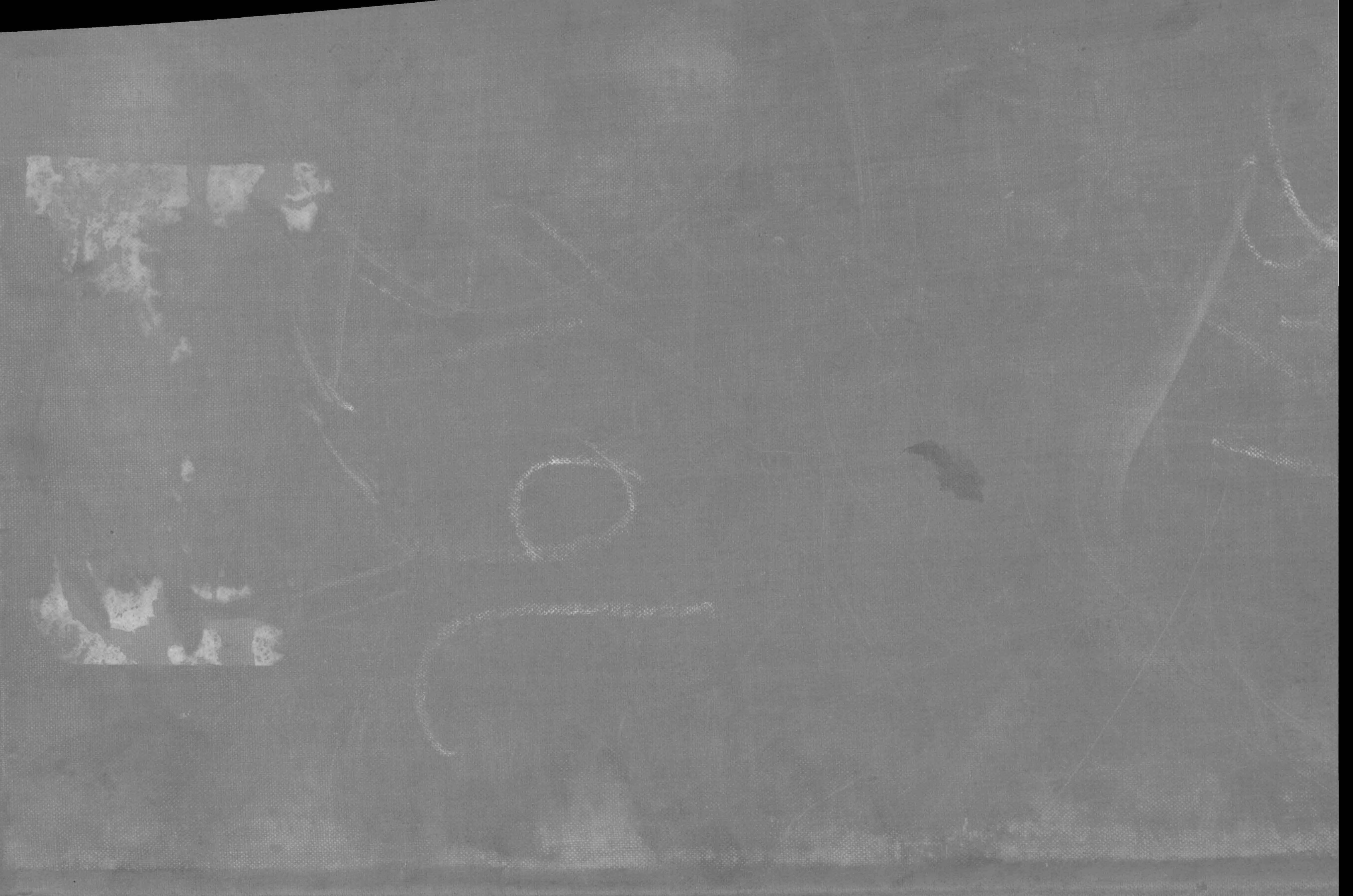

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Fort St. George — September 1781

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. &c.

Tuesday
the 18th Sept.

Anthony Sadleir

Morgan Williams

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

Mr Holland absent at Hyderabad

Minutes of last Committee read
and approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr.
Jamie Anderson Surgeon Major —

From the Surgeon Major requesting Permission for Mr Rollo to proceed to Goa to attend on Mr Paxley and accommodate as Assistant Surgeon

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

My Lord and Honble Sirs.

The low state of health to which Mr Paxley Surgeon General, has been reduced in consequence of an enlargement of the Liver, having made it necessary for him to collect a Voyage to Sea, I am to request that Mr Rollo, who has been almost in constant attendance on him, during greatest part of his illness may have your permission to proceed with him, in hopes that his further attention may contribute to Mr Paxley's perfect recovery

I am likewise to request that Mr

Extract

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Patrick Bowie may be appointed an Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment.

I have the honor to be with all due respect.

My Lord & Honble Sirs

Your most obedient Humble Servt

James Anderson

Surgeon & Mayor

Fort S.t George.
15th September 1781.

Mr Patrick Bowie appointed Assistant Surgeon.

Agreed in Consequence of the above Recommendation from the Surgeon & Mayor that Mr Patrick Bowie be admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

Read the following Letter from Captain Cuthbert Tennicke Commanding His Highness the Nabobs Ship the Success Galley.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Capt Tennicke of the Success Galley requesting Payment for the use of his Ship and for Stores purchased for her.

I hope my addressing you at the time will not appear troublesome, as I have not done
as yet untill discharged from the Service, and the Step thrown totally on myself for her Expences I can have little reason at this present situation of affairs to Expectany assistance from his Highness the Nabob. from whom I have not received one Pagoda of pay for these last thirty months although the greatest part of that time, the Country has been in the most perfect State of peace. I therefore feel the more sensibly the want

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Want of the money expended on the late Service, do not deprive me of the means of employing the Ships in such a manner, as to enable me to support her Expences. The speedy approach of the monsoon and the necessity of doing some thing with the Ships, will not admit of Delay, my Departure is absolutely necessary yet impossible, until some mode of payment is adopted, which I flatter myself you will no longer postpone, I trust my conduct on the late Service, has been such as entitles me to the Strictest Justice, and as my accounts are made out exactly to my agreement with the late Governor, that I shall not now, the Service is over, meet with difficulties in being repaid my money, advanced for the Service, especially as this has been a service from which no Emolument whatever could arise, but on the contrary every disadvantage, from being obliged to purchase the Stores, and pay the people, out of my private purse, which amounts to a sum far exceeding what any individuals not immediately in the Companys service has done, and which is greatly beyond my abilities to afford. I must therefore entreat the Honble Committee, not to suffer me to be disgraced, by having the ship arrested for pay yet due and which it is not in my power to fully to discharge.

I have the honor to be with the greatest

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greatest respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful
and humble Servant
Cuthbert Tennicke

Fort St. George.
16th September 1781

The President
desired to send for
Captain Tennick
to adjust his accounts

The Committee observe that
several of the Charges are very exorbitant.
Agreed therefore in order that a proper
Decision may be passed, attending as well
to the Interest of the Company as to the
Merits of Captain Tennicke, that the President
be desired to send for him, and to come to some
adjustment accordingly.

Read the following Letter from
Major Hutchison, Commanding the Troops
at Fort Marlbro'.

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Major Hutchison
representing the
State of the Military
Force at Fort Marlbro'.
requesting a reinforce-
ment of Sepoys &c.
a supply of Gunpowder
and Cloathing.

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The Military Force at Fort
Marlbro. being much decreased below its
peace Establishment, which is five hundred
Effective Men, Europeans and Sepoys, owing
to the many Casualties which daily happens
in that unhealthy Climate, and for want
of any means of recruiting. Our whole
Force

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Force when I left Marlbro Consisting only One
Hundred and eighty Europeans and two hundred
and Seventy one Sepoys, and one third of that
number are so imaciated, and disabled, that
they are absolutely unfit for service, and were
unable to do the Common Duty of the Garrison,
and as we cannot expect that the Court of
Directors will be able, at this Critical Juncture
of the Companys affairs, to send us a reinforce
=ment of Men from Europe, having only
received Forty Recruits from thence during
this Seven years past. — and as there is now
Hostilities Commenced between Great
Britain and the States of Holland, and as the
Vicinity of Batavia to the Honble Companys
Settlements on the West Coast, may Encourage
that Republic to attack Fort Marlbro which
would prove very Detrimental to the
Companys Investment, as well as their
Attack and Lager Works. both of which
are now in a flourishing State, and as you
have been so good on former occasions
to assist the Presidency of Fort Marlbro
with Sepoys. — our only resource and whole
Dependance in supply of them rests with you.

I therefore in the Name of the
President and Select Committee of Fort Marlbro,
request the Right Honble the President and
Members, will be pleased to give orders and
Directions, that one hundred Sepoys be sent
to the West coast, by the very first Conveyance

Sepoys

2540 Fort St. George 16th September 1784.

– Sepoys who have seen Service, if they possibly can be spared, are the men we much want – any Sepoy with leave of your Lordship &c who will Engage to serve on the Bencoolen Establishment for three Years, I am authorized and impowered to give him forty Rupees Bounty, and to assure him that he shall be Discharged and sent back to his own Country at the expiration of that time.

As the Sepoys on the West Coast have very high Pay – a Havildar receiving P 6. 2. a Jaegue P 5 and a Private P 4 Spanish Dollars P month, and as I understand that the Sepoys here are averse to serve at Bencoolen, it might not be amiss, if your Honor &c a thinks it eligible, that this Circumstance was Communicated to them by the way of encouragement – The Stock Expirates will be able to Carry about Twenty Sepoys to Marlboro.

When I left Marlboro our stock of Gun Powder was only about two hundred Barrels, and very little of that Europe, and much of the Country Damaged. I therefore request your Honor &c will be pleased to grant us a supply of one hundred and forty Barrels of good Europe Gun Powder.

We made application to this Government some time ago, for Military Cloathing for the Honble Companys Troops, and as that Cloathing was not arrived at

Fort

2541 Fort St. George 12th September 1781.

Fort Marlbro. previous to my Departure from thence. I beg you will be so good as to let me know, whether it was sent by the Vessel lately Dispatched to that Presidency: and if it was not I request you will be pleased to give orders for the Enclosed Indent to be Complied with, and that it may be sent on the first Opportunity as the Troops are much in want of Cloathing

I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Respect.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your very obedt & very humble Servant

John Hutchison

Fort St. George
10th September 1781.

Indent for Military Cloathing for the Honble Companys Troops at Fort Marlbro.

Enclosed in Letter from Major Hutchison, an Indent for Military Cloathing wanted at Fort Marlbro.

1 Serjeant Majors Coat
28 Do. Coats.
24 Do. Hats plaine
18 Drummers Coats
18 Do. Caps
20 Corporals Coats
150 Private Coats
150 Do. Hats

Artillery

4 Serjeants Coats
4 Do. Hats
8 Corporals Coats
8 Do. Hats
8 Bombardiers Coats
8 Do. Hats
16 Shoulder Knots
100 Matrosses Coats
100 Do. Hats

3 Drummers

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3 Drummers Coats
3 Do. Caps
1000 White Shirts
1000 Nankeen Breches Coam
1000 Do. Waistcoat — Do.
1000 Pr. of Stockings white
1000 Pr. of Country Shoes
500 Pr. of Europe Shoes

Sepoy Cloathing

40 Havildars Coats
40 Naigues Knots
600 Private Coats
640 Sashes
640 Turbands
640 Short Drawers

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10th September 1781.

John Hutchson

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

Right Honble Lord & Sirs.

From Major Hutcheon advising of an Insurrection among the Malays at Fort Marlbro and requesting an Engineer may be sent them to put the Fortifications in a state of defence

The Honble the Court of Directors being extremely anxious, and having given repeated Orders, for the Tower of Fort Marlbro to be put in a state of Defence, and have sent out several Engineers at different times to build a Fort, there for the protection of the Honble Companys Possessions and Property &c. but we have been unfortunate enough to lose all those Engineers, some of whom, having had Interest sufficient to get themselves removed to the

other

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other Presidencies, some gone Home, and the
rest Dead. So that the Settlement still remains
in a very Defenceless state for want of an experienced
Engineer, and as the place is in imminent
Danger of being attacked by the Dutch from
Batavia, as well as its own threatened by the
Natives for I have information from a
Master of a Snow Just arrived here from
the west Coast which Sailed from thence
17th August last, that the Malays had formed
a scheme to Cut off Fort Marlbro'. But the
Plot was happily Discovered only a few hours
before it was to be put in execution - they
attempted to Distroy the whole of the Sugar
and Arrack Plantations, and have succeeded
in part, for they have Burnt several fields of
Sugar Canes, and I do not doubt but that
those People have been instigated to this
daring attempt, by the Emissaries of the
Dutch Because that Republic have always
expressed a strong Jealousy of the Arrack
and Sugar Works. —

I therefore in the Name of the
President and Select Committee at Marlbro'
most earnestly request your Lordship and
Members, will be pleased to send that
Presidency an Engineer for a little while,
in order to put the Settlement in a good
posture of Defence - there is a Gentleman
Mr Trafford, who formerly belonged to the
Bengal Establishment, and who tells me
that he is extremely willing to undertake

this

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this business and to proceed to Marlbro. provided you will be pleased to grant him permission. If your Lordship and Members think it eligible to acquiesce in this my request. I beg you will be so good as to give Mr. Trapaud the preference, and as it has been customary as an encouragement, to give Officers who have gone from other Presidencies to do duty at Marlbro. the local Rank of Captain during the time they remain there, and although I would not wish to take on myself to make an absolute promise, yet I am very Certain that the Select Committee at Marlbro. will give Mr. Trapaud a Captains Commission with the local Rank of that Station while he does Duty there.

I have the honor to be with the most perfect respect and the greatest Consideration

Madrass
17th September 1781.

Right Honble Lord & Sirs
Your very obedient
humble Servant
John Hutchson

Agreed that Major Hutcheon be permitted to recruit Sepoys for the West Coast, and that a letter be written to the Chief Engineer directing him to inform the Committee, whether the state of the Engineer Corps will admit of an Officer being sent to Bencolin.

Major Hutcheon permitted to recruit Sepoys for the West Coast, the Chief Engineer to inform the Committee if an Engineer can be spared for the West Coast.

Agreed

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Materials for Half of the Cloathing indented for to be delivered to Major Hutcheon

Agreed that Major Hutcheon be furnished with Materials, for one half of the Cloathing he has applied for, it being out of our Power to make it up.

Read the following Letter from the Governor and Council at Tranquebar.

To the Honble Governor
President and Council at
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Governor of Tranquebar claiming a Danish Vessel taken out of Negapatam road by the Admiral.

A Danish Ship called Mahummed Budder Bux, belonging to Meah Shamshoden Inhabitant of this Settlement, and charged with Goods, belonging to Mr Robert Holford Inhabitant, and Naguda Mahmud Cassim an English Subject from Nugore, who flew from Hyders forces to Negapatam, and some other Moor People, all Danish or English Subjects, was taken by Admiral Sir Edward Hughes in the road of Negapatam, notwithstanding her being entirely in Order with Danish Passports and Colours. We applied to the Admiral after having well examined and being convinced of, that there had been no fault on the side of our People (who answered that the Case was to be debated at Madras, where he had sent the ship.

We also take the Liberty to represent, that in conformity of the Treaties still subsisting between our Royal Masters, and

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and especially the Treaty between His Majesty
Christian the Fifth King of Denmark, and His
Majesty Charles Second King of Great Britain
dated the 11th June 1670.— We therewith receive
the Vessel, as a Danish Vessel with her Cargo
so as she was taken out of Negapatam Road as
far as regard to the Cargo, never could have
that the goods of Brittish Subjects, should be
seized by His Brittanic Majesty's Officers
under the Protection of His Danish Majesty's
Colours, being a neutral and Friendly Power.—
We have the honor to remain with
great Regard.—

Fort Dansborg
the 10th September 1781.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Abbestee Lichtenberg
Co Flatting
Tho.s C. Walter

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing
be transmitted to Admiral Sir Edward Hughes,
quering at the same time as our opinion
that if after investigating the matter, the above
should appear to be a true Statement of Facts,
We conceive that only the Ship and Cargo
be restored, it may whether considered in a
Political or commercial light, be productive of
the worst Consequences both in this Country
and in Europe.—

Read the following Letter from
Captain Thomas Forrest Commanding the
Lively Packet.—

A Letter to Admiral
to the Admiral on
the subject of the
above letter and a
Copy of the above to
be forwarded to him

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

Right Honble & Honble

Having been appointed from
Home, to succeed to the first Vacant Command
in Bengall, as more particularly appears
from the accompanying Certificate, and as the
Season now grows late, I wish to be permitted
to repair thither by the first opportunity,
and to give up the command of the Lively,
at the same time, as I have been long detained
on this Coast, I hope you will please to impose
the late Governor and Councils Recommendation
to the Governor General, Viz.? that my appoint-
-ments since the said Detention be the same
as if I had been upon the Bengal Establish-
-ment.

I am most Respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Thomas Forrest

From Capt Forrest of the Lively requesting Permission to resign the command of the above Vessel, and to proceed to Bengal

Madras
12th September 1781.

Agreed that Captain Forrest
be permitted to proceed to Calcutta, and
that Mr William Mackintosh late of the
Rochford Indiaman, be appointed to the
Command of the Lively.

Captain Forrest permitted to proceed to Calcutta Mr Wm M.r Intosh appointed to command the Lively

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Eccles Nixon. —

To

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To the Right Hon.ble George Lord Macartney
Governor &c. President & Council of
Fort S.t George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Wilson advising of Colonel Braithwaite's being wounded. of his taking Manandcoil of his Intentions to attack Mahasapatam, of his Troops being on arrival, and Dismounted by the loss of their Guns

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 20.th Ultimo yesterday, and should have the greatest pleasure in purchasing for Negapatam, could our supplies of Cattle Money or Provisions profitably absorb it, but those distresses which must inevitably ensue from leaving an enemy in our rear ought to be productive to very dangerous consequence to our Troops.— You will before this have been acquainted of Colonel Braithwaite having received a wound at Paduvatah being informed of which I immediately repaired to the Camp at that place, and took Command of the Troops the 3.d and the 7.th at night. I sent a party on Intelligence of Intelligence in search of Amedkar at Trivalore, whom they were very Solicitous to have in their Power and succeeded exactly to my wishes, the Man and his whole family being brought Prisoners to me the next day: after the forty which I have been so fortunate as to take had performed a march of 36 Miles, similar this place, after two days siege, and making a practicable breach, which Encouraged Smith (by reason the enemy keeping a perfect Silence) advanced to reconnoitre with the Troops he commanded in the Trenches. I found

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found them at first unprepared, upon which advancing with great gallantry and killing a few of opponents the remainder Cryed out for Quarter, which he thought proper to grant them. We took 230 persoons, some Grain, and various horses, the latter I have turned out for the Company's Service, for the use of the Cavalry to be paid for at a proper estimation at a future Day. My next purpose is to attack Mathodapettanum, a Fort situated 7 Miles distant from this, where the Enemy have a Body of three hundred Horse and a Garrison of 1000 Men. - our Shot and Powder being in the Siege of Mounacoil nearly expended we have sent to Tanjore for a supply which will arrive in a few days, the same escort which carries up the Personers will bring the Convoy down. - I flatter myself from the Collections of Grain made about this place, and what we shall get there will at least keep us from Distress. - I am sorry to acquaint you that the Troops are greatly in arrears of Pay, and that their Numbers are considerably diminished by Sickness Wounds and otherwise. The whole now with me present for Duty amounts to 2,940 Sepoys, Cavalry mounted 166. Artillery European Invalids and Natives 116. Topasses 84. We have besides these a few Moguls by whose this whole Force without a Battalion of Europeans and some European Artillery, would I greatly apprehend find severe difficulties in fulfilling the Service you require. Nevertheless I shall do as soon as

To fulfil

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Impossible attempt it. Several Sloops have been attempted by several Efforts have been made to convey Letters to Admiral Sir Edward Hughes requesting if he would assist us with money men or stores, no answer has yet been received from him. If my best endeavours can but meet with a small degree of your approbation I shall be happy —

I have the honor to remain
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very obedient
humble Servant
Eyres Nixon

Camp Manarcoil
2d September 1781.

Read the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes, enclosing Copy of one from Colonel Braithwaite. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have this day received a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite dated 9th of this Month in answer to my Letters of the 6th and 7th a Copy of which I have enclosed. —

From Sir Edward Hughes enclosing Copy of Letter from Colonel Braithwaite requesting Platforms may be forwarded to him. —

At this Critical Season of the Year and under the situation of the Troops with Colonel Nixon, who have not as yet that I know of, formed a communication with the Bay and Pennar I am desirous I have but little hopes of the Colonels ever

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advancing against Negapatam, at least
in any time for me to reque the Squadron
in Cooperation with him. but if he should
advance while it is in my power the only
article that the Squadron will not be able
to furnish, is materials for Platforms to the
Guns in the Batteries, for what timber and
Plank the Squadron brought with it from
Bombay is now almost expended, I would
therefore wish you to forward to this place
a sufficient quantity of Timbers and Plank
for the purpose of constructing Platforms,
and that as speedy as possible. —

Having nothing with me but this Sir
to send with this letter to Madras. I have
forwarded it by a Catamaran from
Trangueber to Cuddalore, to your Chief there
who will hasten it onward, and I have
enclosed a small Letter for your Board
and two for Sir Eyre Coote, which I have
come to my hands. —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Edward Hughes

Super.d off Negapatam
the 13.th September 1781.

His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
&c &c &c

Sir

I have this moment been honored
with

Enclosed in Letter to
Sir Edward Hughes
covering of the taking
of Manarcoil &c.

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to be informed what supply of stores can be furnished him — advising of his raising 3,000 Pagodas on bond for the use of the Company —

with your dispatches of the 6th Instant containing the Copy of a letter from the Governor and Council, dated Fort St George the 24th Ultimo, as also your Second Letter dated 7th Instant, in consequence of which I shall immediately inform Lieutenant Colonel Nixon, that he may make a movement towards Adriapatam sending him a Copy of your Letter that he may be perfect in respect to the Signals. I hope you have received a letter I dispatched for you yesterday, which was a Triplicate of my Letter of the 4th with the addition of my having just received News that our troops had got possession of the Forty [illegible] Pagoda at Manarcoil, with about 200 Pre[illegible]ners, about 1,000 Pagodas, and near six days [illegible] provisions for our Army, our next obje[illegible] is to reduce the Fort of Mahadapatam, abo[illegible] five miles from it, which by bring [illegible] will be the work of a [illegible] up the Europeans have great hope that very few days I shall then be accomplishing the gr[illegible] object may Colonel Nixon will do very [illegible] Lieutenant power. I shall be much obligi[illegible] in his inform me what Number of M[illegible] to you, Sir is able to land for the operations of the Seige, as also what heavy Guns with proportionable powder and shot, as also whether you can be preparing Platforms for the Batteries, as the transporting of many heavy Articles will be to us absolutely impracticable, as the Country

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Country is not in a situation for us to do it in detail, as the Enemy is far too strong for us to engage Escorts on that side. ~

Not to detain your Messenger I shall not write now to the Governor of Madras but request you will inform them of our little success, as also that Mr Dawcson and my self have this day on our joint Bond given on the Honble Company's Account raised 3,000 Pagodas, which little as this is, is all we have been able to procure, and will be of present Service, and I hope our affairs will now take a favorable turn, I am sure Sir. I have many thanks to give you both on my own Account and that of my Superiors, for the readiness with which you have attended to my Applications, I have the satisfaction to inform you that I have nothing to fear from my rear, such a flow of Summons to the Poort which will give me more trouble than would be the case perhaps, with one of a better habith of Body. I hope however care and attention will in a short time set me

right. ~ I have the Honor to be with great respect

Sir

Your most obedt Servant

Signed John Braithwaite

Tanjore
the 9.th September 1781

A Copy

Edward Hughes

Six Platforms to be
marked for the
Southward. ~

Agreed that the Chief Engineer be directed, to Lock six Platforms in readiness

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Readiness to be embarked for the Southward.

Resolved that a Letter be written
to Colonel Braithwaite, expressing our Concern
at his having had the misfortune to be
wounded, but that we still flatter ourselves
he will be able, from his situation of Surgeon
to render essential Service to the operations
of the Army in the Field.

A letter to be written to Colonel Braithwaite expressing Concern at his being wounded.

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose a
Letter addressed by Lieutenant Colonel James
Commandant of Artillery on this Establish-
-ment, requesting permission to return to
Europe, His knowledge of his profession, his
Experience as an Officer, and his long and
approved Services in this Country, I should
be sufficient Inducement to your Honble.
Committee, to make favorable mention of
him to the Honble the Court of Directors,
on his part I am hopeful will also on their part
shew him every Indulgence due to his merits
and pretentions, and that we relinquishing
the Country at this Period, is evidently a
matter of Necessity and not choice. May
will not consider his Expectations of

returning

From Sir Eyre Coote enclosing letter from Colonel James and requesting he may be favorably mentioned to the Court of Directors for his Services and enclosing letter from Major Gibb.

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ocurrencing to the Service with his Rank as
ocnreasonable. —

I likewise inclose a Letter ocdorsd
addressed to your Honble Committee by Major
Geils, containing also an application for
Permission to return to Europe for the
orestablishment of his health, and on his
own ocAffairs. To which I have no objections

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Eyre Coote

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18th September 1781.

From Colonel Coote
requesting permission
to proceed to Europe
for the recovery
of his health inclosed
in Letter from Sir
Eyre Coote. —

Sir

After having long been afflicted with
con Illness which has resisted every Effort
of Medicine, as well as the skill of the Physicians
in this Country, and rendered me unfit for
those Active Services, which my Zeal for the
Companys Interests, have ever inclined me
to perform. I find myself at last compelled by
powerful necessity, to seek relief at Home, and
thro you, to request permission to return to
England for that purpose, by the first
Opportunity. I beg leave to repeat that it
is necessity, not Convenience which occasions
this application, as added to the reluctance
I feel at leaving India at this particular
time, the greatest part of my Fortune is in
Government Bonds here, and I have no
more in England, than will serve until

my

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any cure is pursued.

Under this Circumstance, and wishing to devote many Years more to the Company's Service, I request of you Sir who know how far I have deserved well or otherwise, to make such mention of me to the Select Committee as may enduce them to recommend to the Court of Directors my being permitted to return with my Rank in the Service as soon as my Health will allow. And I shall be happy to owe this Indulgence to your favorable opinion

I am with great Respect

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Edward James

Colonel Commanding Artillery

Fort St George
2d September 1781.

Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief of India &c &c

Fort St George
13th Sept. 1781.

This is to certify that Lieutenant Colonel James of the Artillery having for several Years past labored under an Infection of the Liver, and a Hydrocele, is ordered in order to duty and therefore recommended to Europe for the recovery of his health.

James Anderson
Surgeon & Mayor

Surgeon & Mayors Certificate of ill State of health of Colonel James

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

From Major Gels requesting Permission to return to Europe on account of ill health and of his private affairs

My health and other private concerns requiring my personal attendance, absolutely obliging me to visit England, I am under the necessity through the Commander in Chief - of requesting your Honor &.c.a Permission and as I intend making but a short stay I must also intreat, that the leave your Honor &.c are pleased to grant, may be mentioned in such a manner to the Honble the Court of Directors, that there may be no hinderence to my immediate return again to the Country. -

I do assure Honble Sir & Sirs of availing myself of this indulgence after the Campaign, or that the Commander in Chief thinks the Service can spare me, and I have further inducement to hope, for it, from having had a similar leave about three Years before, which on account of the War breaking out at that time, I never made use of. -

I have the Honor to be with much

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Surgeon Mayors
Certificate of the
ill health of
Major Geils

Sir

I have the honour to certify that Major Thomas Geils of the Engineers some months ago laboured under the most inveterate obstructions which incessantly endangered his life, and fatally hurried him off upon attacks with the forerunner of his Old Complaint, I by one recommended to take a Voyage to Sea, and if he finds himself better for a short Voyage, then to proceed to Europe for the perfect Establishment of his Health.

Camp at Tripasore
27th September 1781.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Thomas Davis
Surgeon Major
acting

Fort St George
11th September 1781.

Sir

I have the honour to be
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Thomas Geils

Colonel James
Permitted to return
to Europe and to be
mentioned in a
favorable manner
to the Court of Directors

Agree that Permission be
granted to Colonel James to proceed to
Europe for the recovery of his health, and
that a favorable mention be made of
him, in our first address to the Honble
Court

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Court of Directors

Agreed also that leave be given to Major Gills to proceed to Europe, for the recovery of his Health

Major Gills permitted to return to Europe

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General

To Thomas Oakes Esqr.

Secretary of the Military Department of

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Adjutant General advising of two Vacancies in the Depy. Corps

I send my Arrival in Camp Ensign Thomas Rock, who is returned on the Strength of the Army on this Establishment has reported to me that his resignation of the Service, has been accepted by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, as I was not acquainted with the Casualty when I had the honor to address you under date the 15th Instant Mr. Rock was included in the state of the Army list then given in it now becomes necessary that his name be struck off. I am also informed that Ensign James Muttlebury of the 12th Battalion who had leave to proceed to England on account of health died lately at Madras. The Coach of this Season to be appointed to these additional Vacancies are

Majrs

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Messrs William Hewitt &
William Beazeley

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to address you on the above Casualties for the Information of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee —

Head Quarters Camp at Vellore 17th Septr. 1781.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your obedient Servant
Henry Malcolm
Adjt General

Messrs Wm Hewitt & Wm Beazely Cadets appointed to fill the Vacancies mentioned in the above Letter —

As the Adjutant General represents that Messrs William Hewitt and William Beazely Cadets for this Season, are the next for Promotion Agreed that they be now appointed Ensigns to fill up the Vacancies mentioned in the above Letter

Lieut Charles Grant to resume his Rank on this Establishment

Lieutenant Charles Grant being arrived from England. Agreed conformably to the Orders of the Court of Directors, that he do resume his Rank on this Establishment —

Many Inconveniences having lately arisen by Letters being addressed to us, which ought to come under our Consideration in — other Departments. Agreed that a Letter be written to the Subordinacies, desiring the subjects of their Letters, may be confined to the particular Department they address — We are sensible the Connection is such that it is impossible always to avoid blending the Subject of different Departments in the same letter, when that happens it will be proper that no more be said than is absolutely necessary, stating it at large in the particular Department it belongs to. —

The Subordinacies to be directed to confine the subject of their Letters to the particular Department they address —

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18th Dispatched the following Letter

Mr John Taring

Resident at Ganjam

Sir

To Ganjam approving of the answer returned to Abba Pundit, and advs. that the affairs of Mohury are under consideration

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant, inclosing Translation of two letters addressed to you by Rajah Ram Pundit Subedar of Cuttack, and approve entirely of the answer you returned to abba Pundit by the Deputies he sent to you, in consequence We conclude from your said letter of the 3d of this month, that our addrss dated 20th August although sent in duplicate has miscarried, a third Copy therefore is now transmitted to you &

We have recvd several letters from you relative to the affairs of Mohury Zemindary — it was our wish long since to have furnished you with our Sentiments on that Subject but as they appeard not to require an immediate Reply, our time and attention have been devoted to objects of a more pressing Nature — the affairs of Mohury however are now under Consideration. c

Your Letter to the Right Honble President of the 6th Instant. inclosing a Paper of Intelligence has been duly received and a Copy of it forwarded to the Admiral.

We are Sir

Port St George
18th September 1781

Your most Obdt
Servant
Macartney
&a Select Committee

To

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To Mr James Duncil

Chief &a Council of

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Ultimo, with the several Enclosures therein mentioned.

After Maturely deliberating on the Circumstances you have set forth, relative to the taking of Jaggernaickpore we are of opinion that the Persons included in your Arrangements have no Claim whatever to Prize Money, and that those alone are intitled to it who were present when the Place surrendered. In like manner we conceive that the Party which took possession of Polical, has an exclusive Right to share Prize Money with the Company.

On the Subject of the Dispute which arose between the Resident of Ingeram and Captain Lysaght, we are to observe that it was pointedly expressed in the orders sent through the Resident to the officer Commanding the Troops at Coringa, who it was intended should have proceeded from thence, to take possession of Jagernaickpore, that he was "to follow all such Instructions as the "Resident of Ingeram should furnish him with" — and in order to provide against every event, we directed our Resident to receive immediate Charge of the Effects &a found at Jaggernaickpore, in case that

place

to Masulipatam advis. that only those who were present at the taking Jaggernakporam are intitled to Prize Money that Captn Lysaght ought to have obeyed the Instructions of the Resident at Ingeram and disapproving of his Conduct, Consenting that the dispute between Captn Lysaght and Lloyd be accommodated in a private manner, advis. that an Inspector of Stores is liable to be put under an Arrest, and that the Maps will be forwarded, desiring to be informed of the numbers of recruits and advising of ill Behaviour of the 2d Circar Battalion in the late Engagement

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place should have fallen to us previous to his
receipt of our orders — Captain Lysaght was
precisely in the Situation in which we expected
the officer Commanding the Troops at Coringa
would have been placed — he saw the orders we
had written to that Officer as well as to Mr
Hamilton and he ought therefore to have followed
"all such Instructions as the Resident of Ingeram
"might have furnished him with" upon the
whole we do by no means approve of Captain Lysaghts
Conduct, but in consideration of his Activity and
alertness in taking Possession of Jaggumaickpore
we shall not at present make any further
animadversion upon it

We have perused the Papers
regarding Captain Lloyd, and are to remark that
the Letter he wrote to Captain Lysaght, was conceived
in Terms inconsistent with the Respect due to
his Commanding Officer, for which we hold him
highly Censurable, yet on Account of his general
good Character and his Merits in the Discharge
of his duty which you have represented to us,
we consent that the Matter be accomodated without
bringing it to a public Enquiry, since it appears that
Captain Lysaght is satisfied with the Apology
made to him by Captain Lloyd — he will therefore
return to his Duty as before, and we trust his
Conduct in future will justify our present
Forbearance ——— In answer to that part of your

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your Letter, where you desire to know how far we consider an Inspector of Stores, liable to an Arrest, we are to observe that if the Person so holding that office bears a Commission also, his Employment as Inspector will not exempt him from an Arrest by his Commanding Officer — the Inspectorship of Stores is properly a Civil appointment, and we shall probably take such Steps hereafter relative to places of that kind, as to prevent any difference of opinion, or any Person holding two offices, from supposing that the Possession of either, can screen him from the Effects of ill Conduct —

We shall apply to the Chief Engineer for the Maps and Draughts of Surveys taken of the Masulipatam District which were sent to the Presidency in the Year 1778 and shall cause them to be forwarded to you, that a complete map may be drawn, a Copy of which you be drawn a Copy of which you will transmit to us, as soon as it can be finished —

We direct that you immediately acquaint us what Progress has been made in recruiting the Battalions conformably to our Orders of the 10th August, and we desire you will keep us regularly informed on this Subject until the Supernumeraries shall equal the Strength of the two Battalions, lately drafted from your District —

We are much concerned to inform you of the

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18th The very irregular and unmilitary Conduct of the Northern Battalions of Seapoys in the late Engagement with the Enemy which has been noticed to us by Sir Eyre Coote in his Letter on that Occasion.

Fort St George.
18th September 1781.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Servants
(signed) O Macarthey
for Select Committee

John Hollond Esqr
Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

To Hydrabad with Instructions respecting the Treaty to be entered into with the Nizam.

We have received your Letter of the 30th of last Month, containing Information of the present disposition and particular Views of the Nizam, in entering into a Treaty with us - Our Instructions to you, must no doubt be accommodated to those Views, in proportion to the necessity we feel of an alliance with his Highness. But we must never lose Sight of the Maxims, which govern the Conduct of the Company, and which have for object to be in peace and Harmony with all the powers of Indostan. To this Principle, it would be difficult to reconcile the Proposal, sent from hence by a former administration of making conquests for the Nizam, and which chiefly occasioned our Animadversions such an undertaking applied to countries possessed by an

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18th an Enemy, whom we have a difficulty in
resisting, does not seem to lead to a Speedy
termination of the War with him, but on the
contrary, may have a tendency to lay embarrass any
future accommodation, which his want of success
against Sir Eyre Coote in the general Engagement
might induce him to propose to the Governor
General, an offensive Alliance might perpetuate
the Enmity of our present opponents, and add
to their Number any other powers, against
whom his Highness might be indisposed, nor
after precluding by such Hostile Engagements
all probability of Peace, with the objects them, can
we be in any absolute certainty that in Return the
assistance of the Nizams Cavalry will come either
in sufficient force, or with sufficient celerity
to free us from the present Invasion, before we
may be driven to the last extremities — the
disappointment we have experienced in relation
to the Berar Cavalry, notwithstanding the
most Solemn Promises made to the Governor
General of Bengal, naturally gives rise to our
apprehensions on a similar occasion —

Every Purpose of the Nizam, in
forming an alliance with us, would assuredly be
answered by Our lending him merely an auxiliary
a certain Number of our Troops, without specifying
the particular Service on which they should be
employed, and still less without undertaking for

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18th their success in making Conquests. This is the utmost length to which we think you ought in prudence to proceed; the assistance you are instructed to demand from him on our part extends no further. We wish indeed most anxiously for that Period, in which we might strictly adhere to the Principle of entering into no other Treaties, but those of Amity and Commerce avoiding scrupulously, all interference in the Politics of Indian Princes, except when likely to affect the Tranquility of the Country, or the Welfare of the Company.

We foresee the possibility that our earnest solicitations to be connected with the Nizam may induce him to rise in his Demands upon Us. the Cession of the Circars has sometimes been thought an object of his Wishes, and we therefore lose no time to mention to you, that no consideration of advantage, would induce us, to consent to part with them, as they are annexed to our Empire hire. and are not to be considered in the light of temporary acquisitions, which are negociable in a Treaty of Peace, but are fixed Possessions which nothing but the special Orders of the Company can ever engage us to relinquish, and any public Minister who should give them up, would be answerable to his Country, and the Company for the Consequences.

We are
Sir your most obedient
humble Servants
[signed] Macartney &c
Select Committee

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To

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To Major George Maule

Chief Engineer

Sir

To the Chief Engineer, direct him to inform the Committee if the State of the Engineir Corps, will admit of an officer going to Bencoolen and to prepare eight Platforms for the Southward. —

Major Mutchison & Establishment having applied to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee for an Engineer to be sent to Fort Marlbro', for the purpose of putting the Place into a Posture of Defence, they have directed me to enquire of you if the State of the Engineer Corps will admit of an officer being sent to Bencoolen, agreeably to Major Mutchisons Request

I am further directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to desire you will order eight Platforms to be kept in Readiness to be embarked for the Southward on the Shortest notice —

I am Sir

Your most Hble Servant

Fort St. George
17th September 1781.

Captain Campbell & Signed/ Thos. Oakes Secy

Officer Commanding at Vellore

Sir

To Commanding officer at Vellore direct him to detach three Companies of Natives Sepoys with 2 Guns to procure Provision

Among the Efforts that are to be made, for procuring Provisions for Sir Eyre Coote's Army, His Highness the Nabob means to draw three Companys of his Sepoys from Vellore, in order

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18th order to join Ram Chunder Rauze, and some Polygars who are to proceed to the Neighbouring Pallams or other places, where they may be most likely to succeed in finding Grain —

You will please to facilitate this measure, and to allow the Commander of this Expedition to take with him two Guns and a Quantity of Ammunition belonging to the Nabob —

It is thought necessary to form a large magazine of Provisions at Nellore —

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Macartney
Va Select Committee

Port St George
18th September 1781

19th Wrote the following Letters

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General &c Council
at
Port William

Honble Sir & Sirs —

Herewith we enclose to you Returns of Prisoners, sent to Bengal on board the Ipsea Governor and Southampton, and beg leave to recommend that they be disposed of as expressed therein — We are Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
Humble Servants
Macartney
&c Select Committee

To Bengal, enclosing Return of Prisoners, sent on the Ipsea Governor & Southampton —

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19th September 1781

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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 Edwd Hughes hoping the Fleet may remain a month longer on the Coast to assist in the reduction of Negapatam adding 6 Platoons being embarked for the Southward

I had yesterday the honor of receiving your Letter of the 13th Instant inclosing a Copy of One addressed to you by Colonel Braithwaite

By the same opportunity we received a Letter dated the 9th of this Month from Colonel Nixon at Manarcoil, a Place he has lately taken, and which is likely to prove of great Importance, from the considerable quantity of Grain found in the Fort and its Neighbourhood he mentioned his Expectation of getting a supply of Stores in a few days from Tanjore, after which it would be necessary to take the Fort of Mahadapatam, before he could advance towards Negapatam— He seems to consider the Want of Europeans and Money to pay the Troops the most Serious difficulty these aids however he will receive as soon as he opens the Communication with your Fleet the Season as you observe is considerably advanced, yet we hope the Squadron may remain on the Coast with perfect safety at least one Month from this day— If the moment be critical it serves but the more to animate our Endeavors towards the accomplishment

of

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19th of our Object, and we are confident it will be exemplified in the hearty and Zealous Co-operation of our Sea and Land Forces ——

This will be conveyed to you by the Lively Brig, on which we have embarkid 6 Platforms complete —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obdient

humble Servant,

Signed Macartney

& Select Committee

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To Sir Edward Hughes K. B.

Vice admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships in India

Sir

We have the honor to inclose to you a Copy of a Letter we have received from the Governor and Council of Tranquebar, the Contents of which, We beg leave to Submit to your Consideration — the Circumstances therein set forth are Strong and pointed, and if after investigating the Matter it appears to be a true Statement of Fact, we conceive that unless the Ship and Cargo are restored, it may whether considerd in a political or Commercial light be productive of the worst Consequences both in this Country and on Europe

To Sir Edw.d Hughes inclosing Copy of a Letter from the Governor at Tranquebar, and recommending that the Ship be restored

We have the honor to be

Sir

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14th September 1781.

Sir

Your most Obedt
humble Servants

Signed Macartney
Va Select Committee

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding at Tanjore.

Sir

To Col. Brathwaite
expressing concern
at his being
wounded and a
desire that he will
fully inform Ed.
Nixon of his
Instructions.

Yesterday we received a letter from Sir Edwd Hughes inclosing a Copy of yours to him of the 9th Instant — we are sensibly concerned at the Accident which has obliged you to return to Tanjore, but still flatter ourselves you will from your Situation at that place, be able to render essential assistance to the operations of the Troops under Lieutenant — — — — — — — — — — Colonel Nixon on whom the Command has devolved. We doubt not of your having made him fully acquainted with the purport of the letters we have from time to time written to you, and given him every further light which may be necessary for his Guidance

We are Sir

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14th September 1781

Your most obdt
Servant

Signed Macartney
Va Select Committee

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To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon,

Commanding the Troops in the Field

in the Tanjore Country

Sir

To Lt Col. Nixon
repeat our anxiety
for the Reduction
of Negapatam,
direct him to
exert himself on
this occasion, and
avail himself
of the Service of
the Fleet,

We have had the pleasure to receive your Letter of the 8th Instant informing us of your having taken the Fort of Manarcoil and am happy to learn, that the Grain collected there, and in the environs secures you at least for some time against Distress

We doubt not but Colonel Braithwaite has fully made you acquainted with the Substance of the Letters we have from time to time written to him — We need not therefore inform you, how anxiously we have looked forward to the taking of Negapatam, as an Object on the Success of which the most important Events may depend — The Efforts We have made to forward the Undertaking by sending Supplies of Men and Money, at the time when our own Necessities in both were most pressing, will best inform you how much we have this Object at Heart, and we have pleasure in assuring you of the Confidence we place on your active and spirited Exertions to avail yourself at this critical Period, of the assistance you may desire from the Co-operation of the Fleet

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

Fort St George
14th September 1781.

Received

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Received the following Letter from
Major Manke
To Thomas Oakes Esqr
Military Secretary.

Sir

From the Chief Engineer recommending Ensign Trapaud to be sent to Fort Marlbro

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your favor of yesterday, enquiring of me if the State of the Engineer Corps, will admit of an Officer thereof being sent to Fort Marlbro, and in Reply to say that I think from the Number of Subalterns, one may be sent to that Establishment without any Inconvenience to the Service. I request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, that I beg Leave to recommend to them Ensign Trapaud for this appointment, Having lived a long time at Fort Marlbro, he is possessed of some local knowledge

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt
Very Hble Servt
Signed Geo Manke
Chief Engineer

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Received the following Letter

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Vizagapatam ... On the 19th we had the honor to
receive your Commands of the 3d and 4th Instant.

The Instructions and orders relative
to Bimlipatam shall be punctually attended to
and a Duplicate of the Parole, according to the form
transmitted, shall be sent to the Presidency.

We have attentively given every
encouragement to the Owners of Vessels in the Port
to export all kinds of Grain to Madras, and every Vessel in this Port
of this Province that is fit for Sea, will sail during
September, and we learn that they are getting
ready in other places in this district this is an
assertion on their parts from persuasion, and a chance
of a Market, as they usually do not go out of the
Rivers before December for unless they are
unloaded soon at Madras they either are lost
or are obliged to take shelter in some of the
Southern Ports by which means the early
December Trip is lost. On the owners representing
to us these Matters we have assured them that
their Cargoes will be landed without delay.

To relieve as much as possible the
distress attending the want of Grain, we have from

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time to time endeavoured to take up Vessels on Account of the Company, but it has been intirely out of our power, the Owners presuming to send them on their own Accounts and having previously engaged the rest of the Vessels to Individuals who had advanced Money — Nor are there much Shipping belonging to the Ports of this Province — We can by the Months of January procure any Quantity of Grain by a previous Notice being sent us in October — Tonnage is all that is all that is wanting and we know we shall not be able to Freight Vessels, if it is possible to send us Ships in the Month of January or any of the next two Months the Grain they will be laden with, will be received him in part Payment of the Revenues and of course at a very moderate Price.

Enclosed we have the Honor to lay before the Board Copy of a Letter received from the Chief and Second of the Dutch Factory at Bimlipatam relative to their Private property having been taken at Pulicat — As the Letter from these Gentlemen will give your Lordship &a every information necessary on this Subject and specifies the heavy loss they must inevitably sustain, by the Seizure of their Grain at Pulicat — We have nothing further to add than to beg leave to recommend their peculiar situation to your Lordship &a consideration being convinced that they are much above misrepresenting facts

&c

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Respect

Vizagapatam
22d August 1781.

We are with the greatest
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obdt
and faithful
Humble Servants
Jas Hy Casamajor
Hy Crawford
Nath. Barlow
Chas Maxtone
Signed

To James Henry Casamajor Esqr
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Notice of the Contents
The Copy of letter
from Chief & Council
at Bimlipatam
concerning a large
Quantity of grain
taken at Pulicat

We are sensibly affected by being lately informed from Mr Sadama the former Chief of Pulicat, that a quantity of rice ammounting to upwards one hundred and Twenty Madras Garces, which belong to us, and was laid up there since the Month of April last for Sale had by the taking of that Fort, been excepted in the Capitulation, and sized, the every other private property had been secured — We beg leave to represent to your Board, that long before we had been acquainted with this Circumstance, the above grain had been given as a principal security for the diffeiency in the treasury of Bimlipatam as we were confident from the manner Pulicat was surrendered, that private property would have been secured in the fullest sense then also, and expected

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expected from thence that the grain would have been conveyed to Madras, and there sold at the market price, But by this unfortunate change we now find ourselves utterly distressed, as we are thereby deprived of all possible means of satisfying our Engagements in regard of the deficiency of Cash, the sale of that grain having been our principal resource, and the sole dependence we had of liquidating the balance of the Treasury. We therefore request that the Circumstance, May be represented by you in the strongest manner to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee at Fort St George, in order that we may be credited for the ammount, that the grain may have been sold for at Madras. Should in consequence of this request it be thought necessary that a declaration upon oath should be given in by us, to certify the quantity of grain, that was delivered at Pulicat on our Account, we are ready to Comply, and to produce also every other Touches requisite, to authenticate its being our own private property. Besides which Mr Todama to whom this Grain has been consigned, now being at Madras, will be able to answer to all further questions in regard to this concern. permit us to assure you Gentlemen that we demand in this, no more than we may

have

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have expected, in the arrangments of affairs with
our Company, as we had it in our power to transfer
the whole of the grain, with the same advantage
on their own account by which all deficiency
of Cash would have been removed, but being
determined to act on our side with all the
Candour and honesty possible, we gave immediatly
proper information about every circumstance
relating this business — We therefore hope that
this our request, will meet with all the approbation
we have reason to expect, from the Equity and
Justice of the British Government, and that
by a favorable reply, we shall be released from
that anxiety of mind, we labour under — One
of us intended to make this appeal in person
to the Right Honble President, and Select
Committee of Fort St George, but we are
prevented by being informed that we can have
no permission to go there, and therefore flatter
ourselves that this address will be equally
effectuous —

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants

/signed/ D Brymont
Lohr Mark Dominus

Bimlipatam,
20th August 1781.

True Copy
Chas Maxtone
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Ans

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Minute thereon

The Claim made by the Chief & Second of Bimlipatam invalidated

As by the Capitulation of Pulicat securing private property, the Article of Grain is particularly excepted the Claim made by Messrs Vrymoet and Dormieux appear to be intirely & invalidated

To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney Kt President and Governor &a Members of the Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

Fort St George

From Resident at Ganjam advising that every Vessel belonging to the District, is employed in exporting Grain for Madras, that he had directed Lieut Ghent, to destroy Bimlipatam that one of the Bastions at Ganjam had fallen down and enclosing Copy of Petition relating to a Dutch Snow,

I have been honored with your letter, dated 4th Instant wherein you are pleased to direct me to use every exertion to send supplies of Grain, and all sorts of Provisions to the Presidency, and in case I should find the considerable advantages to be gained does not encourage & Individuals to engage in this Business, Authorizing me to take up Vessels, and to send Grain on Account of the Company

I beg leave to transmit the triplicate Copy a letter I addressed lately to the Honble Board upon this particular Subject, & shewing that all the Vessels, in and belonging to this District, are actually engaged to be employed in transporting Supplies to Madras, either from hence or from Bengal I also give an opinion of the Quantity of Paddy, I think it possible to procure

upon

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20th upon the Company's Account exclusive of the supplies intended to be transported by the individuals — but I cannot help thinking it would only be subjecting Government to considerable loss to purchase Grain and perishable Articles of Provisions, without the certainty of Securing Tonnage to transport them to the Presidency, and as there is every Reason to believe from the preparations carrying on in different places, the utmost exertions are making by private Merchants to send every Vessel that can float, with Grain to Madras, I shall not make any purchase upon the Company's Account, untill I hear further from your Lordship &c." —

In consequence of an application from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam I directed Lieutenant William Gent to proceed to that District in order to mine and destroy the Fort of Bimlipatam, but in Mr Gent's absence, I appointed an assistant to Mr Gent to the Charge of our Works — I had hopes there would be little further occasion for an Engineer, but the accompanying Copy of a Report from Mr Bagshaw explains the Cause of the failure of one of the Bastions I am exceedingly vexed and concerned at this Accident for the exterior wall of the Cunette wants only about three hundred feet of being joined, when the

Dutch

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20th Dutch Parapet and Glacis, would be so far completed, that all was done that was essentially necessary to put the Fort in a good State of defence

We have found it necessary to make a Bridge leading to the North Gate, where before there was only a solid Mound of earth and this would have been finished, had we not been obliged to wait for Timbers cut up the Country to be brought down by the Floods — it will not be possible to do any thing to this fallen Bastion, except removing the Rubbish untill after the Rains when it may be soon retruilt

I transmit the Copy of a Petition, with a Letter I received from Chief and Council at Masulipatam having already informed Your Lordship &c. of all particulars relating to the Capture of the Dutch Sloop in Question, I shall wait your Instructions, of which resolution I inform the Gentlemen at Masulipatam

I have the honor to be

Ganjam
23d August 1781

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Turing

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To John During Esqr

Resident Ganjam

Sir

Copy of the Report of Ensign Bagshaw, superintending one of the Bastions at Ganjam Lad sunk.—

The great quantity of Rain we had about Seven Weeks ago, apparently staved in the South East Face of the Flagstaff Bastion to settle and the continual heavy Rains that has since fallen occasioned the Masonry to sink and the whole to give way several Inches, Near the Lip I had hopes it would have stood, But this morning the greatest part of the said face sunk about Seven feet and pushed the Scarp &c into the Cunette—

The South West face of the said Bastion is also much damaged as well as the East Flank

These works were first lined with Sod, and then faced with a thin wall of Brick and Chunam, and afterwards the interior Wall of the Cunette was carried round notwithstanding the foundation whereof is near Seven feet below that of the Body of the place, the Walls stand tolerably well except where the Ground is faulty—

This much I think it my Duty to Acquaint you of, at present and shall wait your orders regarding the removal of the Rubbish, as well as that of repairing the said Bastion, which in my humble opinion should

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20th Should not be delayed as the Breach is now practicable accordingly, am with the greatest respect

Ganjam

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

23d August 1781

(signed) J. S. Bagshaw

Ensign &c

A true Copy

John Turing

Asst Engineer

To John Turing Esqr

Resident of

Ganjam

Sir

We herewith transmit you Copy of a Petition which our Chief has Received from Chindica Muttoo Gomastah to Butchoo Camalamanobadoo a Merchant and Inhabitant of the Village of Jaggernach-poram and we request you will give directions for the Vessel therein mentioned to have been Seized by your Order in Ganjam Road as Dutch Property to be delivered up to the Owner It being provided for that none of the Natives Inhabitants of the Villages lately in the Possession of the Dutch in these Parts should Sustain any Injury either in their Persons or Effects in consequence of the present Rupture between the English and the states — We have Further to add in favor of this

Copy of Letter from Masulipatam desiring that a Dutch Snow may be restored to the Owners.

Many

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20th

Mons.r Saint that he has a large Dwelling
House and other Property in this Fort which in
Sitter him to be Considerd more immediately
under the Protection of our Flag

I have Sir

Your most Obd.t
Servant

Masulipatan
3.d August 1781

A true Copy
John Turing
Signd

I Daniell
Ja.s Hodges
Tho.s Barnard
Alex.r Pringle

To James Daniell Esq.r
Chief of Masulipatam

The Representation of
Chindica Mulloo Gomastah
to Butchoo Camalamanaboodoo
Merchant of Jaggernaik-
puram ——

Copy of Petition
from the Owners
of the Dutch Snow

It is well known that my Employer
who is an extensive Merchant has a Gomastah
in almost very Settlement on this Coast to Carry
on his own private Trade under the Sanction of
very Government in time of Peace and Quietness
In consequence Sent of the Governor and Council
during a late Scarcity of Grain sent for my
Employers Gomastah in Madras and pointedly
ordered him to write to his / and my / Employers
to

2586 Fort St. George, September 1781

20th to Commission as many of his Coasting Vessells as he possibly could in fetching Grain from Bengal and other Parts to supply the Exigency there &c

Pursuant to those orders of the Florida Board my Employer fitted out divers vessells and amongst them a Sloop with a Cargo for the Bengal Market under Order to proceed from thence with a Cargo of Rice directly to Madras But as one Nebansoopoody Unnamanah applied to my Employer to send Copper on Freight Consigned to one Thedoogoo Ram Chitty at Ganjam and Likewise a Person having under the Title of Writer to the Chief of Ganjam requested a Passage to that Settlement it was proposed that She should touch there in her way to Bengal and the better to Secure the Persons and Properties of the adventurers against the violence of the French Privaters (which have been hovering along these Parts Procured Dutch Colours and a Dutch Passport from the Chief of that Nation in Jaggarnachporam —

Some time after the vessels departure War was declared against the Netherlands Company and the Vessel on her arrival at Ganjam was immediately Seized and confiscated together with the Cargo as Dutch property against the remostrances of all those who were privy to my Employers secret intentions and the most convincing Proofs of

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20th

her Cargo consisting of nothing but the Bengal Markets Goods No consideration was Given to my Employers having availed himself of the Subterfuge of bearing Dutch Colours to avoid falling in the hands of an Enemy and Cloaking his designs even from that Nation then at Peace with the English, by inserting Balasore in the Passport as her destined Port on the Contrary it was evident the Vessel was & designed for two of the Capital English Settlement in these Parts for the benefit of the Honble Company's Service at a Juncture when Madras was Surrounded by a Black Power in hostility and the Sea infested with French Privateers —

Several Merchants residing & under this Settlement went to Juggernaik-peram and at some Expence obtained Colours and Passes from the Dutch in like manner with my employer, to Secure themselves from the Enemies Ships My Employer was no way black-ward in sending large Supply by other & Conveyance to Madras as will appear by the Sea Customers Records —

I therefore humbly Solicit you in behalf of my Employer that you will be pleased to advice John Turing Esqr. the Chief of Ganjam to Release and acquit the aforementioned Sloop which my Employer

Expects

2500 Fort St. George 20th September 1788

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have received the Honorable Court of Directors Commands to assume the Government of this Presidency, which I have accordingly done this day, and have caused Proclamation to be made thereof by Beat of Tom Tom promising Protection to the Persons and Properties of the Natives and Inhabitants.

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Alex. Brodie

John Turing Esq.

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they have received your Letter of the 18th Instant, and that they have appointed Mr Turing to proceed to Ganjam to enquire into the Cause of the Breaches which have been made in the Fortifications of that Place, and to direct the Repairs which may be necessary to be made to them.

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Alex. Brodie Secy.

John Turing Esq.

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John Turing Esq.

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Commander of the Detachment of Berar
Cavalry, has subjected me to a good deal
of anxiety — After agreeing to wait until
I received answer from the Governor General
I did not imagine abba Pundit would have
acted in the manner he has done — it is true
abba Pundit with all his Sirdars in a body
came to me last Week and told me Rajah Ram
Pundit had ordered them to return to
Jaggurnaut but upon my advancing two
thousand Rupees / making in all Eight
thousand Rupees / for their Expences abba
Pundit agreed to remain however Yesterday
Morning they actually beat their Naggaur
or decamping Signals and were preparing
to march off when I sent a Message
to abba Pundit desiring he would at
least do me the favor to take Leave He
waited upon me at Noon and kept me in
conference near four hours After making a
number of unreasonable demands I determined
to put his Sincerity to the test agreeing
to advance the further sum of Seventeen
thousand Rupees upon his immediately
proceeding on his march towards the
Carnatic When the Maharatta Chief
was obliged to confess to me he could not
proceed

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20th

proceed South without further orders from his Brother the Subedar of Cuttack and that if I could only let him have two thousand Rupees to pacify the Clamorous demands of his People and would myself write upon the Subject to Rajah Ram Pundit he would at my desire wait his Brother's Answer — I thought it best to acquiesce & to let matters rest at present — as Rajah Ram Pundit is just now near Topangur I may expect to hear from him in the course of five days in which time I flatter myself I shall hear either from your Lordship &c. or from the Governor General —

I transmit Copies of my two Letters to Rajah Ram Pundit also a letter I have written to the Supreme Council — in all this Business I do for the best but If I should unfortunately act in any respect contrary to the Intention of either Government I trust my Conduct will be judged favorably —

I have the honor to be

Ganjam
27th August 1781.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

John Turing

To

2591
20.

Fort St. George, September 1781

To Rajah Ram Pundit
Subedar at Cuttack

Copy of Letter to Rajah Ram Pundit concuring the Beran Cavalry—

I have already informed you when Abba Pundit arrived at Ganjam he represented to me that although you had advanced his people Seventy Thousand Rupees which he told me you thought sufficient to serve them until they could march to join Colonel Pearse yet as this Money was expended and Abba Pundit hearing the Bengal Detachment had proceeded to Madras he found it necessary to ask me for Twenty five Thousand Rupees and to desire I would engage for the same sum to be paid upon his arrival at Vizagapatam and Masulipatam that not having any orders from the Governor General Mr. Hasting to pay this Money or to enter into any new engagement all I could do was to Represent Circumstance to the Governor General promising to pay whatever sums the Governor should direct, I have sent two Copies of my Letter but have not yet received any answer which I can only suppose is owing to the Governor General travelling up the Country but as so many days have now past I expect every hour to hear from the Governor General in the mean time According to your Desire

I have

2597 Fort St. George, September 1789

2d. I have from time to time paid Abba Pundit Eight Thousand Rupees of which he has no Doubt informed you Three days ago Abba Pundit waited upon me with his principal Sirdars when he surprised me very much by telling me he had received a letter from you desiring him to return immediately to Jaggernaut however upon my Desire Abba Pundit Consented to stay, now I am astonished to hear Abba Pundit has received another letter from you Ordering him to go back Instead of proceeding upon his March to the Southward — after the Strict friendship made between the Governor General and the Berar Government and the Particular agreement for the latter to furnish a body of Horse part whereof are Actually come so far as Ganjam I cannot help expressing my Surprise and do not know how to believe that you have really Ordered Abba Pundit to return with his People —

Abba Pundit must do me the justice to say I received and have ever since he has been here treated him with the Greatest friendship a strong proof and of my particular regard to you is my

taking

2593 Fort St George, September 1781

20th taking upon myself at your desire to advance Money without any order therefore I write this letter to know if you seriously mean to recal Abba Pundit with his People that I may Explain the reason to the Governor General for after again giving you the Strongest assurence that I shall faithfully do whatever Mr Hastings may desire, whose orders I expect daily I must beg leave to expostulate with you against the measure of ordering back Abba Pundit with his people at least until such time I can receive the Governor Generals Instructions and Concidering the appearance Such a step will have to all the world I am sure you will consider and reflect upon all concequence for either to it has ever been the wish of the English and Berar Government to be considered in the Strictest friendship, which I hope will continue for ever

A true Copy

Ganjam

John Turing

25 August 1781

To Rajah Ram Pundit

Copy of letter to Rajah Ram Pundit concerning abba Pundits desire to return —

Hearing Yesterday Morning Abba Pundit was preparing to return towards Jaggernaut I sent a message desiring he would favor me with a visit he waited upon me accordingly when he told me it was very true he was ready to march back in consequence of

2594 Fort St George September 1781

20th

of your Orders — I could not help telling Abba Pundit I thought it very extraordinary he should even think of returning without my knowledge and consent and that as you had not wrote to maintenating Such a Resolution if Abba Pundit persisted in going away I could only consider it as a premeditated determination to break the agreement with the Governor General to send a Body of Cavalry to act with the English Army against Hyder Ally Cawn — Abba Pundit told me you knew and was answerable for the orders you gave However upon my desire that he would still agree to procead upon his March to the Southward provided I consented to pay immediately the Remainder of the Twenty five Thousand Rupees he first Requested and engage his receiving the same Sunnat Vizagapatam and Masulipatam however unreasonable I considered these demands yet to give a fresh proof of my Strong desire to do every thing in my power to give Satisfaction to you Abba Pundit and all his people I consented to pay down Seventeen Thousand Rupees provided he set out immediately upon his march towards the Carnatic — upon this Abba Pundit confessed to me he could not procead South until he received your further orders for which he agreed to wait and at his earnest desire I advanced him two Thousand

Rupees

2595 Fort St George, September 1781

20 K Rupees for his Expences

Abba Pundit requested I would write to you upon this business which appear to me so very extraordinary that I am really at a loss what to say—

I understand you were the person who negotiated with the Governor General at Calcutta the agreement for two Thousand Berar Horse Therefore you must know whether there is or is not any Stipulations to make certain payments at Ganjam Vizagapatam and Masulipatam in the Letter you have written to to me you do not mention any such articles of agreement and from the Governor General not giving any Orders I am convinced he never thought any money would be required at those different places but expected according to your promises and ingagement that two Thousand Horse would march with the greatest expedition to join Col. Pearse when they would faithfully receive whatever money was agreed to be paid— Abba Pundit arrived here with between three & four Hundred Horses and small parties have continued following until I understand about nine Hundred Horses are now collected at Ganjam — I mention this Circumstance that in case any more Horse are to be sent from Cuttack they may be immediately ordered

2596 Fort St George, September 1781

2d Ordered to join otherwise the whole detachment will again be obliged to halt until they assemble in order to their Marching forward in a body — upon the whole you know the agreement entered into with the Governor General and I have not a Doubt but you Seriously mean to perform it — I have exceeded the powers with which I am invested purely with a view and in order to give all possible Satisfaction and assistance but if after all fresh and insurmountable Difficulties are found any blame cannot rest upon me

I must just add that the Chiefs of Vizagapatam and Masulipatam are not under my orders however I shall readily give Abba Pundel leter to them and I am certain long before his arrival they will have particular orders from the Governor General

I am &c
Thos Call
24th August 1781
John Turing

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

Hon'ble Sirs

I find myself under the necessity to address you respecting my proceedings with the Subedars of Cuttack and the Commander of

Copy of letter from the Resident at Ganjam to Gov. & Council concerning the Beraar Cavalry refusing to march

2597 Fort St George, September 1781

20th

of the Detachment of Berar Cavalry engaged
to assist in the War against Hyder Ally Cawn

I transmit Copies of
Two Letters Received from the Governor General
Two Letters addressed to Governor General
Two Letters wrote to Rajah Ram Pundit
Subidar of Cuttack

When I wrote to the Governor General
I had no knowledge of his being absent from
Calcutta and I should not have deferred
addressing the Supreme Board had I entertained
an Idea I should have been thus long in
hearing from the Governor General

From the Conduct observed
all along by these People, but judging
particularly from the Circumstance of Abba
Pundit refusing to March when put to the
test by my offering to Comply with his demand
in paying down Seventeen thousand Rupees
I finally Suspect they have no serious
intention to proceed to Southward however
when I had gone so far I thought it best to
state the Matter fairly to Rajah Ram
Pundit in order to have him without any
Solid public reason for deviating from the
engagements intered into between the English
and Berar Government which in a political
view may be of the greatest Consequence
wherefore I shall continue abviating as

far

2590 Fort S. George, September 1781

26th So far as I can very unreasonable obstacle
Should Abba Pundit
Proceed to the Southward the Chief of Vizagapat.
and Masulipatam will find themselves under
the same inconveniences I have experienced
for want of Instructions and I take the
liberty to request you will furnish them
with such directions as you may think
proper — particularly as the Communication
is not yet open with Madras — If in the
interim I receive any orders from the Governor
General they shall be obeyed —

So conscious is Abba Pundit
of the insufficiency of his detachment that
Yesterday he told me in case he went
to the Southward I must write to Masulipa.
desiring some English Sepoys and Guns might
accompany him from thence —

I am
27th August 1781.

Honble Sirs
Your very Obdt
Humble Servant
John Irving

A true Copy
John Irving

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

My Lord & Gentlemen
We have

From Masulipatam

2399 Fort St. George, September 1781

requesting Instruc-
tion with respect
to Capt. Lysaghts
Request to be allowed
a Brigade Major
inclosing List of
Servants Mal Laggr-
nauckporam and
Subsistance paid
them monthly
forwarding Copy
of Letter from Capt
Lysaght with
Inclosure advising
of the Canal being
cut on fire and
requesting Vessel
may be sent for
the Grain the
Monsoon —

20th The Receipt of your Commands of the 21st Ultimo
by Mr Cram which shall be duly attended to.

Captain Lysaght Commandant
of the Troops in this District having represented
to us that he could not carry on the Duty of the
District without the assistance of an Officer to
officiate as Brigade Major to assist orders make
out Returns &c and that he had appointed
Lieutenant James Mackay to act in that Station
he requested the usual allowances of Brigade
Major might be ordered to be paid to Lieutenant
Mackay this we thought proper to decline
complying with for want of a confirmation of
that appointment from the Presidency but
we informed him we Shall refer the application
to your Lordship &c which we now do accordingly
and request to have Your orders in Consequence

Accompanying we transmit a
Pay Bill of the Civil and Military Servants
at Jaggannaickporam as sent in to us by Captain
Lysaght those Persons having been represented
by the late Dutch Chief and Second to labour
under great distress for want of a Subsistance
since the Capture of the Place we have come
to the resolution of ordering the Paymaster
at Samulcotah to Pay them a Monthly
allowance agreable to the Rate of Pay specified
in the Bill untill the further pleasure of
your Lordship &c respecting them shall be
made known to us, and we hope this will

met

2600 Fort S. George, September 8th 81

28th met with your approbation.

We also forward Copy of a letter from Captain Sypaght with the inclosures which he has desired may be forwarded to your Lordships &c.

We likewise send upon the Snow Jenny two sailors who lately arrived here by the way of Hyderbad from the Malabar Coast after having deserted from one of our Indiamen at Bombay with Instructions to Captain Smart to deliver them over to your Lordships &c on his landing at Madras for your further disposal.

We are exceedingly concerned to inform your Lordships &c that our Gomahs which have lately been erected for the reception of Grain for the Southward were yesterday afternoon Consumed by fire occasioned We suppose by the Workmen smoaking them by timely assistance however we hope little of the Grain is lost and our precautions to Guard against so unfortunate an accident were so complete that we flatter ourselves it would not have happened, they were surrounded by a Pallisade no fire permitted to approach them and a Centinel at each Angle of the Buildings. We mean to repair the damage as soon as possible and as the Monsoon approaches we hope Your Lordships &c will be pleased to send vessels to receive it before the Change.

We

2601 Fort St George, September 1781

20th

We are very Respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obd.

humble Servant

J Daniell

Masulipatam

6th September 1781

" Thos Barnard

" Alex. Pringle

To James Daniell Esqr.

Chief &c Council of

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have now the pleasure to enclose you Mr Yeats's Account as agent for the Captors of the goods found at Jaggernaickporam and how they have been disposed of, and I am happy in having this opportunity of assuring you that the utmost expedition was observed in the delivery of the Goods, and the most punctual attention paid to your orders on this occasion, I was in hopes of being able by this time also, to have laid before you the Dutch Councils Books of that Factory, but I have been deprived of that pleasure by the obstacles, Mr Hamilton has so wantonly thrown in my way, both the Dutch Chief and Second having candidly acknowledged that a Protest Mr Hamilton delivered to them was the real reason of their delay, I had however before I left Jaggernaickporam, the strongest

Copy of Letter from Captain Lysaght, enclos. Lists of Stores & Provision at Jaggernaickporam

Fort St George. September 1781

20th strongest assurance from them that the Books should be delivered, agreeable to the Articles of Capitulation, in a very few days when they shall be punctually transmitted to you. You cannot be ignorant Gentlemen, that in Consequence of appointments from you a number of Gentlemen have laid claim, as Captors to a part of the Money of Jaggernaickporam and Mr Clark under the pretence of being Muster Masters to the Troops of this District has done the same. I do not wish to offer an opinion on a Point which so nearly concerns my own Interest, but with pleasure submit that matter to the decision of the Right Honble the President and Council of Madras begging leave to remark that it is the Custom of war for those only to Share in the Spoil who were present at the Reduction of the Place.

Enclosed is a list of the Dutch Civil Servants also a Return of the Military belonging to the Establishment of Jaggernaickporam

I have the honor to be with much Respect

Gentlemen

Your most obedt
Humble Servant
Arthur Wyatt

Masulipatam
24 August 1781

A true Copy
Hut. Pringle
Secy

/signed/

Inventory

2603 Fort St George, September 1781

26th

Inventory of Goods found at Jaggernaickporam —

Inventory of Goods received at Jaggernaickporam and delivered by order of the Captors, to the Honble Company Vizt. to Mr Hamilton Resident of Ingeram and by him laden on board of the Indiamen laying at Jaggarnaickporam

	D. ℔		Candies	Pounds
Copper in 989 Chests	123. 627 15/16	at 480 ℔ Candy	257	267 15/16
Cloves in 452 do	42. 223	at do	87	463
Sugar in to Bundles	1,487	at do	3	47
Sugar Candy in 6 do	2,070 1/2	at do	4	158 1/2
Nutmeg dust in 196 Chests	24,479 1/4	at do	50	479 1/4
Nails large and small in 11 Chests	1650	is 3.210		
do Expended on Clove & Copper Chests		" 113	3	323
Steel	10 Pieces			85 1/2

Present for the Nabob

Chests	8
Parcel	1
Boxes	3
	12

Long Cloth

			Pieces	Pieces
12 Pungems	Bales	Pieces		
White	359	at 40 Pieces ℔ Bale 14,360		
Brown	57	at 40 do ℔ do 2280	16640	"
	416			
16 Pungems White	11	at do ℔ do	440	
18 do do	57	at do ℔ do	2280	
22 do do	42	at do ℔ do	1,680	
	Bales			
Superefine	2	at do ℔ do 80		
do	1	at do ℔ do 12 "	92	21132
	3			
	529			

Salempores

12 Pungems White	80	at 80 pr ℔ do 6400		
Brown	22	at do ℔ do 1760	8160	"
	102			

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20th Brought over Bales 631

Salempores

				Bale	
18 Pungums	White 6	at 100 pr. ℔	Bl.	600	
	9	at 80 do.	do.	720	1320
	15				
22 do.	do.	13 at 100	do.	do.	1300. 1079
Dungries		10 at 160	do.	do.	1600
Ditto Red		2 at 200	℔	do.	200
Bd Quilts		74 at 40	℔	do.	2960
Romalls		3 at 160	do.	℔ do.	480
Ditto		43 at 200	do.	℔ do.	8600
Bethelas		2 at 200	do.	℔ do.	400
Ditto		5 at 100	do.	℔ do.	500
Red Dungrus Parcel		1 12			12
Red Leathers		1			201
		Bales 806			

To Mr. Hamilton ½ by him removed to

		Piece Piece
Nillapillies		
Long Cloth		
12 Pungums		
White		
Full Washd	3083	
Half do.	259	
Quarter do.	280	3677
Brown		
14 Pungums		4140 460
White		
Full Washd		
Half do	97	
Quarter do	100	
Brown	20	117
		717 858 "
16 Pungums		
White		
Full Washd		
Half do	283	
Brown	20	303

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20th	18 Pungems				8,913½
	White				
	Full washed	1291.			
	Half Do	120			
	Quarter Do	40	1451		
	Brown		893	2,344	
	22 Pungems				
	White				
	Full washed	1,006			
	Half do	20	1026		
	Brown		226	1,252	3,596
	Salempores				12,509½
	12 Pungems				
	White				
	Full washed	189			
	Half do	52	241		
	Brown		931	1,172	
	18 Pungems				
	White				
	Full washed	296			
	Half do	29	325		
	Brown		283	608	
	22 Pungems				
	White				
	Full washed	526			
	Half washed	80	606		
	Brown		842	1,448	
	Moorees full washed			3	3,231
	Chay Goods				
	Sals		107		
	Bettulas		72		
	Do half		452		
	Handkerchiefs 16 in a piece		85		
	Do 8 in a do		1,010		
	Red Dungrees of Flagg Staff Muslin		100		1,826
					17,566½

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Candies Pounds

(20) Sundry Articles

Clove Dust	60 Bags	22,400 1/2 @	46	32 1/2
do	2 Bags			
Mace do	15 do	4263 @	0	423
Dammer	1 do		"	94
Twine				150
Ropes	186 Pieces			307 1/2
Red Oker	7 Chests	1000 @	2	40
Arrack	140 Bottles			
Brandy	2 Ditto			

Batavia Liquors

	Bottles	
2 Cases	30	
Bottles	5	35

Muskets		143 Pieces
Brass Watchstand		2
Do Pots		1
Do Small Scales		2
Iron Scales		1
Measuring Rods		3
Buckets		2
Cash Chests		5
Large Chest		2
Rupee Chops		5
Dubl Do		2
Tom Toms		1
Bale Horses { Teak wood	36.	2
{ Sall wood	6	42 "
Scissors		1
Paper	Sheets	36
Standards for Scales		2
Benches		4
Queens for Corning do	Chest	1
Gunny	Piece	464
Do Double Safarus for Bale Top		433

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20 L.

Single Sasanas for Bale Bottoms Pcas	1.40
Sepoys	7.
Brass Masaul Pot	1
Locks with keys	2

Weights of different kinds

50	lb	22
25	do	5
15	do	2
10	do	2
5	do	4
1	do	2
3	do	3
2	do	2
1	do	4
½	do	2
		48

Measuring Panas	2
Large round Stone	1
Gold Makurs	9
almond	1
Ghurry	1
Sealing Wax	2 Pieces

Package for 18 Bales

Brown Wagur	18 Pieces
Wax Cloth with Cotton	18
do without do	5
White Wagur	18
Gunny double Sasaras for Bales Tops	18
do Single do for bottom	18
Bundles of Ropes	27
Gunny Pieces	25
Twine Pounds	6

Saggumaikpooram
19 August 1781

C C Mat. Yeall
Agent for Captors

2600 Fort St George, September 1781

2d

To Mr David Graham Military Storekeeper

Guns	12	Dr	Iron	8
	4	Do	do	1
	6	Do	do	13
	6	D	Brass	2
	1/2	De	do	1
				25
Mortars				4
Limbs Boxes				9
Shot	Round			2,277
	double headed			96
	Grape			143
Hand Granades			Chest	1
Espontoon				2
Halbats				7
Muskets				200
Swords brass hilts				230
Do Iron do				151
Do do old				7
Musquet Ball bags				1/2
Drums				7
Flints				1/2 Box
Pouches				154
Sward Scabbards				50
Bayonets				110
Swards Belts				50
Powder in Chests				3000 lb
Cables				3
Dray Ropes			Set	4
Anchors				5

Paddy 2342 1/2 Parras is 18 507 Gunr Cwt

Churries 2

Saggurnaikporam
19th August 1781

C E & Mathew Yates
Agent for the Captors

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Return of Military taken at Jaggernaickporam

A General Return of the Military in Jaggernaickporam, when it Surrendered to the Honble Companys Troops on the 14th of July 1781.

		Gun.s	Mat.s
Artillery		2	6
Total		2	6

		Serj.t	Corp.l	Drm.r	Fif.r	Private
Infantry	Europeans	4	3	1	1	9
	Topasses	"	1	"	"	30
	Mallayes	"	4	"	"	21
	Leapoys	"	"	"	"	24
Grand Total of Infantry		4	8	1	1	84

Jaggernaickporam
19th August 1781.

Arthur Lysaght
Capt Comm.d

A List of the Civil Servants of the Dutch East India Company at Jaggernaickporam August the 19th 1781

List of Civil Servant taken at Jaggernaickporam

William Blaauhamer	Chief
Geo.t Francis James De Ravallet	Second
John Obdam	Secy & Writer
Frederick Groanan	Writer
James Dormeus	do
Gabriel Van Reeem	do
Jacob Bloch	do
Jurriaan Claire	Acting Chaplain
John Peter Seelempt	Surgeon
Michael Thindt	Boatswain
Peter Thiodius	Superannuated Boatswain

Signed Arthur Lysaght
Capt Commandg

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20th

Fort St. George September 1781

To James Daniell Esqr

Sir

Copy of letter from Majr Dominicus Stavell, advis. of their taking two small Dutch Vessels, and requests they may keep possession of them —

Majr Dominicus Stavell having Obtained your permission a few days ago to proceed to Cottaycollam on privat business we arrived at that place the 6th in the Evening, and discovered Two Small Vessels hoisting Dutch Colours at anchor in the River near that place one a very small Snow, and the other a Doney we immediately boarded them and found from their Passports that they belonged to the Dutch Company, they were empty, and of Little value, the Syrangs making no resistance and knowing that war was Declared with the United provinces, we did not hesitate to take immediate possession of them —

Considering it my duty to lay before you this transaction I hope you will find in it may meet your approbation, and I flatter myself as the Vessels are but of very little value, and Scarce worth the consideration of Government, and as we effected the Capture at our own Risk, and without any public assistance that you will be pleased to exert your influence and Represent the Circumstance in such manner to the Right Honble the Governor that we may keep possession of them as lawful prizes —

Sam

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I am with the greatest Respect
Sir
Your most Obedient
and very humble
Servant
/signed/ Roger Darvall

Masulipatam
12th August 1781

A Copy of the General Orders of
the 16th May 1778, which speak in point to the
allowance which Capt. Lysaght requests
may be made to Lt James Mackay as Brigade
Major to be inclosed to the Gentlemen at
Masulipatam — the Vessels may be delivered
up to Mr Darvall and Lieut Domenicetty
as the Circumstances attending this —
transaction are of a particular nature but
from the peculiarity of the Case it must not
be quoted as a Precedent — With respect to
the accident which has happened to the
Goomahs at Masulipatam, it is to be hoped
the loss is but inconsiderable and that every
possible Precaution will in future be taken
to guard against a similar Misfortune —

Copy of the General orders respecting Lieut. Mackay to be sent to Masulipatnam

The two Vessels to be delivered up to Messrs. Domenicetty & Darvall

Every Precaution to be taken with Respect to the Goomahs in future

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

From Comdg Officer at Buddalore inclosing returns, & advising of a Party of Hyders Troops offering their Service, and of his employing them in defence of those Districts

My Lord & Gentlemen
I take this opportunity
to transmit to you, the monthly Returns of the
Troops

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20th Troops &c. of this Garrison — and to acquaint you that on the 5th instant six Subedars and their Companies of about fifty strong, and upwards came in here from Waldour and Noormaul with many of the principle Inhabitants who were confined and ordered by Hyder to be sent towards his own country the Subedars and their People, are all of the above districts — the Commandant a Mysorean and the Amuldar, a Bramin put in by Hyder were brought Prisoners as they offered their Services to take care of those districts, and to assistem all in their power. I have for the present appointed a man to act as Amuldar and have sent them back to see what they can do indeed I had not the means to support them here and I thought it the best Way to dispose of them, they brought with them eighteen hundred good Bullocks which were very acceptable and between four and five Barrels of Powder that remained after completing them for the present Service Some of the Inhabitants are gone with them the rest remain here with their Families all whom they likewise brought.

We are a good deal distressed for want of Cash here, and I am afraid shall shortly be so for Grain, as we have no Supplies from the Country, and our

Cattle

2613 Fort St. George, September 1781
20th little from Sea

I have the honor to remain with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Cuddalore
12th September 1781.

Your most Obedient &
Humble Servant
W Harper

This Day a letter was also received from the Chief and Council of Cuddalore enclosing their Minutes of Consultation and other Papers respecting a Dispute with Lieut. Col. Harper as entered in M.B. No. 203

From Cuddalore enclos. Minutes of Consultation and Paper, respecting a dispute with Lieut. Col. Harper

Wrote the following Letters

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Amidst the difficulties which involve this Settlement, it is some consolation to Us, that a member of your Board has had so late an opportunity of Judging on the Spot of the Evils which threaten to surround us, as well as of our Efforts to avert them, The Enemy beaten tho' not expelled continues by his Cavalry, to which we have not Cavalry to oppose, to lay waste the whole Country We are thus deprived of Provisions and

To Bengal representing our Distress for Money and Provisions, the state of the Treasury the consumption of Rice, and the supply necessary to be recd. before the end of the year - advising of Genl. Cootes intention to relieve Velore and take arcot &c our Inability to prosecute the War

Fort St. George, September 1781

War if the Army is 20th
unsuccessful in their
present Expedition

end of Revenue arising from any part of the Territories of this Presidency, except from the Circars the Expences of the Civil Establishment are about 18,000 Pagodas p month the Military Expences exclusive of the Detachment sent from Bengal, under Colonel Pearse Amount to about 200,000 Pagodas monthly. The Civil and Military Arrears exceed already 10 Lack Pagodas. To answer such demands there is now in the Treasury the sum of about 150,000 Pagodas with little expectation of getting any considerable Remittance from our Subordinates for several months that the Garrison is daily attacked or threatned and the army occupied in the field might have less occasion to murmur on Account of Arrears we have stopt all payment in the Civil Establishment for a year past which the proper in the Consideration we have mentioned has however thrown the Settlement into very poignant distress.

The Army having been entirely supplied with Provisions from hence and the consumption of this Settlement increased by the Fugitives from the Cruelties of Hyder, We now notwithstanding the great Importations of Grain from Bengal and the Circars have not 1000 Bags in Store there are about Eighteen thousand Bags in divers Vessels on the Road from the list

Your

2615 Fort St George, September 1781

20th you sent us of Ships said to be bound from Calcutta with Grain for the Account of Company or of Individual there remains Twenty thousand Bags of Rice to arrive yet sure but by a Calculation of the Consumption of that article restrainid as it has been by the high Price it bore and by regulations in the rent of it It is evident that nothing less than a supply of 150 thousand Bags will prevent before the End of the year a Famine sure of the approach of which there appear already some most affecting Symptoms Our Letter from the Circars tho they mention abundance of Grain declare also the impossibility of sending to us thro want of Tonnage. We have indeed taken up the few Ships that could be had here to bring us Provisions from thence but the whole inconsiderable comparatively to the prospect of our wants and it is from your Hands whose liberality in furnishing us Troops Money and Provisions we have so long and so much experienced that we must expect our chief Support

We must observe that we have had no assistance of any kind from the southern part of the Coast Many of the Ports are in possession of our Europeans or Indian Enemies which has greatly interrupted the Communication and the Injury by some

2616 Fort St George, September 1781

20th some of his Majesty's Squadron of Vessels laden with grain for the Markets of belonging to Black People residing under the Protection of the Dutch is thought to have deterrd many others in their Neighbourhood from venturing out with Supplies for us.

To the Continuance of these Evils we are not as yet able to foresee a termination. For tho the bravery and discipline of our Troops and the Ability and Experience of Sir Eyre Coote have been attended with repeated Victories yet such are the difficulties that obstruct his progress such in the Faculty the Enemy possess of overrunning and desolating the Country that the General entertains but little hope of enabling us to draw any supply of Food or Treasure from it He has not been able hitherto to penetrate far into the Country either to the Relief of our remote Garrisons, or to the attack of the principal ports held by Hyder as the whole Conduct of the War has been entrusted to him in consequence of a Resolution of the late administration here we have applied to him for a Communication of his Intention absolutely necessary to be known to us now tho hitherto we have contented Ourselves

either

Fort St George, September 1781

20th either with exerting our Authority in the manner he desired or transferring it to him for the purpose of forwarding his measures. He is now engaged in an Attempt to relieve the Garrison of Mellour and probably to attack Arcot of which the Event will no doubt determine his future Plans on which and on the necessity of our Situation the Resolutions of this Presidency will be founded If the Enemy should still continue his depredations in the Carnatic thereby depriving us in fact entirely of the Benefit of all we must with regard to all effectual Resource consider ourselves as immured within the Walls of Fort St George and were even the Enemy to withdraw from our Neighbourhood, so effectually have all traces of Cultivations disappeared, so destroyed are the Villages so ruined and dispersed are the Individuals who were employed in Tillage that the Inhabitants of the Towns can during part of next year as well as in the end of the present be by no other means preserved from Famine than by external Resources mostly from your Government —

We owe to the Situation in which you are placed respecting this Settlement We owe to the Exertions you have made to extricate it from its difficulties to lay before you its present State from which you may judge of the fatal Consequences which may attend the continuance of the war in the Carnatic If the

2610 Fort St George, September 1781

20th the Enemy shall not soon be driven from it by our Army or be otherwise induced to retreat from it that very Army by the vast load of Expence and additional consumption of Provisions it will necessarily occasion must hasten the Misery of the Settlement unless therefore our Troops shall in their present attempt succeed at least in securing Food and money for their own Subsistance we shall be compelled to divide them into Cantonments happy if we could derive the whole or part of them to some national object that might compensate for past Disappointment

We have the honor to be

Fort St George
20th September 1781

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Macartney
& Select Committee

To Captain Thomas Forrest

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant desiring permission to resign the Command of the Lively Brig the Right Hon'ble the President and Select Committee have been pleased to Comply with your Request and have appointed Captain William Macintosh to the Command of the Lively in your room you will therefore be pleased to deliver her over to him accordingly

I am

To Captain Forrest
of the Lively accepting
of his Resignation of
the Command of that
Vessel & desiring
him to deliver her
over to Mr Macintosh

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20th

Fort St. George, September 1781

I am

Fort St. George
20th September 1781

Sir

Your most Obedient
Servant

21st Recvd the following Letters.

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir Edward Hughes advising of the taking of Adriapatam of Mr Davidsons proceeding to Madras of his being uninformed of the Plan of operations of his intention to remain on the Coast till the end of the month or longer requesting he may be furnished with two Ships to supply the Fleet with Stores & with a Battalion of Sepoy and two field Piece to reduce Trincomale

Since I had the honor to address your Board last under date the 13th of this Month I thought it necessary to send the Superbe Longboat to Adriapatam to enquire what is doing there and am very happy to inform you that on the 17th Lieutenant Sampson with a Detachment from the Army under Colonel Nixon took possession of that place and opened a communication with the Vessel then this good News was brought me by the Longboat last night on which Mr Davidson came who proceeds to Madras on the Coventry and will have the honor to deliver these Letters

As this Gentleman is much better informed than I can be of the state and Condition of the Tanjore Country and of your Southern Army as well as the intentions of the Officer now in Command I beg leave to refer you to him on these Subject for my part neither Colonel Boothwaite here to fore

nor

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25th nor Colonel Nixon now has been candid enough to inform me at any time of their plan of operation at the Sequent opportunities have offerd for that purpose their orders pointed it out as a Duty and such information was essentially necessary to me whose operations with the Squadron cannot be solely confined to the reduction of Negapatam especially now at this late period of the Season

However that nothing on my part may be left untried to effect so great a consequence towards restoring the Companys Power and Influence on this Coast as well as Shutting out any Land Force of the Enimies that may arrive in the necessary absence of the Squadron under my Command I have determined to continue in my present Station to the last day of this Month at least and to enable me to do this and more if need be I have sent His Majestys Ship Coventry to Madras Road there to take a proportion of six weeks Provisions for the Ship now with me here if she will carry so much as the whole of the Provisions now on board with Barely Last 14th Days.

If at any time between this day and the end of the Month Colonel Nixon approaches Negapatam with intent to attack it I shall instantly join him with such a Force and furnish him such resources as will

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25th will go far to insure success I cannot say more at present as to the time I may continue with the Squadron here because if our operations against the place commence late or towards the end of this Month it may reasonably be supposed it will be well advanced in October before it falls but this You may depend on that I will risque every thing I ought in prudence to risque to effect so essential a Service.

Supposing then that Negapatam is to be attacked and the siege to commence about the 26th and 27th of this Month and that it is reduced about the 15th of October in this case it will not be proper that I shall risque the Squadron in Madras Road after that day and it will be absolutely necessary that the Provisions and essential Stores for the Service of the Squadron be sent to it at Trincomale by two of the Company's Ships one with the Provisions the other with the Stores and as this is a matter that must be put out of a doubt I desire to know your resolutions as to furnishing the two Ships that I may conduct myself accordingly.

Another matter necessary for your Consideration and my knowledge is a requisition I have to make that before the Squadron quits the Coast you will furnish a Detachment of Artillery Men with the necessary officers sufficient at least to two

Field

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2d Field Pieces Six Pounders and a Battalion of Seapoys completely officered with this Force the fall of Trincomale will not only be easy to the Squadron but it will be sufficient to Garrison the place so as to prevent its falling back into the hands of the Dutch on my leaving it early in January or our Enemies making any use of the Harbour to our detriment

On your answers to the two foregoing Paragraphs of my Letter depend my operations with the Squadron if you are pleased to grant the two Ships and the Detachment required I must consider the wants of the Squadron in a fair way to be relieved and its safety in a great degree provided for I shall then have but one Object to pursue and that is the attack of Negapatam and the Coventry which will return to me with all possible despatch will give you an opportunity of honoring me with your answer.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

Super.b off Negapatam
20.th September 1781

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

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21st

The Commitee taking into Consideration the subject of the foregoing Letter from Sir Edward Hughes and reflecting on the important good Consequence which may follow the taking of Negapatam think it the first object to which every other should be made subservient at this critical Season when so short a space of time still remains in which we can receive the assistance of his Majesty's Squadron — It is resolved therefore that the two Indiamen which are on the point of sailing for Bengal to bring Rice be detained for the purpose of transporting the necessary Provisions and Stores to the Squadron and that Sir Edward Hughes be informed that he may rely on their being ready at this Disposal at the shortest notice

The two Indiamen under sailing orders for Bengal to be detained to transport Stores & Provisions to the Squadron —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee

Gentlemen

From Mr Llewellyn requisting Permission to resign the Service & proceed to Bengal

(My prospects in this Country being of a very different nature from what I apprehended when induced to come out and being well assured that the ill state of my health will make it impossible for me to be of service to the Company or myself I take the liberty to address you requesting the resignation of my Commission may be accepted of and that I be permitted to proceed to Bengal on the first

in

2624 Fort St George, September 1781

21st in order that I may be enabled to return to England

I am

Gentlemen

September 21st 1781

Your most Obdt

Humble Servant

R Sewell

Agreed to

Agreed that Mr Sewellyn be permitted to resign the Service agreeably to his request —

Wrote the following Letter

To Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote K B.

and Commander in Chief of the Forces in

India

Sir

To Lt General Sir Eyre Coote Lamenting the Want of Bullocks and insufficiency of Coolies vesting him with Authority to remove and appt Civil Officers to supply the Camp — and inclosing Not. from the Treasurer —

Our President has laid before us your Letter to him of the 19th Inst. in default of the Public Despatch which you mention to have sent to this Board at the same time but which is not arrived. We heartily partake as we are indeed most deeply interested in the Disappointments which you met as the Bullocks which at your Junction with Colonel Pearse you received from him did not answer the Purpose of carrying on sufficient Provisions for the Army it remained with you as having been intrusted with the whole arrangement of the Army and

Conduct

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21st Conduct in this part of the Carnatic either to cease proceeding towards the expulsion of the Enemy and Relief of our Garrisons or to try the mode imperfect as it was of conveying Provisions by Coolies as the only method left for pursuing the advantages you had already gained Several Thousand Coolies were not without difficulty or management collected ranged every fifty under the Direction of a Leader and escorted by a few Sepoys they carried to Pondamalee Thousand Bags of Rice for the use of the Army They were regularly paid and fed in the Scarcity of Provisions This was a powerful motive for their continuance in this Service But as they advanced nearer to the Camp their Fears increasing It might have perhaps been necessary to have taken other Precautions and arrangements with them Every Leader of fifty probably required several Subassistants some what resembling non Commissioned Officers and over a proper Number of such Companies a Person of Superior Authority and Influence might have given them some what of the Stability and regularity of Regiments We conceived that the Resource of Coolies appearing the last within your Power or Ours was to be managed and directed with the utmost care and Caution

It

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21st It is unfortunate that no care or Caution has retained them and We have now only to wish that as you can find no means of carrying on Provisions for the Army it may force Subsistence for it self according as it proceeds.

The Failures which you mention to be conspicuous in Mr Dobbyns Department give us concern, in proportion as the public Service is affected by them, you are in possession of our express declaration vesting you with our Authority to remove all and every or any of the Person in any manner concerned in supplying the Camp, and to substitute Persons whom you found fit for the respective duties expected from them. We are also ready to be the immediate Actors in the Removal of Mr Dobbyn or any other Servant, on your Report of his Misconduct and recommendation at the same time of a proper Successor. the Service might indeed be likely to suffer by frequent changes which would probably happen while in dismissing one Civil officer we are uncertain of the Propriety of our Choice of another to succeed to him, and we therefore wait for your decision.

On our Presidents communicating at the Durbar, the Substance of your Letter relative to Said Cawn, he received an Answer of which we inclose a Copy. We are Sir

Fort St George.
21st September 1781

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Vacant) J. the
&c. &c. &c. the

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Fort St. George, September 1781

21st.

The Nabob Ameer ul Omrah Bahader present his Compliments to Lord Macartney, have received his Lordships message and understands the purport of Sir Eyre Coote's Letter relative to Sahib Cawn from Mr Staunton. The Nabob Ameer ul Omrah as well as his Highness the Nabob are quite astonished at the contents of Sir Eyre's Letter, as no such person as Sahib Cawn was ever sent to Trypasore by the Circar: even had he been sent by the Circar he could not have received directions to act in a manner so contrary to its Interests, they therefore request that Lord Macartney will be pleased to assure Sir Eyre Coote in case he finds any such person to punish him very severely. A letter will be sent by the Circar to Mahomed Hussein Cawn and the Amildar of Trypasore to the same effect

Note from the Ameer requesting Sahib Cawn at Trypasore may be punished —

Friday P. M.
21st. September 1781

22d

Came in the following Letters

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

Honble

I now transmit your Honors Duplicates of the Packet despatched the 15th. except there being no duplicate of the King of Travancore's

From Capt. Eddington advising of the King of Travancore supplying the Garrison of Tellicherry with Ammunition &c. & the State of the

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22d of Travencore Letter to the Government. the King has given us another instance of his Friendship by supplying the Garrison of Tellicherry with a Considerable quantity of Ammunition — my intelligence from Tutacorin mentions that they have about three hundred Europeans in all, that some were landed lately with two Companies of malays, three heavy Guns, and a mortar. these preparations Carry the appearance of their having designs this way. they have supplied Cutcha nague with Arms, who is marching about with two Guns and some thousand of his men

Military at Tutucorin and of Cutchanaique, being supplied with Arms by the Dutch

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your most respectful
and Obed.t Servant
James Cuberington

Palamcotah
25.th August 1781.

To My Lord

From Col Laing advising of the arrival of a supply of money and of his procuring plenty of Provision

I had the honor to address your Lordships the 26.th past. this day the Man that was missing came in and brought your Lordships letter of the 8.th past, the supply of money and the success of the Army (all which I have had from Sir Eyre Coote) has made a great change here in our favour, we have great plenty of grain coming in daily and mutton for the Officers which they have been strangers to for many Months had I but Men and Money I am convinced I could get a great quantity of provisions of all kinds the people round us are well inclined could we protect them

I have

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22d

Fort St George, September 1781

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships
most Obedt Servant

Ross Lang

Vellour,
1st Septr 1781

Duplicate

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

From Mr Ogilve advising the plenty of Provisions at Vellore on account of the Genl approach, of the receipt of a Supply of Money, and with Intelligence respecting the Enemy

I did myself the honor to write your Lordship the 26th by the same Conveyance I forwarded a duplicate of my letter of the 23d the 29th in the Morning I was honored with yours of the 16th which brought us the very agreeable intelligence of the Army's having marched to the relief of Vellour, the Sum of money you have ordered to be applied to discharge the arrears of the Garrison is very handsome, and as much as we could well expect at a time when the demands on the Treasury are so very great, your Lordship may rest assured the greatest attention shall be paid, to the disbursing of it, those who are ordered to join the Army shall be first paid off, as for Colonel Lang and myself we only want sufficient for our immediate expences I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship we begin already to feil the happy consequences of the Generals approach, by a most plentifull supply of all sorts of provisions and at a very moderate price, for these Two nights past we have had a great many Bullocks in

loaded

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22d loaded with Grain from the Northern hills, what they have not attempted there, thirteen months past, a sure sign there are few of the Enemies horse in the Valleys, Hyder has given orders to destroy all the small Forts in the neighbourhood of Arcot, we have intelligence from thence and from good Authority of his having evacuated the Fort of Coorypanke and destroyed the Parapits, from the same authority we hear of the greatest dissentions in his Army, and that he had sent Mahamed ally one of his principle Generals into Arcott in Irons.

This Morning early the Hircar, who I wrote your Lordship in my last was missing, arrived with the remainder of the 1000 Pagodas and your Letter of the 8th I have now received all you have sent and the hircars have the greatest merit considering the danger they have escaped, I beg leave to congratulate your Lordship on the Victory gained by the General on the 27 Ultimo, of which we received Accounts this morning by a letter from himself of the 29th in short our affairs begin to wear the most favourable aspect under your Lordships anspices, I hope this unfortunate Country will soon be restored to its former state of tranquiltity

I am my Lord with very great respect

Your Lordship
most Obed.t and
very humble Servant
Thos. Ogilve

Vellore
5th September 1781

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22d

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

From Mr Ogilvie advising of supplies of Provisions going to the Enemy

I did myself the honor to write your Lordship the 1st Instant which the Kircan was obliged to destroy. they returned to us two days ago after having been plundered by a party of the Enemy in Bumrouzpollum, they set out again this Evening under the escort of two Polygars who brought some of our Coolies from Tripassore a few days ago, accompanying is a Duplicate of my last – We have heard nothing of the Army since their return to Tripassore since then almost an entire stop has been put to our supplies of provisions from the neighbouring hills the Enemy's Horse waiting us very close about five Miles off & they fell in with three hundred Coolies bringing in grain and plundered every one of them large scores of provisions are daily passing with in sight of the Fort, but their Convoys are so very strong we dare not attempt to intercept them this forenoon 3,000 Bullocks loaded with Grain passed and are now encamped under the walls of Chellgerry a Fort about Six miles off. their body of Horse who escorted them are now returning up the Valley I suppose to meet another party For some Nights past, we have had very heavy rains and from the present appearance of the weather we have great reason to expect it will continue the river which passes Vellore and washes the Walls of Arcott, begins to fall a little tho by no means so much as to impede the Generals progress in the least, by the rains in September

there

2632 Fort St. George. September 1781

22d. There is generally a good deal of Water on it I have seen rain at this month unpassable for several days together. I hope in God that will not be the Case at least till the Generals is across. We have not heard from Arcot since I last did myself the honor to Write your Lordship

I am
My Lord with great
Respect
Your Lordships
most Obed. and very
humble Servant
Tho. Ogilvie

Vellore
12th September 1781.

My Lord

From Col. Lang advising of a Stop being put to his Supplies of Provisions on account of the Army's Return to Tripasore —

I had the honor to address your Lordship the 1st. which the people were forced to throw away and return, and I now send you a duplicate. The return of the Army to Tripasore has been a great draw back on us, as there has been a total stop to every thing coming in here on account of the number of Escorts going back and forward. There is this moment Rice sufficient for this Garrison for many months only five miles from us and we have not Troops to take it. This has been the case frequently of late.

I have the honor to be with all due respect
My Lord
Your Lordships
most Obed. humble
Servant
Rose Lang

Vellore
12th September 1781.

To The

2633 Port St. George. September 1781

22d

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

My Lord. Port St. George

From Commanding Officer at Pulicat, advising of the Arrival of 1000 Bullocks and of the Enemys Plunderers being about that Place

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that near one thousand very fine Bullocks arrived here last night, but they have been four days without Fodder. I have taken good care of them since they arrived but I am afraid they will suffer between this and Madras for the Enemys horse came here this Morning and are all about this Country burning and destroying all the small villages, there is about five or six hundred in sight from the Fort, and I am informed there is another body a little in the rear of those. They have consumed all the Straw within seven miles of this place. I had an hundred Coolies coming in with straw this morning, but the horse fell in with them and they were obliged to fly some of the poor wretches crawled into the Fort, wounded in a most Cruel manner. I shall be obliged to keep the Cattle here and feed them as well as I can, till an opportunity offers to send them. I am with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordships
most Obedient
Servant
Geo Smythe

Pulicat
20 September 1781

To

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

From Commanding Officer at Pulicat advising of his sending the Bullocks to Madras

My Lord,

I did myself the honor of writing to you yesterday and telling you of the Arrival of the Bullocks from Nellore and of a body of Horse being in this Neighbourhood burning and destroying the Villages round about, they went off yesterday afternoon to the westward to Join as I am informed fifteen hundred Horse, which are gone to Gonoropoody and the Country there about. Yesterday Evening I sent a Detachment to Munjiwakum which was at this time all in Flames but as there was several large Stocks of Straw in that town, I wanted to save some of them if possible and fortunate enough the Detachment got there time enough to save one Stack from being consumed. I also sent an hundred Coolies with the Detachment who all returned loaded with Straw. I shall keep the Bullocks to feed till four O'Clock when they shall set out for Madras with a strong Detachment to guard them.

I am with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordships
most Obedient and
very humble Servant
Geo: Smith

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Wrote the following Letters

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

Sir

We have been honored with the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant, which affords us the greatest satisfaction, by giving us a nearer Prospect than we have yet had of success against Negapatam, at the same time that it Conveys a most substantial Proof of the Zeal with which you second our Views and is true there remains but a short space of time for the Accomplishment of this Object which appearing to us the most immediately Important we have made every other Subservient to it — if we may judge from the Example of all the Dutch Forts, which have fallen to us, without making the smallest Resistance on the Terms of securing private Property, the same Conditions being granted in the present Instance might we are of opinion be the means of gaining Negapatan much more quickly and with less Trouble

Two of our Indiamen, which were on the point of sailing for Bengal, to bring us Rice have been detained for the purpose of transporting the necessary Provisions and Stores to the Squadron, and you may rely on their being

ready

To Sir Edw.d Hughes advising of two Indiamen, being detained to transport Stores to the Fleet, of orders being given for this being supplied with a Batt.n of Seapoys, of the Com.y Officer being ordered to Correspond with him requesting the Works of Negapatan may be destroyed, and 2 Sergeants to protect the Trade

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ready at your Disposal on the Shortest Notice

In regard to the second Point on which it is necessary you should have an explicit Answer, we beg leave to inform you that we shall by this opportunity give orders to the Commanding Officer of our Troops on the Tanjore Country, to furnish you with the Force you require, in order to ensure an easy Conquest of Trincamalee, and to enable you to leave a proper Garrison for its Protection. We have no doubt but this Force may in any Event be spared without much inconvenience — if Negapatam fall we trust it will give a very favorable Turn to our affairs, and we shall be able if necessary to replace the Troops you take from Colonel Nixon's Detachment — if we fail in the Attempt we may probably not have it in our power to keep the Field in which case a less Force than we now have to the Southward will be sufficient to protect our Garrisons. We explain to you the Grounds of our Reasoning, that you may be able to form a competent Judgment of our ability to furnish you with Troops, and We assure you that nothing shall be left undone by Us to remove the prejudice of Black Troops against imbarking on a Distant Service by whatever means it may be best effected.

We are much concerned to have that the Commandings Officer of our Troops should at any time have omitted to inform you

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you of his Plan of operations, the letters we send by this opportunety to Colonels Brathwaite and Nixon, direct them on no account whatever to Sail communicating to you their Ideas upon any Occasion, by which mians we are sensible you can alone be enabled to direct you assistance in its full Extent

It being expressly ordered from home that such of the Dutch Possessions as may fall into our hands be immediately destroyed, and as from the prospect we have before us of active Service on the Coast in the beginning of the year, both by Sea and land, we think it essentially necessary that no time should be lost in demolishing the Works of Negapatam, and are therefore to request you will furnish such articles as may be required on application to you for that purpose, and they shall be punctually replaced from our Store

We shall send a Quantity of Gun Powder by the Indiaman, judging it is the Article there may be most Occasion for.

The Season for the Importation of Grain at this place, being not far distant and as the Injury which might be done to our Trade from the Northward may prove an Inducement to Privateers to infest the Coast, We beg leave thus early to express our Hopes that you will be able to afford us the Protection of two of your Frigates in the Month of December next,

We

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We have the honor to be
Sir

Port St George.
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Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
Macartney
Va Select Committee

To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon or Officer
Commanding the Troops in the Field
in the Tanjore Country.

Sir

To Lt Col. Nixon
directing him to
furnish a Batt.n of
Sepoys to the Admiral,
advising of the Admiral
promise of assistance in
the reduction of
Negapatan, and
him to destroy the
Works of that Place,
and to correspond
with the admiral—

Yesterday we had the pleasure
of receiving a Letter from Sir Edward Hughes,
informing us that the Port of Negapatan had
been taken possession of by a Detachment from
the Troops under your Command stating to us
the exact Situation of the Fleet and the Condition
on which alone he will have it in his Power
to assist in the reduction of Negapatan. He
Observes that the Squadron is in want of Provision
and Stores from Madras which there is an
absolute Necessity of his being supplied with
before the setting in of the Monsoon and
that it will be impossible for him to remain
much longer in his present Station at this
advanced Season, unless we can furnish him
with two Ships to Convey those Articles to
him — He has further applied to us for a
Battalion of Sepoys, completely officered and
two 6 pr Field Pieces with the necessary
Complement

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22d Complement of Officers and men to attend them — This Force he intends shall assist in taking Possession of Trincamalee, by which means it will not only be an easy Conquest, but he will thereby be enabled to leave a sufficient Garrison for its Protection

Steady to the object of taking Negapatam, and considering it by far the most important we have determined to make every other subservient to it, and in consequence are come to the resolution of detaining two of our Indiamen to carry Stores Provisions &c. to the Admiral, we have further agreed to furnish him with Troops to go to Trincamalee, agreeably to his requisting — we therefore direct that you supply him with the Force he has applied for, and that you leave no means untried to remove the Prejudice of our Sepoys against embarking on a distant Service by whatever methods it may be best effected to this end we give you full latitude to enter into any Engagement you find expedient for the purpose

Having in this manner provided for the relief of the Squadron, the taking of Negapatam is the object to which Sir Edward Hughes will bend his whole attention, so long as he can safely remain on the Coast, and he promises on your approach against the Place with an Intent to attack it, to join you with so respectable a Force and furnish you with such Resources as will go far to ensure Success — with these assurances and under the fullest Conviction of your Activity and

Zeal

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22d Leal we entertain the most sanguine hopes shortly to hear of the fall of Negapatam — If we may judge from the Example of all the Dutch Forts which have been taken possession of without making the smallest Resistance, on the Terms of Securing private Property — the same Conditions being granted in the present Instance might we are of Opinion, be the means of gaining Negapatam, much more expeditiously and with less Trouble, which are weighty Considerations more especially as the Monsoon cannot be far distant

It being expressly ordered from home that such of the Dutch Possessions as may fall into our hands be immediately destroyed and as from the prospect we have before us of active Service on this Coast in the beginning of the year both by Sea and Land, we think it essentially necessary that no time should be lost in demolishing the Work of Negapatam which you are directed to set about the Moment it is in our Possession — we shall send a quantity of Gun Powder by the Indiaman judging it is the Article you may have the most Occasion for. Sir Edward Hughes will furnish you every Aid in his power, in the Execution of these Orders —

We are concerned to find that the Commanding Officer of our Troops in the Tanjore Country, should at any time have omitted to inform Sir Edward Hughes of his Plan of operations — we desire that in future

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22d future you make him fully acquainted with you Ideas upon every Occasion it is by such free Communication alone he can be enabled to direct his assistance in its utmost Extent

When first we addressed Colonel Brathwaite on the Subject of proceedings against Negapatam, under date 15th July our directions were merely Conditional lest they should clash with the Orders he might have received from Sir Eyre Coote, to whom the Conduct of the War had been entrusted but our Army being now so far distant from the Tanjore Country as to preclude the possibility of Cooperation with the Troops under your Command, we have necessarily taken the affair to the Southward under our more particular Direction.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
Servantes
Macartney
&a Select Committee

Port St George
22d September 1781

23d Received the following letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President and Governor &a Council at
Port St George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Mr Ram with an Account of his Proceedings at Trichinopoly, requests the balance of his Account, may be

I Mr Davidsons Departure for the Presidency from Tanjore affords me an Opportunity which has not before offered since my entering on my Employ, of sending up an

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6th paid to his Attorney at Madras, & inclosing an Acct of Receipt and Disbursement

23d Sending up an Account of Receipts and Disbursements at this Place, by which it will appear that I have been enabled to supply the Paymaster from my arrival the 23d of March, to the last day of August with Grain and money to the Amount of about Star Pagodas 20,000 — the Grain I received I have estimated at the same Rate at which it was delivered to the Seapoys &c. having acquainted the Persons from whom it was received that the Price must be settled by the Right Honble the Governor and Council, or that they should be paid in kind when the present war should be at an End.

With regard to the Prices at which the Grain was delivered to the Seapoys I can only say that it was delivered at those Prices at the earnest Request of the Commanding Officer Genl Colonel Stuart, who repeatedly declard to me that they would not take it at higher Prices — the Quantity delivered by the Manager as pay to the Servants and Troops (or Troupes) before my arrival was to bring the Seapoys to buy it at a low rate, and an Order given out by beat of Tom Tom was found of effect to restrain the Sale of it by these People even within the Fort much less in the adjacent Villages.

The Duties of Paddy from

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from the begining to the Seapoy of course prevented the Price from rising, where as had the Manager procured Money for their Payment at first, the Paddy given as Tonjus would have at last been consumed, and the Price might have been raised perhaps 50 P Cent and thus the Commanding Officer and myself repeatedly represented to Him but to no Purpose. The Paddy received from Ravalgu and Vencatachak who had Tunkas should regularly have been delivered to me by the Manager and my Receipt for it given to him, but as he either would or could not procure me their Paddy on these Terms, I was reduced to the necessity either of seizing the Paddy by force or giving Receipts for it in the Name of the Company the latter appearing to me for many reasons the most Legible Method. I gave Receipts in a Form which I thought would subject the Honble Company to the least Inconvenience as neither the Price of the Paddy or any time of Payment was stipulated. On the Division of the Paddy in the hands of Tunkadars I would willingly have recused a larger Part for the use of the Company's Troops, but the Necessities of the Nabobs Troops whom I had orders to consider, made me at length consent to the Managers taking half for their Use. The Contest which I had on this Subject with the Manager are well known to Mr De Souza, who was so obliging whilst he staid here as generally

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23d generally to interpret for me
with respect to the
Mortgaging of the Model of Seringham Pagoda
in which I may perhaps be thought to have
exceeded my Instructions, I hope the very
critical Situation of the Fort at that time
will be considered the Enemy Encamped with
having cut off near a fourth Part of the
Garrison, and daily threatening an Assault
Strong apprehensions of Treachery soon
within, countenanced by the Fire which burst
out with violence amidst the Wood laid
up in Store, between the Magazine on the
Rock in a Place almost inaccessible the
Commanding Officer confined to his bed by a
dangerous Sickness, the Seapoys depressed
with their late loss and murmuring at
being kept continually under Arms, whilst
two Months in Arrears I indeed expected
that when the Manager saw the Packages
conveyed to my house, he would have been
induced to send Money to prevent at any rate
the Opening of them but in this I was mis-
taken and equally disappointed in finding
the Quantity of Silver about it so much
less than had been given out The Manager
was however perfectly acquainted with the
value of it, for he had before told Colonel
Nixon that the Silver did not exceed 10,000
Rupees Weight

The Paddy which has been

delivered

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delivered to the Coolies employed on the Works, which I have Charged to the Cercar, was in consequence of Representations to me by the Commanding Officer, that the Repairs carrying on were absolutely necessary for the safety of the Place for some time threatened with a Siege - that unless I undertook, the Coolies Should be regularly paid it would be impossible to carry on these Works with any Expedition, the Number of Coolies I from time to time prevailled on the Colonel, to lessen as the Danger appeared less, and at last got him to reduce them to 500, they were at first paid in Paddy half New half old, but now all in Paddy at least Seven years old, which would not be touched by the Seapoys, In Consequence of this a good Glacis has been carried entirely round the Fort, the Ditch Deepened and filled with water, to the height of a Man, where it was before quite dry - some Rocks which afforded cover to an Enemy removed, and the Rampart on the Madura Face lined with an excellent Revetement. — The Paddy redelivered to the Manager for the Nabobs Troops, was in return for a Quantity of Old Paddy with which he furnished me for the Coolies and as he made the good paddy go much further in payment of the Nabobs Troops than I could of the Companys this was of Course an advantage to the Service in general at the

same

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23d same time, that it kept from mutinying the Nabobs Artillery under Major Galway, a Corps we stood in the utmost need of in case of an Attempt from the Emeny — Having had occasion to borrow Pag.s 500 to make up a sum for the Payment of the Troops, till the Manager could supply it I have charged the Interest (Pag.s 2 27 40) for the Circar —

Having as I hope obviated such parts of the Account, as I thought might Occasion any difficulties, I have to acquaint the Right Honble President and Council that the Troops in the Garrison have been paid up to the Month of July, Col. Nixon and myself knowing of no other Resource, yesterday pressed the Reddy Zemendar of Terrior to to supply Us with Pag.s 4,000 which would about pay off the Arrears of June, and all July. He appeared very willing to assist Us, and if the Money can be raised in the Place, well I believe procure it, I expect from his Endeavours at best 3,000 P. Nd within this Week, not having yet received from the Nabob a Confirmation of the Cowle granted him he is uncertain whether his Country will be taken under the Management of the Circar as a Sundayam, agreeable to the Cowle or whether continued under his own Management as before. This uncertainty makes it the more difficult for him to raise the Money — I have however assured him that if his Country be taken as a Sundayam, the Money he is now procuring for the Company shall be paid him out of the

Revenues

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+ 23d Revenues over and above the 30,000 Rupees stipulated in that Case for his Expences, or that if his Country should Continue under his own management it shall be deducted out of his Tribute — I hold the honor to acquaint the Governor some time ago with his having driven the Enemy entirely out of his Country & out of his Competelor — His Troops have since with the assistance of one Company of our Seapoys entered the Enemies Country on the North of the Colleroon and taken a Fort or two — The Manager with a great deal of difficulty at length fitted out a Detachment under Major Galiu which marched from hence into the Enemies Country towards Carrour they have taken Conditallum & Pordu Cottah the last Place within seven Miles of Carrour with very little loss. but are not I am afraid sufficiently strong to attempt Carrour — Ballavantarow the Commander in that Country, has not dared to face them in the Field. the Renter went with them to forward the Cultivation of the Country, as it was cleard of the Enemy & to collect what grain might be found there — as their People are not to be trusted, out of sight I sent Mr Andrews to look after them but Hitherto it seems they have found no Quantity more than sufficient to afford the Captors a Short supply all the Grain & Valuables having been removed into Carrour But the Effect of this Expedition by enabling the Inhabitants to begin their Cultivation, will be of the almost Service — Col Brathwaite having been Wounded before Pidda Cottah in the Tanjore Country, Col Nixon set out last night to take the Command of the Army there, leaving Capt Patterson Commanding officer in this Fort. — As the Enemy have it is said evacuated Padda Cottah the Communication betwen this & Madras will I hope be opened — In Your letters which I had the honor to address the President I have taken the liberty to mention what additions to my authority here, I thought might contribute more effectually to answer the purposes of which I was sent — If this can be procured from the Nabob, I hope in the use I may make of it to merit the approbation of the Right Honble the Gov.r & Council

The Year of Phasely 1189 having concluded the 15 of July last the manager should have shewn me the Amount of the Revenue of that Year, but this he declares is not yet finished he promises however to produce it in a day or two. the Accounts which he has before shewn me, are by his own confession very imperfect. the Collection of Pumpy begins in this month but I am afraid not a sufficiency can be Collected for our Expences. no Grain can be expected till November and unless Money can be raised from the Tanjore Country or that we should have a Sufficient addition to our Force here, to enable us to take Carrour, in which it is confidently reported is a considerable Quantity of Grain, I am utterly at a loss how the Seapoys can be paid

+ Rand for this month — As I could not find Cowries enough for the Service for any Length of time I was obliged to take out of the Treasury 2 Lacks of Pagodas which I have sent to Trinomalee, to be coined into Rupees as the Country Rupees will not do for the Seapoys

I have &c

Tho.s Pearse

Fort St George,
1 Octr 1781

The Honble

Dr

			Grain Cutt^{a}	Grain Mt^{a}	Grain Mt^{a}	Cash Pag^{s}	F
1791		To the Circar					
		For Paddy delivered by the Tahsildar manager					
March	31	of the Growth of the year of Phasaly 1190	4,406	4	3		
April	3	Ditto Do	19,097	4	½		
	30	Ditto Do	2,259	3	½		
		Ditto being the Excess found in					
		measuring the above Do	1,656	4	½		
Aug^{t}	31	Ditto of the Year Do	1,26	10	2	2862	22½
June	10	Ditto of the year 1189	10,500	"	"		
Aug^{t}	31	Ditto Do	7	2	3½	10509	2 3½
April	21	Old Paddy	5019	4	3		
	31	Ditto	1000	"	"	6,019	4 3.
July	31	Callum Paddy	176	2	2		
Aug^{t}	31	Ditto	4164	2	"	2909	4 2
						18924	2.3.
		To Ravulgee					
April	23	For Paddy delivered by him of the year of Phasaly 1190	5000	"	"		
June	20	Do Do	10000	"	"		
July	5	Do Do	10000			25000	
		To Vencatasha					
June	10	For Paddy delivered by him of the year of Phasaly 1190				4000	"
		To Profit & Loss					
June	30	For Excess found in measuring Paddy of the year of Phasaly 1190				582	3.
					Total Cutt^{a}	77102	5 2

Paddy Cuttums 77,122. 5. 2. valuated at the Prices at Pag^{s} F. 6
which it was sold or Disbursed Viz^{t}

Sold	24	5	at 8 G. P. Cuttums			7. 10. 30.
	36	2	2. at 4 Do			9. 16 40
Disbursed	29256	7	1½ at 9 Do			4752 4.
	1501	1	1½ at 8 Do			446 32 10
	3734	3	3 at 7½ Do			106. 6 70
	12694	6	2. at 6 Do			363. 24. 70
	27025	10	2½ at 6 Do			435 9 10. 50
Callum Paddy delivered to Cholus	1946	5	at 9 Do			648 11.
Ditto delivered to the Company Sepoys	962	11	2. at 5 Do			84 24
			Cutt^{a} 77102. 5. 2			2649. 27. 30

To the Circar

For Cash Paid by the Tahsildar Manager Viz^{t} Pag^{s}

May	31	Cash Borrowed to be paid out of the Amount Sales	300			277. 11 32
		of Paddy sold by the Manager to the Inhabitant				16 26 70
		Ditto being the Amount Paddy sold by the Weaver				3000 "
June	27	Ditto Model of Seringham Mortgaged for	500			454. 22. 72
July	17	Ditto received from the Treasury	1500			1363 24 56
	24	Ditto Do	3			2 27 40
		Ditto Do	1000			909 3 64
	31	Ditto				
		Ditto for 1 Dozen Silver handle knifes and Forks				
		found with the Model of Seringham Sold for				31 37 70
Aug^{t}	16	Ditto from the Treasury	500			454 22 72 8960 11 76
		To Rawlgee				
Aug^{t}	10	For Money lent by him	1000			909 3 64

Pagodas 31519. 1. 10

			Grain Cult.d M.ll	Grain Cult.d M.ll	Cash Pag.s F. C.	Cash L. Pag.s F. C.	Cash L. Pag.s
1781		By the Paymaster					
		For Paddy delivered for the use of his Employ					
April	30	at 7 Gold fan.s ℔ Cullums	10129. 9. 2		2532. 24.		
May	31	at 7. do	2564 9.		641. 10. 40		
June	30	at 6 do	8777. 8		4065. 17.		
July	31	at 6 do	8740. 2. 2½		2458. 20. 50		
		at 7¼ do	2298 5 1		656. 35. 36		
Aug.t	31	at 7¼ do	1200. 10. 2		360. 13. 40.		
		at 5 do Callum Paddy	621. 7. 1.		119. 28.		
			Paddy Cul.d 42949. 4 ½		L. Pagodas 16442. 23.		
		For Cash Paid for the use of his Employ					
May	31	P. N.o P. 3000 Exchange at 10 ½ Cent			2727. 11. 32		
June	14				3000.		
July	7	Ditto 500		Do	454. 22. 72		
	17	Ditto 1000		Do	909. 3. 64.		
	31	Ditto 1,500		Do	1363. 26. 56		
Aug.t	10	Ditto 1000		Do	909. 3. 64.		
	16	Ditto 500		Do	454. 22. 72		
						9810. 7. 40	
					L. Pag.s	29260. 30. 40	
		By the Receivers					
From April to Aug.t		For Paddy delivered in part of his Expences	17654 3.		443. 10. 30		
		For Cash paid do do			48. 22. 60.	491. 33. 10	
		Total delivered for the use of the Comp.y	44694. 8. ½			L. Pagodas	29752. 13.
		By the Circar					
May	31	For Paddy delivered to the manager to be sold to the Inhabitants.	7000.			2333. 18.	
From April 10 to Aug.t 31		For Paddy delivered to the Coolies Employed on the Fortifications					
		at 9 Gold fan.s ℔ Cul.t	17069. 9. 2.			5689. 39.	
		at 8 Do	315. 1. 2			389. 22.	
			18384. 10.				
From April to July		For Paddy Cut to the Manager for the Nabob Troops at the rate of 9 Gold f.s ℔ Cul.t Viz.t					
		Seapoys	4708. 2. 3				
		Artillery	1800.				
		Sweepers	450. 6.	6958. 8. 3		2319. 30.	
		For Cash paid Rawlyn Intent on 500 P.s P. for 10 day P. N.o 3.				2. 24. 10	
		Total delivered for the use of the Circar	32343. 6. 3.		estimated at L. Pagodas	10735. 10. 40	
			Total Paddy Cul.d 77038. 32 ½		Total L. Pagodas	31487. 32. 10	
		By Ballance remaining on hand Viz.t					
Aug.t	31	Old Paddy @ 9 G. f.s ℔	29.		9. 36.		
		Callum Paddy @ 5 do	115. 1 3.		21. 17.		
			144. 1 3/			31. 11.	
			Paddy Cul.d 77182 5/ 2.				
Trichinopoly 31 Aug.t 1781		E. E. by G. Ram				L. Pagodas 31519. 1. 10.	
					Renter of the Province in the Trichinopoly Country		

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To Charles Ironman Esqr Secretary

Sir

From Mr Ram
request a mistake
in his Account
may be rectified

This is to request you will rectify a mistake
Which I made through Inadvertence in the Letter
which I had the Honor to address to the Right Honble
the President and Council dated 6th of September 1781
Wherein I have said that the Troops in this Garrison
had been paid up to the Month of August and
again that 4,000 Pagl which I had asked from the
Reddy Limindar of Tanjore would about pay off the
Arrears of July and all August

Thus Sir you will be so good as
to acquaint them should have been, that the Troops
in the Garrison had been paid up to July, and that
the 4,000 Pagl would about pay of the Arrears of
June
and all July You may also Sir acquaint them
that I am now receiving 3,000 P.C.P but whether
I shall be able to obtain any more during the Course
of this Month is uncertain

It may likewise be proper to
Mention that having genrally received Money in
Porto Novo Pagodas, in the Account which I render to the
Right Honble President and Council, and Exchange is
invariably reckoned at 10 p Cent between them and
Star Pagodas, but it is possible the Paymaster may
have brought them to Account at different Rates of
Exchange

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
G. Ram

Prechenopoly
6th September 1781

My Dear Lord

From Genl Sir
Eyre Coote, abt
of the desertion of
the Coolies & carry
Grain, represents

The public Letter which goes by this
dispatch, will shew your Lordship the Service &
Disappointment which I now experience in the
Passage for Provisions, the Desertion of the Coolies

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his distrestressed Situation for want of Carriage for Provision, the ill Conduct of the Nabobs manager at Tripassore, the Sickness of the Troops and badness of the Roads, advis. of his Intention to march to Tripassore and enclosing Letter from Col. Lang,

is what I always expected, but seeing I was so positively assured that such measures had been taken as would insure their Stay, I was willing rather than any thing Should be imputed to me at so critical a period, to make the Trial but I can find no excuse in my own mind for the failures which are so glaringly conspicuous in Mr Dobbyns Depatment that, and the Desertion of the Coolies, prevented me moving yesterday, which was my firm determination, and Mr Kenworthy has just reported to me that notwithstanding he had in Consequent of my Orders to the Commissary of Stores, been assisted by him with Seven hundred Carriage Bullocks he would Still be obliged to leave five hundred bags of Rice on the Ground, for want of means to carry them, and that with all these Exertions he would not then convey Eight days Rice for the fighting Man to Tripasore, beyond which he will not be able to carry five as the Commissary of Stores will require all his own Bullocks from hence, for the Services of his own Department. Your Lordship already knows that the followers of the Army, are all of them loaded with their fourteen or fifteen days Rice, so that they are made no Account of in the quantity carried by the Agent, and hope it will be allowed that those dependent on the Army, have done their part towards facilitating the Service.

It is necessary that I should inform your Lordship, of a representation which has just been Made to me, by the only Polygar who of all those inhabiting the Pollems near to

Tripassore

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23d Trepasore has brought us in any Grain for the use of that Garrison. Viz.t that a man of the Nabobs by Name Saib Chan now Acting in the Pollams, had sent People who intercepted and carried from some grain he was bringing into Trepasore, which they persisted in doing notwithstanding they were told in the most positive manner, that it was going to Trepasore, and that he had assembled all the Polygars who had refused any attention to the Letters I wrote when before at Trepasore, and had countenanced them in reports to his prejudice, that he had reason to fear their future Resentment I have further learnt from the same man and by a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Trepasore, that the Son of the Calisthy Rajah had a Meeting with Saib Cawn, but of what import is not known, However as it is from the Countries of Bomraize and Calisthy that the Army stands any chance of being assisted with Provisions, I think the least I can expect is to be informed who this Saheb Chan is, what are the Nature of his orders, and to what End he is now Maintaining an Intercourse with the Polygars, and whether the Service is to derive any benefit there from or not, Because if such a Secret Correspondence is to be supported at the Expence of and in opposition to my honest Endeavors in the public Cause, I had better give up the burthensome Task and spare our Arms from the Shame and disgrace, and our Interests from the total Ruin, in which they

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23d they may be involved by these Hidden and double Transactions in the Nabobs Government.

I found the Army very sickly when I arrived, and the Roads very bad there having been a great deal more Rain here than at Madras — I have sent Numbers of Sick into Poonamalee to be sent on to the Presidency, as soon as may be convenient and it can be done with Safety.

I have given Orders for Marching and intend going as far as Trepasore, but whether under the disappointments above described, I shall be able to carry the Army further I know not. I inclose for your Lordships perusal a Letter I have just received from Colonel Lang. The Vancatogury Rajah has not joined me, neither has my Dubash nor any Man belonging to the Nabob.

I am with Regard & Esteem
Your Lordships
most Obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Camp near
Velour
19th Sept. 1781

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

My Lord

From Mr. Dent with Intelligence from the Tanjore Country —

Two Hircarrahs having this instant come in from Tanjore, with a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite to Sir Eyre Coote, I now send them on a Canoe to Madras. They report they left Tanjore the 13th Instant when our Troops had taken Shiriganah Pagoda, in which

was

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23d was 6,000 Colums of Rice, 3,000 Calums of Grain, about 20 Horses, and 160 prisoners, amongst which was Cootie Rajah, who was sent to Tanjore, "that the Trivalour Amuldar was also taken "together with 1,000 Pagodas of Revenue, which he "had collected and agreed to pay a further sum of 3,000 — "that Colonel Brathwaite from the Wound he received before Pottacotah was obliged to return to Tanjore, and the Troops under the Command of Colonel's Nixon and Burroughs, proceeded to Madaiapatam which they took, and from thence penetrated to Shaw Cotah, "that in the Road they heard a few Guns but cannot tell whether the Place was taken these & Hercarrahs further they say took the Route of Arriambaucum near Permacoil, where they heard that 2,000 of the Enemys Cavalry were plundering and that they were pursued for about 2 Miles by 15 Horse but escaped by mixing with a Crowd of People who fled from them.

Every thing is at present in a State of Tranquility hereabout.

I have the honor to remains with Respect

I My Lord

Your Lordship most Obedient Hble Servant

E. B. Dent

Cuddadore
20th Septr 1781

Despached the following Letters.

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

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23d Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal advs. of Permission being granted to Capt. Forrest of the Lively, to proceed thither, & recommending him to the Notice of that Government

Capt. M.Intosh being appd to the command of that Vessel, which will proceed thither on the arrival of the Swallow

A Letter has been lately addressed to us by Captain Thomas Forrest, of the Company's Brig the Lively, inclosing a Certificate of his being appointed by the Court of Directors to succeed to the first vacant Command in Bengal, in consequence of which he applied for Leave to quit the Command of the Lively; and we have accordingly complied with his Request, In Justice to Captain Forrest we beg leave to observe to you, that his Conduct in the many Services he has been employed on, has on every Respect given us the greatest Satisfaction

This added to the mention made of him by the Court of Directors, as a very fit Person to be employed on the intended Expedition to Mindanao, will We trust recommend him to your Protection and Indulgence

Could we possibly have spared the Lively we should have taken this opportunity to send her on to you, agreeably to her Original Destination, but her Services being particularly required we appointed Mr. William Macintosh to the Command, and dispatched her immediately afterwards to Sir Edward Hughes, it is our Intention to send Her to you the Moment the Swallow arrives

We have the honor to be

Port St George
23d September 1781

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Macartney
Pr Select Committee

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To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

To Col. Brathwaite
desiring to commu-
nicate his Plan
of operations to
the admirals

Having on all Occasions recommended to you the most free Communication with Sir Edward Hughes, of your Sentiments on the State of affairs in the Tanjore Country, and the Consequent Plan of operations you had formed, it is with Concern we observed by a Letter received from Him, that he has not been kept so constantly advised on this Subject as we could have wished, we are therefore to repeat to you our Injunctions, to keep up with him an unreserved Intercourse, so that by being made fully acquainted with your Views and Intentions, he may be able to cooperate the more effectually for the advancement of the General Interest — We are Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants
Macartney
&a Select Committee

Fort St George
23.d Sept.r 1781

24th Received the following Letters

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Ensign Stockwell,
claiming his Share
of the Prize Money
of a Dutch Snow
taken at Cuddalore

I beg leave to inform you that I was in July last during Duty at Cuddalore, under the Command of Lieutenant Mayne, that on Captain Lyoght the Commanding Officer of this District Ordering him with a Greatest part of his Detachment &c to proceed against Sugnad-

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24th Sugnadporeume, On Lieutenant Maynes going away He Ordered me to Remain here, and to take Charge of those left to Defend and Protect the Place, In his absence William Hamellton Esqr Resident of Ingueram took upon himself to Commence Hostilities without any Authority, and Seized a Dutch Vessel that lay under my Guns, and within Call of my Guards

My Lord and Gentlemen as I flatter myself that I am entitled to Prize money I hope you will be so good as to take my Claim to a Moiety of the said Vessel and her Lading into your Consideration.

I have the honor to Remain with the utmost Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and very faithful Humble Servant

Chas Stockwell
Ensign 5th Bengal Battn
of Seapoys

Ellore
19th Sept 1781

William Hamellton Esqr
Resident of Ingueram

Sir

From Ensign Stockwell to Mr Hamellton claiming a Share of the Prize Money of a Dutch Snow taken at Corringa,

On Lieutenant Mayne being ordered to proceed from Corringa, agreeable to the Commanding officer of the Districts Orders against Sagana dporam, He left me with a part of the Detachment there, in Order to Defend and Protect the Place in his absence, you then took upon yourself to Seize a Dutch Vessel, that lay in the River of Corringa

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24th. Corringa, without having any Authority for Commencing Hostilities, which Vessel lay under my Guns and within Call of my Guards. On Board of which you had sent the Captain a Number of Bales a few days before and Suzid again with the Vessel, I now beg leave to inform you Sir, as Commanding Officer of Corringa at that time that I look upon myself and the said the Seapoys &a. then there intitled to a Moiety of the said Vessel, and Bales if you coincide in opinion with me let me know by the Return of the Sappy Sherman I Request you will Transmit immediately this Letter or a Coppy thereof to the Right Honble the President and Council &c. of Fort St George, who will be so Considerate as to adjust this affair. —

I am Sir

Your most Obd.

Humble Servant

Chas Stockwell

Ensign 5th Circar

Batt. of Seapoys

Ellore

28th August 1781

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &a Select Committee

From the Committee of Stores inclosing Proceedings of the Ld. annual Indent of Stores for 1783.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith We have the honor to lay before you our Proceedings of the 18th Instant, together with the Annual Indent of Ordnance and Military Stores for the year 1783.

We are

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obd. Hble Servants

S. James

Geo Maule

B. Scott

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Fort St. George 18th September 1781

At a Committee of Stores Present

Colonel Edward James.
Major George Maule.
Bryan Sculthorp Esqrs.

Indent of Ordnance and Stores inclosed in the above Letter

The Annual Indent for Ordnance Artillery and Military Stores, for the Service of the Honble Company, on the Coast of the Chormandal, for the year 1783 being laid before the Committee, they proceed to examine it accordingly, and Agree to recommend to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, that they mention in the General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors, to pay particular attention to the following Articles Viz.t

Shot for French Guns
Pioners Tools
Mouled Cartridge Paper
Spirits of Wine

the Committee beg leave to observe that they had no opportunity of proving the powder for last year, on account of the Troubles and that the Powder for this Year is not all arrived, what is landed is not yet sufficiently dry for proving.

Edw.d James
Geo. Maule
B. Sculthorp

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22d. An Indent of Ordnance and Military Stores for the Service of the Honble Company on the Coast of Choromandal for the year 1783

Indent of Ordnance and Stores, enclosed in the above Letter

	Indented Remains for the year on Store 1783 at present	
Brass Guns		
18 pdr.	12	8
12 pdr.	20	7
6 pdr.	20	10
Brass Howitzers		
8 Inch	4	3
5 9/10 Inch	10	–
Iron Round Shot		
6 pdr.	30,000	22,160
4 pdr. French	10,000	140
2 pdr. French	5,000	1,510
Empty Shells		
8 Inch	2,000	9,305
5½ Inch	6,000	24,112
Hand Granades	6,000	6,676
Gun Powder in 60 Barrels with 6 Copper Hoops each Barrel	1,200	3,342
Fine not Battle for Mus. ammn Bar.	600	
Gin blocks with Brass Sheaves for	12	7
5 Inch Rope Suite	6	4
Hand Jacks	100	100
Powder Horns	500	17
Sponge Staves Ashen	200	273
Buff Slings for powder horns	20	24
Bunting Red pieces	90	8
White do.	60	30
Blue do.	4	9
Engines for drawing Fuze Large	5	7
do. do. do small	120	30
Flannel pieces	200	
White Thin Serge do.	1500	406
Tin plates	30	33
Tanned Hides	24	8
Copper Salt petre pans		

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			Indent for Remains the Year in Store 1703	at present
Iron Balls for Grape 1 pdr.	Ct		30	8½
12 oz.	do		130	"
8 oz.	do		250	39
6 oz.	do		460	"
4 oz.	do		300	"
2 oz.	do		60	3
1 oz.	do		15	66
Pincers for Tubes small	pairs		150	12
Lamp Black	lbs		7	1
Steel Yards with brass			6	1
Spades			1,000	194
Shovels			600	555
Hand Hatchets			1,500	60
Board Axes			100	3
Felling do			250	33
Mortars Tools	Sets		2	"
Europe Musquet Cartridge paper	Reams		2,000	39
do Cap. Paper	do		100	144
Gun searchers from 32 pdr to a 6 pdr			40	3
Gun scrapers from do do do			100	-
Brass Quadrants with spirit Level			7	7
Common do			6	7
General Williams Instruments			6	6
Powder sieves Brass Wire double to Horse Line			40	56
Single do do Coarse			20	75
do do do Fine			30	19
Hair Dusters			140	23
Ladles melting			6	7
do dipping			12	7
Vices standing			10	24
Bench			40	1
Hand			80	6
Screw plates with Taps			130	8
Files of Sorts from 8 to 14 Inch for Armourers dozens			120	10
Rasps Flat	do		6	1/2
Half round	do		6	-
Cutting Knives for Tinzes			100	2
Small Anvils for Field not to exceed one Ct			10	-
Spirits of Wine	Gallons		100	2
Turkey Oil Stones			6	6
Blue nag stones			6	6
Musquets with spring Bayonets and Buff Slings the Locks of the same dimensions as those we received in 1771			30.000	22,642

Carbines

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	Indented Return for the year 1783	in Store at present
Carbines with spring Bayonets slings and Loops agreable to the muster sent to Europe 1776.	2000.	1,706
Carbines with spring Bayonets and buff Slings	3,000	"
Carbines with Ribbs for Cavalry	1,000	6,666
Pistols with Ribs	4,000	2,128
Spare Bayonets of the same Dimensions as those sent with the Arms this Season	3,000	2,536
Steel Basket Swords for Cavalry the blades to be wrapped in Oil Cloth	3,000.	3,041
Brass Swords for Serjeants	400	7
Halberds	50	162
Coperdoons	300	65
Ammunition pouches with Buff Slings to Contain 24 Rounds	20,000	6,547
Ammunition pouches with Buff Slings brass Boxes for the Match, and a Brass Grenade on the Flap to contain 24 Rounds for European Granadiers	200	394
Single Cartridge pouches with the Honble Company Arms in Brass on the Flaps, with buff Slings without the small powder Horns, for the Artillery	1,500	"
Europe single Cartridge pouches with Buff Slings	2,000.	671
Double Carbine Cartridge Boxes to contain 10 Rounds	5,000.	1131.
Buff shoulder Belts with Brass rings and Hooks for the Artillery	1,500	"
Buff Bandiliers with swivils	3,000.	1,270
do Musquet Slings	3,500.	"

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		Indent for the Year 1783	Remain in Stores at present
Buff Shoulder Belts		30,000	5,577
do Sword Belts		1,000	110
Oil Flints Musquet		300,000	
Black do do		1,000,000	87,021
do Carbine		30,000	71,124
Rough Stocks for Musquets		1500	"
Lock Work for Musquet Locks round with square Combs		3,000	"
Cocks with Flat Combs		1,000	"
Hammers for Spring Bayonets Musquets Locks		700	"
Tumblers for do		1,000	"
Tumbler Stocks with holes of different sizes pr		1	"
Brass Drums Compleat		400	"
Snare Drum Heads Batter		1,000	"
Snare		"	"
Cords		300	"
Hoops Batter		1,000	153
Lining		400	53
Flesh		300	129
Snares		500	310
Braces Buff	Setts	600	"
Canvas No 1 & 2	Bolts	1,000	40
White Ticking for Bill Tents	Yds	15,000	"
Ticklinburgh	do	15,000	"
Thin Copper	Cwt	15	"
very thin do for Tubes	do	6	"
Brass Sights with Cases Compleat		20	6

E. James
Geo. Maule
B. Scott Amey.

Agreed that the above Indent be forwarded as a Number in the Packet by the first Despatch

Private Secretary

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24th Dispatch to England.

Dispatched the following Letter to Lieut. Col. Nixon —

To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon
Commanding the Troops in the Field
in the Tanjore Country

Sir

To Lt. Col. Nixon or commanding Officer in the Tanjore Country, advis. of Capt. Sutcliffe & Lt Wickens being directed to join him, of Lt Jones proceeding to Tanjore, of 1 Serjeant and 8 Artillery men being sent to him. & a supply of Gun Powder to Tanjore —

It having been represented to us that the Southern Battalions, are very incomplete with European Officers, we shall endeavor by some future opportunity to send you a sufficient Number, to complete the proper Establishment, at present it is out of our Power — yet as we conceive the addition of an Engineer and Artillery Officer may be very acceptable to you on the present Service against Negapatam, we have directed Captain Lieut Sutcliffe and Lieutenant Wickens to join your Detachment without loss of time; and they now proceed for that purpose, as likewise Mr Andrew Stuart one of the Cadets of the Season to act as Ensign — Lieutenant Jones of the Artillery appointed to do Duty at Tanjore proceeds on this way — you will however detain him for the present should you have Occasion for his Services —

In our Letter of the 22d Instant we directed you, to furnish Sir Edward Hughes on his application with two 6 Pr. Field Piece with the Necessary Complement of Officers and Men, and in order to enable you the more easily to effect it we have sent you 1 Serjeant and 8 Artillery Men — a further Quantity of forty Barrels of Gun Powder, are now Dispatched for the use of Tanjore —

We are

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24th Sept. 1781.

We are Sir

Your most Obedt
Servant
G Macartney
&c. a Select Committee

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney Pr. &c.
Anthony Sadleir

Tuesday
the 25th }

Morgan Williams
Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote
absent in the Field
Major General Sir Hector
Munro indisposed.
Mr. Holland absent at
Hydrabad
Minutes of last Committee read and
approved. —
Read the following Letter from
Captain Edward Montague of the Bengal Artillery

Honble Lord & Macartney
Governor and Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt. Montague encloss. Copy of Letter to Sir Eyre Coote and requesting Permission to proceed to Bengal

Seven days ago I did myself the honor to address General Sir Eyre Coote for permission to proceed to Bengal but as the people who carried my Letters are not returned I am apprehensive they are taken by the Enemy — I therefore beg leave to lay a Copy of my Letter to the General before you — soliciting your permission / as an opportunity

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opportunity now offers / to embark

I have the honor to be

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23d September 1781.

Hon.ble Lord & Sirs

Your most Dutyd
Obedt Servant
Edw.d Montague

Lieut Gentlem.l Sir Eyre Coote
Commander in Chief

Sir

Copy of Letter to Sir Eyre Coote requesting permission to proceed to Bengal

The improbability of my being able to act with the Army the remainder of this season induces me to embrace this opportunity to make application to you for permission to proceed to Bengal for a Short time to settle some little matters where my presence will be of service you may be assured of my returning the first opportunity that may offer after the Monsoon time enough to march with the Army in January next

I have the honor to be

Fort St George
10th September 1781.

Sir

Your very Obedt
Humble Servant
Edw.d Montague
Capt Bengal Artillery

Agreed to

Agreed that Captain Montague be permitted to proceed to Bengal agreeably to his Request

Read the following Letter from Lieut Wiekins inclosing his Account with the Company

To

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To Thomas Oakes Esqr.

Secretary to the Honble the Selict Committee

Sir

From Lt Wickens enclosing his Acct for Disbursements at Sadras & requesting they may be discharged

Inclosed I have the honor to send you my Accounts with the Honble Company for the demolishing of their Fortification and Buildings at Sadras which I must request the favor of you to lay before the Right Honble the Governor and Selict Committee - by it you will perceive a balance remains due to me of /1791. 16. 2./ Seven hundred and ninety one Pagodas Sixteen Fanams & two Cash as the greatest part of this sum is procured upon my own credit for which I have demand now upon me and as I am about returning to my station at Carangoly must request the Honble the Committee will be pleased to honor me with an order for Payment as soon as possible —

I am Sir

Your most Obedint
Very Hble Servant
Jno Wickens

Fort St George
21st September 1781.

Ordered that the Amount of the Bills delivered in by Lieut Wickens be discharged

Ordered to be paid

Read the following Letter from Ensign Trapaud —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Ensign Trapaud request a Supply of intrenching Tools for Fort Marlbo

Major Hutchison commanding the Honble Company's Forces at Fort Marlbo having informed me that there are not intrenching Tools in

that

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that Settlement sufficient for carrying on the Works I take the Liberty to request your Lordship &c will be pleased to order 100 Mamooties 50 pick axes and 20 Spades or as many less than that quantity as can be spared, to be delivered to me for that purpose

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Fort St George

24th September 1701

humble Servant

Elisha Trapaud

To be supplied accordingly

Agreed that Mr Trapaud be supplied with the above Articles as far as they can be spared

Read the following Letter from Mr Thomas Palk Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney

President & Governor &c Council

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Palk requesting permission to come to the Presidency

Being desirous to embrace the present opportunity I request your permission to go to the Presidency for a short time and your Lordship &c may rest assured that no inconvenience shall arise to the service from the indulgence

I have the honor to with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very Obedient Humble Servant

Tho.s Palk

Paymaster

Trichinopoly

30th Aug.t 1701

Granted

Agreed that Permission be granted to Mr Palk to proceed to the Presidency

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Chief Engineer recommending Ensign Guthrie to be appointed to the Engineer Corps

Ensign Guthrie lately arrived from Europe being recommended to me as qualified to serve in the Engineer Corps from his knowledge of the Mathematics Drawing &c. and as he appears capable of rendering the Company Service in that line I beg leave to recommend him for a Commission as youngest Ensign of Engineers.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Geo. Maule
Chief Engr.

Fort St George
25th September 1781.

Ensign Guthrie appd. youngest Ensign in the Engineer Corps

Agreed in Consequence of the above Recommendation that Ensign Guthrie be appointed Youngest Ensign in the Engineer Corps.

Read the following Letter from John Holland Esqr. Resident at Hydrabad

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr. Holland advis. of his having delivered the President's Letter to the Nizam requesting the ordering of a defensive treaty may be explained to

I had on the 1st Instant the honor of your Letter of the 10th Ultimo inclosing one from his Lordship the President to the Nizam which I delivered to his Highness on the day following nothing passed during the conversation meriting particular

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to him and that same trouble raised by the Zemindar may be restrained at the requisition of the Nizam

particular attention excepting that his Highness still continued cursorily to throw out some of those observations which I have before had occasion to report and by which it appears that he considers his alliance of importance to us on account of our want of treasure Cavalry and Cattle — As I am in some doubt whether by the words defensive treaty occurring in the Extract of your letter to the Bengal Government enclosed to me under date the 1st Ultimo he intended a treaty to provide against future Invasion or for the immediate Junction of the Nizams Army with yours to repel the attack of Hyder Ally Cawn I find myself under the necessity of soliciting the favor of an explanatory line upon this Subject for in proportion as it is important to be embarrassing by the Letter which I had the honor to address to your Lordship &c under date the 30 Ultimo you will observe that I have considered a defensive treaty to signify a treaty intended to take a treaty effect in case of attack on the contracting parties at any future period such a treaty as it would imply that we have not at this Juncture occasion for his Highness assistance would I think be more in his favor than without handsome concession on his part he would have any right to expect. In the case of our being able without foreign aid to get so safely and honorably

get

Hon

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thro the contest we are now engaged in with the most formidable Power of the Decan We may I think look upon ourselves as secure against future attacks If we have occasion for his Highness's immediate assistance and the treaty to be formed is to be founded on this Principle the engaging to assist him on any future occasion is but an adequate price for his friendship the Range however such an alliance may take cannot be limited and stipulations regarding the divisions of conquest will be a necessary part of the treaty which in this case will be defensive on any other ground the Engaging to assist his Highness on future occasion appears to be more than he can be entitled to

As I expect the Negotiation will open on the arrival of the Poonah Minister the Honor of an early answer as it will enable me to take immediately a decided Line will be a very great Satisfaction

His Highness informed me at the meeting abovementioned that oppression one of the Zemindars of the Mustaphanagur Circar had been busy in assisting Aussa Rao Zemindar of Pandoocha a district in that Neighbourhood in raising troubles in the Villages in the Woody Part of the Country and he requested that I would represent the matter to you relying on your giving orders to restrain appo—thro's irregular proceedings Aussa Thro it seems was many years ago expelled

From

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From his Zemmendary by Hazel Beg Caun, but found shelter in some of the Company's Zemmendaries contiguous to his own the Death of Hazel Beg has now encouraged him to emerge from his Concealment and to attempt by ravaging the Villages to recover his possessions

I am My Lord & Gentlemen

with great respect

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Signd I. Holland

Hydrabad

4th Sept. 1701

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25h Dispatch'd the following Letters

To Mr John Turing
Resident at Ganjam

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 23d Ultimo informing us that the South East Face of the Flag Staff Bastion at Ganjam had sunk very considerably which had likewise greatly damaged the south west Face and East Flank at the said Bastion - we desire you will inform us to what Cause you think this accident is chiefly to be imputed — you say the whole may shortly be repaired when the Rains have subsided we desire however before you begin on this work that you will transmit to us an Estimate of the Expence that will attend it

We have perused with attention the Declaration of the Sgrang Tindal and Peons belonging to the Sloop under dutch Colours which was taken in the Roads of Ganjam and it appear from every Circumstance before us as well in the foregoing Declarations as by a Petition we have received from Masulipatam on the same Subject that the Sloop and Cargo are private Property and that the Dutch Pass was procured as a Security against French Pirates, we therefore

Direct

To Ganjam to shew from what Cause the South east Face of the Bastion had sunk to transmit an estimate of the Expence before repaired the Sloop taken to be restored to the Owner

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25th dered that the Vessel and Cargo be restored to
to the Owner —

We are

Fort St George
25th Sept 1781

Sir Your Most obedient servants
Macartney &
Select Committee

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To Mr James Henry Casamajor
Chief &c Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

To Vizagapatam
the Grain taken
at Pulicat not to
be considered as private
Property enclosing
copy of that part
of the Capitulation
to encourage as
much as possible
the Exportation of
Grain to the Presidency

We are to acknowledge the Receipt
of your Letter of the 22d of last Month inclosing One
addressed to you by the late Chief and Second of
Berkipatam respecting a Quantity of Grain taken
at Pulicat which they claim as private Property
in answer to which we are to inform you that
by the Capitulation of Pulicat securing Private
Property the article of Grain is particularly
excepted — we send you a Copy of that part of
the Capitulation which we conceive includes
the Claim made by Messrs Oxynent and Germins

We desire you will continue to encourage
as much as possible the Exportation of Grain from
your District for the Presidency, as to your laying
up a Stock for that purpose we recommend that
you regulate yourselves in this Particular by the
Tonnage you may be able to procure and not
depend on any from us as we see little or no

Prospect

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25th Prospect of being able to get Vessels on Freight —

We are

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Servants

Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St George

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To Mr James Daniell

Chief &c Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 6th Instant —

With respect to the Reference you have made to us in consequence of an application from Captain Lysaght in behalf of Lieutenant Mackay for the Allowance annexed to the office of Brigade Major we are to observe that the General Orders of the 14th May 1778 speak in point to this Subject — we therefore transmit a Copy of those Orders for your Guidance according to the Circumstances of the present Case —

We approve of your having ordered a Monthly allowance to be paid to the Civil and Military Servants of the Dutch Company taken at Paggurnaikpore and desire you will continue it until you hear further from Us —

We are greatly concerned at the Accident which has happened to the Goomahs Lately erected at your Settlement for the Reception

To Masulipatam inclosing Copy of Genl Order relative to the office of Brigade Major — approbation of the allowances to the Dutch Gentlemen taken at Paggurnaikporam the Vessel taken at Ganjam to be restored The Vessels seized at Cotapollam to be delivered up to Messrs Darvall and Domineady instructions to Mr — Oram relative to the Prize Goods —

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23rd of Grain we hope to hear the loss is but —
inconsiderable and trust that every possible —
Precaution will in future be taken to guard —
against a similar Misfortune —

Having taken into Consideration the
Circumstances Set forth in the Petition of Caubanla
Naboodoo Together with the Lights we have received
on the same Subject from our Resident at —
Ganjam we are of opinion that the Vessel and
Cargo are private Property we have therefore directed
Mr. Turing to cause them to be restored to the —
Owner —

In reply to the Letter you have transmitted
to us from Mr. Darval laying Claim on behalf
of himself and Lieutenant Dominicette to a small
Snow and Dony under Dutch Colours as lawful
Prizes in consequence of their having Seized those
Vessels at Cotapollam — as the Circumstances —
attending this Transaction are of a particular
Nature and the Value but trifling we think the
Vessels may without Impropriety be delivered up to
Messrs Darval and Dominicette at the same time
we must observe that owing to the particularity
of the Case it cannot hereafter be quoted as
a Precedent, —

By a Letter received from Mr.
Oram Agent for the Dutch Captives in the Circars
we are informed that a Quantity of Spices Copper

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25th and Several other articles will sell to greater advantage on the Spot than at the Presidency — as our Genral Instructions to him were to send all the Effects &c.a Taken from the Dutch to this Place he has not thought himself authorized to dispose of the above articles without first obtaining our Consent you will therefore be pleased to inform him as a Rule for his Guidance that the Goods are to be sold for the most advantage whether here or in the Circar — excepting however such Articles as are proper for an Investment for the Europe Market which are in all Cases to be sent to the Presidency —

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

Fort St George
25th Sept.r 1781.

26th Wrote the following Letters

To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon
Commanding the Troops in the Field
in the Tanjore Country

To Colo.l Nixon to render every assistance in his power to — Mahomed Hussain Khans Wife & Family

Sir. Under date the 9.th Ultimo the Right Honble the President and Select Committee addressed a Letter to Colonel Brathwaite Mentioning an application which had been made to them by His Highness the Nabob to engage their Protection for Mahomed Hussain Khans Sons Wife and — Family

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26th Family who had been for some time Resident in the Southern Provinces and were probably either at Negapatam or Tanjore they were pleased on that occasion to desire he would render every Service in his Power to these Persons His — Highness having again intrusted himself on His Behalf and requested a Letter might be — written to you on the same Subject the Right Honble President and Select Committee have directed me to desire you will in like Manner afford them all the assistance you are able wherever they may have occasion for your Service

I have the Honor to be
Sir Your Most Obd. Servant
Tho Oakes Secy

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To Captain Arthur Morris
Commanding the Ship
Essex

To Capt Morris & Hubbart to receive on board their Ships Stores for the Use of the Fleet

Sir You are hereby directed to receive on Board your Ship for the Use of the Fleet under the Command of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes all such Articles of Stores as may be tendered to you by the Agents of His Majestys Naval Storekeeper at this place —

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By Order of the Right Honble President and Select Committee —
Tho Oakes Secy

The same to Capt John Hubbart

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27th Received the following Letters

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Colo Nixon the Reddy of Tarriores Troops take the Fort of Cargoody in Hyders Country - the Nabobs Troops under Major Galway go on successfully, the want of Money and Grain to pay the Coolies on the Fortifications -

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you of the Reddy of Torriore's Troops having taken the Fort of Cargoody in Hyder's Country, where they now remain I suffer much uneasiness upon account of the delays made by the Nabob in ratifying the Cowl granted to the Torrior Man, against whom there is reason to think some Private scheme is meditated - I am very happy to have received your approbation of my conduct in that business, and shall return myself quite secure under that approbation in granting him a full protection, agreeable to the tenor of what I signed with my hand and upon which he chiefly relied -

The Troops of the Nabob under Major Galway's Command, since the capture of Curroatally are going on successfully, and have taken some Villages and Cattle in Hyder's Country - we are perfectly quiet here at present and the Country begins to wear a different aspect from what it had done for some time past -

The Fortifications of this place are in a much better State and condition than ever they were before, but the want of Money or Grain

to

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27th to pay the Coolys with, gives every reason to fear the works are near at a stand, which in their present advanced State would be a great misfortune. Mr Norris whose assistance diligence I took the liberty of mentioning to you before, will I hope merit your consideration for the Service he has rendered in superintending the Repairs since the Month of October last. — I have the honor to remain most Respectfully —

Trichinopoly
30th August 1781.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Most faithful & Obd Servt
Eades Nixon

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

From Colo Nixon takes Dindigul and Paddacotah — intends marching to Paddacotah —

I have the pleasure to acquaint you with the fall of this place, which is very strong and was well garrisoned by most resolute Men who after repulsing our utmost efforts in the breach quarelled amongst themselves, which made us easy masters of the Fort, for the particulars of which I must beg leave to refer you to Mr Davidson and Captain Burrows who commanded the Storming party — Our Loss in killed and wounded during the Siege and in the Storm is very considerable — Captain Pitcard is killed and Captain Nodler of the Artillery desperately wounded as are Ensign

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27th Ley and 3 Sey.s which together with above 300 Sepoys has greatly weakened my force I have not since left in Camp a single officer above the degree of a Lieutenant, all the Captains are sick or wounded at Tanjore. - I am to march this Night for Paddicotah the taking of which is very material as it opens our communication with the Sea - After the fall of that Place which I expect in a few days and the landing of the money and Stores, to cover which it is necessary I should - march towards the Coast, no time shall be lost in pushing for Nagapatam. -

I have the Honor to be most

Faithfully

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Obt obedient servant

Eyles Nixon

Camp Mahadapatam.
17th September 1781.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

Governor and President &c Council

of Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Col. Nixon gives up all thoughts of laying Siege to Paddicotah, means to Proceed to Negapatam -

You will be informed by Mr Davidson of the fall of Mahadapatam and of my further intentions to lay siege to Paddicotah which I am sorry to say appears to me now impossible, not only because the Admiral - promises the most ample assistance towards

the

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27 12 the reduction of Negapatam and at this season the approach of the Monsoon will shortly oblige him to quit the Coast, but also by finding the Fort of Padeecotah is garrisoned by 600 Men under the Command of the famous Treca Tapully Killedar Chittraguel Popnairoo to reduce this fellow would require some time, We must therefore leave him to ravage the Country and oppress the Inhabitants in his usual manner for some time to come, as it is my intention to proceed in obedience to your orders without delay to the Dutch Settlement of Negapatam, having this day recvd a Supply of money and the cloathing for three battalions now in Camp together with some other Stores all of which we stood in great need —

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that Colo Brathwaite is so far recovered of his wound, that he writes me of his intentions of joining the army within five days —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Faithful
Obedient Servant
Eyles Nixon

Camp Near
Adriapatam
21st Sept 781.

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27th

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor and Select Committee of

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sir Edward Hughes intends writing to the Govr of Negapatam — concerning Messrs Proctor and Orpen desires the Country may be laden with Provisions as soon as possible inclosing Copy of Ltr from Col Nixon — 300 Marines and 500 Seamen under orders to land and join him; —

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 13th of this Month by Captain Ball in His Majestys Sloop Nymph, in the afternoon of the 21st and the same evening returned Him to — Madras to prosecute his former Orders. —

As I wrote you fully on the 14th by His Majestys Ship Country, and have not since heard from Adrianpatam or Colonel Nixon I can give you no further Accounts of the Colonels operations. —

The Report of Messieurs Proctor and Orpens Confinement at some Dutch Settlement to the Southward, is I believe ill grounded for some large Boats have lately been furnished to pass the Squadron with Passports under — Mr. Proctor's hand, and I have heard both the above Gentlemen are at Ramnad on their way to Madura but lest it should be otherwise — I will write to the Governor of Negapatnam — and make inquiry after them. —

As I am informed there is at this time the greatest difficulty in embarking any

thing

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27th thing at your Port, and His Majestys Ship Coventry has been sent expressly for the Purpose of receiving on board and bringing here, Six Weeks Provisions for the Squadron, of which it will in a few days be in want, I must intreat you will order that the Provisions may not be delayed a moment from the want of Boats or Coolies, if by any possible means Boats and Coolies can be provided for that Service, I have the Honor to be

Superb off Rayapatnam
the 22d Sept. 1781

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes

P.S

Early this morning the Expedition Armed Brig joined me from Adriapatam and brought me Letters of the 19th and 20th from Colonel Nixon, a Copy of the last of which is herewith inclosed I shall keep a good look out for the Colonel at Nagore and anchor the Squadron there so soon as I know he is approaching that Place, The Marines in all 300 good Troops and 500 Seamen, are now under Orders to be in readiness to land and join him and every thing the Squadron can furnish shall be supplied with a liberal hand.

Superb the
23d Sept. 1781.

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To Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. B. &c &c

Sir

I have had the Honor to receive yours of the 13th which gives me great encouragement to march towards you with all expedition, you may rely upon it that nothing but want of Provisions or a defeat upon the march, shall prevent my being with you in a few days, We have landed most of the Stores such as we cannot carry with us remain on board for the present, to be landed at Nagore, in order to insure our Success at Negapatnam, it will be necessary to land 2 Twenty four Pounders, Six Eighteens and four Twelves, with a compleat quantity of Powder and ball, to make two breaches. I have this instant recieved intelligence that the Enemy are advancing in force with four Guns to lay Seige to Manarcoile, I shall be up with them in two or three days and give them a compleat routing.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

/Signed/ Eyles Nixon

Camp 3 Miles W. of Adrieapatam 20th Sept. 1781

Copy Edw. Hughes

Dispatched

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Dispatched the following Letters

To Mr. George Andrew Ram
Receiver in the Trichinopoly Country

Sir

To Mr. Ram approve of the Steps he has taken to supply the Troops with Money and Provisions, and of his hairing mortgaged the model of the Seringham Pagoda, recommends use every Means in his power to discover Plate Jewels &c.

We have received your Letter of the 4th Instant and approve much of the Steps you have taken for supplying our Troops in the Trichinopoly Country with money and Provisions in the present state of affairs when our Sepoys are considerably in arrears of Pay, every possible encouragement is certainly due to them you acted right therefore in issuing the Grain at a low rate the Account must be settled hereafter in such Manner as shall appear equitable between His Highness the Nabob and the Company,

We hope your Applications to the Reddy of Terriore for a Sum of Money will be attended with Success, we are pleased to hear of the proofs he has shewn of attachment to our Cause — we shall reply more fully to that part of your letter upon his Subject at a future opportunity

In regard to your having Mortgaged the Model of the Syringham Pagoda, we not only fully approve of that Measure but recommend to you in the strongest Maners to use every Means in your power, to discover if there be any Plate Jewels or other Valuables either in the Syringham Tyaman or Jumnakists Pagoda, and should your Researches be successful, you will cause the

different

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27th different articles to be converted into Specie without loss of time for the Payment of the Troops — Necessity alone can warrant our proceeding to such an Extremity, but when all other Resources are exhausted that Necessity exists and must be submitted to, —

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We are
Sir Your Most Obt Servts
Macartney &c
Select Committee

To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon
Commanding the Troops in the Field
in the Tanjore Country

Sir

To Colo Nixon to give every Encouragemt to the Sepoys to embark for Trincomale Instructions relative to the Demolition of Negapatam — Mr Brechele appointed agent on the part of the Company

We have received your Letter of the 30th August, and shall reply to that part respecting the Tanjore Ruody by a future opportunity —

Under date the 22d Instant we wrote to you on the Subject of the Force which Sir Edward Hughes has applied for, to take with him to Trincamalee desiring you to give every Encouragement to the Sepoys to embark on that Service — we are apprehensive it may be attended with difficulty to induce them to engage voluntarily, and as it would be imprudent at this time with the Experience before us of what has lately happened in several similar Occasions, to make use of Force, we shall be more explicit in giving you our Ideas on this Subject as well as in pointing out the Degree of Indulgence we are willing to Shew to the Troops who shall embark on this Expedition —

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27th Expedition — you may pledge to them the Faith of the Company, that they shall be recalled the Moment it can be done with Propriety — That should it be found necessary to continue the whole Battalion or any part of it at Trincomalee for any length of time that they shall be relieved and others sent in their room — That any part of their Pay or Batta they wish to be given to their Families in their absence, shall punctually be paid at the end of every Month — and you may go still farther if necessary by offering them an additional Gratuity during their absence from the Coast — Having given the Admiral reason to expect the assistance he has required, and conceiving that much may depend on our being able to answer his wishes in this respect, we are very anxious to prevent the possibility of disappointment and have on this account consented to allow the Troops wanted for this Service every Indulgence that can be given — you will instance to them the Return of the Two Battalions from Bombay and Tellicherry according to Promise, as a further assurance that they too will be permitted to return, which with other arguments adapted to the occasion, added to your personal Influence will we flatter ourselves have the desired Effect

As the Fortifications of Negapatam are to be destroyed without a Moments loss

of

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27th of time, agreeably to our former Instructions, and in the expectation that this may be fully accomplished before the Return of the Squadron from Trincomalee, we have written to Sir Edward Hughes desiring he will direct and assist in the Disposal of the Stores &c. taken there, and we hope that most of the Valuable articles will be removed previous to his leaving the Coast, and Care must be taken that such Effects as it may be impossible to remove at the time the Place is evacuated, be destroyed and rendered unserviceable to our Enemies.

As in the Event of taking Negapatam it will be necessary to have a Servant on the Spot to take an Account of the Stores Effects &c. we have appointed Mr. William Mitchell, to be Agent on the part of the Company for that Purpose. Mr. Mitchell is likewise to superintend the Demolition of the works, and we have given him Orders to furnish the Engineer with Coolies and every other assistance.

We are

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Sirs
Your Most Obd. Servants
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

To

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To Mr William Light

Paymaster at Palamcotah

Sir

We have received several Letters from you within the last Six Months but as they relate to Subjects which cannot at this time be decided upon, we shall defer replying to them for the present the object of this address, is to inform you that his Highness the Nabob has given our President every reason to believe that Moodaly whom he has lately appointed his amildar in the Palamcotah District, will forwith pay to you 100,000 Rupees of which you will send 40,000 Rupees to Mr Ram the Company's Receiver in the Trichinopoly Country and reserve the remaining 60,000 Rupees for the Payment of the Troops in your District—

We cannot be too earnest in recommending the strictest Frugality in the Expenditure of this Money — our own Resources are so greatly inadequate to the necessary Demands of Government, that you cannot receive the least Assistance from us. — we trust that in all Events you will by Proper Exertions, be able to raise the Sums requisite to defray the Military Charges, the Necessity of the Service will justify Measures which in other Times might not be warrantable and as a Failure in the Payment of our Troops —

for

To Mr Light the Nabob has given every reason to believe his Amildars will pay him 100,000 Rupees, to send 40,000 Rs to Mr Ram at Trichenopoly, and recommending the strictest frugality in the expenditure of this Money — enclosing Copy of Agreement entered into with the Nabob and the late President — directing to act for Mr Proctor as Receiver in the Tinnevelly Country till his arrival &

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27th for any considerable Period might in the present Situation of affairs be attended with very serious Consequences, we consider ourselves fully authorized as a last Resource, to seize all such publick Plate Jewels or other Valuables, wherever to be found as can be converted into Specie for the Support of the War. —

Herewith we enclose to you a Copy of the agreement entred into with his Highness the Nabobby the late President and Select Committee, in consequence of which Mr Procter was appointed the Receiver in the Tinnevelly Country, but as we understand that Gentleman is detained Prisoner at sum distick Settlement to the Southward, you are directed to act in that Capacity during his absence conformably to the Articles of Agrument. — We are

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Sir Your most Obd. Servants
Macartney & Select Committee

To Mr. William Turing
Paymaster at Nellore

Sir His Highness the Nabob having informed us of the orders he has sent to his Manager at Nellore, to collect a large Quantity of Grain at Nellore, you are directed to use your best endeavors to hasten and facilitate this undertaking, an Account must be kept by you of the quantity brought in, the whole of which you will receive

To Mr Turing
to receive under his
Charge all the
Grain Brought in

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27 under your Charge, and be punctual in informing us of the Progress that is Made in this Business — and the quantity you think we may depend on — being collected. — We are

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Sir Your Most Obed.t Servants
Macartney & Select Comm.n

21st Mr Davidson having arrived from Tanjore has delivered in Copies of the Letters written by himself and Mr Jourdan to the Select Committee during their residence at Tanjore, together with a Copy of their Correspondence with the Rajah of Tanjore as entred in Country Correspondence No

Mr Davidson arrives from Tanjore

E. No G. No H. No I. No 134 No 135 No 136 & 137. F. 139.

To the Hon.ble Charles Smith Esq.re 140

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

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

From Messrs Davidson and Jourdan, advising of their arrival, estimate of the Revenues for the year 1780. their waiting on the Raja and acquainting him of the demands they had to make,

The Enemy's Horse having at length left the Southern Countries, and the communication by Sea thereby opened, we have the Honour to acquaint you with our arrival, and of the situation of affairs as they respect the Revenue of this Country. —

At our visit of ceremony we delivered the Presidents Letter, and one from the Commander

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His answer —
Enclosing Letter
from the Rajah, in
which he represents
what has been —
urged by them, offers
the Remainder of
the Grain in his —
Country and Deposit
of Family Jewels to
the amount of 30000
Pags with an —
assignement of 1 Lack
of Pagodas p.r Annum
for 2 Years, they
reject his Proposals
in general, and —
deem the Terms —
offerd by him in
every respect in —
admissible. —

in Chief to the Rajah. —

We immediately made the necessary inquiries into the state of the Crop and the application of the Revenues, in order to judge of the assistance we might hope to receive from the Rajah. —

From the best information we have been able to procure, the Revenue of Tanjore for the year 1780. is estimated at Pore Nove Pagodas 850,000

Of which there have been paid

to the Company		150,000
Church, Water courses &c.		150,000
		300,000
Rajahs own Expences	75,000	
Private Creditors	50,000	425,000 —
		425,000 —

The balance of Course is one half the Revenues, which from corroborated accounts given to us, should be the amount remaining of Grain and Treasure. —

Alarmed on the occasion of our — appointment Buckinah, the Dewan had retired to the Palace. Hircarahs had been placed over the Principal persons of Tanjore as explained hereafter / no doubt from motives of Jealousy, as well as to prevent any information being obtained concerning the true state of the Revenue, or of the involved Situation of the Rajah,

&c

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The Rajah exclusive of his debts to the Publick, owes to the individuals of this and other places near five Lacks of Pagodas for the payment of which he had given Orders on part of his Country —

Having obtained these necessary informations, we waited on the Rajah and acquainted him with the Demands we had to make for the Publick, we specified them as follows

1st — That the Rajah should take upon himself a part of the Extra Expences of the War

2dly — That he should pay the Peiscash due to the Circar since his restoration

3dly — That he should pay the remainder of the Deposit of four Lacks of Pagodas agreably to his engagements to Mr. Pitt Pitt and Sr Hector Munro —

4thly — And lastly That he should immediately discharge the Ballance of his Arrears of Subsidy —

We shall not trouble you with the many arguments urged by us to induce him to comply with these requisitions, but procede to give you his Answers —

1st He said he had agreed with the late Lord Pigot, to pay the Company an annual subsidy of four Lacks of Pagodas, for the defence

28th defence of the Tanjore Country. That it was overrun by the Enemy, and he without means of collecting the Revenue. —

2nd ---- That he had written to the Company — respecting the Peiscash, That the Company had ordered his Country to be restored to him, but that the Nabob had retained Arms, and Hannamantrgoody, which were more in — value than the amount of the Peiscash He would not therefore pay a Rupee on that — Account. —

3rd ---- That he had engaged with Mr. Perring And Lt. Hector Monro, to pay the Deficit on condition of receiving assistance respecting the Polygars, but that he had not been — supported, —

4th ---- And last That he would pay no whatever he could raise for the balance of the Subsidy. —

In reply we urged the Situation of the Company's affairs, in addition to the propriety of the Demands, and shewed the necessity of his — exerting himself in this alarming crisis We are represented to him that with the Troops expected from Bengal we might hope for the speedy — expulsion of the enemy, but that without money an army could not be maintained. He replied — he would exert himself as much as possible for the assistance of the Company. We proceeded to

desire

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28th desire him to inform us of the State of this
Years Revenue, he required two days to collect
the necessary information, at the expiration of
which, he gave us a genral Estimate, that it
Amounted to P. N. P. 650,000 out of which
he had paid to the Company 150,000
Revenue Expences 150,000
Private Expences — 75,000
His private Creditors 24,000
Batta &c. ——— 5,000
404,000 P. N. P.

And that there remained about two
Lacks and an half of Pagodas in grain
belonging to him in the different Provinces He
confessed that the last Crop had been favourable
but although we from thence deduced a consequence
that the Produce of the Revenue must have
been more, since the genral average of the
annual Revenue had been nine Lacks or
upwards, he never the less observed that the
accounts we quoted were given to us by his
Enemies and were erroneous. From the several
Estimates we have procured, and from many
circumstances, We think them not exaggerated

We next prefsed for money to supply
the pressing exigencies of the Army. He Rajah
said his Treasury was empty but that we

Might

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28th Might receive the Grain scattered through his Country, The eastern parts of Tanjore Myaveram Shealley &c. were in possession of the Enemy — Besides the grain we might be able to collect, all we could obtain from him after repeated conferences was a promise of Jewels to the amount of thirty thousand Pagodas —

Alarmed with this information and taking into consideration the state of the Rajah's affairs. That he owed to the publick a ballance of

Peiscash	500,000
Deposit	300.000
Subsidy	250.000
Pag.s	1,050,000

Exclusive of any extra allowances as his proportion for the War, and that his private Debts amounted to 500,000 Pagodas running on at an annual expence of Pagodas 200,000 — Considering likewise the distress of the Company, and the dependence that had been placed on resources from hence, We deemed it necessary to make a Representation to the Rajah in the most Serious Terms. We pointed out the ruinous State of his Country — that no such deficiency had occurred until the Administration of Buchinah, and that it could only have arisen from his mismanagement, or the misapplication

of

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28th of the Revenue. that he had introduced the ruinous System of loans from Europeans at high interest, that he had not shewn any — capacity in arranging the Rajah's finances and that as the Minister was without means when the Company represented their distress to carry on a war for the defence of the Carnatick, in which the Rajah was so much interested, it behoved us, we informed him, to speak in — strong Language of the conduct of Buckinah But that we should not come to any immediate resolution concerning him, in the expectation of his exertion for the Public — Service, Instead of such exertion the Rajah wrote to us a long Letter of which a Copy is enclosed, wherein he misrepresents what had been urged by us, in a Paper explained to him by our interpreter the Revd Mr Swartz — Offers the remainder of the grain of his Country, a deposit of Family Jewels to the amount of thirty thousand — Pagodas, with an assignment of a Lack of Pago. P Annum for two years, which we understood to be for account of the Deposit, but without any offer of money. these terms were said to be his Ultimatum. —

I have to trespass upon you to enter into the arguments that occurred to induce us to

Direct

28th Reject the proposals in general, we have only agreed to receive grain which can be realized or issued in pay to the People —

The Rajahs letter will no doubt surprise you, as we are of opinion you will think it couched in Language not usual to Persons in a publick character, and an unbecoming address to a Deputation sent by the Companys Representatives —

When we reflected on the dangerous situation of the Rajah that he is indebted two years Revenue, that the very article of Interest to his Creditors is a weight that will accelerate his ruin, and how much the Company are interested in the welfare of the Rajah, it appeared to us of the greatest importance that he should arrange his affairs in such a manner, as to put it in his power, to discharge all his Debts. We proposed therefore, that the Rajah should give to the Company the remainder of the Crop, and Revenue, deducting just so much as might be necessary for his maintenance, that he should for a term of three years assign to the Company the entire revenue of certain districts to the Annual payment of five lacks of Pagodas, which in that time would pay off what remains on account of the Deposit money he had agreed to pay to the Company, beside one lack of

Star

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28th Star Pagodas to be paid annually to his Creditors, with the Condition that during the war the money should if judged necessary by the President and Council, be appropriated for the publick Service, and that the remainder of the Revenues, as before mentioned should be applied for the maintenance and support of the Rajahs dignity, in case of his assent to this mode that no doubt you would refer his objections and applications to the Honble the Court of Directors.—

Our Reasons for this arrangement were.—

That from information we are certain your resources, from the assignments on Trichinopoly Tinevelly &c. will fall very short of your expectations, we wish the Collections may exceed the payment of the Troops stationed in those Countries. of course more ought to be raised from hence. That the Credit of the Rajah and Buchinah as his Duan, is so low that Money on the mortgage of jewels hath been refused although an offer of enormous interest and premium accompanyed it.—

That we do not think that without the Sanction of the Company's Credit, any considerable Sums can be raised in those Countries during Buchinah's Ministery.—

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That this System in two or three years will clear off all the Rajah's Debts, and put his Country in a better state than it hath been for many years past, and that this is as much as the Tanjore Country can at present bear.

Lastly - That when the Tanjore Country shall have been reestablished, it will be a means of resource at future periods in the time of Danger.

But however Salutary and well calculated this Plan was for the Rajahs advantage - Although it would save him more than two Lacks of Pagodas he annually pays for Interest, he persists in refusing to do more than give jewels to the amount of thirty thousand Pagodas, the Grain remaining in the Subahs, of which great part is in Possession of Hyder Ally, and to assign Lands to the amount of one Lack of Pagodas annually for two years on account of the Deposit.

We have informed the Rajah, that whatever Sums he may be pleased to advance the Company in the hour of Danger, shall be submitted to the justice, and impartiality of our Honble Employers and without doubt such credit shall be given to him, as will be strictly consonant to Equity and publick Faith,

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It has been said above, that the Rajahs credit is bad, and when you are informed that of Six Lacks of Pagodas, he now owes to Individuals, he has only paid about fifty thousand Pagodas in the present year, and that those Creditors became very clamorous it will be easily conceived Buchinah must have raised an extensive Fortune

Although it has been mentioned to him that not only his own means, but every endeavour should be used to assist the Rajah in his Distress the Favorite pleads poverty. and to keep us ignorant of the State of the Country, Hircarahs as mentioned in a former part of this Letter are placed over the Dobbeer Monagers Son Govindarou Bossola, Lalla, Narsingand, Gilipilis Brother and others. This conduct of the Minister serves to render doubtful his assertions, that the Revenues of the year were according to the account given by him. The Rajah shuts himself up in his palace, he neither sus, nor hears, or delivers any orders but through the medium of Buchinah. The fallacy of accounts or the appressions of the People cannot therefore reach the Rajah.

He himself acknowledges in his Letter to us, that the Grain of the Circar is forced upon the inhabitants at 16 ℘ Cent. above the

Market

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28th Market price. The inhabitants only get of the Crop 44 p.Cent and 16. p.Cent on the Circars share forced on the inhabitants with the Seed necessary for the following year reduces the share of the Cultivator to less than 23 p.Cent. for his trouble expince of Servants and of Bullocks. No wonder then the Country should be less populous or the price of Grain less than heretofore, but the oppression in a certain degree counteracts itself for as the Inhabitants could not exist if they were regorously executed, they bribe the Conicoplies to favour them in their accounts, and as no complaints can reach the Rajah but by means of Buchinah, and matters may be accommodated before they get so far, the Reduction of the Revenue to its present state is not difficult to be accounted for.

Under Buchinah the Country has been ill managed and approaching ruin threatens the Rajah, The Creditors are pressing and the People despair, Buchinah is ill disposed towards the English in general, and in return he is universally disliked, not only by the European Inhabitants, but by the Natives, we are credibly informed that the Rajah's family and the principal native inhabitants of Tanjore, are also ill disposed towards him. Notwithstanding Buchinahs want

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28th of Popularity, he is supported by the Rajah in the warmest manner, contrary to the opinions of his best Friends, A change of Ministry would remove these Evils — if the Dobbar were to be put in the Management, a favorable Change would take place but this we fear can only be effected by force — since Buchinah has shut himself up with the Rajah in the Place and stops every avenue to Representation or Complaint. —

Two modes occur to us for settling the Revenues of this Country but either we fear may require coercive Measures. The first Mode — taking the Soubahs or Districts of Combaconam Manargoody, and Shialy, to the amount of five Lacks of Pagodas ℔ Annum. The districts to be kept under the Companys management until the conclusion of the war or the Companys — pleasure be known, In such event, we may venture to say from good authority, that the Sum of three Lacks of Pagodas might be raised on the mortgage of those Countries payable in three or four monthly Kists. —

The second mode we propose is the removal of Buchinah, and reinstating the Dobbar in which case, the latter will engage to raise that sum perhaps in a shorter time by the means of his — friends. —

Your instructions require us to inform you previous to any final arrangment

And

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28th and we have in consequence given you our Sentiments at large. The measure in either of these two Cases is disagreable, but adopting one of them sums to us absolutely necessary for the Polygars to the Southward being in a general league, no resources can be expected from those Countries for the Army, nor do we think there will be the means of paying the Troops there unless effectual measures be taken to conciliate the minds of the Polygars, by treating with them on the part of the Company. For the Southern Polygars (Tondiman excepted) place not the least dependance on the faith or Cowle of the Nabob, on account of this enmity to his Highness, the Tinevelly Madura Trichnopoly Worriorpollam &c. Polygars and Colerus since the invasion of Hyder Aley, have taken the opportunity of revolting, and their number in arms are said to be near thirty thousand Men

The Dobbeir hath communicated to us his readiness to accept of his former office, and that every exertion shall be used for the Interest of the Rajah and of the Company, But as a Negociation with us becoming publick might be dangerous even to his Person, we have promised that no mention shall be made of what he hath confided to us except to the

Honble

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28th Honble Committee

The present circumstances rendering it difficult to raise money to any Amount whilst Hyder himself is so near Tanjore, we have judged it best to lay before your Honour and Committee this July, the situation of affairs as they respect the Revenue of this Country, with our opinion from the best information we have been able to procure, for your deliberation on the more expedient Modes of raising supplies

The terms offered by the Rajah we deem in every respect inadmissible. But we shall receive any money or grain he may deliver to us, Except the Payment of the Troops of this Garrison we are convinced no dependence can be placed on his raising any considerable amount of ready money

The Rajah hath requested by Letter that Comaca Subah Pillah be delivered up to him Translate of which with our answer and his reply are inclosed We have told him that we are ready to receive any proofs his People have to offer, and that we have given orders to secure his appearance whenever it may be necessary Your Commands on this Subject will be requisite for our Guidance

We also request your further

Instructions

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28th Instructions on the Subject of the foregoing Letter.

We are

With Respect

Your Most Obedient

and most humble servants

Alexander Davidson

Francis Jourdan

Tanjore

30th March 5th 81.

To the Honble Charles Smith Esqr

President and Governor &c^a Members

of the Select Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St. George.

From Messrs Davidson and Jourdan, recommending the Removal of Butchanah as a Man disaffected to the English from his [illegible]rrespondence [illegible] the Enemy and [illegible]ckwardness in [illegible]ying Provisions, [illegible] Correspondence between Mr. Cockrain and them as also a Letter from Mr. Light on the Subject of Revenue.

We intended to have sent our letter of the 30th Ultimo by Negapatam on hearing that the Country was sufficiently open for the conveyance of Letters but two dispatches sent by way of trial miscarried by the sudden incursion of Hyders Troops in these parts, a few days since One Messenger threw away his Packet, and the other Man a Golah peon has never been heard of, and he is supposed to have been cut down by the Horse.

In our Letter of the 30th March we have at great length set forth our opinion in general of the affairs of this Country, and our opinion in particular of Buchinahs administration.

From our further observation of

Buchinahs

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Wth Buchanans conduct, we are daily more convinced
of the Propriety of his removal. Not to mention
his aversion to the English, and his taking every
means in his power to prejudice the Rajah against
them, and instill into his Mind suspicions of the
ill tendency of the conduct of the Company and
their Servants towards him, we are not without
strong suspicions of his having had intercourse
with the Enemy It has been communicated to us
and proof offered that a Servant of the Rajahs
some months since left Tanjore, and at a Village
some distance from it had a Palankeen and
Attendants posted for him, from whence he proceeded
with Dooli and other presents to Hyders Camp
where he has remained since that Time

It is also confidently said that Hyder
connives at the passing and repassing of the Rajahs
messengers and Vackeels. On the other hand
Vackeel or messenger of the Company have ar
from Madras to the Commanding officer, o
any other person for these six Months pas
Nor have we since our Residence here for two
months, received any Letters but by means of
the Rajah.

But what is most remarkable Hyder
has repeatedly demanded from the Dutch, the
Danes, and from every Polygar, a tribute to the
Circar in virtue of his Conquests It doth not
Appear

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28th appear by any information that the Rajah hath had such demand made on him, from which an Inference may be drawn that a good understanding subsists between Hyder and the Ministry of Tanjore.

We believe the Commander in Chief has cautioned Colo Brathwaite on this head, and has not scrupled to signify his sentiments to the Rajah on the impropriety of his Conduct, if he hold any correspondence directly or indirectly with Hyder Ally Indeed we have not a doubt but a good understanding subsists between Individuals residing in Tanjore, and principal Persons in the Enemys Camp, and that such Correspondence though not in writing, yet personally has been encouraged by Buchinah.—

Since the beginning of this Month Hyder has been incamped at Combeconum, and afterwards at Candiore within four cos of this place, but in the preceding month March Although Buchinah promised us to deliver all the Paddy in the Villages nearest to Tanjore and its environs satisfying the owners for it yet when prepared to perform his engagement he sent the Collectorward it was not in his power to collect grain A long time before our arrival Colo Brathwaite had represented the distress of the Company and requested that the Rajah would forthwith provide Money and Grain. He informed him that when

Bullock

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28th Bullocks could be procured, grain should be brought from Combiconum and other Villages, yet none was brought, and some persons who gave information of bullocks, which could have been procured were blamed at the Place, This Conduct we must attribute to the prevarication and disaffection of the Rajahs Minister —

The nature of our Appointment and a sense of our duty, have led us to be thus particular in our communications to you concerning the conduct of Buckinah, fully sensible of his disaffection to the Company, and of his want of Capacity for the situation he holds, we should not have hesitated to have recommended to the commanding officer the displacing him and appointing the Dubber, but from the danger of such a change when the Enemy was at the Gates of the Fort, a considerable party of disaffected persons in the Garrison, and particularly because of the limitation of your Instructions, which direct us to conclude no arrangements till they had received the sanction of your approbation. Added to which the entire stop that has been put to our corresponding at large, from Hyder's having the command of the different Avenues by his numerous Cavalry has prevented us from sending our Packets, and of course from receiving your Commands —

Before we conclude this address —

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we beg leave to say a few words on the state of the Coinage in the Kingdom of Tanjore. —

Since our residence here we have — learnt that the Dutch at Negapatam gain — considerably by the Coinage of the Gold and Silver of the Inhabitants of this Country. their gain is estimated at fifteen or Twenty thousand Rupees p.r Annum. If a Mint were established here under the direction of the Rajah. or if there be any — objection to that mode, a Mint were ordered to be under the sanction of the Company, who — have no doubt a right to coin with the Name of the Rajah, such a measure would not only save what is gained by the Dutch, but give satisfaction to the Tanjoreans. —

We enclose a correspondence which has passed between the Honble Mr. Cockrane and us on the Subject of his appointment. —

We also enclose N 4. a Letter from Mr Light on the Subject of Revenue. —

We are with Respect

Tanjore
12th April 1781.

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your Most Obedient
Humble servants

Alexander Davidson
Francis Sourdan

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To the Honble Basil Cockrane

Grain Keeper and Collector in the Fort & Country of Tanjore

Sir

The President and select Committee having been pleased to appoint you Grain Keeper and Collector of Grain on account of the Honble Company in the Fort and Country of Tanjore, We are to acquaint you that the Rajah hath agreed to deliver to the Company on account of his debt to them, a quantity of grain in the Country of Tanjore, and since the incursions of the Enemy, a quantity in the Fort of Fifty or Sixty thousand Collums, you will be pleased accordingly to receive the same, and cause it to be beat into rice — Colo Braithwaite having represented to us, that from the near approach of the Enemy he has been obliged to carry on some very necessary works and there not being money to pay the workmen they have been paid out of the Garrison Stock of Grain, which has occasioned a great — Deficiency in that material article of provisions under the Storekeepers charge, he has therefore — directed Mr. Baine the Garrison Storekeeper and Paymaster, to indent to you the General Grain Keeper for a sufficient quantity of Grain as —

Storekeeper

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28th Storekeeper to make up his deficiency and as Paymaster from Time to Time for grain for payment of the workmen until the necessary works are finished.

We think it for the good of the Service that the Indents countersigned by the Commanding officers should be complied with —

Having no further particular instructions from the Select Committee relative to your employ We do not think ourselves authorized to make any alterations that will interfere with the present business of this Garrison —

We are Sir

Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servants

Alex.r Davidson

Franc.s Sourdan

Tanjore 11th April 1781

To Alex.r Davidson and Franc.s Sourdan Esq.rs —

On Deputation on the part of the Honble Company to the Rajah of Tanjore

Gentlemen

I have been honored with your Letter of yesterdays date. —

You are pleased to inform me that Col.o Brathwaite has represented to you that from the near approach of the Enemy he has been obliged to carry on some very necessary works and there not being money to pay the Workmen, they have

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28th been paid out of the Garrison Stock of Grain which has occasioned a great deficiency in that material article of Provisions, under the Storekeeper charge, and that he has therefore directed Mr Baine the Garrison Storekeeper and Paymaster to indent to me the General Grain keeper for a sufficient quantity of Grain as Storekeeper, to make up his deficiency and as Paymaster from time to time for grain for payment of the Workmen till the necessary works are finished, and that you think it for the good of the Service that the indents countersigned by the Commanding officer should be complied with, you likewise add" That having no particular instructions from the select Committee relative to my Employ you do not think yourselves authorized to make any alterations, that will interfere with the present mode of conducting the business of this Garrison".

With all respect I take the liberty to represent to you that when I applied to the Gentlemen of the Select Committee for the particular appointment of Grain keeper of Tanjore, I informed them the Paymaster was then receiving a quantity of Grain for the use of the Garrison and that I therefore requested to be appointed the sole Grain keeper in the Fort of Tanjore — and when my orders and appointment was presented to the Governor for his approval, he objected to my being Grain

28 Keeper in the Fort of Tanjore, as it would interfere with the Paymaster, who had hitherto had the charge of the Stores, to which a Friend of mine remarked it might so happen that no Grain would be received by you Gentlemen from the Rajah of Tanjore, in which Event there would be no occasion for my appointment, and I should be obliged to return to Madras without doing any thing, as had been the case since August 79 but in order to make my appointment an effectual one which had hitherto been only nominal, he requested that I should be appointed the Keeper of all the Grain belonging to the Company in the Fort of Tanjore, and particularly to take charge of the grain then receiving by Mr Baine, Mr Johnson observed on this that what my Friend requested was reasonable enough and that he gave his consent upon which the Governor agreed it should be so and desired Mr Sulivan to make out a fair copy and sign it.

Now Gentlemen in order to account why particular written instructions from the Select Committee were not given you relative to my employ. I have only to mention to you a certain fact. That on receiving my orders from Mr Sulivan I asked him if it was not necessary to inform Mr Baine of my appointment at the same time ordering him to deliver over the

Provisions

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Dr provisions or grain to me, who replied, it was not the Custom to write to the Paymaster and only to the Commandant, who would give the necessary orders to Mr Baine — and as you Gentlemen would be at Tanjore as soon as me who understood the nature of my appointment having been present at the Governors when I made my application / there was only occasion to acquaint Col. Brathwaite of my appointment and that I was ordered to proceed thither. —

Col. Brathwaite is pleased to say — That from the near approach of the Enemy he has been obliged to carry on some very necessary works, and there not being money to pay the — workmen they have been paid out of the Garrison Stock of Grain, which has occasioned a very great deficiency in that material article of Provisions under the Storekeepers charge, and that he has — therefore directed Mr Baine the Garrison Storekeeper and Paymaster, to indent to me the General Grain Keeper for a sufficient quantity of Grain, as — Storekeeper to make up his deficiency, and as — Paymaster from time to time for Grain for — payment of the workmen, till the necessary works are finished" Now it will appear upon enquiry that the Cooleys employed upon the works that

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28th the Colonel talks of have been paid for these some months past with Carr Paddy of last years Crop, reaped in the Monsoon time of a quality not to be kept above three or four months consequently what he has expended of that sort, ought not to have been counted upon by him as a lasting Stock for the use of the Garrison neither ought it to have been received from the Rajah, but for the use it has been put to.

The Colonel is pleased to stile me the General Grain keeper, but I beg leave to represent to you Gentlemen that I not only consider my self Collector of Grain, but keeper of all Grain belonging to the Company in the Fort and Country of Tanjore, and upon the same footing Mr. Brodie the Grain keeper is at Madras who delivers to the Troops Lascars &c. Grain at a certain value and agreable to the Muster rolls signed by the Commanding officers of the different Corps and countersigned by Capt. Sydenham the Town Major Duplicates of which are delivered to the Military Paymaster, who gives Mr. Brodie credit for the amount so delivered and pays the Balance of the monthly pay in money to the Troops, and it is here necessary to remark that this mode was approved of by the Governor and Council of Madras, and given out there in Garrison

Orders

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28th orders — it was considered as the most eligible method of supplying the then deficiency of Cash and the manner of issuing the Grain was approved of as the most proper and least expensive for by Mr. Brodie delivering out the grain by retail to the Troops &c. there is only one measurement whereas were the different employs in Madras to indent to him for quantities of Grain at once, the Company would sustain a certain loss of a second measurement besides Cooly hire and numberless additional servants and every head of an Employ would become a Grain keeper and confusion and loss would insue — This Case I presume is exactly in point with the present for if Mr. Baine has a right to indent to me for Grain, as Paymaster of Tanjore Mr. Taylor as Paymaster to the Sibundy Corps now doing Duty in this Garrison has so likewise so that by Colonel Brathwaites Plan there will be one General and two particular Grain keepers in this Fort —

You have thought proper to say in your instructions to me, That the President and Select Committee having been pleased to appoint me Grain keeper and Collector of Grain on account of the Honble Company in the Fort and Country of Tanjore, you acquaint me that

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28th the Rajah hath agreed to deliver to the Company on account of his debt to them a quantity of Grain in the Country of Tanjore, and since the Incursion of the Enemy a quantity in the Fort of fifty or sixty thousand Cullum, and that I am to receive the same and cause it to be beat into Rice "I think it incumbent upon me officially to report to you, that the orders of the Rajah for two lack Cullums of Paddy on the Combaconum Country, and as much more on the Manargoody Soubah were dated the 30th March, but I did not receive them till the day following and the Letters of advice from the Vackeels to the Soubahdaars were procured the 1st April — Lost no time in dispatching them off to the different Countries, with instructions to get a list of the Names of the Villages and the quantity of grain to be delivered in each, and to transmit the same immediately to Tanjore, that you might determine where to store it, On the 4th and 5th Instant my People returned and confirmed the reports of the Soubahdaars Managers &c having deserted their Stations, and that it was too late to begin to collect grain on account of the Countries being in possession of the Enemy —

Agreeable to your desire some time ago I examined the Granaries belonging to the Rajah and received from his Grain Keeper the

following

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28th following account of the quantity and quality of grain contained in each —

1st Grainery containing	10,000	Cullums of Paddy	of Crop	1776
2d Do	30,000	Do		76 & 79
3d Do	30,000	Do		76 & 79
4th Do	25,000	Do		76 & 79
5th Do	8,000	Do		76 & 79
	103,000			

6th Do containing Stores Cullums of Paddy of the Engineer & Paymaster —

That each grainery can hold 70,000 Cullums so that 420,000 can be stored in the Six —

I have since made a tryal, and beat out some of the best of the above Grain, and from what I can judge it is of so indifferent a quality that it must be consumed in less than Six — Months after it is beat into Rice. It is of this Grain that I am to receive from the Rajah the 50 or 60,000 Cullums, you inform me of, and which you are pleased to direct me to cause to be beat into Rice, As publick report says that Hyder Ally is coming to besuge this Place, and that Sir Eyre Coote may in that Case march to its relief I think it necessary to lay before you the — information that has come to my knowledge as to our resources in the article of Grain — From the badness of the quality of the Rajahs

Grain

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Grain only 70,000 Cullums at most can be counted upon as eatable ——————————— 70,000

I understand there is under the Charge of Mr Baine about ——————— 30,000

Total Cullums of Paddy 100,000

I am informed the Calculate that Coll. Brathwaith has made for this Garrison, is for 4,000 Men and for Six Months — 4,000 Men expend each day 247 Cullums of Paddy, and in 6 Months 44,460. this deducted from the above 100,000 Cullums of Publick Grain there remains 55,540 Cullums — which is about 34 days Provision for General Coote's present Army out of which Stock the Cooley now employed on the Works are to be paid —

After perusing the above should you be of opinion that it's consistent with the interest and for the lessening the expence of the Company, there should be only one Grain keeper in Tanjore, as it plainly appeared to me from what the Governor — and Mr Johnson said, that I should be the sole one, I am to request you will be pleased to signify the same to me, that I may take possession of the Grain now under the Charge of Mr Baine, and deliver it out to the Troops &c. agreable to the Muster Rolls in the same manner as is practised at Madras. —

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble Servt
Basil Cockrane
Grain keeper & Collector on acct the Honble Company in the Fort and Country of Tanjore

Tanjore
12th April 1781.

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To the 2d Hon'ble Basil Cockraine
Grain Keeper and Collector in the
Fort and Country of Tanjore

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 12th in answer to which we can only repeat that we are without authority to interfere in the business of this Garrison, but shall by the first opportunity refer your application to the Select Committee. We are Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Alexr Davidson
Frans Sourdan

Tanjore
12th April 1781

Alexander Davidson and Francis Sourdan Esqrs
Tanjore

Gentlemen

Believing from the station you hold that your intercourse with the Presidency must be certain and expeditious, and not without hopes that in your own authority you may be able to afford assistance, I am induced to address you on this occasion.—

Delavoy Moodelliar renter of this Country having proposed through me, to use his utmost endeavours provided he were properly supported

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Supported to bring about peace and good order among the refractory Polygars, Request first — That I may accompany him to settle with Cuttamanaique the Pundalum Cootchy Polygar, one of the most principal of that tribe at present. That I should pass my word for the release of the Father of this man now a prisoner in the Fort of Pallamcotah, upon the sons testifying By his Conduct an attachment to the Circar, that upon such promise on my part for the release of the old Man in 30 days the Moodellar is convinced an agreement may take place, that from the time of this agreement which may take effect immediately, he will pay the sum of 15,000 Chuckrums daily or 30,000 P.N. Pag.s within 30. days from the Country on the Company's account, and will give such other assistance as may be required and in reason expected from him for the publick Service, —

He likewise gives me the strongest assurances that if he is protected in doing his duty, by the influence of the Military Commander he will without a force, in a very few weeks bring over the Polygars to the interest of the Circar, and the Company, and he requests that I will likewise accompany him in effecting this Salutary purpose —

I have laid all this before Capt. Eidingtoun, who has agreed to try the effects

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28th of the first proposition, and promises that upon having proof of Cuttamanaigues attachment and the Moodeliar paying the money he will release the Father in 30 days. In consequence of which the Moodeliar is to set out this day to meet Cuttamanaigue, and I shall continue to advise you of his Success from which you will be enabled to form a judgment of what may be afterwards expected from him —

It is my Duty to mention to you — that Capt Eedingtown, has complained much of the Moodeliars Conduct and that the Moodeliar in his own justification says that Capt Eedingtown had deprived him of the power of doing what was required, by despising and affronting him in the Eyes of the People —

I shall only beg leave to add without venturing to give an opinion, that the Moodeliar from the General Influence of his Family, and the respect he is held in especially by the Polygars — seems to me, to be the most eligible means of — conciliating the affections of the People —

I am to request you will take the earliest opportunity of laying what I now write before the Honble Board — I

I am Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Wm Light —

Pallamcotah

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To the Hon.ble Charles Smith Esq.r &c.
President &c.a Members of the Select Committee
Fort S.t George.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From Mess.rs Davidson & Jourdan their being prevented from transmitting their Proceedings away to the Enemy's remaining in the Country. —

Hyder having ravaged and destroyed this Country with Fire and Sword to the very gates of Tanjore has prevented our transmitting our Proceedings to you, containing a full account of our transactions here, we have communicated our Sentiments to the Commander in Chief and it is necessary to inform you for the present, briefly that no dependence can be put on any resources from Tanjore, unless there be a change in the Ministry here, or unless the Army have occasion to remove to the Southern Countries. —

The instant the Country is open Mr. Davidson in consequence of the Presidents Letter of the 30.th March will proceed to the Presidency with the Packets of the Deputation, and Mr. Jourdan will remain here to execute your final instructions. —

We are Respectfully
Your Most Obed.t Servants
Alexandr Davidson
Francis Jourdan

Tanjore
28.th April 1781

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Messrs. Davidson and Fourdan have received from the Rajah of Tanjore, since their arrival 53,000 Pags. in Grain 50,000 Cullums Complain of the Rajah's Minister, Mr. Davidson prevented from comming to the Presidency to lay before the Committee their proceedings from the Enemys remaining in the Country

The Troops having taken the field, the Communication with the Sea Coast we hope will shortly be opened, when the speediest mode will be taken of tendering to you an account of our proceedings here.

Since our arrival there hath been received from the Rajah in money, Pagodas 53,000 And in grain 50,000 Cullums.

The situation this Country hath been in, may Account in some measure for our having been unsuccessful in our indeavours to obtain money from the Rajah, to assist in the furnishing means for payment of the Army, but we cannot think it can justify the Rajah in not having furnished supplies of money, for the payment of this Garrison, for that must have been within his ability.

Soon after we arrived, Hyder Aley took possession of this whole Country, and of all the Forts in it except Tanjore. We had at first hopes of success in receiving a considerable sum but this change in our affairs, changed the

disposition

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28th disposition of Buchina the Minister. we still hoped the Army would be enabled by the arrival of the Bengal Troops to expel Hyder, and that our negotiations in Train, It was evident the Minister had acted an improper part — and we represented to the Select Committee, as well as to the Commander in Chief, that the removal of Buchina appeared to us a necessary measure, General Coote wrote to us disapproving of the change unless such a Step were with the consent of the Rajah, In reply we acquainted the General, that Mr. Davidson would lay the whole before the Select Committee, who would give such directions as they should deem best for the Service. We every moment expected that Mr. Davidson would be enabled to proceed to Tranquebar, but to our great disappointment when Hyder quitted the Country he left so strong a detachment in it, that Col. Brathwaite did not think it prudent to risk any escort far from the Garrison — From day to day we hoped a change of affairs would favour Mr. Davidson's departure, but the Mysoreans seemed determined to dispute the Forts with us, Tricatapully at this time besieged by Col. Brathwaite in person, being obstinately defended by a good Garrison, — we have been greatly concerned

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Wt at this delay, because we have not been able to transmit to the Select Committee in detail such a representation, as might fully explain the necessity of measures that seemed expedient, but which would in their nature be disagreeable to the Rajah. Mr Jourdan had written a Letter to the President which contained a brief account of what had passed between the Rajah and us relative to our demands upon him, and also mentioned a requisition made to the Rajah of Lands in security for the Company, and the necessity of the removal of Buchina —

In our address of the 30th March your Lordship and Council will see, that we inclined to the assignment of Lands, as we thought it more likely to be reconciled to the Rajah than the — removal of his favorite — and we still think it the best yet since that Period the Anacut hath been broken, and the Country so effectually ruined by the Mysoreans, that in order to carry on — the cultivation a considerable sum of Money will be required in advance, not only for the repairs of the Anacut, but to purchase Grain for seed, Bullocks for cultivation &c &c at any rate the revenue will fall very short this Year —

We have had an arduous task in — endeavouring to get money, for even a part of the

Monthly

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Monthly Garrison supplies of this Place, it hath involved us in a disagreable correspondence with the Rajah, to avoid repetition and prolixity we beg leave to refer to our correspondence with him and to his replies, which accompany our Proceedings you will therein observe, that we have been obliged to make strong remonstrances in order to obtain the small sums he hath paid, for the disbursements of the Garrison — His attachment to Buchina is so fixed that willingly he will not part with him, and every representation against him he complains of, as an undue interference with his rights as King of Tanjore. We here think it our Duty to observe, that the state of the Company's affairs alone would sufficiently justify interference on such an occasion, in this instance particularly as the Rajah was restored to the Government of his Country, and in consequence did agree to pay to the Company four Lacks of Pagodas, which agreement remained uncomplied with but in order to leave to the Government the decision of so important a point, Mr Davidson was to carry the fullest information, and we doubt not of the necessary orders being in time for the cultivation of the Country. Had the time

elapsed

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28th elapsed and the collection of the revenues bein endangered, we would not have hesitated to do what we should have deemed our duty, although it might have occasioned loud complaints. —

We are with respect

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Alexr Davidson
Franc. Sourdan

Tanjore
10th Augt 1781

To Alexander Davidson & Francis Sourdan Esqrs
On deputation on the part of the Honble Company
to the Rajah of Tanjore

Gentlemen

From Mr Cochran to Messrs Davidson & Sourdan —
with correspondence between him and Col. Brathwaite —

I he inclosed correspondence between Col. Brathwaite and me, I beg leave to lay before you and request you will be pleased to signify to me your opinion, whether the collecting and hiring of Bullocks and defraying of all — disbursements whatsoever in receiving and — delivering of Grain does not belong to my Employ

I am likewise to beg before your departure to Madras, that you will give me such written Instructions for my future conduct as you may think proper, and as the Rajah of Tanjore has only been verbaley informed of my being Grain Collector and Superintendant on account of the Company

I am

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I am therefore to request you will be so kind to inform him in writing, that whatever Grain he delivers on account of the Company, that I am to have the receiving the settling the price, and granting a receipt for the same, and that the amount of which will be passed to his Credit —

I think it necessary to inform you that the following is the account of Grain, I collected last Month while the Detachment was out —

Paddy collected from different	Cot^s Ms.	
Inhabitants	511	—
Do plundered from the refractory Polygars	628	6 —
Total Cullums of Paddy	1139	6 —
Cundooloo or Doll plundered D^o Cul^s	210	11 —

And agreable to your directions, I have granted to the owners of the 511 Cullums of Paddy, Promissary notes at 8 P Cent Interest P Annum, payable next February amounting to Chuckrums 127 6 5. —

The whole of the Paddy I caused to be beat into Rice, and have since sent it to Camp for the use of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Brathwaite, the Amount of which I shall debit the Paymaster for, as soon as the account is settled. The Condoolee or Doll I have ordered to be sold away to the most advantage —

Out of the 50,000 Cullums the Rajah

agreed

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agreed to deliver, I have received Cullums 44,600 of which I have delivered 27,000 Cullums to the Paymaster and debited him for the amount, being Pagodas 3,483, 40. 40. and in consequence of your permission I disposed of Cull 4,372 for the Payment of the Monthly Charges of the Employ, the remainder Cull 13,228. was laid into Rice part of which I have sold agreable to your desire, and would recommend to have the whole disposed of since the Colonel is of opinion that it will not answer to be issued out to the Seapoys. —

The Balance of 5,400 Cullums of Paddy due from the Rajah, I have not been able to receive for want of a place to put it in, but shall as soon as the Rice is disposed of, when I shall grant a Receipt for the whole at the rate of 2 ¾ Gold Fanams the Cullum being the Price I understand you have fix'd at —

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most obedient &
Very humble Servant
Basil Cockrane
Grain Super and Collector
in the Fort and Country of
Tanjore —

Tanjore
5th Aug 1781

Letter

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Letter from Colonel Brathwaite dated Tanjore 30th July 1781.

Received the following day.

Dear Sir

I have received your Letter to day, and a quantity of Rice was received by your Conicoply and the Trichinopoly Conicoply, but whether it is answerable to the quantity your Letter mentions I cannot say nor be any way responsible. The Trichinopoly Conicoply told me that he had delivered 70 Bullock load of Rice to you, and I desired of Captain Burrows that that Rice might be first sent, because most perishable it might have been consumed while we halted here, but like the Jowrie which was brought If the water gets to it it goes all to dust, and must be condemned, which is a dead loss to the Company, the whole of the Rice sent here as long as the Sepoys have Money, shall be converted into money at two Janams (Janam means two Measures the Janam) the Measure and the amount paid into the Paymaster for disbursement - As to the muster of bad Rice, I desired no more might be sent if it were sold, it must be at so low a Price that the Company must be a loser by the Bullock hire, and if any of it be eat it will sick those who eat it and render them unfit for service. Therefore desire no more may be sent to Camp The Bullocks already in the Company's pay may/ may Make many Trips as our operations will lay, and there is no necessity for engaging more Bullocks in the Service than are required, how we

Shall

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28th shall get through the Expence as it is Known not, I shall send you back the Bullocks which came to day as soon as they have had time to graze. that is I shall send them to the Paymaster for the regular Flanders that I should indent to you for what quantity of Grain I want for the Army, and you indent to the Paymaster for Bullocks to carry it, for as all Bullocks in the Service must be under his charge, as fast as I have any to spare I shall send them to him - and he will furnish the Ordinance Store and provision Department, in as equal Proportions as his Stock will allow or the exigency of the case require - You will therefore indent to him for the ninety Bullocks to bring the Grain you propose sending tomorrow. As a Bullockload is by no means a definite Measure - some Bullocks carry eighty Measures, and some only 60. I shall send to you in the regular Chanel an Indent for 6,000 Tanjore measures of Rice, which shall be issued to the Troops at two measures to the Fanam you will indent to the Paymaster for Bullocks to carry it, and your agent in Camp, must receive and have charge of it and issue it, and must have receipts for all he issues, which receipts must be your Vouchers - I know of no other method by which the Business can be conducted with any regularity. -

Condiore July 30th 1781.

I remain Yours very truly

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

Direction To the Honble Basil Cochrane Esqr Grain Collector & Grain Super for the Honble Company in the Fort & Country of Tanjore

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Letter to Colonel Brathwaite dated Tanjore 31st July 1781

Dear Sir

I have received your Letter of yesterdays date, in which you say "that you will send to me in the regular Channel an Indent for 6,000 Tanjore Measures of Rice, which is to be issued to the Troops at two Measures to the Fanam, that I am to indent to Mr Baine for whatever Bullocks I may have occasion for to send it to Camp and that my agent there must receive and have charge of it and issue it, and must have receipts for all he issues which receipts must be my Vouchers. - and that you know no other method by which this business can be conducted with any regularity. -

About Fortnight ago I remember you mentioned to me that you thought it was the duty of the Paymaster to collect the Bullocks for bringing in of Grain, and for me to indent to him for them - and I represented to you my opinion of the impropriety of such a mode, because unless I have the paying of all charges in transporting the Grain I collect, it will be impossible for me to know the real value of it consequently be ignorant of the Loss of Grain the Company may sustain, that I judged the furnishing of Bullocks to transporting of Grain as belonging to my Department, but as there were none then to be hired, I was under the necessity of making use of those that Mr Baines Bullock Mastry could spare me, after supplying the Detachment with the Number

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27th it required, and in order to avoid all difficulties I had kept a daily account of those Bullocks that were under my charge, and at the end of the Months I should settle the account with the Bullock Mastry and pay him the amount of the hire, which Sum added to the original Price of the Grain would be the rate it would stand the Company, and by this account we should be guided in future Collections

I am now to inform you that there are no Bullocks to be hired here, except those belonging to the Mastry that supplies Mr. Baine, I am willing to continue the same mode of receiving what Bullocks he can supply me with, but I must have the paying of them while they are in my possession in this case my Agent in Camp shall continue to serve out the Rice, otherwise Mr Baines People must take charge of it, and for the future whatever Indents for Rice you may think proper to make, shall be immediately complied with, and the Person in whose favor it is may transport it to Camp when and in what manner you may please to direct, —

I have informed Capt. Burrowes and Mr. Baine that I cannot think of making an Indent for Bullocks but in order that no time may be lost in sending you Rice, I should load whatever Bullocks they may send to the Granary, and that my Agent in Camp will take charge of it until it is expended. —

The night you left this I informed you that my Intention in sending my Dubash along with

Your

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28th your Detachment, was in order to collect Bullocks and Grain for your Camp, and for this Garrison, — when you might think proper to order him, I. — understand some Bullocks have been collected but none of them put under his charge — The Multiplicity of other matters you have attended, may have prevented you thinking of this, I therefore take this opportunity of mentioning it to you, representing at the same time that I can see no impropriety in my agent — having the sole charge of such Bullocks, as you — may think necessary for transporting the Company Grain for the use of the Camp, and when circumstances will admit he can employ them in bringing in Grain to this Garrison. —

I remain
Dear Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Basil Cockrane

Tanjore
31st July 1781.

Letter from Colonel Brathwaite Dated 31st July Received the 1st August 1781. —

Dear Sir

I have received your Letter of this Date, it is not possible for me to enter into long discussions you mistake me much if you suppose me to mean wele or ill to any body in particular, I wish the Service to go on in what I think the quickest and — most regular channel, which is to pass the indents — for what grain I want of you, through the Commanding

28th officer of Tanjore - and the only Man I can fall upon to ease you of all risk or trouble - so that you must deliver the Rice at Tanjore, for as it is meant to be issued as Money to the Troops, the Paymaster must take upon him all the rest. —

issued

July 31st

9 P.M.

Remain

Very truly Yours

(Signed) Brathwaite

Direction To the Honble
Barid Cockrane Esqr
Tanjore. —

Wrote the following Letters

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

Sir

To Sir Edward Hughes returns him thanks for writing to Negapatam relative to Mrs. Proctor & Orpin the two Indiamen ready to receive provision and Stores Mr Brudell appd Agent on the part of the Company requests he will assist in the disposal of the Stores taken at Negapatam. —

The day before yesterday we had the — Honor to receive your Letter of the 22d with a Postscript dated the 23d Instant. —

We are much obliged by the Promise you make us, of writing to the Governor of Negapatam on the Subject of Mrs. Proctor and Orpin, this we think a very necessary Precaution lest the first Report of their being kept Prisoners at one of the Dutch — Settlements to the Southward, should prove true, which we think far from improbable. —

The Coventry sailed two days ago, we shall be very particular in our Orders regarding all

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2B^tr all Ships and Vessels employed for the Service of your Squadron that no time may be lost in dispatching them — the two Indiamen we detained for your Service are ready to receive whatever Provisions or Stores you may wish to have shipped on them and Suitable Directions have been given to the Commanders

The very respectable Force in Europeans which we observe by your Letter you will be able to add to Colonel Nixons Detachment leaves us almost without a Doubt of Success against Negapatan, and as it appears that he meant to proceed from Mahadapatam towards Negapatam, without attempting the Fort of Paducotah, according to his original Intention, we shall expect to receive important News in a few days.

As in the Event of taking Negapatam it will be necessary to have a Servant on the Spot to take an Account jointly with the agent for the Captors of the Stores Effects &c. we have appointed Mr William Mitchell to be Agent on the part of the Company for that purpose — this Gentlemen was employed at Negapatam in sending Provisions &c. from thence, but on the arrival of the News of a Dutch war he was detained and still remains there a Prisoner, We request you will cause the inclosed Letter to be delivered to him.

We have sent positive Orders to have the Fortifications of Negapatam destroyed with all possible

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98th Expedition, and trust it may be effected before your return with the Squadron from Trincamalee, we are therefore to request you will direct and assist in the disposal of the Stores &c. taken at Negapatam, in such Manner as may appear to you the most proper such articles as cannot be removed must of course be destroyed to prevent their falling into the hands of our Enemies. —

We have the Honor to be

Sir Your Most obedient

humble servants —

Macartney & Select Committee

Fort St George

23d Sept. 1781

To Captain George Campbell

Commanding at Nellore

To Capt. Campbell orders sent to Nelloor to provide Quarters.

Sir In consequence of the Representation contained in your letter to the Right Honble President of the 21st Instant, an Application was made to the Nabob, to cause proper Quarters to be provided at Nelloor for the Accomodation of the Garrison, and Sheds to be erected on the Bastions to preserve the Arms of the Sepoys on Guard from any Injury of the weather. His Highness has accordingly sent the necessary Orders to the Phougdar for these purposes, as well as to furnish you with the Articles you have applied for. He has further directed him to employ 500 Coolies Daily in order to strengthen the Fortifications. —

We are Sir

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Your Most humble servants

Macartney &

Select Committee

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To Mr William Mitchell

Capt William Mitchell appointed Agent on the part of the Company for the Capture of Negapatam —

Sir Having thought proper to appoint you to be Agent on the part of the Company for the Capture of Negapatam, you are hereby directed to take an exact account, jointly with the agent for the Captors of the Military Stores, Goods, and Effects, of every kind which may not be excepted as Private Property by articles of Capitulation —

We have given directions to have the Fortifications destroyed as soon as possible and as we hope this may be accomplished before the Squadron returns to the Coast, we have desired Sir Edward Hughes to assist and direct the disposal of the Stores &c taken at Negapatam — we trust however that most of the valuable Articles will be immediately sent on board the Squadron, and you are to obey all such orders as you may receive from him — you will be exact in taking Receipts for the articles delivered that no difficulty may hereafter occurs in adjusting the Accounts —

We direct that you superintend the Demolition of the works of Negapatam, which we desire may be executed with all possible Oconomy and Dispatch — you are to furnish the Engineer with Coolies and such Materials as he may require for this purpose —

We are

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Sir Your Most Obd Servants
Macartney &c
Select Committee

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29th Came in the following Letters.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Captains Coxon & Hudart claiming Prize Money for the Capture of Paggumaickporam, and ordering Letters to and from Capt Lysaght &c

Having received the orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee under Date the 6th day of July, to proceed with the Ships Grosvenor and Royal Admiral to Coringa for certain purposes mentioned in our Instructions from the Select Committee, we Accordingly proceeded with our Ships, according to our orders and anchored in the Bay of Coringa on the 13th July, the Dutch Flag at Paggumaickporam then flying bearing from the Ships N. W. & W. distance five or six Miles

The Dispatches from the Right Honourable the President and select Committee addressed to Mr. William Hamilton at Ingeram, and which were on board the Governor were not received by him, tile Sunday the 15th owing to the very strong Northerly winds which continued all the 14th and prevented any Boats getting on shore from the Ships.

On the 14th Captain Arthur Lysaght Comandant of the Troops in the Circars appeared before Paggumaickporam, and summoned the Garrison to surrender, which was soon complied with on their

part

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29th Parts without a Musket being fired on either side.
The Troops accordingly took Possession and on the
morning of the 15th the English Flag was hoisted —
which was the first intimation we had of any
Troops being before the Place, we beg leave to observe
here that Capt Lysaght had taken this step before
he could possibly have received the orders of the
Right Honble the President and Select Committee or
any other orders whatever —

Captain Coxon of the Grosvenor as
Senior Commander, conceiving that the Comonanders
officers and Seamen, were fully intitled to a —
share of such part of the Capture as the Honble —
Company may think proper to allow to the —
Captors, wrote the Letter mark'd N1. to Captain
Lysaght, to which he returned in answer N2. in
consequence of this Answer Capt Coxon wrote him
the Letter N3. which Captain Lysaght has not
thought Proper to reply to Copies of these Letters
are presented herewith for the perusal of the Right
Honorable the President and Council —

The Fort of Daggernaickporam was a
square with four Bastions, mounting on each Bastion
Six pieces of Artillery of different Calibers, a wet —
ditch round the Fort with ammunition and men
to have held out a considerable time Captain —
Lysaght had no Battering Cannon with him nor
could he have been supplied had the Garrison made
any

29th any resistance, except from the Ships which lay in readiness to act on any service that the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee had directed Mr William Hamilton to employ them upon. —

In a conversation Captain Coxon had with Captain Lyoughs, he / Captain Lyoughs said he took the resolution of summoning the Fort of Daggurnackpooram in consequence of a Letter he intercepted at Coringa, giving an Account of hostilities being commenced against the Dutch, but we beg leave to observe he did not take this resolution till after the arrival of the ships, his motive for marching soon is not for us to determine but we submit it to the Honourable Board whether the appearance of the Ships in the Roads, and the Troops before the Fort at the same time, had not each its due weight with the Garrison at the time of surrendering. —

We therefore on behalf of our absent officers and Seamen belonging to the Honble Companys Ships Grosvenor and Royal Admiral, do hope that the Right Honble the President and Council will concede with us in opinion, that our claim to a share in this capture is founded in justice and equity, and agreable to the Honorable Companys Instructions respecting the Diversion of Prize money between their Ships and Army, not in the least doubting but the Honourable Board will take such measures

as

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29th as shall appear to them just and equitable in order to secure to the Commanders officers and Seamons their proportion of the Capture when it shall please the Honourable Company to make a division of the Same.

We have the honor to be

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My Lord and Gentlemen
Your obedient humble servants
J. Coxon
J. Huddart

To Captain Arthur Lysaght
Commanding at Taggarnaporam

Sir

As senior Commander of the Honble Companys Ships now lying in the Bay of Coringa, I have to acquaint you that should the Honble Company be pleased to make a distribution among the Captors of the whole or any part of the Goods Merchandizes and effects taken in the Dutch Factory of Tagernaporam, I conceive the Commanders officers and Seaman belonging to the Ships Grosvenor and Royal Admiral, have a just claim to their proportion of the Merchandizes and effects so captured, whatever that proportion may be as the Ships were in sight and ready to act in conjunction with the Troops under your Command (when the Fort surrendered) had the Service required it.

I therefore on behalf of myself and all

other

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29th other persons concerned, have to request that you will inform me what Gentlemen you have appointed to act as Agent in this Business untill the pleasure of the Honble Company shall be fully known —

I have further to acquaint you that I shall refer the Justice of this claim to the Right Honble the President and Council of Fort St. George, at the same time reserving to myself the right of trying the validity of it in any of His Majestys Court of Law or in Equity in Great Britain —

I am Sir

Your Most Obedt humble Servt.

/Signed/ Jn.o Coxon

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23.d July 1781

To Captain John Coxon

Sir I have received your favor of the 23.d — Instant, claiming for the Commanders officers and Seamen of the Ships Grosvenor and Royal Admiral a share of whatever Goods were Captured at — Paggarnaickporam, as Neither of those Ships lay before Paggarnaickporam at the time it was reduced and no Orders had been given for employing them on that service, and as their Commanders did not make any tender to me of their services nor did in any shape or degree whatever, contribute to the reduction of the place, I do not conceive that the Commanders &c.a belonging to them have a just — claim to any part of the Capture —

I am Sir Your Most obd.t Humble Servant

/Signed/ Arthr. Lysaght

Paggarnaickporam
25.th July 1781.

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Captain Arthur Lysaght Commanding at —
Paggernaickporam. —

Sir I am favord with yours of the 25th Instant in answer to mine of the 23d. and have only to say that the appearance of the Ships in the Road of Paggernaickporam must have had its due weight with the Garrison at the time you summond the Fort to surrender, which actually capitulated without a Gun being fired on either side; —

In reply to that part of your Letter which mentions that the Commanders of the Ships made no
Their tender of their services to you, nor did in any shape or degree what ever contribute to the reduction of the Place. I am of opinion, you put it out of their power and rendered such a tender of services totally unnecessary by having taken it upon yourself to reduce the Fort
of to Paggernaickporam, before you could possibly have received any orders from the Presidency for that purpose, as the Fort surrendered to you on Saturday 14th Instant and the Instructions from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee respecting this service, were not received by Mr. William Hamilton Resident at Ingeram, to whom they were addressed until Sunday 15th Instant. —

Under these circumstances I conceive that the claim I have made, in behalf of the — Commanders Officers and Seamen of the Ships — Grosvenor and Royal Admiral, is well founded

And

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29th And Trust you will agree with me that under the above Idea, I should not have done justice to the Parties concerned, had I not acted in the manner I have done — I am Sir

Your Most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. N.r Coxon

Saggernaick porum
28th July 1781.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have perused the Complaints which have been delivered Against me, by the Nabob and the Phousdar of Nellore, and I shall Answer both Separately Beginning with those of the Phousdar as I presume it is from his Authority the Nabob forms his Complaints. —

From Capt. Patterson in answer to the Nabob's complaints.

I must take the Liberty to premise that I conceive Any officer who is Charged with a Command, should take every Precaution Necessary to the preservation of his own Honor, and the trust he holds, and I presume when facts come to be fairly Stated I shall be found to have done no more; —

Complaints
1st Captain Patterson uses great oppression to the Inhabitants.

Answer
It is known that Captain Campbell has for some time been ill of his wounds

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Complaints	Answer
of this Place, he sends his Men to turn the People out of their Houses and takes them for their Use	wounds, when he arrived at Nellore, it was Necessary to provide him with a habitation the Engineer Seeing the Necessity of the case offered to relinquish his House, if I would provide him with an Appartment. I in Consequence applied to the Phousdar and Pitched upon the House I wanted but he desired me to pitch upon any other House I pleased, I in consequence took possession of an appartment which I was told belonged to the Circar, and not to any individuals, the person who delivered my Message to the Phousdar and come back to me with his Answer, will attest this fact, I never interfered with any individuals.
2d He keeps all the Gates Under his Command and allowes of no Orders but his own	I presume in this respect that I have followed my instructions.

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Complants	Answer
29th 3d When I arrived at the Salvage Shut the Gate	
Gate about the time of at 6 a Clock and the	
evening Prayer, he would wickets at 8, after which	
not permet me to enter the Fallowed no one to pass	
Town — Mohomed Baker or Vepajo — the Phousdar	
Cawn that same Night — was not worse treated	
was going to send me — than Captain George —	
some Victuals, but Captain Campbele, who tho Wounded	
Patterson would not let and ill, was Allowed to	
them pass out of the Gate remain on the outside —	
to come to Me — all Night. —	
4th I've will not permit The President and Counsel	
any Procession or Musick will on the Necessity of	
at Night at the Weddings this Precaution —	
of the People in the Town	
5th Your Highness Orders Assertion is not proof if	
were that he should take the Phousdar Sounds this	
care of the Fort but he — Complaint upon the former	
uses Authority in every one, and he does not —	
thing, and oppresses the appear to have any Better	
Inhabitants without — ground your Lordship —	
Cause — &c will pass from this —	
instance the Justice of	
his Accusations —	
6th Mohomed Baker — I Recommanded the —	
Cawn received intelligence Fort and the Garrison	
that the Enemys Horse — it contained, by whose —	
were in the Neighborhood Orders did these People	

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Complaints

Near Negrenawarum and Gulam Hussen Mohomed Cazim and Mahomed Meckun were sent Against them and took Six of the Enemys Horses, ale the Servants of the Circar Say that Captain Patterson would not give them leave to go out of the Fort, when the Enemy was Near or else they would have taken ~ opubetram ~

Answer

go if they did not go by Mine, the Fact is that they applied for and I gave them leve to go at 6 a Clock in the evening they desired to have one of the Companys Guns which I refused, but gave them permission to take one of the Nabobs Guns if they pleased ~ The Phousdar had taken such admirable care of his Highnesses Artillery, that it became Necessary to Employ Carpenters and Smiths in Repairing the Carriage of the Gun ~ Pitched upon from 6 Clock past 12 a Clock at Night After that Hour the undisciplined Rabble who were to undertake this enterprize began to assemble, and ~ they were not ready to ~ March till 3 a Clock in the Morning, when away they went Not with intention to fight but if possible ~ to Terrify the Enemy, for ~

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29th Complaints

Answers

when they approached within
a Mile of the Place where
Hyders people were laying
they fired their Gun - the
enemy vowed by the Noise
made their escape, and the
Nabobs people Returned
and two Bullocks, which
were either Neglected or
disposed by their Owners

My Answer to the third Complaint
is likewise an Answer to the 7th Respecting my
keeping the Nabobs Servants on the outside of
the Gate.

The first part of his Highnesses Letter
is already Answered by me, as I have given an
Account of the interprize Undertaken by his
Troops, and I am sorry to Remark that he is Much
Mistaken in the Opinion he intertains of their
strength, and of their Attachment to his Service -
there is Nominal force at Nellore of 1100, but not
above half that Number can be found for duty,
I could not prevail Upon the Nabobs People at
any time to Muster them I by own Authority
at two different times Mustred such part of
them as were to be found, and Upon this and every
occasion I found them dispicable and unserviceable

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29th of the Name of Soldiers — they have no cloathing they are ill paid, Undisciplined and Consequently Unsatisfied, and as a proof of what I now assert they threw down their Arms on the 3d. Instant — and have refused to Act, as to the Phousdars sollicitations, I presume that I was the best — judge of the Necessity or propriety of Sending out Troops. —

I am Sorry to see an assertion in the Nabobs Letter unauthorized by proofs or even by the Complaints which he has produced from his Servants, Namely, that my conduct was dictated by private Interest — I challenge those who have Made this assertion to produce the smalest proof and if the thing remains Unproved, I am sure your Lordship &c. will form a proper judgment of those who have thus endeavoured to fix a — Causeless Odium upon My Character. —

The Nabob Says that I complained that no provisions had been collected for Colt. — Pearces Detachment, but that Colt. Pearce found abundance of every thing — he in Another paragraph Complains of me for Sending out Detachments of his Troops, to bring in Cows Calfs &c. a little — Arrangement of Circumstances Will place these — Matters in a proper light and Shew whether Merit is due to the Nabobs Servants or to me for the Abundance with which Colt. Pearce was Supplied, —

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29th I found the Nabobs People dilatory in bringing in Grain, which obliged me to tell the Phaudar that if he Did not furnish supplys, I would be obliged to send out Seapoys and collect it wherever it was to be found, in consequence of these declarations and not till they were made the Phoudar provided Grain — as to Cattle he had Collected none until a Detachment had passed the Kistna. I found all my applications to him were Vain and finding them so I Sent out Seapoys, but took no More from the People than was absolutely Necessary your Lordship &c. Knowing my instructions will see how far I would have been to blame, had I neglected these precautions, and you will judge whether for the Phoudar have the greatest Merit yet when the thing was done through my Exertion the Nabob claims the merit to his own Servants, but I feel Myself easy, as I have Reliance on your Justice which I am sure will defend me Against Artful intrigue or envious jealousy —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient and
Very humble servant
Alexd Patterson
Capt

Madras
18th Sept 1781

To —

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee —

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Genl. Coote the Army detained at Vellout for want of Carriage, 1700. Coolies desert incloses the Deputy Agents Report, Mr. Forster appointed to deliver out Rice to the Black Troops —

As I returned to the Army and for the avowed purpose of proceeding to the relief of Vellore, depending that those means for the conveyance of Rice which I myself bore witness were acquired with much difficulty, and thro' the constant exertions of your Honorable Committee, would have enabled me to execute that Service, It is a justice equally due those Exertions, as it is a duty I unavoidably owe my Employers the Public at large, and myself to Submit for the Inspection and information of your Honble Committee, the following report made to me by Mr. Kenworthy the Agent in Camp — Return of Carriage for the Army agreeable to the Agents Report sent from Madras, with return of those actually received in Camp by the Agent there. —

1781. Mr. Dobbyens Return	Carts	Draft Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks	Received in Camp by the Agent: Carts	Draft Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks	Deficient: Carts	Draft Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks
Sept. 14th Carts double	3.	12.	"	2.	8.	"	1	4.	"
" Do. Tumbril	2.	20.	"	2.	20.	"	"	"	"
" Do. Single	33.	66.	"	33.	66.	"	"	"	"
15th Do. Double	37.	148.	"	37.	148.	"	"	"	"
" Do. Single	74.	148.	"	68.	136.	"	6.	12.	"
Draught Bullocks spare	"	80.	"	"	35.	"	"	35.	"
Carriage Bullocks	"	"	650.	"	"	232.	"	"	418.
Carts	48.	96.	"	48.	96.	"	"	"	"
Total	197.	570.	650.	190.	499.	232.	7.	71.	418.

Sent from Madras by the Town Major 1633 Coolies with the Same Number of Bags, each bag said to

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contain 3 Maracals. Twenty four bags were measured in Camp and found to contain Twenty eight Pars each — out of the above number of Coolies, Twenty one deserted on the road with their loads. Many of the Carts and Bullock are without Drivers, and were sent to Camp without — People properly authorized to deliver them over, and — without any Note from Mr. Dobbyn, nor has any Report been made to me of the quantity of Rice sent to Poonamallee for the use of the Army. I reckon however from the — different measurements that have been made that there will not be less between the Despatches from Madras — and the Actual Receipts, than a Deficiency of one Month. Since writing the foregoing I have received 300 Carriage Bullocks from Madras but they are unfit for present use having never been properly broke in — The Saddles are bad and not properly Stuffed. Signed John — Hunwarthy Depy. Agent. —

Since the Coolies arrived in Camp about — 1,200. of them have deserted, and tomorrow I do not expect to hear of half that remains being for th coming. These desertions can have arisen from no other cause than the Natural Aversion these People have to such a Service Ill treatment I am confident they could not Complain of as I saw them myself deposit their Loads and have permission to dress their Victuals. — From these — complicated disappointments of our Carriage for Rice I was yesterday prevented from Marching and it is yet — Matter of uncertainty whether I shall be able to move today as the Agent informs me that he has not nearly

Carriage

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29th Carriage sufficient to carry the Rice off the ground and that the means he has will not convey above five days for the Black Troops. - and which exclusive of what they carry on their backs is no more than half of what I deemed necessary to have along with us, in order to accomplish the Service I have set out upon. That if practicable for us to march to day and to carry all the rice with us I have ordered one days to be served out to the whole Army, including Followers and have also ordered the Commissary of Stores, to assist with what Bullocks he can spare from the services of his Department to convey the Rice to Tripasore, where it can be stored for the use of that Garrison, if we should not be able to take it with us, which there is very Reason to fear we shall not - Thus Situated it will be impossible for me to say whether I can in prudence advance. Circumstances alone can determine me for on the operations and safety of this Army the Fate of all India depends which I hope will be admitted as a sufficient reason for acting with every possible precaution. -

The Vincatagiery Rajah has not joined me but remained at Madras, why I know not, Sickness having obliged His Highness's third Son Saifel Mulock to stay behind. I have not now a single Man belonging to the Nabob with the Army. This bespeaks so total an indifference to both his own Cause and the Cause of the Public, that I am struck with astonishment and altogether unable to ascribe one reasonable Motive for so Strange a Conduct. -

Finding that the care of the Provisions for the Europeans, was as great a charge as Mr Kenworthy

Could

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29th could Manage. I have nominated Mr. Forster the Groan
Keeper, to Superintind the Buoms of carrying and —
distributing the Rice &c for the Black Troops. —

The Intelligence I have received of Hyder
is, that he is encamped with his Main Army on the
South side of the Pannar about three Cos from Conjeveram

I have the Honour to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Humble Servt

Eyre Coote

Camp Near Velour
the 19th. September 1781.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c
President and Governor &c &c Mect Committee —

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Anderson requesting to recommend Mr Pasley as Surgeon General, and recommending that Mr Lucas be called to the Presidency, and the Mr. Roxburgh be sent to Jamaica.

The Surgeon Generalcy being Vacated by the Decease of Mr Pasley, I am to offer my Services for that appointment, being the Senior Surgeon on the Coast, and that as little distress as possible may Accrue to the conducting of the Service from the Loss of an experienced and diligent Servant of the Company. —

Mr Colby Lyon Lucas Surgeon Major of the Army having been necessarily confined at Vellore, from the Situation of that Place, I am to recommend he may be called to the Presidency in consequence to fill up my Station of Surgeon Major

I have in the mean Time directed Mr James Peters, who has been confined here with Fits

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29th health since his Arrival from Tellicherry, but seems now pretty well Recovered to Cuddalore to do the Duty of Surgeon of that Place —

Understanding Mr Davison has been necessarily obliged to leave his Station at Condapillah to come to Samul Cottah, I have directed Mr Roxburgh who has for a considerable Time held a laborious Station at the Hospital here, and has not constitution of health sufficient for the Field Service, to proceed to Samul Cottah that Mr Davidson may be able to return to his Duty at Condapillah. —

In hopes these dispositions may meet with your Approbation, that the Orders Necessary for their taking place may be forwarded. —

I have the Honor to be with all due Respect. —

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &
Most Humble servant
Jas Anderson
Surgeon Major

Fort St George
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I grind that Mr James Anderson be — appointed Surgeon General in the Room of Mr Pasely deceased, and that Mr Colley Lucas be appointed Surgeon Major of this Garrison in the Room of Mr Anderson and that he be ordered to repair immediately to the Presidency. —

Granted.

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

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

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sir Eyre Coote complaining that the Amildar at Seppapoore, instead of paying Sums in to the Hands of the Commandt had remitted 400 Pagodas to the Nabab - & informing the Commtee that he had in Consequence ordered the Amildar to pay the whole he might Collect to the Officer Comandg.

Having contrived by the means which I mentioned to your Honble Committee in my letter of yesterday to put the whole of the Rice in Camp in a way of being conveyed to Trepasore, I marched about three o Clock in the Afternoon, & advanced five miles nearer that Place, where we encamped for the Night & I marched again about day break this morning and reached our present Ground of encampment being a mile west of Seupapore; about ten oClock. — I went to visit the Fort in order to see in what forwardness the repairs were - I& & having taken this opportunity of enquiring of the Com - manding Officer what assistance the Amildar had given towards the Support of the Garrison; I was informed by him none, but that he had understood from pretty good authority, that he had remitted 4 or 500 Pags to madrass - Upon this I desired the Amildar might be sent for, which was done; and when he came he did not hesitate to confess he had remitted 200 Pags, however upon inspecting his accounts it proved to be 400 - Two hundred of which I must do him the justice to say (as it appears from his acct) he has borrowed on his own credit - Likewise some further Small Sums he furnished the Nabobs third Son with, when alongwith the Army here before - The Amildar did with some reluctance & appre -

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2d - hension, Confessed to me further that he was brought under engagements before he left Madras, when the army marched this way last month, Consequently before this place was taken to remit as soon as possible the Sum of 3,500 Pags. - - Such a transaction is in every respect reprehensible, as it was not only anticipating those resour - ces which might be obtained from the Country, but appropriating them in Such a Manner, as Should to - - taly preclude the Garrison from receiving any imme - diate Support from them, and which it Could not be Doubted it would Stand greatly in need of at Such a time, as the present, and particularly two Companies of the Nabobs own Seapoys who came from Nellore and are 7 mon.ths in arrears and now Daing Duty in the Garrison, These Surely merited an early attention From this Anecdote I think we may without taking Credit for any uncom - mon Share of penetration, conclude that the Same practice has prevailed in every part of the Country, where the Nabob has his agents - It is one however of a nature so destructive to Our Success, which depends so entirely upon those Supplies only to be acquired from the produce of the Earth, and in its effects so ruinous to to the Company By the heavy additional Expence with which it burthens them, and which is too well known to us all the present State of their - Finances can but ill afford, that I must entreat it may claim your early attention and Such Speedy remedy as you conceive Shall prove effectual - Being myself clearly of Opinion, whilst the Nabob has in no Shape or Instance Contributed

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29th to the support of our Funds at the Presidency, that it is far from unreasonable to expect he will at least apply the resources drawn from the Country to the maintenance of the Forts situated therein; I have taken upon me expressly to enjoin the Amildar here, on no account or pretence whatever to send a Single Pagoda to Madras whilst there is a Jamaun Due to the Troops in Garri-son, or necessary for Carrying on and Compleating its repairs; but to pay the whole he might Collect to the Officer in Command, who would grant him receipts for the Same. and which he might transmit to the Nabob who would have Credit with the Company to their amounts. As in giving these Orders I have neither Swerved from the principles of Equity nor Justice, and am Confident of having discharged on the Occasion my Duty, I dread no Consequences which can accrew to me indevedually But I must hope your Honble Committee will give them Strenuous support, other wise I fear they will prove in effectual. — I shall march again tomorrow; I hear nothing new of Hyders motions, but that he continues at the Same place as the Same place as mentioned in my Letter of Yesterday —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen,
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Camp one mile west of
Trepassore 20th Sept. 1781.

To the Right Honble George Macartney K.B.
Pres.t & Gov.r &c. Sel.t Committee Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir Eyre Coote the Polegars fail in their Promises to the

Conformably to what I wrote your Honble Committee

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General takes possession of the Pagoda of Imuna - ny. the Enemy en - - camp'd within ten miles on the Arcott Road. hopes to bring them to an action - enclosing Ltr from Col. Lang - the garrison of Vellore can only subsist till 13 Octoben

Committee in my Letter of the 20th Inst. I marched the following morning from Tripasore, & took the road through Pollums, that if the Polligars were at all desirous of assisting us they might no longer have it in their power to plead in excuse for not doing it, the intervention of the Enemy or want of Convenient Opportunity - I encamped that Day at Camambury which is distant about 7 miles from Tripasore & the most Centrical Spot of the Pollums belonging to the Eight Poligars Dependent on the latter place - Before we Commenced this march 5 more of the Coolies had - deserted by which means part of their Loads were Lost, and what remaind was only Saved by Serving out some to the Corps on the rear Guard, and putting the rest upon the Guns. Besides the above disappointment and Difficulty we Suffered Still more, the insufficiency of the grain carts & the badness of the Draught Bullocks belonging to them, the Grain Keeper reported that some of the former had broke down & many of the latter had died on the road, thro' weakness & fatigue and that they were in general miserably bad, that had the march been for two miles further, he did not think one half of them would have reached the Ground - These were Circumstances my Lord and Gentlemen of a nature too serious as to occa - - sion to me Uneasiness in proportion to the Evil Conse - - quences that might attend them - To obviate them therefore as far as lay in my power, I determined to halt the Succeeding Day, in Order to refresh the Cattle, to which resolution I was more reconciled in the hope that the Poligars, Three of whom came to visit me, would have brought me in Supplies of Grain at least adequate to

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one days Expence — The Assurance they gave me were beyond that Extent, to which they added a most positive promise of Furnishing two hundred Carriage Bullocks, they have failed in every particular, & I of Course am disap - pointed in the Expectation, which was the principal Cause of my returning to the Army, and which from the general credit given to it, I was willing to believe would have been realized - Still desirous of embracing every Chance which offered of fulfilling the Service I had undertaken, I commit - ted to oblivion those recent Disappointments, and eagerly encouraged the Strongest hopes of Supplies, given to me by an agent belonging to Bom Rauze who positively affir - med that in five or 6 hours after the Arrival of the Army at Tailtany he would furnish 4 or 5000 Cullums of Paddy as well as Grain for the use of the Ca Me & Continue to send in Supplies daily - Altho I was not Sanguine that these promises would be fulfilled, I resolved as it was approaching the Object I had in view, to give them a fair Trial, and accordingly marched the Army the 23 in the morning to this Place, and were I have been ever since depending on the Compleition of the Assurances given me, as unless they were in some measure fulfilled, it was impossible for me to carry the Army to Vellore and back again to Madrass, with the Rice we were able to bring with us - Had the Coolies not deserted and the Carriage supplied by Mr Dobbyn been as ample in rea - lity as they appeared upon paper, I should I am Convinced have effected the Service in Spite of every Obstacle, and not been under the Necessity of exposing myself to the Cruel disappointments I have also Suffered at this Place, from

which

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which all I have been able to obtain, and that by means of Searching and digging, is about 500 Cullums of Paddy not eaqual to One days Rice for the fighting men. I was well aware before leaving the Presidency of every Deceit which I Should have to encounter with the Pollygars, and altho' I saw no Remedy for them, Should they occur, I was determined on so important an occasion to put every Offer to the Test that want of Exertion on my part Should not hereafter be urged as the Cause of failure in the Service I Sitt out upon - Such my Lord & Gentlemen is the reception I have met with from the Poligars in Gene-ral, at the Same time I have certain Intelligence that Grain has been Conveyed from Bom rauzes Country to the Enemys Camp, Since my arrival at this Place - There is said to be plenty of Grain Secreted in the Villages and Jungles of Bom Rauzes Country, but it is not to be easily found or in any great Store without the Assistance of the Possessors who have all absconded and taken Shelter in the Hills, from which they do not return, notwithstanding I have Shown my Desire to give them every possible protec-tion and encouragement by preventing & chastizing every Spirit of Plundering - in the march hither Consi derable Bodies of the Enemys Horse appeared in our Front & endeavoured to harrass us with Rockets, & kept retreating as we advanced - Seeing a favorable Opportunity of attack-ing a Body of them I pushed a small party of Our Cavalry after them, who charged with the greatest Bravery & Resolution, Killed Several of the horsemen & Rocket Boys & brought Seven men with their Horses

prisoners

29th prisoners, the only Loss we sustained was the Standard of the Troops, which the Jemidar who Carried it was obliged to drop having rec.d a Severe Cut in the hand from one the Enemy's Swords — I detached a Bengal Regement from the Line & took possession of the Pagoda of Trillaney, and in in the afternoon I went with a Small party, to reconnoitre the Fort of Pallore which lay about two miles in the front of our encampment, and to Summon the Garrison to Surrender. On Approaching five Shots were fired at us from some Small Guns in the Fort — I sent immediately a flag of truce demanding an Instant Surrender and that if they dared to fire another Shot I would surround the Fort so that none should escape, breach it in an hour and put every Man in it to Death. I sent orders at same time to march up the Brigade Commanded by Major Eyphinston, with two Pieces of Battering Canon and a Howitzer — In the interim the Flag of truce returned with two men belonging to Garrison who wanted to Stipulate Terms. But I peremtorily refused any, and desired them to return defend the Fort & take the Consequences, or to Comply with the Demand I had made — The two people went back and soon returned with an aquiesence, and our Troops marched in & took possession, — There was taken in the Garrison two hundered Prisoners, five Small Guns and a Considerable Quantity of muskets & matchlock Ammunition — I was by all my intelligence given to understand, that I should find in it a pretty large, quantity of Paddy, but the whole did not amount to above two garce. — Such of the Prisoners as had before been in the Nabobs or Compnys Service, and were willing to resume it have been

entertained

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29th entertained, and the rest dismissed upon their taking an Oath not to Serve against us During the Present War, — By every Intelligence I can procure Hyder with his whole Army is now Laying incamped across the Arrot Road, between the Lake of Cavery - paick and Sandy Shulinguer distant from hence about Ten Miles I have therefore determined to march towards him in hopes of bringing him again to action, as being the only remaining Chance of extricating us from our difficulties & look to nothing more than driving him from his Ground in which if I am Succesful, the State of Our provesions renders it necessary I should march back to Madras the following day — This is an alternative which you may readily believe after perusing the enclosed Letter from Col.o Long look forward to with a most Sensible Concern and you may depend upon it that nothing Shall remain untried on my part to avert so fatal a Blow as the loss of such a place would be, to our hopes of recovering the Carnatic but I confess at Same time I See not an Opening whereby to accomplish my wishes — From all these Circumstances I think it appears evident that we have not the means of prosecuting the War — In Such Cases, I believe it is an uniform Policy in all Governments to endeavor at peace, without which or with out Some happy event Succeeds the action I am now about to Seek for, we must Suffer Certain ruin — Some late Accts have I am informed arrived from Bengal of an occurrence of a very disagreeable nature but which I trust may prove Groundless as by happening as I have heared it has done at Benares, it may be productive of the most pernicious effects to Our Interest.

which —

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29th which I am sorry to say are now in a most miserable State
I must request that every means may be exerted to throw
in some Rice &c. into Poonamalee, and that if possible at
least equal to one days Consumption, may be forwarded
to Tripassore — Some more of the Coolies have Deserted
and what remain being now empty & having no Rice to
maintain them, I have desired them to be dismissed — As
there is no Knowing what effects an Action may produce
towards the relief of Vellore, I hope you will Continue your
Endeavors of Supplying the Garrison with money —

I have the Honour to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obed.t
Humble Servant.
Signed Eyre Coote —

Camp Trittany
26th Sept.r 1781. ——

Duplicate

To Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote

I have been favored with yours of the 15th and
happy to find you are going to put the Army in motion
again, however, I think it a duty I owe to my Employers,
myself, and the Officers and men under my Command to
make the Situation of this Garrison known to you, as the
Season is advancing fast, we Can only Subsist here till
the 15th of October, and have a few Days provisions left to
enable us to attempt an escape to some place of Safety,
or to Serve untill we Can have an answer from Hyder grant-
ing us Such terms as he may think fit; I hope you
will pardon my being So plain, but I think it absolutely
necessary Lest any unforeseen delay Should happen, that I

may

29 may hereafter be able to Convince my People that I have taken the necessary precaution of acquainting you how matters really stand with us, Should it turn out that I am forced (or find it most prudent) to quit the Garrison, there is no rout at present that appears to me to promise the smallest Succes but the Northward, and I must be favored by the Army, I must also have Money, and even admit that I had Sufficient of money, I am very doubtful of the Sepoys on account of their attachment to their families, as they are most Vellore People, and their families all here, I request an immediate answer, and hope that you will give me full instructions, as it is out of my power to know how the Poligars are affected, we have not had the least intercourse with Bom Rauzes Country or any part towards Trichinopoly Since the fall of Arcott. The Nabobs Sepoys that went to Somban Pollam are all made Prisoners, or dispersed, owing to the infamous behaviour of the man that Commanded them, his name is Mahomet Sellaman, and I am told he has had the assurance to write you, The Poligar has escaped with all his People, and I, make no doubt will attempt to get to the Army, if he does, he will tell you the truth, his Pollam is destroyed.

I have the honor to be

Vellore 22d. Sept. 1781

Sir

your most Obed. Servant

Ross Lang

P.S. since writing I have rec'd 1,000 Pagodas from Madras

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c

My

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From Capt. Smith 24
Hyders Horse Cave
&c. Environs of Paliacat

Fort St George, September 1781

My Lord,

My Spies are Just come in from the Country that lies N.W. from Paliacat, where I sent them, & inform me that Hyder has sent to call all his horse in from this Quarter, & that they are all gone, & not one remaining here about's - With the greatest respect I remain,

My Lord,

Your Lordships
Most Obedient,
humble Servant
George Smith.

Paliacat
September 25th 1781.

From Sir Edward Hughes, cannot remain with the Squadron on the Coast beyond the 16th Oct. unless applied to in form - thinks Col. Pearson is not far off - moves with the Squadron off Negore - The Snow Mahomed Sudder Buxs dd. mifsd. -

My Lord & Gentlemen,

The Lively Brig joined me here yesterday evening, and brought me the honor of your Letters of the 18th and 19th of this Month, enclosing Copy of a Letter to you from the Governor and Council of Tranquebar.

The Six Plat-forms which you have been pleased to send on the Lively are received on board the Superbe to clear the Vessel, that She may return to you for your further Orders.

I hope, My Lord & Gentlemen, that you will be explicit in answer to the Requisition made by me in my Letter to you of the 20th by the Coventry; if you have not been so, I entreat the Lively Brig may be returned to me immediately with your definite Answers to them. I have already told you my future operations with the Squadron must depend on your Resolutions, and think it further necessary to inform you that I cannot remain with the Squadron on the Coast beyond the 16th of next Month unless you apply to me in form, desiring me to continue, and pointing out the Services to be performed by

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29 such stay on the Coast, As the measure is both proper and necessary to justify my doing so, I have no doubt you will make such application.

Yesterday a considerable body of Black Troops came to Nagapatam, and are encamped on the Northern Esplanade, I believe them to be those left by Hyder at Nagore, and its' Environs, and have reason also to think that Colonel Nixon is not now far off; I have therefore moved with the Squadron off Nagore, where the disembarkation of our Men can be easily made, and so soon as that is effected, and the Colonel ready to march to Nagapatam, the Squadron will accompany him, and occupy such a Station as can best facilitate our Operations.

The Snow Mahmud Budder Bux is sufficiently protected by the Danish Pass she bears, and when unladen will be dismissed accordingly, but the Agent for the Captors (for myself I take no part in these matters) assures me he has full and sufficient Testimony, even in papers transmitted by your Board, to prove the property on her to be Prize within the express sence of His Majesty's Proclamation, and indeed, My Lord & Gentlemen, I have too much matter of greater importance on my mind, to go into Subjects of Prize requisitions. I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

your most Obedient

Humble Servant,

Edwd Hughes.

Superkoff Nagapatnam.
the 26th September, 1781.

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

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The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c Governor &c &c Select Committee.

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From Lt Col Harper enclosing copies of Letters to and from Mr Hugon at Pondicherry —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to enclose to you the Copies of Two Letters of mine to Mr Hugon of Pondicherry; who seems to be the leading man there, with three of his; — as they have at that Place armed Topasses and Poligars, who have given some little interruption to the Amuldar I have put in to the Waldour and Noormaul districts; in carrying on his business, I shall be happy in being honored with your instructions, how I may act towards them: — I do not know what effect my last letter may have, as I have yet received no reply to it, but shall let the Amuldar carry on the business of the districts as usual, and as mentioned in my last letter to Mr Hugon, untill I receive any Commands from you to the contrary. I remain with the greatest respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient &

Humble Servant.

Caddalore 26th Sept. 1781.

W. Harper.

Copy of a Letter to Mr Hugon at Pondicherry.

Sir

I beg leave to inform you I have put in an Amuldar with some Troops to the Waldour and Noormal Districtes, and have given them their Orders to carry on the Business as formerly, and as they have some connections within the Pondicherry Bounds, have to request that they may not be interrupted —

I am informed that some Sepoys belonging to

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29th Those Companies are detained by you at Pondicherry, I desire therefore you will give orders for their immediate release, that they may return to their Companies.

I am, Sir,
Your Obed.t hble Servant.
H.d Harper.

Cuddalore 19th Sept.r 1781.

To Colonel Harper,

Sir

I have received the Letter you honored me with on the 19th. Instant. I shall comply with your desire, and leave your orders to be executed by those who have received them, I never even pretended to Concern myself with their business — and when I opposed their taking People from Pondicherry, it was because I did not think they were authorized by the English Government, as they had no Order with them, or Commandor, by which they could be known — I have only to request of you Sir, to be pleased to consider that Pondicherry, which is under the pro-tection of the English Government, is in the same predicament with the other English Colonies that pay no duty. Another Still more essential Object is that the Small quantity of Grain that is Brought in to this Town, and which is Scarcely Sufficient for the daily Consumption, may not be Stopped by your Troops: without this regulation the Inhabitants of the Town will perish by Famine — From this I take upon me to inform you Sir, That the Distress which has been experienced for these few days past may cause a Commotion among Some of the Inhabitants, which may rise to a height and he attended with fatal conse-quences —

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I am with respect.

Sir,

Your very humble, and

very obedient Servant,

Signed) Hugon.

Pondichery 21st Sept. 1781.

Translation

To Colonel Harper.

Sir,

In the Letter I had the Honor of writing to You yesterday in answer to the one You honored me with on the 19th Instant, I informed You of the critical Situation of Pondichery on account of the great Scarcity of Grain. I at the same time requested your Avaldar of Villenore to give a free Passage to what Cornes to this Place, but notwithstanding this Sir, he has, both yesterday and today Stopped the only Grain which was Coming in, and will not restore it at my request. As I have charge of the Police of this Town, and am the only Guardian of the Rights of the Inhabitants, I have the honor of representing to You Sir, that the Culpable and dangerous Conduct of your Avaldar in this Affair may in the moment of Despair cause the whole Town to revolt, which has already experienced the greatest Distress — I am convinced Sir that this man does not act in this manner by your orders, on which account Sir, I claim, in the name of a Town under your Protection, your Authority to put a Stop to this Abuse — I shall add Sir, that it would be a most cruel circumstance that the fate of a Town so considerable as Pondichery, — should be

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29th at the disposal of a despicable black fellow, who influenced by the Enmity (natural to his Cast) against Europeans, would not contain himself within the bounds of Power you have entrusted him with.

I hope Sir that you will pay regard to my Representation — issue Orders in consequence of it for the future, and cause the delivery of the Grain which has been Stopped —

I am with respect,

Sir

Your very humble &
very obedient Servants,
(Signed) Hugon.

Pondicherry
22d. Septr. 1781.

Translation

To Colonel Harper,

Sir

I use no delay to prefer fresh Complaints against the Amaldar you have placed at Villenour, who not contented with Stopping our Provisions, has placed Guards round our Bounds. — Fully convinced Sir, that it is not by your Orders, I have ordered them to be taken into custody, untill you will be pleased to inform me of your Intentions respecting them —

I repeat to you Sir that the Town is in great Commotion an account of the Grain being Stopped by your Amaldar — I expect from your Justice Speedy relief from the Extremity We are reduced to, and I entreat of you not to delay the Answer I hope you will honor me with —

I am with respect,

Sir

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Sir

Pondichery,
23d Sept. 1781.

I am very humble, and
very obedient Servant,
(Signed) Hugon

Copy of a Letter to Mr. Hugon at Pondichery

Sir,

I have received your several Letters, and as you desire that Pondichery may be on the same footing with the other English Settlements, have sent the Commander Orders to follow the same rules as observed there, viz, that no Customs be taken for any kind of provisions with in the Bounds, but in respect to every thing else he has direction to go on as usual —

I am told you send out people and interrupt them in the execution of their duty, and that you have a Company and Peon prisoners, taken at Coolacopang, a Village a little distant from the Limits of Pondichery, belonging to Poorrmaut district — I request you will give Orders for their release immediately, and prevent any thing of the Kind from happening again — I shall be always ready to punish any people employed there on that Service, who shall exceed their Orders.

I am, Sir
your obedt. hble. Servant
H. Harpers

Caddalore
26th Sept. 1781.

Wrote the following Letters.

To John Holland Esqr.
Resident at Hyderabad

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Sir

In our Letter of the 18th Instant we explained fully our

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To Mr Holland — concerning the Treaty to be entered in to with the Nizam, wt instructions relative there to — enclosing letter from the President to the Nizam, advising of having wrote to the Northward relative to Coja Raw — of Genl Coote's victory over Hyder — enclosing do from the Nabob wt Intelligence —

29th our Opinion with reguard to the General Conditions of the Treaty which we thought it right to conclude with the Nizam in the present situation of our affairs, and consistently with the Principle, which guide the Conduct of the Company.

we apprehend that a defensive Treaty besides precluding all probability of enmity between the Contracting Parties, implies an obligation of reciprocal assistance in case of foreign Invasion; and being to take Effect from the date of it's execution, that Assistance is no doubt to be afforded instantly to the Party which happens to be then attacked, we extended even our ideas of Connection with his Highness to the admission of a Clause for assisting him with a certain number of Troops merely as auxiliaries at his requisition, without even the previous condition of his being Attacked by any other Power; tho our pacific Views will not suffer us to be in a Situation to make a Similar demand on him: we have no occasion on our parts to seek for offensive alliances, because we do not intend to be aggressors, we seek for no Conquest for Ourselves, and do not think it prudent to Undertake for making Conquests for others. But if in the progress of a war Supported for our just defence, any territory should be taken from the Enemy, we shall not wish to retain any part of it from our faithful and Strenuous Allies, who will have the additional motive for giving us effectual and even constipulated succours.

Our President has received a letter from the Nizam, to which he will inclose to you an answer. we have taken care to invite to Our Subordinates in the Mustaphanagar Circar, Directing that Coja Raw may immediately

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comply with his Highness's desire in Relation to his fugitive Subject Ossa Row. We have just received intelligence from Sir Eyre Coote which announces a compleate Victory obtained by him over Hyder on the 27th Instant near Shulingur in the way to Arcot. The Enemy was Surprized suffered a very Considerable Loss, and retreated without being able to carry off the whole of their Artillery. The Same Night Several Principal People Left Him, among the Rest Bomraude and the Colastory Rajah.

We enclose to you copy of a Letter from the Nabob Wallajaw containing Intelligence of which you will be able to judge of the Probability.

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants

Macartney

&c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Paper of Intelligence

from Hyderabad dated the 9th Ramzan, or 18th September 1781. to the Nabob Wallajaw —

Your Highness hath already been informed of the applications made by Hyder Naig for assistance to this Court, which is not well inclined to the English, I have now come to the Knowledge of the following circumstances from undoubted Authority —

There arrived here about four months ago one Mahomed Shufy Cawn, who was some years in your Highness' Service, and afterwards went to Hyder, who employed him as a Letter Writer. This man is at present in the Service of the Nizam, and has a hundred Rupees p. Month. In conversing with some friends in his confidence,

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a few days ago, he told them that Moyn ud Dowla and Jeg Sung had by the Commands of his Highness the Nizam made him, Shusfy Cawn, write a letter as if addressed by Hyder to the Nizam, Soliciting his Assistance to the Subversion of Brahmins at the same time promising them in order of entice the English, for the Sake of his acquiescence large pecuniary advantages, and a cession of Considerable Territories.

Another letter was ordered to be prepared by them in the same terms addressed to Moyn ud Dowla, who is in the Nizam's Confidence, and both letters were given to experienced Hircarrahs, who were instructed to say that they were just arrived with these letters from Hyders Country. The Hircarrahs accordingly arrived at Moyn ud Dowla's Door, where I saw them myself, and, it seems, were ordered to carry letters to his Highness at the very hour He had appointed a meeting with Mr. Hollond, and the letters were delivered by Moyn ud Dowla to his Highness in Mr. H. Londs presence. The Hircarrahs said they came by the road of Cudappa & Kunoul, and gave an account of the State of the war. The intention of this is, that the Governor of Bengal and Madras may be convinced from Mr. Hollonds own accounts of the truth of Hyders having Solicited the Nizam's assistance, and that they may on that account be the more desirous of engaging him, The Nizam, to settle terms with the Maharattahs — Intelligent People here cannot believe from Hyders known Character that he would humbly Solicit his Highness, and write to Moyn ud Dowla in the friendly manner it is given out. I have here given your Highness a particular account of all the circumstances which have come to my Knowledge.

To

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To Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath,

Vice Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief
of his Majestys Ships &c.

Sir

To Sir Edward Hughes
6 Platforms put on
board the Lively — promt.
ing out the great
assistance in the capture
of Negapatam by his
remaining on the
Coast beyond the 16th.
of next month. —

Since closing our Letter to you of yesterday
date we have been favored with yours of the 26th Inst.
in Consequence of which 6 Platforms were immediately
ordered to be put on board the Lively Brig, which is now
dispatched to you. —

Having already written in the most
explicit Terms in answer to the Requisitions Contained
in your Address of the 20th. Instant, it remains only
to reply to that part of your Letter Now before us, wherein
you say you cannot remain on the Coast beyond the 16th. of the
ensuing Month unless an Application be made to You on
Your, Desiring you to Continue, and pointing out the
Service to be performed by remaining on the Coast.

The Fall of Negapatam as the Seat of the Dutch
Government, and their only remaining Settlement on the
Coast, abstractedly Considered, is an event of Great moment
to the Company and the Nation at large, but when applied
to the present critical Situation of Our Affairs it becomes inf-
nitely more important — it would at Once annihilate their
Influence and Dissolve their Connection with Hyder Ally, which
might otherwise end in a formidable Alliance against us —
It would open to us probable Resources from the Southern
Countries, and by depriving the Enemies
leave us in a better State to Commence the Operations of
the next Campaign — Should it be delayed until after the
Monsoon

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Monsoon a French or dutch Fleet, or Both, may arrive on the Coast - or Hyder Cross the Coleroon, which at present he Cannot do, and render the Undertaking totally impracticable - we need only add that if Negapatam be not in our Possession before you leave us, we shall be as doubtful as to the Event of the Enterprize as we should be Confident of Success by your remaining until the latter end of next Month -

After having Stated to you the Considerations of public and National Concern which so pressingly demand the assistance of this Majesty's Squadron, we are assured it is perfectly Unnecessary to urge your Continuance on the Coast - it must remain with you to judge of the Risk that might attend the measure, and to pursue that Conduct which from a Review of all Circumstances shall appear the most Consistent with the general Interest of our Affairs.

Convinced of the Advantages which may result from getting possession of Trincamalee we have written a second letter to Colonel Nixon, repeating our Injuntion to him to use his best Endeavors to prevail on the Sepoys to embark on board the Squadron, and giving him great latitude for offering extraordinary Gratuities and Indulgencies to prevent any Disappointment to you of the Troops you have applied for to assist at the reduction of that place,

We have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

Sr Select Commr Received

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35 Received the following Letter from Mr
Edwd Saunders

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

Recd from Mr Saunders
enclosing account
of Bullocks &c.
for Col. Pearses
Detachment to be
paid either here or
to Ant Swing at
Nellore -

My Lord & Gentlemen

Accompanying I take leave to Transmit
an Account of Bullocks Purchased by order of the late
Governor Mr Smith for the use of the Army by the Compa-
nys Gomastas at Nellore, together with the Expence
of Keeping them; and the Quarter Master General of
Colonel Pearses Detachment receipt for 100 Bullocks
The Balance of the Account being 25 Pags 8 Fs the Remainder
of 2,000 Pagodas Sent the Gomastahs from the Chief
and Council of Masulipatam Shall be paid either
here or to Mr Swing at Nellore, as your Lordships &c Shall
be pleased to direct.

I am with Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Very Obed t & S
Humble Servant
Edwd Saunders

Fort St George
29th Sept 1781.

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An Account of Bullocks Purchased at Vellore by Aromoga Pillah and Garodachetty the Honble Company's Gomastas.

Bullocks	Madras Pags
1	19 3/4
10	49 3/8
5	23 1/8
5	23 5/16
27	124 3/8
1	4 1/2
4	16 7/8
2	7 1/8
3	14 5/8
12	53 3/8
20	97 1/4
6	25 3/8
4	17 3/8
9	48 5/8
4	22 1/8
6	24 3/16
7	28 11/16
6	25 15/16
6	22 15/16
10	41 5/8
8	34 1/16
5	21 5/16
8	112 5/16
13	60 1/8
3	11 3/8
15	61 11/16
3	15 3/8
26	128 2/16
8	33 5/8
270	Candies Cwt 1245 7/8.

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30th Bullocks		Madras Pagt
270	Brought Over	1245 7/8
6		28 1/8
2		9 1/4
4		22 1/2
10		42 1/8
2		7.
1		3 1/2
3		13 1/8
6		27.
1		3 7/8
14		76 3/4
8		45
28		127 1/4
5		25
1		3 13/16
14		69 3/4
9		43 1/16
5		28 3/4
9		37 1/8
3		12 15/16
3		13.
Bullocks 404		1884 13/16

12 Sheep herds Pay to feed the Bullocks from February 1781 July being 6 months @ 1 1/4 Pags pr month each -- 90.

Madras Pagodas 1974 13/16 " "

6 Bullocks died

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Agreed that Mr Saunders 30th
do settle the Accounts of
the Bengal Contractor.

Recieved from Mr Taring Paymaster at Vellore
Four hundered Bullocks.

W Gillespie

Vellore 23d July 1781. 2 M G

Wrote the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Macleod.

Colonel of His Majestys 73d Regiment

To Lord Macleod a
passage to be ordered
for the Men unfit
for Service in this Regt
half Batta to be
paid to a Detachment
from this Regt while
at Poonamalie -

My Lord,

We have been favord with your Letters of the
16th and 20th ultimo, with a list of men belonging to your
Regiment who are unfit for Service, and desiring they be
provided with a Passage in Some of the first Ships
dispatched to Europe, in answer to which we beg leave
to inform you we Shall Comply with your Request by
the earliest Opportunity in our power.

We are likewise to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 1st Instant, representing
the hardship you labour under, in not recieving
quartered at Po[illegible] ive a Detachment of your Regiment
the Same Allowances a[illegible] given to the Company's
Troops [illegible] there at the Same time - It was
owing [illegible] circumstances that a few Artillery
men, alluded to in your Letter, were allowed half Batta
at Poonamalie which is not a Batta Garrison - Troops
acting on the Same Service ought certainly to be on an
equal Footing in point of Allowances, and to prevent
any appearance of Distinction in the present Instance,
the Amount being trifling we Shall order half Batta likewise
to

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to be paid to this Detachment of your Regiment. —

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George,
30th Sept. 1781.

My Lord,
your Lordship's most
Obedient humble Servant
Macartney
& Select Comm

To Lt Colonel Nixon —

Commanding the Troops in the Field in the Tanjore Country.

To Col: Nixon Lieut: Jones, Mr Stuart & Mr Price embark on the Lively to join his Detachment —

Sir,

Under date the 24th Instant you was advised that Lieutenant Jones of the Artillery and Mr Andrew Stuart a Cadet, who had been appointed to act as Ensign would proceed to join the Troops to the Southward, they now embark on the Lively Brig, as likewise Mr Price, a Cadet of this Season, who has also been appointed to act as an Ensign.

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
30th Sept. 1781.

Sir
your most Obedient
humble Servant
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Anth Bouvier
Mr Williams