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(in Cypher)

The Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort S.t George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr Holland
was his utmost
endeavours to form the
out line of a treaty
with the Nizam as
recommended in letter
to him of the 18 Octo

I had on the 19th Instant the honor of your Letter of the 10th ultimo, and shall do the utmost of my power conform to the opinion you express relative to the outline of the Treaty to be formed with his Highness the Nizam. His Highness' ardent and close connection with the Marrattas, their present connection with Hyder Ally, and the danger to which by his Highness' joining us his Country would be exposed by their ravages, render it rather improbable, untill they can be satisfied, that he will be brought to accede at this juncture to an auxiliary alliance with us against Hyder Ally — the Marrattas are at present, as far as I can learn thro' the channel of his Highness's mediation, very little disposed to accede to the reasonable terms grounded on the Treaty of Purrunder, which the Supreme Council have authorized me to offer to them —

I beg leave to offer your Lordship &c my most sincere and thankful acknowledgments for the caution which you have been so good as to give me regarding the ill consequences that would attend the cession of the Northern Circars; altho' at the same time I hope I may without presumption be allowed to flatter myself that I could not have been in any danger of falling into an error of such magnitude as Hy Highness the Nizam has not I am persuaded even to this hour entertained the faintest

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15th faintest shadow of a Hope that the Circars or any part of them could ever be restored to him, and neither my Letter to the Governor General and Council nor their instructions to me have ever assumed that such a Hope could exist —

I am,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

with great respect,

Your most obedient humble Servant

/signed/ John Holland

Hydrabad
21st October 1701

My Lord

From General Munro, attack the out-Posts consisting of five Redoubts, carry them, and take 19 Peices of Cannon, desiring a supply of Grain and Money —

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that last Night we attacked the Enemys advanced Posts consisting of five Redoubts with a Line of Communication to each, and carried them with very trivial Loss on our Side; the Enemy must have suffer'd considerably, but what their Loss may be I neither know nor care: our killed and wounded, only amount to 11 Europeans and 20 Seapoys, we have taken 1 officer two Cadets, 13 Europeans, 79 Seapoys and 19 Malays, the Enemy left behind them in their Redoubts 19 Peices of Cannon, with a Quantity of Stores. In this Attack the officers displayed equal Bravery and Good Conduct and the Men behaved with equal resolution, there were indeed three Attacks, two real and one false, the two former were conducted by Col. Nixon and Captain Scott. The Poisoners I have been under the Necessity of sending to Madras, not having sufficient force to allow strong Guards, nor Provisions

to

15th to afford them Subsistence and this leads me again to repeat my earnest Desire that your Lordship will be pleased to send us a supply both of Grain & Money — I shall very soon have the honor of addressing your Lordship again; at present I am so indisposed with a violent Cold and Fever, which last Night's operations by no Means contributed to relieve, I shall only add that I am with the highest Respect

and Esteem,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's
much obliged and
very humble Servant
Hector Munro.

Nagore,
26th October 1781

Prisoners sent 127.

My Lord,

From Capt. Campbell, receive 4000 Pagodas in Money and Jewels from Ram Chunder Rauze —

In my Letter of the 26th Ultimo I acquainted your Lordship that I had sent Ramchunder Rauzes' Letter to Tripaty, together with an Accord for the Money. Yesterday I received a Letter from him in answer, a Copy of which I now inclose, and also Money and Jewels to the Value of 4000 Pagodas, as per enclosed List; which I have compared with the articles, and find them to agree; as he writes that he intends sending more in a few Days, I shall keep the things 'till then, or 'till I have your Lordships' orders on the Subject — I have the Honor to be with

Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships
most humble Servt
Geo. Campbell

Vellore,
9th Novemr 1781.

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The enclosure entitled in Country Correspondence —

My Lord,

Colonel Lang being ordered to join the Army Sir Eyre Coote was pleased to appoint me to the Command of this Garrison which I hope will meet with your Lordship's approbation, and I beg leave to assure your Lordship that my utmost endeavors shall be for the safety of this Garrison, its dependencies, and the good of the Service —

I have the honor to address your Lordship and Select Committee by this conveyance in a Cypher which the General left with me for that purpose wherein I have given your Lordship and Select Committee an exact state of the Garrison from the day the Army Marched from this

It was said that the General was going against Chittoor and last Night a heavy fire was heard from that Quarter, Tippoo Saib Marched last night from Arcot towards Sholinger, and Hyder followed this morning about 10 o'Clock, leaving his Tents and Baggage at Arcot. I have the Honor to be,

Vellore
9th November 1781

My Lord,
Your Lordship's
most Obedient
Servant
John Cuppage

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Capt Cuppage to Lord Macartney accompanying an address to the Committee with an exact State of the Garrison of Vellore since the Army left it

Colonel Lang being ordered to join the Army, which Marched from hence the 5th Instant in the Evening towards the Pollams, Sir Eyre Coote was pleased to appoint me to the command of this Garrison — the Grain which the General left in this Garrison together with what Little was in it before, will only serve for thirty five days allowance; he likewise left one Thousand Sheep and two hundred Bullocks, which is full sufficient for that time; the Money in the Paymasters' hands when the Army left this place amounted to four Thousand four hundred Pagodas, but no part of the Arrears of this Garrison is paid off — and the Sepoys still remain five Months in Arrears, the only material difference the General made in regard to the Troops, was taking out the Grenadeir Company complial, and twelve young Ensigns, twenty one Europeans sent in and thirty Sepoys. The Generals instruction to me was to address your Lordship and Select Committee of my appointment and continue to give you from time to time such Intelligence as I could collect of the Enemy, and my situation, which shall be punctually complied with, and I beg leave to assure your Lordship and Select Committee what is on my power shall be made for the Defence of this Garrison and its dependencies. Tippoo Saib marched last Night

towards

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15th towards Sholinguer, and Hyder followed this morning at ten o'clock. I could have addressed your Lordship and Select Committee sooner, but waited until I could give you an exact account of the grain left, and what I had to depend on —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

Servant

John Cuppage

Vellore,

9th November 1791

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee,

Fort St. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From General Cook advising of the taking of Chittoor, with the particulars during the Siege, inclosing letter from Vellore — a body of Horse offer to come over —

I did myself the honor to address you the 8th Instant, informing you of my arrival at this place, and of my having laid Siege to Chittoor, which I have the pleasure to acquaint you surrendered the day before Yesterday about noon, after we had made a practicable breach, and had every thing in Readiness for Storming — the day of my arrival I summond the Garrison to surrender, which they refusing to do, I ordered a Battalion under Command of Lt Crocker to attack the Pettah, of which we got Possession with little opposition, and without Loss, at the same time I ordered two twelve Pounders to be got up a Rock that Commands the Fort, and from whence we could plunge Shot into it. Likewise, a four Howitzer Battery to be erected

in

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15th on the Pettah — Notwithstanding the Steepness of the Rock, both the 12 Pounders were got up and had commenced a fire before Dark — the Howitzer Battery was also ready, and began to play much about the same time — Every necessary Preparation was also directed to be made for erecting a Breaching Battery for the two Brass Eighteen Pounders, which was compleated and opened by break of Day, on the 9th they Played with great success, and had effected a practicable breach as low as the Foot Bray, which was covered by the Glacis, before noon — Towards evening a Flag of truce came from the Garrison, offering to surrender upon being allowed the honour of War, and to march away with their Arms, and to Carry with them some of Hyders Stable Horse, which were in the Fort — the terms being inadmissible they were returned, and our Batterys continued firing; I ordered two Twelve pounders to be added to the Eighteen Pounder Battery, and the two Twelve Pounders to be brought from the Hill in order to Silence some Guns the Enemy had on the different Bastions which flanked the Breach, and to take off the defences of the Curtain, and thereby to Cover and facilitate the Entrance of the storming Party — Scaling Ladders to mount the Foot Bray and every thing being in readiness to proceed to attack, unwilling to Sacrifice the Lives of so many brave Fellows, as from the obstenacy of the besieged there was every reason to expect would be lost upon the occasion, I once more summond the Garrison to surrender,

approving

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apprizing that if they obliged me to Storm, I would put every Man to the sword — In Consequence I received a message that they were ready to give up the Fort, and to become themselves Prisoners for two or three days, provided I would dismiss them afterwards with their Own Arms and Privat Property — unwilling as I have already said to sacrifice the Lives of some brave fellows, and the Army being then without a Grain of Rice, I consented to the Terms, and took Possession of the Fort about Noon on the 10th We had only one Lascar of the Bengal Artillery Killed and a Subaltern of the Coast Infantry slightly wounded. I mentioned in my last the Loss of our Field Engineer Captain Tibbald — the Garrison consisted of about 1200 Men — the Quantity of Grain found in it is not more than equal to three days for the fighting Men — so that our distress on that Score has not obtained much relief by the acquisition — Having no Person belonging to the Natob with the Army to put in Charge of this Country I have for the Present ordered a man by Name Ragnachenny, of whom I have no knowledge myself, but who was recommended from Madras as a man conversant and well informed in the affairs of this quarter in particular, to manage the Business for the present, and to collect Grain for the use of the Army

— I enclose Copy of a Letter just received from the Officer Commanding at Vellor, containing proposals from several Commanders of Horse in of Hyder's service to come over with their Corps. As, want of a Body of Cavalry has been severely felt in the

course

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15th Course of this War, and is still, I would by all means recommend
being given them
very encouragement, by the Nabob, and that as the
disaffection of so Considerable a Body of the Enemy
would be of the utmost Consequence to our Cause at this
Particular Juncture, no time be lost in bringing the
Matter to a Conclusion —

I have the honor to be,

Camp Chittoor
17th November 1781

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant,
Eyre Coote.

Duplicate

To Lt Genl Sir Eyre Coote, K. B. &c &c

Sir,

I had the honor to address you the
7th this Morning a man came in from Arcot, Shaik
ally, Son of Shaik Sider Soubadar to the Nabob, and
nearly related to a Soubadar belong to my Sour indepn
dent Companies, with an offer from 24 Jemidars of
Hyder's to come over to your Comp; the 4 following,
Sirdar Cawn, Benkee Samuel Cawn, Morshagall,
and Bahader Cawn Delish, each commanding one
thousand Horse; the rest making up ten thousand,
provided you will accept of their Services, their proposals
are that they must have your Protection, and Coule
from the Nabob with your and his chop, that as

soon

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soon as they have that, and your hoisting a Coule flag two or three miles from Camp, they will immediately join it, and be subject to any Officer you will please to put over them: The Man who brought this offer is well known, he has many relations in the place of note, and stays here until I have the honor of your Answer. The Renter informs me that a Nyonar of Hyders has sent to him to know whether he would be received here, if he came off with his Party. I desired him to write that as many as would came to Vellore should have protection, and be taken care of untill they had an opportunity of joining By that I can learn their disaffection proceeds from the bad Language he gives them, and his Jemidars are obliged to cut grass for their horses. I request your further orders, should any large body of these people come here, as our Stock grain is not very great, as I have taken the most Exact account of it possible, and find that it will only serve for thirty five days and none came in last Night, but agreable to your instructions will add every grain in my power. Hyder still remains between Arcot and Timery. A heavy fire was heard the night before last towards Chittoor, I hope you have been successful

I have the Honor &a &a &c.

Vellore
9th November 1781

[signed] John Cuppage

Dispatched the following Letter to Capt George Mackay, and the same to each of the Commandants

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15th Commandants of the Nabobs Garrisons—

To Captain George Mackay
Commanding at Chingleput.

Sir,

To Capt. Geo. Mackay—
give receipts to the
Nabobs Amuldars
for what grain he
may receive from them—
and to transmit
duplicate of them
receipt to the Secretary

I am directed by the Right honble the President and Select Committee to signify to you their Orders that in future you constantly give receipts to the Nabobs Amuldar or other of whom you may receive Grain, specifying the exact quantity received, and that you transmit duplicates of such receipt every month to the Military Secretary.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
John Hudleston
Secty.

Fort St George
15th Novemr 1701

16th Recd the following letter from Sir Eyre Coote with the enclosures mentioned therein—

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From General Coote
inclosing letter from
Capt. Temple, all his
Guns taken & obliged
to retreat, intends to
move towards Tripasore
he being much distress
for want of Provisions

It gives me much concern to send you the enclosed Copies of two Letters which I have just received from Capt. Temple whom I left with a Battalion of Sepoys in Bomraze Pollam to protect the Sick, Baggage, and Followers, I was obliged to leave behind when I marched to the Relief of Vellore, and also to assist in the Collection of Grain for the use

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16th ...ue of the Army the Misfortune which has befallen them will reduce us to the utmost distress, having lost besides baggage, the little Stock of Grain which had been provided for us — the Polygars do nothing in defence of their Countries, and it is impossible for me to give them more protection than I have done without exposing the Army to be cut off in detail; when together it is formidable, but when divided it is nothing, exposed to such Superiority of Numbers as Hyder can bring against any part — It is impossible for me My Lord and Gentlemen, to pretend to Subsist this Army under the Numberless disadvantages to which it is exposed in every movement it makes to obtain supplies — Had the Nabob's Amildar at Tripety attended My summons and the other Polygars assembled their Force as I required they should, the Accident we have met with might, may I will venture to say would never have happened; this is a proof of the bad Consequences arising from the exercise of a Separate Authority and the Support of a divided Interest in the Country, at so very critical a period, which requires that every Instrument should be obedient to the Grand Axis upon which every thing turns — We have not now but one days Rice remaining in Camp, and four days Arrack for the Europeans. In this unprovided State I know of no alternative but to move towards Tripasore, where I shall hope to find a plentyful supply of Rice, &c. How to provide for the Security of this place, and with that expedition now

Necessary

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nessary, I am much at a loss, as the wants of the Army have robbd it of the little provision there was in it — I had the honor to write you a Letter Yesterday informing you of the Fall of Chittoor, which I hope you have recivd. I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
Eyre Coote.

Camp Chittoor,
13th November, 1781.

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

Sir,

I am much concernd to inform your Excellency that I was attackd this Morning by a numerous body of the Enemy, both horse and foot. Hyder himself in person, Mahomed ally &c. I was prest by the Infantry upon all quarters, with a heavy Cannonade of Artillery, and obligd to retreat with the Loss of all my Guns, and the Greatest part of the Baggage. The Rajah gave me no assistance whatever, or any intelligence of their entering the pass, and I knew nothing of the Enemy being near me, until a signal was hoisted by a guard of my own Sepoys that I had posted upon an eminence for that purpose. He went himself into the Pollam, but the very night before; which I can not help thinking added to other circumstances a little suspicious; the Golanders would not stand by the guns, which was the

first

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16th First occasion of our giving way. I have lost my Artillery Officer, but cannot give your Excellency a just Account of what other Loss I may have sustained in the Battalion &c. The Enemy have disappeared, and I am at present at the second Barrier. I trust your Excellency will do me justice to believe that I have done my Duty as far as my abilities extended, and that the heavy Loss sustained was by an Accident of War, which was not easy for human prudence to prevent. The loss of my Baggage will apologise to your Excellency for my writing upon such paper and in this manner. I shall remain here or retire into the Hills if further pushed until I hear from you, but I can no longer have any confidence in Mackenzie —

I am, &c. &c. &c,

2d Barrier,
10th November, 1781.

R. Temple.

P. S.

To His Excellency Sr. General Sir Eyre Coote K. B. &c. &c.

Sir

Since writing to you yesterday evening Hyder has left the Pollam, he encamped last Night on the other side of the River of Palapet, and Marched this Morning at three. I have this moment a Letter from Lieutenant Bannerman at Naggury, dated at nine last night, who informs me that none of the Enemy had been seen him as yet, but that he meant to take Shelter in the Hills; my Artillery Officer that I told your Excellency was missing, has since returned, Mackenzie has been here all night with me, and about a hundred

or

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16th or two of his Peons, and is now going into the Pollam-Bomrauze and all the family are fled to the Hills. His the common talk that Macrauze knew of Hyder's approach. I shall write your Excellency again in the Evening, and am with the highest respect,

2d Barrier,
11th November 1781.
9 P. M.

Your very obedient
Servant,
(signed) R. Temple

Dispatched the following Letters —

To the Revd. Mr. Stanley,
at Bengal,

Sir,

To Mr Stanley to return by the first Ships after the Monsoon

Our President has laid before us the letter you addressed to him on the 25th of September last, desiring leave to continue some time longer in Bengal, we wish to accommodate you in your private affairs, but we hope they will allow you to return soon to your duty here by the first Ships after the Monsoon —

We are,
Sir,

Fort St. George
16th November 1781

Your most Obedient
Servants
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

Captain Geo. Campbell
Commanding at Nellore,

Sir

To Capt. Campbell to pay the 4600 Pags. recd. from Ram Chunder Rauze to Mr. Turing

I have received the favor of your's of the 8th Instant, covering a letter to you from Ramchunderauze, and to acquaint me that you had received from him

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to pay the Troops & whether any Stock of Provisions be laid up at Nellore?

him to the Value of 4,000 Pagodas.

You will be so good as to deliver the Money to Mr Turing the Paymaster, taking his Receipt, and desire him to discharge the Arrears due to our Troop under your Command, which according to Mr Hamiltons account amount on the 1st Instant to something more than 3,000 Pagodas, should any more Money be paid to you, you will let me know, that directions may be sent to you with regard to the disposal of it. I should be glad to hear whether any Stock of Provisions has been laid up at Nellore, according to the Nabobs promise to me, and to what Quantity; also whether the Cultivation be going on with Spirit in the Country, and what prospect there appears of a good Harvest.

I am with great respect & regard,
Sir,
Your most obed Servant.

Fort St George,
16th November 1701.

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Recieved the following Letter.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Col. Harper Chittumbra Pilla recieved by Lieut Pearson with 100 Sepoys to go agt Trichy, is of opinion there an Amuldar should be appd to Pondicherry to prevent

I beg leave to inform you of the arrival of Chittumbra Pilla the other day at Villanore, which Districts I have delivered over to his charge, as also the Jebundy Seapoys; he afterwards came hither and has been joined by Lieutenant Pearson with a detachment from this Garrison consisting of one hundred Seapoys

and

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last night to get possession of Trivady, which
and a six Pounder and marched, I imagine they will
easily perform — Cunda Reddy with his people is also
gone —

them from spiting our Enemies, in great want of money, advising of the defeat of the party that went against Trivady.

I should imagine if an Amuldar was put in to take care of the Bounds of Pondichery, it would be of Service, as the people there have been spiting our Enemies in an underhand manner; one European I have caught, who was going to Negapatam, with a Passport and a Letter for a Dutch Gentlemen (Mr Topandar) which I send inclosd, but no Name signed to either; and I am informed they have been raising Troops for Negapatam and Hyder, I sent a party then to catch an European and a Black man who were raising People for the above Services, but they made their escape, and I have not since heard of them. — I have also three Europeans who came to Pondichery from Hyder, offering their Services. I should be glad of an opportunity to send them to Madras, but when that will be I know not; as no Boats can go from this — two of them, one a Dane the other a Flemand, I have entertaind in the Artillery, as they came out in that Corps to the Dutch —

I must now beg leave to mention the great distress we are in for want of Cash; all the officers are five Months in Arrears, and the rest of the Troops, except the few Invalid Europeans, two Months we have not Rec'd any Money from the Country since what I before had the honor to inform you of in my Letter of the 8th Ultimo, nor have we the least prospect now of getting any more. I hope therefore you will please to consider our Situation, and if possible send some supply — Since writing the above I have had the

disagreable

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17th disagreeable accounts of Chillumbra Pillas and the above parties total defeat, not the least thing saved — the People are dropping in some of them wounded and all naked, and by all that I can learn the Enemy did not exceed both within the Fort and those who came to their assistance two hundred Horse and five hundred Foot but the Seapoys belonging to Chillumbra Pilla amounting to one thousand men with Arms with four little Guns worked by nine or ten who behaved in a most shocking cowardly manner and ran away on sight of the Cavalry — and it seems our People were overpowered after keeping their ground a long time — Lieut Pearson is wounded and taken and Chillumbra Pilla also taken — the Enemy had no Gun either in or without the Fort — I think it really a pity Chillumbra Pilla ever came here, as we were doing very well without him, and he it is that has brought us into this unfortunate scrape, and as I had not the means afterwards of supporting the Garrison of Villanore on hearing this news I immediately withdrew them to this place, and they arrived this Morning, otherwise they must have fallen a sacrifice —

I have the honor to remain with the greatest respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient &
humble Servant

H. Harper

Cuddalore
11th November 1781.

My

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Duplicate

My Lord,

From General Munro with an account of his approaches against Negapatam enclosing Letter to and from Messrs Cochrane and Digby, appointed Managers of the Rivelow and Carical Districts the Rajah of Tanjore pays to Col Brathwaite 20,000 Rupees

Since the Letter which I had the honor to address your Lordship with an Account of our Success against the Enemy's advanced Posts, very little has occured, further than our being very much employed in making Materials for our Batteries in which we have succeeded beyond my Expectation We broke Ground last Night, and I think this Night we shall carry on our approach nearly to the first Parallel. your Lordship may be assured that not a moment shall be lost, nor any Means in my Power neglected to possess ourselves of Negapatam, and I am not without sanguine Hopes of being in the Inside on or before the 20th of this Month, provided the Weather continue favorable, and Hyder does not send a Reinforcement sufficiently considerable to force us to raise the Siege I send your Lordship Copies of a Letter from me to Messrs Cochrane and Digby and their Answer to it. I was under the Necessity of taking this Step as the only practable Means of securing Grain, and I have the Pleasure to inform you that we are daily collecting some, tho' in small Quantities; the Rajah has sent me some of his Managers, and they likewise promise to bring in daily from 1000 to 2000 Cullums of Paddy. I will endeavour to keep them strictly to their Promise. I have prevailed upon the Rajah to pay to Col. Brathwaite 20,000 Rupees for the use of the Garrison of Tanjore, and he has promised to pay to my Order in 10 or 12 Days a further Supply of 30,000 Rupees in Money and Paddy, and this I have likewise

desired

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17th desird him to deliver in to Col. Brathwaite: small as this sum may appear, it will be of very essential Service to the Troops in that Garrison. The Rajah's Managers here with me also give Assurance that they will deliver in to the Officers commanding Mammacoil and Mahdrapatnam in 14 days from this Date 10,000 Cullums of Paddy, with this I have acquainted Col. Brathwaite, and have likewise informed him that as it is not in my Power at present to bestow even a Thought upon the Concerns of the Tanjore Country, I leave to him the Disposal of all the money and Grain which the Rajah or his People may supply, as he shall think best calculated for the Good of the Service. We have found one Gun in addition of the 19 taken from the Enemy, with some small Stores.

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect and Esteem,

Sir, My Lord,

Your [illegible] much obligd. & obedient Humble Servant,

Hector Munro

Camp near Negapatam,
3d November 1781.

To the Honble Basil Cochrane & Henry Digby Esqrs

Gentlemen,

The Country of Nagore, Shirelore and Karaical having been for many Months past plundered by the Enemy, and deserted by the greatest part of the Inhabitants; it is my ardent wish that what remains of the Revenues may be yet saved for the Company and every encouragement given to the Inhabitants to return

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17th return to their Respective Dwellings, in Order that the Lands may be Cultivated for the ensuing Season, and the Company's affairs in these Districts restored as far as times and Circumstances will admit. I therefore request you will take upon yourselves the Management of the above Countries, and use every Exertion for the Benefit of your Honble Employers, Untill the further pleasure of the Right Honble Lord Macartney, the Governor and President of Fort St. George is known.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
Servant,
/signed/ Hector Munro.

Nagore,
26th October 1781

To Major General Sir Hector Munro K.B. &a

Sir

We have been honored with your Letter of this day's date, and shall cheerfully exert ourselves in the trust you have been pleased to repose in us, and we hope to give you and our Honble Employers every Satisfaction in the execution of your Commands, and we are not without hopes of being able soon to get some Grain for the Army — We have the Honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient and
very humble Servants
Basil Cochrane,
/signed/ Kenelm Digby.

Nagore,
26th October 1781

My

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Fort St George, 4 November 1781

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My Lord,

I am honored with your Lordship's Letter of the 29th Ultimo by the Rochford which ship arrived here yesterday with an Account of Powder Shot and Rice which your Lordship was pleased to send on board for the use of the Army now before Negapatam, I likewise received a Letter from Mr Hudleston, giving Advice of the 4 eighteen Pounders with their Carriages shipt on board the same Vessel, for all which I am greatly obliged to your Lordship.

I herewith send you a Return of the killed, wounded, and missing in the Attack of the Enemy's advanced Posts of the 30th in the Morning, and also a Return of the Troops here under my Command.

I did myself the Honor of writing to your Lordship yesterday, Duplicate of which Letter goes herewith.

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect and Esteem,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's much obliged and most obedient humble Servant

Hector Munro

From Genl Munro, acknowledging the receipt of four 18 Pdrs & Stores sent in the Rochford — And giving Intelligence that Tondiman has taken Tondigar

Camp before Negapatam, 4th November 1781.

Col. Braithwaite this Moment informs me that Tondiman has taken Tondigar by Capitulation

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote with Copy of the President's Letter to the Nabob of the 13th Instant

To

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

Sir,

In consequence of your Representation of the Misconduct of Ramchunder Tauge sent by His Highness the Nabob to Tripetty, and of the measures said to be taken against the Grandson and Agents of Shrinevas Acharry, for having obeyed your orders, Our President has not only made in Person and by message the strongest remonstrances on the Impropriety and fatal Tendency of such Proceedings, but has also written to His Highness in Terms Correspondent to your Letters, and to the importance of the Subject, a Copy of which is inclosed His Highness disavows any Steps taken by Ram Chunder Rauze in opposition to or derogation of your Authority. His Highness declares that his sole Intentions were to promote the common Cause in ordering the Fort of Chundergery to be taken, in possessing a Territory that had been held by the Enemy, and in facilitating the Supply of Provisions and Money to your Army. Ram Chunder Rauze is now returned to Angole, and the Nabob promises to give the strictest orders to all Persons subject to his Authority to assist your operations, and conform to your wishes in every respect.

The Grandson of Shrinevas Acharry being brought to Chepauk, The President immediately took him under the Protection of the Company. It is solemnly declared that he was sent for only as Agent for his Grandfather to account for the Surplus of

offerings

To General Coote
inclosing copy of
Letter to the Nabob
concerning the mis-
conduct of Ram
Chunder Rauze, the
Nabob disavows
any Steps taken by
Ram Chunder Rauze
in opposition to his
Authority. Shrinevas
Acharry confined
in the Fort of Tripetty

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17th offerings not delivered to you, as the whole Receipts of the last year remained at Tripatte, Hyder having made no demand for them, and their is still a balance of above one hundred thousand Pagodas due by Shrinivas Acheny. The Grandson being examind before the President, denied having been ill treated, and as the utmost Satisfaction that could be given to him he was presented with a dress from the Nabob according to the Custom of the Country and he now returns with a grant from his Highness confirming Shrinivas Acharny in the office of Receiver of the religious offerings of Tripatte, together with expressions of approbation for having given you money for the use of the Army.

This was all that could be done for the present. Tho' to the Weakness of the Government of the Carnatic in some instances, and the abuse of it in others the success of the Enemy and the Prolongation of the War may perhaps be justly attributed, the application of the Remedy must be made by the Servants of the Company with Caution, as well as on the ground of the absolute necessity of their interposition for the safety of their Employers.

His Highness the Nabob ought to be sensible that the Recovery of his Territories now our principal Forces tho' we have many and national Enemies to encounter elsewhere we received with pleasure an account of the Capture of Chittoor, as post likely to facilitate your Supplies, and to intercept those of the Enemy. Hyder has availd himself of your absence to march to Poloor, which he has taken together with

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17th with 4 Guns, Baggage, &c as well as Pallaped with 3 Guns, a large quantity of Rice, Tents and Baggage, unfavorable Events must be some times expected in War, These Losses will be soon compensated by your exertions, on which we have the greatest Reliance.

Tippoo Sait we hear, has advanced toward Trippasore with an intention of besieging it. We are in very little apprehension in regard to that Post, defended as it is by Captain Bishop —

The Intention of Hyder is probably to divert you from any attempt against Arcot. If you were in other Respects able to attack that place, you would have time to take it and advance afterward to the Relief of Trippasore —

We are Sir, &c

Fort St George,
17th November, 1781.

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
&c Select Committee

Received two Letters from Mr Ernst Pallopside as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 287 & 294.

18th Received the following Letter from Mr Holland
/in Cypher/

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had on the 30th Ultimo the

Letter from Mr Holland
after he had been
furnished with a

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copy of the Letter to the Nizam, upon his utmost efforts with the Nizam to join our Arms and to attack the Mahrattas from their union with Hyder but think it will be difficult in the present conjuncture— think it would be of service if any Servant of the Nabob were to give him information of any thing in future to his Highness and the Company Interest—

10th Honor of your Commands of the 29th September, and I received on the 31st his Lordship the President's Letter for His Highness the Nizam, to whom I delivered it on the 1st Instant—

I should have returned it a pattern for Your Honor to have been furnished with an official copy of his Lordship's Letter to his Highness. It is scarcely necessary for me to mention that my appearing ignorant on conference of the contents of a Letter of which I am the Bearer must necessarily have a Tendency to create opinions derogatory to the importance of the confidential Station I have the honor to hold. It appears also necessary on official Grounds that I should transmit to the Governor General and Council Copies of all Letters I deliver at the Durbar. I am therefore led to request that your Lordship will be so good as order a copy to be transmitted to me of any Letter for His Highness which you may hereafter be pleased to do me the honor to charge me with—

I transmit to the Governor General and Council the several Letters which your Lordship &a have at different times done me the honor to address to me on public Affairs—

I have used my utmost Efforts to incline His Highness the Nizam to yield us assistance on the principles pointed out in your Letter simply of mutual defence, but from various considerations it will I think be difficult in the present conjuncture on the proposed system of moderation to engage him,

either

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18th either immediately to join our Arms, or to cast himself to detach his Friends the Marattas from their present Union with Hyder

There are no People who understand better than those of this Country how far principles of moderation and humanity may be relied on, but a jealous review of the extensive power We have acquired in various parts of India, and a total ignorance of the detail of those complicated events which may perhaps be deemed to give us a title to our Possessions, makes them I believe very little inclined to repose confidence in any general professions of equity and good intention, and I have generally had occasion to observe when I have touched on this subject, that my declarations have been very coldly received — I profess that I am perfectly sensible of the Justice of our pretensions on this ground, but in the judgment we are authorized to form on this subject, We are led to consider only the various provocations We have received, the numberless Circumstances founded in the Family quarrels and intrigues of those with whom we have had to contend, and with which the leading Men in this Country are in general unacquainted, and further the irresistible Power, perhaps not generally — acknowledged by Hindostan Princes, by which We know our acquisitions might with ease on a concerted Plan have been extended upon principles of ambition and Conquest throughout the entire Peninsula of Indostan —

I think it on general grounds highly probable that Hyder Ally's Letter mentioned in the paper of intelligence annexed to your last may have

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have been fabricated here, but the circumstance was not known to me. It might be of Service to the public if any faithful Servant residing here belonging to his Highness the Nabob Wallau Jaw were ordered to give me information of every thing he might hear relative to His Highness and the Company's United Interest. Hyder will undoubtedly use every method in his power to engage the Nizam to assist him, the Letter was not said to have been addressed to the Nizam, neither do I recollect that any application was made in it for assistance in the Carnatic, but the juncture was pointed out as favorable for his Highness to recover possession of the Circars, and to assist in giving the finishing blow to the European Power in the Decan. The Letter may have been a forgery, but I flatter myself His Highness cannot expect to derive any material advantages from such Artifices, and that he must be sensible that in the conduct of the Negociation I support myself on the firm Ground of the Knowledge I have of the irresistable power of our Arms, founded on the superior discipline and determined courage of our Troops, and the distinguished Honor and public spirit of their officers & Leaders. Nothing but an idea of the danger of the exhaustion of our Treasury and Resources, and the probability of the Contest becoming more serious by a junction of the French and Dutch with the Forces of our Enemies would incline me to comply with Orders

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18th Less than positive for negotiating a treaty which the
present and necessary, is virtually to declare our
inferiority and weakness. I am,

Hyderabad,
3d November 91.

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
John Holland,

19th Dispatched the following Letters.

To Sir Hector Munro K. B
&c &c &c

Sir

To General Munro
approves of his appointing Mssrs Digby and Cochrane to the management of the Nagore and Carical districts; the allowance of a Adjutant General to be struck off—advising of the taking of Chittoor and the loss of two 6 Pr at Polipet & two 18 Pr at Polour and of Tippoo's erecting Batteries against Tripasore—

I have been honored with your Letters of the 3d and 4th Instant with their Enclosures—

Hyder Ally is too much engaged in attending the motions of our Army to the Westward to make any serious attempt for the Relief of Negapatam but if you are not now in possession of the place I shall be under great apprehensions from the Mansoon which is just bursting with considerable violence—

I approve entirely of your having for the present appointed Mr Cochrane and Mr Digby to the Management of the Nagore and Carical Districts, and hope it will be the means of securing to the Company what may remain of the Revenue—

I am extremely glad to find you have prevailed on the Rajah to pay Colonel Braithwaite 20,000 Rupees, and that you have his promise of further assistance in Money and Grain, which I hope will

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19th will enable you to pay and subsist your Army without drawing upon our Slender Resources here.

The Signature to your return of the Killed and Wounded reminds me of again observing to you that the officers holding the stations of Adjutant General &c are not to Expect the pay and allowances usually annexed to them as there is only one Staff allowed for the establishment —

Sir Eyre Coote took Chittoor the 5 and I have since received hircarrah Intelligence that the 18th Battalion of Seapoys being stationed at the Town of Polipet with two six pounders and some Poligars who had two other small Guns were on the 10th suddenly attached by Tippoo Saib Supported by Hyder, and obliged to retire within the pollams with the loss of their Guns, Tents, and Baggage: that Hyder after plundering polipet encamped at Shulangor, and Tippoo went to Tretiny from whence he marched to Pollour, where Lieut. Brickmire was posted with two Companys of Seapoys who retired in the night leaving two Iron 18 pounders spiked, and some small Guns — On the 14th Tippoo Saib with about 15,000 Men arrived at Trivalour, and took 50 of the Nabob's Seapoys and a 3 pounder stationed there, it has been since reported that he has erected Batteries against Trippassore.

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I have the honor to be with perfect esteem,
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Macartney

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To Mr Ernest William Tallosfild,
Va Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

To Cuddalore approve of their complying with the admirals requisition for Boats 2000 Pagodas and 2,000 Bags of Rice to be sent them —

We have received your Letter of the 20th ultimo and those from Mr Tallosfild of the 6th and 9th Instant, accompanying packets from the Fleet — We entirely approve of the attention you have paid to the Admirals Requisition for Boats —

A Supply of 2,000 Pagodas and 2,000 Bags of Rice will be forwarded to you by the first opportunity.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servants

Fort St George,
19th November, 1781.

Q Macartney
Va Select Committee

21st The Committee having considered the Letter of the 22d October from the President at Ganjam, and referred to his former Letters on the subject of the Affairs of the Mohurry Zemindary, the following Letter is prepared and dispatched —

To John Turing Esqr
Resident at Ganjam,

Sir,

To Ganjam with the determination of the Committee on the

We have received your Letter of the 22d

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22d ultimo with it's enclosures, and having referred to your former Letters on the affairs of the Mohurry Zemindary, and taken the whole subject into our serious Consideration, We now proceed to furnish you with our opinion and determination thereon

It would certainly be a very desireable thing for the sake of humanity to prevent murders throughout the Madura District, and every other under the Company's Government; yet as it is an object that never can be attained, and the deceased Pantoo was the Rajahs own immediate Servant, and not employed, or entrusted by the Company we do not think they were bound to revenge his death at the risk of incurring considerable loss of revenue by sending Troops into the Zemindary; the consequences of which generally are the flight of the Rajah and a great part of the Inhabitants, the neglect of the Cultivation, expences of Batta to the Troops, for charging it to the Rajah only increases Arrears that probably will never be discharged, and the destruction of officers and men by the peculiar unhealthiness of the Climate in all places situated like Mohurry in the midst of hills and deep Jungles By this We do not mean to intimate any censure of the measures you judged it proper to take in consequence of the Murder we wish to manifest our detestation of such Crimes, but times and circumstances often make it necessary to wink at them, and the present Juncture in particular requires that we should endeavor to ensure the continuance of tranquillity

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wherever it prevails in order that we may avail ourselves to the utmost of the resources we still possess for the War — upon this principle We direct that you withdraw the Troops from Mohurry, and suffer the Rajah to return to his Zemindary, making it appear as an act of Clemency from this Government, in which we have been influenced by the Consideration of his youth, and Inexperience. — As to the Murderer Gopy Mahartah, who you say is in Confinement at Ganjam, We direct that he be made a public example, by being condemned to work in Chains on the Fortifications for the remainder of his life. —

With respect to the best mode of securing the payment of the Tribute in future, and of recovering the Arrears due from the Mohurry Zemindary, which we find by the Accounts Current amounted the 30th. June to pagodas 24,432. exclusive we suppose of the Ballance due to Balkistna, we direct that you immediately insist on the Rajah giving an assignment of Lands for those purposes, reserving to himself sufficient for the maintenance of his family. The Zemindary We find is estimated at 85,000 Rupees P. Annum. the assignment may therefore amount to 65,000 or 60,000 and should include the lowest of the Lands, and particularly if the Rajah could consent the Town of Bamampour, the possession of which would be of considerable advantage in forming an Investment. —

After you have obtained the assignment from the Rajah, we desire you will issue advertisements for letting it for one year, and as we judge from the

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21st Records, and the letter from the late Chief & Council that there is no person in the Itchapour district in every respect so fit to hold such a rent as Corsujee Venter of the Chigutty Assignment, We direct that if he be inclined to rent the Moherry Assignment, you receive and transmit to us his offer, and in the mean time as the season is already for advanced put him in immediate possession of the Farm in order that the disadvantage which might arise from waiting for our final orders may be avoided, and the Venter enabled to commence & without loss of time, those operations which are necessary for the due Cultivation and Improvement of the Lands. Santarow the Brother of the deceased pauter, if so well acquainted as you represented with the affairs of the Moherry Country might perhaps be usefully employed by the Venter, but we do not think it would answer any good purpose to force him as a Pauter upon the Rajah. —

We desire that you will regularly transmit to us returns of the Troops doing duty in the Itchapour district. we have not received any for a considerable time

We are,
Sir,

Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Macartney,
Pa Select Committee

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In consequence of private intelligence received of the surrender of Negapatam, dispatched by Pattamar the following Letter to the Select Committee of Bombay.

Duplicate,

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Dutch Settlement of Negapatam & surrendered to our Arms on the 12th Instant, the Garrison Prisoners of War.

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen.

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
(sign'd) Macartney

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Hon'ble President &c. Select Committee
of Bombay.

To Bombay advising of the Surrender of Negapatam —

22d Received the following Letter.

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

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that on the 11th in the Morning Tippoo Saib Accompanyd by Monr Lally a body of Europeans and a Large body of regular Black Cavalry, a numerous Infantry, beside Irregulars

From Capt Bishop brought by Tippoo Saib, with a large body of Men —

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25th Irregulars, appeared before this place the 27th in the Morning they carried their Trenches to very nearly point blank of the East face — we made a Sally and drove them out of their Trenches, but were afterwards obliged to retire with Lieut Sops. The 27th at night the Enemy established a battery of 6 twenty Four pdrs in front of their Trenches — well protected — This Morning they opened their battery opposed by two of our Eighteen pdrs but to our great misfortune when the Superiority of fire was on our side — an accidental Shot disabled the Carriage of one of the 18 lbrs. The Gun is since remounted (five o'clock in the Evening) but the accident happening about nine o'clock in the Morning obliged me to withdraw the other and gave the Enemy an opportunity of making a practicable breach — The breach is now retrenching, and new batterys forming to Right and Left of it for our two Guns — every thing that can be shall be done in the Course of the night, and I beg leave to answer your Lordships shall not be wanting in my endeavours to save the place.

I have the honor to Remain with Respect, —

Your Lordships most obedient and most Humble Servant

Benj.n Bishop.

Pulicat, 10th Nov.r 1701 —

The Guns in the Enemys batteries are chiefly manned by Europeans. I have not yet heard from Camp.

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21st This is the only opportunity I have had of writing to your Lordship ——

To the Right Honble Gen.l Lord. Macartney —
Governor and President
Fort St. George.

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that Tippoo Saib and his Party moved off this Morning about Nine o'Clock, directing his March towards Conjeveram. I imagine this Movement has been in consequence of the Motions of our Army last Night, I received information from the General of his moving this Way —

From Capt. Bishop Tippoo Saib raises the Siege of Tripatore the Enemy within 20 Miles —

I had the honor to acquaint your Lordship the 18th at Night that the Enemy had advanced by regular approaches and from a Battery of Eighteen and Twenty four Pounders they had made a practicable Breach; the Moment I found out where they were seriously determined to make One, I ordered a Retrench-
-ment to be thrown up immediately in the Rear of it, and had it nearly Compleated the 19th in the Morning and had the Enemy had resolution to attempt the assault, I am fully Confident I should have been able to have given your Lordship a pleasing Account of the Matter, if not I ~~an~~ convinced I would have merited your Esteem in having fallen in the defence of my Charge —

am

This Moment I have received Letters from the General, dated from Nagpoy about Twenty

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25th Twenty Miles from this Garrison acquainting me of his approaching this Way

I have the Honr to remain with all Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most dewotd Servant

Benj.n Bishop.

Trippasore
20th November 1701

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

Fort St George

My Lord

From Mr William Turing inclosing Accot of Provisions in Nellore in no hopes of receiving many from the Phouzdar to pay the Troops

I have received your Lordships Letter of 21st October, endosing a Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to the Phouzdar of Nellore, and have now the Honr to enclose your Lordship the Account of Provisions He acknowledges to be in Nellore, Belonging to the Circaurs: Grain has been Vaird Considerably in the Bazar since the beginning of the Month

The Phouzdar gives me no hopes of any Money for Payment of the Hon.ble Company's Troops in Nellore Garrison

I am with great Respect,

My Lord,

Nellore
19th November, 1701

Your most obedient humble Servant

W. Turing

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Read letter from Doctor Lucas as
intend in the Miscellany Book No 296—

Dispatched the following Letters—

To James Dawell Esqr
Chief & Council at
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam
to return the 2 Grenadier
Companies to Vizagapm.
to send Returns of
Troops monthly —

As the Battalions in your districts have lately been much augmented, We desire you will on receipt hereof return the two Grenadier Companies belonging to Vizagapatam, which the Chief and Council there inform us were some time since ordered from thence to the Masulipatam district.

We desire that you will in future transmit to us a return of the Troops in your districts at the beginning of every Month — we have received none since that for the month of August.

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

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To Henry Crawford Esqr
& Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

To Vizagapatam.
not to remit the
Revenues in Grain,
Bills to be drawn
on them desiring
their opinion with

We have received your Letters of the 25th
October and the 6th Instant, with the Enclosures — We
are sensible of the disadvantages that must result
from draining the Country of its Specie, and shall
always

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regard to the Rajah, 22d accounts the two Grenadier Companies returned to them, to transmit Returns of Troops monthly —

always be glad to adopt any other mode that can be suggested of bringing the Revenue of your district to the Presidency — at present however there is no occasion for you to receive the Revenue in Grain as we expect to have opportunity of drawing Bills upon you for a considerable part of your surplus Cash —

With respect to the Rajahs Account of expences incurred by him in raising a Body of Troops we wish previous to our coming to any determination that you would furnish us with your opinion on the subject, as by having been on the spot, you are best able to judge whether the number of Troops charged were Actually raised, and whether they received the pay charged in the Account —

We are aware that Troops under the immediate Command of the Rajah would not perhaps be regularly mustered by a Commissary, or returns of them be transmitted, but we suppose that you have taken every precaution in your power to ascertain their facts —

We shall hereafter furnish you with our determination on the several applications made to you for restitution of losses sustained in the late Mutiny —

We shall order your two Grenadier Companies which you inform us were ordered some time since into the Masulipatam district to be returned to you agreable to your request, and we desire that in future you will transmit to us a

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22d Sent to Sore a return of your Troops at the beginning of every month—

We are,

Gentlemen,

Fort St. George
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Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney,
&c. Select Committee—

The Secretary having agreably to the orders of the Committee enquired of the Military Storekeeper whither the Sloop Adventure carried 1221 Barrels of Gunpowder last year to the Southward, and found that She did actually take the quantity anorder is graned for Bills on Vizagapatam for the sum of 400 Pagodas in favor of Mr. Edward Garrow, as agreed in Committee the 13th Instant—

Received the following Letters—

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Gent Corte— pointing out instances of the duplicity in the Nabobs Government— and inclosing Extract of Letter from Capt. Bishop on the same subject advising of Pollers & Poligat being abandond & complainey of the

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 6th Instant, I trust it might have been allowed after so many years experience in a military Life, whereof a great part has been spent in actual Service to know what War in it's nature implies — and I hope I may without seeming to apply to my self any Superior degree of merit, have the privilege of adding that there is no Risk it can Comprehend which as a Soldier I have not

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conduct of Ram Chunder Rauze in confining Linas Acharry and preventing supplies coming to the Army — advising of Tippoo Sait laying Siege to Tripatore and the great Destress of the Army for want of Provisions to the ill State of health.

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not run in the Course of this Campaign I never had occasion until engaged in the present War to blush therein that to an Army the most alarming of all Dangers a Want of Provisions, and much I hope did it ever enter my Mind that I should at this most important crisis of my operations have had the foundation of it laid by that very Government somewhere in faith of National alliance we have a right to expect, may do expect the most ample and unconditional assistance, I believe since the Commencement of the present trouble the instances of Duplicity in the Nabob's Government are numerous, and such as ought before this time to have satisfied us that to depend upon any essential aid from thence, was only to increase our own Difficulties. I shall beg leave upon this occasion to insert the following extract of a Letter from Capt. Bishop Commanding at Tripasore, bearing date the 10th Instant "I am sorry to inform you Sir, that the "Polygars have not executed their agreement with me "respecting their bringing grain into the Garrison; as yet "the quantity brought in by them has been very trifling "and I am apprehensive their duplicity of Conduct will "oblige me to use harsh methods to compel them to it. "a Circumstance of all others I would have wish to "avoid, In two days more the time expires which I "declared to them should be the extent of my forbearance "in sending Seapoys to escort their Premises — The "Aumil of this Place endeavors no kind of assistance "Instead of bringing Grain into this Garrison, he is collecting it "in every part of the Country by the most oppressive means "and remitting the Money to his Employer, the Renter of

"the

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22d This Country at Madras. I most heartily wish Sir some Person in his Station was sent here, who would give me assistance in forwarding the public Service; this fellow is callous to every representation I make to him respecting his Conduct, and I find he is here for the purpose of sending Money to the Durbar, let the means he acquires it by be ever so infamous, and he is a very proper Agent for Business of that kind" — I have already spoke so pointedly to the Nobobs Government in general, that I shall avoid all comment on the Subject of the foregoing Extract, and shall content myself with simply observing to you that I gave you very early information of what might be expected from the Aumil at Trijanoor, I leave it to yourselves to Judge whether the Country oppressed before the Troubles and ravaged since by the Enemy, can now Support fresh oppression. — It's ruin My Lord and Gentlemen must be hereby effectually compleated, in so much as that Ten Years of peace and tranquility, together with the most indulgent Lenity towards the new but few wretched Inhabitants will not be sufficient to restore it even to that ability it possessed before the War. I inclose for your information Copy of a Letter from the Officer who I left in Pollon want of Provisions has since necessitated him to abandon the Place, and I believe he executed my Orders in destroying the four Iron 18 Pounders, which I was obliged to leave them for want of a Sufficiency of Bullocks when I proceeded to engage the Enemy at Tholingur — I have heard of Captain Brickmayor and his Party being safe in the Hills, and have reason to hope he will join me to day. Having heard a heavy fire during the Night of the 15th and Satisfied it could be no where but at Trijanoor

from

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from the direction in which the sound came, I marched from Chittoor on the 16th in the Morning altho' two thirds of the fighting Men of the Army had not a Seer of Rice to eat, nor had had none the preceding day — I consoled myself however that upon my arrival upon the next ground I should be able to relieve their distresses by the assistance promised me from the Polygar of Mulcod who sent me repeated information that he had a great quantity of Grain ready for the Army, I therefore at the same time I marched myself sent a Battalion with five hundred carriage Bullocks and their Boys to bring us an immediate Supply from thence — all he furnished, and which was the great quantity he talked of, was a Rice equal to about 130 Bullocks loads of the latter — with this scanty supply he at last thought proper to wait upon me — I told him how happy to see him and that I should have been still more so had I had that pleasure earlier — upon which he produced an order under the Nabob's Seal in excuse for his Delay — I inclose you an attested Copy of it — It does to be sure recommend Sending Grain to the Army, but places him as well as the other Polygars of Chittoor implicitly under the orders of Ram Chunder Rauze, and directs their cooperation with him in all matters — Ramchunder Rauze has never sent a Seer of Grain for the Army, and wherein his Conduct at Tirupatty has tended to check our Supplies from thence, as well as from every other quarter,

Have

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27th I have already fully informed you Previous to his intering upon his Charge, Mr Graham by the assistance of the Grandson of Shinas Adachurry and his agent procu Provisions forwarded from Tryputty some grain for us, and there was very likelyhood had these People been left to themselves and retained in office, they would have afforded us further assistance — The Rigor and Injustice with which they have been treated will be best explained to you by the enclosed Copies of my Letter to Shinas Adchurry and his answer I transmit them to you in the Language in which they were written The Amount of the Articles Seized by Ramchunder Rauze appears from the List inclosed in Shinas Adchurry's Letter to be Star Pagodas Nine Thousand Six hundred & Sixty. Thus Severities exercised at such a period, and upon such an occasion, when to assist the wants of this Army was the only object in View, and that too at my desire, will effectually deter the Inhabitants from affording us even that aid which otherwise they would have been voluntarily disposed to give us — I marched again on the 17th at Noon, until which late hour of the day I was unavoidably delayed by waiting the arrival and distribution of the grain from Ruckrad Pollam: about half of the fighting Men of the Army again moved without Rice, which they continued to do alternately for three Successive days — We encamped on our former ground near to Palliput, which the Army did not reach till eleven at night — That evening I received a Letter from Captain Dickey dated the 16th informing me that the Enemy Commanded by

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22d by Tippoo Saib, had arrived at Tripassore, and encamped on the same ground I occupied when I took it, and that their intentions were to lay Seige to it, which being confirmed by the firing we heard, I marched again towards it's relief on the 18th in the Morning, having previously dispatched all the Carriage Bullocks that could be spared to bring from Bomrauzis Polam some grain which had been collected for us there, proceeding with the Army direct to Sagery, where we did not arrive until evening, a small quantity of Rice arriving in the Night and the Succeeding Morning, which by taking some from the Little Stock reserved for the Europeans, having enabled me to serve out one or two days allowance to the fighting Men, I marched again about 12 o'Clock on the 19th leaving the rest of the Bullocks with the Pollam to follow, and altho' we did not advance more than five Miles, the rear Guard did not reach the ground of Encampment until this day at Noon, the delay having been occasioned by the Severity of the Weather, and the badness of the Roads. It has rained incessantly ever since we marched Yesterday, and I much dread the Rivers will be rendered impassable. We have two to cross before we can reach Tripassore. The nearest, altho' almost dry when the advance of the Army crossed it yesterday, was this Morning at the Ford about middle deep. Should it continue to rise so as to prevent our passing, the Consequences may prove

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22d most fatal to the whole, as we shall be effectually cut off from every possibility of procuring the least supplies, and we have only now two days Rice in Camp for the fighting men — The Europeans have not had a drop of Arrack these Six days, nor can they possibly get any for two days more to come, as we are still distant twenty Miles from Tripasore, which Thrust we shall be able to reach in that time, and find safe; for I know of no other place where even one days Subsistance could be found for us — I have received no Intelligence from thence since the 17th Colonel Owen who Commanded the Rear Guard has just reported to me that Numbers of the Horse belonging to the Regiments of Cavalry had dropped down dead on the road, a circumstance not very surprising, seeing they have not had a grain of gram for these many days — likewise a great Number of carriage Bullocks together with their Drivers had through hunger, fatigue, and the severity of the Weather died in the Course of the Night, that many more with their loads had been lost, and that in coming along the Road to the Camp, he saw above a hundred human Bodies of the Followers of all ages belonging the Army, who had perished through want and the inclemency of the Season — In short that our Line of march had more the appearance of a Field of Battle than any thing else — After a perusal of all these Facts I think every Idea of the Capture of Arcot at present must drop — my opinion in which I am more and more confirmed as to the Equipment necessary for the prosecution of

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22d That object is fully stated in my letter, I think bearing date the 14th or 15th of August In our present Situation without provisions without a sufficient Battering Train, and the necessary Stores, and with the Enemy in great force in the Field, a Garrison well Fortified, and plentifully Stord with every thing requisite for its defence, I would just as soon suppose Hyder equal to the Capture of Fort St George, as we are to lay Siege to Arcot I should not have troubled you with these remarks, had not your observation as to taking Arcot given room for the Idea of its being an undertaking at this time within my Power, I wish my Lord and Gentlemen for no other testimony of my Conduct in this most Arduous Campaign than a Comparison of the Situation of the Carnatic when I commenced it, with what it is now; that the Monsoon and our pressing necessities obliged me to bring it to a Conclusion, Many of the offic of the Army are without even the Common Necessaries of Life, or a Tent to cover them, but I must say, which does them the highest honor, that they have never once betrayed a Murmur Since writing the Letters where of you Acknowledge receipt, I have had the honor to addrss you under the following dates 4th 8th 12th and 13th Instant Should any of these not have reached you I shall furnish you with Copies when more at leisure I shall march tomorrow, and hope to be able to Cross the first River, and the following day to Conduct the Army to Trepasore which I have already said is the only place I know where a days Subsistence is to be had, and there I am sorry to inform you I must quit it, having for these four days past been so very ill as not to be able to

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22d move from my bed — and altogether I find my Constitution so much impaired that I cannot pretend to the Task of prosecuting another campaign — I think it necessary to give you this early Notice, that you may have in consideration some other person to superintend the operations of the Army — I have left Captain Lamotte with his Battalion in Command of Chittoor — I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
Eyre Coote

Camp 5 Miles from
Vagrey —
20th November 1781

P.S. Capt. Brickmayers Letter having been mislaid, the copy of it said to be inclosed, shall be forwarded as soon as it may be found —

Honble Sir

I beg leave to Inform you, that a large Camp of the Enemy has come and pitched to the South west of the Fort at about 12. o'Clock this forenoon, and a beat three Miles off, I can perceive from here Seven Camp Flags. This afternoon a party advanced and took possession of the Villages close by. I have Received no provision from Bommaraze nor from any of the other Pollems Since I wrote you last; you may well know what quantity of Grain I have, Sent Yesterday two guards of Seapoys and Some Polygars to Bommaraze's Country for Paddy, as being in very great necessity for it. I shall do all my best endeavours to defend the place, and if I should not have a Supply of Provisions for the use of the Garrison in the space of four

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22d or five Days more, I shall be obliged to comply with your ordres of the 18th of October 1781, if I don't receive any Answer from you before that time —

Sir,

Fort Polore,

Iam,

20th November 1781

Your most obedient and humble Servant,

P. Brackmayer

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney Kt B
President and Governor &a Select Committee

I My Lord & Gentlemen,

Fort St George

I had the honor to address you the 20th informing you of the particulars of my March to that time from Chittoor towards the Relief of Tripasore, and of my resolution to pursue my route the following Morning to that place, as being in itself of the utmost importance to us as a Post, and rendered at this Juncture most invaluable to us by having in it what I could no where else find, some Rice and other Provisions — a want of which and the probability of the Communication being cut off by the rising of the Rivers, in consequence of the setting in of the Monsoon, threatened the total destruction of the Army — I accordingly marched early yesterday Morning, and pushed on near 17 Miles, by which means we got over both Rivers and are now encamped on the Banks of the Cortelar, the same River which so long detained Col Baillie, and was the first Cause which led to the over throw of his Detachmt. — We are now about three Miles distant from Tripasore of the Safety of which and of the Enemys having

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... fall of Negapatam

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22d raised the Seige I received the first Intelligence yesterday in a letter from Capt Bishop when on my March — I have been honoured with the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant, and I am sorry to observe that you should again think it necessary to call upon my attention regarding Arcot — I shall not repeat what I said in my letter of the 20th on this Subject conceiving it unnecessary, but must in Justice to myself here add that, had the object been within my reach, I should hardly have left it untried, after the Proofs I have given of my Zeal for the public Service, in which I have so much impaired my Health & Constitution as to be unable even to turn myself in my Bed, to which I have, being Six days confined — My Letters have not left you ignorant of the real distress of this Army, and the difficulties it has to struggle against from a Want of Provisions — Yesterdays March presented fresh proofs of its melancholy Situation, many of the Cavalry, of the Followers, of the Cattle, Elephants, Camels and Bullocks, both public and private died on the Road, and all from the same cause, a want of Subsistence — when I have had returns made of the Loss we have Suffered in horses, I shall inform you of the exact Number, from the reports hitherto made me, I believe it is not much short of 100 In short nothing less than a famine prevails in this Camp, and the quantity of Rice deposited at Tripasore is by no means adequate to our immediate and pressing demands, No time ought therefore to be lost in sending a further supply — I shall march the Army, tomorrow, nearer to Tripasore, and shall order it to be in readiness to be disposed of in Cantonment

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22d. in such manner as you may inform me the preparations you have made for its reception and support will render necessary — I shall myself proceed as soon as I possibly can to the Presidency for the reistablishment of my Health — I have just been informed by Captain Bishop of the Surrender of Negapatam to our forces under Sir Hector Munro, on which happy Event, which will add much to the Stability of our Southern Possessions, permit me to offer you my most hearty Congratulations — After the receipt of Sir Hector Munro's letter informing me of his success against the Dutch lines my expectations of the fall of the Place were Sanguine. In which I rejoice I have not been disappointed and I trust that our Troops there may now be effectually employed in the total Expulsion of Hyder's people from the Tanjore and other Southern Countries, which will not only restore them to perfect tranquility, but be the means of inducing those Polygars at present inimical to our Interests in that quarter, to return to obedience —

I have the honor to be,

Camp on the Banks of the Cordelar.

22d. November 1781

I My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote,

23d. The following answer to Sir Eyre Coote's letter of the 20th having been prepared is now dispatched —

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

We have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 20th Instant, and we agree perfectly with

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with you in the opinion that you ought to be allowed to know what War in its nature implies. There can indeed be no doubt of your knowledge in that respect, and We add that the various Risks to which you constantly exposed yourself during the Compaign gave us frequent alarms for your Safety, in which the public is so much interested

We can at present only lament the frequent Scarcity of Provisions in your Camp, and as far as that Scarcity could have been prevented by the Nabob, We must consider it as the height of Infatuation in him not to have taken the best measures for Supplying an Army on which depended the Recovery of his own Territories. The many abuses which you have mentioned in his Government to have impeded your Efforts in the Common cause, are Subjects of our most Serious Consideration. Our duty to our Employers will oblige us to take measures in a case in which the Companys Security and Welfare are deeply concerned and we shall be peculiarly desirous on so important and critical an occasion to have the Benefit of your Information and opinion on your Return to the Presidency. You will perceive by our letter of the 17th Instant, that as much as Remonstrances could effect with his Highness the Nabob, was effected by our President, We now enclose to you the Perwhanna from the Nabob to Shinas Acherry, which at your instance was demanded from his Highness: we shall apply also for a grant in favor of the Person you placed Amuldar

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in Chittoor, as an Encouragement to him to provide
Supplies for our Troops. We feel very Sensibly for their
Sufferings, and shall contribute as much as in our
Power to their Relief. Which You
will have found at Tripasore
a large quantity of Rice, and there would have been a
much larger if the Siege of that place and the heavy
Rains had not interrupted the Carriage of it thither.
you will find a good Store at Pennamalee, and this
night we shall send more
ets to Chingleput and Pulicat the Road has been
of late so infested with Hyder's Horse that no
supply of Grain could with safety be attempted to be
sent them, our Stock being so small, we could not
afford to venture it without being secure against
the Chance of its falling into the Enemy's hands; orders
are issued for providing a great Number of Tents.
Those who have borne the hardships and Calamities
of war without betraying a murmur, are intitled
to every attention, and will have it from us

During the Inaction of the Troops
we hope that relaxation from the Cares of the Field
and some Attention to your own Health may
contribute to restore it. We sincerely wish so from
private Regard, the Public Interest leads us also
still to hope that you may be induced to continue
the Command 'til the termination of a War which
you have hitherto conducted with so much

reputation

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23d reputation to yourself and to the British Arms.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George
23d November 1781.

your most Obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
&c &c &c Select Committee

Dispatched the following Letter.

To John Holland Esqr
Resident at Hyderabad

Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive your
Letters of the 21st of October and 3d of November, a Copy
of our Presidents Letter to the Nizam is now inclosed
to you, having been omitted in our former Letter by
mere mistake. It was our particular Intention that
you should have known the Contents of it when you
presented it.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you
that the Town and Fort of Negapatam surrendered
to Sir Hector Munro on the 12th Instant, after
a defence more spirited than was expected. The Capture
of this Capital Settlement of the Dutch on the Coast
of Choromandel not only is an advantage gained over a
national Enemy, but leaves Hyder little hope of
receiving Succour by Sea on this Side of the Peninsula,
The Assistance of every kind which he derived from

that

To Mr Holland
inclosing
Letter to
and advising of the
Capture of Negapatam
& the intention of
going against Cuddalore
The Nabob to depute
his Vackil to
communicate with
him

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23d that Settlement added much to his Strength in the Tanjore Country, he will for the future have much less chance of any footing in it, and his Troops are retiring from it already. We hope very soon that all the Country to the Southward of the Coleroon will be in quiet. This event has enabled us to spare some Troops to go to Ceylon, where they are to begin by the Seizure of the Harbour and Fort of Trincomalée, of which we expect to receive accounts by the first Vessel from thence. It will probably be followed by the Conquest of the whole Island, with the assistance of part of the large reinforcement of Ships and Men which are daily expected from Europe, while the remainder will assist in Supporting our own Rights and those of our Allies in the Peninsula — The Thing and the Company are determined to give us effectual means to punish those who will persist in being our Enemies in India, but wish to be at Peace with all the Country Powers, and do not desire any accession of Territory in Indostan —

The Nabob of the Carnatic has promised to direct his Vacheel, whom he Considers as very trust worthy, to communicate with you; Every thing however may be liable to Suspicion from a Quarter where the Nizam is dreaded and hated —

We are,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Macartney,

&a Select Committee

Fort St. George,
23th November 1781

To

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To Major General Sir Hector Munro,
&a &a &a

Dear General,

To Genl Munro recommending his getting possession of the Tanjore Country and Tillcoum declaring Capt Edingtoun may be removed from Palamcottah, and to be employd out of the Tinnevelly Country; and recommending Col Braithwaite to succeed him — Stores Light and Provisions to supply the commanding officer with what money they may collect, the Commanding Officer to conciliate the Polygars, and obtain their assistance to obtain from the People to the Southward a Loan of Money for the Company —

To yet I have not been gratified with any Letter from you or the Admiral relative to the Capture of Negapatam, the several Letters are arrived from Gentlemen in your Family, which relate the particulars of that Event, on which I most sincerely congratulate you. It behoves us now to render this Conquest as useful as possible, you will certainly very soon get possession of the whole Tanjore Country, But it is no less important to secure every other place from thence to Cape Comorin, by which any European Enemy might find his way into the Carnatic On this account I think it essential that Tutecorin, the only remaining Spot belonging to the Dutch on this side of the Peninsula of India, should be possessed by us without delay. This object I recommended very early to Captain Edingtoun in a pressing manner but he seems to have been differently engaged, It is with Pain I observe to you that Complaints of various kinds and from various Quarters are come against him Some of them have the appearance of being well grounded; and require that he should be called here to answer to them, if the Circumstances of things admitted it. At present I only desire that he should be relieved from his present Command, which you will please to do immediately, and as he has the Character of a good Officer, you may employ him on any Service you think fit,

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fit, out of the Tinvelly Country. It is high time to put that district under the Command of an officer, not only of ability and discretion, in whom you can confide, but one who has no private demands or concerns in the Country, and who will attend entirely to the public Service. To this officer the Capture of Tutecorin must be recommended as a principal object. It is possible that Colonel Brathwaite, who is an officer of respectable Character and abilities, might like to engage in this active Scene; tho' he differed in opinion from Us on the Negapatam Expedition. His name I offer to your Consideration, leaving however the choice to your Judgement. Mr. Sight and Mr. Procter, to whom I enclose you letters, will furnish all the money that they may have been able to Collect to the officer whom you will send in Command to Palamcotah, for the Service of the Troops there; and if he should be a man of address, he may be able to conciliate the Polygars, and obtain their assistance against Tutecorin; assurances can be given them of Pardon for past Transgressions, and of rewards for future services. They have certainly no well founded regard for the Dutch, and if they apprehend Punishment from other Quarters, They may depend on the Company's Protection in proportion to their merits and exertions in this Juncture. We shall be ready to give them the Company's Guarantee for their Security against the resentment of any person which they may & apprehend.

When the season and the Roads will

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23d will admit, you will send the Guns and Stores &c taken at Negapatam to Tanjore, Trichinopoly and other places to the Southward, except such article as may be wanted here. The Guns sent from this Fort are particularly to be returned to it, and I hope you will send them to us by the Rochford, which being now empty will be able to bring them.

No time is to be lost in preparing the mines &c for destroying the fortifications of Negapatam, when ready to be blown up, the Guns and Stores are to be sent off, and then the Works must be most effectually and radically destroyed. The strongest Reasons urge the immediate execution of this measure —

The People may perhaps be induced hereafter to submit willingly at Nagore or Devicottah, which will probably be fortified at peace. In the mean time Madras is the safest place in the Carnatic, and we shall be glad to see them here —

There is reason to hope that you will be able to get from the Rajah of Tanjore as much of the Arrears due by him to the Company as will answer the most pressing Calls of your Army. As We are in great distress for Money here, I must request you will try among the people to the Southward to obtain from them a Loan for the Company. If private property has been secured, as it is said, they can have no excuse for withholding their assistance at this time. Indeed their own Interest now seems to point out to them the Wisdom of the measure. By employing proper persons to

Negotiate

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23d negotiate with Armenians, black Merchants, Soucars and others, I think a good Supply of Cash might be procured Indeed I have the utmost reliance on your Exertions on any occasion. The Service in which you are now engaged, which has for object all the Country to the Southward of the Coleroon, is of great Importance, and will I trust be effected by your attention and Efforts.

I am &c

Fort St George
23d November 1781.

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Macartney

In consequence of an application from Mr Hall Plumer for Bills on Vizagapatam for the balance due to Paul Benfield Esqr for the Earl Front, amounting to Pagodas 10,703. 37. 10. it is Agreed that Bills be now granted to him for the said Balance, deducting the charge for the Cistern which reduces it to the sum of Pagodas 2,675. 16. 10. the Secretary is directed to acquaint the Committee of Works of this payment, that they may obtain a receipt for the same

Application having been made by Thomas Broadie for payment of a bond granted to him by the Chief and Factors of Tellicherry, amounting principal and Interest to Rs 305. 2. 30 Agreed that

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23d that it be discharged and bills drawn on Bombay for the Amount.

Received the following Letters.

24th (NB. refer to Page 3267 for letter from Sir Ed. Hughes & Sir H. Munro)

To the Honble Sir Edward Hughes Kt. B.

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(No. 1)

Sir,

From Sir Edward Hughes & General Munro enclosing letter to and from Mr Van Vlissingen for permission to carry his family and effects to Colombo or Batavia on his Parole

Encouraged by former acquaintance and friendship cultivated before the present unhappy War began, I took last the liberty to desire you to permit me to represent to you something by writing; the Case is this, as I have a very large Family with many Slaves, if I should be ordered to Madras, it would cost me great Sums of money not only for the Transport, but also for the maintenance, may I request your favor and assistance to obtain the Grant and Permission, giving my Parole not to act in any offensive manner against the English Nation and their allies during the present War or 'till I am exchanged, to go to Batavia with my family and Property; if this may not be, then to Colombo, for I assure you Sir that remaining on this Coast and at even Ceylon, the daily Charges and Expences would bring me to great ruin, Pardon the liberty I take, but the Circumstances in which I find myself oblige me to trouble you.

I remain with high Esteem and Regard,

Sir,

Negapatam,
15th November 1781.

Your most humble
obedient Servant
R. V. Vlissingen.

(Copy) Edward Hughes

To

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To Reynier Van Vlessingen Esqr.

Sir,

(No. 2)

You may rest assured that I shall on all occasions be happy to give you every mark of friendship and Regard in my Power; for this purpose I shall immediately write jointly with Sir Hector Munro (who is equally desirous with myself to oblige you) to the Presidency of Madras, desiring they will concur with us in granting you permission to remove with your family and effects to Batavia, under your Parole not to serve during the War, or untill you are regularly exchanged; but the Voyage must be entirely at your own expence, and if the Ship you proceed on be British property, every necessary Security must be given by you that she be not detained in any of your Ports, nor Captured by either your Nation or the French on her passage back to the first English Port she may touch at.

I am with great Regard and Esteem,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Edward Hughes

Vegapatam,
14th November 1781

(signed)

(N.B. the following letter to be read Page 3266)

My Lord,

Yesterday the admiral received from the late Governor of this place, Mr Van Vlissingen, a Letter of which the inclosed No. 1 is a Copy, and No. 2 the

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24th. The answer, after our maturely deliberating on the Request therein contained We now submit Mr Van Olfpingens request to your Consideration, not doubting you will concur with us in granting it on the terms we have offered, as both reasonable and equitable

We have the honor to be,

Negapatam
16th November 1701.

Your Honrs

Dear Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Edwd Hughes,
Hector Munro,

Dispatched the following letters—

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.
President &c. Select Committee
at Bombay.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have been favord with your letter of the 19th September inclosing a paper of Intelligence from Goa, Copies of which we transmitted to the Governor General and Council, and to Admiral Sir Edward Hughes.

To Bombay with an account of the progress of the War, a Diary of the fall of Negapatam, a Cont granted to Mr Broade—

Our President acquainted you three days since of the Surrender of Negapatam, and we now inclose duplicate of the Letter. The Admirals Intentions are to proceed immediately to the Reduction of Trincomalay, and after that is effected, We are not without hopes of his making a very considerable Impression upon other parts of Ceylon especially if the Squadon from England, which

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24th which we suppose to be now on your Coast, should join him in time —

Before you can receive this you will have found by our Letter of the 8th October that we have not been unmindful of the Solicitude you must ful to be made acquainted with the events and progress of the War against Hyder Ally. In that Letter the operation of the Army were continued to the action near Shulan-gur which happined the 27th September. Sir Eyre Coote afterward proceeded towards Vellour through the pollams and on the 3d Instant that place was relieved without any further effort on the part of Hyder to prevent it. Several other advantages have been gained, particularly the Capture of Chittore, an important place about 80 Miles northwest of Madras — We have also sustained some losses, the principal of which however was attended with circumstances that reflect infinite honor upon our Troops, and disgrace upon the Enemy. Colonel Owen being detached with one Grenadier Company of Europeans one Bengal Regiment and four Battalions of Seapoys in Search of provisions was suddenly attacked by Hyder's whole force commanded by himself in person, after a very severe conflict in which one of our Guns was taken and retaken, the Enemy were repulsed, and the Detachment made good it's retreat to the main Army, with the loss of the whole of the Baggage and Tents, and many killed and wounded among the former is Captain John Walker who

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lately served with your Army. We have since lost Captain Theobald who was killed before Chittoor — The last event of the Campaign was the raising the Seige of Tripasoor which had been vigorously attacked by Tippoo Saib — The Army is now going into Cantonments for the monsoon — upon the whole our affairs wear a much better aspect than they did some months ago, and had General Goddard's Army been able to act against Hyder on the Malabar Coast, he would long since have been driven out of the Carnatic — Our peace with the Marattas is now the Chief object of policy, but trust we may yet receive some support against Hyder from your side of the peninsula, and we have the greater reason to expect every exertion that you can make in our favor, as you detained from us a considerable part of our Force, at the very time when we stood most in need of it. We are credibly informed from Bengal that peace is made with Scindia, and that Mr Anderson is sent to negotiate at Poona. A Bond granted by your Factors at Tellicherry to Thomas Brodie for Rupees 365 with Interest at 10 P. Cent being in the whole R. 385. 2. 30 has been discharged by us, and we shall take an opportunity of drawing upon you for the amount —

We are,

Gentle

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Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney,
&c. Select Committee

Fort St. George,
24th November 1781

To James Morley Esqr.
President at Anjingo.

Sir,

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master at
lamcottah for
ney in procuring
illigence

We have received your Letter of the 13th October with its enclosures.

As we are extremely anxious to receive Intelligence from your quarter, and such as may at this Juncture come to your knowledge will in all probability be principally interesting to the Company's affairs under this Government, We request your utmost attention to our Wishes in this respect, and should you from your Situation find it difficult to obtain reimbursement from Bombay of the Expence you may incur in procuring Intelligence, We desire you will make application to our paymaster at Palamcotta, who will be ordered to discharge your Bills.

We are,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servants,
Macartney,
&c. Select Committee

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24th November 1781

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Dispatched a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore as intimated in Country Correspondence No 161

Received the following Letters.

/Duplicate/

My Lord,

From General Munro— Lieut Wheler attached with his Battn to join Capt Edingtoun or Capt Gibbings as the Service may require— will send a Statement of the things captured at Negapatam as soon as possible in want of a few European Artillery & Infantry— leaving this almost unprotected to come to Fort St George

I have been favored with your Lordships Letter by Captain Bonneaux the 11th Instant, he will proceed with the Admiral if Sir Edward will take time to Ceylon, and I intend to send the 4th Battalion of Seapoys, being 3/10 Rank and File to go in the Fleet to garrison Trincomalee. In consequence of the Information sent your Lordship by Sir Eyre Coote of Hyders Intentions of sending 2,000 Horse and 2,000 Foot into the Tinnivelly Country, I will detach Lieut Wheler with his Battalion, consisting of 700 Men without delay to join Captain Edingtoun, or Captain Gibbings as the Service may require; provided the Admiral does not demand a larger Force for Trincomalee, and this I do list any bad Consequences should result from Hyders Troops gaining any new Advantage in that Country, should they enter it. By making these two Detachments I reduce this small Army to about 2,600 Men, which will be the only Force I can have to proceed against the Forts in the Enemys Possession in the Tanjore Country— who have neither evacuated the Forts, or withdrawn any of their Troops, as your Lordship has been informed; on the contrary have been reinforced by a Body of 1,500 Horse under Meer Saibs Nephew. I shall have the Honor to send you by the first Ship the Returns, the Capitulation, and the Dutch Agreement made with Hyder for

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26th his assistance: the Garrison which defended Negapatam consisted of 6,000 Men in the Fort, and 1000 Horse incamped on the Glacis, I can form no Judgement as yet of what is captured, or of its Value. I have desired the Commissaries and Agents to give in a Statement as soon as possible, that it may be forwarded to your Lordship, there are 200 Pieces of Cannon taken, and I believe about 5,500 Stand of Arms, most of them good, I want some European Artillery much, and some officers for the Seapoy Corps. I shall be much obliged to you for them as I shall for 3 or 400 European Infantry, to shew the Seapoys the Way into a Fort by a Breach, which Sort of ushering in, I am told they often require, I am doing my utmost Endeavours with the Assistance of the Admiral to raise a Lack or two of Pagodas from the Souwars and Merchants here for the public Service; if I succeed the Money shall be sent to your Lordship on board the Ships which will sail soon for Madras. I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord

Negapatam,
10th November 1781

your Lordships most
obid! and most humble
Servant

(signed) Hector Munro

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

From Sir Edward Hughes, the badness of the Weather prevents

Ever since the 17th of this month, when we fortunately succeeded against this Place, I have

been

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Lieu Jones in bearing the Mess the 10th Batt to present with him to Trincomalee in want of European officers & Artillery, and a supply of Gun powder &c recommends Major Gibbs the Rockford to bring the Spices and Bale Goods; the Arrack to go on the Open to Bombay

26th been anxiously looking forward to Trincomalee, but the weather has been such, and still continues with heavy Rain and much Wind, that I have only been able to embark about 400 of the Seamen, which was effected in an interval of fair Weather of about 8 hours, 400 more of the Seamen and 460 Marines are still on shore here, and the Ships ride very hard in the Road, I am however in hopes that after so long a period of Wind, and almost incessant Rain, the Weather will clear up, and give me an opportunity soon of proceeding to my next destination. The General has destined the 10 Batt commanded by Capt Scott to accompany me, it consists of no more than 733 Rank and File, and is by no means compleat with officers, nor are any European Artillery Men assigned to the Service, this is in my opinion a wrong measure, for altho this Battalion may be fully sufficient with the assistance of the Squadron to get possession of the place, I am fully satisfied they will be very unequal to its defence when the Squadron leaves it, and that officers to compleat the Battalion, a Detachment of half a Company of European Artillery Men, and a Supply of Gun Powder and Musket Ammunition will be wanted; which the Squadron cannot now furnish, as our Cartridge Paper is almost Expended, and the quantity of our Powder already furnished and to be furnished for the Demolition of this place 880 of our 100 pound Barrels which has considerably lessened our Ammunition. Major Gibbs, who has great merit from his abilities and activity in the Attack of this place, as well as his readiness to give up his passage to Europe when the publick Service called on him, goes with the Squadron as Engineer, and to England on the Nymph if

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26th we succeed Captain Bonnevaux who your Lordship is pleased to recommend so warmly in your Letter of the 14th of this Month, likewise accompanies the Squadron, and will succeed Major Geils; my former good opinion of Captain Bonneveaux as an Officer, is confirmed by what you are pleased to say of him; and I will give him every opportunity and assistance to enable him to to distinguish himself. Captain Sutcliffe of the Artillery is in no condition for Service from ill health, and only Capt Tanner and Lieutenant Jones of that Corps remain to go with the General; your Lordship will therefore permit me to recommend the sending of two good Artillery officers with the Detachment, as well as infantry officers to compliat the Battalion of Seapoys. In a joint Letter I had the honor with the General to address to your Lordship, we mentioned the Company's Ships Neptune and Royal Admiral had put to Sea, and no doubt have proceeded to Bombay; altho' nothing they Commanders can urge ought to justify them in such Conduct, yet I am willing to make some Allowances for Men whose private Interest is the sole motive of all their Actions, and whose fears for the safety of their property over-rule every other Consideration: the Rochford and Ogle still continue with the Squadron; on the first will be laden Spices and Bale Goods, the property of the Captors, to be furnished to the Company at a fair Valuation the remainder of the Spices and about 200 Leaguers of the Squadron Arrack on the Ogle to Bombay, so soon as the weather moderates, and the Season, Marine and

Guns

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26th Guns are embarked; to effect this it will be necessary to detain the Rockford here probably after the 1st of December the day fixed by your Orders to Captain Todd for the Rockford's return to Madras. Since writing the above the whole of the Squadron has put to Sea on Account of the Weather threatening a Gale of Wind, and as it will be in all probability some days before the Ships return to this Road, this will give your Lordship an opportunity of sending to me here the reinforcement of Officers, Artillery Men and Stores requisite for the further operations of the Army; with orders to the Commander of the Ships or Vessels not finding the Squadron here, to proceed to Trincomalee.

I have the honor to be with great Esteem and Regard

My Lord,

Your Lordship's
most Obed humble Servt
Edw. Hughes

Negapatam
19th November 1781

To John Hudleston Esqr
Secretary of the Military Department of
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have laid before the Commander in Chief your Letter of the 5th Instant by Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, and am directed to acquaint you for their information that he intends to recommend Captain Richard Scott to command the first Vacant Battalion of Seapoys agreeably to their Wishes.

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From the Adjutant General, Capt. Scott to be recommended for the next Vacant Battalion, upon the Death of Capt. Theobald. Lieut. Trevarthen Wilcox

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A List of the Volunteers from the Bengal Establishment who have received commissions in the Army under this Presidency shall be transmitted to you as soon as a correct one can be ascertained I am directed to report to you in order to be laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee the Death of Captain Theobald of the Engineer Corps, and Lieut. Fire Worker Wilcox of Artillery; a recommendation for promotion will be sent in a few days —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obdt Servt

Henry Malcolm

Adjt. Genl.

Head Quarters,
Camp on Cochalon plain
Near Tripassore
24th November 1781.

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Dispatched the following Letters to Masulipm and Vizagapatam —

To James Daniell Esqr
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam and Vizagapatam to send Tents and Marquis to the Presidency —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will send to the Presidency by the first Sea Conveyance all the Tents and Marquis you have ready made —

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your

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The same to Vizagapatam.

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
John Huddleston Esqr.

At a Select Committee present,

The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney President

Tuesday
27th Novr 81.

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr.

Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote and

Major General Sir Hector Munro absent on Service —

John Holland Esqr President at the

Nizam's Court.

Minutes of last Committee read and

approved.

The President acquaints the Committee
that he had seen the Amer ul Omrah appointed by the
Nabob to transact the business on his part for assigning
the Revenues to the Company for the expence of the War,
that the Amer told him he declined giving the powers to
the Tasildars as required in the paper of the 6th Instant
that his Highness had prepared a Letter to be sent
to the President enclosing copy of Orders proposed to be sent
to his officers and Servants, instead of giving the above
mentioned powers, He shewed the President a Translation
of the Letter and orders, and upon the President observing
that experience had proved such Orders to be inadequate,
The Amer said his Father would rather resign his
Countries than grant the powers of Tasildars.

The Nabob declines giving the powers to the Tasildars as required

The President said that the Select

Committee

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Committee would be always disposed to meet his Highness's wishes, and to adopt any mode that would produce the Effect and Secure the Revenues to the Company, for that was the principle point aimed at, and that the Committee would consider of it.

The President lays before the Committee the papers above mentioned Viz! The translation of the proposed Letter to him, and Order to the Amildars and Fouzdars. The President also lays before the Committee copy of the Letter which to save time he wrote to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, their answer & Letter which the President in consequence wrote the Nabob and his Highness's reply.

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The Amer has proposed to send with all convenient speed an account of the produce of the Revenues for Several Years immediately preceding the War, which the President thinks may serve as a guide for renting the Countries in Case that mode should be adopted.

The Amer to send an acct of the produce of the Revenues for several years back

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallajah

To Lord Macartney

The several Letters which I have written to your Lordship and the several Conferences my Son Amer ul Omrah Bahauder has had with you relative to that part of the Revenue which I have agreed to appropriate to the actual support of the War during its continuance, will have fully convinced your Lordship

From the Nabob requesting part of the Revenues assigned over to the Company requesting his Right Privilidge and Authority over his Country &c may be preserved, inclosing

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Translation of his orders to his Amildars and Phuzdars

Lordship that my earnest and indeed my only wish is to exert every ability of the Carnatic in the Common cause in which we are ingaged. The portion of the Revenue which on the most œconomical System I judged it eligible to set aside for my own Expences was as moderate as it could possibly be reduced to — the Sixth part is all that I have desired for that purpose, and as a Prince on whose faith your Lordship may rely — I pledge you my Word — that more than that shall not be received from the Country, with either my Sanction or Authority — Anxious however, as I may be in this respect, and however desirous I may be to use every means in my power for the Salutary end of expelling the Enemy — I cannot at the same time but be desirous that in whatever steps may be taken — my Right privileges and Authority over my Country, Subjects, and Servants may be carefully preserved. I will not request your Lordship to have a retrospect to what has passd in the Conduct of some of the Company's representatives both to me, and to my Government, and which has been productive of the worst of Consequence, as well to the Company as to my own affairs. It now perhaps may be unnecessary. You cannot however but be sensible that it is essential to the preservation of my rights that I should be cautious and circumspect in every and publick Arrangement. Were every person, unto whom the Company's power is delegated, to pursue the same honourable and disinterested line of Conduct

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which your Lordship in every instance manifests, I freely confess I should have very little apprehension in entrust=ing the whole management of my Country to the English Government during the continuence of the present troubles. But as from a variety of causes, that power is liable to fall into hands which might turn it to other purpose it is incumbent on me in my old age, not to desert that for my Children, which I have been watching over for them for almost forty Years. The sixth part of the Revenue being the proportion I have agreed to appropriate to my own use the residue from which will of course be deducted the Expences incident to collection is to be brought into the Treasury of the Company. The Aumils of the Circar, who in consequence of this are to deliver over the Revenues as they shall come in, to the Agents whom you shall think proper to appoint, shall in the most express manner be precluded from every collu=sive practice. The accompanying Order shews them the line they are to take: the most exemplary punish=ment shall wait those who deviate from it — while we thus provide for the punctual fulfillance of the Agreement on the part of the Circar, it will be equally expedient for your Lordship as a pledge of the Integrity of those you shall appoint for receiving the Revenues, to require them to swear that they will be true to the Trust reposed in them, and that they will neither receive or permit to be taken either

Directly

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directly or indirectly any portion of the Revenues, but such as they shall bring to a public Account. By this mean the whole will be applied and exclusively appropriated to the Service of the War. In pointing out this measure to your Lordship, I am far from meaning a Reflection upon any of the Servants of the Company; I only wish, that their Dubashes and Agents may be prevented from having any undue interference in the internal management of my Country. The Evils that would result, were such men let loose to plunder, it would be impossible for any subsequent Regulations to eradicate. Once again let me desire your Lordship to bear in mind, that in all and every instance I will go Hand in Hand with you for the Public good you must be sensible there is nothing I have nearer to my Heart. It will be a happiness to me to Cooperate at all times with the Governor of my best Friends the Company; whose only wish is the Honor and interest of his Employers, and the preservation of their agreement with their old and faithful Allies.

What can I say more?

Translation of the Nabob's Orders To His Amildars & Foujdars.

A firm Treaty has taken place between me and the the English Company, and agreeably to the purport of the said Treaty, I have settled with

Lord

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Lord Macartney, The Governor of Madras, the following Arrangement, Viz.t During the troubles of the Enemy in the Carnatic, Tasildars are appointed on the part of the Company in the different Districts of my Country to receive the Revenues from my Amildars which Revenues, after deducting one sixth part for my occasions, and after defraying the Expences of the districts, of the people employed therein, and of the daily Pensioners ... will be applied to the business of the War. all my Amildars are therefore directed after making the aforesaid deductions to pay all the Revenues without exception to the Tasildars appointed by the Company, taking their Receipt for the Same. The Tasildars are to have the constant inspection of all and every the public Accounts from the Amildars. who are accordingly Ordered to have them at all times in Readiness for that purpose &

Any such Amildar as shall make the least Delay in the delivery of the said Revenues or shall secrete, or conceal any part thereof from the Knowledge of the Company's Tasildars, or shall attempt to interrupt the execution of this Arrangement shall receive the most exemplary punishment. The Tasildars have Authority given to them from the Circar to seize all sums of money which any Amildar may attempt to Secrete or conceal; We ... are appointed Tasildars on the part of the Company to &.

You are to give the Accounts of the Samabundee of the Revenue of the Money already collected.

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collected and of the Arrears to the Company's Tasildars—
The Expences of the people belonging to the Circar stationed
in the Districts, and the Sibundee with the other necessary
Charges in the Forts—the repairing of Tanks, Water courses,
Houses, Sandarwand, and the daily Pensioners,
are all to be defrayed by the Amil with the knowledge
of the Tasildars, and the Accounts thereof delivered to
them. The Sixth part of the Revenue / after defraying
the above expences / is to be set a part for my own use,
and with the knowledge of the Tasildars sent to the
Presidency. The other five remaining parts of the Revenues
are to be delivered into the Charge of the Circar Shroff
or Cazanchee, sealed by the Amil and Tasildar
conjointly, For such sum or Sums of money as the
Tasildar may receive from the Revenue in consequence
of the Orders of the Select Committee he will give
his Receipt for the same to the Amil, specifying from
which years Revenue such Money was drawn; on the
Arrival of the Tasildars in the different districts, all
Tancahs either on the revenues of former or the present
year, are immediately to cease Credit is to be given to
the Circar for what has been already collected by
the Ryots and Renters, as likewise for the Expences of
such collection. The Amils are not on any Account
to secrete or conceal from the Tasildars a single Dam
of the Money that may be collected from the different
Districts Should any Amil depart from the order
during the War in the Carnatic, he shall be dismissed,
and Should any of the Tasildars interfere in the

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Government of the Country, or in the dispatch of the Revenue, or from Motives of private Interest raise Disputes with the Circar Servants, or lend Sum or Sums of money to any of the Circar Subjects, Servants, &c. &c. or Rent or purchase any Villages or Lands, you are to inform me particularly thereof, and the Select Committee will recall him —

The appointment of Tasildars to the several Districts, this Arrangement and these Orders to the Amils are to continue during the period of the War in the Carnatic, and are to cease immediately on the Establishment of Peace —

To The Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen,

From the President to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, the Nabob declines granting to the Receivers the Powers of Tasildars enclosing copy of proposed orders to his Amildars & Phouzdars; as the Orders are insufficient; he offers to rent the whole of his Revenues —

The Select Committee having concurred in opinion with you on the necessity of obtaining for the Receivers appointed on the part of the Company, the Powers of Tasildars, as mentioned in the Letter from your Board of the 5th Instant, I accordingly applied to the Nabob thro his Son the Ameer ul Omrah, whom he has specially appointed to transact this Business, that those Powers might be granted by his Highness pursuant to his engagement. He has however declined granting them, but has sent to the enclosed Copy of Proposed

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Proposed Orders to his Amildars and Fauzdars, which he alledges to be sufficient to Answer the purpos of securing to the Company the Revenues of his Country, you will please to take those Orders into consideration without Delay, and report your opinion of them to the Select Committee. His Highness has declard his readiness, in case those Orders should not be thought effectual for the purpose abovementioned, to rent the whole of his Revenues on such reasonable terms, and to such responsible Persons, and with such provisions for the Application of the Rents, as will secure the Appropriation of them toward defraying the Expences of the War—

If therefore the proposed Orders to the Amuldars and Fouzdars should appear to be ineffectual, you will be pleased to Consider His Highness's Proposal of letting out his Revenues, and Report to the Select Committee whether that Plan can be of Real Use to the Public, and what precautions may be necessary to take in order that it may become such.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Macartney

Fort St. George,
11th. November, 1781.

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Committee of assigned Revenues, the proposed Orders from the Nabob to his Amuldars ineffectual — are of opinion that the Nabob resting his Countrys will secure to the Company what the Country may produce, and that he should furnish a General Statement of his Revenue for five years preceding the War —

We have had the honor to receive a Letter of the 14th Instant from the Right Honble the President, accompanied by a translation of the Orders proposed by the Nabob to be given to His Amuldars and Phouzdars respecting the Company's Tassildars, which we have attentively considered.

Having represented to your Lordship &c. the Coersive Powers we thought necessary for Tassildars on the part of the Company to be invested with by the Nabob, founded on the Powers of Interception and Seizure, expressly stipulated by His Highness, and being confirmed in that opinion by every Review of the Subject, We cannot hesitate to declare that the proposed Orders from the Nabob to his Amuldars and Phouzdars are inadequate to the Proposes which alone we consider effectual for the due Collection of the Revenue under the present Arrangement. The entire exclusion of coersive Power in the Tassildar alters the Nature and Intent of such an Appointment, and makes his Residence in the Talookah unnecessary — such a System leaves it at the Discretion of the Amuldars to introduce Arbitrary charges without the Possibility of Controul,

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and reduces the Company's Influence to that Medium Line, on the effect of which we have already fully explained our Sentiments to your Lordship &c" the mon Inspection of Accounts, which is the sole Check proposed by the Nabob, would only give us the means of disputing with his Servants after the Commission of Irregularities, as we have before represented to your Lordship &c Nor do we see any improvements by this present Arrangement on that made in February last, of which the Inefficacy hath been experienced.

We beg Leave further to remark on this Subject, that the Nabob must surely have been sensible of the Necessity of coercive Authority in the Servants of the Company, as we learn from the Spirit of our Instructions that having engaged to assign all the Revenues of his Country he engages at the same time to invest the Servants of the Company with Joint Powers to receive and separate Powers to intercept and seize the Collections on any Attempt to divert them, which would have been totally unnecessary had His Highness at that time conceived that to secure the Revenues to the Company Orders to his Amuldars for the Payment were sufficient.

We have considered the Proposal suggested by the Nabob to the Right Honble the President of Renting the whole of His Revenues on reasonable terms to responsible Persons, and are Clearly of opinion that such may be made effectual for securing to the Company the Resources the Country may produce — The first object is a knowledge

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knowledge of the Value of the Country, to arrive at which it seems essential that the Nabob should furnish a General Statement of Cowle of all his Countries & of all Peishcush or other Revenue for five years preceding the War, as well as clear Accounts of the Amount of the Jubbundy, and the various other Charges on the Revenue in the several Talookas &c so that the Gyen Cowle or Nett Revenue may be ascertained a Medium of five years Gyen Cowle would we believe be a reasonable Sum to be paid by a Renter for the Countries supposed free of Disturbance, and in the usual State for Cultivation, but for the first and second year from the present time, the Value must be judged of in the proportion the Countries have suffered by the Incursion of the Enemy. We apprehend that no reasonable Native is likely to engage but for a Lease of some continuance, and we think such Renter should Stipulate to increase his Rent after that Period to the Extent that it may be expected he should improve the Cultivation and the Revenue.

But the Habits of the Nabob's Government have been such, that to give Confidence to responsible Natives they must be assured of some reasonable protection from the Company, and as it is essential they should come under obligation to the Company for the Payment of the Rents, it is requisite they should be made choice of and recommended by them to the Nabob: his Highness will then establish throughout the Countries

habits

ment

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Countries such Checks and Superintendance as He may judge necessary for his Information and Satisfaction, and will be furnished with whatever Accounts He may think proper — The Amuldars of the Renters should be appointed under the approbation of the Company, and be Subject to such Controul and Coercive Authority as they may deem expedient —

We think an Arrangement upon this Plan might equally with the Mode we had the honor before to Submit to your Lordships Vs Preserve the Dignity and Government of the Nabob, Secure to the Company punctual payment of the Collections for the Exigencies of the Service, and we trust lead to much Improvement of the Country and the Revenue

We have the honor to be with Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your faithful Hble Servants

Paul Benfield
Chas Oakeley
Eyles Irwin
Hall Plumer

Fort St George
15th Novemr 1801.

The Letter from the President to the Nabob and his Highness's reply mentioned in the President's Minute are intered in Country Correspondence Vo 159 and 161.

The President informs the Committee that in consequence of the last letter from the Nabob he

The President to obtain another conference with the Nabob —

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he intends to desire another conference with his Highness, and will inform the Committee of the result at their Next Meeting.

Copies of all Papers relating to the Committee of Assigned Revenue to be sent to Bengal

In the mean while it is Agreed that copies of all the papers that relate to the subject including that of the appointment of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, be immediately prepared in order to their being dispatched to the Governor General and Council.

Read the following Letter from Mr Lowe

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

Fort St George.

My Lord & Sirs,

From Mr Dodd requesting an inquiry may be made concerning his disputes with Capt Codrington and referred to Mr Proctor

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship &c. that having considerable time elapsed since I did myself the Honor of laying before your Lordship &c. the grievances under which I have laboured on the Assignments I had received from His Highness the Nabob for repayment of advances I had officially made to his Troops in the Province, being fruitly taken from me, and Grain which the Exigency of the Situation of this Garrison had prompted me to acquire in sending into it, under the sacred sanction of a deposit in case the most Urgent necessity might require it's being appropriated for its support, being withheld from me, and not having been favored with any answer to my former address, Permit me my Lord and Gentlemen again to trouble you in entreating your kind indulgence by

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by Ordering such necessary enquiry to be made, as may convince you of the Equity of these my Claims, and intitle me to your favorable Interposition and Relief — As Mr. Proctor is arrived here, whom the late Select Committee were pleased to appoint to receive on Account of the Honble Company the Nabobs Share of the Revenue of the Tinnevelly Country, I request your Lordship &c. will be pleased to refer the enquiry into this Matter to him, to be reported to your Lordships &c. for your final determination, and permit me further to request that if Mr. Proctor's report should be favorable to my Claims, and your Lordships &c. should confirm the same, that you will be pleased to send Orders to your Commandant of Pallamcotah to deliver up to me the said Grain —

If your Lordships &c. however from any appearance of trouble in the Country, or Scarcity of Grain in those parts, may Judge it necessary to lay up a Store in the Fort of Pallamcotah, I shall most Chearfully consent to your Lordships &c.s keeping my grain for that purpose, of the said Grain, when your Orders may arrive here adjudging it to be my Property

* upon paying me in Money, or by granting me Bonds on the Honble Compy. for the same at the Market price of the Day.

I have the honor to be with Respect —

Pallamcotah,
28th. Sept. 1782.

My Lord & Sirs,
your most Obd. and
Humble Servant
James Dodd

The Committee having perused the foregoing Letter, and referred to Mr. Dodd's Letter of the 29th. July, in which the subject of his Complaint is more fully

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Minute thereon

fully explained, it is agreed that Mr Light, Mr Proctor, and the Commanding officer of Palamcotah who shall succeed Captain Eidingtoun be appointed a Committee to make full enquiry into the facts stated in Mr Dotts Letter; and report to the Select Committee every Circumstance that shall come to their knowledge relating to the Grievance complained of, with their opinion thereon, and that Copies of the Letter be transmitted to them with orders to proceed on the enquiry without loss of time

Capt. Eidingtoun relieved from the command of Palamcotah; the President to recommend to General Munro to appoint another officer in his room—

In consequence of the several complaints that have been made against Captain Eidingtoun, the Committee think it highly necessary and accordingly resolve, that he be relieved from the Command of Palamcotah, in order that an enquiry be made into his Conduct — The President is desired to acquaint General Sir Hector Munro of this Resolution, and to recommend to him the employing Captain Eidingtoun for the present with the Troops to the Southward, out of the Tinnivelly Country, as the General shall judge his Services can be rendered most useful to the Company, and to appoint some other officer to the temporary Command at Palamcotah 'till further Instructions

Read the following Letters

From Sir Edw.d Hughes and Genl. Munro — with an account of the Treasure found

My Lord,

The Publick Treasure hitherto found in this place is about 3,000 Coind Pagodas 11,000 Pagodas worth

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worth of mixed Gold and Silver, now coining into Sanams, the currency of this Country, and 537 Bars of Silver, which will produce about 9000 Arcot Rupees, all this is the Property of the Captors. The Agents for the Captors have at our request paid the Coined Pagodas to Mr Taylor, the Paymaster to the Army, the Sanams now minting will all be paid to him, and the Agents have procured the sum of 12,284 Rupees on a Deposit of 260 Bars of the Silver, which Rupees as well as the remaining 277 bars of Silver are paid into the hands of the Paymaster for the Public Service; for these Sums, My Lord, the Agents expect as Security the Company's Bonds, payable in six Months with Interest at the rate of 8 P. Cent. P. Annum, and we trust your Lordship will, all things considered, think such Security as will as the Interest and day of payment not unreasonable, especially as a very great part of it is the property of the Squadron, who cannot long be out of their just rights; but as your Lordship has not been pleased to invest any one here with Authority to grant the Security required, we think it Necessary on the part of the part of the Captors, and essential to the Public Service at this time, when Money is so much wanted to carry on with vigor the operations of the Army, and no other means of raising it can be found, to desire you will vest authority sufficient in such person as you may judge most proper to grant the Security by Bond required. We have also to inform your Lordship that several of the Prisoners, Europeans

in Negapatam, and of its being sent to the Company

the Captors claim a bond may be granted for the Amount: the Prisoners to be sent to Madras the Spices &c. to be taken on the Rockford and Epix. advising of the Neptune and Royal Admiral proceeding to Bombay without the concurrence of the admiral, requesting that the Officers of the Queen and the Marines may be allowed Batta during the Siege of Negapatam —

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Europeans, Mustees, Malayas &c. will be sent for Madras as speedily as possible on the Cuddalore Sinder, The Panther, and Eliza Snows under Convoy of Capt. Mackenzie in His Majesty's Frigate the Active, which will carry as many of the Prisoners as possible, but as the Serviceable Artillery now mounted on the Ramparts, with that taken at Nagore and in the Enemy's Lines and Redoubts amount to 200 pieces, it will be impossible for those Vessels to carry this Artillery also, and we therefore beg you will immediately dispatch from Madras to this place as large a Ship as can be procured, in order to her receiving the Artillery on board as speedily as possible, as well as such Articles of Merchandize as may serve to make part of the Cargoes of the Homeward bound Ships of the Company. We have recommended it to the Agents for the Captors to take as much of the Spices and Piece Goods found here in the Dutch Company's Warehouses as possible on the Rochford and Eliza for the Company's Homeward bound investment, leaving the valuation of them to Arbitration at a future day, and the Agent have agreed to do so; and if the Weather proves tolerably moderate, this will be done so soon as the Seamen Marines, Guns and other Stores belonging to the Squadron are embarked, which have been delayed by blowing Weather, much rain, and an high Surf for some days past. We are sorry to inform your Lordship that the Company's Ships Hoptum and Royal Admiral have quitted this Road and

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put to Sea and will no doubt proceed on to Bombay to the great detriment of the Company's Service, as it was intended to take apart of the Prize Spices and Piece Goods on each of them, and for this Conduct in direct disobedience of the Admirals Orders, they have not the least reasonable pretence. We shall close this Letter with informing Your Lordship that the officers both of the Seamen and of the Marines who did duty on Shore at the Attack of this place, claim the Batta usually paid to the Company's officers, which we are of opinion ought in justice to be paid them, and we have no doubt your Lordship will on our representation order that it be paid accordingly.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship's
most Obedient
humble Servants
Edwd Hughes
Hector Munro

Negapatam
17th November 1701

/Duplicate/

The President is desired to inform Sir Edward Hughes and Sir Hector Munro in answer to their Letter, that orders will be sent to the Paymaster with the Troops at Negapatam to receive the money and and Bullion mentioned in their Letter, and give receipts for the same on behalf of the

The Paymaster at Negapatam to receive the money and

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and Bullion and give receipts for the same, and that Bonds be granted — a Ship to be sent to bring the Artillery and Stores — the Paymaster to issue Batta to the officers of the Seamen and Marines that did duty at the seige of Negatapan.

the Company, and that Bonds will be afterwards granted in Course, — that a Ship will be sent as soon as possible to bring hither such of the Artillery and Stores as may not be sent to Tanjore, and that the Paymaster will be ordered to issue Batta to the Officers of the Seamen and Marines who did duty at the Seige, according to their respective Ranks — that

The Misconduct of the Captains of the Royal Admiral and Neptune to be represented to the Court of Directors

the misconduct of the Commanders of the Ships Neptune and Royal Admiral in proceeding to Bombay without the Order or concurrence of the Admiral, shall be represented in the strongest terms to the Court of Directors — The President is desired

The President to consult with Sir Eyre Coote concerning the Artillery men and European Infantry wanted.

to consult with Sir Eyre Coote as to furnishing the half Company of Artillery Men applied for by the Admiral, and the European Infantry applied for by Sir Hector Munro.

The President to consult with Sir Eyre Coote concerning the Cantoning the Army —

The President is also desired to consult with Sir Eyre Coote respecting the Cantoning the Army, and to recommend the Environs of Madras the Mount, Mammalong, St Thomé, and Choultry plain as the fittest places to accommodate the Troops, and because the being so near Madras will greatly facilitate the supplying them with provisions and Stores. —

Capt. Geo. Mackay to be relieved from the Command of Chingleput, and Capt. Patterson applied to succeed him —

The President informs the Committee that Captain George Mackay has requested to be relieved from the Command of Chingleput, and that the Commander in Chief recommends Captain Alexander Patterson to be appointed to succeed him — Agreed accordingly that Captain George Mackay be permitted to resign the Command of Chingleput, and that Captain Alexander Patterson be appointed

Read letter from Mr. Dent as entered in the Miscellany Book No.

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appointed to the Command in her room—

Read letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, as entered in Country Correspondence N. 1155

Agreed that Copy of the Rajah's letter be transmitted to Col. Brathwaite for his opinion, and the President is desired to assure the Rajah that the subject will be considered with the utmost attention to his rights and to the Engagements subsisting between his Excellency and the Company—

Copy of the letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to be sent to Col Brathwaite—

Ordered to lie on the Table for consideration—

Read Petition from a Cauzee at Pulicat as entered in the Miscellany Book N 299—

Agreed that copy be transmitted to Captain George Smith for his answer and explanation—

Mr Maxwell the Superintendant of the Company's Grounds attends the Committee, and informs them that if he were vested with the powers originally intended to be annexed to his employ, he could himself fulfill the intention of the Committee in the late appointment of Major Maule, Mr Stoney, and himself to ascertain the Company's Grounds exclusively taken, and to take possession of them for the Company— Being asked what he wishes should be done to restore and enforce his authority, he requests in answer that two of the Governor's Sons should constantly attend him, and that he should be furnished with an order under the hand of the Governor, declaring the nature of his appointment and his powers, and directing all Persons to pay due obedience on pain of the severest displeasure of Government Agreed to accordingly, and the late appointment of Major Maule, Mr Maxwell and Mr Stoney annulled—

Mr Maxwell attends the Committee and acquaints them that if he were vested with the powers annexed to his employ, he could ascertain the Company's Grounds exclusively taken.

The power to be granted him and the appointment of Major Maule Mr Stoney and himself to be annulled

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Capt. Alcocks bill for 225 Pags for a Seapoy Tents to be paid

The Secretary lays before the Committee a Bill for 225 Pagodas presented to him by the Agent of Captain Hugh Alcock for a Sepoy Tent delivered by him to Colonel Browne at Tanjore; also Colonel Brownes receipt for the same, and Extract of the Minutes of the Select Committee the 6th October 1780, in which it was resolved that Captain Alcock should be reimbursed for the said Tent. Agreed that the Charge be allowed, and paid when the State of the Treasury will permit

Macartney
Geo. Stratton
Wm. Williams

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Received letter from Tondeman as entered in Country Correspondence No. 164 –

Received the following letter from the Adjutant General –

Sir

From the Adjutant General – reports – Casualties and the Names of the Gentlemen to fill them up –

I am directed to report to you in order to be laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee the following casualties, with the Names of the Gentlemen to Succeed to the present Vacancies in the Army.

Artillery.

Captain Isaac Manoury Deceased –

Infantry

Lieutenant Caleb Pearson, killed or taken prisoner by the Enemy.

Ensign William Hewitt deceased

William Doughty ... Do

Alexr Wilson ... Do

George Hay ... Do

George Wilson ... Do

John Guthrie removed to the Corps of the Engineers.

Artillery Promotions.

Captn Lieut. John Judson to be Captain, date of rank 3d December 1780 –

Lieut. Charles Lucas to be Captain Lieut. date of rank 6th November 1781.

Lieut.

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27th Lieut. Fire worker David Willison to be Lieut. date of rank 6th November 1781.

Mr. John Campbell Volunteer to be Lieut. Fireworker date of rank 6th November 1781.

Capt. Lieut. Speedeman having requested leave to resign the Adjutancy of the Battalion of Artillery, the Commander in Chief recommends Lieut. Charles Carlisle to succeed him in that Station.

Infantry Promotions.

Ensign George Brudenell to be Lieut. date of rank 6th Nov. 1781.

The following Cadets to be youngest Ensigns, their rank will be ascertained on the Arrival of the list from England.

Messrs. I. G. G. Graham.
Andrew Stuart.
—— Price.
Richard Wright.
Thomas Wallace.
Saml. Benson.
John Taylor.

Engineer Corps Promotions.

Lieut. Williams Gent to be Sub-director and Captain, date of rank 11th November 1781.

I am further directed by the Commander in Chief to report that there are two Vacancies for Lieut. Fireworkers which cannot be immediately filled up, as Mr. Campbell recommended above, is the only Gentleman from

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No
27. The lists of Cadets and Volunteers who has signified his
in/ Inclination to serve in the Corps of Artillery —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant,
Henry Malcolm
Adjt. General

Fort St George,
27th November 1781.

To
John Hudleston Esqr
Secretary of the Military Department
of Fort St George.

No
28.

Received the following letter from Sir
Hector Munro —

My Lord

Camp before Negapatam 7th Nov.r 1781.

From General Munro
advising of the surrender
of Negapatam — requests
40 or 50 Europeans may
be sent him —

I have the Pleasure to acquaint your Lordship
that the Town and Fortress of Negapatam surrendered this
Morning to the Troops under my Command by Capitulation;
the Articles are little more than that of the Garrison
surrendering Prisoners of War, and the Security of private
property to the Inhabitants; I shall have the honor in a
few days to send your Lordship the Articles of Capitulation,
a return of the killed and wounded, and the particulars of
the Seige, till which time I beg leave to subscribe myself —
with the greatest Respect & esteem,

My Lord,
Your Lordship's Most Obedient
humble Servant
Hector Munro

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28th P.S. I beg your Lordship will be pleased to forward the enclosed to Sir Eyre Coote as soon as possible, & I request your Lordship will send me with all Expedition forty or fifty steady Europeans to head the Attack of Storming Parties against any of the Forts in the Tanjore Country —

Ordered that the promotions recommended in the letter of Yesterday from the Adjutant General do now take place —

Dispatched the following letter to General Coote

Lieut.t General Sir Eyre Coote K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

Fort St George Nov.r 28th 1781.

Sir

To General Coote with Copy of Nabob's Letter in Answer to the Presidents of the 13th Instant. —

We have the honor to send you by the hands of Mr Halyburton our Persian Translater, a Copy of the Translation of the Nabob's Letter in Answer to our Presidents to him of the 13th Instant — The several Papers mentioned within it are enclosed —

We have the honor to with great truth & regard, Sir

Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servants,
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Sent the following Letter to the Adjutant General —

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To Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm

Adjutant General,

Sir,

To the Adjutant Genl the Promotions to take place as recommended in his Letter of 27th Instant - Capt.n Patterson appointed to the Command of Chingleput. –

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the date, which I have laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, and I now enclose General Orders – issued in consequence, which also include the appointment of Captain Alexander Patterson to the Command of Chingleput, in the Room of Captain George Mackay who has desired to be relieved –

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant.

John Huddleston.

Secretary.

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Dispatched the following Letter to Captain Edmonds.

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To Captain Edmonds,

Commanding at Ongole.

To Captain Edmonds to send to the Presidency all the new raised Sepoys. –

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will immediately send to the Presidency all your newly raised Sepoys, and raise more with all possible expedition. +

I have the Honor to be,

Sir, Your Most Obedient

humble Servant.

John Huddleston

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29th

Received the following letter from Sir Edward Hughes

Superbeoff Negapatam, 13th Novr 1781

My Lord

From Sir Edwd Hughes thinks the Dutch Prisoners should be sent away - intends sending the Nymph to England -

I did myself the Pleasure to acquaint your Lordship with the Surrender of this Garrison &c. yesterday, Prisoners of War; the Inhabitants to be secured in their private property; the Prisoners are embarking and I propose sending them to Madras on the Active, Cuddalore Tender, Panther, & Eliza snow, as soon as possible. The General and myself think it absolutely necessary the Governor, Council, and Company's Servants should be all removed from hence, as they well otherwise be plotting and intriguing with the French, they can be sent on board the Rochford or Ships going round to Bombay, to be conveyed to Europe when opportunity offers, and if your Lordship should be of the same Opinion, our inevitable stay here may be sufficient to signify it, concluding it must be at least a fortnight to embark Guns, Stores, &c. before I can proceed to Trincomaly, from whence I propose to dispatch the Nymph for England, with the Account I hope of the Surrender of that Dutch Settlement, as well as this to his Majesty's Forces and those of the Company; if your Lordship pleases to send any Dispatches, you may have. I will forward them with my own - I am, My Lord,

Your Lordship's Most Obedient
& humble Servant,
Edwd Hughes

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Nr 29.

Agreeably to the resolution at the last Committee, the President having consulted with Sir Eyre Coote respecting the Cantoning the Army, the Environs of Madras were made choice of for that purpose, excepting that it was thought necessary to have two Battalions at Tripassore, and 2 at Poonamally —

Minute on Cantoning the Army

Nr 30.

I found the following Advertisement.

Advertisement for Proposals for contracting to Supply Bullocks.

Publick Notice is hereby given that the Right Honble the President and Select Committee are willing to receive Sealed Proposals for furnishing by contract any Number not exceeding 9.000 Carriage Bullocks with proper Drivers and Mestries for the use of the Army.

The Proposals to specify the lowest Terms p.r Month at which the persons chuse to engage, and to be sent in to the Military Secretary on or before the 10th. December next.

Fort St George, 30th. November, 1781 —

By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee. —

Dispatched the following Letter to Mr. Holland.

To John Holland Esqr

Resident at the Nizam's Court,

Fort St George November 30th. 1781

To Mr. Holland, to use his utmost endeavors not only to prevent his Highness from joining our

Sir,

In a former letter we explicitly declared to you our Sentiments that it was essential to prevent by every — means in your or our Power, any hostile Measures against

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against the Company on the part of his Highness the Nizam
We expressed to you our Opinion that if his Assistance
or at least his Neutrality could not be Secured on other
Terms than those of entering into an Offensive alliance
with him against Hyder, it would be right to enter into it
immediately; the Company might be endangered by any
Addition to the Number of Enemies whom it has already
to encounter; when it's safety is concerned, we are warranted
in departing from the System of Peace with all the Country
Powers, which is adopted by our Employers —

our Enemies, but to form whatever Alliance he May find necessary to determine him to send a Force into Hyder's Country —

That Juncture of Affairs however is most desirable for us in which we can recur to Maxims of Equity and Moderation, as most likely to preserve the Actual Power and Possessions of the Company by whatever means they have been obtained. The just exercise of Authority often Sanctifies the usurpation of it. It is not the Origin but the use by which we are affected. Men feel the Reality of those Facts which take place before their own Eyes, and Consequently are guided more by the Impression of present than by the remembrance of past Events. By adhering strictly at this time to principles of justice, and by resisting every temptation of enlarging our Territories, there would be a likelihood of calming that Jealousy of our Ambition which our Acquisitions had excited; and of restoring the Confidence which we lost by a failure in our Engagements — The former Proceedings of the Company's Servants may have inspired his Highness the Nizam with Suspicions which their present proceedings should be calculated to remove; an Eastern Prince beside, can scarcely conceive the possibility

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30. of Voluntarily declining any Occasion of conquest or Dominion; and will be therefore apt to receive declarations of such a Disposition with some Degree of Coldness and Mistrust; till the Actual experience of so wise a conduct on our part shall press conviction on his Mind. In the mean time We feel all the difficulty of your Situation, but know it would be more difficult to most others; We reckon upon the Personal Esteem in which you are held at the Court of Hydrabad; and we yet trust that you will be able not only to prevent his Highness from joining our Enemies against us, but that by forming whatever alliance you may find necessary for that purpose, you will determine him to send a large Body of Troops into the Territories of Hyder Aly, in order to avenge his own Ancient as well as our present Quarrel with that Chief —

We are, Sir,

Your Most Obedient
humble Servants.
Macartney
for Select Committee

December, 1.st

The Quarter Master General having made choice of such Houses in the Environs as he judged most conveniently situated for the Accommodation of the Troops, the following Letter was sent in circulation. —

Circular Letter to the Gentlemen to lend their Houses for Cantoning the Troops.

It having been judged necessary to canton a considerable part of the Army in the Environs of Madras, and the Quarter Master General having made choice of the Houses inserted in the Accompanying List, as the Most

Conveniently

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1st conveniently situated for the Accommodation of the Troops The Right Honble the President and Select Committee doubt not but the owners of those Houses will chearfully lend them for the Public Service, and I am accordingly directed to request that the Keys of them may be sent without delay to the Quarter Master General – The Officers to whom the Houses may be allotted respectively, will be enjoined to take the utmost care of them, and whatever damage they may receive, will be repaid at the Expence of the Honble Company

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By order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee.

John Hudleston

Dispatched the following Letters

To Sir Edward Hughes K. B
Vice Admiral of the Blue,
and Commander in Chief of all
his Majestys Ships in India
and Major General Sir Hector
Munro K. B.
Commanding the Army in the
Tanjore Country,

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 16th, and 17th Ultimo, with their enclosures.

I am very doubtful whether it would be consistent with good Policy to give just at this time so able a man

To Sir Edwd. Hughes & General Munro think it advisable that Mr. Van Vlessingen should be sent to Bombay – Bonds to be granted to the Captors for the Money lent – The Officers

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Officers of the Seamen and Marines to be allowed Batta, the Conduct of the Commanders of the Neptune & Royal Admiral to be represented to the Court of Directors. —

1st man as Mynheer Van Vlissingen an opportunity of — Communicating either at Columbo or Batavia Intelligence of our Views and Situation, and of serving in a manner the most dangerous to us, by giving his Advice. — The proposal therefore to send him to Bombay seems to me the most eligible — You Gentlemen however who are to concert the Plan of future operations against the Dutch, can best judge whether it is likely to be affected by any — Intelligence or Advice which Mynheer Van Vlissingen may have it in his power to give, and will determine — concerning him as you may think proper; But if you should judge it safest to send him to Bombay, or the Cape, you may declare it to be the determination of — this Government —

The readiness shewn by the Captors to Assist the Company with the Coin and Bullion taken at Negapatam is very handsome on their part, and the Conditions of the Bonds they require are perfectly reasonable — Orders are now sent to Mr Taylor, the Paymaster, to give receipts for whatever shall be delivered to him, and Bonds agreable to such receipts will be given here, on their being produced; this is the only method that can be followed, as no Bonds can be executed but by the Government —

There is at present no Ship of Burden here — except the Valentine under Dispatch for Bengal, if any Vessel can be procured, she shall be sent for the Specie and Goods you propose to form part of the Investment, on a future valuation, and for as many of the Guns as it may be determined to send to the Presidency —

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1. I chearfully agree to the allowing the Officers of the Seamen and Marines who did duty on shore at the Seige, Batta according to their Respective Ranks; and the necessary Orders are sent to the Paymaster for that purpose

The conduct of the Commanders of the Neptune and Royal Admiral is highly blamable and we shall not fail to express our Sense of it in the strongest Terms to the Court of Directors.

I have the honor to be,
with perfect esteem,
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
Macartney

Fort St George,
1st December 1781.

To Mr Harry Taylor,
Paymaster with the Army
in the Tanjore Country.

Sir,

To Mr Harry Taylor to receive the Coin and Bullion, & to grant receipts; to pay Batta to the Officers of the Seamen & Marines

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will receive whatever Coin and Bullions may be tendered to you by the Agents for the Captors of Negapatam, and give Receipts for the same on behalf of the Honble Company, to entitle them to receive Bonds to the Amount of them at the Presidency - I am also directed to desire that you will issue Batta to the Officers of the Seamen and Marines who did duty on Shore at the Seige of Nega=patam according to their respective Ranks, and for the time they

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1st They served on shore.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir, Your Most Obedient

humble Servant,

John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St George

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Fort St George November 29th 1781.

Dear General

Very soon after my Letter of Congratulation to you on your Capture of Negapatam, I had the Satisfaction of receiving yours of 12th Instant, and afterwards your Letters of the 16th 17th and 18th either signed by you alone or jointly with the Admiral. The Circumstances and consequences of this important Event do you infinite honor. It is a great Satisfaction to me that you have formed a plan of future operations so consonant to the Recommendation you will have found in my Letter, written with a View of improving to the utmost the advantages of your conquest.

Sir Eyre Coote being here, I have communicated to him your request to have some Europeans to ensure your Success against the Forts in the Tanjore Country, you may be assured I shall send to you whatever assistance may be in my Power, and as speedily as possible. The Corps of Europeans with the Army is very much diminished, and Sir Eyre Coote is not inclined that any should go till the Prisoners from Negapatam arrive, from whom some are expected to enlist in our Service, and may supply the place of those who

shall

To General Munro - Europeans to be sent on the Arrival of the Prisoners. Bonds to be granted to the Captors for the Coin & Bullion. Think it Advisable that Mr Van Vlissingen be removed. to use his endeavours with the Merchants to borrow a Sum of Money - The conduct of the Captains of the Royal Admiral and Neptune to be represented to the Court of Directors - Captain Eidington removed from the Command of Palamcottah, to be employed out of the Tinnevelly Country.

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1st shall in that case be sent to you. If it can be done sooner I shall certainly do it. you will I am sure, make every exertion with what force you will have remaining after the Detachments necessary to be sent elsewhere.

The Admiral wrote to me on the 13th that you and he thought it highly expedient to remove the late Governor of Negapatam and his family from thence, in which opinion I perfectly co-incide; but it is not quite so clear to me that it is consistent with good Policy to give just at this time so able a man as Mynheer Van Vlissingen an opportunity of communicating either at Columbo or Battavia intelligence of our Views or of our Present Strength and future resources and of serving in a manner the Most dangerous to us in giving his Advice, an English West India Governor taken Prisoner in the present War was prevented from Similar Motives, from going to any English Colony, but was sent directly to Europe. The proposal therefore to send Mynheer Van Vlissengen to Bombay, in Order to proceed from thence to Europe, seems to me to be the Most eligible. However you and the Admiral who must concert the plan of operations against the Dutch, can best judge whether it is likely to be affected by any intelligence or Advice of Mynheer Van Vlissengen and will determine concerning him as you may think proper, but if you should think it safest to send him to Bombay or the Cape, you may declare it to be the Determination of the Presidency. The conduct of the Captors in relation to the Coin and Bullion taken at Negapatam, is very handsome to the Public, and the Conditions of the Bonds they require

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1st are perfectly agreeable to us; Receipts will be given by Mr. Taylor, the Paymaster, for whatever shall be delivered to him, and Bonds agreeable to such receipts will be given at the Presidency on their being produced here; this is the only method to be followed, as no bonds can be executed but by the Government -

Such of the Guns taken by you as are not to be disposed of in the manner I mentioned in my former letter, may be sent here, except those which may be of use at Nagore which it is recommended to us to fortify; and make a Post for the Protection of the Neighbouring Country, and for such of the Inhabitants of Negapatam as may chose to leave that place after the Demolition of its fortifications; but on this Subject I wish to have your Sentiments, there is no Ship of Burden here, except the Valentine under immediate Dispatch for Bengal. If any other Vessell can be procured, she shall be sent for the Spices and Goods you propose to form part of the Investment on a future valuation, and for as Many of the Guns as she may be able to carry. The Citadel of Negapatam, will no doubt be immediately undermined, and ready for destruction; but should otherwise remain entire, until the Works of the Pettah shall be entirely demolished; you will I hope assure the Admiral of my strong inclination to yield to his and your Representation in relation to Batta for such Persons of the Fleet as served on shore as far as may be consistent with the Rules of the Company, and the usage of the Service; it shall be considered in the Select Committee without delay; our Funds however are at present very low; you have my hearty thanks for

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1st For your Efforts to get a loan of Money for us from the Merchants of Negapatam, and we shall be much disappointed if you do not Succeed; for the Demands upon us are numerous and pressing.

If any Officers can be spared for your Sepoy Corps, they will be sent; considering the Number gone of late to the Southward. I should have imagined that you have already a full proportion.

The Conduct of the Captains of the Neptune and Royal Admiral is highly blameable, and we feel much indignation on the Occasion; we sent them on purpose to give their best Assistance to the important Operations now carrying on to the Southward — We shall not fail to write to the Court of Directors upon that Subject, and to represent in the strongest Terms, the fatal consequence to the Service, if such Behaviour is not resented & punished by them in the most pointed manner.

In consequence of several Complaints that have been made against Captain Eddington, it has been judged highly necessary that he should be relieved from the Command of Palamcottah, in order that an Enquiry may be made into his conduct. The enclosed Letter acquainting him of this resolution, I request you will forward to him, with a Letter from yourself directing him to join yourself, or appointing him to any Service out of the Tinnavelly Country in which you think he may be rendered useful to the Company

I have the honor.

Dear General

With great Truth and Regard

Your most Obedient humble Servant

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To Captain James Edingtoun,
Commanding at Pallamcottah,

Sir,

To Captain Edingtoun
rimanded from the Command
of Pallamcottah.

In consequence of several Complaints that
have been made to us against you, we have judged it
necessary to relieve you from your present Command, and
you will accordingly deliver it to the Officer whom Sir
Hector Munro may appoint to receive it.

You will receive herewith a Letter from
Sir Hector Munro, and Orders for your future Guidance.

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

Fort St George
1st December 1781.

To Mr William Light,
Mr George Proctor,
and the Officer who may succeed
Captain Edingtoun in the Command
of Palamcottah.

To Messrs Light, Proctor,
& Commanding Officer
at Pallamcottah,
appointed a Committee
to make an Enquiry
into the Complaints
made by Mr Dodd agt
Captain Edingtoun.

Gentlemen,

Having received Letters from Mr James Dodd
containing serious matter of Complaint against
Captain James Edingtoun, we have appointed you a Committee
to make full inquiry into the facts Stated in the said
Letters, and report to us every circumstance that shall

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come to your knowledge relating to the Grievance Complained of with your opinion thereon

We transmit you herewith Copies of Mr Dalls Letters, and desire you will proceed on the Investigation without loss of time.

We are,

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
humble Servants,
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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1st December 1781.

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Read the following Letter from Mr Holland.

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

My Lord,

From Mr Holland — advice of a reinforcement Coming from England —

A Letter I have received of the 5th November from the Governor of Bombay mentions, but without specifying any Date, that he had been informed by Letters from England, of there being an Intention to Dispatch to India one thousand of the Kings Troops, two thousand Germans, 1000 Swiss, and as many Recruits, and that they were to be Convoyed by three Line of Battle Ships and some Frigates, the Letter likewise mentions, that the Sultan of 74 Guns, and Magnanime of 64 left Spithead the 11th of June for India, with 8 or 9 Sail of Indiamen under their convoy —

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3. I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

With great Respect,

Your Lordships Most Obedient

humble Servant,

John Holland.

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22d. November 1781

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Sir Edward Hughes, K. B.

Vice Admiral of the Blue, and

Commander in Chief of all his

Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir, I have been honored with your Letters of the 12th. and 19th. Ultimo, the former acquainting me of the Surrender of Negapatam, and I most Sincerely congratulate you on that Important event, and your steady and spirited Exertions have most materially contributed to it, and have done you immortal honor.

It is not in my Power to say any thing satisfactory at present with regard to European Artillery Men, our Number here is so very Small, that I fear none can be spared: but I should hope that Sir Hector Munro could send with you some Native Artillery Men, who I am told are scarcely inferior to our own ——

The Stores you require shall be sent the first opportunity.

You may be assured I shall always take pleasure

To Sir Edw? Hughes - the Artillery to be sent if possible - requesting convoy for the Ships expected from Bengal

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3d pleasure in paying particular attention to your wants, and when they are not supplied, you will do me the justice to believe that it can proceed from Nothing but absolute Inability.

I have the honor to be with perfect esteem,

Sir,

your most obedient

humble Servant,

Macartney

Fort St. George

3 December, 1781. P.S. Considerable Supplies both in Money and provisions are preparing at Bengal to be sent to us in January, and our Salvation depends on their safe Arrival, — if you can properly afford them convoy, I am sure you will —

To James Daniell Esqr

Chief & Council of

Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam to send 10,000 Bullocks to the Province.

The Public Service absolutely requiring that a considerable Number of Carriage Bullocks should be procured for the use of the Army, we earnestly desire that you will use your utmost Endeavors to supply us with 10000 if possible, and send them hither by sea with all expedition, we must also particularly recommend to you to have them accompanied with steady and careful Drivers.

As the Sea is very Smooth in the Month of January, and there is little risk of an Enemy, we wish you to consider whether part of the Number of Bullocks we want might not be conveyed in rafts constructed for that purpose.

By adopting this or any other Method that may

3. may be effectual for relieving us from the Inconvenience we labor under for want of the Means of carrying provisions, you will render a most Acceptable Service to the publick - We have proposed the mode of sending the Bullocks by Sea, because we apprehend some risk of their being intercepted by the Enemies Horse, whose motions are very rapid, and they often appear in places where they were not expected; the Army being now in cantonments near this place, the Enemy may possibly extend themselves a little to the Northward - It is said that some Vessels have been made at Bengal for the purpose of transporting a considerable Number of Bullocks upon, we therefore imagine that on account of the shortness of the Passage, they might be still better sent from Masulipatam - At all Events they must be provided for us without delay, and sent by such conveyance as will best ensure their safety -

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants,

Macartney &c.

Select Committee.

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4. Received the following Letter from Masulipatam.

(Military Department)

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President & Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have received your Commands of the 22 inst.

from Masulipatam with

and

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4. and herewith have the honor to forward you a General Monthly return of the Troops in these Districts for October last. We shall be attentive in compliance with your Orders to Transmit the Returns of Troops in future as early in Every Month as possible, which we beg leave to observe has only been omitted latterly conformably to a General Order issued to the Southward forbidding the sending of Monthly Returns of Troops from the out Garrisons to the Presidency in the customary manner, as the Roads were insecure, and such we considered our Situation, while some of the Enemy's Cavalry were reported to be on this side of Pulicat.

With Returns of the Troops for October — Two Companies of the 1st Batt.n to be sent to Vizagapatnam

The two Companies of Grenadier Sepoys at Coringa belonging to the first Battalion, shall be sent back to the Vizagapatam District, agreeably to your Orders.

We are Respectfully,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servants,

" Jn.o Daniell.

" Jas. Hodges

" John Peter Boit

" Thos. Barnard

" Alex.r Pringle.

Masulipatam
29th November 1781

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Tuesday
4th December 1781.

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr.
Sir Eyre Coote indisposed. Sir Hector Munro Absent
upon Service, John Holland Esqr Resident at the Nizam's
Court.

The Minutes of last Committee Read and approved

President to Minute
laye before the Committee
the agreement Executed
by his Highness the
Nabob and his Lordship,

The President acquaints the Committee that in consequence of his Letter to the Nabob of the 23d of last Month, on the alternative proposed by his Highness for securing the Assignment of his Revenues for the support of the War, and of the Nabobs Answer, his Lordship had several conferences with his Highness, as well as with his Excellency the Ameer ul Omrah, his Second Son and Minister; The Critical Situation of His Highness's and the Company's affairs and the glaring want of remedy to the present disorder of his Highness's Finances were proposed upon his Judgement But it proved a matter of extreme delicacy and difficulty to convey to his Mind a Truth however palpable that a more effectual management of the Revenues, and a more certain application of them to the promotion of the Common Cause, depended on his Highness's ceasing for a time to have any interference in that department of the Administration of the Carnatic as he has ever, with an increasing degree of the suspicious Care and jealous ambition of the Princes of Indostan endeavoured to guard and encrease his Power; Obstructions could not but offer in every negociation for a

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Temporary Substitution of any share of his Authority, and the Success of it was extremely uncertain to the last Moment. It is true indeed that his good opinion of the upright Intentions of the present Government strengthened the Representations that were made on the Occasion, having also convinced His Excellency the Ammeer ul = Omrah of the propriety of the Arrangement he took Considerable pains to convey the same conviction to his Father. His Highness yielded to the necessity of the Times and to the confidence he placed in the assurances that were given him.

The President lays before the Committee the Instrument executed by his Highness and his Lordship, which the Committee will find to be agreeable in the main Points to their Sentiments — A precise and compleat = arrangement might indeed with greater certainty have insured the Application of the Revenues of the Country to its defence, but nothing more was to be obtained, unless by the adoption of Methods likely to excite Jealousy and Complaint. At a time when there seemed a Combination of most of the Powers of Indostan against the English = Nation, it would have been an Act not only odious in itself but glaringly impolitic in its nature, to Seize by force what was in great Measure attainable by = address, or by any proceeding of the Company's Servants involve the Company's Honor, which would have been irrev= =erably committed by any deceit or violence practised against their oldest friend in the Eastern World. =

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Fort St. George, 2d December 1781.

Agreement with the Nabob and the President, assigning over his Countries for five years.

This Paper is to have all the Force and Validity of a Signed and no other Instrument is necessary between his Highness the Nabob and the Governor on behalf of the Company — His Highness impowers the Governor to appoint all Renters or Amildars, to be confirmed by His Highness. — the Governor to Settle with them for Rent, the time of renting to be for three or five Years, as the Governor shall Settle with the Renters — Rent not to be inferior to Net Revenue of His Highness's Exchequer in similar Circumstances

The orders which His Highness will give shall not affect the Revenue; Orders relative to the Revenue shall proceed from Lord Macartney alone, orders from his Highness and from his Lordship to be communicated to each other. His Highness will give usual Cowles to the Amildars who will be appointed by the Governor, with the Addition of a Clause declaring, that all Monies are to be paid to the Orders of the Governor only — The Governor obliges himself to pay to his Highness the Sixth part of the Revenue from time to time, as the same shall be received by the Governor, and to pay it agreeably to His Highness's Orders here or in the respective Countries where the same shall be collected, as His Highness shall please to direct: The remaining five parts of the Net Receipt of the Revenue shall be placed to His Highness's Credit with the Company. The Governor to furnish Receipts to His Highness from time to time for the Sums that shall be received on His Highness's Account —

His Highness declares that during the Period now agreed upon of five years, he will not remove or

Dismiss

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Dismiss any Renter without the Knowledge and consent of the Governor — His Highness also empowers the Governor to regulate and Receive all Peshcash and all other Revenues of the Carnatic, allowance to be made only by the Governor for the Amount of His Highness's Sands. forgiving Peshcash for one or two years granted before the Second day of April last; all new Sanads to be given by His Highness, and not by the Governor — Such Revenues to be so regulated as not to be inferior to the net Receipts in similar Circumstances The Governor to pay one sixth part also of such Peshcash and other Revenue to his Highness, the remainder to be placed to his Credit, as in the case of the Amount of Rents

Lord Macartney will please to Act conformably to this Paper, which is signed and Sealed in Duplicate — both by His Highness and the Governor, and reciprocally delivered to each other — Madras December 2. 1781 —

A true Copy of the Translation from the Persian Original.

Signed by Lord Macartney

J. Huddleston.
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The Committee would do themselves as well as the Right Honble President the greatest Injustice, were they to be content with merely expressing their approbation of the foregoing agreement. To attain an object of this Magnitude, and which had so much opposition to encounter in the jealousy and prejudices of the Nabob; the greatest ability would have been ineffectual without

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That judicious and temperate line of conduct which the President has observed throughout the negociation, and the most perfect conviction in the mind of the Nabob of his Lordships just and upright intentions, harsh or violent Measures the Committee agree with the President would have been odious and impolitic, yet necessity might at length have compelled their adoption; the conduct which has precluded that necessity affords the Committee the truest Satisfaction, and reflects that credit and honor upon the President, which will best be evinced by the Salutary consequences it cannot fail to produce; while the War continues, the Revenue of those parts of Carnatic not possessed by the Enemy will be applied to its support, which has hitherto been attempted in vain; and after Peace shall be established, a System may be formed upon the Agreement now concluded, to secure permanent prosperity both to the Nabob, and the Company; his Highness will in a few years be released from his present load of Public, and private Debts, and the Company will have in their own hands the means of paying and subsisting their Troops, nor will it be the least of the advantages arising from the present arrangement that the influence which has given birth to so much jealousy and Distrust between his Highness and the Company, and equally opposed the welfare of both, will of necessity cease; there will no longer be the appearance of a separate Interest, and at the same time that the difficulties which have been experienced from a divided Government in the Country will be removed, sufficient will be left with the Nabob to Satisfy all the just purposes

of

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of power, and to preserve his Dignity and consequence in the Eyes of his Subjects. —

A Letter to be written to the Nabob in consequence of the agreement —

The following Letter of Acknowledgement to the Nabob for the great proof which he has given in the Agreement concluded with the President, of his confidence in, and Steady friendship for the Company, having been prepared, is now read and approved, and ordered to be sent to his Highness —

May it please your Highness!

To the Nabob, with Acknowledgements for the great proof he has shewn of his friendship to the Company in assigning over his Countries —

The sincere and Steady Friendship which has so long subsisted between your Highness and the English Nation cannot fail to be cemented by the fresh Mark you have this day given of your confidence in the Company in relation to the Revenues of your Country — A measure which promises to promote the connected Interest of your Highness and the Company in this present critical Juncture must afford the highest satisfaction to me, whose Ambition in this Country is to contribute as much as possible to so desirable a Purpose — In making a suitable Return to the trust reposed in me by your Highness on this important occasion I gratify my own Sentiments, and render myself acceptable to the Company as well as to my Sovereign, of whose friendship towards your Highness you are well persuaded. His Majesty has given the most undoubted Proofs of his regard by ordering part of his Forces to be employed towards expelling the Invader from your Dominions — Notwithstanding

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Notwithstanding the several Enemies he has to encounter elsewhere. By this assistance from the King of Great Britain, by the Company's Exertions, and by your Highness's wise resolution to appropriate the greatest part of your Revenues to defray the Expences of the War, I have the strongest hope, that it will be terminated in a short time, and that your Highness will be fully reinstated in your Territories, Power, and Dignity.—

As the assignment your Highness has made of your Revenues is for the support and Expences of the War, those objects being accomplished, your Highness's Revenues will be entirely at your own Disposal, according to whatever future Arrangement may be made between your Highness, and the Governor on behalf of the Company, for the discharge of your Debts, or the Advantage of your Subjects as I had the honor to express to your Highness in a former Letter—

I have the honor to be,

Your Highness's

Most Obedient and

Most humble Servant,

(Signd) Macartney

Fort St George
December 2d. 1781

(Copy)

Resolved that a Copy of the Agreement be sent a number in the packet of Swallow, and that a Copy be now taken for the use of the Office, and signed by the Secretary and Persian Translator.—

Copy of the Agreement with the Nabob to be sent a number in the Packet—

Read the following Letters

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Capt. Patterson — enclosing Copy of Letter to Mr. Ram & his Answer relative to their disputes.

I am sorry to be under the necessity of troubling you at this time on a Subject regarding various disputes between the Nabobs Manager Shadicawn, and Mr. Ram, they at length became so high that I judged it proper to interfere, in order to prevent Effects that might have been very prejudical to the Service.

The Troops in this Garrison having received no Pay for these four Months past, or any thing in Lieu thereof and some of the Companies which are Acting with the Nabobs Troops Guarding the Western Frontier Garrisons, & protecting the Districts, and Crops of Grain which lie between this Fort & Cannoar, have not received Pay since June last the Nabobs Troops are also much more considerably in Arrears than ours, and were very Clamourous for some thing to be given them, as they were starving, and threatened if it was not immediately sent out — They would quit their Posts. I received many Letters from the Nabobs Officer Commanding the Troops there on this Subject, and was frequently told by the Nabobs manager that as there was no Revenue coming in from the Country at present he should be obliged to take from the Store, Paddy in the Fort belonging to the Nabob, in order to Satisfy them till the Crops from the Country was gathered in; when it should be replaced again with new Grain — on the 1st Instant I

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applied to the Paymaster for Subsistence for the Troops for August last, and was told there was no Money — I then applied to Mr Ram, who said that Paddy should be delivered to the Troops instead of Pay: in consequence of which I ordered the Sepoys to attend, which they accordingly did day after day till the 1st, but to no purpose, for they got no Paddy, owing as I have since been informed, to the Disputes between Shadee Cawn and Mr Ram —

You may easily judge of our critical Situation — The Nabobs Troops ready to Revolt, and our own begging in the Streets, and not able to perform their duty These Circumstances considered, I thought it at length — incumbent on me to interfere, dreading the fatal — Effects which must otherwise have happened to this Garrison and the District, for our only present resource is the Crop of Paddy now on the Ground, and which — cannot be Secured but by the Troops out to the Westward; for these Reasons I addressed a Letter to Mr Ram, Copy thereof, also Copy of his Answer I have the honor to enclose herewith — by which you will be enabled to judge of the absolute necessity there is to point out a line to Regulate their conduct, and to prevent disputes of this nature — happening in future —

I have the honor to remain,
With great Respect,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant,
J. Patterson Captain
Commanding.

Trichinopoly,
15th November 1781.

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P.S. Since the Command of this Fort has devolved on me I cannot in justice to Mr. Norris omit mentioning the Assiduity and Attention he has paid to the Fortifications which have been carried on in a very expeditious manner.

The Rampart on the Madura Face from the Gateway to the South west angle is almost entirely completed with a strong parapet and embrazures. This will in a great manner prevent any Approaches on that Face. The business has been lately a little prevented, owing to the Stop that has been put to the Delivery of Paddy for the use of the Coolys, but am now in hopes of being able to finish that part, and to Set about the Chintamoney or North Face, which is in a very ruinous State. —

J.C.

Trichinopoly 10.th November 1781.

To George Andrew Ram Esq.r
Receiver &.a Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I am sorry to find that because of Disputes between you and Shade Lavon, the Nabob's Manager, the Company's business is procrastinated and impeded, I therefore think it my duty for the good of the Service in General, to acquaint you that no Disputes of this nature shall prevent the Company's business from going on, and further that I am of myself alone Answerable for the safety, preservation, and protection of this Garrison, and the District thereunto belonging, and as this cannot be done unless Grain is served out to the Company's and Nabob's Troops from the Circar Godowns,

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Godowns, for all which reasons I judged it absolutely necessary to acquaint you, that it is my Pleasure, that you with upon the Receipt of this be pleased to Order Paddy to be served out for the abovementioned purposes, If otherwise you Act, I shall be necessitated to take charge of all the Paddy upon myself, and shall if soon out to the Companys and Nabob's Forces as I shall Judge most proper for the good of the Service -

I have the pleasure to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

To Captain Patterson,

Commanding in Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have received your Extraordinary Letter of this date, acquainting me that it is your pleasure that I will be pleased to order &c. Now Sir, as I am not subject in any shape to your pleasure, I have just reason of Offence at this over-bearing expression. but as I imagine it escaped you through inadvertency, and that upon reference to the Letter from the Governor and Council to the Commanding Officer under date the 5th March 1781. and the Subject of my employ, you will see the Impropriety of it, and having reason to believe that your Letter was intended to benefit the Service, I shall overlook it, and reply only to the rest, I have then to acquaint you, that it has been my Endeavour ever since I have been in this Fort to procure pay and Subsistence for the Garrison,

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but these my intentions have been frequently delayed by the Petulance of Eitabar Cawn, the Manager, as in the present Instance, when having obtained from him the promise of a Tunka for 5,000 Rupees for the Payment of this Garrison, in consideration of which I signed an order for 15,000 Rupees for the use of the Nabob's Troops, he now refuses to have this Tunka properly made out, under pretence of not having Receipts for Grain from me for Paddy delivered to Coolies on the Works, which Receipts I have no power to Grant, without an express order from the Governor and Council. I have therefore thought proper to put a Stop to the delivering of Paddy for the use of the Nabob's Troops 'till he shall have given me the Tunka aforesaid in proper Form, He in return says he will not allow Paddy to be delivered to the Company's Troops - but this I am determined to take, whether he will or not, and shall accordingly send him Notice of my Intention, unless you choose as Commanding Officer to take this upon yourself, which I beg you will let me know in writing.

I am, Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

(signed) G. A. Ram.

Receiver &c. in the Trichinopoly Country

Trichinopoly
6th November, 1781

A true Copy.

J. Patterson.

Minute thereon

All matters that relate to the Revenue and to Transactions with the Nabob's manager being under the Sole direction of Mr. Ram, the Committee disapprove of Captain Patterson's Interference therein, and particularly of the stile of his Letter to Mr. Ram - Agreed that a letter be written

to

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to him conformably to these Sentiments —

Committees Sentiments on the Disputes with Mr. Dent and Colonel Harper. —

The Committee having taken into consideration the Letter from Mr. Dent read at their last meeting, and also referred to Colonel Harper's Letter of the 1st to which the former is an Answer, observe that there has been an evident Interference on the part of Colonel Harper in matters well known to be under the direction of the Chief and Council of Cuddalore, and which were unconnected with the Duties of his Station, even supposing him vested with the powers given to the Commanding Officer by the Military regulations when the place is attacked —

The Committee also observe with concern a disrespect, apparently intended, to the Chief on his embarking for the Presidency, and unjustifiable, whether Mr. Dent were considered as Chief of Cuddalore, or as publickly called from that Station to take his Seat as a Member of this Government — Resolved that a Letter be written to Colonel Harper agreeably to the aforegoing Minute, that he be furnished with an Extract of the Minutes of the Select Committee of the 12.th December, 1778. for his future guidance, and that it be recommended to him henceforth to unite cordially with the Chief and Council for the advancement of the Public Service.

A Letter to be written to Colonel Harper agreeable to the foregoing Minute. —

Read the following Letter from Captain Arthur Lyvaght.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
President &c. Committee
Fort S.t George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

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From Capt. Lysaght requesting Lieutenant James Mackay be appointed his Brigade Major.

The Chief and Council of Masulipatam having favored me with an Extract of your Lordships &c. Letter to them under date the 15th of September last, I beg leave to assure you that I am perfectly sensible, that agreable to the General Orders of the 14th May 1778, no Officer appointed by me to Act as Brigade Major, could be intitled to pay &c. for Officiating as such, but the Communication with the Presidency being at that time entirely cut off, and the necessity of the Service requiring in my opinion such an appointment, I ventured to make it, hoping that it would meet with the Honble Committees approbation, as I conceived my situation to be widely different from that expressed in the General Order, having at that time as well as now, Five Battalions of Sepoys, and upwards of Two Hundred Europeans under my Command, Returns of which were to be made out, Registers of their Casualties kept, and all General and other orders issued to them; the whole of which was not in my Power to execute unassisted, your Lordships will therefore I hope pardon the liberty I then took, and now indulge me by appointing Lieutenant James Mackay to Act as Brigade Major to the Troops under the Chiefship of Masulipatam.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most Humble
& Obedient Servant
Arthur Lysaght

Agreed

Ellore,
4th Novr 1781.

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Granted.

Agreed that Lieutenant James Mackay be appointed Brigade Major to the Troops under the Chief and Council of Masulipatam —

Captain James Cedingtown being relieved from the Command of Pullamore Bah, Captain Joseph Bideliffe is now appointed to that Command in his Room —

Captain Bideliffe appointed to the Command of Calam=ccotah &c

Read Letter from Mr. Jackson with a Comparative view of the Expences of the Troops in the Years 1768. and 1781. as entered in the Miscellany Book — Macartney

From the Auditor of Accounts, with comparative view of the expences of the Troops in the years 1768 & 1781.

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5 Received Letter from Captain George Smith as entered in Miscellany Book No. 305. —

Received Letter from His Highness the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No. 165. —

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7. Received the following Letter from Sir Hector Munro.

My Lord,

X From General Munro in want of Gun Powder to destroy the Fortification in hopes of getting one Lack of Pagodas from the Inhabitants - The Enemy Evacuated Shawcottah. —

The Admiral cannot spare above 1000 Barrels of Powder for demolishing the works here, and it will require 2,000 Barrels, your Lordship will be pleased to send 1000 down as soon as possible the Ships with some ordnance, Stores, &c will I hope sail for Madrass in 5 or 6 Days, at which time The Admiral thinks he shall be ready to Sail for Tranquebar we have had eight days of very bad weather here, which obliged the Squadron to go to Sea, but returned Yesterday and this day into the Roads, their absence for three days retarded the Embarkation of Guns, Stores, &c. and also our going on with destroying the Fortifications was stopped by the severe Rains which have fallen for eight days past, I hope we shall succeed in getting one Lack of Pagodas from the Soucars and Merchants here; Hyders People have abandoned Shawcottah after making two Breaches in it, which has saved me the Trouble of doing it this they did two days ago, and it is reported that they intend to evacuate the Forts in the Tanjore Country, and to retire to Arcot, or Hyders Country; if this be true the good effects arising from the taking of Negapatam appear very early indeed. I will send the

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7. Returns &c. by the Active Frigate, till which time I shall only add that I am with much Respect and Esteem.

My Lord,

Your Lordships Most Obed.t &
Most humble Servant. -

Hector Munro

Vegapatam,
23.d November, 1781. -

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8. Received the following Letter from Captain Edmonds.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Capt.n Edmonds
Recruits to be sent to the Presidency; recommending the Black Officers. -

I am honored by the receipt of your Letter dated the 28.th ultimo, and shall lose no time in sending the Sepoy recruits raised here to Madras under the care of the Black Officers who have raised them, on promise of Promotion. Their conduct during the recruiting service, and their great attention to the discipline of the Men since, merit every encouragement; and I flatter myself, if agreeable, to promise of their companies fellow them to the Southward, that their present Rank will be confirmed; such encouragement will I doubt not induce many more to enter the Service on the same Terms and few or more can be got on any other: should I be successful in raising more, the Arms sent with those will be wanted back, or to be replaced by others. I shall continue the same mode of recruiting, unless honored with orders from you to

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8th to the contrary, I have the honor to be with much Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedt Hble Servt

Edwd Edmonds
Captn Commadr

Ongole,
3d December 1781

Dispatched the following Letters.

Fort St George, December 8th 1781

To Sir Hector Munro,

Dear General,

To Genl Sir Hector Munro — Captn Billcliffe applyed for the Command of Palamcotah, referring Captn Billcliffe to him for Instructions concerning the Polygars in the Tinnavelly Country,

The Committee having appointed Captn Billcliffe to succeed Captain Eidingtaun in the Command at Palamcottah, he waits upon you in his way to receive your orders — you will have long since Received my Letters upon the Subject of reconciling the refractory Polygars in the Tinnavelly Country to our interests, a measure which would probably much contribute to the reduction of Tutcorin. I refer Captain Billcliffe to you for your Instructions on this point; If any military Stores should be wanting in the Tinnavelly and Madura Countries, and that a safe opportunity offers of conveying them you may possibly be able to spare some from Nagapatam. I mentioned to you before that I thought both Tanjore and Trichinopoly were also in great need of supplies of that kind — I have received your Letter of the 23d past, and wait impatiently for the arrival of the Ships from Negapatam. The Lack of Pagodas will be a most welcome Supply. We hoped that you would be able to

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8. Perswade the sable Gentry to lend the Company a much larger Sum, but I see they are of the same feather with the Sowcars of Madras. -

Sir Eyre Coote has been much indisposed, but appears now to be some what better. He seems resolved to leave us. - Adieu, My Dear General. with the sincerest Regard

Macartney -

To Major George Maule.

Sir,

To Major Maule to send an Engineer to Pulicat. -

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will immediately send an Engineer to Pulicat, with orders to mine the Fortifications of that place, so as that they may be in readiness to be blown up at the shortest notice. -

I have the honor to be -

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant. -

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8th December 1781. -

John Huddleston

Secretary

Dispatched Letter to Mr William Light, as entered in Miscellany Book No 306. -

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10. Dispatched the following Letters

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To Ernst William Fallofield Esqr
&c. Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

To Cuddalore, enclosing Letter to Col. Harper concerning their Disputes

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose under a flying Seal a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Harper, containing their Determination on the Subject of his Dispute with the late Chief of Cuddalore.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant,

John Huddleston

Secretary

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To Lieutenant Col. Humphry Harper,

Sir

To Colonel Harper, with the determination of the Committee on his disputes with the Chief and Council at Cuddalore.

We have received your Letter of the 20th Ultimo and having furnished Mr. Dent with a copy of it, and received his Answer we proceed to give you our opinion on the Subject of your dispute with that Gentlemen.

We shall avoid entering into the various circumstances stated in your Letter, and in Mr. Dents reply, and content ourselves with observing that, from a Perusal of both, it is evident to us that there has been an unnecessary Interference on your part in matters well known to be under the charge and Direction of the Chief and Council, and which were unconnected with the Duties of your Station, even supposing

You

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10. You vested with the Powers given to the Commanding Officer by the Military regulations when the place is attacked.

We are concerned also to be under the necessity of observing in you a Disrespect, apparently intended, to the Chief on his embarking for the Presidency, and unjustifiable, whether Mr. Dent were considered as Chief of Cuddalore, or as publickly called from that Station to take his place as a Member of this Government.

We enclose for your future [illegible] Minutes on Extract from the Minutes of the Select Committee of the 1st December 1778, in which the Line between the Civil and Military Servants in the subordinate Settlements, and the Authorities allotted to each, are distinctly ascertained; and we earnestly recommend that you hencefourth avoid all disagreements with the Chief and Council, and unite cordially with them for the publick Service.

We are
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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Dispatched the following Letter

Fort S.t George, Dec.r 10. 1781

To Sir Hector Munro,

To General Munro with Extract of a Paper &c

Dear General,

The Letter of which the inclosed Paper is an Extract,

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Works of Negapatam ought not to be destroyed immediately, but to be ready for instant demolition. —

Pr 10. Extract is just arrived; the Extract is of too much importance not to send it to you without any delay. — The Possibility of the Facts it contains induces me to think that if Nagore or Devicotah should in the present Moment be considered as incapable of being maintained, in case of the appearance of an Enemy, the Works of Nagapatam ought not to be destroyed immediately, but they should be completely mined so as to be in a State ready for instant demolition, whenever necessary. In the Mean time such Works may be thrown up at Negore as might be Sufficient in case of an Attack either from Indian or European Enemies, upon which you will exercise your Judgment, to which I Submit mine on this matter, as you will be able to form it From the Actual Situation of things in the Country under your immediate Command, joined to the Intelligence thus communicated to you. —

I am with great Truth & regard

Dear General, your most obedient humble Servant

Macartney

Pr 11 Received the following Letters —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen. Lord & Mr. George

From Mr. Holland, a French Minister arrives at Coonah, a French Fleet with 6,000 Europeans on Board reputed to arrive in India to join Hyder; not in his power to send Horses.

His Highness has informed me that a Minister from Frogee of the Name of Monte is arrived at Coonah — that the Marattah Vackeel had told him that a French Fleet with Six Thousand Europeans on board had left Mauritius on the 27th October, that the French being of opinion that the destruction of the English Power in the Carnatick was the Object first to be aimed at, and that there were hopes of effecting

No 11. effecting it by an immediate junction of their Troops with Hyder's Army, had determined that their first convoy should be landed in Hyder's Country, that an other would immediately follow to join the Marattahs, in order to proceed to undertake the Siege of Bombay, that the French Minister had letters for his Highness from the King of France, and wished to know whether he might have permission to come to Hydrabad to deliver them, His Highness added that the Friendship he professed for our Cause led him to make this Communication, that we might probably think it necessary to break up the Siege of Negapatam, in order to dispatch the fleet to intercept that of the French, or to take such other Measures as might appear expedient. I give your Lordship &c. these particulars in his Highness's own Words; but as to the Credit that may be due to them, I shall say nothing being fully aware of the versatile and ambo dextrous Artifices employed by all Moorish Politicians I did not fail to assure his Highness that the French had not any Troops to spare from the place he had Mentioned.

I had on the 28th the honor of your Letter of the 5th in which you instruct me to endeavour to effect a purchase of three hundred Horses to be delivered at Madras to remount Sir Eyre Cootes' Troops, and I loose no time to inform you that it is a Commission which it is not in my power to Execute; there is no market for Horses at this place, a fair is annually held at a place eight days Journey from hence, but the Season is just passed, and at any rate, the present great demand for horses by such Competitors as his Highness and the Marattas at once in his Highness's own Country, would I believe under the disadvantage of my having no fit agent to

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11. send to the place, admitting that the Marattas had used no underhand influence, have made it difficult for me to execute the Commission, I need not therefore say any thing of the impossibility there would have been at this juncture of engaging any dealer to undertake to deliver horses at Madras.

I did myself the honor to address your Lordship &c. on the Subject of the views and Wishes of this Court on the 3d instant

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Holland

Hydrabad
11th
November 30. 1781

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee.

Sir

From Major Maule — Ensign Bong sent to Pulicat —

In consequence of the Orders from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee communicated in your Letter to me of the 3d instant, I have to request you will be pleased to inform the Select Committee that I have directed Ensign Bong of the Engineers to proceed to Pulicat, and to fulfill with the utmost Expedition the Service required of him — I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedt humble Servant

George Maule,

Chief Engineer

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Dispatched the following Letter to Captain John Patterson —

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To Captain John Patterson,

Commanding at

Trichinopoly,

Sir,

To Captain Patterson - the Committee's Sentiments on his disputes with Mr. Ram -

We have received your Letter of the 15th November, enclosing a Letter from you to Mr. Ram, & his Answer -

All matters relative to the charge of receiving the Revenues, and to Transactions with the Nabob's Managers are under the Sole direction of Mr. Ram, we cannot therefore but disapprove of any Interference on your part, & particularly of the Stile of your Letter to that Gentlemen -

We earnestly recommend that you in future carefully avoid every thing which may tend to a Disagreement between you but on the contrary afford him your best assistance, and cordially cooperate with him for the public Good. We are, Sir,

Your Most Obedient
humble Servants

Fort St. George,
December, 11th 1781

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Dispatched the following Letter and Extracts to Sir Hector Munro. -

Fort St. George, December 13th 1781

To Sir Hector Munro,

Dear General,

To General Munro - enclosing Copies of Papers of Intelligence and desiring him to be on his guard

Enclosed is a Copy of two papers of Intelligence Communicated

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No 11. Communicated to me by Sir Eyre Coote, which I hasten to forward to you, as the Country under your immediate Command is threatened in them. It is sufficient that you know this Circumstance to induce you to be upon your Guard - the utmost care will no doubt be taken by you to Secure Tanjore and Trichinopoly, both as to Troops and Provisions. If Negapatam be not already destroyed, it must be sufficiently garrisoned and provided with Subsistence to maintain a Seige, and if the Works have been demolished before my late Letter to preserve them had arrived, you will endeavour to fix on a post of defence near the Coast, either Nagore or Devicottah, to be rendered defensible as quickly as possible. Enclosed you have also an Extract of a Letter from Bombay, which seems to allude to the Squadron under Monsieur Suffren. It is a considerable time since I had the pleasure of hearing from you. The Army is cantoned in and about Madras, and cannot be moved till we can find Money to pay the whole or part of their Arrears, Several Corps lost all their Baggage, and others are likewise much distressed.

I am with great truth Dear and
Dear General, Your most obedient humble Servant
Macartney

No 12. Intelligence Paper. December 12. 1781
12 o'Clock Noon -

Two Hircarrahs, Narsew and Venkatachallam are just come in from Hyder's Camp, which they say they left the day before yesterday at 4 o'clock in the Morning at Arcot & Timery. Lally they say has joined Hyder, & Tippoo Sahib they heard was at Palyput, but that Bodies of Horse &c. had been detached by him into the Baleghaut Country, and that some of the Horse were gone as far as Nearpet on the Road to Nellore. The

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No 11. Report in Hyder's Camp was that Tippoo Saibs Troops were soon to be reassembled, and to join Hyder at Arcot, when he leaving Tippoo behind, is to move off to the Tanjore Country, on their way back they heard that 4,000 Horse had been at Salivauk, or Outramallore, but they are told they moved away immediately to the Southward. —

The above Men attend for further examination

(Signed) Jn. Pringle
Capt. of Guides.

Intelligence Paper. December 12. 1781
2. O'Clock. P. M.

The Bearer is just come in from Hyder's Camp, which he says he left on the 9th at 4 O'clock in the afternoon at which time several of the small Najaros, or Dumcas had beat as Signals for the Baggage &c. to prepare to March: where, this man does not pretend to say, But he seems pretty positive that Tippoo Saib returned with the greatest part, or the whole of his force to an high Ground near Coverypauk Lake, the Morning of the day before yesterday. It is worth remarking that the Bearer, as well as the three Hircarrahs whose Intelligence was Written down yesterday Morning, have no communication with the Hircarrahs who came in at 12 to day, as they were under a Man who was some time ago set up in opposition to the head Hircarrah. —

They all seem to agree that Hyder is preparing to move

(Signed) Jno. Pringle
Capt. of Guides

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Thursday
13th. December 1781.

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President.
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr.

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Indisposed
Major General Sir Hector Munro absent upon Service.
John Holland Esqr. Resident at Nizams Court —
The Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

(Military Department)

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Masulipatam with proposed arrangements regarding the Circar Battalions.

The Season of the Year approaching when it has been customary for the Sepoy Battalions — this District to exchange their Stations, should you deem it expedient to have them do so at this time, we beg leave to Submit the following arrangement, and our Reasons for it, to your — Consideration; and to request we may be furnished with — your Instructions in consequence —

That the 2d. Battalion (Captain O'Hara) now in Masulipatam be ordered to Condapillee —

That the 3d. Battalion (Captain Johnstone) upon — being

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being relived by the 2d at Condapillee proceed one half to Ellore, and the other to Samulcottah —

That the 5th Battalion (Captain Lysaghts) now at Ellore, be ordered into Masulipatam, in the Room of the 2d &

That the 4th Battalion (Captain Chisholmes) at present at Samulcottah, return to the Ishapore District.

We are particularly interested in requesting your Lordship &c will comply with the removal of Captain O'Hara's Battalion from this Garrison, from the Situation we consider ourselves in relative to that Battalion from our promise in February (not for Services to be rendered as has been intimated) but for their good conduct in quelling the Mutiny, to Recommend to the Presidency that it march from hence at the close of this year; the circumstances which occasioned that Promise are fully Set forth in our Address to the Honorable Committee under date the 3d of the same Month, where from the Steady behaviour of that Corps upon a Sepoy of Captain Chisholmes Battalion dangerously wounding the Black Commandant on the Parade, and Mutinous disposition among his Sepoys in general, it was judged proper immediately to order them from hence, as it would have been highly imprudent to continue a Corps in the principal Place of strength and consequence in the Circars, under such manifest signs of disaffection, and they were therefore ordered to Ellore — where their Mutinous conduct would be attended with no fatal Consequences to the Circars in such time of danger

The 3d Battalion having been some time at Condapille ought to be removed to an other Station, and as the fifth has not been in Masulipatam since the Year 1775 it is very

reasonable

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reasonable it should take Its tour here upon this occasion, because the dearness of Provisions and other necessaries when compared with the out Stations in the District, renders it the most unfavorable Place for the Sepoys to live in; and requisite that the different Corps should have it by regular rotation of twelve Months.

We recommend the ordering back of Captain Chesbyre's Battalion to Pittapore, from an Opinion Generally received in that Corps that it was raised merely for the Service of that Country, where it had been above twelve years when ordered into this District, to which the Men came with reluctance, and in the hope they should soon be permitted to return; the Revenue of Ganjam being again put on the footing it was when Balla Kistnah - rented that Country may render an increase of Force there more necessary, and we have understood it was the Intention of the Honble Committee to order his Battalion back at the time the Fifth was ordered from Vizagapatam hither, together with the Grenadier Companies of the two remaining Battalions in that District of Ganjam, in consequence of the departure of Captains Long and Bridges Battalions from the Circars, and the recruits which your Lordships &c. has ordered to be raised here will compensate for the departure of Captain Chesbyre's Battalion from those districts.

If it should not be agreeable to your Lordships &c. to send Captain Chesbyre's Battalion from those districts, We beg leave to recommend that it may be continued in Ellore during the ensuing year, and the whole of Captain Johnstone's ordered to Samulcotah.

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We are Respectfully,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most Obd.t humble Servants

" Jas Daniell

" Jas Hodges

" Alex.r Cringle

" John Peter Boileau

" Tho.s Barnard

Masulipatam
28th November 1781

(Military Department)

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

of Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Masulipatam—
enclosing Account of
Disbursements to
Mr Winwood, left at
Ellore in charge of
Bullocks & Stores
enclosing Letter from
Mrs Doveton Soliciting
Lord Clive's Bounty—

We have been honored with your Commands through Mr Secretary Huddleston of the 27th last Month, & shall in consequence send up to the Presidency with as much expedition as possible, all the Tents and Marquees we can collect together—

Mr Winwood, conductor of Stores of the Bengal Detachment, having been left behind at Ellore in charge of some Bullocks and Stores when that Detachment marched to the Southward, We have thought the present Season favorable for him to proceed to Madras for your further directions. Such of the Sepoys, Lascars, & Bullocks as were in Condition to make this journey, he has taken with him, conformable to our Orders, under an Escort of a Company of Sepoys

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Sepoys Commanded by Lieut. Butler –

The Stores remaining have been received by our – Store keeper at Ellore, and the Sepoys, &c. which he has been obliged to leave behind shall be ordered to the Presidency – as soon as they are well enough to March. We herewith – transmit to your Lordships &c. an Account Disbursements to Mr. Winwood, and the People with him, made by our Pay- =master in the Circars, being from the time of their having been left at Ellore to the Day of his departure, Amounting to Current Pagodas 1,104-25. –

Mrs. Doveton Widow of the late Lieutenant Jonathan Doveton, who died on the 13th of September 80 of a Hill fever – Acquired in the Cotapillie District, has addressed us a Letter, Copy of which We forward herewith, Soliciting the benefit of Lord Clive's Bounty, We consider Mrs. Doveton as a fit Object to be taken on this Fund, and as such take leave to – Recommend her application to your Lordships, &c.

We are Respectfully,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants,
" J. Daniell
" John Peter Boileau
" Alex.r Pringle

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The Letter to the Chief and Council from Mr. Doveton entered in Miscellany Book No. 302.

Minute thereon

[The Committee approve of the arrangement proposed by the Chief and Council of Masulipatam for the Troops of that District, but as the three Battalions here are much reduced by Sickness and desertion, it is agreed that the Supernumeraries enlisted there be sent to the Presidency to complete them, and that the Chief and Council be directed not to enlist any more till further orders.]

Agreed that Mr Winwood's Accounts of Disbursements be sent to the Bengal Paymaster.

The Secretary informs the Committee that upon Mr Doveton's former application it was resolved in Committee the 15th Ap. last that she should be admitted on the Military Fund, on the usual Oath being Administered to her — Agreed that the same be now confirmed, and the Chief and Council of Masulipatam advised accordingly.

The President informs the Committee that Captain Mercer of the Revolution has brought from Calcutta on the Company's Account 2½ Lacks of Rupees, which were Shipped on board the Revolution in consequence of a letter addressed by him to the Governor General & Council, expressing his knowledge of the exigency of Affairs upon the Coast, and offering to bring whatever Money they might be pleased to send Freight free — The Committee, Sensible of the Zeal and Public spirit which Captain Mercer has Manifested in this Transaction, agree that their thanks be returned to him by the Secretary, and that he be Assured they will not fail to represent his conduct to the Court of Directors in Terms correspondent

Thanks to be given to Capt. Mercer for his Zeal and Public spirit in bringing Money from Bengal, Freight free — and to be recommended to the Court of Directors

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Correspondent to the just sense they entertain of it.—

Sir Eyre Coote having in his Letter of the 6th October last mentions a very distinguished Act of Bravery performed at the Battle of Sholingar by Mr Finch, a Servant of Colonel Owen, and recommended to the Committee that he should be rewarded with an Annuity of Twenty Pounds pr Annum for Life, to be paid by the Company either in India or in Europe, wherever the Man may be Resident, The Committee with great pleasure comply with the Generals recommendation, as far as depends on them, by resolving that Mr Finch be allowed the Sum of 50 Pagodas pr Annum to be received here as long as he shall remain in this Country, and that it be recommended to the Honble Court of Directors to confirm the same for Life, and to permit him to receive it in England, where he shall be resident there.—

Mr Finch allowed 50 Pagodas pr Annum

Read the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote with its several inclosures the Letter to him from the Officers Commanding the different Regiments of Cavalry, and the Letter from Doctor Davis to Colonel Crawford, as entered hereafter, and two Letters to Sir Eyre Coote from Shinas Achany, as entered in Country Correspondence Nos 166 & 167.—

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl Coote, enclosing Copies of two Letters from Sinas Achanny, Copies he has

The continuation of my ill health must plead in excuse for the delay in Acknowledging the honor of your Letters of the 17th & 23d Ultimo.—

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had satisfaction given him for being forcibly seized upon by Ram Chunder Rauze enclosing Copy of Letter from the Surgeon Major, representing the Situation of the Troops with respect to Health &c. one from the Cavalry Officers, representing the State of the Cavalry, requesting an order to Captain Lewis to receive him on board the Valentine to go to Bengal.

I duly notice what has been done by the Right Honble the President, with His Highness the Nabob, towards redressing the rigorous treatment which the Grand Son of Shinas Atchenny, renter of Tripetty, had experienced, from no other apparently Substantial Cause, than a Compliance with an order of mine for the good of the Service, and support of the Army. That your Committee however, may be as fully informed as myself of every Circumstance which can tend to elucidate the whole of this Business, I herewith enclose Copies of two Arzees which I have lately received from Shinas Atchanny, who I hope has also had the benefit of your interposition had Satisfaction given him for those effects, which appeared by the enclosures in my Letter of the 8th Ultimo, to have been forcibly seized upon by Ram Chunder Rauze. The bad effects produced in the Country by the exercise of such unreasonable Severities can only be done away by the most Ample redress.

For your information regarding the present state of the health of the Troops in the Army, I enclose you Copy of a Letter from the Surgeon Major, Addressed to Colonel Crawford, who was then in Command, & likewise to transmit you Copy of a Letter Addressed to me by the Officers Commanding the different Regiments of the Nabobs Cavalry. The Knowledge your Committee have of the general utility a Corps of this kind is of in the Army, renders any recommendation of their request from me altogether unnecessary. I have for the present in Answer Assured them, that what Assistance can possibly be Afforded them, will certainly be granted to enable them to maintain and bring their Horses into good Condition. I have already Advised you how much the Cavalry

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has been diminished by the Casualties of the Campaign, and the great importance it is of to the Service to have them remounted. It will be fortunate therefore if your Orders to the different parts of the Country for the purchase of Horses are attended with Success —

I have in former Letters informed you of the bad State of my Health, in which I have experienced so little alteration for the better, that I cannot indulge the hope of ever being able to return to the Field, which requires a Degree of Personal Activity, my constitution is not at present equal to — That being the case, and as a change of Air, and relaxation from Business are what promise most to remove my present Indisposition, and to restore my health, I intend going down to Bengal. Permit me therefore to request you will give an Order to the Captain, Commander of the Company's Ship Valentine, which I find is to return to that place in a few days, to receive myself and the Gentlemen of my family on board. I shall carry with me only a Subaltern and thirty of the Kings' Regiment for my guard, as Kings Commander in Chief. Should my health mend, and there should again be any occasion for my Services on this Coast, I shall upon Receipt of such information from this Presidency return with the same readiness I came to it last Year —

The regret I feel in being obliged to remove from hence, is greatly alleviated by knowing I leave behind me a brave victorious Army and many able and experienced Officers under whose direction I have not a doubt it will add to those Laurels it has already acquired under a Variety of difficulties, which it cannot possibly have again to encounter,

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many being removed by their own gallant Atchiwements, of which none were more important than the repeated Victories over the Enemy's united Force, which, as was proved by the conduct of Hyder towards the conclusion of the Campaign, have gained us a clear and decided Superiority in the field. In short nothing as I have declared on all occasions, is wanting to accomplish any Service it may be thought necessary to send the Army upon, than the means of Subsistence

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most obedient

humble Servant,

Eyre Coote

Fort St George,
the 5th Decemr 1781,

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
and Commander in Chief of India, &c.

Sir,

We are sorry that the Cavalry should be so unhappy as to fall under your displeasure on Account of our late misfortune in the loss of Horses. It is with the highest respect and dependence on your candour and justice, that we presume to vindicate our conduct in regard to the care of the horses under our Respective Commands, both as officers & Contractors proper Officers and Guards have ever been appointed to inspect the cleaning of the horses, their forage, and the Gram and grain that has been from time to time served to them, previous to the Fatality amongst the Horses, and during the stay of the Army in the Pallams, we neglected no opportunity of

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purchasing Gram. We sent our Bullocks and Servants to Tripatty and the Calastry Country — Dispersed men to the Neighbouring Villages, and kept others waiting in the Buzzar to purchase, and used every means that appeared probable, by which we could procure Grain — Every officer in the Army was sensible of the difficulty of purchasing Gram sufficient for their Horses. Yet by perseverance in so necessary a point of duty, we drew sufficient Grain from different places to give the Horses a daily supply, tho' not so ample as we wished. When the Army marched from near Pollipet to Vellore, our Servants were then out with Money and Bullocks, some of which returned when the Army was before Chittore, and others were lost at Pollypet; after this time we had no opportunity of getting Gram, and the Horses were unfortunate to be without in the Rains, which added to the Marshy ground the Cavalry was incamped on, might cause the late Casualties — We now think it our duty to represent our present Situation, without grain and without the means of procuring it. being eight Months in Arrears on Account of Contract, which has obliged us to borrow Money to support the necessary expences — We hope your Excellency will be pleased to take this into Consideration, and order us a supply of Cash to subsist our Horses for the present, as well as to lay in a Stock for the Monsoon, for it will make a Material difference to us purchasing it now, and when the Army Arrives near Madras, (if that should be the case) or if it should meet with your Approbation, to order our Accounts to be adjusted between the Paymaster and Agent to the time the Army is paid up. — As the Gram we have received at several times from the Agent and the Rice for our People will leave us but a small Ballance

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to receive —

We have further in the most respectful manner to assure your Excellency, that it has always been our Ambition to Keep our Horses in order, and on every occasion to deserve your approbation — Tims have happened in this and will in every Campaign, when it is impossible to procure Grain, but no Attention has been wanting in our Endeavours. —

We have the Honor to be,

Your Excellencys

Most Obd.t humble Servts

Camp near Tirhalore
November 28. 1781. —

/Signed/ Edward Jourdan
Capt.n

J. Macalester
Capt.n & Regt.l Cavalry

J. D. Stevenson
Capt.n Comd.g 2. Regt.t Cav.y

J. Cater.
Capt.n 1.st Regt.l Cavalry

To Colonel Cranford
Commanding Officer

Sir

I esteem it a duty incumbent upon me at this juncture to represent the Situation of the Troops with respect to health, and I am much concerned tho' not all surprised to find Disentrys and intermitting Fevers rage amongst Europeans as well as Asiatics — the cold Damps and heavy dews, and the want of Straw to guard against those Enemys to the Soldiers — the want of Blankets, vapours arising from

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Numbers crouded in a small, thin, wet Tent, not water proof, and the Numberless inconveniences the Soldiers are reduced to, all conspire to produce irremediable Evils — Two Europeans died yesterday of Cramps and Spasms after a few hours attack, others have since fallen down, I have no medicated Hot baths to plunge them into, in order to bring about a freer circulation, and thereby give medicine a chance of throwing off that putrescency which is the Cause; all the Comforts I had for the Sick are expended, nor have I, or any of the Medical Gentlemen, Money to purchase more: In short Sir, such is the Situation of the Sick in Camp, and such is the want of accommodation at Tripasore, that I very much fear we shall have a fatal Sickness to combat with, as well as a Monsoon, unless immediately provided Against by moving the Troops under Cover, and that too in some Situation where they may be properly refreshed — otherways, when their Services come to be most required, they will be found loaded with disease, and unable to go through their duty —

I presume to give this as my opinions in my Official Capacity, and from knowing particularly the Situation of Soldiery —

And am with great Respect,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Hble Servant,

(Signed) Thomas Davis,

Senr Surgn to the Army.

Camp near
Tripasore
28th November 1781.

Read also Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence
No. 171. —

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The measures already taken by the President in consequence of the Generals Complaint on behalf of Shivas Auchairry against Ram Chender Rauze, were communicated to him in our Letter of the 4 Ultimo – altho' it appears from the Letter from the Nabob now read, that he considers Ram Chinder Rauze as a very useful Servant, yet the Committee, desirous of shewing every possible mark of attention to Sir Eyre Coote, request of the President to confer again with his Highness on the Subject, and obtain the removal of Ram Chinder Rauze from his Office. –

With respect to the Cavalry, the Committee will most readily afford every Assistance in their power – our application to Mr. Holland on the Subject has been ineffectual; but the President has hopes of success from a Letter he has written to Captain Campbell at Nellore, directing him to purchase as many horses as he can. both the Letter from the Cavalry Officers to Sir Eyre Coote, and the Letter from the Surgeon to Colonel Crawford give a melancholy Picture of the distress of the Troops and increase our concern at the Intimation given by Sir Eyre Coote of his intention to return to Bengal the Committee considering it their indispensible duty to use their utmost endeavours to prevail on Sir Eyre Coote to continue with the Army, it is agreed that a Letter be addressed to him for that purpose, and that it be prepared against their next meeting. –

The President lays before Committee the following Papers.

Deputy Agents return of Draught & Carriage Bullocks. –

Return of Draught and Carriage Bullocks now present with the Army –

1.st December 1781

Draught 3511
Carriage . . . . . 4574 8,085.

J. Kenworthy
D.y Agent

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Calculate of Number of Bullocks wanted

Calculate of the Number of Bullocks wanted to carry 35 days Provisions for the Black Troops, exclusive of those now present with the Army —

Carriage Bullocks 2,750

Camp
23. November 1781.

J. Kenworthey
Agent.

Minute thereon.

From the foregoing Calculate it appears that 8,750 — Bullocks are wanted to carry 35 days provisions for the — Sepoys, exclusive of those now with the Army; and the President informs the Committee that Sir Eyre Coote has given it to him as his opinion, that 6 Weeks Provisions should be sent with the Army to Arcot if it be intended to lay seige to that place.

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The Want of means for the carriage of Stores and provisions for the Army was partly the occasion that the last Campaign was not attended with those Advantages which the victories gained over the Enemy by the General seemed to promise. His opinion is, there being no possibility of having Magazines in the Country, it being entirely over run by the Enemy, that without a very large supply of Bullocks to be depended on, Capable of carrying upwards of a Months provisions, no operations of any probable continuance can be undertaken —

Vide the quarter master Generals Paper —

The present uncertain desultory method of furnishing Bullocks, the want of discipline and order in the Masters, and the Jarring Interests of Individuals, joined to other Causes, have prevented this branch of the service from being managed or carried on with proper spirit or success. It is thought

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thought that nothing would be so likely to put it on a proper footing, and to secure an effectual supply to the Army, as to contract for the whole No. of Bullocks for Draft & Carriage, with some person who has Funds and abilities for such an Engagement —

In the present scene of distress, when the greatest part of Country is desolated, Most of the Cattle destroyed or dispersed, and Subsistence very difficult to procure for those which remain, It is not be wondered that few persons should be disposed to undertake so extensive and hazardous a concern — the only proposal that has been received in consequence of the advertisement is, one from Mr. Benfield as entered hereafter, His terms were at first very exorbitant being 4 Pagodas P. Bullock, but after much discussion, He has informed the President that he is willing to contract at the rate of 3¼ Pagodas P. Month or £ 4. 40 P. day, finding draft and Carriage bullocks as in Bengal on the same footing —

He is willing to stand to all consequences of death, loss in Battle, Capture by the Enemy, Expence of Saddles, Ropes Girths and Drivers, and to perform all his conditions in the most effectual manner, He is willing that His Bullocks should be mustered at all times, as often as may be thought fit, and he will also take whatever Bullocks the Company may have provided at the price they cost. —

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Estimate of Bullocks wanting to Compleat the Army — 15th December 1781 —

Draught

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Draught Bullocks wanting to compleat the Artillery 800. Carriage Bullocks wanting to compleat the Commissary of Stores Department	2,938
Carriage Bullocks wanting to carry 30 days Rice for 30,000 Men in the pay of the Company @ 60 Sears ₰ Bullock	15,000
One spare Bullock for every four Bullocks in the Grain Department	3,000
Carriage Bullocks wanting to compleat the Carriage of Camp Equipage	878
	23,616
Deduct the Carriage Bullocks now with the agent & Grain Keeper	1,395
Total Bullocks wanting	22,221

N.B. The Carts and Draught Bullocks now with the Agent and Grain Keeper will carry 40 days Arrack & Salt, and a proportion of Biscuit for the Europeans.

No allowance made in the above Calculation for about 12,000 private followers, who must be supported and will require 6,000 Bullocks —

Dug.l Campbell.
Lt. N. Gen.l

President's Minute, with Mr. Benfield's proposals to contract to supply the Army with Bullocks,

My Lord,

The want of means for the carriage of Stores and Provisions for the Army having in the late Campaigns prevented The General from Profiting by the Victories obtained over the Enemy,

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Enemy, and almost totally obstructed the operations of the Army, I shall be happy to exert every endeavour to forward the Publick Service in the present exigency, should it meet with your Lordships approbation, I take leave to offer to supply the Company with Twenty Thousand Draught and Carriage Bullocks, and an additional number, if required. I am willing that all Contingencies of Death, Loss in Battle, Capture by the Enemy and expence of Saddles, Ropes & Girths should be at my charge, and likewise to furnish two Drivers to every three Draught Bullocks, and a proper Number to the Carriage Bullocks, the Company paying me for the Service of the Bullocks at the rate of four Pagodas each P. Month, I am willing to take whatever Bullocks may have been provided at the price the Company have paid for them.

I shall use all diligence in furnishing the Number of Bullocks required, in the shortest time possible.

I am with great respect,

Madras,
8th December 1781.

Your Lordships Devoted
Hble. Servant.
Paul Benfield

Mr. Benfield to give in his proposals in Writing.

The Committee agreeing entirely in opinion with the President, it is resolved that Mr. Benfield be desired to give in another proposal in writing, and to state in it the following points Viz.t

In what time the whole of the Bullocks shall be provided, or any precise Number of them?

What number of draughts and what Number of Carriage Bullocks?

And, What penalty in case of his failing to perform the

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the Contract? —

From Resident at Ingeram — concerning a dispute with Capt. Montgomery —

Read Letter from the Resident at Ingeram, with its enclosure to him from Mr. Yeats, as entered in Miscellany Book No. 307

Capt. Montgomery to be furnished with a copy of the above —

The Secretary is directed to desire the Resident at Ingeram to furnish Captain Montgomery with a copy of Mr. Yeats's Letter, and to require his Answer, and forward the same to the Select Committee —

A true Copy
J. Williams

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Fort St George, December 15th

15th Received the following Letters—

The Right Honble Lord Macartney,
President and Governor
of
Fort St. George.

My Lord

From M. Holland reports the Death of Chetisham Sung, Son of the late Fazel Beg Cawn.

There has been a report in Town three or four Days, of the Death of Chetisham Sung, Son of the late Fazel Beg Cawn, but I delayed communicating it in the hope of obtaining certain information— The Nizam will probably acquire a considerable addition of strength from this event, he has sent some of his people to Nirmul, with a view no doubt to pave the way towards obtaining possession of the Forts in the Cnongole, Nirmul and Cummamet Countries, by which Districts a very large amount of Revenue will be peaceably and firmly reannexed to his Government.

I beg leave to offer your Lordship my sincere congratulations on the important event of the reduction of Nigapatam, the News of which I communicated immediately to his Highness.

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord,
with great respect,
Your Lordships most obed.
humble Servt

Hyderabad
5th December 1783

Signed John Holland

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Captain Lane Commanding
the 1st Circar Battalion on this Distinct having
applied to us for the reward of 5,000 Rupees which
your Lordships &c empowered us to offer for the
apprehending Shaik Mahomed, the instigator of
the late Mutiny at this place, we have judged it
proper to pay the same accordingly; and have desired
Capt. Lane to make such distribution of the Money
to the Persons concerned, as to him may appear
most equitable

From Vizagapatam
5,000 Rupees paid as
a reward for —
apprehending
Shaick Mahomed
— Tents sent by
the Snow Mason

In obedience to your directions
signified to us by Mr. Secretary Hudleston, under Date
the 27th Ult. we have sent by the Snow Freemason
as many Tents & Marquies as Capt. Trench could take
on board; the remainder of what we may have in
Store shall be forwarded by the next good Opportunity
An Account of the quantity now sent is transmitted
by our Storekeeper to Mr. Scotney, the Military
Storekeeper at Madras.

We are very Respectfully,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient and
faithful humble Servants,

Signed } Hy Crawford
Nathl Barlow
Chas Manstone

Vizagapatam
10 December 1781

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16 Received the following Letters.

Right Honble the President

and Select Committee.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit to you the Casualties of this Garrison for the Month of November

The Sebandy Sepoys received from the Waldoor Districts, I thought I could do no otherwise than retain them, tho' indeed they are of no great consequence, but coming from the Enemy in the manner they did, I thought it necessary for the good of the service and hope it will meet with your approbation.

Sworn C. Harper detains the Sebandy Sepoys from Waldoor—

The Enemy's Horse make incursions in the Tanjore Country

I believe the greatest part of Hyder's force have crossed from the Tanjore Country to this side the Coleroon, as they have formed an encampment on the Banks at Conjemoode, about 14 Miles to the Westward of Chillombrum consisting of about 4 or 5,000 Foot 800 Horse and some Guns; the Horse are making daily excursions across the River into the Tanjore Country, Plundering and Destroying.

I have no other particular intelligence at present, except the arrival of the Sloop a few days since with the small supply of Money and Rice.

I remain with great respect,

My Lords & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

and humble Servt

Signed H Harper

Cuddalore

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16th Received Letter from Masulipatam as entred in Miscellany Book N°309 accompanying return of the Troops in that district for November —

Sent Letter to Captain Mercer as entred in Miscellany Book N°310 containing the thanks of the Select Committee as agreed in Committee the 13th Instant.

Tuesday. 18th December 1781

At a Select Committee present

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

Anthony Sadlier Esqr Morgan Williams Esqr

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Indisposed

Major General Sir Hector Munro absent on Service

John Holland Esqr President at the Nizam's Court

Minutes of the last Committee read & approved.

The President lays before the Committee the following account which he has received from the Paymasters of the Army of the Arrears due to the Troops

An Account of Arrears of Pay, Batta, Gratuity, and all other allowances due to the Coast Troops employed in the Field under the Command of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B. to the 30th November 1781 —

An account of the Arrears Due to the Army

For the Month of August —	87,611	— 38	— 34
For the Month of September	82,403	— 27	— 22
For the Month of October —	84,407	— 5	— 2
For the Month of November	131,754	— 2	— 33
Cantonments — Total Pagodas			

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Estimate of Cash required to pay the Arrears due to the Bengal Troops serving on the Coast of Choromandel, exclusive of Bills payable in Calcutta from the 1st of August to the 30th of November 1781

On Account of the Arrears Due to the Army

To the 1st September — Sal.		66,000
1st October —		66,000
1st November —		66,000
30th Ditto —		56,000
		2,54,000
Deduct Pay to Noncommissioned and Private Europeans paid to 31st October		6,200
Star Pagodas —		2,47,800

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Errors Excepted
signed W. Sperney
Sec.

By the papers now delivered in it appears that the Arrears due to the Army the 30th November amount to —

Pagodas	6,33,956
Deduct the Deputy Agents account of Money due for Grain issued to the Troops —	89,150
Ballance of Arrears due —	5,44,806
Estimate for Decr —	2,00,000
Jany —	2,00,000
Feby —	2,50,000
March —	2,50,000
April —	2,50,000
May —	2,50,000
	19,44,806

President's Statement of Resources

Resources		
In the Treasury	2,00,000	
Expected from Masulipatam Ganjam &c	1,50,000	
Nagapatam	1,00,000	
Bengal	5,00,000	
From the Country	3,00,000	
	12,50,000	

Deduct 12,50,000

Deficiency by the end of May — 6,94,806 or about 100,000 more than it is at present.

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Read the following Letter from Mr Benfield

My Lord,

The number of Bullocks suggested in the Note I had the honour to address to your Lordship upon that Subject, I presume might be procured in twenty five or thirty Days, every endeavour in my power should be exerted for that purpose, and I trust that I should succeed in having them ready for the Field in that time; at least I would willingly submit myself to your Lordships for any neglect or inattention on my part — A larger Number I would procure if found necessary, and I hope your Lordship will think it reasonable to make some allowance for such Bullocks as may be taken by the Enemy — I am with great respect —

From Mr Benfield, the Bullocks to be procured in twenty five or thirty Days.

Your Lordships Devoted humble Servant,

Saml Benfield

13 December, 1781 —

Agreed that Mr Benfield's proposal of furnishing 20.000 Bullocks as entered on the last Minutes be accepted all contingencies to be at his risk and the President is requested to cause a Draught of a Contract to be made out accordingly.

The President to prepare a Contract to be entred into with Mr Benfield.

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General with the Letter to him from Major Cotgrave

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John Huddleston Esq.
Secretary of the Military Department
Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to give in the Names of Messrs John Kennedy and William Kyle Volunteers to be Lieutenant Fireworkers to fill Vacancies already reported — The former to rank from the 7th November, and the latter from the 9th November 1781

Ensigns Dorsett and Llewellyn having obtained permission to resign the Service, I am also directed to give in the Names of Messrs James Dunn and Thomas Yates, the Cadets first for promotion, and at the same time to signify the Commander in Chief's recommendation that the four remaining Cadets arrived this Season from England Viz Messrs Henry Blacker, Philip Henry Keay, Arthur Langford Cooke, and Charles Briggs be likewise appointed Ensigns, as Officers of that Rank are required at present, in the room of those rendred incapable of immediate Duty by Wounds and Sickness, or by being on leave at the other Presidencies; those Gentlemen to rank as Youngest Ensigns untill their standing in the Service is authenticated by the arrival of the List from the Court of Directors.

The Commander in Chief also recommends, that Captain Lieutenant Charles Lucas of the Artillery be appointed inspector of Stores at Masulipatam in the room of Captain Lloyd promoted, but to do duty in the Field untill further orders

From the Adjutant General recommending promotions — enclosing a present State of the Troops — and Letter from Major Lotzbeare regarding Batta at Tellicherry

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To Lieut. Colonel
Malcom Adj. Gen.

Sir

In behalf of myself & Officers of the Detachment I had the Honor to Command, I beg the favor of you to represent to his Excellency Lieut. Gen. Sir Eyre Coote, that we being part of the detatchment ordered to Bombay under the Command of Colonel Brown, were from the exigency of the Service detained at Tellicherry the place being then closely invested, that the remainder of the Detatchment proceeded to Bombay and joining General Goddard's army received double Batta as usual during their absence from their own Establishment, as likewise the Bombay Troops who were ordered from that Establishment to do duty with them we during a Tedious Seige, tho' exposed to the severest duty and all the inconveniencies attending a Blockade, every Article of Provisions becoming so extravagantly dear that an Officer could not possibly exist upon his bare Coast allowances, yet from the thorough conviction that on our return to the Coast we should be paid up our arrears agreeable to the Allowances made to the rest of the detatchment, determined to put up cheerfully with every difficulty rather than add to the distresses of the Company by then throwing in our claim for the Double Batta to which we

and that Mr George Lang be named a Volunteer on this Establishment from the 1st of January 1781 as was intended at that time, but omitted through mistake to be published in General Orders

Lieutenant Robert Mackay having applied to resign the adjutancy of the 4th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys, the Commander in Chief recommends that it be accepted, and that Ensign and Adjutant Thomas Clarke be removed from the 8th Circar Battalion, to be Adjutant of the 4th Carnatic Battalion, and that Lieutenant William Murkbes appointed to the Adjutancy of the 8th Circar Battalion vacant by the removal of Ensign Clarke

Lieutenant Eccles Smith having also applied to resign the Adjutancy of the 4th Circar Battalion of Sepoys, the Commander in Chief recommends that it be accepted, and that Ensign Isaac Aisbell be appointed thereto in his room

I have the Honor to inclose by order of the Commander in Chief, and to be presented to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee a present State, taken from returns in November of the Company's Troops in the Field in the Carnatic including as such, the Forces under the Commander in Chief in this Quarter, and those in Camp in the Tanjore Country, under the Command of Major General Sir Hector Munro

The Strength of the Forces in the Circars and those stationed in different Garrisons in the Carnatic cannot now be correctly ascertained, on account that returns have not been regularly received since the Commencement of the present War, but I am directed at the same time to say, that the Adjutant General is now employed in drawing out a State of the whole of

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were so justly intitled the Treasury being in so low a State as not to admit of paying us our Monthly Subsistence, that this with the hardships already mentioned, obliged the Officers to incur Debts from which the nicest Oeconomy has been unable to extricate them that on our arrival at Cuddalore still finding the Company's affairs much involved and the General engaged in a Multiplicity of Business, well knowing from his kind disposition towards the Army & the repeated instances it has experienced of his support when justly intitled, that the difficulties of our situation only required a representation even at the latest Period, we did not hesitate determining to defer troubling him till the Campaign should be ended, hoping we should then find a leisure moment in which we could address without intrusion, that we even now by no means think of immediate payment, being perfectly sensible of the present scarcity of Money, but humbly hope that he will not think it unreasonable, our being now secured in the payment when the Company's Finances will more easily admit, the inclosed representation from Captain Thornhead before his Excellency. I have the honor to be Sir your most obed.t Hble Servt

Madras 14th Decr 1781

Jno Cotgrave

The Promotions to take place

The Company's Forces on the Coast Establishment taken from the latest and most accurate information received, and which will be presented to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee when furnished.

I am further directed to inclose to you the accompanying representation from Major Cotgrave who Commanded the Troops of this Establishment employed in the defence of Tellichery, and to request that you will lay before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, the Commander in Chief's opinion, that the part of the Troops that acted under Major Cotgrave at Tellichery are equally intitled to double Batta with the rest of the Coast Detachment under Colonel Brown.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servt
Henry Malcolm
Adj.t Genl

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If you think it necessary please to lay
from Captain Thornhead before his
Excellency. I have the honor to be Sir your most obed.t Hble Servt

Jno Cotgrave

Agreed that the several Promotions recommended by the Commander in Chief do now take place.

Double Batta not allowed to the Tellichery Detatchment.

With respect to Major Cotgrave's application the Committee agree to consider of some Gratuity for the Tellichery Detatchment when the state of the Company's Finances will admit of it, but they cannot consent to allow them double Batta as a precedent would thereby be established which might be attended with Inconveniences to the Service on some future occasion.

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The Committee in perusing the return of the Troops delivered in with the above Letter from the Adjutant General observe, that it does not include the King's Regiment ——

Read the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote with the Letter mentioned therein from Captain Mackay to the Select Committee.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter to your address delivered to me by Captain Mackay of the Corps of Artillery on this Establishment —

At the time when Captain Mackay applied to me for my permission to resume his Office of Commissary with the Army in the Field it was in the middle of a Campaign; when any change in the superintendance of that Department, which had hitherto been conducted much to my satisfaction by Captain Moorhouse might have created confusion and produced delays detrimental to the Service, I therefore resolved no alteration should then take place — As these inconveniences are not to be apprehended whilst the Army is in Cantonments, I can have no objections to Captain Mackay's either being restored to his Office of Commissary in the Field

From General Coote, enclosing — Letter from Capt. Mackay requesting to be appointed Commissary of Stores —

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Or being nominated to the Appointment he has applied for of Comissary in this Garrison in the Room of the late Captain Mawbury.

I have to observe however that as Colonel James has already obtained leave to return to Europe, there is an early prospect of Captain Mackay's becoming a Field Officer, in which event, I should deem it highly improper his continuing to fill either of the above mentioned Offices, as it is my firm Opinion that they ought never to be filled by Officers of that Bank.

I have the honor to be,

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5th December 1781.

My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obed.t humble Servt.
Sign.d Eyre Coote.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Having had an appointments as Comissary from this Presidency in the year 1779 On being ordered on Service to Bombay, Captain Moorhouse was ordered to act during my absence; on my return in August last, I had the honor of addressing a Letter to your Lordships &c.a in hopes of being permitted to serve with the Bank I held at Bombay; being disapointed in this, I applied Personally to the Commander in Chief to be restored

From Capt.n Mackay requesting to be appointed Comissary of Stores &c.a

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to my Office of Commissary, which at that time was refused me —

I flatter myself your Lordships will allow that the Commander in Chief's refusing me to act at that time, has not annulled my former appointment, And as I from that appointment consider myself to be the Senior Commissary on the Coast, and a Vacancy happening in that Line by the Death of Captain Mainwaring, I have to request of your Lordships &c that I may be appointed Commissary of Stores of Fort St George in Captain Mainwaring's Room — I did myself the Honor of applying to the Commander in Chief for his approbation of this my application, which he has pleased to grant me —

I have the honor to be with great respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obed.t hb.e Serv.t
D. Mackay Capt.n & Asst

Madras
December 13th 1781

To lie on the table.

Ordered to lie on the Table until it be known whether Colonel James is about to resign the service —

The President applies to the Nabob concerning Ram Chunder Rauze.

Agreable to the Minutes of the last Committee the President applied again to the Nabob upon the subject of Ram Chunder Rauze, and his Highness consented to remove him from his Command, and to order him to Ongole — his Highness's Son Hyder Ameer at the same time communicated to the President the particulars relating to Shiras Rebary contained in the beginning of the following Letter, which having been prepared in answer to Sir Eyre Coote's Letter of the 5th Instant, is now read and approved

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and Ordered to be sent to him

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

Sir

We have received the honor of your Letter of the 5th Instant and are much concerned that the delay of it was occasioned by your ill health

Schinas Acharry, whose Petitions you enclosed, was very naturally alarmed at the Detention of his Grandson Ragonaut Acharry, and it was the more particularly improper that it had at least the appearance of being a Punishment for obeying your necessary demands for the Army, The Nabobs Son, and Minister however, positively asserts that this Young Man was secured by Ram Chunder Rauze, because he was going to Hyder Ally, with whom his Father has been some times that being sent to Madrass he was well treated, and induced to furnish a State of the Collections of Tripetty where he acted for his Grandfather, and of which no account had been given for two years, tho' Hyder had restrained from plundering that place; Ragonaut was well received by his Highness, and a Dress was given him in the presence of our President, who took him immediately under his protection; He was directed by the Nabob to return to Tripetty, but to apply in his way to the Rajah of Collastry in order to prevail upon him to be security for his Grandfather as being the particular Friend of the Collastry Family, and who

living

To General Coote
Sinas Acharry returns
to Tripetty — Ram
Chunder Rauze
removed and sent
to Ongole representing
the great necessity
there is for his
remaining with
the Army and
requesting him not
to return to Bengal
desiring a State of
the Army — his
Sentiments on the
Trident for Arcot
and the prosecution
of the War

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Living in a Remote Pagoda is not easily within the reach of Account. The Nabob has a high opinion of Ram Chunder Rauze, as an able Partizan and a faithful Subject, But his Highness being much displeased with him for affording you any cause of Offence, and having every disposition to shew his attention and regard to you, has given Orders to remove him from his Command and to send him to Ongole.

We have perused the other Papers you inclosed, being a Letter from the Senior Surgeon of the Army to Colonel Crawford, and a Letter from some of the principal Officers of the Cavalry to you. Both give a very melancholy picture of the distresses of the Troops under your Command, and make us doubly regret the possibility of your leaving them in that situation. We flatter ourselves that this among other strong Considerations, may induce you, if your State of health can in any degree admit of it, to Continue in your present station here, Our President acquaints us that he has urged all the Arguments in his power to this effect; and we most readily join in repeating them. For it appears to us that the presence of a General whose experience and abilities give confidence to our own Army and apprehensions to that of the Enemy, was not more essential last year when you came here, than it may be the next. You are apprised that a large Body of French Troops is daily expected to come to the assistance of Hyder; and without it, he has been able to maintain his Ground in the Carnatic notwithstanding every exertion made against him. — Some Forts have been taken from him in the course of the Campaign some we have unavoidably

lost

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Lost, and those we hold do not impede his progress, or
prevent his possession of the greatest part of the Country
Thus Circumstanced he has felt too well his own
Advantage to risk such an Engagement as might be
decisive which he seems determined to avoid, unless
with a certainty of Victory, which while the Army
remains under your Command, We flatter ourselves
he will never be able to obtain. Tho he engaged three
times in the late Campaign, he discontinued the
Combat on each occasion before any very durable
impression could be made upon his Army, and yours
always possessing the field of Battle had a fair Title
to the Laurels due to Victory but Hyder suffered few
of the disadvantages of a defeat. — His numerous
Bodies so far from dispersing as had been generally the
Case with Indian Armies in
were for the most part kept together as well afterwards
as before; and if we may judge by Deserters who are
not apt to be favorable to the side that they forsake, and
indeed from the subsequent conduct of his Troops, they
Did not seem to feel the humiliations or adopt the fears
usual to the Vanquished. They were driven to no
permanent distress nor have they abandoned the
Territory they had invaded. The decided superiority of
of the British Arms in Indostan has been most
honorably maintained. - But the Solid Purpose of
the War to expel the Enemy remains to be effected
We are too sensible of the Gallantry and perseverance
of our Troops under many hardships and disadvantages
to suppose that more could have been atchieved by others
We on the Contrary apprehend that all their Bravery
and disciplines and all your experience and abilities

must

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must continue to be united in order to support us under the difficulties and against the Enemies that threaten us — The consideration of your ill health disabling you from continuing in the Command is therefore the only one that can justify us to our Employers in giving our consent to your Departure at the present Critical Juncture of our affairs — But in such an event the Valentine shall have Orders to convey you and the Gentlemen of your Family to Bengal as you desire A passage shall be also ordered for a Subaltern and thirty of the Kings Regiment whom you intimate your intention of carrying with you for your Body Guard as Kings Commander in Chief, It is however our duty to observe to you that upon a similar intimation about two Years ago from you then Sir Hector Munro, which was considered as a requisition, to this Presidency, the same appears to have been then refused on motives, to which not only our present state of Warfare gives additional Weight, but your own opinion that no Europeans could be well spared until reinforcements arrived, when on a late occasion Sir Hector Munro requested a few to head the Sepoys on particular Services in the Tanjore Country, However neither the Example of our Predecessors nor the exigency of our situation shall prevent us from meeting your wishes, and giving you every mark of our attention and regard in this as well as every other instance in our power. we still indeed, cannot but permit ourselves to hope that the Restablishment of your health may render it unnecessary

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Unnecessary for you to quit this Coast, which is so Radically circumstanced as to receive every assistance and from whence your departure might be construed by the Enemy into the abandonment of a desperate Cause —

At all events we hope to receive from you a particular State of the Army that we may lose no time in remedying the inconveniences it suffers, as far as we shall be able — During the length and Severity of the last Campaign, the losses of Men by Death and Desertion, the failure of Horses and Bullocks — the Capture of Tents and Baggage must have been considerable

We wish to have the several wants supplied as quickly as possible, and have already given General Orders for the purpose of enabling the Army to take the Field with Effect, It is our earnest desire to have your opinion of what is expedient to attempt and practicable to obtain at this time and in our circumstances

We are determined to persevere in our Efforts, and to strain every nerve to carry our designs into Execution —

Our President has laid before us a Note received from you yesterday inclosing a paper entitled "Indent for Ordnance and Military Stores for the Siege of Arcot," but without any communication of your Sentiments, with which we wish to be acquainted, relative to the preference of that or any other plan of operations — While you continued in the Field, we reposed that confidence in you that we never controlled your Measures, and did not often enquire into your intentions, expressing rather our hopes than giving our directions. —

You sent likewise another paper to our President entitled an estimate of Bullocks —

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wanting to complete the Army. The Calculation of 22000 additional Bullocks is made for 42000 Men tho' the Army returns are not equal to 11000 Men. In an Army there must no doubt be many besides the fighting Men, but we were ignorant that so great a proportion was considered as necessary or even expedient — Of the methods of procuring Bullocks that of contracting for the hire of them has been represented to be the most expeditious and effectual but as the Sum for which so large a number can be hired will be very considerable, It will on that account be highly proper to ascertain the time for which they ought to be engaged. —

On this and every other subject relative to the prosecution of the War we are anxious to have the fullest Communication of your Sentiments, and we should have been happy that your health and Business had permitted you to have assisted at our Councils.

We have the honor to be with great truth and regard Sir

Your most obedient and most faithful humble Servts

(Sign'd) Macartney &c. Select Committee

Read the following Letters.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney, K.B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen / Fort St George

I have the honor to inform

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Fort St George 12th December 1781

From Major Maule regarding the levelling of Hog Hill and the ground remaining — to be cleared by Mr Popham —

You that the high Ground of Hog hill, the removal of which was contracted for by Mr Plumer, has been some time since brought to the Level prescribed to him at his undertaking it, except an small quantity in the most remote part of the area which Mr Popham has applied for to fill in the Ground he purchased of the Company, and which has been entirely out of Mr Plumer's power to remove for want of Carts and Coolies &c., the Exigencies of the public Service having rendered it impossible to procure them.

As Mr Popham's application to remove the remaining Ground, and Mr Plumer's Request that he may be allowed to do so, are addressed to the Committee of Works, I beg leave to refer your Lordship &c. to the proceedings on this Subject, which the Committee have had the Honor to lay before you.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
Faithful humble Servt
Signed / Geo. Maule
Chief Engineer

Fort St George
November 1781

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

My Lord,

The Surgeon General I am informed has already proposed to your Lordship my succession to

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Fort St George 18th December 1781

Thom Dr Davis, requesting to be appointed Surgeon Major in the Field in the room of Mr Lucas

Mr Lucas's employ as Surgeon Major in the Field but as Mr Anderson did not sufficiently elucidate the Subject, permit me My Lord, to explain the Nature of my request, which is nothing more than to succeed Mr Lucas in the Field upon his being promoted to Mr Anderson's Station in the Fort, who is advanced to be Surgeon General by the decease of Mr Bailey.

I have the honor to be assured by the Commander in Chief that his Excellency will readily give me his assistance in this appointment, and I flatter myself there requires no other testimony of my Conduct having met with Sir Eyre Coote's approbation —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

most obedient and

most humble Servant,

Signed Tho Davis

Fort St George,
12th December, 1781.

Major Maule to inform the Committee regarding Mr Sumners Contract for Hogshill —

Agreed that Major Maule be desired to inform the Committee what was the Level prescribed to Mr Sumner when he undertook the removal of the high Ground of Hogshill and whether it be now so far removed as not to incommode the Fort, nor be of any advantage to an Enemy in besieging it —

Mr Davis to be appointed Surgeon Major in the field

Agreed that Doctor Thomas Davis be appointed Surgeon Major in the Field in the room of Mr Colby Lucas, and with the same authority and appointments.

Read the following Letter from Mr Maxwell

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To John Hudleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

In consequence of your Letter to me of the 13th Ultimo, I have now the honor of enclosing you a list of the Inhabitants, whose houses were demolished for the purpose of enlarging the Esplanade, with the 50 p.Cent compensation allowed on the valuation of the materials of such houses — Also lists of those to whom ground has been allotted, and of those to whom it is still due —

The quantity wanted to complete amounts to about 2447 Pots exclusive of Streets which may be easily found in the different Gardens of the Black Town. I beg leave to remind you that it is now twelve Months since the houses were pulled down and many of the Inhabitants have been in great distress ever since having no place on which they could put their Materials — I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant,

Signed Hugh Maxwell

From Mr Maxwell enclosing list of Inhabitants whose houses were demolished on Hogbill

Fort St George
18 December, 1781

Read Petition from the inhabitants of Hogbill as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 314 —

Ordered that the foregoing Letter and Petition with the Lists of houses &c do lie on the Table —

do lie on the table.

Agreable to the Minutes of — the — following Letter having been proposed, containing

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Powers and Instructions for Mr Maxwell for the due execution of his Office of Superintendant of the Companys Grounds, is now read, and approved — Agreed that it be signed by the Secretary and sent to Mr Maxwell.

To Mr Maxwell with powers and instructions — regarding his Office of Superintendant of the Companys Grounds.

Mr Hugh Maxwell,

Superintendant of the Companys Grounds

Sir

In consequence of your letter to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee of the 6th Ultimo, they have been pleased to grant you the following Powers and Instructions.

You are as soon as possible to make the tour of the Black Town, and call upon all people where you suspect ground has been fraudulently taken from the Company, whether in the manner represented in your Letter or otherwise, to produce authentic Titles to such Grounds, and on failure, you are to take possession and register them as the property of the Company; to enable you to carry this into execution you will have the assistance of the Governors Peons, and the Lascars of your employ, who are to bring such people as you may have occasion for before you. In case difficulties should occur in taking possession of these Grounds or you should be prevented from executing your Office, by being threatned with suits at Law, you are to complain to the Right Honble the President and bring the party offending before him.

You are carefully to ascertain the

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Original breadth of the Streets, and to clear away all projections, such as Tials, Verandas, Pandals &c. if the owners after due notice refuse removing them, you will send a list of their Names to the Select Committee.

You will widen the Roads about Madras where it may be necessary, by removing the Hedges to a little distance, and where the doing of it can be attended with no injury to the Inhabitants, you are also to take charge of the Trees on the Roads that they be not stolen, or cut, but at proper Seasons, and you will plant new ones where they may be wanted, and for the enforcing these orders this is to be your authority.

The Instructions given you at the time you took charge of your employ are to be your guide in every thing else,

By order of the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee
John Hudleston Secy

Fort St George
18th December 1781

Read Letter from the Protestant Missionaries as entered in Miscellany Book N° 319 ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores with their Minutes.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Herewith we have the

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From Committee of Stores with their Minutes on supplying Sir Edw Hughes with Gunpowder

Fort St George
1 December 1781

Honor to enclose you our proceedings of this Day

We have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obed.t humble Serv.ts
Signed { Ed.d James
Geo. Maule
B. Scottney

Fort St George 1st December 1781

At a Committee of Stores Present
Colonel Edward James
Major George Maule
Bryan Scottney Esq.r

The Right Honble the Governor having laid before the Committee of Stores a request from Sir Edward Hughes for a supply of Gunpowder and Musket Ammunition sufficient for the Garrison of Trincomallee in case of the reduction of that place, in return for 330 100lb Barrels he gave to General Munro for the use of the Army to the Southward,

The Gentlemen proceed to examine the remains of the above Stores in this Fort, but being ignorant of the number of Men that Sir Edward Hughes means to

means

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leave in Trincomallee, are
uncertain what he may
want, they however agree to
send 500 - 60 lb Barrels, and
100,000 Musket Cartridges
and beg leave to observe to the
Right Honble the Governor,
that no more ought to be
spared until they know
whether a supply is to be sent
from Bengal ——

Signed { E. James
G. Maule
B Scottney

approved.

The Secretary lays before the Committee a Letter dated 23d July / but mislaid at that time / from Captain Patterson at Tritchinopoly as entered on Miscellany Book No 313 accompanying an Indent for Cloathing.

Ordered that the Indent be sent to the Agent to be complied with.

The Secretary lays before the Committee a Bond granted by the Factors at Tellicherry to some of our Artillery Men for Stores purchased of them ——
amounting to 1,139 Rupees for payment of which the Men have applied to him in very urgent Terms, representing their distress for Money to replace necessaries lost in the late Campaign. ——

Agreed that 1140 Pagodas be paid in part of the Bond, and carried to the Debit of the Bombay Presidency ——

1140 Pagodas to be paid in part of the Bond granted by the Factors at Tellicherry

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Read Letter from Messrs Amos and Webster as entered in Miscellany Book N° 312

Ordered to lie on the Table

Mr Reading appointed to Chinglepat—

The Surgeon at Chinglepat Mr Tennay being represented as Superannuated, it is agreed that Mr Reading be appointed in his Room, and that Mr Tennay continue to enjoy the pay of Surgeon

Macartney

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19th Dispatched the following letters —

To Lieut Colonel Malcolm

Ajutant General

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Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 15th inst which I have laid before the Right Hon'ble the President and Select Committee with its inclosure from Major Cotgrove to the Adjutant General, & I now Inclose copy of General orders issued in consequence which contain the several promotions recommended by the commander in Chief — With regard to Major Cotgrove's Application I am directed to inform you that the Select Committee intend when the state of the company's finances will admit of it, to consider of some Gratuity for the Tellicherry Detachment, but that they cannot consent to allow them double Batta, as the establishing such a precedent might be attended with inconveniences to the service on some future occasion —

To the Adjutant General with General orders, & with respect to Major Cotgrove's application regarding the Tellicherry Detachment —

I have the honor to be,

Sir Your most obedient humble Servant

J. Huddleston Secy

Fort St George, 19th December, 1781.

To Major George Maule

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the President and Select committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 1781, and in consequence to desire that you will inform what was the level prescribed to Mr Plumer when he undertook the removal of the high ground of hoghill, and whether it be now so far removed as not to incommode the Fort, nor be of any advantage to an Enemy in besieging it —

To Major Maule, to know if hoghill is so far levelled as to be of no advantage to an Enemy —

I have the honor to be,

Sir Your most obedient humble Servant

J. Huddleston Secy

Fort St George

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At a Select Committee present

Sunday
21st December 1781

The Right Hon.ble George Lord Macartney President
Anthony Sadleir Esq.re Maryon Wilkins Esq.r
Lieut.t Gen.l & Chief Engr Coote on Deputation
Major Gen.l Sir Hector Munro absent
on Service
John Holland Esq.r Resident at the Nizam's Court
and also present

Minutes of the last Committee read and approved

The President lays before the Committee the following proposal which he has received from Captain Mercer of the Ship Resolution

Mr. Mercer owner & Commander of the Ship Resolution will import from Bengal &c. Madras between this time & December 1782 four Cargos of Rice

The quantity thus proposed to be imported will amount to about 600 Garce, to be purchased at Bengal with the proper own money & imported to Madras on his own Account and Risk

The above mentioned four Cargos of Rice, as they shall respectively arrive, will be delivered to the Right Hon.ble the Governor and Council, for Account of the Hon.ble Company at the rate of 135 Star Pagodas p. Garce & Payment received in bills of Exchange upon the Governor & Council of Bengal at the Exchange of 375 Arcot Rupees p. 100 Star Pagodas

If this proposal is accepted — timely notice will be given to the Governor & Council of Bengal, previous to the Departure of the Ships upon each Voyage; And all such Orders as they may please to send to this Presidency on Account of the Hon.ble Company shall be complied with the said Ships free of Freight —

The Proposer believes the present plan will bear the strictest examination & will be found as far as it may supply more

Captain Mercer's proposal to bring four complete Cargos of Rice before 1st Jan.y 1783 —

shall be clear and respect sponsably the first cargo rice

more advantagious than the present mode of purchasing on the Companys Account, freighting at 5 Sicca rupees p Bag with the usual Allowance for waste & frequently shipping this Rice upon ordinary or bad vessells, the owners of which frequently take in / Crompted by avarice / too heavy a lading, & afterwards throw a part over board, under pretext of saving the rest, & this without loss to them, the freight of the whole being paid in Bengal.

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It appearing on a Calculation that the foregoing proposal is much more advantageous for the Company than the rate at which rice is now purchased, or the Cost of such as is sent from Bengal on account of the Company ——

The Proposal accepted — Agreed that the proposal be accepted, and the President is requested to cause the Contract to be drawn out accordingly

The President observes to the Committee that there is immediate occasion for four Lacks of pagodas to discharge off the Arrears due to the army, and that his Lordship has reason to believe there are sums of money to a considerable part of that amount in the Chests of Individuals, who are determined from lending them by the situation of affairs and the consequent uncertainty with respect to the time of repayment.

The President to give his own security in borrowing a sum of money — The President thinks however that he could obtain a loan of Money by giving his own Security for the repayment out of the expected supplies, and proposes to the Committee the empowering him to do so — Agreed that his Lordship be empowered accordingly, and that as a last resource if no other means can be found to obtain money to enable the Army to take the field, it will be necessary to open the Treasury for Bills on England —

The President enters the following Minute

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The Right Hon.ble the President observes to the Committee that Messrs. Davidson & Jourdan who had been deputed from the late Select Committee to the Raja of Tanjore, having signified their intentions of returning to the Presidency and Mr. Stephen Sullivan appointed by the Court of Directors as Resident at Tanjore being detained in Bengal, the late President & Select Committee thought it highly necessary at that time that a Civil Servant of the Company of known abilities and discretion should be ready to repair there, and the choice very properly fell on Mr. Hudleston. The Incursions of the Enemy however prevented Messrs. Davidson & Jourdan from leaving it for a considerable time after their intended departure, and prevented also Mr. Hudleston from going there. On that Interval Mr. Oakes the late Military Secretary's Voyage to Europe made it necessary for the Committee to appoint Mr. Hudleston's Services at the Presidency in that important Confidential Station - in which, notwithstanding the great application it requires, Mr. Hudleston has always conducted himself at present for the good of the Service. But as Mr. Stephen Sullivan has resigned the office of Resident at Tanjore, and as Mr. Sulivan a Gentleman every way qualified for that trust is now in that neighbourhood,

Resolved that Mr. Hudleston be appointed Resident & Paymaster at Tanjore

The President proposes to appoint him Resident and Paymaster in the Room of Mr. Stephen Sullivan. This choice can not fail to be perfectly agreable to the Court of Directors by whom he was appointed Resident at Hyderabad, a Post too well filled by Mr. Holland to desire his recall from thence at present in the progress of

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of a Negociation begun & forwarded by him, and to whom he = = side an eventual Successor has already been appointed by the Governor General & Council of Bengal —

21st Decem 1781

The Committee entirely concurring in opinion with the Right hon.ble President, it is agreed that Mr John Sullivan be appointed Resident and Paymaster at Tanjore, and that he be furnished with an Extract of the Company's General Letter of the 18th October 1780, relative to the Rajah of Tanjore and Copy of the Proceedings of Messrs. Davidson & Sowden on their deputation to the Rajah from the late Government.

Mr John Sullivan appointed Resident and Paymaster at Tanjore

Agreed also that the civil servants employed at Tanjore, the Honble Mr Basil Cochrane and Mr Harry Taylor be appointed Assistants under the Resident, and as the Resident from his station must unavoidably incur Extraordinary Expences, that he be allowed 250 Pagodas p.r Month on that account.

Mr Cochrane and Mr Taylor appointed assistants at Tanjore

Mr Sullivan allowed 250 Pagodas p.r Month.

Agreed that the officer commanding the Troops at Tanjore be advised of Mr Sullivan's Appointment, and furnished with a Copy of the 21st and 22d paragraphs of the above mentioned General Letter.

Read the following Letter from the Surgeon General with an account of Hospital Balances amounting to Pagodas 21,041.985.74.

To the Right Hon.ble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Committee.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Surgeon Genral, with an account of Hospital balances —

Having upon the Terms of the Contract conducted the business of the Hospital Supplys now wanting a few days of twelve months, with no other assistance than Rice and Sugar from the Stores since September, and Billy on Vizagapatam for 4,422 Pagodas,

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I am to acquaint you that my circumstances are inadequate to the continuance of this supply after the 31st Inst. and therefore hope you will please to order the Hospital Balances to be discharged

I have the honor to be with all due respect,
My Lord & Gentlemen Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
Dec. 20th 1781

Sal Anderson
Surgeon Gen.l

On Account of the Hospital Charges
for the following Months viz.

1781

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Agreed that the Surgeon General be informed that we are willing to grant him Bills on Bengal to many of the Subordinates, but it is not in our power to make him any Advances from our Treasury.

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from Captain

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To the Right Hon.ble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to address your Lordships

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Lordship and select Committee the 10th Ultimo. Since the Army left this we have had no supplies of Grain from the Tellany until the night before last, that I sent an Escort to the opposite hilly, where I was informed there were some Poligars waiting for an opportunity to come here. The whole of it only amounts to 1100/11,110,000 measures; nor is there any expectance of supply from that quarter. There are two small Camps of Horse, and up the valley the other down, about 12. Miles Each from the Fort. They deter the Poligars from coming here, as they keep almost a constant patrole from one Camp to the other; and I have not Cattle enough to risque frequent Escorts. The Grain now in Garrison will only serve until the 30th of the Month, and not a day longer — and your Lordship and Select Committee will see by the Receipts that I send the Military Secretary what small quantity is collected from the Nabobs Amildars, and dit[to]ary every day. Some time before Colonel Laing left this Garrison I sent to collected all the Grain round the Fort, allowing the Inhabitants two Collams out of ten — Which they have since complained was not sufficient, and refused to cultivate the Ground without the Commanding Officer gave them a greater allowance. Being sensible that a great deal might be raised under the Guns, and to encourage them to till the Ground, I have agreed with them not to take more than the usual customs of the Country, hoping that it will meet with your Lordship and Select Committees Approbation. They are now busy; and in a few months the Garrison will find the benefit of it. The houses which Colonel Laing pulled down to form an Esplanade. The greatest part of the Walls were standing when he left this Garrison. They were a Cover & detriment to the Fort. I have therefore agreed with the Inhabitants to level them, and make the whole even, and they shall have the Ground rent free for one year. They are only

to

From Capt. Cuppage
his grain will be
expended by the 20th

Gives encouragement
to the Inhabitants to
cultivate the Ground
round the Fort —

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to sow small grain on it, which I hope will also meet with your Lordship and Select Committee's approbation.

Late yesterday evening a strong encampment was formed between Palaspet Village and the Circar Tank which I suppose to be Hyder's Firm nearly on the same ground but a little to the Westward of that which he occupied after the Battle of Sholinghur

I have the honor to be &c.

Vellore 1st Decemr 1781

The Right Honble the President is requested to consult with the Commander in Chief respecting the Army's immediately taking the field & proceeding to the relief of Vellore

The President to consult with Gen. Coote

Macartney

Jno Hy Sawbridge

Mr Williams

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22nd Received the following Letters,

Brevet Colonel Maxpes
acknowledging the
Receipt of the Minutes
of Committee
12 December 1778

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I was honored with your
Letter of the 9th Inst last night, accompanied with
the Extract of Minutes of the Select Committee, bear-
ing date the 12th of December 1778 — I shall vig-
-ilantly obey all Honors

I am with great Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obt & Humble Servant
H Maxpes

Cuddalore 17th Dec 1781.

From Cuddalore
requesting one
thousand Bags of
Rice may be sent.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

We had the Honor to receive
your Commands of the 9th Ultimo, together with
three hundred Bags of Rice & fifteen hundred
Pagodas if no part of the Remainder of the Rice
your Lordships &c were desired to order for those
Garrisons, has yet been dispatched, we earnestly
request that one thousand Bags may be forwarded
as soon as possible, as on an exact Calculation
we have scarcely sufficient to last us till the first of
January. We have the Honor to be most respectfully,

Cuddalore My Lord & Gentlemen Yr. most Obt. Hble Servt

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Minute thereon.

22 Agreed that as per this supply of 1000 Bags of Rice be sent to Cuddalore.

Dispatched Letter to the Resident at Ingrauram as entered in Miscellany Book No 8

Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam

To James Daniell Esq. Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters of 4th We approve of the Arrangement you have recommended for the Troops of your District, but as the Corps Battalions have been much reduced by Sickness & Desertion we desire you will send either all the Supernumeraries you have raised to complete them. You will not enlist any more for the Coast. Upon Reference to our Records we find it was agreed in April last, that Donation should be granted on the Military Establishment the usual Oath being Administered to her.

To Masulipatam Recruits to the Presidency

Fort St George 22d December 1801.

We are Gentlemen, Your most Obt Humble Servts Macartney &c Select Committee

23 Received Letter of the 18th from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, as entered in Miscellany Book 8° 317.

The Invoice of Tents ordered to be sent to the Military Storekeeper.

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Received the following Letter from Lt. Col. Coote

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

From General Coote enclosing Letter from the Nabob, requesting Lt. Colonel Campbell may command the Cavalry - recommends that Capt. Davis do succeed Lt. Campbell, encloses a Letter from Col. Innes requesting that Capt. Innes be appointed a Senior Cadet.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose you a Translate of a Letter which I have recd from his Highness the Nabob, containing his Request that Lieut. Colonel Dugald Campbell be nominated to the Command of his Cavalry, vacant by the departure of Lieut. Colonel Cuppy to Europe — I have the highest Opinion of Lieut Colonel Cambell, as a brave Spirited & Active Officer, & from the Experience he acquired in the Cavalry Line by having many years commanded a Regiment in his Highness's Service, I esteem him in every Respect qualified to fill the Station of Commandt. of Cavalry. I am therefore most heartily disposed to acquiesce in his Highness's Appointment of Lt. Colonel Cambell thereto, & hope that it will also meet the Concurrence of your Committee.

In the Event of Lieut. Colonel Cambell's removal to the above Station, I beg leave to recommend Capt. Thomas Davis to fill that Appointment, now held by Lt. Colonel Cambell, of Quarter Master General, not only as being well qualified for it, but as highly deserving such a Mark of Favor from your Government for his distinguished Behaviour & services in the Course of the Campaign —

I likewise enclose a Letter addressed to me by Colonel Innes, & delivered by the Son of Capt. Innes belonging

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26th belonging to the Artillery on this Establishment
I now a Lieutenant with Hyder I beg leave to
recommend in Consideration of his being the
Son of a brave Officer I faithful Servant of
this Company in whose Cause he now suffers
he be appointed a Minor Cadet

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed. Humble Sert
Eyre Coote

To Lieut. General Sr. Eyre Coote K. B
Commander in Chief in India

A Letter from Lieut. Jones, requesting Capt. Torin may be appointed a Minor Cadet

Sir.

This is delivered to you by the Son of a brave & deserving Officer, now Prisoner with the Enemy. The Attention you have paid to the Officers & Soldiers under your Command, & the merit of Capt. Torin of the Artillery, gives me the greatest hope of Success in recommending young Jones to your Protection; & vindicating for his being appointed a Cadet in the Service; it will alleviate the Grief of Mrs. Jones here, & it must be pleasing to him and his long Confinement to hear of the attention paid to his Family — I cannot help expressing the Pleasure I feel in the hope of seeing the sufferings of Capt. & Mrs. Jones relieved before I leave the Country, but this need not be pointed out to a man of your humanity

I have the Honor to be with most Respect

Fort St. George
19th Dr. 1784

Sir
Your very Obed.
& most Hble Servt

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From his Highness the Nabob
to General Sir Eyre Coote K. B.

The Command of the Cavalry being now vacant by the departure of Colonel Cosby for Europe and my word having long since been pledged to Colonel Dugald Campbell that he should have that Appointment, I am to request you will do me the favor to nominate Colonel Campbell with the same Appointments which Colonel Cosby had, to the Command of my Cavalry, 2 of the 1st Regiment. his Merits as an Officer I need not mention to you, who are so good a judge of them, I shall only say, that his Conduct in my service hath been always such as entitles him to every mark of my Friendship, and in a manner to that which I now request for him.

What can I say more! ——

Agreed that the following Promotions do take Place agreeably to the General's Recommendation

Lieut Colonel Campbell to be Commandant of the Nabobs Cavalry 2 of the 1st Regiment in the Room of Colonel Cosby with the same Appointments. and

Lieut Col Campbell to command the Cavalry

Capt. Davis to be Quarter Master General in Lieut Col Campbell

Capt. Davis appointed Quarter Master Genl

Mr. Jones to be a Senior Cadet

Mr. Jones to be a Senior Cadet

25 Received a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence (N. 175

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26th Received the following Letter from Mr Holland

The Right Honble Lord
Macartney Presidt & Governor &c.

From Mr Holland concerning the Arrival of a French Agent at Goa — Governor Goddard to take the Field — Receives a Letter from Mr Daniel relative to Damaral Ramah Chader received for ten years — A Reinforcement from Europe — Intelligence respecting the European Powers.

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship in the 5th Instant I received a Copy of a Letter from Capt Banks Resident at Poona which would appear to corroborate the Intelligence I communicated in my Address to your Lordship abovementioned, but a Letter I have received from Mr Henshaw, Resident at Goa, of the 18th November makes no mention whatever of the Fact stated in that from Capt Banks. It is however most probable from the Circumstance of the Nizam's Intelligence with that of Capt Banks, that a French Agent is arrived, tho' he could not have landed at Goa as Mr Henshaw's Letter in such a case would certainly have taken notice of it. The last Letter received from General Goddard was of the 15th October, on which he mentions, that it was his Intention very shortly after to take the Field. I have received from Mr Daniell a Copy of the Letter he addressed to your Lordship relative to the Nizam's Complaint upon the subject of the Protection given by our Zemindars to Damarah Ramah, it shall communicate to this Highness the substance of the Explanation contained in that Letter, from the Tenour of which however it is evident, or at least highly probable, that if the Nizam's Complaint is groundless, it is to be accounted alone to the Misrepresentation

Letter

misrepresentations of Ebrahim Jung. The Inhabitants
26 of Ravaroi Doe Raja of Rhonimedy who were for-
merly so troublesome to us for a considerable length
of Time, will go a great way to assure that the
Zemindars are nice upon the Point of betraying
or delivering up a fugitive Brother: & the mostly
y chiefly Parts of some of the Zemindaries furnish
a very plausible ground of Pretext for evading a
Compliance with Commands laid on them, that may
appear to militate against what they deem the
sacred Rights of Sanctuary. But having a better
Treated my Plea with his Highness for the delay
in reimbursing the Disbursements he had complained
of, on this ground, but as they receive a Loss to
his Revenue, & bring discredit on his Government.
his Highness did not seem at all disposed to
acquiesce in the justice or Propriety of my Apology
& indeed the Principle of Sanctuary can be scarcely
admitted to go no further than to the Protection of
the Individuals, & cannot reasonably be urged to
the Extent of giving shelter to a band of Sovereign
Insurgents. I am informed by a Letter from St. John
Sullivan at Goa that the Company's Charter had
been renewed on easy Terms for ten years, that
in addition to the Troops brought out on Commodore
Johnstone's Squadron 2000 had been embarked in
June under Lord Seaforth, & 3,000 more were ready
in Germany & Switzerland to be transported to
England for the October Fleet, that we had gained
considerable Advantages in the Carolinas & Virginia
that there was a general Rebellion in Peru, & that
the Dutch were said to be in a State of Beggary

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26 Baggage & Refreshments to Vessels by Pinchaus

I do myself the honor to forward three Packetboats tho' I think it probable you may have received them from Bombay

Hyderabad
18 December 1781

I have the honor to be
My Lord with great Respect
your Lordships most
Obedt Humble Servt
Johnd Holland

Wednesday
26th December
1781

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble George Lord
Macartney, President —
Anthony Sadleir Esq. Morgan Williams Esq
Lieut. Gen. St. Eyre Coote, Indisposed
Major Gen. St. Hector Munro absent
on Service — John Holland Esq. President at the
Nizam's Court — Minutes of last Committee read
and approved

Mr Benfields Contract for furnishing 20,000 Bullocks —

The Right Honble the President now laid
before the Committee Draught of a Contract which
has been sent to Mr Benfield for his Perusal,
and intimated he is willing to enter into for furnishing
20,000 Bullocks

Articles of Agreement Indented
had, made, concluded & agreed upon this Day
of — in the twenty second year of the reign
of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the
Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France
& Ireland, and in the year of our Lord 1781
between Paul Benfield of Fort St George Esquire
of the one part & the Right Honble the President
& Members of the Select Committee of the Council of

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I of the Council of Fort St George on Account & on behalf of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies of the other part as follows That the said Paul Bonfield for the Consideration herein after to be mentioned doth hereby for himself his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns covenant & agree to and with the said President & Select Committee of the said Council & their Successors in the said Committee for & on account & on behalf of the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies That the said Paul Bonfield his Executors Administrators or Assigns shall & will at his & their proper Cost & charges from time to time & every day to the said President & Select Committee or to their Successors or Agents or to their Order at Fort St George aforesaid or at the Head Quarters of the British Army on the Coromandel for the time being good & serviceable Draught & Carriage Bullocks not exceeding 20,000 as soon as may be before the 25th day of January next but so as that on & before the said 25th day of January Twenty three hundred good & serviceable Bullocks shall be so supplied of which Number one fourth Part is to be composed of Bullocks fit for & accustomed to Draught & the remaining three fourth Parts fit for & accustomed to Carriage each of the said Draught Bullocks to be able to draw at least Pounds & that each of the said Carriage Bullocks be able to carry 120 Pounds weight And that the said Paul Bonfield his Executors Administrators or Assigns shall at his & their

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That proper Carts & Bullocks sufficient for carrying Provisions & Stores to conduct the said Bullocks and the proportions of such Drivers to their Draught Bullocks and Drivers to Carriage Bullocks, and that the said Drivers shall take & load on Carts or Carriages to be removed by such Draught Bullocks and on Boats or Vessels or otherwise to be carried by such Carriage Bullocks, such Provisions & Baggage, Provisions or other Articles of what kind soever as shall be directed by the said President & the Committee or by the Commander in Chief of the Army or by any Person or Persons authorized by the said Select Committee or by the said Commander in Chief & shall carefully & diligently conduct & convey the same to such Place or Places as they shall be from time to time directed as aforesaid & shall in all Respects obey the orders of the said Select Committee or of the Commander in Chief aforesaid or of any Person or Persons authorized by the said Select Committee or by the said Commander in Chief and the said Paul Boyfield doth hereby further covenant & agree to & with the said President & Select Committee that he the said Paul Boyfield his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns shall & will at his & their proper Cost & Charges supply all Bullocks, Carts, Ropes, and other necessary Tackling & Utensils of every kind whatsoever which may be proper or necessary to enable the said Bullocks to draw or carry as aforesaid. Provided always & it is hereby covenanted & agreed by and between the said Parties, that the said

President

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President & Members of the Select Comittee
or the said Commander in Chief for the Time
respectively authorized by the said Select Comitee
or by the said Commander in Chief shall send
& provide at the Cost & Charges of the said
United Company of Merchants of England Cart
Wheeles or other Carriages to be drawne by the
said Draught Bullocks, & also Bags or Baskets
to be drawn by the said carriage Bullocks
and the said Paul Benfield doth hereby further
covenant & agree for & with the said President
& Select Comitee as aforesaid that in case the
said President & Select Comitee or the said
Commander in Chief or any Person or Persons
who shall be authorized by the said Comitee
or by the said Commander in Chief to encrease
& augment from time to time the said Bullocks
Drivers & Tackling as aforesaid commanded to
be furnished by the said Paul Benfield as aforesaid
shall disapprove & reject any of the said Bullocks
Drivers or Tackling as aforesaid, the same shall
be replaced by the said Paul Benfield his Executors
Administrators or Assigns within fifteen days
after such Examination, rejection & notice given
Disapprobation & Ejection of the said Paul Benfield
doth hereby further covenant & agree to and
with the said President & Select Committee that
he or some Person or Persons authorized in that part
shall attend the Commander in Chief to receive
his Commands concerning the said Bullocks
Drivers or Tackling as aforesaid, & the said Paul Benfield

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aforesaid that he shall at his proper Cost & Charges
replace any of the said Bullocks Drivers or Tackling
as aforesaid which shall or may be lost taken destroyed
or damaged or shall die or become unfit by keeping or
be declared by the said Committee as aforesaid or by
said Commander in Chief or Person or Persons
authorized by them or the Committee as aforesaid to
be unfit or not sufficiently serviceable & shall replace
the same within fifteen days after such Loss Capture
Death Damage or Declaration of being unfit or
insufficient as aforesaid And the said Paul Benfield
doth hereby covenant & agree to & with the said Pre-
sident & Select Committee as aforesaid that he the
said Paul Benfield shall & will at his proper Cost
& Charges supply the said Bullocks & Drivers at
all times & places with proper & sufficient Provender
& Food & shall & will at all respects maintain provide
& take care of the said Bullocks & Drivers & shall
take charge & care of the said Tackling and shall
repair & replace the same as occasion shall require
or the same shall be condemned as aforesaid And
the said Paul Benfield doth hereby covenant & agree
as aforesaid That he shall & will supply & provide
as aforesaid any further or greater Number of
proper & serviceable Draught or carriage Bullocks
such as shall be before mentioned not exceeding
40,000 Bullocks or the value thereof together with
a like proportion of Drivers & the Tackling &
Stores as aforesaid within one Calendar
Month from the time & Execution of the same shall
be made known to him his Executors Administrators,

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Administrators or Assigns by the said President & Committee shall in every Respect maintain & support & uphold the same in the manner and in the Cases upon the Declarations or similar occasions herein before mentioned & the said Paul Benfield doth further covenant & agree as aforesaid for & with the said President & Select Committee that he shall & will indemnify & keep the said Bullocks, Dreuvon & Packlenge as aforesaid & all & every & Property whatsoever, until Notice shall be given to him or his Attorney Executors, Administrators or Assigns or any of them by the said President or Select Committee or said Commander in Chief or any Person or Persons authorized by him or them as aforesaid that the whole or any Part of the said Bullocks shall no longer be employed by, or for, or on account of the said united Company, provided always that after such notice given as aforesaid, no charge whatsoever shall be made for, or on account of said Bullocks, Drivers & Packlenge as aforesaid In consideration of the said several Covenants & Agreements well & duly performed on the part of the said Paul Benfield, his Executors, Administrators & Assigns, They the said President & Members of the Select Committee Do hereby promise & agree for & on account & on behalf, & in the name of the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies & not for or on account or behalf of the said President & Members of the Select Committee or any of them

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and their or any Person or Persons Expectative to pay to the said Paul Benfield, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns at and after Rate of three Star Pagodas and one Quarter of a Star Pagoda for every covenant Bullock which shall be so supplied & employed as aforesaid for every calender Month, during which such Bullocks shall be so retained & employed in the Service aforesaid; which said Covenant shall be in full of all Costs, Charges & Demands whatsoever for or on account of said Bullocks, Drivers, Tackling or any other matter or thing whatsoever relative to the same; And it is hereby further covenanted & agreed by & between the said Parties to these Presents, that the said Money to be paid in the Manner following that is to say,

The Accounts of the said Bullocks shall be made up monthly, & the same shall be examined & certified to be just; or if not just shall be altered & corrected by the Commissary General of the Army, & such Person or Persons as the said Commander in Chief shall authorize & direct to examine, audit, and certify, or correct the same & by the Auditor & Committee of Accounts of the Presidency of Fort St George, And three fourth Part of the Amount of said Account shall be paid within one Month after said Accounts shall be passed & certified as aforesaid by or on the Part of the said United Company in current Specie out of their Treasury at Fort St George & the other two thirds Part to be drawn by Bills to be drawn by the said President & Committee of Fort St George

on

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on the Governor Governing Council of Bengal for
the always right, and after the Rate of three hundred
pounds Sterling Great Britain for one Hundred star
Pagodas, and it is hereby further covenanted
and agreed by and between the said Parties to these
Said Bonds for themselves, their Heirs, Executors,
Administrators or Assigns, that for any thing
herein covenanted or agreed, or for the breach of
any condition herein mentioned on the part
of the said United Company, they the said Lewis
and Members of said Select Committee shall not jointly severally
be liable or subject to any Demand or Suit at Law or Equity
in their Private or separate Capacities; but that the Bonds
shall of this Agreement or of a copy thereof under the hand
and seal of the Secretary of the said Committee for the time being
shall be a bar to any Action, suit or Plaint whatsoever
either in Law or Equity brought against them or any
of them or their or any of their Executors or Administrators,
and for the duly punctual Performance of the said
several Covenants of the said Parties each toward
the other they the said Executors and Members of the
Select Committee bind the said United Company and
the said Paul Benfield binds himself, his Heirs
Executors Administrators in the penal Sum of
one hundred Thousand star Pagodas, each toward
the other. In Witness whereof the Parties hereto
have to two parts of these Presents interchangeably
set their Hands and Seals the Day and year first above
written

(2)

Signed Sealed & Delivered
(where no Stamps Paper are to be had)
in the Presence of

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The Secretary was directed to wait on the Commander in Chief, confined by Sickness, with the foregoing Draught of a Contract, & to communicate the same to him for his Opinion, or for him to suggest any Alterations he might judge necessary: The Secretary accordingly waited on His Excellency & having submitted to his entire Approbation of the Contract recommending however that the Contractor should be obliged to furnish Grain for the Troops Bullocks

Agreed that two Copies be made from the foregoing Draught, & duly executed by Mr. Benfield on the one part, & the United Committee on behalf of the Honble Company on the other Part, & that the Secretary do inform Mr. Benfield as soon as the Copies shall be prepared

Two Copies to made of above

Read the following Letter from Lieut Governor

Sir

I am directed to request the Board of Engineers, Commissioners Engineers Bengal Army & Surveyor, Madras & Surveyor Generals with Recommendations

From the Lieutenant Governor

I am directed to request the Board of Engineers, Commissioners Engineers Bengal Army & Surveyor, Madras & Surveyor Generals with Recommendations

Chief's Recommendation that the Request of Ensign Gator to resign his Service be accepted - Also further desired Request that you will lay the following recommendations from His Commander in Chief before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee - Ensign Joseph Gelsthorpe Will to be Lieutenant to the 7th Circar Battalion vice Lieut Thomas Mackay appointed Brigade Major - Ensign Robert Hall to be Lieutenant to the 25th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys Vice James Mitchell who resigned - Ensign Edward Dowell to be appointed Conductor of Stores & Duty for the Garrison of Fort St George in the room of Lieut John Powell removed to Ensign

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The above Promotions to take place.

I agreed that the Promotions recommended in the foregoing Letter, do immediately take Place, and that Foreign Pilots be permitted to navigate the Service.

The Right Honble the President informed the Committee that he had spoken to the Army all the Money which was in the Treasury, but that it was only sufficient to discharge the Arrears to the — and that without a further Advance the Army cannot move to the Relief of Wallajanagar.

The Treasury being empty

The President added that he had been disappointed in the hopes of raising Money by Loan, as stated in the Minutes of the 21st Instant, and beside there is no Possibility of procuring Money except by granting Bills on the Court of Directors.

Company to be recommended to the Council —

The Committee being convinced of the absolute Necessity of the Measure, it is agreed to recommend it to the Consideration of the Council.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Tyler Senior with the Account of Charges & Losses therein mentioned, Amounting to Pags. 1918. 22. 40

From Mr. Tyler with an Acct. of Charges and Losses in his way from Europe —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose an Account of Charges & Losses incurred during my Journey from London to Fort St. George with public Dispatches for the several Presidencies which I beg Leave to submit to your Consideration

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Consideration. The Letters and Instructions with which I was furnished by the Court of Directors of the honble the East India Company obtained by authorized me to obtain the necessary means for expediting my Journey to India & those however I could only avail myself until my Arrival at Muscat; where there was no English Agent. My Expences from that Port to Bombay and from Bombay to Fort St George, are the first Article of my Personal Claim. My Salary & Diet Money from my taking & keeping charge of the Packet in the port and the last Article relate to my Baggage which for the sake of ending myself of every Demand I shipped on the Warborough & Endorsement & stand last on the publick Service. There is a faithful Statement of the Account, which I trust will be held neither unreasonable nor ill founded by the Court.

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I have the honor to remain with the greatest Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

your faithful & humble Servant

Eyles Irwin

The honble Company

Dr

To my Expences ab[t] from Muscat to Bombay @ Rs 1000 at 375 p[r] 100 Sp[s]	Sp[s] 266.30.
To D[o] at & from Bombay to Madras wo[d]	266.30.
To my Salary from 24th Oct[r] 1780 to 20 June 1781	66.28
To my Diet Money .... D[o] ..... to .... D[o]	60.18.40
To the Amt Cost of my Baggage consisting of Wearing Apparel, Books &c explained on the Bill of Lading & India Mans by the Ship Warborough wo[d] Rs 750	750 ÷ —