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At a Select Committee Present,
Saturday The Honble Thomas Rumbold President
17th Oct 1778

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

General Munro absent on Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read and
approved.

General Letter to the Honble the
Court of Directors of this Date read and
Signed.

Ordered that the Packet be closed.

Thos. Rumbold
John Whitehill

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The following Letters were read or dispatched before the last Committee, but were not entered on Account of the Urgent Business then in Hand.

Rippon Pondicherry read the
3. October 1778.

Gentlemen,

From Sir Edward
Vernon's relation
to an Expedition
to Mahé.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter dated the 24th past, and in answer thereto, am to acquaint you, that after the Reduction of Pondicherry, I shall be very happy to render the earliest assistance in my power to effect that of Mahé, as I readily concur with you in opinion, the French should be dispossessed of every Foot of Ground in India. On the Reduction of this place, or, before the approaching Monsoon sets in, I purpose sending the Squadron to Trincomalee to Wood & Water, and refit, which service, I expect, will be performed by the middle of November, when I shall be able to proceed with them to Mahé, on the Malabar Coast, to assist in carrying your design against that place into execution.

I have also received your Letter of the 30th, and shall give directions to Captain Owen of the Cormorant Sloop to receive on board her, any Gentleman you may think proper to take charge of

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of your Dispatches for England.

The Two Armed Ships from Ben-
-gal joined me the 1st in the Morning

I have the honor to be with
much respect

Gentlemen,

Thos. Humbold Esq^r
President of Council
of Fort St. George.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edw^d Vernon.

Rippon Pondicherry Road
3^d October 1778.

From Sir Edward
Vernon.

Gentlemen,

Having Ordered the Surtine
to be fitted for sea, and to take on board
the Provisions & Stores necessary for
Refitting the Squadron under my
Command, and to join me with the
utmost expedition, I am to desire you
will be pleased to order her every
assistance for that purpose, in your
power - I have the honor to be with

Respect

Gentlemen,

Thos. Humbold Esq^r
President of Council
of Fort St. George.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edw^d Vernon

Select Committee.

To the Honble Thomas Humbold Esq^r
President & Governor of the

Members
of the Select Committee
at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen,

From Bombay
with Paper of
News.

As we conclude by the Superscription of the enclosed Packets that a Select Committee is established at your Presidency We shall address our Letters accordingly - These Packets were received here the 3^d Instant by Captain Mackeney who left England at the same time with Captain Matthews.

As Sir Edward Vernon appears to have founded his Determination of continuing with the Squadron at Madras on your Letter to him of the 1st July We have in reply stated to him our Reasons for being of opinion that the Squadron could render more important Services at Bombay and have the honor to enclose a Copy of our Letter, not doubting but if our Arguments prove of sufficient Weight to cause an alteration in your Sentiments but you will use your influence with him to comply with our request.

Since writing the above the Alexander Country Ship arrived from Suez and we now transmit the Information We have collected from Mr William Moore who left London the 16th of June and Marseilles the 3^d of July when War had not been declared either by Great Britain

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Britains or France

Mr. Moore did not bring any
Dispatches from the Honble Company.

We are

Bombay Castle

Gentlemen.

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P. S. We request you will forward
the enclosed Packet for the
President & Council at
Fort Marlboro' -

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants

William Hornby

Jⁿ. Carnac

Ch^l. Egerton.

D. Draper

Mr. William Moore left London
the 16th June last, and arrived at Paris the 20th of
following, which place he also left the 26th
of the same Month - at that time War
had not been declared on either side, but
during his stay at Paris a Courier Express
arrived to the Court at Versailles with the
following Account of an Engagement between
an English and a French Frigate "That
on the 19th of June a French Frigate Cruising
off Ushant saw three sail in the Offing,
one of which gave chase to her, and
after coming a long side hailed her, and
told the Captain he must go and speak
with his Commodore - The French Captain
replied that he received no Orders but
those given him by his own Com-
modore, upon which the English
Frigate fired a broad side, and on its
being

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being returned by the Frenchman, an Engage-
ment ensued, which lasted near four Hours,
when the English Frigate threw out Signals
of distress and immediately two Sail of the
Line came down to her Assistance, on
which the French man made sail and
run in Shore, where she came to an
Anchor and Dispatched this Account. The
French Frigate was named La Belle Poulle
Commanded by Captain Du la Bochetiere,
who was wounded in the Action, and had
forty Men killed and fifty Wounded.
Mr. Moore adds that when this Account
was publicly known at Paris, it was
generally thought an immediate Decla-
ration of War would have been the
Consequence, but that before he left it
People were of a different opinion, as
they were also on the 3^d of the following
Month, when he arrived at Marseilles,
where he found Messieurs Stralton and
Seton, who were at that Place under
quarantine - From thence Mr. Moore
sailed the following day, arrived at
Alexandria the 18th July, and at this
Place the 9th instant.

Mr. Moore brings advice
that the Count D'Estaings Fleet consist-
ing of 10 Sail of the Line with
6 Frigates, Bomb and Fire Vessels &c.

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Sailed from Toulon the 13th April, passed the Straights of Gibraltar the 14th May and Madras the 26th of the same Month, when it was seen standing to the Westward. The Account was brought to England by an English Frigate, which accompanied the Fleet from the Straights to that Latitude - Admiral Byron's Fleet consisting of 12 Ships of the Line, 6 Frigates, Bomb and Fire Vessels sailed from Plymouth the 9th June with Orders to follow the Count D'Estaing.

Admiral Keppel sailed 12th June from Portsmouth with 22 Sail of the Line and some Frigates to Cruise in the Channel.

The Commissioners for America left Portsmouth the 29th April, as did four Sail of Indiamen for Bombay, and the Calcutta for Coast and Bay, under the Convoy of the Asia Man of War of 64 Guns, Commanded by Captain Vandisput.

Mr Moore did not hear that any other Men of War were ordered for India when he left England.

The Staffords left England the latter End of May with Sir Eyre Coote on Board, and was to proceed directly to Madras, and on the 11th June Colonel Fitzpatrick arrived in London from Philadelphia, which he had left the

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the 15th May, with an Account that the Congress had refused to treat with the Commissioners on the terms proposed in the Conciliatory bill, the heads of which they had seen, unless the English first withdrew their Army and Fleet, and acknowledged their independence in every respect.

A True Copy

Edw. Ravenscroft

Secy to
the Select Comm^{rs}

Rappon Pondicherry Road

8th October 1778

From Sir Edward
Vernon.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 5th Instant inclosing the Copy of a Petition from Captain Maxwell of the Ship Eagle to your Board, and expressing your wish that I would spare the said Ship three or four Men from the Squadron under my Command to assist in Navigating her home; In answer to which, I am to acquaint you, that the Service on which we are employed appears to me of such a nature, as to render it imprudent to spare any Men from the Squadron, more especially as I am, in a day or two, to come between two and three hundred Men to assist in the

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the attack upon Pondicherry.

I have also had the honor to receive yours of the 6th respecting the two French Ships in Negapatam Road. And you may be assured nothing in my power shall be wanting to prevent the Enemy throwing a single man into Pondicherry.

I have the honor to be.

with respect

Gentlemen,
Tho: Rumbold Esq^r Your Most Obedient
President of Council Humble Servant
of Fort St. George Edw: Vernon

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Genl Munro.

I am favored with your letter of the 8. October; and consider myself, in a particular manner obliged to you; for the Reinforcement of Europeans; which unsolicited, you have been so obliging as to send.

I hope in a few Days to inform you of something of Importance. The heavy Rains for these three or four days past, have retarded our Operations; but they are still going on, so that in a few Days, I hope to be able to assault the Place; and you may be assured that the Instant, a Passage over the Ditch is made, that I shall make the Attempt.

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I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs,

Camp near
Pondicherry October 9th 78
The Honble The Rumbold Esq.
Gov^r of Pres^t of the Select Committee
Fort St. George

Rippon Pondicherry Road
12th October 1778

From Sir Edward
Vernon

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive
your letter of the 8th Instant, and am to acquaint
you, in answer thereto, that I should have
sent the Southampton, and Nassau, as
well as the Desborough, to Madras at the
time I had prefixed; When, on my applica-
-cation to General Munro, to know if he
thought, he should have any further
service for those Ships, he requested
I would detain them until the Reduction
of Pondicherry, for various reasons,
particularly that he should, at that
time, immediately want them to Trans-
-port the Troops & Inhabitants of that
Garrison to Madras. - You may rest
assured, I will not withdraw the Squadron
under my Command, from before this
place, until the last extremity, and
that

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that should I be under the necessity of so
doing, I shall comply with your request
in leaving the two Armed Ships from
Bengal to Block up the road during
the Monsoon.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Thos. Rumbold Esq. Your Most Obedient
President of Council Humble Servant
of Fort St. George Edw. Vernon.

To Sir Edward Vernon

To Sir Edward Vernon
with the Letter
from Bombay

Commodore & Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships
in India,

Sir, We have had the honor to receive
your letters of the 3^d & 5th Instant.

Enclosed is a Letter from the
President & Council of Bombay a copy of
which came to us in Cypher, with a
request that We would decypher and
send it to you.

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George Sir,
13th October 1778

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Thos. Rumbold Esq. & Co. Secy.

Duplicate Select Committee
To the Honble Thomas Rumbold Esq.
President and Governor of Council
at Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter
of

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of the 2^d & 13th Ultimo

We now forward a Packet for
Sir Edward Vernon, which we request you
will deliver to him, and Decipher our
Letter, which is wrote in the Company's
large Cypher. the purport of it is to desire
he will take Measures to prevent the
Return of Ships from China from falling
into the hands of the French, the necessity
of which we beg you will also enforce
to him.

Bombay Castle
28 August 1778.

Moore

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants

William Hornby

J^r. Carnac

C^t. Egerton

D. Draper

Duplicate. Select Committee
To Sir Edward Vernon K^t.
Commodore & Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships in the East Indies

Sir, at Fort St. George.

We have had the honor to
receive your Letters of the 30th June and
13th July.

In the present critical situation
of affairs We think it expedient to enclose
what we have now to write to you in
the Company's Cypher which the
Governor

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Governor & Council of Madras on your application
will decypher for you.

The Principal Merchants of
this place have presented a Memorial to the
Board expressing their Apprehensions for
the Safety of the Return Ships of this Season
from China; thinking it probable that
the French may Station some Cruisers in
the Straights of Malacca to intercept them
on their Return and they have therefore
requested that We will represent to you
the Importance of taking Measures for
the Security of so large a Property exposed
to such apparent Risk.

We think it our immediate
Duty to comply with their Request and
to acquaint you that the Value of these
Ships as stated to us is not less than
from Twenty five to thirty Lacks of
Rupees, the Loss of which independent
of the Advantage such an acquisition will
be of to the Enemy will be severely felt
in its Consequence by the Company & be
attended with utter Ruin to the Trade
of this Place.

We are fully persuaded that
you will be convinced of the Importance
of preventing such valuable Prizes from
falling into the Hands of the French;
and that you will take the most effectual
Measures

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Measures the Strength of your Squadron will permit for the Security of those Ships and of the Trade in general in these Seas. And We beg leave to observe that although We have not yet received any Advice of War, being certainly declared the late Proceedings at Bengal will make all your Vigilance absolutely necessary for the Preservation of our Shipping.

We presume that any of your Ships dispatched from Madras before the 1st of October will reach the Straights of Malacca in time for the Return Ships from China - the most eligible Station We conceive for meeting with them will be in the Straights of Singapore and the Commanders of the Bombay Shipping in Expectation of this Event have been instructed to observe the following Signals, which we beg you will give to the Commanders who may be appointed for their Company.

Signals for the Convoy in the Day
An English Jack at the Foretop Mast Head with two Guns to be answered by the Merchant Ships with a Red Flag at the Foretop Mast Head & one Gun.

Signals for the Convoy in the Night
A Lanthorn at each Foretop Mast Yard Arm with two blue Lights, to be answered

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Answered by the Merchant Ships with a Santhorn
at the Yub Boom End, and one blue Light.

We have the Honor to be with
much Respect.

Bambar Castle
28 August 1778.

Sir, Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
William Hornby
Jno. Carnac
Chas. Egerton
D. Draper

To Mr Le Comte De Caire.

To the Comte De
Caire respecting
his allowances

Sir, We have the honor to receive the
Representation you were pleased to make to
us relative to your Allowance and that of
Mr Montpie, wherein you set forth that the
Governor General & Council of Bengal having
granted to the Gentlemen made Prisoners at
Chandernagore the same Subsistence that
they before enjoyed from his most Christian
Majesty, you flatter yourself a similar
Indulgence will be shown here to you &
Montpie.

We beg leave to inform you
that during the last War our Company was
put to a vast Expence for the Maintenance
of French Prisoners in this Country and
never could obtain any Reimbursement
from the Court of France, altho several
Negotiations

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Negotiations were set on foot for that Purpose. Hence prevailed our Caution in confining the Expenses at this time within as narrow Bounds as we possibly could lest the same Disappointments might again happen, and we must continue to make this Caution the general Rule of our Conduct, but the strong desire We feel to give you every mark of our attention and to render your peculiar Situation and that of Mr Montpelier as convenient as the Nature of it will admit, has induced us in the present Instance to depart from that Rule, (without meaning however to make it a Precedent) and We have resolved to permit you both respectively to draw an allowance equal to that which you receive from His Most Christian Majesty and which is signified to you under the hands of One of his Ministers. Mons^r Sartine in the Capere you submit to our perusal.

We are

Fort St George Sir

13. October 1778.

Your Most Obedient Servant
Th^o Pembolt Esq^r Secy^r to the Com^{rs}18. Received the following Letter from Gen^l Munn.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Camp 17th October 1778
about 12. at Night

I have the pleasure to acquaint you

From General
Munn's Pen
-erry Saunders

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you that Mr. Bellicombe has agreed to deliver
up the Fortress of Pondicherry to the
Troops under my Command tomorrow by
Twelve o'clock in the forenoon. Mr.
Laws and Mr. Morrisin came out this
Morning with Articles of Capitulation
and Mr. Bellicombe has agreed to sign
them as altered by me. I shall send
you the Articles of Capitulation
how soon they are signed by all parties
in the mean time I have sent Mr. Munro
-bal with the earliest Intelligence of
this fortunate Event

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

Hector Munro

th Wrote the following Letter to General Munro

To Major General Munro

To General
Munro-

Commander in Chief of the Company's
Troops on the Coast

Sir,

We have had the pleasure
to receive your Letter of the 17th Instant and
congratulate with you on the Success
of our Arms against Pondicherry. We
shall write you further on this subject
when we receive from you the Articles
of Capitulation.

We

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We have ordered the Success Galley to proceed to Pondicherry to assist in bringing back the Stores. We wish you to send as large a Proportion of the most valuable Stores as possible by Sea, employing the Success Galley and Beysborough if you think it proper for this Service in which the utmost Expedition should be used, as the Monsoon may be expected to change in a few days - such part of the Stores as cannot possibly be kept on these Vessels, We think may be lodged at Demmaoill or Wandawash if you approve - at any rate We could recommend that none of them be carried into Pondicherry.

As the Expence of Stores during the Siege must have been very great We desire that you will order the Commissary of Stores to make out a Return immediately of the Issues, and an Indent of the Quantity necessary to replace them, which we propose to send home by the Commodore. If the exact Expence cannot be ascertained immediately we would have a gross calculate made out and an Indent formed upon that.

Fort St. George
19th October 1778 Sir

We are with Esteem
Your Most Obedient Servants
Thos. Rumbold Secy to Comd.

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the following Articles of Capitulation for
Pondicherry.

[Translation]

Capitulation for Pondicherry

Capitulation for
Pondicherry

Preliminary Article

The Fort of Pondicherry

must be delivered up at Fort Mordaunt in the
twelve o'clock at Noon, Armes of His most Chris-
tian Majesty, Commandant
but in possession of the General over all the
Villenore Gate at that time.

Preliminary Article

Mr De Bellicombe,
Major General Munro
Commander in Chief of
the English Army, to
Surrender that Place
the 23 day of this Month,
if, in the interim, he
do not receive any
succours, and he demands
in the mean time, that
Hostilities shall cease
on both sides, that
all operations shall
be suspended and that
there shall not be
any Communication
between the Besiegers
and the Besieged
Capitulation.

Article

Article

The entries made in
pencil on the margin in the
Volume were made with the
help of the papers in the
bundle at the time of the
reading and destruction of
records.

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30th Dispatches the following Letters.

To James Morley Esq.

Resident at Ayinger.

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter of the 11th August, and 4th September with Copy of your Correspondence with the King of Travancore and of a Draft of the Malabar Coast and Sketch of the Dutch Forts which I have transmitted to Sir Edward Hughes.

I now write to the Sr. to Travancore and transmit you herewith a copy of the Letter which I trust will convince him of the sense this Government entertains of his fidelity to the Company, and of our determination to do all we can for his support, in case he should be attacked by Hyder or the Dutch.

An Agreement with the Rajah which should transfer to us the quantity of pepper which he now annually delivers to the Dutch, would certainly be a desirable object, but the conditions you propose should be stipulated in his favor are such as we cannot at present offer, because it is very uncertain whether we should be able to fulfill them. - I should be glad however if you could inform me what advantage you suppose the Rajah would expect should be expected on our part besides engaging to support him against the Dutch.

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30th October 1788.

I am

Sir your most humble servant

Macartney

Fort S. George October 1801.

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council of
Fort William,
Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal
enclosing copy of
letter from Masulipatam, advising
of French Privateers
being to their port.

We have the honor to transmit
you copy of a letter lately received from the
Chief of Masulipatam, and in consequence
of the Intelligence, it contains, we request
you will be pleased to give orders that the
Vessels intended for this place may cautiously
avoid touching anywhere on the coast, coming
is the general Remembrance of the Privateers.

Fort S. George
30th October 1801.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs.

Your most obedient
Humble Servant,
Macartney
J^r Secy Committee

November 1. Received the following letter from the
Governor General and Council of Bengal.

[Duplicate]

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & J^r Secy Committee
Fort S. George
My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Bengal
enclosing copy of
letter to Sir Edward
Hughes requesting
his will preserve
the communication

We beg leave to forward you copy of a
letter we have written to the Commanding His
Majesty's Squadron under this date, on a
Subject, which appears to us of the greatest
Importance.

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of sea communication
between Bengal and
the Coast.

Importance to the safety of the Company's
Possessions in General, and that of your settlements
in particular, and request that if you approve
the object therein pointed out, that you will
recommend and promote it, giving him
your Opinion on the same. Y^{rs}

Fort William
the 24th September 1781.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servants,

Edward Wheler

To Sir Edward Hughes K^t B

Vice Admiral of the Blue, and Commander
in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in

India.

Sir,

We had the honor to receive your
Letter dated from Porto Nova road the 3^d July
last.

We beg leave to express our warmest
sincere of the service rendered by His Majesty's
Squadron under your Command, in promoting
the Military Operations on the Coast of Cora-
mandel, and sincerely hope that the Expedition
against the Dutch Settlement of Negapatam,
which you have recommended and which
we consider as a very judicious measure,
may meet with the desired success.

As you have been pleased to honor
this Board so far as to request our opinion
on the above matter, or any other operations
that may be thought necessary against the
Enemy

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1st Enemy, we take the liberty to advise ourselves of this permission to suggest to you an object which appears to us of the greatest importance, and even essential to the Existence of the British Influence in the Carnatic. We mean the preserving the communication by Sea uninterrupted between Bengal and the Ports on the Coast of Coromandel during the ensuing Northern Monsoon, on which the supply of our Army and Settlements there, with money, provisions and every thing essential to their preservation absolutely depends. We found by experience last year that one or two Privateers were able to interrupt this necessary Communication, and that it was not in our power for want of European Sailors to make any naval Armament capable of attacking them with probable Advantage.

The success that these Adventurers met with, tho' not all that they might have derived, and the Intelligence and Information the French must since have obtained of our Situation in this part of India with the additional Force at the Islands, render it highly probable that they will return in greater Numbers to the same station they occupied last year, between Ganjam and Balasore Roads, and that unless we have a Force to oppose to them, we may expect our Port to be blocked ^{up} by the Beginning of December, and our Communications with Madras entirely cut off, or rendered highly precarious and dangerous.

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7th The road of Balasore from the 15th of November to the Commencement of February is perfectly safe for ships of any Denomination. Unacquainted as we are with Naval Affairs, we cannot pretend to determine on the Practicability of bringing his Majesty's Squadron thither after monsoon changes on the Coast of Coromandel; but if you should not see any material objection to this measure, we venture to recommend it as one which may be attended with great Convenience to the Squadron, by enabling you to procure ample Supplies of fresh and other Provisions, and likely to be of the greatest Utility to the Public Service.

Our Land communication enables us to obtain early Information of any Force of the Enemy which appears on the Coast, and the Situation of the Squadron to Mindanao will enable you to take early Advantage of all such Intelligence.

We are preparing large supplies of Grain and Cattle to send to Maoras in January next, and probably by that time Treasure will likewise be required. These you will have an opportunity of conveying over the entire safety under the Convoy of your Squadron, and if we send them without protection not only there is imminent danger of the Service being deprived of them, but of their being converted to the use of our Enemies, and becoming a means of

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S^r Annoyance to us, and Resource to them, which they at present appear materially to require.

We have taken the liberty to mention the bringing the Squadron into Balasore Road, partly from the refreshment they may derive from hence, and partly on an Expectation that the Force which may be considerable. but if there are objections to the measure of bringing ~~the measure~~ of bringing the entire Squadron. We still recommend your sending such Part of it, hither as you may deem equivalent to the Security of the Especial Objects we have pointed out, and we beg leave to assure you, that we shall be ready on the Arrival of the Squadron, or any part of it in our Neighbourhood to afford them every assistance in our Power in procuring such supplies as they may require.

Having the most entire Reliance on your Seal and steady attention to promote the Interest of the Company, and the Security of their Possessions, ^{with} which we conceive that of his Majesty and the Nation to be entirely blended, we shall subscribe ourselves

Fort William We have the Honor to be,
The 24th September 1781.

Ser
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Governor General Council
William Brouncker
acting Secy

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To the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney
President & Select Committee
at Fort S^t George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have been favored with your
Letter of the 8th Ultimo by the Ships Queen,
Fortitude and Valentine.

Notwithstanding the Season is so
far advanced that we think Ships may be
expected to bad weather in sailing at present
for Madras, we cannot observe the necessities
of your Settlement so urgent as they appear
to be, without exerting every Effort in our
Power to afford you a timely supply of
Provisions and money, we have therefore
ordered the above Ships as well as the
Chapman, which lately arrived here, to be
laden with all possible Expedition and
despatched to you immediately. We shall
likewise prepare Cargoes of Rice for the
other Ships which may be expected, and
consign them back to you, together with
such further supplies of Grain as we may
be able to procure Tonnage for on any
reasonable Terms. We have no doubt that
Individuals will also be induced by the
Prospect of ready Sales and a good Market
to carry large Quantities on their own
accounts, and we hope by these united means
that your present distresses will be effectually
relieved

From Bengal,
Queen, Fortitude
Valentine and
Chapman to be
despatched from
thence with the
provisions, & Lacks
& Rupees to be sent
by the earliest
opportunity, enclosing
a narrative of the
Governor General's
transactions at
Barranra.

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I am relieved - We intend further to take the earliest opportunity of submitting to you the sum of five Lacks of Rupees, either by Bills of Exchange or in Bullion.

The urgency and extent of the various Demands on our Treasury at this time press so hard upon us, that our current Resources are by no means adequate to the Liquidation of them, and the late rebellious Conduct of Rajah Chesh Sing (for the particulars of which we refer you to the enclosed Narrative of the Governor General's transactions at Benares) has thrown that Country into such Confusion, that it deprives us for the present of the usual Collections from thence, yet you may be assured that we shall not fail as far as our Endeavors can be efficacious, to assist you with means to bring the unhappy War, in which you are engaged with Hyderabad, to a speedy Termination.

By the last accounts from the Governor General dated 28th September, he was then at Ramnagar, having taken Possession of that Place. Rajah Chesh Sing deserted by most of his followers, was prepared to make his escape from Bejy Gur, a Fort to which he had retired, and a Detachment of our Forces were on their way to invest it, and the Governor thought they would meet with no resistance. He also expects to see the Country

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" Country restored very soon to a state of
Tranquility, but some time will afterwards
be requisite to complete the necessary Arrange-
ments consequent to such a total Revolution
as the Rashness of the Rajah has occasioned.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort William
the 1st October 1788.

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
L humble Servant

Edward Wheler
John M'pherson.

To the Honble Edward Wheler Esq^r
Esq^r Esq^r Esq^r
Fort William

Sir,

I arrived at Benares on the 14th Inst^o
My Transactions with the Rajah being of a
most important Nature to the present and
future Interests of the Company. I have
determined to inform you of them without
delay in the Order in which they have occurred.

The first step which I judged
it necessary to take, as the ground on which
any future Proceedings with the Rajah
were to be conducted, was to recapitulate
in writing the several Instances of
his Conduct which for some time past
have repeatedly drawn upon him the
displeasure of the

Instances
past

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In severe reprehensions of the Board, and to demand a clear and satisfactory Explanation, this paper I sent to the Rajah by the hands of Mr. Markham, who was directed to require an immediate answer. - In the evening his answer arrived. The following are copies of both.

To Rajah Chert Sing.

It is about sixteen months
 "since Salah Savanand your Deputy and
 "confidential Servant came to Calcutta, and
 "charged with an Express Commission and
 "Authority to make Excuses for your
 "past Conduct, and to give me assurances,
 "confirmed by both, of your future Sub-
 "mission to my Advice, and the Orders
 "of my Government. - As a Test of your
 "Sincerity I required your immediate
 "and unreserved Acquiescence in the
 "Demand, which at the same time
 "was made to you, in the name of the
 "Governor General and Council, of the
 "Subsidy of five Lacks of Rupees for the
 "Expenses of the War. - With this Demand
 "you ostensibly complied in your
 "Answer to my Letter, and the Board
 "promised me verbally in your name
 "and in Terms so strong as amounted to
 "the fullest Assurance, that there should
 "be no Delay on the Payment. - Relaying

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"on this Agreement and Promise, I gave orders
 "to Mr Louke, who was then Resident at
 "this Place to receive the Money, and remit
 "it to Colonel Carnar for the Pay of the Army,
 "which had been ordered to march towards
 "the Province of Malva, and I made no other
 "Provision for it, such was my Confidence
 "in your Faith, but you deceived me, and
 "after having made the first Payments
 "of a few Rupees, either consulting the Temper
 "of the times or conforming to a premeditated
 "Design you by Shift and Pretence withheld
 "the Remainder, until the Army for whose
 "use it was intended was reduced to the
 "last state of Distress. Many hundreds
 "deserted, and had an Enemy at that time
 "appeared against them their total Destruc-
 "tion had been inevitable, In all this time
 "time daily applications were made to
 "you by the Resident, and I wrote repeated
 "Letters to you, but you paid no regard to
 "either."

"Besides this, I required in the
 "Name of the Governor General and
 "Council by Letter, and ordered Mr Louke
 "to repeat requisition in Person, that you
 "should furnish a body of Horse to assist
 "and act with the Armies of the Company,
 "and when Mr Markham succeeded
 "Mr Louke, I gave him orders to repeat
 "the

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" repeat the Demand, which he did accordingly,
 " with frequent and almost daily Importunity,
 " limiting the Number to 1500 and afterwards
 " to 1000. To this Demand you returned evasive
 " answers, nor to this hour have you contributed
 " a single Horseman.

" I pass over other Instances of
 " your Conduct, in which through the means
 " of your secret Agents, you have endeavored
 " to excite Disorders in the Government on
 " which you depend and your Neglect of the
 " Duty which you owe to it, and to the Subjects
 " of this Seminary, by suffering the daily
 " perpetration of Robberies and Murders, even
 " in the Streets of the City of Benares itself, to the
 " great and public Scandal of the English Name,
 " and in Violation of one of the Conditions on
 " which you received the Confirmation of this
 " Seminary. But as the two foregoing In-
 " stances amount to a direct charge of inefficacy
 " and Infidelity to the Government
 " on which you depend, and happened at a
 " Time in which it was your Duty most
 " especially to have exerted yourself in the
 " support of its Interests. I have therefore
 " judged it proper to state them to you
 " thus fully in writing, and to require
 " your Answer to them. And this I
 " expect immediately.

Answer.

I received your letter delivered to me

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I have by Mr. Markham, and I have understood
 every Particular of its Contents. So, after the
 arrival of Shaik Ally Muckhy, I received all
 the orders which you sent me, and I received
 the Letter which the deceased Shaik brought
 me, informing me that every suspicion was
 now completely removed from your mind, and
 that I must consider you as formerly attentive
 to me, But I have not experienced from you
 the same Generosities as formerly. I sent you
 repeatedly Letters representing to your
 Consideration my unhappy Circumstances,
 but you never honored me with any
 reply. For this reason I sent my Bussey
 Sardar and to your presence, enjoining him
 to represent to you the firmness of my
 obedience and Attachment, to lay before you
 the particulars of my situation, and to
 learn the Disposition of your mind towards
 me. He arrived accordingly in your presence
 and represented every thing in a proper
 manner. I have never deviated in the
 smallest Degree from these Professions, and
 the Benefactions, and Civilities with which
 you have honored me, have given me
 the greatest satisfaction, and I have
 considered you as the Source from which
 I derive the fulfillment of all my wishes
 and Desires. It is my firm hope that
 I may be always favored with your
 Directions. In this manner I complied with

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I received the utmost readiness with the orders
 "you sent me for the Payment of five Lacks
 "of Rupees on Account of the War, I sent first
 "One Lack of Rupees with an Answer to your
 "Letter afterwards having paid to Mr. Tucker,
 "the Sum of one Lack and twenty thousand
 "Rupees. I sent a letter requesting a further
 "allowance of time to enable me to make
 "some preparations, to this I received no Reply
 "it being no time to delay notwithstanding
 "this I was not a moment in attentive to
 "this concern, and as soon as my Order
 "arrived I paid immediately the
 "part of the Sum, The remitting of
 "to the Army did not depend upon me, &
 "if any delay happened on this Head, I
 "not help it, If besides the Payment of
 "Money, the remittance of this also to
 "Army had rested with me, a delay of the
 "kind should not have happened. I have
 "enclosed in this Letter a Paper respecting
 "the Particular Sums which have been
 "advanced with their Dates.

With respect to the Horse you
 "desire me in your Letter to inform you
 "of what Number I could afford to station
 "with you, I sent you a particular
 "account of that were in my Service
 "amounting to one thousand three hundred
 "Horse, of which several were stationed
 "at distant Places, but I received no answer
 "to this, & Mr. Markham delivered me an
 "Order

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I have ordered to prepare a thousand Horse, in compliance
 with your wishes. I collected five hundred
 Horse, and a substitute for the remainder,
 five hundred Butcherboys of our tribe I
 sent you Information, and told Mr.
 Markham that they were ready to go to
 whatever Place they should be sent. No
 answer however came from you on this
 Head, and I remained astonished at the
 Cause of it. repeatedly I asked Mr. Markham
 about an answer to my Letter, about the
 Horse, but he told me he did not know the
 reason of no answer being sent, I remained
 astonished, with respect to the Negroes. I
 received first an order to Station two of my
 Companies, which I did, I was then desired
 to give a Tunkaw for the Payment of the
 Negroes, and likewise to pay the Captain,
 which has been done every month.

Capturing Abdulla Beg, who
 remains with you and his Attendants,
 none of my people, either Dependants, or
 Servants, or others in any shape connected
 with me, have ever gone to Calcutta -
 My Enemies with a View to my Ruin,
 have made false representations to you,
 now that happily for me you have yourself
 arrived at this place, you will be able
 to ascertain all the Circumstances relative
 to the Horse, to my people going to Calcutta,
 and the Dates of the Receipts of the particular
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I. Dumsaba mentioned, you will then know
 "whether I have amused you with a false
 Representation or made a just report to you

I have given my Annals most
 particular Instructions, and have taken a
 solemnly Bond from them, that they shall
 keep no Thieves on their Districts, or what
 power have they to act otherwise? But
 if ever a Robbery or Murder is committed
 in the Country. I have been careful to
 impale otherwise furnish the Culprit.
 If a person having committed a Delinquency
 should escape to some other Place, so as to
 elude all Discovery, in that case I am
 helpless, but to the utmost of my power I
 endeavour to fulfill your orders, I have
sworn in the smallest degree from my
 Duty to you. - It remains for you to occupy
 all these Matters, I am in every Case your
 Slave, what was just I have repres.
 to you, May your Prosperity increase

Account of Five Lacks of Rupees
 advanced for the Expenses of the War

1 st Shabaan.	100,000
29 th Ramzaan.	150,000
7 th Shawal.	130,000
18 Shawal.	100,000
	<u>500,000.</u>

This Answer you will find
 to be not only unsatisfactory in substance
 offensive in style, and left a Vindication
 himself than a Recommendation upon it

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"I express no Concern for the causes of Complaint,
 "contained in my Letter, or desire to atone for
 "them, nor the smallest Intention to pursue
 "a different line of Conduct. An answer
 "couched nearly in Terms of Defiance to
 "Requisitions of so serious a Nature, I could
 "not but consider as a strong Indication of that
 "Spirit of Insuperbency which the Rajah has
 "for some Years past assumed, and of which
 "indeed I had early observed other manifest
 "Symptoms, both before and from the Instant
 "of my Arrival here."

"Under these alarming appearances
 "of the Rajahs Conduct and Disposition I
 "conceived myself indispensably obliged to form
 "some immediate and decisive Plan for
 "obviating their Consequences, and for the
 "Preservation of the Company's Rights
 "and Interests in this Zemindary. To have
 "left him in the full exercise of Powers
 "which he had notoriously abused, and
 "which it was to be apprehended he would
 "employ to the most dangerous Purposes was
 "totally inconsistent with the maxims of
 "Justice and Prudence. To oust him entirely
 "of the Zemindary though justifiable on
 "the Grounds stated above, would be attended
 "with an Appearance of Severity, and
 "might have furnished Grounds for
 "Constructions unfavorable to the Credit of
 "our Government and to my own reputation,
 "from

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From the natural Influence, which every act
of rage or excess in the persons of men acts
upon in elevated Stations, is apt to impress
on the minds of those men are too remote
from the scene of Action to judge by
any Evidence, But of the direct Facts
themselves of their motions or propriety.

These circumstances need not atten-
tive to these opposite Considerations. I had
drawn the following Plan for my future
Proceedings.

I first directed the Resident to
repair to the Rajah, who resided at his
House situated on this side of the River
at the distance of about two miles, and
gave him the following Instructions.

Benares 15th August 1801
10 at night

To Mr William Markham
Resident at Benares.
Sir.

It is my order that you proceed
"early to morrow morning to the House of Rajah
"Chait Singh with your usual Guard, and fetch
"him in Arrest, you will require his im-
"diate Obedience, informing him that you
"act under Orders given you by me, and in
"Case of his Refusal you will wait the
"arrival of two Companies of Sepoys belonging
"to Major Popham's Detachment who are
"directed

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I am directed to follow and assist you in the Execution
of this Service. Having secured the Rajah, you
will keep him in your Custody until further
Orders.

I am

Yours &c &c &c

(Signed) Warren Hastings

On the next Morning Mr. Markham
went according to his foregoing Instructions,
and was followed by two Companies of
Grenadier Sepoys belonging to Major Popham's
Detachment. The Rajah quietly submitted
to the Arrest, and Mr. Markham returned to
me with the following Letters from the
Rajah. Leaving him under the charge of
Lieutenants Hather, Scott, and Simms. For the
Particulars which passed at this Interview
I refer you to the following Report, which
Mr. Markham delivered to me on his
return.

Letter from the Rajah.

At this time Mr. William
Markham being come to me has informed
me that your Highness's Orders are that
I should remain under a Guard. My
Protector I before represented to you on
Board your Pinnace, that I was the
Survivant of the Honble Sirhan, and was
ready from my Heart and Soul.

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"Whatever may be your pleasure, to do it
"with your own hands, I am your Slave,
"what occasion can there be for this Guards

Bona Vista, August 1781

To the Honble Warren Hastings
Governor General &c &c &c
Honble Sir,

I this morning in obedience to your
"Orders of last night, proceeded with a few of my
"Orderly, accompanied by Lieutenant Nathaniel
"Shewallah Gant, the present Residence of Raja
"Chyft Sing, and acquainted him with your
"Pleasure he should consider himself in your
"that he should order his people to behave in a
"quiet and orderly manner, for that any
"Attempt to rescue him, would be attended
"with his own Destruction. - The Raja
"submitted quietly to the arrest, and assured
"me, that whatever were your Orders he was
"ready implicitly to obey. He hoped that you
"would allow him a subsistence, but as for
"his Territory, his Forts and Treasure, he
"was ready to lay them at your Feet, and
"his life if required. - He expressed himself
"much hurt at the Ignominy which his
"affirmed must be the consequence of his
"Confinement, and intreated me to return to
"you with the foregoing Submission, hoping
"that you would make Allowances for his
"Youth and Inexperience, and in consideration
"of his Father's name, release him from his
"Confinement, as soon as he should prove the
"Sincerity of

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th Sincerity of his offers and himself desiring of your
Compassion and forgiveness.

Near a quarter of an hour after
this Conversation, Lieutenant Scott arrived
with the two Grenadier Companies of Major
Popham's Regiment, to whose aid Lieutenant
Holther's Care I left the Raja, having given
them the following Instructions, that they
should disarm every Servant of the Rajah,
that they should allow him any such eight
or ten Shipmeters for the attendance of
his Person as he should approve of, that there
should be shown to the Sepoys, lest any
deceit should be practised, but that they
might indulge him in any Request consistent
with the security of his Person.

I am now returned to acquaint
you with my proceedings, and receive any
further Instructions, if you think it necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully

G^d G^d G^d

(Signed) William Markham

As the Raja in the above Letter had
desired that Mr. Markham might be sent back
to him, I was preparing Instructions for that
purpose, when I received another Letter from the
Raja, of which the following is a Translation -
Letter from the Raja.

"I am the Servant of the Circar,
and am ready from my Heart and Soul
in the Performance of your Orders. My Honor
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"now as bestowed on me by your Highness, it depends
 "on you alone to take away, or not take away
 "the Country out of my Hands, In case my
 "Honor is not left me, how shall I be equal
 "to the business of the Decan, & otherwise with
 "Hands in a supplanting posture is men
 "with his Life and Property, - What necessity
 "can there be for him to be dealt with in
 "this way."

From the apparent Despondency in
 which these Letters were written, I thought
 it necessary to give the Raja some Encourage-
 ment, and accordingly wrote to him the
 following Answer.

Letter to the Raja.

"I have received your two Letters
 "by the Hand of Mr. Markham, and understand
 "the Contents, that Gentleman will soon
 "visit you in the afternoon, and explain all
 "Particulars to you, let your mind at rest
 "and do not conceive any Terror or Apprehension
 "To this I received the following Reply.

Letter from the Raja.

"Your gracious Letter has been
 "received, and has made me acquainted with
 "your Commands, you order that Mr. William
 "Markham will come to me, that I must not
 "suffer any Apprehensions to distress me,
 "but remain at ease in my mind, & My
 "Protector! Whenever you spread your Net
 "over my Head, I am entirely free from
 "Lamentation

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"Concern and Apprehension, and whatever you
wishes are my Master shall as such determine,
"will be right."

At this time I had prepared Mr.
Markham's second Instructions, but before he
could set out with them, Intelligence came
that large Bodies of armed men had crossed
the River from Ramnagar, and had proceeded
to the Raja's House. What follows is a
Scene of such Horror, that it is with the
greatest Reluctance I submit to the painful
Duty of relating it. The Guard placed over the
Raja consisted of the two Companies of Grenadier
Sipahs, as above mentioned from Major
Popham's Detachment, and commanded by the
Officers already named, who were stationed
in an enclosed Square which surrounded the
Apartment where the Raja was. The Resident's
Guard had returned with him. It now appeared
that these Troops had taken no Ammunition
with them. Major Popham sent another
Company of Sipahs under an Officer with
Ammunition to reinforce and support the
first Party, when the latter arrived at the
Raja's House they found it surrounded, and all
the Avenues blockaded by a Multitude of
armed Men, who opposed their Passage. -
The minds of this tumultuous assembly becoming
soon inflamed, some of them began to fire
upon the Sipahs within the Square, and
immediately as if this had been the concerted
Signal, the whole Multitude rushed and
made.

Residents

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I and made an instantaneous and fierce Attack upon the Sepoys, who wanting their accustomed means of Defence, were capable of making but a feeble Resistance, and fell an easy Sacrifice to the Superior Numbers of the Assaultants, who cut almost every man of this unfortunate Party to Pieces. The Officers, it is supposed, were the first Victims of their Fury, but not until they had by astonishing acts of Bravery, and undismayed amidst the imminent Danger which surrounded them, involved a much superior number of their Enemies in their Fate. In this general Report of them, all Accounts concur though varying in Particulars. - I yield to my own Feelings in bestowing this just but unassuming Tribute to these unhappy Gentlemen. In the midst of this Confusion, the Raja found means to escape through a Muck which opened to the river, and the turban being carried off steep in that place, he let himself down by Turbans tied together into a Boat, which was waiting for him and conveyed him to the opposite Shore, those who had effected his Escape, followed him across the River in the same tumultuous manner in which they had assembled, leaving the Party of our Sepoys which had last arrived in the Possession of the Fort.

On the first Intelligence of this Commotion, I had directed Major Popham to repair immediately to his Camp, where

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It was about two miles from the Residents and at the same Distance from the Rajah's House, and to march instantly with the remainder of his Detachment to the support of the Party. This Order was executed with all possible Expedition but Major Popham arrived too late, and had the Mortification to be a spectator of the Effects of a Massacre which he could neither prevent nor avenge. He returned to me immediately and made the following Report.

Report of Major Popham.

Consequent to an Order for the Detachment under my Command to proceed to the support of the Grenadier Companies under Lieutenant Stalher, I carried it with as much expedition as possible to Ajit Singh's Palace, which I found to be entirely evacuated by the Rajah's People, who were already landed on the opposite side of the River.

Of the two Companies commanded by Lieutenant Stalher, very few remained alive, and the Majority of those appeared to be severely wounded. The bodies of Lieutenants Stalher, Scott, and Sims were lying within a small Distance of each other, shockingly mangled, and without any signs of Life.

It may be necessary to observe that Lieutenant Burrell was dispatched with one Company of Sepoys upon the first

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1st "first Rumor of the Rajah's coercive Intentions
 "but the Fate of the Companies overhush
 "prevented him was decided prior to his
 "being able to enter the Palace, there were
 "however some of the Rajah's People, whom
 "he effectually cleared off. In his attack
 "he met with some Loss."

"My utmost endeavours have hitherto
 "proved insufficient to procure an exact
 "Detail of the killed and wounded in this
 "unfortunate transaction."

"I thought it necessary to leave a
 "Company with a Subaltern in the Palace,
 Bernares,
 16th August 1781. (Signed) William Popham.

I cannot learn with certainty
 what is become of the Rajah, but the
 prevailing Report is that he fled from
 Channagur, his usual Residence on the
 other side of the River, in the middle of the
 Night, and proceeded with his Women and
 Effects to Letteppur, a strong Fort of his,
 situated about ten Miles from Channagur.
 He was accompanied by Sujan Sing his
 Brother, and Mungar Sing a relation
 and Son, by adoption, of Rajah Bulvink
 Sing. He also had the precaution to take
 with him Rana Golabhoor, the Widow of
 Rajah Bulvink Sing his Father, her
 Son-in-Law Durgey Sing, and his two
 Sons her Grandsons.

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In them he proposes every member of his Family, who can have any plea to dispute with him the Right of Inheritance from his Father Rajah Bulvaiah Sing, if that were even a Question? His right to the Zemindary being derived exclusively from Sumnads which his Father never possessed, but which were first granted to Cheyt Sing by the late Nazim Sujah ul Dowlah through the Influence of our Government in the Year 1773, and since repeated by similar Grants from our Government, when the Sovereignty was ceded to the Company by the present Nabob Asaph ul Dowlah.

I have made Choice of Baloo Osann Sing, who held the office of Dewan during several Years of the Life of Rajah Bulvaiah Sing, and for a considerable Period since the Accession of the present Rajah, to administer the Revenue and Government of this Country in the Quality of Naib; until it can be determined to whom the Zemindary may legally belong, and who may be in a Capacity to receive it.

To this effect I have caused a Proclamation to be made through the City of Benares, and have notified it by circular Perwanas to all the Zemindars and Amils of the Zemindary.

To enforce the Execution of these Acts, to maintain Tranquility and order in the Country, and protect the Inhabitants, I have ordered one Battalion of Sepoys from

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from Chunar, the remainder of Major Popham's Detachment from Meerapoor, and a Regiment of Sepoys from Deroopoor to march immediately to Benares.

The Detail of these Proceedings shall be transmitted to you in a subsequent Letter, I do not expect they will detain me here much beyond the time I had prescribed to myself ^{which} ~~was~~ ^{is} about seven or eight Days.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Esteem.

Benares
17th August 1761.

Sir G. G. G.

Wm. Warren Hastings

S. I. The Delay occasioned in copying this Letter from its great Length has afforded me an opportunity of contrabuting the latter part of it, and I have now the satisfaction to add that Runny Golabhoor together with his Son in Law, Durbejy Sing and his two Sons are safe at Benares.

I have this Evening received a Dish from Durbejy Sing and his eldest Son, Myr Nairin.

Benares
18th August 1761.

Wm. Warren Hastings
Attest
J. P. Auriol

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have received two letters from you by the Governor and Southampton both

dated

From Bengal the Governor and Southampton both dated 18th August 1761, one requesting a sample of

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By the
drafts taken

previous to the meeting
of the

dated 23rd Ultimo.

We shall order these Ships to be laden with grain for the use of your Presidency, and dispatch them to you agreeable to your request, as soon as the Season may admit of it.

The Biscuit which has been consigned to you was prepared some time ago in compliance with an Estimate formed at Madras by order of the Commander in Chief, and transmitted to us for that purpose in a letter from him of the 19th of November last, part of it was dispatched by the Ships which sailed in the Cold Season, but the whole could not be sent away for want of room, a 500 Bags laden in February on the Bengal Merchant, were brought back to us, as that Vessel thro' stress of weather could not accomplish her passage, we are sorry that the Biscuit was not in a better state of preservation, but as this is an Article very soon subject to decay in this climate, we must attribute the present quality of it to that cause, and shall desist from sending you any more.

The Invoices of Salt Provisions consigned to you by the Treasurers and of Rice laden on that ship for the Presidency of Bombay, but detained by you at Madras, were dispatched to you in duplicate by the Neptune, and we doubt not but you have received them before this time.

We observe the list of drafts which you have granted upon us, and shall pay

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st We honor to them whenever they shall be presented.

Having received an account from
Mr. Turrey of the produce of the Gold Bullion
sent by the Nancy Ketch for the pay of the
Army on its coinage in your mint, together
with Samples delivered to him by the Assay
Master, by which we observe that a considerable
Loss has accrued. We think it proper at the
solicitation of our mint & Master, and in whose
inspection it was prepared for Coinage, to
request that samples of the present Coinage-
ment by the Nancy may be taken previous
to the Milling of it. - Part of which you will
keep in your own possession and forward
the remainder to us in order to be sent
to England, and assayed at the Tower of London
Should any material difference arise upon
the Coinage of this remittance.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Edward Whited

John W. Preston

Agreed that copy of the Paragraph
of the foregoing Letter relating to the loss on
Bullion forwarded by the Nancy be sent
to the Assay Master.

The following letter to the Governor
General and Council having been prepared
is now dispatched.

To

Fort William
the 15th October 1781.

Copy of the Paragraph
relating to the Gold
to be sent to the
Assay Master.

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To the Hon^{ble} Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council of
Fort William
Hon^{ble} Sir & Srs.

to Bengal
acknowledging
with the utmost
gratitude the
measures they have
taken to send further
supplies of Provisions
and money -

We have had the honor to receive
your letters of the 24th September, and of the 1st
and 15th Ultimo with their several enclosures.

We have ^{a just} sense of your solicitude for
the safety of the Company's Interests on this Coast,
manifested in your Letter to Sir Edward Hughes,
of which you have sent us a Copy, and we shall
not fail to urge to him our concurrent opinion
on the important subject therein recommended
to his attention.

We return you also our most
sincere thanks for the measures you have
taken to send us further supplies of provisions
and money, and acknowledge with the utmost
Gratitude that considerate Zeal which has
prevented the present season of the Year from
being any bar to your exertions in our favor.
The assistance you are now affording us ^{is} ~~is~~
a more particular claim to our acknowledgments
from the failure of your own resources occasioned
by the revolt of the Rajah Chyng Ding, and the
consequent distracted state of Affairs in the
Province of Benaras. We are extremely concerned
and shocked at the melancholy event which
followed that revolt, as described in the Governor
General's Narrative, and hope the Rajah will
and

bar.

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th As much the punishment due to his cruelty, we
gladden ourselves also from the latter part of your
Letter of the 3rd Ultimo that the province is in
this restored to Tranquillity and the Company's
Authority reestablished on a permanent footing.

We are sorry that any ornaments
should have accrued on the Gold sent by the
Nancy for the Paymaster of your Troops and
received in our Mint. Samples of the
Consignment by the Nymphe shall be taken
previous to the melting of it, and part of
them forwarded to you agreeably to your request.

We enclose Copy of Sir Eyre Coote's
Letter to us of the 14th Ultimo, giving an account of his
having surprized a body of the Enemy under the
Command of Salla.

We daily expect to hear that Dutton is
relieved, and have also the pleasure to acquaint
you that Negapatam is by this time in our
Possession. Sir Hector Munro landed at
Nagore the 21st Ultimo, the day our Army
under Colonel Clason drove the Enemy with
great slaughter from that place, 1060 Troops
and Marines were landed the same
Evening from the Fleet, and the Trenches
were to be opened the 26th.

You will receive this by
the lively Packet, Captain William Macintosh,
whom We have directed to put himself
under your Orders.

We have the Honor to be,

Yours
Honble

Fort St George, November 1781.

4th

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Fort St George

4th November 1781.Your most obedient
Humble ServantsMacartney,
Sec^y Select Committee.

Dispatched letter of this date to
Captain William M Intosh as entered in
Miscellany Book No. 4

Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,
President and Governor & Council at

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I did myself the pleasure

to address the late Select Committee at Madras
the 28th July last from Columbo, in Order that
I might be prepared to forward the same
by the first opportunity that offered, and
which I accordingly dispatched the 9th Instant
from Ramnadapuram together with a Letter
of the same Date to the Honble the President
by the Coach that brought Mr. Orpin to Ottergeroy
on the Coast of Maravar from the Island of
Manar, which is about fifteen Miles from
Ramnadapuram. Mr. Orpin and myself set
off from Ramnadapuram the 13th and took
the route of Madura, as we were informed
that we could not with safety proceed
directly to Palamcottah without knowing
how the Poligars might be affected through
whose Countries we were to pass, or where
the

From Mr. Proctor,
arrives at Palam-
cottah, has interviewed
with the Poligars and
Rajahs, give him
the fullest assurance
they will assist him
in the collection of
the Revenue.

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5th We arrived the 19th whence I addressed a Letter to the Hon^{ble} President the 20th Instant. The set off from Madras the 21st with an Escort of one Company of the Company's Sepoys and arrived at Pollamcotah the 24th Instant - about 14 Miles from Pollamcotah, We were met by Tediully Cawon the Nabob's Phoussar and Dalawoy Madally, Renter of the Tinnavelly District, with great Ceremony and were escorted to the Cutcherry in the Town of Tinnivelly, where the Nabob's Letter to the Phoussar was read, instructing him to give me every assistance for the effectual Execution of the Nabob's agreement assigning to the Company the Revenues of the Tinnivelly Country, and where every demonstration was shown of a due Respect and obedience to the Nabob's Orders. Yesterday I again sent the Phoussar and Renter to obtain from them positive assurances of their Intentions to support to the utmost of their power the entire Receipt on Account of the Company of the Nabob's Share of the Revenues of the Country in preference to all private Claims whatever, which with every appearance of sincerity they gave me the fullest assurances they could comply with - Here our Conversation ended when they informed me that they would again meet me on Business after they had performed some Ceremonies attending a Feast that would continue two days. As I am at present but imperfectly informed of the State of private Claims on the Revenues of this Country, and moreover ignorant whether

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Ist whether they will at all or in what manner operate to the prejudice of the Company's sole Interest and Right hereto, I must defer till future opportunity, making any further mention of them, in the meantime I beg leave to assure your Honor &c that no effort on my part shall be left unexerted to establish the Company's sole Claim to the Revenues of this Country, on the most permanent advantageous footing in preference to all other Claims whatever, and if in the course of my Endeavors to obtain this object, I should meet with Impediments either from any European Gentlemen or Black People, or who may have concerns in the Country, that my power may not be sufficient to remove, I shall not fail immediately to lay the same in the fullest manner before your Honor &c that your Honor &c may afford me such aid as will effectually enable me to surmount them.

thereto

Lalla metah
27th September 1781.

I am with Respect.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

George Proctor

Duplicate 2nd October 1781.

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney K. B.
President & Gentlemen of the Committee at
Fort S. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I received the honour of your Letter of 27th and am happy to find that my Conduct hitherto has met with your approbation. I hope

From M^r Rasm
represents the ill
behaviour of the
Boarding the influence

my

Fort St. George, November 18th.

your the
submits to
mittee the
of the 20
Head Bramins
ordaining them
ceroes.

3rd In future Endeavours may merit an equal Share
of your favour. With regard to the business which
you so strongly recommended, tho' the behavior of the
Bramins in this Neighbourhood has justly
rendered them obnoxious, yet such is their Influence
that I fear it will be out of my power to
execute your Orders in this to any good Effect.
Their suspicious Disposition, their Secrecy, the
Strength and Extent of their principal Place,
their daring and obstinate behavior, the formation
which they know how to inspire and employ
with the greatest Advantage, together with the
superstitious Awe in which they universally
hold the Goodra people would render a seizure
or a forced Loan of their valuables exceedingly
exceedingly difficult, were the Repositories
known, but this is still more difficult, if not
impracticable to find out, the danger of a
Discovery of the Intentions, which would
effectually prevent the Execution, still more
increases the difficulty. Persons whom I could
trust on any other occasions cannot, from the
Prejudices imbibed from their Infancy be trusted
in this, and those (if such there be) who may
have completely overcome those superstitious
Prejudices (setting aside the difficulty of finding
and the risk of trusting such) are still restrained
by a regard to their Civil Character, and cannot
be supposed to sustain the Idea of being com-
municated, executed and handed down
to posterity as guilty of the highest Sacrilege,
unless they determine at once to abandon their

Respect

Fort St George - November 1785.

5th I profess Religion, Country, Interest and Connections
and charge them for new Resolutions which require
no small degree of firmness and interprise, as to
Moormen, curious that many of them are swayed
enough, notwithstanding they continue Mahomedans,
to give faith in many respects to the
Powers of the Idols of the Pagodas they are
entirely out of the Secret, so that unless I can
by great good fortune light upon a renegade
Braminey who is at the same time well
Informed, I see little Hope of succeeding, I can
if you think it will answer any good Effect
that will counterbal ance the Evil of such
a measure, seize on the persons of 16 or 20 of the
Lead Bramins, threaten them and send them
under a Guard to Tanjore to be forwarded to
Madras, the conduct of some of the principal
among them during the Enemies Stay near this
place, would afford a Colour for this, and it is
not impossible but their fears might work
upon them to procure a Sum of Money for
the Company's Service, I must again repeat
that upon the least surmise of such an
Intention, if they did not actually go off to the
Enemy, they would shut their Gates and stand
a Siege, and having ever reserved the Inward
Inclosures from the Sight of Europeans, it is by
surprise only, that they could be secured for
a search - with regard to the above Proposal,
I shall await for your further and fuller
Orders, in the mean time I will endeavour
with the utmost secrecy to gain Information
there is no doubt but in the largest, there
are

Fort St George - November 1785.

5th are Jewels and Plate to a considerable amount, what the other two contain is trifling in comparison. I have not taken any notice of the Manager, unless he seems to find his Interest in it or that of the Amier, he would probably give immediate Intelligence to the Bramins, and effectually prevent any future attempt. He some time ago seized on some of the Principal Bramins and confined them. But this as far as I can learn did not answer his Expectations in any degree. He never ventured to proceed further, possibly the superstitious regard which the Sabot is said to have for the Pagan religion prevented him. Some money might be procured in this Country, were my powers from the Sabot enlarged, a liberty given me of turning out Homicidars that behave ill, of sitting out Districts to Renters for a reasonable term of years, the putting the Mootasabbes under my arrest, and Directing them to produce their accounts to me without the Interposition of the Manager. But without some further Increase of my powers in these respects, I can receive no more from the Country than is the pleasure of the Amier to order his people to pay me; the manager being entirely a creature of his, pays no attention to any other Interest. The not sending a Confirmation of the Cacote to the Peodyhas had a bad effect, for in the mean time the Amier is sending threatening letters to him, and the Manager, affecting to be his Friend, they clandestinely get from him all the Money he collects from his Country, which should

Port St George " November 18th

5th should be paid to me for the Company's Use, my Receipt given to the Manager for it, The Paddy lately omitted a considerable sum to the Amien, but I cannot say give the particulars of it. He paid me the 3000 Porto Novo Pagodas which he had promised me, on my Receipt, stipulating that he should have credit for it, as part of his Tribute, if he continued Zemindar, or that it should be paid him by the Circar, over and above his Salary, if his Country be taken as a Sundaram; with this and some Passy of 9 Years to new delivering to them out of the Stores. The Defays have been paid for June and July, and are now receiving for August. I have put a stop to the giving the Paddy to the Coolies on the works till the Car Crop comes in. About 100 of the Enemies Horse have retaken Cargoody, which the Reddy's People had taken, have entered his Country and burnt about 20 Villages. but hope the Reddy's People with some assistance from hence may be able to drive them out again, I am sorry to acquaint you that the Expedition to Carroon has hitherto produced nothing for the Company, chiefly owing to Disputes between the renter and Major Galway. The Troops however by continuing at Cuddapattore protect the Cultivation of the Districts to the Westward.

A disorder in my Liver which I brought from Madras, and which the Doctor here has not been able to remove, and which continually gains ground, makes me desirous of returning to Madras. Therefore
Yours truly

and

Fort St. George - " November 17th

5th recourse to his Medicines again. The Effect were the same as before, but upon intermitting for a few days only, his complaints always return again, so that he has been under the necessity of taking Medicines almost every day since he came to this Place, for some weeks however they have become more obstinate, and do not yield to the Medicines as formerly, and for five days past he has been much alarmed with an Expectoration of very thick matter mixed with Blood. & Mr Rams' Complaints being of so long a standing, and as I have but little hope of giving him effectual relief in this place, I am of Opinion that change of Air and Place would be of the utmost Consequence to him at this time. I have therefore advised him to embrace the very first opportunity of going to Meoras, for the Benefit of his Health.

Trichinopoly
12th September 1781.

David Simpson
Surgeon.

October 22nd 1781.

Since writing the above, Mr Rams has continued much in the same way, expectating the spitting of Blood, which is abated.

David Simpson

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney
My Lord,

From Captain
Patterson the Troops
3 months in arrears
and a Detachment
to relieve Andingy

Of your order of the 16th Instant
respecting the marching of part of the Madols
Native

Fort St. George, November 1781.

5th Native Artillery, I received yesterday, which shall be most punctually observed. - I have had for some time past five Companies of Sepoys and half a Company of Sepoys detached from this Garrison towards the Frontiers of Hyder's Country, which has effectually prevented the Enemy from entering this District, and

theuddy's Country, by which means all the Paddy between this and Carore is preserved, the quantity is immense, and will be ready to eat in ten days time all which I hope will in a short time be safely lodged in this Garrison. I have been obliged to get some of the Pagar Paddy from the Nabob's Manager to pay the Troops for July last, they being in the utmost Distress, having still three months Pay due them. The Frenchman has undertaken to make a Raidingy from Hyder's People, with the assistance of a Fourteen Pounder three Hundred Ball Cartridges, and some Artillery. - I think it my Duty to send you the enclosed, which I received last night from Captain Gittings, sent him by Captain Edington. Last night I forwarded two letters to your Lordship by the Way of Tanjore, which came from Bombay.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Lordship's

most obedient most
humble Servant

J. Patterson

Capt. Comm.

Trichinopoly
24th October 1781.

Fort St. George " November 18th.

S^r P. S. Major Calverly has received the Nabob's Orders for half of his Artillery to March, but am sorry to inform you that they cannot move for want of Pay. I this moment sent for Shadwan the Nabob's Manager, and told him the necessity there was for his assisting them with some Money. He positively told me he could not advance them a single Pagoda, having no money, for which reason the Nabob's orders cannot be complied with.

John Patterson.

The following letter to the Resident at Hyderabad having been prepared is now despatched.

To John Holland Esq^r
Resident at Hyderabad.

Sir

Our Privy Council has laid before us your Letter of the 21st of last month, with the Copies therein enclosed of the letters addressed by you to the Governor General and Council of Bengal since July last, we shall always be desirous of receiving the most early communication of Facts and Observations so important to the object of your Commission. They could not but have operated upon our Judgment, which must be directed by our Knowledge of the interest of the Company, and the general maxims of its Conduct.

To Mr Holland
to secure the
Courts of Hyderabad
to our Interest, -
but not to form an
offensive alliance
to send 300 Horses -
to send bills for
the amount. -

Fort St. George - November 1781.

5th Conduct applied to those particular circumstances of which we can derive from you alone, just and authentic Information, we find in the Course of your Correspondence with Bengal, that you think it of Advantage not to be beholden to the Assistance of the Azam, if we can overcome our Enemies without it, necessity alone can therefore overruling us in occurring to that assistance, if to procure it we must engage in hostile enterprises, that may protract the War beyond the probable Period of the present Contest. You have very justly exposed and Condemned an indefinite engagement to reconquer the Countries usurped by Hyder from the Subah of the Deccan, and this clause of the Proposals of our Predecessors has been the Chief object of our Animadversions. But though we might Extricate ourselves from our present difficulties without any actual aid from the Subah, provided he remained neutral, we must by every means prevent him from declaring against us, His active friendship may not be essential to our safety, but his enmity excited against us might be highly prejudicial. Notwithstanding therefore the several Precautions contained, and wishes expressed, in our former Letters that our Treaties of Alliance should not be productive of further

recur

A. T. M.

Fort St. George, November 1791

5th Hostalitus, We do not mean to restrain you from that discretionary Latitude, which may be necessary to secure the Court of Hyderabad to our Interest, our wish is not to form offensive alliances, but we are warranted to enter into them, whenever our own preservation requires that we should do so.

Sir Eyre Coote is anxious to have his small Corps of Cavalry speedily augmented it does not seem practicable to get any considerable number of Horses, either in the part of Carnatic still possessed by us, or in the Circars. Hyderabad is supposed to be the great Mart for Horses, you will do us a very acceptable Service if you will please to direct three Hundred to be purchased there, to be delivered at Madras, We shall only honor the Bills necessary to be drawn by you for procuring money to pay for them, and we are desirous to know what further number may be had from the Nizam's Country, and how soon we may expect the number first demanded.

We are,

Sir

Your most obedient Servants

Macartney

&^a Select Committee

Sent the following Letter to the Agent
Master.

by

Fort St. George
5th November 1791

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To James Taylor Esq^r

Assay Master

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee to furnish you with the accompanying Extract, and to desire that agreeably thereto, you will cause samples to be taken of the Gold received by the Assay Master previous to the melting of it, part of which you will keep in your possession, and forward the remainder to the Assay Master at Calcutta by the first opportunity.

I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

John Hucklestone

Secretary

Dispatched letter to Captain Alexander Patterson with the Copy of Complaint against him by one of the Nabob's Managers, as entered in Miscellaneous Book.

Received the following letter from Colonel Harper.

Right Hon^{ble} the President,
and Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your Letter of the 21st Instant I have had the honor to receive, and beg to assure you I have acted with the greatest caution towards the People at Pondicherry, and have ever made a point to show them all the indulgence and

To Mr Taylor to take samples of the Gold received by the Assay Master previous to the melting of it.

Fort St. George

5th November 1781.

From Colonel Harper to Ensign Sturge the party at Bellagurram returned to Bellagurram on 12 received them to General's quarters.

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3rd May give assistance to the Poligars, or others
in the Interest of the Enemy.

I remain with the greatest respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient
and humble Servant,

Humphrey Harper.

Cuddalore

28th October 1781.

My Lord.

I have been honored with yours
of the 17th instant, and will you may rest
assured, give every countenance and
assistance to Chellumbras Pilla that may
depend on me, as yet I have not seen him
or heard where he is, but received the other
day 500 stores of Arms and accoutrements which
were sent here on a Coak, I they leave to mention
ate. for your Lordship, my having received the
same from the Right Honble the President
and Committee, dated the 24th September,
and have replied to it, but as it is a large letter,
am afraid to dispatch it by Land, and have
not an opportunity to send it by Sea, as many
Boats that left this for the Presidency were
obliged to put back, but shall take the
first safe Conveyance to forward it, I
remain with great respect.

My Lord.

Your Lordship's most obedient
and humble Servant,
H. Harper.

Cuddalore

28th October 1781.

From Colonel Harper
enclosed 500 Stores
and accoutrements
from Chellumbras
Pilla

yes

I. H.

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5th

At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K^t.
Anthony Sadlier Esq. Morgan Williams Esq.
Tuesday
5th Nov. 1781

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote
and Major General Sir Hector Munro
absent on Service, — John Holland Esq.
Resident at the Mayor's Court.

Read the following Letter from the
Committee of Works, with the Letter from
M^r Plumer and accounts therein mentioned

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

of Fort S. George.
My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have the honor to lay before
your Lordships &c Copy of a Letter received
from M^r Plumer, together with his account
current for the removal of Hog Hill, the
Balance of reticks is Pagodas 10342, 34. 31
due to him. With respect to the Sum of Pagodas
1686 15. 31 charged by M^r Plumer as explained
in his Letter, to the Chief Engineer, has
informed us that it was incurred in getting
in Earth, by the order of M^r Smith, the late
Governor, on the grounds mentioned by
M^r Plumer, for the purpose of rendering
them fit for the use of people removed from
Hog

From Committee
of Works enclosing
copy of Letter from
M^r Plumer with
his account current
for the removal of
Hog Hill, and his
bills for work done
to the East Fort.

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Hog Hill, which they were altogether unfit for, We therefore beg leave to recommend that it may be allowed to Mr. Plummer, and charged against the people of whom those Grounds were purchased, when their accounts with the Company are settled, As Mr Plummer has been long in advance on account of this Contract, a great part of the Copper delivered to him being still unsold, we recommend that your Lordship &c^a will endeavour to discharge the Balance due to him.

We also lay before your Lordship &c^a Copies of Mr Plummer's Bills certified as usual, for work done on the east Front since the 1st December last, together with an account Current with us of which the Balance is Pagodas. 10703. 31 1/2 in favor of Mr. Winfield's Contract, such a price has been charged for it, as the Chief Engineer thinks very reasonable, in consideration of the Extra labour and expense occasioned by the Situation of the Cisterns.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient &
most humble Servants

Wm. Davidson
Edw. Saunders
George Maule

Wm. Davidson

Fort St. George
4th October 1861

Fort S. George - 6th November 1788.

D^r The Committee of Works in Account Current with

1780

Dec^r 1st To Balance due to M^r Burfield
as per account Current of this date 36101. 10. 11.

1781

July 31st To Works executed from the 1st
December 80 to this date as
per Bills - - - - - 10465. 18. 66.

To Charges for Redwood Plis - - - - - 236. " "

Lagoda 55402. 29. 57

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Paul Benfield Contractor for the East Fort &c Co.

1781
Oct^r 1st By Cash received from the T. D^{ty}
1780 to this Date. } 17,679 35 20.

By Materials received in the same period 3,009 26 11.

By Import Warehouse keeper
for Copper received from him }
By 2^d ----- }

200 Candles @ 70. 34. 59. 14/92. 3 1/2 40

100 D^{ts}. ----- 6300 " " 20,692 35 40

By Tools and Materials borrowed
of the Committee, and not
returned, as p^d. list ----- 832 " "

By Lascars D^{ts} D^{ts} ----- 524 21 58

By Charges for Lascars Employed ----- 460 " "

By Balance ----- 44,698 34 39
10,703 37 18

Fort St. George 1st October 1781. Pagodas 55,402 29 57.

Errors Excepted.

P. Hall Plummer
for Paul Benfield
Contractor.

A true Copy

J. Balfour

Clk to the Committee of Works.

Fort St George - 6th November 1781.

Dr. the Com.

Argoas - 3328. 15.31.

Canada - 33226/1531

Fort George 1st October 1861.

Envois Captives

A Hall Plumer

Three Copies

Johann Beyer

Orth to the Committee of Work,

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Fort S^t George 6th November 1881.D^r { The Honble Company on account of the
unmentioned work performed by Contract Digⁿ

East Line

Sea Gate Tonnage

To Plain Brick Work ^{Cub^{ic} ft} 3645.10.6 ft. 35 ft 2 in. 6596.38.52.

To Arched Brick Work 1108 18.6 (23.10 ft 2 in) 3590 1-14

Tagoras - 10186.39.66.E. E. P. Hall Plumer
for Paul Benfield
Contractor.The measurement certified to be
exact and agreeable to terms of Contract.George Maule
Major & Chief Engineer.The above charges are agreeable to
terms of Contract.I Lind.
C. General.

A true copy

John Badger

Ck to the Committee of Works.

D^r The Honble Company on account of Pilewood
Piles Supplies the Fortifications

310 Piles fresh oak weighing 145 Cords

^{and} 7th and 20th of 3rd of Pilewood 836. - - -Fort S^t George
8th October 1881.

E. E. P. Hall Plumer

for Paul Benfield
Contractor.The Number and weight of the above Piles certified
to be just, as well as the Receipt of them for the
purpose of serving round the various angles of the
Sea Gate Wall.George Maule
Major & Chief Eng^r.

A true copy

John Badger

Ck to the Committee of Works

Fort St. George 6th November 1781
 D^r } The Honble Company on account of the
 } undermentioned Work performed by Contract Viz^t

Sea Gate Tenaillon

Blue Stone Paving 600^{ft} 6 17 1/2 ft. — 250 " "

Fort St. George
 20th August 1781

E. E. H. Hall Plummer

for Paul Benfield Contr^r

The Measurement certified to be exact and
 agreeable to terms of Contract.

George Maule

Major & Chief Engineer

The above charges are agreeable to terms of Contract

T. Lind

Commissary General

True Copy

John Balfour

Clerk to the Committee of Works

D^r } The Honble Company on account of the
 } Undermentioned Works Viz^t

East Line.

Water Cisterns.

Northward and Southward of Sea Gate Tenaillon
 Fine Churnaming in Cisterns 1000^{Square} 6 7 1/2 ft. — 7000 " "
 Fine Churnaming in Gallery — 95 6 5 1/2 ft. — 475 " "
 Fine Churnaming in Exterior

Revetment — 123 6 4 1/2 ft. — 553 21 " "

Laquours — 8028 21 " "

E. E. H. Hall Plummer

for Paul Benfield Contr^r

Fort St. George
 20th August 1781

Fort St. George - 6th November 1861.

The measurement certified to be exact

George Maule

Major & Chief Eng^r

The above calculations are exact

J. Lind

Com^d General

Attest Copy

John Balfour

Clt to the Committee of Works

Minute Motion

The Committee having considered the foregoing letters and accounts, observe that it does not appear from them, whether or not the Committee of Works have received any reports from the Chief Engineer of the actual State of Hoghill, and what part of the Contract has been fulfilled, previous to our coming to any determination ^{regarding} the Contractor's balance, it is necessary such a report should be laid before us, as at present we have no information on the subject, except that which is contained in his own letter and account. ^{Current} We desire to know particularly ^{how many part of earth have been removed} from Hoghill, and how many are yet to be removed to bring it to the level stipulated in the Contract, with respect to the charge of Pagodas 1686^{rs} 15^s 3^d for filling in earth on Grounds purchased by the Company for the use of People removed from Hoghill, no such requisition, as that mentioned in Mr. J. Plummer's letter, appears upon our records, and we think the Committee of Works should

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should not have received a sanction for the charge the Chief Engineer's information that it was incurred by the order of the late Governor. We do not mean by this to intimate that the charge will not be allowed but to point out a line of conduct for the future guidance of the Committee of Works. In all events we cannot think it would be just to charge the amount of this additional expense against the persons of whom the Grounds were purchased, unless it was so stipulated when the purchases were made which we conceive to have been the proper time for considering the expense that would be incurred in getting in the earth: with respect to Mr. Plumer's proposal that the Committee of Works should accept of Mr. Popham's obligation to fulfil the remainder of the Contract, and free him from further engagement on that account, as the Committee of Works have been silent on the subject it is not regularly before us, we will however avail ourselves of this occasion to inform the Committee of Works, that we think the reason assigned for giving the preference to Mr. Plumer when the Contract was disposed of, namely that he was the fittest person to execute it, still subsists, and is equally conclusive against its being transferred

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transferred to another, with respect to the
Balance stated to be due for the East Front. We
have not seen any report from the Chief Engineer
concerning the fitness of the Bastions to answer
the purpose intended, and it is proper such a
report be laid before us previous to our
coming to any determination.

Mr Plummer's letter
returned to the
Committee of Works.

Agreed that Mr Plummer's letter
be returned to the Committee of Works, and
that they be furnished with a copy of the
foregoing Minute.

Read the following Papers.

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

The humble Petition of the
Country Born Inhabitants.

Humbly Sheweth

From Country
Born Inhabitants
requesting Bonds
be granted to them
of the 40th Cent
when their Houses
were pulled down.

That the late Government has been pleased
some time in last year to Destroy your Pet.
Houses at and near the Flaghill, in order to form
an Esplanade to the North West Bastion of
Fort St. George, with proviso of allotting your
Petitioners Grounds in lieu of the former, and
to allow 40 much p. Cent on the amount
Valuation of your Pet.^{rs} Houses (as Waste money)
a list of which Valuation is in the hands of
the

Fort St. George 6th November 1781

The Company's Master Bricklayer as well as in the Names of Hugh & Maswell Esq^r - Your Pet^r shew that Hugh & Maswell Esq^r did by the Order of the late Governor &c^{al} allot Grounds to your Pet^r in lieu of the former. but have not as yet given your Pet^r any Account about the Waste & Money, which was to be paid soon after the Destroying of your Pet^r Houses. Your Pet^r further shew that they are sensible that the Present exigency for Cash will not permit the Hon^{ble} Company to Discharge your Pet^r Demands. Your Pet^r therefore most submissively pray your Lordships will be so Gracious as to Order Bonds to be given to your Pet^r payable at such Period of time and with such Interest as to your Lordships shall seem & Meet.

And your Pet^r in full duty bound

Shall Ever Pray.

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord George & Macartney. K. B.
President and Governor of Fort St. George &c^{al}

The Humble Representation of the
Inhabitants whose Houses are
Demolished.

That before the Hon^{ble} Company pulled down our Houses, the Governor and Council agreed to pay us 40 P^{ts} Cent Right: 10 P^{ts} Cent in ready Money, and a Bond to be granted for the remaining 30 P^{ts} Cent for the Expences of removing our materials, and other Grounds

Our Inhabitants
Flaghill requesting
and may be given
in lieu of that
due from them -
a Bond granted
for the 40 P^{ts} Cent
removing their
materials

Fort St George 6th November 1760

Grounds were to be given to the Inhabitants in proper places by the Hon^{ble} Company.

We have not yet received any part of the money nor have Bonds been granted for the amount which has reduced many of your Pet^{rs} to great distress.

Many of us have not yet had ground allotted to us, but are living in the streets, and under huts in a very miserable condition. We therefore most humbly entreat your Lordship that you will be pleased to grant Grounds to the Inhabitants out of the great number of Gardens that are in the Black Town, and which formerly all belonged to the Company, as your Lordship knows the rainy weather is now coming on, and our materials lying in the streets, by which we have already been great losers. We therefore beg your Lordship will also be pleased to order the 10 P^{ts} to be paid, and a Bond granted for the remainder of the Sum and your Petitioners as in duty.

Bound shall Ever Pay.

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney R. B.
President and Governor & Joint Committee
of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the employ I do. Take the

W. Macartney
to the
relation to
James
in

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W. Stewart having given to the Spaniards the parole he mentions, of course cannot at present serve with the Army, and with respect to the Suppression he complains of attending we suppose to the appointments of Captains Pyrie, and Prescott, the Court of Directors alone can give him redress, with regard to W. Stewarts desire to proceed to Europe, it is agreed that he be permitted accordingly, and that he be mentioned favorably in the next General Letter.

agreed to & to be mentioned favorably in the next General Letter.

From Captain Richardson, desiring to know his destination, & complaining of not being reimbursed for former services.

Read letters as entered in Miscellany Book from Captain Richardson of the Honble Company's Ship Yarmouth, advising that his Instructions from Bengal limit his Stay here to the 15th of this month, desiring to know if he is to Sail at that period, or receive on board a cargo of Grain for the Southward; and complaining that he cannot accommodate the officers ordered on board his Ship as no notice has been taken of his former Bills for passengers.

directed to receive on board Rice, and Bills on Bengal to be granted him

Agreed that Captain Richardson be directed to receive on board the Rice, and that Bills on Bengal be granted for the amount of his Bills.

Read the following letter from Capt^r Wigers.

Fort St. George 10th June 1782

Having received Instructions from Government to provide Quarters for the 42^d Regiment at

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From Capt Vigors
complaining of a
Prosecution being
intended ag^t him
by the owners of Houses
marked out by him
for Quarters for the
42^d Regiment.

at Vinary, I accordingly went out there, and marked
out such Houses as I thought were proper for the
accommodation of the Officers and Men. I requested
of Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy to give up his House
for the use of the Officers, which he consented to;—
and then finding two Malabar Houses, that were
sufficient for the Men, I gave directions to Joseph
Burghall, acting Qu^r master serjeant to apply to the
proprietors of these Houses, to give them up, which
he accordingly did, and they consented to; the Houses
were then cleaned out, and prepared for the Reception
of the Troops. I reported ^{this} to the Commanding officer
of the 42^d Regiment, who ordered his men to be marched
out the next day. I accompanied them to their intended
Quarters when, to my Surprise, I found the Doors —
Shut and Locks on them. I told the Commanding
officer that these were the Quarters allotted for the
Troops, and then wished him a good morning, and
now to my utter astonishment I find that a prosecution
is Intended against me by the Owner of these Houses.

B. Vigors,
Barraek Master.

Minute on Captⁿ
Vigors's letter

The Providing Quarters for his Majesty's
Troops is a necessity which the whole Community
is bound to Submit to, nor would the owner of the
houses in question have made any resistance, or
objection, if he had not been directly advised to it
by

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To be supported by
Government

Petition from the
Brahmins of Trivellore
Pagoda, complaining
of abuses committed
by an officer from
Tripasore

The Commanding
officer at Tripasore
ordered to see their
Grievances redressed.

by some ill disposed persons, who wish to distress
and embarrass Government. Resolved that in this
and every similar Instance, the Publick officers
be supported by the Company.

Read petition (as entered in Miscellany
Book) from the Brahmins of the Trivellore Pagoda,
Complaining that an Officer from Tripasore had
come with Lascars and Carls, and broken open the
door of the Pagoda, and taken away the holy Images
of their Gods.

Agreed that Copy of the Petition be
sent to the Commanding Officer at Tripasore for
his answer, and that he be positively directed,
should the Complaint be true, immediately to
cause every thing taken, even to the minutest article
to be restored to the Brahmins, and deposited in
the Pagoda.

Read letter from Captain Mitchel
requesting half Batta as Commanding the
artillery in the Black Town, the same having
been allowed his Predecessor

Capt. Mitchel
requests half Batta
as commanding the
Artillery in the
Black Town
not admitted

Agreed Captain Mitchel be informed
that he cannot be allowed to draw more than the
other officers who serve in the Black Town.

Read Letter from M^r. Mackenzie
the Quarter master of the 42. Regiment, desiring
that Chairs, Tables &c. may be ordered for Lieut^t
Colonel

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Colonel Macleod and 3 Captains of that —
Regiment — agreed that Copy of the Company's
orders relative to allowances for ^{Colonel} Lord Macleod's
Regiment be sent to Mr. Mackenzie —

From the Committee
of Stores with their
Proceedings —

Read the following Letter and proceedings
of the Committee of Stores —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Herewith We have the honor to
lay before you our Proceedings of the 10th Instant,
together with the several Papers mentioned —
therein —

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedient
Humble Servants —

Patrick Ross
John Kennedy
B. Scottney —

Fort St. George
11 June 1782 —

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At a Committee of Stores Present,

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross

Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy

Bryan Scottney Esq.^r

The Committee —

met according to adjournment
and

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and proceeded to take into consideration the Indents of ordnance and Military Stores wanted for Fort-Malborough, together with the remarks of the Commissary, which it is Agreed to lay before the Select Committee, and to recommend that the fifty Barrels of Gunpowder, wanting to complete the Indent, be supplied from Masulipatam, as that deficiency can be made good from hence on a future day.

approved

Received a letter from Captain Douglas, of the Ship Lucin, making a Tender of 200 Cavalry-pouches, which he says cost him 17. to each submit-ting it to the consideration of the Committee what advance shall be made thereon. The Committee having examined the muster, find it of a good kind, but not precisely of the form of those made use of by the Company.

The Military Storekeeper informs the Committee that in consequence of the
distresses

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13th distresses of the Country the Materials he has been able to procure for making pouches, have been greatly inferior to those used formerly, and that he finds a difficulty in even procuring that — Inferior Sort —

The Committee beg leave to Submit these matters to the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee, and request their directions thereon —

To be bought Committee of Stores to settle the Price not exceeding 50th Cent

The Commissary of Stores reports to the Committee, that the South Curtain Magazine, (wherein 40,000 Barrels of Gunpowder are lodged) is in want of repair, the wooden frames having given way in several Places, and that it will be necessary to have the Gunpowder taken out, in order that the necessary repairs may be made — The Committee are therefore of Opinion, that it should be removed to the Island Magazine, until the one it is lodged in at Present, be in a proper Condition —

approved.

In answer to the Right

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13 Right Honble the President
and Select Committee —
Query of the 6th May the
Committee beg leave to —
acquaint them, that a —
Considerable Quantity of
Gunpowder, was formerly
kept in the Black Town —
and in the Island Magazine,
which it was thought proper
to remove at the commence-
ment of the present troubles.

The Commissary
lays before the Committee
a report of the deficiency of
Stores as per Invoice, received
from Bengal by the Ship
Yarmouth, which could
not be ascertained in the
former report, as the Invoice
was not then come to hand.

It is agreed that the same
be laid before the Select
Committee —

The Select Committee
will send the report
to Bengal —

The Commissary
delivers in a report of Stores,
which may be wanted for
the Company's use, belonging
to the Ship Neekar, together
with the Company's prices
for the undermentioned articles
viz.
6500. Lt & 5 Pigs of lead, at 16 1/2 p. oz.
215.24.60

36 Bands of Brimstone 10 1/2 p. — 369 —
3000. Lt of Gunpowder — 38 p. 228 —
Pagol — 312.24.60

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Agreed that Mr. Worwin
by whom these Stores have
been tendered, be informed
that the said Articles will
be taken agreeable to the
above prices, given by the
Company for such Stores,
if Bills on Bengal for their
amount will be accepted — approved

The Commissary
informs the Committee, that
the following Gun Carriages
&c., are wanted to be made
up, in order to complete the
Establishment, in consequence
of a number having been sent
to the Southward — Viz^t
6 P.^a field with limbers complete, to
3 3^d 2^d 3^d to
Ammunition Tumbrils — 16 approved

Agreed to recommend
the same to the Select Committee

The Commanding
officer of Artillery lays before
the Committee a Proof of Brass
ordnance, made the 4th June.

Agreed that the
same be laid before the
Select Committee —

Patrick Ross
John Kennedy
B. Scottney

Read

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Read the following letters from the Committee of assigned Revenue, with Extracts from their Proceedings of the 29th May, and the 3rd & 10th Instant as lodged in the office, containing remarks on M^r Proctor's Letters and recommendations, his Inconsistency in first observing in strong terms that it would be imprudent to let the Tinnevelly Country to any one who was not of the family of the Present Renter, and now objecting to the whole family and recommending a Stranger — concerning the Conduct of the Captors of Tutacurin as represented by M^r Proctor, recommending that a Civil Servant be sent to Tutacurin to make inquiry into, and arrange what relates to the revenue, and receive the collections — that M^r Proctor have no concern with respect to the management in the Country, other than to receive the renters' bids as they become due — that he be directed to transmit monthly accounts of what he has received from each of the Tinnevelly and Madura Countries since the 2^d Decem^r last; that the Paymasters be directed to state at the foot of their monthly accounts the medium rates of Exchange of Chucurns, Porto novo and Mar — Pagodas in the course of the month, recommending that deputations composed of members of their Committee should proceed through the several assigned Countries, as without an occasional Authority to appeal to on the spot, the Ryots will still be at the mercy of the Renter, and —

instead

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¹³ instead of the Benefit which, it was to be hoped, might be derived from the Interposition of the Company's Authority, the Country would perhaps revert to the Nabob in a Situation in no respect improved, and such as might not do credit to the labors and regulations of that Committee —

Recommending also that the management of the Arcot Province be entrusted for the present to Saubaraw, Rajaram Pundit, and Ragoo acherer, and that Gopal row and Kisten Row be appointed Sheristadars for Trichinopoly and Madurai. Stating an offer of the Marava Rajah of an agreement for Pichench, and recommending that it be accepted —

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

From the Committee
of assigned Revenue,
with extract of
their Proceedings,

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship &c. our proceedings to the 27th May, also an Extract from our proceedings of the 29th, on the Subjects of which we request to be favored with your Determination —

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt^h Humble Servants,
Charles Oakeley,
Eyles Irwin
Hall Plumer
David Haliburton
Geo. Maubray —

Fort St. George
2nd June 1782

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney —

From the Committee
with Extract of their
Proceedings and —
Extract of a letter
from the Amil of
Nellore, relating
to a murder committed
in that District.

President &c Select Committee of
Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to lay before
your Lordship &c. Extracts of our Minutes of the 3^d —
and 10th Instant and request to be favored with —
your Determination on the Subjects to which —
they relate — We also lay before your Lordship
&c. an Extract of a letter from Vincatarow the
Amil of Nellore, representing that a murder —
had been committed in that District, and requesting
orders to punish the murderer —

We have the honor to be —

My Lord and Gentlemen,
your most obedient and
most humble servants, —

Charles Oakeley
Eyles Irwin
Hall Plummer
David Haliburton
Geo. Moubray

Fort St. George
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11 June 1782

Extract of a Letter from the Amil of Nellore —

Dated the 3^d June 1782 —

An washerman in the Village of —
Gulmoula in the Purguna of Yerana has been killed,
by a Paricar man, who came to steal Gram in a —
Field belonging to the Fironer, who wanted to prevent
him. The Paricar man is now confined in the —
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¹³ Butwal's Chaultry. I hope your Excellency will send orders to Captain Campbell to punish him in an — exemplary manner, to deter others from doing the like in future —

A. True Extract.

J. Balfour
Secy

Minute thereon

The Committee having attentively perused — the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned revenue, now before them, entirely concur in the opinions contained and the measures recommended therein — agreed that a letter be written to them accordingly. Respecting the murder committed at Mellour, it is agreed that the Delinquent be kept closely confined until the fact can be accurately investigated.

The Committee adverting to the trouble — some applications constantly making to the President for Quarters, and to the Present very considerable — monthly expence which the Company are at for house Rent, resolve, that Anthony Sadleir Esq^r, Colonel Ross, and Captain Vigors be appointed a Committee for the arrangement and distribution of Quarters for Military officers, and that they be instructed to meet from time to time, and form such regulations, and recommend such measures as shall appear to them best Calculated to reduce that expence, and at the same time to furnish houses or Quarters for all who by the established military regulations, or particular orders of the Honble Court of Directors, have a right to them.

Agreed that M^r. H. Ogilvey be — appointed a Assistant Surgeon at Vizagapatam —

Read

Anthony Sadleir
Esq^r. Colonel Ross
& Captⁿ Vigors —
appointed a —
Committee for the
arrangement of
Military Quarters

M^r Ogilvey appoint
ed an Assistant
Surgeon at Vizagapatam

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Read the following letter from M^r Botham,
inclosing two letters from the President & Select
Committee of Fort Marlboro

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to forward you a
Packet from the Select Committee of Fort Marlboro.
The Sloop Adventure proved so very unfit to
make the Voyage, that I missed your Port, and with
difficulty reached this, being persuaded that she
cannot beat up to Fort St George I must request
you will order her to be loaded here with Gun-
powder and Military Stores, and for this purpose
I applied to your Chief & Council to inform you
what Articles of the Indent they can spare

accompanying this are some Packets
for the Honorable Court, which I request you will
forward

I have the honor to be with
much respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen
your very Obedient Servant,
Henry Botham

(Select Committee)

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney R: B
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We are deeply concerned to
inform

From M^r Botham,
inclosing Packets
from the Committee
of Fort Marlboro,
requesting that the
Adventure may be
laden at Masulipatam
with Stores &c for
Bancoorin.

Masulipatam
May 31. 1782

From Fort Marlboro,
advising of their
magazine and
laboratory

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laboratory having ^{the} 13th been fired by lightning, and of the damage occasioned thereby requesting immediate Relief of Stores &c &c &c.

inform you that our Magazine and laboratory were this Morning fired by Lightning and blown up. The Arsenal being adjacent to them our Ordnance, was in general dismounted and rendered unserviceable; the Carriages being shattered and blown to pieces; this unfortunate event has deprived us of the means of resisting an Enemy, as we have now only remaining a few Barrels of bad Powder and the Ordnance mounted on our Forts and Batteries. Having put our Military Works in such a State of defence as to Secure this Presidency from the attempts of any small Force. We cannot but lament that on the moment of our having nearly completed them, we should be reduced to the defenceless state we are now in.

In order to Communicate to you this Intelligence, we have determined to dispatch the Euphrates Sloop, Captain William Bridges Commander, now stationed on a Cruise on the Northern part of this Coast, an Extract of whose Sailing orders is inclosed, as our Situation here is such, that a speedy relief in the Articles mentioned in the Accompanying Indent is of the highest importance. We earnestly entreat your compliance with every part of it that can be possibly spared from your Presidency; and that the Utensils, Stores, and Materials for Laboratory use, particularly for making up fixed Ammunition and its appurtenances, of which we are totally destitute, together with a Quantity of good Gunpowder may be forwarded to

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13 to us immediately in the Euphrates and that
a Vessel may be taken up to send us the —
remainder, together with an annual supply of
Military Cloathing and Wares, according to
our former Indents —

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedient Servants —
Edward Coles
John Crisp
Henry Botham

Fort Marlboro!
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18 March 1782 —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney, R B

From Fort Marlboro,
depute a Member
of their Committee
to represent their
distressed Situation,
recommend an
Expedition against
Batarica, with
their Sentiments
thereon —

President &c Members of the Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We wrote you under date the
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13 Instant for Sloop Euphrates, Duplicate of
which we now forward enclosed —

The uncertainty that prevails
in time of War in the receipt of dispatches,
and the Importance of a speedy Supply of
Gunpowder and Military Stores, agreeable to
an Indent that accompanies, has induced us to
take up the Sloop adventure, a Private trader,
on freight to dispatch to your Lordship &c
Members; and in order that you may be made
more fully acquainted with our distressed
Situation, We have appointed Henry Botham
Esquire, the fourth Member of this Committee, to
proceed

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¹³ proceed in the Sloop, and represent the same to you, and we request that you will pay attention to whatever requisitions he may make on our behalf, as we are confident they will be only such as are proper, and prove of benefit to the Service —

Since we wrote you on the 18th Inst^{ly} immediately on the accident happening, we have recovered some of the Articles then believed to be lost, and find we shall be able to Supply ourselves with others indented for, without troubling your Lordship &c Committee — The Indent we forwarded with that letter has therefore been redrawn, lessened in Quantity, and many of the articles left out, we earnestly entreat your compliance with it, in its present form — and we have made application to the Admiral to spare a Frigate or Sloop of War — either to escort or bring it over, as our receiving it otherwise is rendered precarious, on account of the French Privateers that frequent the Northern part of this Coast —

From the little Communication we have with other side of India, we are totally ignorant of the various events which may have taken place since the commencement of the Rupture — with the States General — The vast importance of Batavia to the Netherlands Company renders — the Capture of it an Event of the utmost Consequence, and which would at once decide the fate of the War in

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13 in India — From our own local knowledge, and from the Intelligence procured on the capture of the dutch Possessions on this Coast, we have every reason to be persuaded that this important Conquest might be made with great Facility, and we have been anxiously waiting in expectation of Intelligence of an expedition framed for this purpose — should any such design be in agitation, we beg leave to hint it might not be unserviceable to touch at this Place the absolute assistance we can offer in point of Force is but inconsiderable — but we might be able to give some useful Intelligence, and could also Supply the Fleet with Arrack and Cattle.

We request that your Lordship &c^a Committee will not interfere in the dispatching back the Hoops Adventure and Euphrates, but leave the same to Mr. Bothams discretion.

We are,

My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servants,
Edward Coles,
John Crisp
Henry Botham.

Fort Marlbro,
2 April 1782 —

The Committee are much concerned at the Explosion of the Magazine & Laboratory at Fort — Marlbro, which becomes the more unfortunate, as the Military Works at that Presidency were on

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Minute thereon ^{M.} 13. on the point of being completed, & as this unexpected event has reduced the Company's Interests in that Quarter to a most alarming and defenceless state. The Committee Agree, that all the Stores specified in the Indent from Fort Marlboro be complied with, as far as they can be spared from hence, & from Masulipatam, and that they be immediately forwarded to their Relief.

Bill for 500 Pag.
on Bengal granted
to Johannes
Nazarat

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Johannes. Nazarat to the amount of 500 Pagodas being for House Rent

^{or}
Bill for 614. 4
on Bengal
granted to Capt.
Richardson

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Captain James Douglas Richardson to the amount of Pagodas 614. 4 — being for Victualling the Seamen ordered down to the Fleet, accommodating Gentlemen Passengers, & Balance due for the Peoples' Wages pressed by the Fleet, and Master attendants' Charges to be carried to the head of "Second War with Hyder ally"

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Bill for 500 Pag.
on Bengal granted
to Johannes
Nagaret

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Johannes Nagaret to the amount of 500 Pagodas being for House Rent

Bill for 644.^{rs}
on Bengal
granted to Capt.
Richardson

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Captain James Douglas Richardson to the amount of Pagodas 644.^{rs} being for Victualling the Seamen ordered down to the Fleet, accommodating Gentlemen Passengers, & Balance due for the Peoples' Wages pressed by the Fleet, and master attendants' charges to be carried to the head of "Second War with Hyder ally"

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Dispatched the following
letter to Bengal with Copy of the
Report from the Committee of Opignee
Revenue dated 27 Ultimo - and our
Minutes on the Subject agreeably
to the resolution of the 30th May -

To Bengal -
enclosing Report
of the Committee of
Opignee Revenue
with the Minutes
of the Select Com-
- mittee thereon.
- On the Subject
of the Sullivan's
negotiations with
the British War-
- rior Pollan Poligars,
of the Offers made to
them by the Mana
of Mysore mentioning
their having earnestly
urged the Gov^t of Bombay
the propriety of a
Diversion on the
Malabar Coast. -

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council of
Fort William,

We have transmitted you in
duplicate copies of a letter to us from the
Committee of Opignee Revenue, containing
a Summary report of their Transactions,
with a comparative statement of the
Revenues, and expenses of the Opignee
Courts. We now enclose you copy of
of our minute on those papers, dated 30th Ult^o,

We also enclose copy of a letter
which we have just written to Bombay,
by which you will find that when we
dispatched your former letter to that
Presidency, we did not omit to urge our
concurrent sentiments on the plan for
attacking the Cooray's Dominions on the
Malabar Coast; as to a plan of operations
for carrying it into execution, we were
unusually silent on that subject, being
unacquainted with the intentions and
views

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13. Orders of his Majesty's Commander in Chief respecting the forces under Colonel Abercromby, whose destination, whatever it might be, would materially influence any plan that we might wish to suggest.

By our last dispatches from the Select Committee of Bombay, copies of which you have ere this received. We observe with great pleasure, that they meditate an expedition against Mangalore after the rains, but we do not to this moment know whether we may reckon on the co-operation of the Pindar's Troops, or whether it be still intended to bring them round to the Coast.

Mr Sullivan, the President at Tanjore, some time since informed our President of his having entered into Negotiations with the Polygar chiefs of Bialore and Woriarpollam, in order to detach them from the Enemy, and obtain Money for the relief of the Garrison of Tanjore, and of his having nearly concluded Agreements with them, by which the former would engage to pay 8,000 Pagodas, and the latter 5,000 annually - that he was anxious to have his Lordship's sentiments of these measures, and if he should approve of them, he begged orders might be sent to him to take care of the Political Interests of the Company, to the South of Cuddalore.

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Our President having laid these Letters before us. We entirely approve of the Steps Mr. Sullivan had taken, and wished to confirm the Agreements above mentioned. We were also convinced that it would be greatly for the public good, to invest him with the authority he requested; but after considering the matter it appeared to us that we could not do either without interfering with the powers now vested in the Commander in Chief of the Army; our President therefore in Answer to Mr. Sullivan's Letter, stated the situation of this Government, and desired him to address his Eye (vote) on the several Points contained in them. His Lordship however wrote himself to the Commander in Chief, informing him of the Substance of the Letter, and proposing to him to give Mr. Sullivan the Powers he wished to possess; but the proposal did not meet with his (Sir Eyre Cote's) approbation. Soon after the receipt of the Letters above mentioned, our President received another Letter from Mr. Sullivan, informing his Lordship of his having opened a negotiation of great importance with the Manna of Mysore, by means of two Persons at Tanjore empowered by her for that purpose; that, the outlines of the plan were as follows. - They offer

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13 engage to pay 3 Lacks of Pagodas by
Installments, as we advance in the
reduction of the Comblatore, & other districts
on this side the hills - 1 Lack upon
the fall of Ardinelli - 1 upon that of
Mysore - 75,000 monthly from that event
to the fall of Srirangapatam, and 5 every
Year for the protection of Mysore, or 15 Lacks
for the whole of Hyder's possessions, with
a Jaghire of 6 Lacks where we please.
That he / Mr Sullivan / had desired to
except the Countries taken by Hyder from
the Mahrattas, and the Subah, and
that the amount of Chout and Paisash
as formerly established should pass
through us, the Company - that those
points were referred to the Superior,
whose answer he expected every day
as well as powers authorizing them
/ the Agents / to conclude.

Mr Sullivan has since,
in consequence of our President's letter
above mentioned, addressed Sir Eyre Coote
on this important subject, who will
doubtless write to you fully regarding it;
our President has also learnt from Mr
Sullivan, that he has given the Agents a
Cable subject to Sir Eyre Coote's ap-
-probation, and has promised them
that his / Sir Eyre Coote's / Cable will not be
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long behind.

We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Mrs,

Your most obedient

humble Servants

(signed) Macartney &c. Select Committee

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P.S. - as we find it very inconvenient and difficult to supply Trincomallee with this, We beg leave to recommend that a Vessel laden with that Article and a quantity of Gun Powder be sent thither direct from Bengal. The Gun powder may be of great use if deposited there, to supply the casual demands of the Fleet, which in the late action expended a great quantity: We endeavor to supply them as well as we can out of our little Stock, but we have lately suffered severe losses in that Article.

Dispatched the following letter to the Select Committee at Bombay, with copy of the Letter to them from the Governor General & Council.

To the Honble Wm. Hornby Esq.

President &c. Select Committee at Bombay

Honble Sir & Mrs,

We have the honor to

enclose

To Bombay approving of the plan for a Diversion into Hyder's Country

Advising off Cape Cooté having defeated the Enemy near Anner

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13 enclose copy of a letter to you from the
Governor General & Council, which they
have been pleased to send to us for our
Information.

We cannot more strongly
express our entire concurrence in the
Plan so earnestly recommended
in that letter, than by repeating our
own words, when we forwarded to
you the Originals of Colonel Moryan's
Dispatches. 'Nothing can so effectually
'contribute to our relief, or so distress
the Enemy as the attacking him
'vigorously in the Bidinour country,
'where he is most vulnerable. It would
'probably oblige him to leave the
Carnatic, & desert his allies the French,
'who will prefer establishing them-
'selves at Pondicherry, or even
'returning to the Islands to the accom-
'panying him, in a March of 5 or 600
'Miles; & thus two objects would be
'gained, both of equal magnitude.'

The same sentiments &
nearly in the same Words were
repeated in our letter of 16th May, and
We now beg leave to assure you that
every day's experience adds to our
Conviction that the Carnatic can only be
relieved by a powerfull diversion
on

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13 on your side, and that on the other
hand a well conducted attack upon
Hyder Ally's Possessions in the Bidinour
Country, with our Army at the same
time penetrating the Malaghaut would
produce a speedy termination of the
War.

We have the pleasure to
inform you that on the 2^d Inst^r Sir
Copefoot again defeated Hyder Ally, near
Arner, pursued him several miles, &
took one Gun and a number of Harts
and Turnbills.

We have the honor to be,
Hon^{ble} Sir & Mrs.

Your most obed^t
(signed) humble servants,
Macartney & Co
Select Committee

Fort St George
23th June 1782.

The Yarmouth
proceeds to Negapatam
and Trincomallee
with three and
Gun Powder.
It having been resolved to send the
Hon^{ble} Company's Ship Yarmouth to
Trincomallee with 200 Barrels of Powder
for the Admiral, & three for the Garrison
of Negapatam, she now proceeds accordingly
and the following letter is dispatched by her
to Sir Edward Hughes with copy of a
Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

To

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13 To Sir Edward Hughes, K^t.
Vice Admiral of the Blue, and
Commander in Chief of all His
Majesty's Ships in
India.

Sir

200
To Sir Edward
Hughes, inclosing
Copy of a letter from
the Rajah of
Travencore and
recommending
the Subject to his
Consideration, also
advising of the
Despatch of the
Yarmouth.

We now dispatch to you the
H^{on}ble Company's Ship Yarmouth, with
300 Barrels of Gunpowder, she has on
Board, also + Bags of Rice for the
Garrison of Negapatam, which is
much distressed for Provisions. We
request you will favor Captain Richardson
with your advice & assistance to enable
him to get to that port.

We inclose Copy of a letter
our President received some time since
from the Rajah of Travencore. As the
friendship of this Chief is of considerable
Importance to the Company, we beg leave
to recommend the subject of his letter to your
particular attention.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servants,
Macartney &c
Select Committee

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Dispatched to the President at
Hydrabad, a Copy of Sir Eyre Coote's account
of his 5th Victory, over Hyder Ally; near
Arcue on the 22^d Instant -
To

John Holland Esq.
President at
Hydrabad.

Sir

I am directed to enclose you
copy of a Letter from General Coote, with
an Account of his having gained a fifth
Victory over the Enemy.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant.
Signed J. H. Middleton.

Dispatched by the Yammouth

7000 Bag^s sent to Mr
Cochrane by the
Yarmouth to be
disposed of by Mr. Sullivan.

7000 Bag^s as to Mr. Cochrane, together with
a letter to Mr. Sullivan President at
Tanjore, advising him thereof, and that
the Money is to be disposed of according to
his Directions.

To John Sullivan Esq.
President at Tanjore.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that 7000
Bag^s are now sent to Mr. Cochrane to be disposed of as you
may direct.

I have the honor to be your
Obedient servant

J. H. Middleton

To John Holland Esq.
with copy of letter from
Sir Eyre Coote,

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The Right Honble the
President communicates to the Committee
the following Copies of two private letters
from the Army of the 9thth Instant, mentioning
an unfavourable circumstance that has happened.

Camp at Wandewash, 9 June 1782

Dear Sir,

Two private letters
from Comd. advising
of the Ground Guard
being cut off.

The first object of our march to
the Southward was to raise the siege of
Cernacail, but before we crossed the River
we heard of the fall of that important place.
The Army then moved to Caringod, and from
thence to Wandewash, where we had an
imperfect view from the top of the Mts. of
Hyder's Camp. After a day's halt we
proceeded by easy marches within 13 miles
of the Enemy, where we had a full view of the
French & Hyder, their right to Shillanur, & their
left extending towards the Madhills. It was
the general opinion that Sir Eyre meant to
attack them, but he certainly acted a more
prudent part, for it was too great a risk
to put the fate of everything to a battle, by
attacking them in a strong fortified Camp,
with every Frenchman that could crawl, or
was able to stand behind a breast-work.
After two days halt, we proceeded in a direct
route to Chitapat, in hopes of drawing our
Enemy out, where we might fight them

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13 upon more equal terms. From Chittaput
we moved to Anner, about 4 miles from
that place, Hyder Ally by forced marches
came up with our rear. As usual he
commenced a distant cannonade, as soon as
we could dispose of our Baggage in a
proper situation, we came to the height
about, & formed our line. Every precaution
was necessary, as the Country was entirely
open, of course took much time in posting
a Guard properly to save the Baggage. Our first
line then advanced, & the Enemy instantly gave
way. As they had a River in their rear, we
were in hopes of coming up with some part,
and pushed on at a full run for near two
miles, had we had any light corps at that
time, I am of opinion that many of his
Guns must have fallen into our hands, & we
should certainly have cut off some of his
rear Corps, but unfortunately the Cavalry
was with the Baggage, and the line too
much fatigued to pursue the Enemy further.
We took however one Gun, 5 Turnbills, and
two Carts load of Shot. I must own I never
saw our Troops push with so much Order,
nor the Enemy behave so truly dishonourable. We
encamped the next day close to Anner,
and I do think that had we brought
battering Cannon, we should have taken
it. Hyder's motions during the time

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13 we lay near that place, seemed to indicate
his uneasiness at our situation. We at
length decamped, & our advance came up
with Hydier Khan. On the march his line
was seen, but nothing happened on either
side, he pushed off for home, and we the
next day encamped at Sivathore. We
halted yesterday in consequence of the
fatigue of the preceding day's march. We
were alarmed yesterday between two and
three in the afternoon by a firing at the
out-posts. The enemy had certainly
formed an Ambuscade, and sent
small parties to entice some of our
outposts to advance. At length the
Grand Guard, consisting of McAllister's
Regiment of Cavalry took the bait, &
proceeded near two miles on the plain
beyond their station, the Enemy then
thought they were at a distance from any
support, and would be able to effect their
purpose. A body of Cavalry of about
3 or 4000 rushed from the Topes & Hoovers
that were adjacent ^{upon the Grand Guard} and swept them
away like a torrent. An officer,
Mr Burrows, with six or seven
men were all that escaped. Lieut.
Quetzer who commanded - [McAllister

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13 being in Arrest is taken prisoner
with his Gunners, Cavalry, light Infantry &c.
between 60 and 70 were left killed & wounded
on the spot. - I was on the ground in
less than 15 minutes after the Affair,
and saw these miserable objects.

The Regiment behaved exceedingly
well, maintained their ground with
a steady & regular fire untill borne
down by numbers, many of them
fell at the Muzzle of our Guns.

Mr Crutger tho' he got himself into a
bad situation by imprudently
advancing too far, behaved with great
firmness to extricate himself, but
too late, and Colonel Stuart who was
nearly taken prisoner with the Guard
declares, that no man in the
world could have behaved better than
Crutger and his Regiment. - We left
Trincomalee this Morning, and what our
next motions are to be, I really cannot
tell you. - However I wish you would
send me any news from Madras, & I
will always return your People with
the Occurrences of the Camp. - Your
Horse carriage arrived at 12 o'clock

Yesterday

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¹³ Yesterday, I intended to have despatched them in the afternoon, but I was on horseback till late in the evening, and then too much fatigued to write. I send you this scrawl in such a hurry that I am afraid you will not understand it, but you must excuse it, as I have been very busy. - I intended to have sent you more particulars, but have not time, unless I was to detain you here until tomorrow - The Country we have been thro' is cultivated in many parts - The villages full of Inhabitants - we have got some grain and plenty of fattle, in short we have lived very well this trip, and suffered nothing but from the intense heat, which surpasses everything I ever felt. -
Yours &c.

Killed, wounded and died of fatigue the day that Hyder attacked our Men amounted to sixty odd.

Camp at Wandewash 10 June 1782
From Wandewash we moved towards
Sondwaivem, it was there reported that

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13 Hyder & the French fell back towards the
Mud hills, & we then moved to Chittaputh,
which refused to surrender, from thence
towards Bomee: After we passed the
River between Bomee & Chittaputh, and
were just near Bomee, Hyder crossed
the River in our Rear, and opened
his heavy Guns upon our Rear; about
4 o'clock the Baggage was secured and
our line formed - A distant cannonade
was kept up by him from very heavy
Guns: about 10 o'clock our Army
advanced upon him at a full ^{run}, the
Army in one line, and chased him
from height to height for upwards of
three Miles, till we finally drove
him over the River, where we took
one Gun and 5 Tambells. - Our
loss this day was trifling: - he attacked
the Baggage defended by the Cavalry &
5 Battalions of Sepoys, with about
11,000 Men, but without success: his
principal loss this day was here,
but no where very capital; the 4th
we encamped before Bomee; the 6th
we came in sight of Hyder's Mar-
quise near Trivatore moving
towards Bomee. - The 8th Hyder

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13 decoyed out our Grand Guard commanded
by Lieut. Cuetzer, and completely
cut them off - they consisted of about
70 troops, 2 three Pounders, and 2
Companies of light Infantry. - This
accident happened through the
imprudence of the officer's advancing
from his Post about one mile, when he
was surrounded by 3000 chosen horse,
however the Men fought desperately,
Cuetzer behaved gallantly, he is a
Prisoner. - Colonel Stuart, the field
officer of the day, joined them just
as they were surrounded, but cut
his way thro'. - We have no
other occurrence worth mentioning -
pray send this to the Ministry with the
enclosed. - we are now encamped here,
I cannot tell our future movements.

Yours &c.

Copies of the above
Letters to be forwarded
to Bengal, with the
Letter from Fort Marlbo
relating to the accident
which happened there.

As the Committee have received no
Advises from the General on the subject,
in order to prevent any impression
from the exaggerated accounts, that
might be formed by the Enemy, it is
agreed to forward Copies of these Letters
to Bengal, together with Copies of the

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^{No}
13 last letter received from the General,
Copy of the letter from Fort Marlboro,
relating the accident that happened
there to the Magazine & Arsenal, with
the Incident for Stores wanted to replace
their losses.

^{No}
14 Agreeably to the resolution
of yesterday, dispatched the following
letter to Bengal.

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

Honorable Sir and Sirs.

To Bengal - with
the Enclosures
above recd
to be transmitted
thither. - With an
account of the
Genl's action,
of the Genl
sent to Vellore.

We have now the honor to
transmit you Copy of a letter from Sir
Clyde Coote, informing us of the Victory
gained over the Enemy the 2^d Instant
since the date of that letter, which is
the latest we have received, there are
accounts arrived here of an unfavorable
circumstance having happened. - We
have no information of it from the
General, but there are several private
letters in Town upon the subject,
one or two of which we send, in order
to prevent any impression from the

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th 14 the exaggerated accounts which might be given by the Enemy, we shall not fail to transmit the official one as soon as it arrives.

In consequence of urgent representations from the commanding Officer at Bellare of the distress of that Garrison for Provisions, and at the particular desire of Sir Cope Cote, we have made an hazardous attempt to relieve it from hence.

3000 Coolies laden with provisions proceeded from hence the 6th escorted by 2000 Poligars with a few native Military Men & 3 Guns. They are to push for Bellare through the Collamers, but we much doubt if they will be able to effect it.

We enclose List of deficiencies in the stores received from you by the Yamonth.

We also enclose copy of a Letter to us from Fort Marlboro, with an Indent of stores wanted at that place, in consequence of the accident that has happened to the Magazine and Arsenal. In the Indent is stated the quantity of each Article to be supplied.

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th. supplied from hence by the Ship Queen,
and we hope you will be able to make
up the deficiency by the Elizabeth
and Northumberland.

We have the honor to be,
Wth Hon^{ble} Sir & Sons,

Your most obedient

humble servants,

(signed) Macartney & Select Comm^{rs};

Fort St. George
14 June 1782.

The following letter is now sent to
the Committee of Assigned Revenue
agreeably to the Resolution of the 13th

To Charles Oakeley Esq^r &c
Members of the Committee of
Assigned Revenue
Gentlemen

To the Committee
of Assigned Revenue
approving of the
Measures they
have proposed,
will consider of
the propriety of
sending a Civil
servant to Inter-
-coir - approve
of the Deputation

I am directed by the
Right Hon^{ble} the President and
Select Committee to acknowledge the
Receipt of your letters of the 2^d & 10th
Instant, with extracts from your
Minutes of the 29th of May, and 3^d, and
10th Instant, and to inform you that
the Select Committee entirely concur
in the opinions you have given,
and in the propriety of the several
Measures

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Deputation to the Measures you have recommended.
 be sent thro' the English Countries. The Gentlemen recommended by them to be appointed.

The most positive orders will be sent to Captain Bilecliffe to enquire into the complaint made by Mr Broctor against the Captains of Tutacoring, and to relieve the officer there from his command, if it shall appear to have been well founded.

The Select Committee will take into consideration the appointment you recommend of a Civil servant to Tutacoring: and will be sent to Mr Broctor to furnish the Nontadar with every information that can be of use to him respecting the accounts of receipts and disbursements they, and immediately to transmit monthly accounts of what he has received from the Tinnevely & Madura Districts since the 2^d December last; he will also be acquainted that he is to have no concern in the management of those Countries, further than to receive from the Gentlemen the Treasuries, as they become due. The orders you recommend will be sent to the Carnamasters of Calicutah & Madurah.

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The Select Committee
entirely approve of what you have
recommended on the subject of depu-
tations to proceed through the several
assigned Countries, and will carry it
into execution at whatever period
shall be judged most proper.

The Select Committee
have agreeably to your recommendation
appointed Suba How, Nagaram Punith,
and Nagoo Achsoo to the Revenue
management of the District Province,
and Gopal How and Krishna How
Sheriffs of the Districts of Madurai
and Trichinopoly, and you will accordingly
be pleased to cause the usual papers to be
drawn out.

The Select Committee approve
also of your recommendation on the
subject of the Marawa Courtiers, and
have resolved to accept the offer of the
Vakeel of the Marawa Rajah for the
payment of the Bisnash as settled
with the Nabob. They desire therefore
that you will cause an Agreement to be
drawn up for that purpose in the
usual form and including the
Districts of Tripunm, and Cully-
madda, which the Select Committee
agree

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As agreeably to your recommendation,
will cause to be delivered up to the
Majahs.

Respecting the murder
committed at Mellore, the Select
Committee have directed that the
Delinquents shall be kept closely
confined, till the matter can be
accurately investigated.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble servant

(signed) J. H. B. Weston
Sey.

Fort St George
14 June 1782.

Dispatched Letter of this Date (as entered
in the Miscellany Book) to Capt. Douglas
of the Honble Company's Ship Queen,
desiring him to receive on Board his
Ship, the Stores intended for Fort
Maddoor; & proceed with them thither.

Dispatched Letters of this
Date (as entered in the Miscellany Book)
to Captain Michell
Capt. Scouler
Lieut. Moore

Dispatched the following
Letter

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14 Letter to Lieut: Simon Stewart

To Lieut: Simon Stewart.
Sir

To Lieut: Simon
Stewart, referring
him to the Court of
Directors respecting
the Supercession
of which he
complains, and
granting him
permission to
proceed to Europe.

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President & Select Committee
to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 2^d Instant.

Having given the Order
you mention to the Spaniards, you cannot
of course at present serve with the Army:
and in respect to the Supercession you
complain of, alluding it is referred to the
Appointments of Captains Byers & Bessett,
the Select Committee direct me to observe
to you, that as those appointments were
made by the Court of Directors, they alone
can give you receipts.

With regard to your desire to
proceed to Europe, the Select Committee direct
me to signify to you their permission
accordingly, & they willingly consent to
make favorable mention of you to the Court
of Directors.

I am,
Sir,

Your most humble servant
Signed J. Hudson
Secy.

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Received the following letter
from Sir Eyre Coote dated 11th

To the Right Honble George Lord
Macartney, M.B. President & Governor
& Select Committee of
Fort St. George,
My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Sir Eyre
Coote - giving
an account of
the Engagement
with Hyder
Ali on the 2^d Inst.

I had the honor of
informing you on the 3^d Instant of the
Victory gained over the forces of Hyder
Ali on the 2^d. I shall now do
myself the pleasure of giving you a more
circumstantial account.

Conformably to the Sentiments
which I expressed in my letter of the 1st
Instant, on the 2^d in the morning I marched
towards Arcot, satisfied that as the original
movement in that direction had drawn
Hyder from his Position with the French
at the Red hills, it was the most certain
method of bringing him to an action. The
consequence sacrificed the first troops of my
Troop, for about 8 o'clock in the Morning,
and just as the advanced Guard had
reached the Ground on which I intended
to encamp, contiguous to the Fort, a very
brisk & distant Cannonade, opened upon
our Rear, and before it was possible for us
to

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15 to extricate ourselves from the disagreeable situation in which the Line then was, by the Baggage being on the Flank towards the Enemy, and in a hollow with form - manding ground all around, a heavy fire had opened upon us from every Quarter in front, whilst they endeavored to annoy our Rear by a fire from the Fort.

I immediately ordered the Baggage to be halted in the best situation that could be found in an open plain, & stationed with it for its protection five Battalions of Sepoys with the whole of the Cavalry Corps, and all my own Body Guard excepting the European Troop. I then ordered the Army to move out in two lines and to advance towards that part of the rising ground on which the Enemy appeared in greatest force; & so soon as we got upon ^{that would assist of it,} ground to form in one line and to advance upon the Enemy. Owing to a great extent of wet & bad fields which the first line had to cross before this ~~manoeuvre~~ could be completed, I saw that a considerable time must elapse, and that the Enemy might gain possession of a Village, which was so central as to command every part of our line & also the Baggage. To obviate this

Danger

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15th Danger, the second line under Colonel
Lang being more favorably situated, I
advised it immediately to advance, and
to form in the rear of that Post, and to
throw into the Village some pieces
of cannon, as well to check the progress
of the Enemy who were coming
down in large Bodies both of Cavalry &
Infantry, as to cover the first line in
crossing the Baddy fields. It had the
desired effect, as it not only checked
their fire, but obliged them to retire.
By the time the first line had crossed
the Baddy fields, and formed on the
left of the second, I received a message
from Lieut. Col. C. Johnston, who
commanded the Mar Quare, with
which by any order he had occupied
a favorable Post on the Banks of a
Trench, for covering the Assemblage of
the Baggage, to acquaint me, that it
appeared to him the Enemy's main
strength in Infantry & Guns were
inclining to the right, as if with an
intention to force his Post, whilst
a large Body of Cavalry were standing
by in readiness to fall upon the
Baggage, & that if they persevered
in what he conceived to be their
Intention.

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15 Intention, it would be impossible for him effectually to secure the Baggage against insult. This rendered an alteration in my original disposition necessary. I therefore ordered the first line to pass in the rear of the 2^d, and to form on its right; and the Rear Guard under Colonel Ophinson to join ~~Hopson~~ on the right of the first line, and then the whole to advance in line of Battle. These movements were performed by the several Corps with the greatest Celerity & Exactness. The Enemy no sooner observed us in motion towards them than they retreated. We continued advancing for upwards of two Miles, when perceiving large Bodies of Cavalry, with some Infantry & Guns passing to the right & left of our line for the evident purpose of getting to our Rear to attack the Baggage; I sent orders for it to be brought up under the cover of our line, which being then in possession of the heights originally occupied by the Enemy, I ordered it to halt for that purpose. The Enemy believing we had given up the pursuit took possession of the ground of Encampment.

D. M.

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15. Encampment, which we had marched from in the Morning, and which was more commanding than that we had halted upon. From thence they renewed the Cannonade with very little effect, and which we returned only as we found them advancing their Cannon so as to do certain execution. Two heavy Guns which were so situated as to enfilade our left Wing, were the only ones that did us any material Injury. After having halted for upwards of an hour, the Passage had come near enough to admit of us again advancing which we accordingly did, and with that rapidity altho' the Enemy were above a mile ahead of us and retreated as you may suppose with but little regularity, in the course of three miles we came pretty close upon part of their Rear composed of regular Infantry, in crossing a small River, of which as they had gained the opposite Bank, and made a show of resistance, I ordered a fire to be opened upon them ^{more attentively}. Upon observing it was perceived that they had halted to cover the crossing of some of their Guns or Turnbills then in the

Recd

1840 Fort St George June 1782.

15 Bed of the River. Being at this time
advanced considerably beyond the
ground of encampment we had left
in the morning, I sent orders for the
Baggage to assemble at a place contiguous
thereto, which had been reconnoitred
for it, the preceding day, and for the
Cavalry as soon as they could be dispensed
with, to join me. In the interim I
ordered the Grenadiers of the 73, under
the Honble Capt. Lindsey, supported by
the other European Corps, and a Bengal
Regt of Sepoys under Major Blaine to
march across the River, and to drive the
Enemy from the opposite Banks, which
was performed with great Velocity and
spirit by the whole of the Corps, and
with the most exemplary aidour by
the Grenadiers of the 73, who led the attack
and who received a scattered fire of
Musketry from the Enemy as they
approached. They gave way on all
sides, & left us in possession of one Gun,
a long Brass six Pounder, five Tumbrils
full of Ammunition, & six Cart Loads of
Shot. The Corps continued the pursuit
with great eagerness, untill they had
gone upwards of a mile beyond the
River

1841 Fort St George June 1782.

16 River, but could not come up with
the Enemy, however they pressed them
so close, that it is beyond doubt, could
even half our small Body of Cavalry
have been employed that day with
the Line, or had it been possible for
them after receipt of my orders to have
joined me in time, not only more
guns would have been taken, but
the whole, or greatest part of Salley's
Corps have fallen into our hands.
— When the Cavalry did join, the
Enemy were so dispersed, and had
got to so great a distance, that no
attempt could be made upon them
with the smallest prospect of success.
— Whilst these services were performed
by the most forward Corps of the first
line, the remainder thereof continued
on the Banks of the River, ready to
support them if necessary, and the
second line was halted on the Ground
of Encampment, to cover the Approach
of the Baggage, and to support the
Guard with it, under the Command
of Lieut. Colonel Owen if required.
— Towards the rear of our left Wing
the Enemy attempted to annoy the
Baggage

1842 Fort St George June 1782

15 Baggage, by a distant Cannonade
from some heavy Guns; but without effect.
— A very formidable Body of Cavalry
came at the same time with an apparent
resolution to make a desperate Charge
upon the Rear, & to break in upon the
Baggage; but a very brisk & well directed
fire from the Cavalry Guns, effectually
checked their progress, & totally frustrated
their views; altho' no Country being open
and extensive / could be more favorable
for Horse to act upon. The whole
Baggage having been thus protected &
secured, and the advanced Corps having
returned from the pursuit between five
& six in the Evening, the Army was all
encamped before dark on the same
Ground it had marched from in
the Morning. Considering that
the first movement of the Army
commenced at four in the morning,
& that its most laborious operations
were performed during an intensely
hot day, and with the most
unparalleled courage & cheerfulness,
the praise due to every man in
it both Officers & Men is far beyond
what can be expressed, at least
such

1843 Fort St George June 1782.

15 such is the sense I entertain of their
Gentlemen, as to place their merit
infinitely above the reach of any
Encomiums of mine; I have in general
Orders paid them the tribute of my
heartly thanks and applause,
and I am happy in this oppor-
tunity of recommending them as
highly deserving of every Attention,
and Indulgence in the power of
your Government to bestow on them.

What renders our success on this
occasion the more pleasing is the
small loss of our loss, which you
will observe by the enclosed
return of killed & wounded is as
follows. Europeans, killed 3. Non

Commissioned 1 Man & 1 File.

Wounded 2 Lieut: one fornet, six

Non commissioned 1 Man & 1 File.

did of fatigue one Lieutenant, seven Non commissioned. 10 and 10

Natives killed 10, wounded 4.

Killed 6 horses - wounded one.

In all Europeans & Natives killed,

wounded, & died of fatigue 74, horses 7

The excessive heat of the weather

was most felt by His Majesty's

4th Regt: the Officer, the Honble Lieut:

Simph, and the 7th Man & 1 File

as

1844 Fort St. George, June, 1782.

⁴15th as returned above to have died, ^{now} belonged to it. Its effective strength ^{now} in the field, is not one third of what it was when it marched from St. Thome, the 25th April last. The other European Corps both the Infantry & Artillery have suffered severely from sickness; the consequence of hard Duty, and the inclemency of the weather. - The Enemy's loss I have not been able to obtain any certain Account of, but I do not conceive it could have been considerable. We captured ^{between} thirty or forty Staves of all kinds. It has been my misfortune ever since I took the field, on the Event of every Success to have cause to lament my Inability to pursue the advantages open from Victory, for want of a sufficiency of Provisions. On the present Occasion, had I possessed the means of Subsistence, I could not only have drove Hyder up the Gants, but most probably have got hold of his grand Magazine of Ammunition which would most assuredly so far have ended the war, as to have checked his immediately returning in force to the Carnatic. Whilst it would have given to this Army that ^{any} Support, which at this moment maintains his. The

1845 Fort St George June 1782

15th

The subsequent movements of this Army have been communicated to you down to the 6th in my letter from Weyapundole. On the 7th in the morning I marched to Trivatore where from the Informations given me I had reason to expect to find some Grain, but was disappointed.

I halted on the 8th to refresh ^{both} our People & Hattle; The latter from fatigue & want of forage have suffered severely. I shall send you a return of the matters in the Carriage Department as soon as the reports of the Masters I have ordered, are delivered to me. On the 8th in the evening a most unfortunate accident happened to our grand Gun, owing to a young Officer who commanded it, having more spirit than Conduct. I shall send you the particulars in my next. I marched from Trivatore to this place on the 9th and found the Europeans falling down so fast, and in such Numbers, that two or three days halt had become absolutely necessary to give them time to recover. To check the progress of a sickness which threatened the universal

I have the honor to be
signed / Eyes to the

Camp Weyapundole
15th June 1782

1846 Fort. St. George June 17/82.

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The General requests
by the Committee
to advise with
regard to detaining
the Chesterfield

signed in our next letter to
the General to desire him to give us his
sentiments with regard to the retention
of the Chesterfield, which has long been
laden with mice for the Army, agreeably
to his desire, & now lays at a heavy
disburdenage - that we may be enabled
to write to the Gentlemen at Bengal &
Bombay respecting her destination.

Recd the following letter
from Sir Creech

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From General
Creech advising
of the 1st
Guard's having
been sent off.

I wrote you on the 11th,
from Wandewash, giving you a
particular account of the action of the
2^d Portuguese. I marched from thence
this morning, and am now encamped
at Outrammal. Myson's army, by
what could be discovered yesterday from
the Hill of Wandewash, lay encamped
between Orissa & Dabeygur, covering
the Warrumbadga Pass, which led to
Vellor, he has recalled all his Baggas
& heavy Guns from Trimmaller, &
also sent for what Guns & Baggas
were

Warr
bad

1848 Fort St George June 1782

15 Extent of the Enemy's force; he with greater spirit than discretion, moved out from his post, intending to disperse them, & hoping perhaps to capture the Camels & Elephants.

At the same time that he moved the Grand Guard from its station, he sent to inform the field Officer of the Day, Lieut. Col. Stuart, of a small body of the Enemy's horse having appeared in front. Lieut. Colonel Stuart immediately mounted his Horse & rode towards the Grand Guard, which observing had advanced to a considerable distance, he sent orders to the other advanced ^{not} Bicketts to be in readiness to move to its support if necessary, and himself pushed on to the Grand Guard, which he had hardly reached, when it was surrounded & attacked on all sides by large Batches of Cavalry, & whose charge was so rapid and bold, that in less than five minutes they had closed in upon our party many of them fell at the onsets of the two Cavalry Gallies three Bowsers - Col. Stuart only saved himself by the goodness of his Horse. - He gives the highest Praises to the steadiness & bravery of our small party; who received the Enemy's charge with that cool & determined Courage, which would have done honor to the

MS

1849 Fort St George June 17th 82.

15 the most veteran Troops of the first
Nation in Europe; - but alas! they
were ~~too much~~ ^{overpowered} by Numbers,
and their bravery only served to render
them more certain victims to the
Enemy's superior force & ~~unrelenting~~
Cruelty. - I was sitting at Dinner
when I heard the firing, upon which
I ^{immediately} ordered the whole of our Cavalry to be
saddled, & to move out; & before any
report of the cause of it had been
brought me, I ^{had} mounted my Horse
& was proceeding towards our advanced
Posts, and although every possible
dispatch was made, the whole
Business was done before we could
reach the field of action, and the
Enemy had retired. - We only arrived
in time to cover the mangled bodies
of many of our brave Men, who had
every one of them, received various
wounds. I enclose you a return of
the loss we sustained on this occasion,
amounting as you will perceive
in Men, Cavalry & Artillery, and Infantry,
to 166. - Horses 54 and two three Pounder
Guns. - The Tumbrils belonging to them
by having remained at the Station of
the Grand Quare, & coming towards the
Line were saved. - Lieut. Creutzer

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by the return was

15 was as you will observe, taken Prisoners.
By the report of several men who have
made their escape since the action, the
Enemy's loss is between fifty & sixty
Horses, & an equal number of Men.
Amongst them Sultan Sing, a
Commander of a thousand of Hyder's
own stable Horses is said to have been
wounded. Hyder together with
Tippoo and Sally with about 6000 of his
chosen Horse were certainly present, &
I am told that Hyder as soon as he
reached his Camp, fired a Salute in
honor of his Success. I shall march
again tomorrow to Sally Walk, from
whence I hope to find leisure to
answer your several Letters. I
sincerely wish the expedition to Orissa
every success.

sallys

Camps. Putramalae,
13th June 1782.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Affectionate Servant
(signed) Eyre Coote.

Agreed that Copies of the
foregoing Letters be forwarded to
Bengal and to the Admiral.

To

Received the following letter from Colonel
Nixon.

1751

Fort St George June 1722

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

My Lord,

I received your Lordship's

letter of the 2^d Inst. by Mr. Robert Julia,
who arrived here this Morning and
entered immediately on the Execution
of his Office. The former Hunter had a
few days ago marched with a party to
the Collyer Countries to collect part of
an arrears due to the Company, to
I hear, was likely to be paid without
trouble, what effect the arrival of the
new Hunter may have on this
Business we cannot foresee, the
other Countries produce little ready
Money, this being a stranger in the
may embarrass him a little at first,
however as his appointment is a
permanent one, we may expect
to be regularly supplied, which has not
for a long time been the case; he
shall get every proper & necessary
support. I had some time ago
acquainted your Lordship of a
party of our Troops being blest
up at Negapatam by a great
force

From Mr. Col. Mordaunt,
informing of his
intention to attack
the enemy near
Negapatam, as soon
as the falling of the
river will permit.

led

1852 Fort George June 1782.

15 force of the Enemy's I hear between seven
ten thousand men: I wish greatly to
be able to attack them, I am strenuously
solicited to march into that Country,
which I shall not defer longer than
the River fills sufficiently to prevent
the sudden Invasion of a large
Army into that Country, and till the
Troops are paid one month. Not-
withstanding I fear the drawing
together the different Detachments
we have out may ^{leave} both this and the
Madura Country open to the Enemy's
Invasions from Dindegul and
Carrore.

Trichinopoly,
30 May 1782.

I have the honor to be,
Your Lordship's most faithful
and obedient servant,
(signed) Eccles Micaore

Sent Capt MacKenzie
St. Mackenzie
respecting allowances
to King's Officers.

Sent a letter to Lieutenant
MacKenzie of this Date / as entered in
the Miscellany Book / acknowledging
the receipt of his letter of the 6th and
furnishing him with an Extract
regarding Allowances to the King's
Officers. Dispatched the
following letters.

To

1853 Fort St George June 1782.

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

To Sir Eyre Coote,
acquainting him that
every exertion
shall be made to
obtain the necessary
supplies - That the
Governor the Lords with
Col. Storr & Officers had
sailed to the Southward,
desiring to know his
sentiments about
relaying the post office.

Sir

We have had the pleasure
to receive your Letters of the 8th & 11th Inst
and sincerely congratulate you on
the fresh honor derived to our arms
from your late Victory. We lament
with you that you had not the means
of reaping all the Advantages, which
should naturally result from so decided
a superiority; but we beg leave to
assure you that it cannot in the smallest
degree lessen the just sense we entertain
of your exertions, and those of the
Army, whose services, and cheerful
perseverance under many difficulties
merit the highest applause.

We are very much
concerned at the misfortune which
happened to the Grand Guard, an
Account of which was received some
Days ago by several private Letters
from Lanka. We are happy however
to inform you that we have been able,
since your departure to procure 12
good horses & 2 mares which will go
near we hope to replace those that
have

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¹¹
15 have been lost, whilst the Country was in the
Nabobs' hands. we never could get. even a single Cott
from mellore. we have now procured a good number.
11 more are expected tomorrow, & a further
supply is promised us from thence in a short
time. - we have also directed the Military Store-
keeper to have two 3. pounders ready. in case
you should require them. we have already
informed you of our having dispatched a
quantity of rice to Vellore under an escort
of poligars - the attempt is full of hazard, but
we consider it justified by the situation and
Importance of that Garrison. - The exertions
absolutely necessary. and the number of coolies
employed. to effect this service have made it
impossible to attend so much as we could have
wished, to the sending Rice to Chingleput. 617 -
coolies were however dispatched thither yesterday,
and every effort is making to collect more -
the whole of the last supply of Treasure from
Bengal is now coming, and will be ready in
a few days. we are also doing all we can to
procure more bullocks, but we sensibly feel
the want of exerts for that service. In fine we
repeat to you our most sincere assurances that
we

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th
15 we have made, and will continue to the last every exertion that the power remaining in this Government can supply to support the Army, and assist your Operations -

The Indus and Yarmouth being sailed with Colonel Horne for Trincomallee and Nagapatam with Military Stores and provisions, there remains no other Vessel here except the Intelligence and Charterfield, which have been long since loaded with Rice for the Army, as you desired, as to the latter she is likely to incur a very heavy demurrage, and may be employed in bringing Rice from the northward before the period for her going to Bombay, if you have no other views regarding her - we wish to know your Sentiments on this Subject, that we may inform the Gentlemen at Bengal and Bombay of the destination of the Charterfield, and enable them to make their arrangements accordingly -

we have the honor to be,
your most Obedient
Humble Servants,

Signed / Macartney & Co -
Select Committee

P.S. We hope you have received our several Letters of the 28th & 31st May & 2^d, 7th & 10th Instant
James

Fort St George
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James Daniell Esq.
Chief Secy. Council of —
Masulipatam

To Masulipatam
informing that Sir
Cyre Boote had
directed Captain
Lyvaught to order a
court martial on
those concerned in
the mutiny of stores
Secy. ordered to be
sent immediately
to Fort Marlbro
with Mr. Botham.

Gentlemen, The Select Committee have
received your Letter of the 10th Instant with
its' enclosure —

as Sir Cyre Boote in consequence
of the late meeting, ^{and decision,} has sent a warrant to
Captain Lyvaught empowering him to hold
General Courts Martial, it is presumed he
has also furnished him with Orders on the
Subject; you will therefore leave Captain
Lyvaught to act in this matter just as he
thinks proper —

The Right Honble the President
has laid before the Select Committee a
Letter to his Lordship from Mr. Hodges of
the 29th ultimo concerning the accident which
has happened at Fort Marlbro, two letters
have since been received from the Government
there on the same Subject, enclosing an Indent
of Military Stores, which having been laid
before the Committee of Stores, they have
recommended that the Stores mentioned in the
accompanying List be supplied from —
Masulipatam as also 50 Barrels of Gunpowder
to

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¹⁵ to Complete the Indent which will be replaced at your Settlement by the first good opportunity. The Select Committee therefore desire that you will cause the several articles to be — laden on the Vessel which brought M. Botham, and dispatch her without delay to Fort Marlboro.

Fort St. George
15 June 1782—

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) John Huddlestone
Secy.

¹⁶ Received letter from Vizagapatam of the 5th Instant (as entered in y^e Miscellany Book) enclosing return of Troops in that District for the Month of May—

Received the following Letter from M^r. Hamilton Resident at Angeram Dated the 8th Instant—

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

From M^r. Hamilton and
Inquiries with regard
to M^r. Perris requesting
the Board to advise
him to proceed —
From B, with further
intelligence on the
subject.

My Lord and Gentlemen,
I take the liberty to address you
on a Subject that seems to merit your attention.

About two months ago arrived
here a snow under Danish Colours, called the
General abbott, and furnished with a Tranquebar
pass.

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^{No.}
16 pass in the name of one Perriot, calling himself a native of Geneva, but who appears to me to be a thorough Frenchman; he speaks English perfectly, and is a shrewd sensible man. he frequents all Companies, and seems very studious to make himself master of every information; and he has not wanted the means of acquiring a perfect knowledge of the state of affairs in the Circars, together with the strength and the present temper of the Troops. He has been on board the French Fleet and brought Letters from the La. Piere French Frigate to the French at Yanam, and the Dutch at Jaggernaick poram, which I opened and read —

I entertained no Suspicion of the Views and designs of this man, till very lately, which will account for my silence hitherto on the Subject; but from a combination of Circumstances, I am led to believe, that should he meet with the French Admiral on his return, he will not fail to furnish him or the Commander of the land Forces with every useful information. I am credibly informed that M^r. Perriot was not an inhabitant of Tranquebar till two or three years after the war broke out. and M^r. Daniell gives it as his opinion that this identical person is ^{the} author of a letter which he

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16 he. M^r. Daniell intercepted at Cuddalore.
and sent to Madras. where it remains on
record —

I respectfully leave these
circumstances to your decision, offering it
as matter of opinion, that the Danes expose
their Flag to insult by granting passes and
Colours to Subjects of foreign nations not
entitled thereto by long residence or naturaliza-
tion, they therefore commit the first offence
by such grant, and we by disregarding it, do no
more than our duty —

There is an Irishman on board
the snow General Abbot, named M^r. Nicol,
who is the ostensible commander, and I am informed,
that during the Vessels stay at Madras, M^r. Perrot
cautiously avoided going on shore —

As M^r. Perrot is preparing to
depart speedily from this Port. I beg leave to be
favored with your answer to this letter as soon
as possible —

great respect.

I have the honor to be with —

My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedient
humble Servant
Will. Hamilton

Ingeram —
8th June 1782 —

Agreed that M^r. Hamilton be desired
not to permit M^r. Perrot on any account to depart
from

Agreed that M^r.
Perrot be detained
at

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at Ingeram till ¹⁶
further information
is obtained -

from Ingeram - but to inform him that for particular
Reasons he is obliged to detain him, & that it be
recommended to M^r. Hamilton to treat M^r. Perrot
with every proper attention, but that M^r. Miniol
may sail with his Vessel whenever he thinks proper.

agreed that M^r.
H^e be ordered to
engage ships to
send to Bengal
for Rice -

The Governor General and Council
at Bengal having desired us to send them as much
Tonnage as we can procure to bring down rice, -
agreed to direct M^r. Hamilton at Ingeram &
M^r. Corsar at Coringa, to engage as many Vessels -
as possible and dispatch them to Bengal with
Letters to the Secretary, informing him of their
being sent in consequence of Orders from this
Government.

dispatched -
Letters to Bengall

Dispatched the following letter to
Bengal with the letter from General Coote therein
mentioned -

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

Honble Sir & Sirs -

Since our Letter of the 14th Inst^{ce}

To Bengall with
copy of letter from
Genl Coote.

inclosing Copy of one from General Coote.
we have received a more circumstantial
account of the engagement from him, which
we

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16 we now enclose —

We have the honor to be.
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
Humble Servants —
(Signed) Macartney & Co Select
Committee —

Fort St. George
16 June 1782 —

To Mr. Vincent Corbett Dispatched the following letters

Sir

To Mr. Corbett
accepting his offer
of freighting Rice
Ships —

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee
to inform you that they have resolved to —
accept your offer of Vessels to bring 15000 or
20000 Bags of Rice to this place from Bengal,
and that they accordingly agree to Freight —
them on the following terms — 3 Arcot Rupees
4 Bag, half the amount to be drawn for when
the Vessels sail from Coringa, and the other
half on their arrival at Bengal in case of the
non arrival of any of them, the Company to —
lose the amount of the advance —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most humble servant,
(Signed) John Hudleston
Secy.

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To William Hamilton Esq^r

President at Angeram

Sir

To M^r H. Hamilton
to detain M^r Perrot,
& to freight vessels
for Bengal

We have received your letter
of the 8th Instant, and entirely approve of your
writing to us on the Subject of Monsieur Perrot,
whom we desire you will detain, and an no acct^s
suffer to leave Angeram until you receive
further orders regarding him: you will treat
him however with every proper attention, and
inform him that there are particular reasons
for this proceeding, and that he will not be
detained longer than shall be absolutely necessary.
M^r Macnicol may depart with the Vessel
whenever he pleases.

We are Sir

your most obedient
humble servants

(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Fort St George
¹⁶
16 June 1782 —

To M^r George Proctor.

Receiver of the Revenues in the district of
Tiravelly

To M^r Proctor,
upon the managment
of the Revenues

Sir,

I am^{to} desire that agreeably to the
recommendation of the Committee of assigned
Revenues

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16 Revenue in your letters of the 1st and 13th April,
you will furnish the Sheristadar with every
information that can be of use to him respecting
the accounts of receipts, disbursements, &c. and that
you immediately transmit monthly accounts -
of what you have received from the Tinavelly and
Madura Countries since the 2^d December last.

I am also to inform you that in
future you are not to interfere in the management
of those Countries, further than to receive from -
the Renters their Rents as they become due.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) John Hudleston
by

Dispatched the following Letters of
this date to Captain Geo. Campbell, Capt. Geo.
Smith, Capt. Biddisford & M^r. Light agreeably to
Resolution -

To Captain George Campbell -
Commanding at Nellore.

Sir,

I am to inform you that the Rajah

of Vincataghiri has represented that the Sepoys
sent on war to Madras, in passing near the
districts belonging to him, ^{enter} those districts
enter and Plunder whatever they have Occasion
for -

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16 June 1782 -

To Capt^l Campbell
prohibiting the
Madras Sepoys
from plundering
the Inhabitants
of the Raja of
Vincataghiri.

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^M
16 I must desire you will endeavour as far as lies —
in your Power to prevent such irregularities
in future. not only in the districts of the Raja of
Vincataghere — but in every other through which
the Sepoys may have Occasion to pass.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant,
(Signed) John Hudleston
Sey

Fort St. George
16 June 1782 —

To Captain George Smith,
Commanding at Pulicat

To Captain Smith
prohibiting the
Raja's Boats —
from being stopped

Sir,
I am to inform you that Complaints
have been preferred by the Raja of Vincataghere —
of your having stop'd the boats employed by him
in transporting provisions across the Pulicat —
Lake — and to desire that if there be any foundation
in the above Complaint, you will release the —
Boats. and be careful in future that none be —
detained either by your people — or by those of —
the Aumil of Pulicat.

I am,

Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant,
(Signed) John Hudleston
Sey

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16 June 1783 —

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To Captain Bilcliffe

Commanding at

Palamcota

To Capt^l Bilcliffe
ordering ^{that the} complaint
respecting property
of the natives at
Tutecorin being
seized on by the
captors, to be
inquired into —

Sir,

I am to inform you that complaints
have been preferred against the captors of
Tutecorin, for seizing the property of the native
Inhabitants, as well as that of the Dutch and
that for the redemption of it, and to obtain the
liberty of returning to settle under the Company's
protection, considerable pecuniary gratifications
have been exacted from them —

I must positively desire that
you will proceed to an immediate Investigation
of this Complaint, and if it shall appear to have
been well founded, you will relieve the Officer at
Tutecorin from his command, and give the strictest
orders to the Officer you may appoint to succeed
him, to confine his attention solely to what relates
to his duty in the Fort of Tutecorin —

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

(Signed) John Hudleston
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To Mr. William Light

Paymaster at

Palamcota.

To Mr. Light, desiring him
to state the rate
of Exchange —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right —

Honble the President and Select Committee to
desire that you will in future state at the foot
of your monthly accounts the Medium rate of
Exchange of Chuchrums, Porto nova, and Star
Pagodas in your district, in the course of the month.

I have the honor to be, —

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) John Hudleston
Sey.

The same to the Paymaster
at Madura —

To William Hamilton Esq.

Resident at Ingeram —

To Mr. Hamilton
desiring him to
procure and send
Vessels to Bengal
for Rice —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right —

Honble the President and Select Committee
to desire that you will engage as many Vessels
as you can, and on the most reasonable Terms
you can procure, to proceed to Bengal and bring
Cargoes of rice from thence to this place: the rice
will be laden by the Governor General & Council
an account of the Company, and when you dispatch
the vessels, you will give notice of the same to their
Secretary

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16 Secretary, and inform him that they are sent in
Consequence of orders from this Government.

The Select Committee have freighted
some Vessels here of M^r. Vincentio Corbett, and
when they sail for Bengal you will notify
the same as above directed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant

(Signed) John Huddlestone
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the same to M^r. Corsar, except
the last Paragraph -

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19 Received Town Major's report of 184
Bullocks just arrived from the northward -

The Right Honble the President
lays before the Committee the following Extract
from a private letter received from Vellore -

Extract of a private Letter from Vellore
without Date -

It will no doubt afford you
great Satisfaction to hear that Ensign Burn
with his escort arrived safe here this morning,
without losing a bag of Rice, or any thing else, he
delivered in to this Garrison 1917 Cooley loads of
Rice, 150 Bullock load of @, 81 Kegs of arrack
& Pork, 570 fine Sheep, & a number of Bullocks
not forgetting a Bag of Pigeons, our detachment
discovered

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19 discovered him in Pines' Top in the morning, —
when we had very near engaged, as we took him
from his numbers to be Tippoo — This is a most
complete business, & done under Hyder's Nose —
he now lays at Dobigeer, a fig for him now, for —
three months before which I most fervently wish
something decisive may be done —

As We conclude a letter from

Captain Cuppage advising of the arrival of —
Ensign Burn with the Provisions must have
mis-carried — it is agreed to enclose the foregoing
Extract in a letter to Bengal —

Received the following Letter from

M^r. Chapman at Nagpoor —

To John Huddleston Esq^r.

Secretary at Fort St. George.

Sir,

On the 20th Instant I had the honor to
receive your letter of the 21st of February, inclosing
copy of the Cypher used in your Correspondence
with M^r. Holland, and agreeably to your request
shall avail myself of it in my Communications
with the Select Committee of your Presidency.

I have the honor to be —

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant
Cha. Chapman —

From Mr. Chapman
acknowledges receipt of
the Cypher.

Nagpoor —
th
27, April 1782 —

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Thursday —
the 20th of June —
1782

At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney.
K. B. Pr. Sec.

Anthony Sadlier Esq^r

Alexander Davidson Esq^r

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote —

absent on Service — Major General —

Sir Hector Munro indisposed — John Holland
Esq^r Resident at the Nizam's Court.

Minutes of last Committee read
and approved —

The Mercury packet arrived
this day from Bombay with William Dunkin
Esq^r and Lieutenant Charles Smart, charged —
with despatches from the Honble the Committee
of secrecy which being opened and decyphered, are
found to contain as follow, agreeably to the
list of the Packet. Original letter and postscript
to Select Committee of the 8th December 1781 —
do. of the 1st Feby with postscript of 22nd 1782.
Extract — 6 October — 1781.

Letter from the Secretary of State to Vice Admiral
Sir Edward Hughes, 9th Feby 1782 —

Duplicate Letter from the Committee of Secrecy
to this Committee 11th January 1782 —

The Committee at the same time
that

Arrival of despatches
with Mr Duncan
& Lieut. Smart —

List of the Packet

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Committee

that they observe the vigorous preparations—
making by the French to recover their power and
Influence in India, observe also with great
pleasure the powerfull assistance both in land
and naval force which his Majesty has granted
to the Company, and which if applied to one
uniform connected system, and that system
supported by the joint exertions of the three
Presidencies, will we firmly hope enable us to
counteract our Enemies, and preserve these invalu-
able possessions to the British Empire—

The Committee are fully sensible
of the Importance of effecting an Establishment
at Achion, but the Situation of affairs will
not admit of attempting it at this Juncture—
nor could Sir Edward Hughes afford the
necessary assistance while the Enemy are so
formidable in these Seas—agreed to dispatch
to Sir Edward Hughes by the first good Opportunity
the letter to him from the Secretary of State,
together with Copies of our dispatches from
the Committee of Secrecy, as most of them contain
Matters connected with his Station—

as the arrival of the reinforcements

coming with Sir Richard Dickerton will
create an addition of expence, which in the present
exhausted state of our Treasury it will be
out of our power to defray, it is agreed to represent
to

agreed to dispatch
letter to the Admt.
from the Secretary
of State, & Copy of
our dispatches—

agreed to represent
to the Gov^r. General
that a new Supply
of Money will be
necessary upon the
arrival of Sir Rich^d.
Dickerton's Squadron

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The Troops five
months in arrears
after issuing the
last Supply

to the Governor General and Council the
necessity of furnishing us with resources for that
purpose. their last Supply of 6 Sacks of rapiers is
now in the Mint and after the whole shall
have been issued to the Troops, they will still
be five months in arrears —

Read the following letters received
by the Mercury from the Select Committee
of Bombay —

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

From Bombay
acquainting that the
Sub. Settlements
are only furnished
with the Co. large
Cypher, Requesting
particular atten-
to the Paragraph
in the following
letter respecting
the want of Europeans

My Lord and
Gentlemen,

at Fort St. George.

We now transmit a duplicate
of our last letter dated the 6 of April —

The Occasion of this dispatch
being sudden^{to} convey Packets from the Honble
the Committee of Secrecy, we beg you will be
referred to the enclosed Extract of our letter to
the Governor General and Council dated the 4th of
May. and to a copy of our letter to them of this
date for such information as we can at present
afford respecting the intended Expedition
against Hyder ally's Possessions —

Some late Orders from General —
Boote

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Boote and Admiral Hughes to the Commanders
of his Majestys Ships and Troops on this Coast
being Conveyed to the Resident at Sujingo in the
Bengal Cypher, N^o 10. We think it necessary to —
acquaint you that our Subordinate Settlements
are furnished only with the Company's large Cypher.

We request your particular attention
to the Paragraph in the Bengal Letter respecting
our want of Europeans, it Resource offers itself
by a requisition to Sir Richard Becherton for
the number We may stand in need of, and to
obviate all difficulty, We beg to recommend —
your Obtaining the necessary Orders from General
Boote and Admiral Hughes for that purpose —
The Fleet will probably arrive off Bombay early
in August, and the Orders, if immediately dispatched,
may arrive in time —

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants, —

W^m Hornby

J. Draper

Thom^s Goddard

Rob^t Gambier.

Bombay Castle
3, June 1782 —

P.S. We have advanced M^r Horne on account —
Colonel Matthew Horne, a further sum of one Thousand
Rupees. We inclose a Packet for the Governor General
and Council, which we request may be forwarded immediately
To

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & Council

at Fort William

Desiring a large
Supply of Money
for the Expedition
against Hyder,
also an order for
Troops from Sir
Ch^s B. - Col H. de la Motte
Sickly & in want
of Supplies —

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to transmit
duplicate of our letter dated the 11th Ultimo —

This served to ^{give copy to} a Packet from —

the Honble the Committee of Secrecy, received by —
the way of Bussora — Mess^{rs} Duncan & Smart
who now proceed to Madras are also the Bearers
of another Packet, & both Packets according to your
Permission have been opened at Bussora & this —
Place, and Copies taken of the Contents, which —
will be forwarded by other Conveyances. — The —
letter in charge of the above Gentlemen is dated —
the 8th of December, & those in the Enclosed Packet
which reached Bussora at the same time by —
Common Messengers are dated 4th January & 1st &
22nd February last. We have taken out of this —
Packet the duplicate of the letter in charge of —
Mess^{rs} Dunkin & Smart.

Colonel Humberston, after taking
the Company's Troops at Callicut under his —
Command gave up his Scheme of attacking Cochin,
& after making a short Incurison into the Country
& shewing with a party of the Enemy's Troops —
was —

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was Obliged by the Weather to return to Calicut, where he must now remain during the Monsoon without a Possibility of receiving any Supplies, — of which We are sorry to find the Troops are in great want as well as very sickly — The San Carlos & Transport proceeded to join the Admiral, & the Ships We had sent to bring up the Company's Troops returned empty to Bombay — To increase the Misfortune & in addition to the losses mentioned in our last letter, We are now concerned to acquaint you that our principal Cruiser, the Revenge, with a lac of Rupees & other Supplies for Tellicherry has, as we have every reason to fear, perished in the late Gale, & that the Lateness of the Season & the State of our Finances make it utterly impossible to send further Supplies from Bombay, by which unfortunate accident both the Garrison at Tellicherry & the Troops at Calicut will be exposed to the utmost Distress —

The Occasion of this despatch being too sudden to admit of our sending the necessary Estimates & Information properly digested respecting the Intended Expedition against Hyder ally's possessions, We shall speedily despatch another Vessel to Madras with all necessary Papers both for you Gentlemen & the
Select

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Select Committee there, & Duplicates of the
dispatches from the Committee of Secrecy —

We have Intelligence that the
Fleet for India under Sir Richard Bickerton
sailed from Portsmouth the 6th Feby. & had a
good Outset.

We can only now repeat that it will
be impossible for us to set on foot the intended
Expedition without a large & early Supply of
Money as well to pay off arrears as for the
Equipment of the Armament — and Colonel
Humberston's Detachment can only in a small
Degree Supply our want of Europeans as from
their present Sickness & the Common Effect of
the Climate, their Numbers must be Considerably
reduced before the Season for action arrives —

If you should have Occasion
to correspond with any of our Subordinate
Settlements in Cypher We request that you
will only make use of the Company's large
Cypher as they are not furnished with any other —

We are with Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}

A true Copy —

Edward Ravenbrofts.
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Extract

Bombay Castle
3 June 1782 —

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Extract of a Letter from the Select Committee of Bombay —
to the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r Governor General
&c. Council dated the 4th May 1782 —

Money & a thousand
Europeans wanted
from Madras for the
Expedition against
Hyder. General
Goddard states
the force necessary
at 1500 Europeans
& 6000 Sepoys, no
other resources but
what come from
Bengal.

We take the Opportunity of a Country
Ship proceeding to Bengal th to forward duplicates
of our dispatch under the to ultimo by his —
Majesty's Ship San Carlos —

These Papers will give you ^{the} most
particular Information we can afford at present
respecting the measures we have in Agitation.
It is yet too early & unnecessary to enter upon —
detail & Particulars of a Plan which may be —
affected or altered by Circumstances to happen
in the Interval before it can be put in Execution;
but we shall not fail to give you timely advice
of every thing necessary for your information —
We fully comprehend the Force & Object of your —
Instructions & the line of our Conduct is sufficiently
clear. It is accordingly our firm Intention to —
make a vigorous attack on Hyder's Possessions at
Mangalore with all the Force We can collect;
& to the utmost Extent our Force is competent to,
as early as the Season will permit which will
be in November & to that End if Peace is not —
made with the Marattas by formal treaty in
the Course of the Rains. We must have resource
to the alternative you have pointed out, namely
a defensive

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a defensive Relinquishment of the Maratta War -

It becomes our duty to suggest to your Consideration how far it may be probable in this case that the Marattas may take the opportunity when unawed by our Army & no treaty made either of joining Hyder, or making an Invasion into the Bengal Provinces.

It is ^{necessary} ~~also~~ mention thus early that whether our possessions are given up by Treaty or relinquished for want of Force to maintain them, We shall have no other resource for money but Supplies from Bengal & exclusive of what is wanted for our Ordinary Expences, we shall indispensibly require a large Sum for the Equipment of the Expedition against Mangalore. The Accounts & Estimates you have desired are preparing & will be transmitted as soon as possible, when the specific Sums wanted for each Service will be distinctly stated - We have however to observe that the Separate letter you have mentioned in your letter of the 26th December has not been received -

General Goddard has stated the Force necessary for his undertaking at fifteen hundred Europeans, and Six thousand Sepoys or eight Battalions. This Presidency cannot furnish above five hundred Europeans for Service in the

Field

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Field, and we must therefore apply to the Presidency of Madras for a Reinforcement of one Thousand — which we trust the Arrival of the June Fleet will enable them to furnish —

A true Extract

Edward Ravenscroft.
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agreed by the Committee that the request — relating to the Troops be referred to the Commander in Chief —

We observe with great pleasure the determination of the Gentlemen at Bombay to make a vigorous attack upon Hyder ally's possessions at Mangalore — and if the determination rested with us, we should consent to their detaining whatever number of the Kings Troops they might judge necessary — insure Success to the Expedition — but in the present Situation of this Government its power extends no further than to furnish the Commander in chief with a copy of their letter, and to request of him to inform us what answer we must make — to the last Paragraph on the Subject of their intended requisition to Sir Richard Bickerton, which it is accordingly agreed shall be done — without delay —

Read the following letter from Sir Eyre

Coote —

To the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney K^t B

President and Governor &c^a Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

Fort St. George

I had

From Sir Eyre
Coote Animadverting
upon the plan pursued
by Gov^t respecting
the Providing the
Bullocks — Blames
Mr. Sullivan for not
acquainting him
of his proceeding
& for usurpation
of his power —

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I had the honor of writing you on the
13th from Outramalore. I arrived this morning —
at ^{my} present ground of Encampment, so far in my way
to the neighbourhood of the Presidency, in order —
to obtain a recruit of Carriage cattle and a
supply of money and Provisions, what ~~that~~ ^{has} been
sent of the last article to Chingleput, being
altogether inadequate to our pressing demands.
The Private followers have for several days
been without again of Rice to live on.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge
receipt of your Letters of the 28th & 31st ult^{mo} 23rd 4th 5th
7th & 10th Instant, to all of which I shall now reply
in the order of their dates —

After having in the most decided
terms recommended the Line which ought to be
adapted for the future Management of the Bullock
Department belonging to the Establishment of
the Army; not for the sake of differing in Opinion
from your Committee, or favoring the Cause of any
individual; but from a regard to the interests of
our Constituents the Execution of the Publick —
Service, and a thorough Conviction drawn from —
the unfortunate Experience of Eighteen months
of the inefficacy of the Present System under every
attention in my power to shew it. Surely the further
discussion which you have been pleased to enter into
on

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on this Subject in your letter of 31th ultimo must be deemed altogether Superfluous, whilst it obliges me in justice to myself to remark that from the moment declined following my recommendation of a change of Plan you charged yourselves with the responsibility for every Inconvenience or Injury the Operations of this Army might suffer by any deficiency in the carriage for Provisions. My letter of the 26th ultimo, besides informing you of the reduced State of the Carriage from the 10 of April, when I marched from the Mount until that time, by various casualties in the Grainkeepers department clearly pointed out to you that as the Operations of the Army became more extended and distant from the Source of its Supplies, the Carriages for Provisions must necessarily be enlarged & how then in having furnished Bullocks which I might two Months ago pronounce &c that I believe only in the common Course of Conversation as adequate to the performance of more circumscribed movements, you are Authorized in the present declaration of having furnished them beyond my demands, I am altogether at a loss to Comprehend. Since it would appear that your Committee by the reasoning in your letters, have laid it down as a Rule, not only to estimate the Supplies furnished the Army months ago, — however liable to Consumption or reduction by — Various and some unavoidable Casualties, as ample
for

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for every future purpose, but seen desirous that they should serve as Subject of Vindication for not having made allowance or provision for the — Subsequent and Common Accidents of Service, at least this Conclusion is admissible, as you have not thought proper to advise me of your having — any thing in reserve to Compensate for them; I must use the freedom to express my Apprehensions for the Safety of the Publick Interests, which may be exposed to imminent danger, by this Army, being by the Observance of a Such a Conduct, incapacitated from Proceeding upon those Services which the — present Critical Situation of Our Affairs demands our immediate attention to see from the terms — in which you have on this, and former Occasions mentioned the Supply of Bullocks furnished the the Army for the carriage of its Provisions, the — Publick may be led to believe it equipped in the most Convenient manner. — I must here remark that it would never have moved, with those Supplies — to the performance of the late and many prior — Operations, had I not prevailed on the followers, both public and private, to Carry their own rice for 24 days — which is more than twice the quantity Transported in Publick Conveyance for the fighting men — an exertion of this kind is hitherto unknown in any Army in Hindostan & I believe is equally unheard of in any in Europe. As there can be no more equitable

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equitable way of Judging of our respective Endeavors
in the Service of the Public than by Comparison.
I hope the above relation sufficiently witness that
Exclusive of the quantity carried by the Private
followers, who were always accustomed in former
Wars. to purchase their daily Subsistence from
Buzars. that attended the Camp, I have by the means
of Influence and persuasions, under all the
disadvantage of heavy arrears, effected the conveyance
of a quantity of Rice, more than equal to the whole
transport on Public carriage, and which seeing
that it is done by those very people in the pay of
the Company and who are employed in the most
laborious duties of the Army, ought also to be
carried for them by the Public. Sensible as I am
that I have at least discharged more than can be
estimated my share of Duty to the public on the
above Score. I think my plain recital of Casualties
in the department of Carriage for Provisions for the
fighting men only / circumscribed as it is / and the
intimation of my wish to have the deficiencies
replaced, ought not to have met so ungracious a
reception

I am happy to observe that you
begin to draw revenue from His Highness's
Countries and that you entertain such favorable
Expectations from the Change of Government which
has

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which has taken place in the Nellore district,
all which I sincerely hope may be realized
to the most of your wishes —

The Court of Directors orders —
and your Committee's Instructions thereon to
M^r Sullivan drawing the line between the Civil
and Military at your subordinate Settlements,
entirely correspond with my Own Ideas, and
seem very ably to provide for every Contingency.

I duly attend to all you have
urged on the Subject of the Detachment sent from
Tanjore under Command of Captain Scott to
Negapatam. It certainly does not appear from
what Major Acock writes that M^r Sullivan —
advanced further in the business than to urge —
its necessity, it of Course still remained in the
Breast of Major Acock to Aparent or not, & I do —
Suppose he would have persevered in his Own —
Opinion, had not he been diffident of the propriety
of so doing when he knew that M^r Sullivan was —
Charged with the Orders of your Committee on the
Subject — I will not however allow it altogether
impossible that M^r Sullivan may have made a
requisition on the Occasion, whilst I have now in
my Possession the most Authentic documents of his
having taken upon him not Only to recommend —
a Plan of Operations for the detachment of his
Majesty's

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Majestys Troops under Lieutth Colonel Humberston,
but venture to address a letter to the Officer comm-
anding the Troops under Convey of his Majestys
Ships the Sultan & Magnamine, or any other force
"destined for the India Service" requiring in terms
the most unwarrantable, a Detachment of 500 men
to be landed at Anjingo engaging to share the
responsibility of the Measure, and in order to give
the whole the greater weight annexing to it the
Company's Seal Altho' I have the Honor to
Command his Britannic Majestys forces in India,
& no of no One else in this Country authorized to
order or instruct them, I was untill yesterday
totally ignorant of the above Steps taken by M^r.
Sullivan notwithstanding they bear date so long
ago. as the 22 of March last. If he has acted entirely
of his Own Accord in this Business, as an Inferior
Agent of your Government it becomes your imme-
diate Province to take proper notice of a Conduct
so reprehensible and which being an ^{encroachment} ~~mismanagement~~,
on my powers as Kings Commander in Chief, I shall
expect to be informed of your Proceedings thereon.
If on the other hand he has been Countenanced in what
he has done, I had certainly the first right to be
made acquainted with it.

I am much Obligated by your
attention

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attention in procuring Horses to remount our Cavalry, and altho the number you have been able to purchase & of which I had the honor to receive an Account enclosed in your letter of the 3^d Instant are but few; still they will be a great help to us. When the Army gets nearer to Madras I shall Order the Commandant of Cavalry to attend and receive charge of them.

In reply to the reference you have made for my Opinion on Ensign Ducis' application to resign the Service, I have only to acquaint you that as he had become disagreeable to the Officers of the Corps in which he served, I have him leave to repair to Madras with a knowledge that he intended to apply to you for permission to resign the Service and to return to Europe.

I rejoice if the Endeavors you have exerted for throwing a Supply of provisions into Villore, are attended with success; at the same time I cannot help regretting the total inability of the Army from want of Supplies itself to favour the Expedition so effectually as I could have wished; I flatter however that as Hyder was kept in check from attempting any detached operations whilst we remained in the Neighbourhood of Wandewash, that the Convoy may have got safe. I have

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I have been informed that on the 11th Instant it was at Palley from which place I conceive — it might with ease reach Vellore in two Marches. the whole Army having done it in three — we did not leave Wandewash untill the 13th whereby it may be said it was favored to the last hour, which would be requisite for Performing the March —

The inclosures which you did me the favor to transmit in your letter of the 7th — being copies of the Supreme Councils letters to yourselves & the Bombay Government, are the same — as I have myself had the honor to receive from them.

As the junction I intended should have been formed by the detachment under Lieut Colonel Humberston with this Army. appears — now no longer practicable; I have sent him express orders to obey the commands of the Bombay Government and to cooperate with the Troops — belonging to that Presidency in every measure — which may be deemed proper to adapt for the Public interests. Should the part which M. Sullivan has acted prove the means of defeating or in any shape impeding the free Operations of these Orders. He must be & every one else who may have had the smallest concern therein be responsible to their King and Country for the Consequences. —

In

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In answer to your letter of the 10th regarding Negapatam, my sentiments as to the propriety as well as the necessity of maintaining that Garrison are in no hope altered, altho' they lost their Principal prop in the misfortune which befel the Southern Army, from what Cause is best known to yourselves. — Had that Army been in existence and in the same force. I had collected it. the Tanjore Country would not Only have been all Probability, long ere now free from an Enemy. — but the Conveniences our natural Enemies the French have received, & still continue to derive along the Coast, been effectually checked, may from the diversion it was capable of creating in favor of the movements of the main Army. I can see a great probability that the French might never have been able to have accomplished a landing. Whilst we have a desire to possess a chance of preserving a Communication and giving such Support as may be in our power to afford to the important Garrisons of Tanjore & Trichinopoly, or whilst we have a desire to keep a station which already has been & still may be of great Occasional Convenience to his Majesty's Squadron, and to deprive the French of a like convenience and an easy access to an attack upon the Southern Countries, we should never admit the Idea of relinquishing Negapatam. —
I before

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I before acquainted you in my Letters
of the ¹¹ and ¹³ from Vandewash & Outramalore,
of the Sickness of the Army, in general, and I am
sorry, to say that it still continues. Many die —
daily both Europeans and Natives, & notwithstanding
I have left upwards of two Hundred of the former —
in the Hospital at Chingleput, all the doolies &
all the Empty Carts belonging to the different —
departments are now full of sick people — In —
the Numbers, who have died lately are twenty five
of the Coast Artillery which is a heavy loss, and not
easily to be repaired. These sufferings are chiefly
to be attributed to the fatigues of constant —
Marching, the badness and some times entire want
of water, and the uncommon heat of the Weather. —

It is with the most sensible
concern that I have found myself under the necessity
of writing you in such pointed terms, as I have done
in the course of this Letter; but when I observe —
Circumstances repeated in records, which may —
tend to mislead the Public at Home, as to the real
state of this Army on which the whole Interests of
the British Nation in India at present depends —
I cannot in Duty to myself or in justice to them —
remain silent.

I have the honor to be —
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Hum^{ble} Servant,
Cyre Coote —

P.S.

Camp Tamerum
the 18th June 1782 —

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P.S. I request that this letter may go a —
number in your first dispatch to the Hon^{ble}
the Court of Directors. — E.C.

Minute on the
above letter

Sir Eyre Coote's letters to this Government
have contained a series of Animadversions to which
we have seldom thought it necessary to return —
particular answers, nor indeed was it possible to
have done so without devoting to it many of those
hours which have been more usefully employed
in Obviating to the utmost of our power every
cause of Complaint. We shall still Certain this
mode of proving the Injustice of his accusations
in preference to long and tedious discussions but
as the General in the letter before ^{us} ~~as~~ has thought
proper to repeat them in very pointed terms such
as to those who might read the letter, without a
knowledge of our proceedings might make our Silence
bear an unfavorable construction — as the letter also
certains severe censure upon a Gentleman whose
conduct in the very instances complained of proves —
him in our Opinion one of the most able and Zealous
Servants of the Company; and as the General has
requested that this letter in particulars should be
sent a number in our first dispatch to the Hon^{ble}
Court of Directors it is agreed that a particular —
answer shall without delay be returned to every
part.

agreed that an
answer be made
to such parts of
the Gen^l's letter
as concern Mr.
Sullivan —

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part of it

The Loss of the
Southern Army—

The Committee will at present only—
observe upon that part of the letter in which they—
are charged with the loss of the Southern Army, that
in consequence of the General's having said in a former
letter that he did know in what manner the force
he had assembled to the Southward had been—
disposed of, and that as we had in the most irregular
manner taken the command of it we had upon—
ourselves all the consequences that might accrue
to the Public Affairs from a want of its cooperation,
The President wrote to Sir Hector Munro requesting
to know on what day he returned from Nagapatam
to Madras, and how soon after his return we had
made the Military report of his Operations to
Sir Eyre Coote, to which Sir Hector Munro—
answered that he arrived here the 22nd January
and went immediately from his Lordship to Sir
Eyre Coote and gave him a return of the Troops
to the Southward that he asked the General if he
had received his letters from time to time—
acquainting him with the Operations to the
Southward to which the General replied he had,
and that he Sir Hector Munro (then—
acquainted the General with the state of
affairs at Nagapatam and Tanjore— and
in

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in the Conclusion Sir Hector Munro. assured
the President that he had more written to his
Lordship on any Military affairs —
during that Service (the Siege of —
Negapatam) that he did not at the same
time write to Sir Eyre Coote. —

And Colonel Brathwaite
in a Letter to this Committee dated the
26 January last. says, "I have also detached
the 6th Battalion to Trichinopoly in —
consequence of a Letter which Sir Eyre Coote
had written to Major General Munro —
and which he sent to me the day he embarked."