swelled Testicles.
	Serjeant Buchan, Ruptured in the Service
	John Mackingie Do
	Robert Reid Swelled Testicles.
Capt Shaws	Thomas Clark wounded in the retreat from Conjeveram.
	Alex. Mackenzie, Lost his left hand at Conjeveram.
	Alex. Munro, Wounded in the engagement with Col. Baillie.
	Donald Isaac Complicated.
	Duncan McDonald, wounded in the Battle of the 1st July.

Capt

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25th Capt. M.Kenzie's	Capt. Gibb, Lame in both Legs	
	Ralph Saylor, Lost the use of his Leg.	
Capt. Dalrymples	Hugh Bagott, Ruptured	
	Robert Gibson, Sore Eyes	
	John Davidson, Lame	
	John Lesly, do	
Capt. Saunds	Donald Cameron, old and worn out	
	James Collins, Ruptured	
	John Macdonald, Wounded	
	Dominick Johnston, Disabled his left Arm on the passage from Europe.	
Light Infantry	Kent Mackenzie, Wounded in the engagement with Col. Baillie.	
Capt. Campbells	John Macleod, Ruptured & Fistula.	

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

My Lord & Honble Sirs,

I beg leave to take the liberty of laying before you an Account of the Expences I have been at in putting the Post you have done me the honor to entrust me with in a State of Defence, I beg leave to refer you to Major Sydenham, Aid de Camp to the late Governor for the Instructions I received on this Head — General Coote has paid me the Compliment

Horses Cattle Harness — with till for repairs to Pounamalee Post —

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Compliment of much approving of the Works Than
Compleated and has recommended to me to address
you on the Subject I assure you on the Word of
an Officer, that the charge is truely Just, and founded
more on the principles of honor, than the View of Gain,
as not a Farthing is laid in the Account, but that has
been actually paid in the presence of the Engineer who
Superintended the Works, as well as the Company's
Head Servant, and my own Conicopty, who have
Collected the Charge —

I flatter My self My Lord &
Honble Sirs you will take this matter into
Consideration, and allow me Credit in the
Company's Accounts/ incase any Accident Should
happen me/ order me a Bond from the Secretary
for the Amount of the Bill.

I have the Honor to be with
the most Profound Respect,
My Lord & Honble Sirs,
Your most Humble
Humy Obdt Servant,
G D Harding

Poondamalee,
20th August, 1781.

Account of Cash laid out on the Repairs
of the Fort of Poondamalee, from the 7th
Febry to the 15th May 1781

To 6 Smiths	36 days	@	5 f. each	f. day Pc	25. 30. —
11 Carpenters	36	do.	@ 4	do.	37. 30.
20 Bricklayers		do.	3	do.	51. 18.

&c

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				P.	P.
25th	To	150	Coolies bringing earth and bushes for Fascines 36 Days @ 2f. ea per Day	257.	6 "
		30	Fascine Makers 36 do @ 3f. ea	77	6 "
		20	Coolies cutting Sd 36 do @ 2f. ea	34	12 "
		30	Women bringing Sand do 1/2 do	38	30 "
		100	Children do Do. do 1 do	85	36 "
		18	Carts bringing Brick do 9 do	138	36 "
			Pagodas	776	24 "

Account of Money paid for a Store of Fascines, Gabion and Pickets provided by order of Government in the Garrison of Pondamalle, from 18th March to the 24th do inclusive—

				P.	P.
To	35		Gabion Makers 7 days @ 4f.	23.	14 "
	20		Coolies cutting Bamboos do 3f.	10	" "
	6		Carts bringing do do 9f.	9	" "
	10		Carpenters making do do 4f.	6	28 "
	3		Carts bringing Timber for Pickets @ 9f.	4	24 "
			Pags	53	24 "

This is to Certify that all the above Works were executed and done under my own Direction and that the Coolies were paid as above.

Signed J. Durand.
Ensign

H. D. Harding
Capt Commanding
the Garrison and Fort of Pondamalle

To Mr William Cram having been appointed Agent on the part of the Company for all

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21st All the Property captured from the Dutch in the Northern Circars, Agreed that he be allowed Pay and Batta to defray his travelling Charges —

Mr Hallowes Dean allowed Pay & Batta for his travelling Charges

Dispatched the following Letters

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

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 15th instant, which We hasten to answer, in Order to give you a solemn and immediate testimony of Our hearty concurrence in the step you have taken of proceeding with the Army towards the Enemy, notwithstanding the particular Peril of the undertaking, circumstanced as you are and the consequent doubt which you apprehend may be entertained of the propriety of the Measure. Involved as we are in the Event, and intrusted with the conduct of Publick affairs, we wish that our Grateful applause of the Spirit with which you press forward and Conviction of the necessity of your doing so in the present juncture may afford you some satisfaction to Counterbalance the anxieties of your mind, and if you think any Sanction necessary for your justification We give you ours in its fullest Extent.

To Genl. Coote, approve of his intentions of proceeding towards the Enemy — on the state of the treasury; — the scarcity of Grain — this supplies very precarious — desiring him to remove Commissaries, Agents, or others whom he may find guilty of fraud or neglect —

Since the 22d of June last when the present Government took place on the arrival of our President, We have been constantly employed with

21st with the sense of our sole dependance for the safety and Welfare of this Settlement on the exertions and Succefs of the Army under your Command. Our thoughts and Efforts have in consequence been entirely bent to facilitate and forward your operations: to the Remittances from Bengal We regret that We have been able to add only ₹5000 Pagodas out of our Poor Treasury, which has not once had in it 90000 Pagodas including the sums received in consequence of a loan, which We opened for the purpose of paying the arrears of the Army, and for subscriptions to which We used Our Personal Solicitations, much of the remainder was expended in the indispensible support of the Garrisons, to this precaution indeed it was owing that We were enabled to hold both this Place and Chingleput for a little time to the defence of very few Troops, while we sent Detachments from Thence to attack the Dutch Settlements of Sadras and Pullicat not only with a view of complying so far with Our Instructions from Home, but with that of removing any obstacle which the first of those two places might in the Enemy's hands throw in the way of your march from the Southward, and the latter in the Communication necessary to be maintained, and the junction to be formed between the main Army and the Detachment coming from the Northward under Col. Pearse. It was very satisfactory to us to have had y.r approbation of this measure, which as it was pursued

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21. pursued with Activity and Success, seemed to add
Spirit and encouragement to our own People, besides
the loss it occasioned the Dutch, and the Resources
of which it deprived Hyder, It procured us also
some Provisions from Pulicat, the more necessary
indeed as on your arrival in Our neighbourhood
We opened to your Army all Our Magazines &
already much diminished by the necessity to which
we had been reduced of supporting, tho at a scanty
allowance, the Inhabitants of Madras, increased as they
are daily by the number of fugitives from the Country,
escaping the cruelty of the Enemy: we had when
you came to St Thomas's Mount 52,000 Bags
of Rice, and a proportionate Quantity of other
Grain, upwards of 12,000 have been since delivered
for the use of the Army, the stinted Consumption
of the Garrison, Fort, and Black Town, amounting
every day to near 600 Bags, so that We have now
in Store only 25,000 Bags, our sole Resource
for Supply as from Sea, and in other Respects
also are precarious. But considering the Expedition
of the Invader from the Carnatic as the first Object
We determined on trusting to chance for our future
Subsistence, rather than to withhold from you
any part of whatever in our Possession might
be necessary to your progress. Parties of the Enemy's
Cavalry constantly hovering near our Gates prevented
the Collection of more than 1,200 Draught and
Carriage

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21. Carriage Bullocks to assist in conveying your Ammunition and Provision when ever the Bullocks brought by Colonel Pearse in such numbers that he complained of the Convoy as horribly heavy, were lately however found from their want of training not to be sufficient for your purpose, we indeavoured to collect such a number of Coolies as would make up in some sort for the Deficiency of Carriage Cattle, But the mode of preping, the only one that in the instant could be adopted affords little Resource after the first Efforts. These Labourers fly from the appearance of Compulsion, and tho' even to our Palankeen Bearers, whom we have sent to the Army, Our President setting the Example of going on foot, We are Conscious that the Public Service has not as yet been so much expedited by them as we wish. It would have been much more flattering to us to be able to ascribe our Success, than to account for Our failures in Our anxious indeavours of giving you Compleat assistance, for while any thing remains to be accomplished, we reckon but little on what we have effectuated. We have been at least determined that the authority vested in us should solely be employed in strengthening yours, for removing any Impediment to the progress of your army, as abuses might have been committed by the Person employed

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21st employd to supply the Camp, Our President has had Our Concurrence in his Declaration to you of removing on your application all Commissaries Agents, or others whom you found Guilty of fraud or neglect, and of naming in their Room such Persons as you should deem worthy of the Respective Trusts, we hope that those Officers finding no Possibility of being screend from the punishments due to misconduct, will not discurage them —

The difficulties which we have not been able entirely to remove, will not however we trust prevent the most successfull termination of the Campaign, by an Army which sufficiently supplied you deem capable of every thing in India we are persuaded that if you found it impossible to proceed with the Army thro' Deficiency of means to carry Provisions for the whole, you would take such part of it only as could be supplied on the March, and would vanquish Hyder a second time with as few Troops as you did the first

We conclude by assuring you that our Exertions shall continue to keep pace with yours for the accomplishing the great objects in view and We have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Macartney

&c Lieut Commdt

To

Fort St George
21st August 1781

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To Mr. James Daniell,
Chief &c. Council of Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam
Wm. Braun to be
allowed pay and
Batta

Having appointed Mr. William Braun to be Agent on the Part of the Company for the Property Captured from the Dutch in the northern Circars, as mentioned in our Letter of the 10th Instant, We have thought proper to allow him Pay and Batta to defray his travelling Charges, you will be pleased therefore to answer his Demands for Pay & Batta from your Treasury, should he apply to you for that purpose ——— We are, Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient
Servants
Macartney,
&c. &c. &c. Committee

Fort St. George.
21st. August 1781.

The same to Vizagapatam.

To Captain Robert Gibbins
Commanding at Madura.

Sir,

To Capt. Gibbins
Lt. Hugh White
appd to the Light
Infantry Corps

Having at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief appointed Lieutenant Hugh White to the Light Infantry Corps in the Madura Country, he now proceeds to take on himself that Command — We conceive that this Corps with any Reinforcement you may be able to spare, might be usefully employed in harrassing and Driving off the Enemy from your Province a Diversion of this kind

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21st kind with the assistance of such Poligars and Colleries as the hopes of plunder may invite or engage, we promise Ourselves would be attended with the happiest Effects, and it is with pleasure we embrace this opportunity to assure you of the Confidence we place in your Zeal for the advancement of the public Interest

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t
Servants
Macartney
&a Select Committee

Fort St. George,
21. August 1781

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71.

To Mr. James Daniell,
Chief &c. Council of
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam, Mr. Oram to be allowed pay and Batta.

Having appointed Mr. William Oram to be Agent on the Part of the Company for the Property Captured from the Dutch in the northern Circars, as mentioned in our Letter of the 16th Instant, We have thought proper to allow him Pay and Batta to defray his travelling Charges, you will be pleased therefore to answer his Demands for Pay & Batta from your Treasury, should he apply to you for that purpose ——

We are, Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient
Servants
Macartney,
&c. Sel. Committee

Fort St. George,
21st. August 1781.

The same to Vizagapatam.

To Captain Robert Gibbins
Commanding at Madura.

Sir,

To Capt. Gibbins & Lt. Hugh Whelan appd to the Light Infantry Corps.

Having at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief appointed Lieutenant Hugh Whelan to the Light Infantry Corps in the Madura Country, he now proceeds to take on himself that Command — We envision that this Corps with any Reinforcement you may be able to spare, might be usefully employed in harrassing and Driving off the Enemy from your Province & Diversion of the Land

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&a Select Committee

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22d Deputation to us, and to invest him with full
Powers to treat with this Government for the
attainment of several Points, as particularly set
forth in his Instructions, we have maturely considered
the nature and Extent of the Requests preferred by
the Nabob, and have in consequence come to such
Resolutions upon them, as we doubt not will
contribute equally to the support of the Nabobs
Honor and Character, the Satisfaction of his
Numerous Creditors, the benefit of the Company,
and the Preservation of this Country; for your
compleat Information upon this Subject, we inclose
you a Copy of the Requests of the Nabob, together
with Copy of the replies we have made to every
Article separately, and earnestly recommend it to
you to conform strictly to the Agreement entered into
on our parts, and on the part of the Nabob, which
tho' not executed in the terms of a formal Instrument
we look upon to have all the Sanction, Force, and
Validity of a Treaty

And for the better security
that the Plan of Public Arrangement settled as
we hope now, upon a permanent Basis, and
in such a manner as to secure to us the thanks
of the Creditors and the approbation of the
Company, shall not be interrupted by secondary
private Considerations, or the Interference of
Individuals

an agreement with him and recommending it may be strictly conformed to — Pr. R. J. Sullivan appointed their Resident at the Durbar of the Nabob. — copy of his Instructions entered —

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2d Individuals to the detriment of the general Interests, it was our Original intention to appoint a Servant of this Establishment to be our Resident at the Nabob's Durbar, and the Instrument of Communication from us to you upon all matters that mutually relate to the Nabob and the Company in the Points + above mentioned, tho' we still admit the propriety of such a Measure, and are unwilling to deviate from our original intention in preference to any of the Company's Servants upon another Establishment yet the very particular manner in which the Nabob has recommended Mr Richard Joseph Sulivan to this appointment, and the intimate + Confidence with which it appears he has + distinguished this Gentlemen, by joining his name in the Commission with a Joan Cawn, and thereby making him a Party to the agreement which has been concluded would argue a want of Respect in us towards the Nabob were we to withhold our Assent especially as we have an opinion of the abilities and Integrity of Mr Sulivan, and believe him qualified for such a trust —

We have therefore proper to appoint Mr. Richard Joseph Sulivan, the + Representative and Minister of this Government at the Court of H. Nabob Wauls Law for the purpose of maintaining the Faith of this Government in the Agreement concluded with the said Nabob,

and

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22.d and for the representation of such matters as may at any time require his Interposition in that Character, and in our name, either with the Nabob or with the President and Council, or Select Committee of Fort St. George, and we have accordingly granted him Credentials to this Effect, a Copy of which is inclosed —

We are, Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obd.
Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Edw.d Wheler

Fort William
2.d April 1781

The Requests of the Nabob Walla Jah to the Governor General.

1.st Let a treaty be firmly established between us which may last for ever, and be Subject to no deviation

2.nd I am the hereditary Prince of the Carnatic and of Balla Ghaut under Pianghaut, and am independant of any one, and I have entire might & Authority over my Country, my Children, my Family, my Servants and Subjects, and have power in the particular and domestic administration of my Country, this ought to be altogether dependant on me, and let not my Friends interfere in it.

3.d — As the Company and English Nation are the protectors of my Honor and Government, they will act in those Points only when the advancement of my Interest is concerned —

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22d 4. Ten Battalions of well disciplined Troops are Stationed by me with the Company, and are paid by me, let them take nothing from me, except the pay of them, and let all the Contingent Expences, the Batta of their Marches, and the Repairs of the Forts be by my Consent, and let the Accounts of every three Months be punctually delivered to me within the sixth Month; when Peace shall be restored, I will discharge the amount regularly, and let the Governor and Council of Madras give me a full Receipt, and in time of Peace let them assist me with these Ten Battalions, that I may settle the Country & subject to me, and derive some advantage from the Expence —

5. Many Poligars notwithstanding that they have met with the greatest Favor from me in time of Peace, have from their Ambitious and rebellious Views joined my Enemy, Hyder ally, and began open War I can therefore never place any Reliance upon them, or look upon them as deserving of Favor, In this Case my Subjects are to be kept in Awe by the Punishment of these People, for which assistance is necessary —

6 After Peace and alliance is made between me and the English Company, the Enemies, the Security, and the dangers of both will be the same, that is to say, whoever of us suffers an

Injury

22nd, Injury it will be felt by both of us. Therefore
wish that the English in India or the King of
great Britain would make a treaty of Peace with
the king of France, and let the peace and Security of
the Carnatic and the Rights of my Government
without the Connection of any one, and my power
to appoint a Successor in the Carnatic be settled
in a solid manner, and included in the Treaty.

7. In the Garrisons of my Forts, Commandants
and Paymasters are sent, who, at the advice of their
Dubhashes with a View to profit, lend Money to
the Ryots at an Exorbitant Interest, and afterwards
are pressing for the Money, and interfere in the
Government, and a spot on another, by which
great Injury is done to my Subjects and to
myself. Let it be positively ordered that without
my permission no one lend Money to my Subjects,
and that for what is past as well as future, the
Interest on all Loans be 12 Per Cent P. Annum;
and that if any Person should Act contrary to this
and should distress the Ryots, I shall complain
against him, and request his Removal, and the
Governor and Council of Madras will remove
him from his Office, and appoint another person
in his Room.

8. As My Constant wish has been to discharge the
Money due to the Troops stationed by the Company
as I have always exerted myself for this Purpose

From

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22nd From the Commencement of my Connection I have paid very Considerable Sums on this Account, and on the day that Hyder invaded the Carnatic, I owed the Governor and Council of Madras Less than one Lack of Pagodas — which I was in hopes of discharging by receiving Bills from the Bankers in the Country when in the mean while the Attack of our Enemy began, and Instead of paying the Balance in Money to the Company, provided in my Country a greater Amount than that in Rice and Bullocks and Sheep for the Army, besides the Store in my Forts, of which there is a large supply in Trichinopoly and a less Quantity in Velore &c and what was in those Forts which our Enemy has taken is in his possession — had not my bad Destiny produced many Obstacles there is no doubt but at this time I should not have been indebted one Single Pagoda to the Company. — of several Talooks of the Carnatic which are still secure from our Enemy, the Collections are included in the Accounts of the Company but some Talooks are assigned to my Creditors, and some I have received the Peishgall in advance for whatever is collected from those manals, let it be expended for the Company, but for the satisfaction of my creditors, my friends must be just, as soon as the Enemy shall have left my Country, let the Collection of those Talooks be given to my —

Creditors,

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22.ᵈ Creditors in order to pay off their Principals &
agreable to my Engagements with them —

9 For several Reasons and from the Invasion
of my Enemy, which are not unknown to my
Friends. I am greatly distressed, and my Subjects
are not in a State to suffer me to have any hopes
from them, with my Cautions and Endeavours alone
it is difficult to adjust my Concerns, it is necessary
that my Friends should be just and favorable
to me, and should assist me in this Manner,
by giving into my Hands after the Defeat
of our Enemy, the Talooks of Chunpah & Zunghaut
and several Mahals in Ballaghaut belonging
to Carnatic Pianghaut, which are in my Country,
and my Right and I will maintain in my Service
5,000 well disciplined Horse for the Collection of
it —

10. The Talooks of Tanjore which is my Right
I at a considerable Expence, conformably to the Rules
and Practice of Hindostan, took possession of
in this my Friends assisted me, for which I returned them
thanks, Since that they have at the Sole Instigation
of ally Instructed People taken it from me by
Force, which has brought great Damage to me,
my Subjects, and Creditors — To this time such
is the Situation — Numbers of my Creditors are
Englishmen, which is not unknown to you, as I have

Repeatedly

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22d repeatedly written to you — from that time my Right has been given up to a Ryot of mine, but no advantage has accrued from it to the Company's Concerns, but on the Contrary he has connected himself recently with Hyder Ally and the Mahrattas, and has refused to Supply Money and Stores, but keeps all his Money in Nagapatan, a Dutch Settlement, If my Friends would act justly and give the Talook to me, great advantage would be derived from the Company and my affairs, and the Views of our Enemies would be counteracted, otherwise let the whole Collections of Tanjore be appropriated to the payment of the Carnatic Army, my Public and Private Debts, and the Expulsion of our Enemy. Tanjore is a Talook of the Carnatic, and let a Share of it be assigned to my Creditors that they may be quieted and Pacified in some Degree till my Friends in England Shall have done me Justice, and let the Governor General and Council conformably to their Justice and Greatness write about this matter which is my Right — The Governor General and Council have the administration of the affairs of India, if the Enquiry into this matter depends on the Gentlemen in Europe, it is for the general advantage that they should write about it — I am the Friend of the Company, the Great weight of Debts, the Mortgaging my Jewels, and the Sale of them have brought on me a Disgrace,

and

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22d and distress which the Company never meant to have come upon their old Friend.

11th Besides the Expences of the Company, the pay of my Troops, the native Bankers my Creditors, the Hindoo and Mussulmen Securities, I am indebted about 70 Lacks of Pagodas to European Creditors, both old and New, and people living under the protection of the Company, when I reflect on the payment of such large sums, I am plunged into a Sea of distress, Except from the assistance of my Friends I can see no release from this heavy load, that having escaped from such anxiety might apply myself to the cultivation of the Country, and the protection of the Ryotts — I therefore beg your advice and Sentiments on this Point, which I request you to give in such a Manner as no Injury may arise to my Concerns and Reputation, no Detriment to my Creditors, and no Loss to the Company. —

A true Copy.

E Hay
Act. Sec.

Replies from the Honble the Governor General and Council to the Requests of his Highness the Nabob Walla Jah —

1. A temporary Treaty shall be made, subject to the revision and approbation of the Company, and it is hoped this may serve as the basis of another Treaty to be concluded

22d concluded under the orders and Instructions of the Company, and even with the Sanction of the English Parliament, which may endure for ever and rendered so binding that it shall not be in the power of any Individual to break it or to depart from it

2. The Right and Authority which the Nabob professes over his Country, his Children, his Family, his Servants, and Subjects in all the Political and domestic administration of his country we will maintain and Support

3d Certainly

4th Both the pay of the Troops and their Batta and Contingent Expences and even the repairs of the Forts, if any repairs are necessary, ought undoubtedly to be charged to the Nabobs Account, because these are Expences incurred for his own immediate Service — and in the time of War must depend upon the Commander in Chief of the Forces under the Customary Regulations and Restrictions

The remainder of this Article is very proper, But it seems strange to us that a claim should be made of this Kind or any doubts implied concerning it

5 The Nabob is the Master of his own Country and the distributer of Justice to his own Subjects This is so clear, that it appears as if something more was meant than expressed in the proposition

6 Whatever treaty shall be concluded between

22d between the Nabob and the Company it will of
Course be stipulated that the Friends or Enemies of
either party shall be held as equally the Friends
or Enemies of the other, and their Interests their
safety and their danger the same, such has
been the implied condition of the Alliance hitherto
Subsisting between the Nabob and the Company
altho unsupported by any written Engagements
respecting the latter Claim of this Article we
are informed by Apam Cawn the Nabobs Dewan,
that the Nabob proposed Letters from the
Company and the Kings Minister, and the
King himself on the Subject of his will, and
he has produced Copies of these from the King
and from the Company, which all express a
Clear acknowledgment of the Nabobs right to
appoint a Successor to the Government of the
Carnatic, It is therefore unnecessary and
would be unbecoming in this Government to make
any provision even a temporary Treaty for such
an Event, which we hope is far Distant Such
acknowledgments are equivalent to Treaties, and
of the highest possible Authority, and must
be binding on all the Servants of the Company, and
all the Kings Subjects —

7 We are greatly affected that any occasion
should have been afforded for such Complaints as

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22d as are stated in this Article — They are no
less repugnant to Justice than injurious to
the English Reputation we are willing to
engage on the part of the English Company
and of all their Dependants that no one under
their Authority shall be permitted to lend money
to any of the Nabob's Subjects for the time to
come, that it shall be prohibited in public
Orders, and it is equitable that if any Person
shall act contrary to this prohibition or
shall oppress the Ryotts the Nabob shall
have a Right to require his Removal and
the Governor and Council of Madras shall
be bound on such Requisition to remove him and
to bring him to a Public Trial, that he may
suffer such sentence as shall be due to the
degree of the offence, if it be established against
him. But as we conceive that it will be often
difficult in Cases of this Nature to obtain
such evidence of the Facts as the strict forms
of our Military Laws shall require, and must
in every Case render the Nabob popularly
obnoxious, by standing forth as he necessarily
must in the Character of a Prosecutor against
the Servants of the Company, to whom he ought
never to be known but by Acts of Benevolence

and

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22nd and as the appointment to Military Commands in his Country is intended for his sole Benefit, and the Support of his Government and Interest, we proceed yet further to declare that the Nabob has just claim to object to the appointment of any Person, of Whom he shall disapprove, to any Command in his Country, or to the continuance of any person in any such Command, against whom he shall have cause of sufficient validity for his own conviction to object; and that in every such case the Governor and Council ought to conform to his objections. But the invariable application of this Rule can only be admitted in a time of Peace. In a State of actual War it might be productive of dangerous consequence, and the principle on which it is constructed must be therefore in such a Season left to the equity of the Governor and Council, and the Director of the Commander in Chief of the Forces.

23. This is just. Let the Nabob consent and engage to assign all the Revenues of his Country during the War, Without any exception, to the Company for the actual Support of the war — Let the Collections and this assignment be made by his own Aumils in conjunction with Persons appointed by the President and Council of Fort St George, and invested with an Authority from

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29th Dec. from him, to receive from the Aumils all the Money which shall be collected and to intercept and Seize all sums of Money which the Aumils or Others shall attempt to Secrete from the Districts under their Jurisdiction, that the whole may be applied and exclusively appropriated to the Service of the war, excepting such Sums as the Nabob shall require to be paid immediately to himself for his own and the necessary disbursement of his Country. That he will remove and punish such of his Aumils as shall attempt to elude this Regulation, and that the Persons abovementioned, appointed to receive the Revenues, as the Pledge of their Integrity, shall be required to swear that they will be true to the trust reposed in them, and that they will neither receive nor permit to be taken, either directly, or indirectly any portion of the Revenues, but such as they shall bring to a Public Account, that of such Talooks as have been assigned to the Nabob's Creditors, the whole Sums of the Collections shall be received into the Company's Treasury for the Service of the war, as above provided — but carried to the Credit of the Collection Head of the Nabob's Creditors — to whom they have been assigned, to be hereafter distributed amongst them — according to their respective Claims. By this arrangement the Revenues

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22d Resources of the Carnatic will be applied as they ought to be to its immediate defence and preservation, and the Nabobs faith and the Rights of the Creditors will be secured — and this is agreable to the request which the Creditors themselves have formerly made ——

4. The Recovery of the Carnatic from the hands of the Enemy must be our first object, that of its dependancies will be the Second; but it will rest upon our ability. It cannot be made a first Article of a Treaty: the purpose for which the proposed annexations of Curtapah and Gur Ghaut Gutti and the Several mahals in Balaghaut which belong to Carnatic Payen Ghaut is professed to be intended, is equally necessary for the Service of Nabob and the Company, and the future Security of their Common Interests, and therefore must be equally the Desire of both ——

10 — This Government hath no authority to enquire into the Reciprocal Claims of the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore, they are before Higher and a Competent Tribunal: we can only require that as the Zemindarry of Tanjore is a Member of the Soubah or Province of Carnatic, its Resources shall in like manner be primarily

2d primarily, and at this time of common danger, be
exclusively applied to the maintenance of the
Force employed in the Defence and preservation
of the whole, that the Revenues be taken in
assignment, and put under a Commission, similar
to that proposed for the Nob of the Carnatic, and
received and applied in the same Manner
and for the same purposes. This Requisition
has been partly made, and shall be repeated
in the above terms to the President and Council
of Fort St George. But it will rest with
them to conform to it, or by rejecting it to take
the Responsibility of it upon themselves —

11. Our advice is this, That a new adjust-
-ment be made of all the Nabob's Debts
contracted with British Subjects without
any distinction of old Debts, of those of a
more Recent kind called his Consolidated
Debts, or of others Newly Contracted, but
not yet brought to any public Account, or
adjustment, that the Interest upon the whole
and upon each Debt shall be allowed, and
added to the original Debt to the 25th November
1781 and thence forward shall cease — that from
such Debts as have been transferred from the
Original Proprietors by purchase or otherwise
a deduction shall be made of 25 p. Cent.
from

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22d. from the whole Amount, and that the Remainder be the sum for which the Nabob shall be finally debited, that the adjustment being made in this manner, the Sum adjudged to be respectively due to each Creditor shall be brought to his Seperate Credit — That Company's Bonds with the usual Interest shall be granted to each who shall be entitled to a Share in the sums received on Account of the assigned Revenues in the proportion of his respective Debt, and in like manner to the Creditors for advances made on the Security of the Public Revenues for the Sums brought to their Account and that it shall be left to the Nabob with the Concurrence of the President and Council of Fort St George and the Sanction of the Governor General and Council, to appropriate such a portion of the Revenues after the Conclusion of the war, or any period of it which shall admit of such an application of them, as an assignment for the annual payment of the Debt, until the whole shall be discharged. That this plan is recommended both to the Nabob, the President and Council of Fort St George, and the Creditors — and will be submitted to the Company

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22 Company on the first advices to them from this
Presidency

If an agreement shall take place according
to the abovementioned plan it will be necessary both
for the purpose of rendering it effectual, and for
preventing the like disputes from falling on the
Nabob and Individuals in future, that the Nabob
shall solemnly engage that he will never hereafter
borrow Money from the Company's Servants, or
any other British Subjects, that the most
public Notice shall be given that no loans to the
Nabob on Bonds accepted upon such loans shall
be valid, or the loans recoverable by any influence or
interference of the Company, or its Representatives,
and the Governor General and Council will engage
on their part for themselves, the Company, and their
Representatives, that no Authority of the Company
or of the Presidency of Fort St George shall be
employed for the Recovery of any Debts so Contracted.

A true Copy
E. Hay
Act. Secy.

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esq.

We the Governor General and
Council in Virtue of the Powers vested in us by the
King and Parliament of Great Britain, and by the
English East India Company, to direct and
Control

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22nd, entrusted the political affairs of all the Company's Settlements in India, relying on your Fidelity, Prudence, Integrity, and Circumspection, have deputed and appointed you to be the Representative and Minister of this Government at the Court of the Nabob Wauluh Jaw, for the purpose of maintaining the Faith of this Government in the Agreement which has been this day concluded with the said Nabob, and for the Representation of such matters as may at any time require your Interposition in that Character, and in our Name, either with the Nabob, or with the President and Council or Select Committee of Fort St George, and we do hereby delegate to you full Power and Authority to act in that Capacity.

Given in Fort William under our hands and the Seal of the Company, this Second day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one —

[Signed] Governor General and Council —

A true Copy.
C. Hay
Act. Secy —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have to acknowledge our Receipt of your Several Letters of the 16th 20th & 28th February

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22d February, and 13th March, with the several Papers said to be inclosed —

In replying to the first of those Letters, we shall be as brief as possible. The Treaty with the Dutch Governments of Cochin and Columbo, prepared by us and forwarded to you by Mr Deighton, was founded on the desperate Necessity of your affairs and was one of the great and Numerous Exertions which we made for their Relief, a more prosperous State has succeeded, and has rendered this measure unnecessary; we are therefore pleased that you have rejected it, and request that you will send back the Treaty to us —

We have read with attention the several Papers which you have transmitted to us respecting your Correspondence with the Nabob's new consolidated Creditors, as well as the address which you forwarded to us from those Gentlemen with your Letter of the 20th February, upon these it is now unnecessary to offer our opinion, as we have this Day concluded an Agreement with the Nabob, in which the Claims of the Creditors have been provided for, and adjusted in such manner as will, if duly and faithfully carried into Execution, equally contribute to their Relief and to the Security of the Nabobs Faith without any Actual Impediment to the more urgent Occasions of the public Service

Having

from Bengal — requesting the Proposed Treaty with the Dutch be returned to them — concerns the Nabobs Creditors — enclosed copy of letter from them and the answer — request an extract of proceedings relative to political proceedings since Hyders Invasion — have permitted the Gov. Holland to proceed to Madras.

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22.d Having received an address from the Creditors, we think it proper to furnish you with a Copy of it, and of our Reply.

We request that you will order to be transmitted to us as soon as the same can be made ready, a compleat Extract of your Proceedings so far as they have Relation to political Subjects from the time at which Hyder invaded the Carnatic to the latest Period.

We have been much pleased to observe by your Letter of the 28.th February, that you had come to the Determination of removing Mr Hollonds Suspension from the Company's Service, and we are obliged by the permission which you had given to Mr Holland to remain at Hydrabad in the Charge which he held under this Government, but the State of his Health making it necessary that he should quit his Station, we have given him our Sanction and permission for that purpose.

We have the Honor to be,

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obd.t

Humble Servants

Warren Hastings.

Edw.d Wheler.

Fort William

2.d April 1781

To The Hon.ble Warren Hastings Esq.r

Governor General &.a Council of

Fort William

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

We the Creditors of the late

2295 Fort St George, 21st August 1781

22d. Nabob of Arcot, whose Demands were liquidated by Public Agreement with his Highness in 1777. Humbly beg leave under the peculiar Circumstances of Distress in which we were involved to lay our Situation before you, and to Solicit such assistance and support, as it may be practicable for you, in the present posture of affairs, to grant us.

By referring to the Papers which we have the honor to inclose herewith, you will observe that the Arrangement proposed by the Nabob, for the Discharge of his Debts was founded upon a Letter written by your Board to the President and Council of this Settlement, dated the 7th April 1777, wherein you were pleased to recommend in strong terms the immediate Resumption of all Tunkaws or Assignments granted by the Nabob to his private Creditors on the Revenues of the Carnatic

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

To effect the Salutary measure of withdrawing them without injuring the Rights of the Creditors

22nd Condition, the Nabob offered certain propositions which were calculated to insure payment of his Debt by a regular thowing Slow Progress, and the Creditors Confiding in the Sincerity of his Intention, and trusting also to the Support of the Company's Government, were induced to acquiesce in the terms, and in Consequence delivered up their assignments to the Nabob, whereby he was enabled to fulfill all the Engagements to the Company, which it would have been otherwise impossible for him to have done——

Sorry we are to Remark that the Nabob, tho' so much benefited by this Arrangement, has failed in very Article of it. Instead of paying the Interest of his Debt regularly, and after the first year, a part of the Principal annually, According to his Proposal he has only paid upon the Course of three years 9/12 p.Cent, which is not quite one years Interest, and since the breaking out of the present Troubles, We have not received a single Pagoda from him, your Honble Board will easily conceive the private Embarrassments occasioned by Such Capital Failures in the Nabob. They have indeed operated so far as to produce a very Serious and general distress throughout the Colony—— We humbly hope that a Subject of such Concern will engage your earliest Attention Our Motives for addressing you particularly at this time, proceed from an ineffectual application, We have

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29th I have lately proposed to the President and Select Committee of this Settlement on a point of some Consequence to us: It has been said, and the accompanying Papers will shew, that the Nabob in his agreement with the Creditors, allotted the Revenues of Certain Districts for the Discharge of his Debt. These Revenues it is true have never yet been faithfully applied to that purpose, but as they were expressly set apart by the Nabob, as the only Fund from whence the Creditors were to be paid, they have always Considered their exclusive Right to the Benefit of them as unquestionable, upon this Ground they tendered the Revenues to the Government here during the War, on Condition of their granting Bonds for the amount of, whatever might be received into the Company's Cash — The Districts in question have suffered but little from the Enemy's Incursions — they are Conveniently situated, and might be easily protected by a small Force — Their Produce is estimated at Near Five Lacks of Pagodas per Annum, and Consists Chiefly of Grain, Cattle, Sheep, and Provisions of all sorts; Notwithstanding these advantages, and the pressing Calls of the Company for Money, the President and Select Committee did not think proper to accept our Offer, or to adopt any other effectual mode by which the Company or Creditors might reap any Benefit from those Countries: The Consequence

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22.d Consequence is, that being left unprotected and in the hands of the Nabob's Servants, who have not the means, even had they the Inclination to enforce the Collections at present, the whole or greatest part of the Revenues will probably be lost —

Under these Circumstances, we humbly request your immediate assistance. We are confident your attention to the Company's Welfare will not permit you, in the present Exigency, to disregard a Source of Supply, not inconsiderable, and more especially, as the Creditors of the Nabob, who are British Subjects labouring under the Severest pressure of Distress, would be so much relieved by your availing yourselves of it, in the Manner which they have proposed. We trust too that in view to the Company's Interest, you will think it more eligible for the Government here, to obtain a Supply of Money upon the easy terms of paying it again when Convenient to them, than to procure it, as is the case at present, by paying their Draughts upon England —

We have now only to express our Hope that your Honor &c. will excuse us for the Trouble We have given you in this address, and that you will favor us by your Determination upon the Subject of it, as soon as possible —

We have the Honor to be with profound

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22.d Dec.r Profound Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obed.t
Humble Servants.

Fort S.t George
15.th Febry, 1781.

Geo. Moubray.
J. Capper
Gilb.t Pasley
A. Brodie Attorney for
Lt. Col. H. Harper.
Col. Geo Brown.
Majr Grove Gillis.
Capn Pet. Bonneaux.
Capn Mich.l Bruce &c.
Dent. F. J. Balfour
For themselves Col. Ross Lang, Col.
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Salmon, Will. Gordon, Chas. Edwd. Jones
& Nelikambaker

James Taylor.
Geo. Savage.
Alex.r Cuthbert, Attor.
for the Hon.ble Edward
Monckton
Colonel Bonjour &
the Estate of Hon.ble Alum
B. Roebuck for
Alex.r Jamieson

Tho.s Pelling
John de Ruts

Chas. Bromley,
for himself
Chas. Bromley
In trust for
Chas. Bromley Junr.
Chas. Taylor
Chas. Jones
Anna Maria Savage
& Elizth Francis Dobbyn
W.m Dobbyn for himself
W.m L. Dobbyn in Trust for
Lucia & Anna Majendie

Antonio de Souza for
himself,
Constitutes. and
the Estate of John
Sprat
S. Popham for
two Trustees of
James Johnson
John Sykes.
Narain Pilla Attor.y to
Henry Brooke &c.
Geo. Maule.
in Trust
James Johnson
Attor.y to James Worly &c.

2300 Fort St George, August 1st 1701

Wm I Shadmore in Trust — Edwd Jno Holland
Thomas Gale — A Booke dd 29 for
Robt Storey for himself — John Whitchurch Esqr &
the Swan

Gee Buck.

Robt Storey in Trust for — I Balfour in Trust
Wm Allen Bound — Sol Callfoot Mercht
Hall Plumer — Geo Moubray
a Writ Jun in Trust for Paul — dd 6 Mo for
Benfield Esqr — Peter

Hall Plumer — Geo Moubray.
dd 6 Mo for Rye.
James Taylor — I Douglas dd 7
dd 6 Mo Geo Moubray Esqr — dd 6 Mo Campbell Esqr
James Taylor — A Booke dd 6 Mo
Comander & Mr Reynolds Shares — Writ for Doug
Campbell, and
Capt Wm Bow-

Geo Moubray — dd 6 Mo Cushing
Edw Cuthbert — Mr Charles Parr.
John d. Frest
Pelling & de Frest for
Shares de Costa.
Ditto Copy
Bay
Ashby

To Mr George Moubray, James Taylor, and the
Other Gentlemen of the Hon.ble the Rul.g Part

Gentlemen

In obedience to the Commands

2301 Fort St George 2 August 1781

P. address of the 15th July transmitted by the President
and Select Committee of Fort St George, and to
several Enclosures — My Orders are to reply thereto by co
acquainting you that the Honble the Governor General
and Council, willing and resolved to make use of their
Influence as far as it extends to obtain for your several
Claims the Satisfaction to which they may be entitled
have for this purpose formed such Arrangements
as they hope and believe will effectually promote this
End inclosing You for farther Particulars to the
President and Select Committee of your Presidency.

I have the Honor to be.
Gentlemen.
Your most Obed
Humble Servt
E Hay
Actg Secy.

Port William
2d April 81

Copied
Wm Cowper
C.S. Actg Secy.

Received the following Letters ——

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The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor and Select Committee
of
Fort St George.

O My Lord & Gentlemen,

Having this day received Letters
by the way of Tranquebar from Mr Davidson at
Tanjore, under date the 18th of last and 1st
of this Month, as well as a Letter from

Copies to Sel. Mayor,
with copies of Letters
from the Tanjore

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2d From Colonel Braithwaite of the 7th of this Month, I think it proper to send you Copies of them herewith inclosed, and shall use my best endeavours to bring Mr Davidson off from Adriapatam by sending a small Vessel to lye off that place ——

This Dispatch is by one of the Long boats of the Squadron, which I can by no means spare to be detayed at Madras

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obdt
Humble Servt
Edwd Hughes.

Superbe off Negapatam,
21st August 1781

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite dated Camp before Tricatapilly the 7th August 1781 to Vice Admiral Sir Edwd Hughes Knight of the Bath &c received on board the Superbe off Negapatam the 21st August 1781.

Sir,

I have been honord with a Transcript of a Letter from the Commander in Chief which you have done me the honor to forward, but I have never received your Letter by way of Tranquebar, dated the 25th not knowing whether you are furnished with a Cypher, such as we at the out Garrisons have, I do not write to you fully. I take it for granted the Government have sent or will send to you a large supply of Military Stores and Cloathing for the Southern Troops. As you correspond with them you will be so good Sir as to hint this to them ——

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I have collected a formidable Force and am besieging the Fort of Tricatapully which is very tenaciously defended by Hyders People, and I hope soon to have a nadir communication with you we are in one grand particular just as you found us at Pondicherry —

I congratulate you sincerely upon the great Force coming out to your Command, and wishing you health and all manner of success

I remain &c &c

signed John Brathwaite

A Testd.

Edw.d Hughes

Copy of a Letter from Alexander Davidson Esq.r at Tanjore the 18th July 1781

To Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath Rear Admiral of the Red, &c &c &c

Sir

Although no publick intimation of a War between Great Britain and the State of Holland has been communicated to the Company's Garrisons South of the Colroon, yet having been informed by our Private Letters that Pulicat and Sadras have been taken, and that His Majesty's Squadron has commenced Hostilities against Negapatam, we think it incumbent on us to address a few lines to you on the present State of this Country. We do not believe that the Troops left by Hyder ally in

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23d in the Tanjore Country exceed one thousand Cavalry, and between 3 & 5,000 irregular Infantry, The principal of which is Stationed at Combaconum about 24 Miles North East of Tanjore, and fifty five Miles West of Negapatam, to expel this force Colonel Braithwaite has already collected a Detachment of about two thousand Seapoys, Infantry, and two hundred Horse, in addition to which in a few Weeks he expects from the Tinevelly and Madura Countries two Battalions of Seapoys and fifty Horse. This Body when joined by Tondiman Poligar with five thousand Collinies, will form a respectful Detachment, and no doubt restore Peace to the Tanjore Country, which has been some Months past cruelly ravaged by the Mysoreans with Fire and Sword to the very Gates of Tanjore, were Col Braithwaite assisted with 400 Europeans and one hundred Artillery, he undoubtedly could effectually cooperate with you, on leaving Negapatnam; understanding the Squadron lies off that place, we have sent this Letter to Mr Robt. Holford of Tranquebar, to be forwarded to you. It may be necessary to inform you that it has been usual with the Dutch to land Troops from Ceylon on the Coast at a place called Bedaro= naim about ten Leg's South of Negapatam,

or

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23d or fifteen Miles — We are, &c.

Alex.r Davidson.

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Tanjore
18th July 1781

Ditto

Copy of a Letter from Alexander Davidson
Esq.r at Tanjore the 13th August 1781

To Sir Edward Hughes K. B.

Dear Sir

I have reason to think the
Original of the accompanying public Letter meets
Colonel Braithwaite in the Field with about
4000 Sepoys two hundred regular and fifty
Horse a Company of Topasses two
hundred native Artillery Lascars & with the
following Artillery, 2 Eighteen Pounders, 2 Twelve
Pounders 6 Six Pounders 2 Three Pounders 1 five
and half Inch Howitz He is before a small sto
Fort called Tricatapally which makes an obstina
resistance. I have been writing to Lord Macartney th
Morning that if only two hundred and fifty
Europeans a Company of Light Infantry and fifty
Artillery were sent from Madras with the apparat
of some Mortars at Tanjore, and the addition
of some Stores from Madras Col Braithwaite
might Cooperate with you in the Reduction of
Negapatam. I am afraid without such a force

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23d it will be a considerable time before the Colonel will be able to recover the Tanjore Country. In the Public Letter it is mentioned that Tondiman would join Colonel Braithwaite; Tondiman a prisoner Colonel Nixon. Trichinopoly being a Nabob's Garrison. I have been reserved upon here in a kind of Captivity these five Months, but expect soon to be enlarged.

Tanjore
13th August 1781

I am, &c
Alexr Davidson.

Extract

Copy of a Letter from Alexander Davidson Esqr at Tanjore the 14th August 1781.

To Sir Edward Hughes K B. &c

Dear Sir,

This accompanys a triplicate of a Letter from Mr Sourdan and me, also a Duplicate of my last. Sorry am I to inform you that this morning we received advices from Tricatapully that we have been repulsed on storming it. In the Course of this Day the Col. meditates another Assault. He complains of want of Money and Provisions, and I conclude will encamp near Tanjore to be supplied. If Tricatapully be not taken, it will have a bad effect on our affairs in this Country. Believe me Sir Edward, Black Troops require a Body of

Europeans

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23d Europeans to lead them on. Europeans are more
manageable than we. I have no little hope of my
being escorted to Tranquebar. If you Sir could
could send a Vessel to Adriapatam, I could
be escorted there with ease, there being no Rivers,
and the place being but about 20 Miles from
Tanjore. Captain Stevenson at Tranquebar can
convey a line to me. No Surf at Adriapatam.

I am &c.

Alex.r Davidson

Tanjore,
14th August 1781

Addressed.
Edw.d Hughes.

My Lord and Sirs,

I have been honored with your
Letter dated Fort St. George July 15th the only
one which I have received, and which came to me
by Tranquebar. I was at the same time honored with a
transcript of a letter from the Commander in Chief to
me dated Head Quarters Camp, July 21st, recommending
what your Letter points out also, as objects of
my attention; in Consequence of the Commander in
Chiefs former orders I had sent orders to Trichinopoly
Madura and Palamcotah, that the Commandants of
those Garrisons shall send to me what forces they
could possibly spare, in order to collect as formidable
a force in this Country as possible. I had received one
Battalion and a Troop of Horse from Trichinopoly
and the 10th Batt.n the light Infantry Corps, and three
Companies

From Col.o Braithwaite,
advising of his attack
on Tricatapelly —

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23d Companies of the 23d Batn with a Troop of his Highness the Nabobs Cavalry were in motion to join me from Palamcotah and Madura, Major Galway with some of his Highness's Troops about Six or eight hundred in Number with a fourteen Pounder and a Nine Pounder, was advanced to Killicotah, in order to attack Tricatapully in the Sawyre Country, but he had none of the Company's Troops with him. He advised me of his Arrival at Killicotah, and desired me to make a Diversion in his favor, as the Enemy at Combaconum were strong; knowing his force very inadiquate to the Attempt, I advised him to halt at Killicotah, till I moved, as he would be in great danger, if he crossed the River which was then breast high, 'til I got in motion. The next day I moved with what force I could & two Iron twelve Pounders, so as to cross the roads from Combaconum to Tricatapully, and attack it on the East side, I had some difficulty in Crossing two Rivers, but I got before Tricatapully the next afternoon, took possession of the Pettah, and immediately set about a Battery for my twelve Pounders advising Major Galway to advance on the west side, but the Nabobs Cavalry

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23. at Trichinopoly had ordered him back Upon
Trincatapaly very well prepared, and resolute
men in it, it was not comeatable by assault, S
tho' my battery was within 300 Yards, my two
Pounders could not effect a Breach, and b
ries at the Point, Thereupon retired, and took
position which effectually cut off the Enemy
from Combiconum by the main Road, sent my
unservicable twelve pounders into Tanjore,
got out 2 More, and 2 Eighteen Pounders,
and Returned, and are now camping on the
Liage, having Reinforced the Enemy in by Detached
Posts, and they seem determined to defend it
to the last. Hyder has collected about 6,000
Foot in this Country, which are encamped
round the Fort of Shaw Colah, between two
Rivers, and surrounded with Paddy Fields
and water courses. His object seems to be
maintaining the Forts he has got, and he
has the means of crossing the Coleron, having
plenty of boats on the other side, I have before
apprized the Government how necessary it
is that a Speedy supply of Military Stores
should be sent to the Southward. This becomes
more particularly necessary now, the Troops are
also much in want of Cloathing, all may be
sent to the admiral, and I can take measures

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23d to get them up. I have not heard from the Admiral any thing more than that he expects the Letter from the Commander in Chief and sends it to me. He speaks of another Letter he had written to me; but it has never reached me, I shall write to them. The Gentlemen on deputation will have informed you of our distress for Money

I have the honor &c.

Camp, before Pondicherry. 7th August 1781

Signed John Braithwaite.

P. S. The Troops from Palamcotah and Madura joined me here under Lieut Bowden the 5th in the afternoon —

Heavytree

Mr Williams