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# Diary and Proceedings of the Select Committee of Fort St. George

Commencing the 1st January 1782.

Fort St George Janry 1st 1782

1 Received Letter from Mr Call[illegible] as Entered in miscellany book No 1

The following letter was delivered to the Right Honble the President by Sir Eyre Coote with a recommendation that it should be complied with

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote
Commander in Chief of India

Sir

The office of Commissary of Stores at Fort St George being vacant by the death of Captain Mannory I should be happy to succeed him and hope for your recommendation to obtain me the appointment

I have the honor to be with much respect

Sir

Your very obedient & most humble Servt
J Moorhouse

From Capt Moorhouse requesting to be appointed Commissary of Stores

Camp
January 1st 1782

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Agreed that Captain

Appointed Moorhouse be appointed Commissary of Stores

in the room of Captain Mannery deceased

Received the following

Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &ca Select Committee

of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Stradotten whether to deliver over the Agency or to Supply the Army till their departure

I was last night acquainted by your Secretary that you have been pleased to accept my resignation of the office of Agent to the Army and to appoint Paul Benfield Esqre to take charge of that employ. I have in Consequence begun a trial balance of the Books which from the numerous outstanding accounts cannot possibly be completed in less than two months

Your Lordships &ca are well acquainted that the Employ is in considerably in arrear to me that I have no Cash to deliver over to the Gentleman, you have appointed to take charge, and was I at that time to attempt making up and delivering over to him the remains of Rice and other articles under my Charge it must necessarily impede the deliveries to the Army and

Sir Stone

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9 / 1 / Instead their departure I beg to leave there
to subjoin to your Lordships &c a whether
I shall immediately deliver over all charge
to Mr Benfield or continue to supply the army
until their departure when the different
Articles can be delivered over with accuracy
upon Inventory without retarding the
operations of the Army

I have the honor to be
My Lord and
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
W. A. Dobbyn. Dobbyn

Fort St George
31st December 1781

2d Received the following letter
from Mr Holland

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have had duely the honor
of your Lordships &c a's Letters of the 26 and 27th
Ultimo and beg leave to offer my most sincere
Congratulations on the favorable News
communicated in the former of the fall of the
important Fortress and Town of Negapatam

By the Letter from your Lordships

from Mr Holland
wishes to be informed
whether a neutrality
alone be sufficient
or whether an active
treaty thinks the
latter desirable
as not leaving
further on the
subject, will take
the necessary steps

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2 Yrs of the 5th and 27th of last month I understand it to be your opinion that of the Nizams Neutrality cannot be obtained on any other ground than that of the offensive alliance and plan of conquest it will be necessary to accede immediately to his highness Wishes – Your Lordship Yrs do not however so express that His Highness's before assistance is absolutely necessary and as I am unwilling unless it be unavoidable to yield to some of His Highness's proposals regarding the diversion of conquered Country I could wish if possible to be informed whether the Neutrality alone be sufficient for our purpose, or whether the active treaty must be proposed upon a General view of our affairs combined with a due attention of the Intriguing and busy schemes of our Enemies, as well as from the present tone of your publick Letters I am led to think that the latter is adviseable If I should not therefore hear further from Your Lordship Yrs on this Subject I shall proceed determinately to direct my negotiation to this apparently necessary arrangement and from the want of specifick information and the fear of the danger of further delay it is possible that on the idea of its being conformable to the general bent of your wishes I may be led to think it prudent to act on the principle of the immediate execution of the Alliance even previous to

offensive

view

adviseable.

negotiation

wishes.

necessity of

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2 to the expiration of the time which it might
be necessary for me to wait to be enabled
to receive your answer

Your Lordships &c.a &c.a

favorable opinion is an honor which I
beg leave to acknowledge with the sincerest
sentiments of that respect with which I
am

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed John Holland

Hydrabad
23d December 1781

Received the following letter
from the Rajah of Travancore as entered in the
Country Correspondence N°1

Received the following letter
from Mr Darnell with the enclosures thereon
mentioned, and entered in Miscellany

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K B
Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord

Herewith I enclose to your
Lordship 2 letters received from Mr Duff with
Copy of a letter received from the Captain of the
French Privateer and Copy of a Letter from Lieut
Montgomery to the Chief and Council here
Some guns were heard last
morning to the Northward

From Mr Darnell
a French Privateer
& Narrative

&c

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It is now late at night and your Lordships shall hear from me again tomorrow or without waiting for the course of the Journal if any thing particular transpires

I have the honor to be most respectfully

Your Lordships

Masoolapatam 28th. December 81

very Obedient

humble Servant

I Darnell

They advise of a Privateer having taken many of the Vessels laden with Grain in Narsapore and of the Resident Mr Duff being in treaty with the Commander for their Ransom that all the owners of Doneys would now be deterred from Proceeding to Madras

In consequence of the above intelligence it was resolved to make application to Captain Mackenzie of His Majesty's Ship Active for assistance and the following letter was accordingly sent to him with an Extract of a Letter from Navapore

To Captain Thomas Mackenzie

Commander of his Majesty's Ship Active

Sir

The preservation of the Company's possessions on this Coast in the Present situation of things depending almost entirely on supplies

of

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To Captain Mackenzie requesting he will proceed to Bengal and take under his Convoy the Ships laden with Provisions &ca

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of grain from Bengal We some time since
addressed to Admiral Sir Edward Hughes in the
most urgent terms for assistance to protect
the Vessels employed on that Service The
Season in Consequence has been sent a repeal
by no means of sufficient force for the protection
of this important Trade We have received
Information some days ago of privateers being
on the Coast and particularly one of 18 Guns
which had captured a great number of small
Vessels near Coringal and Nandapore and
we now inclose extract of a Letter received this
morning from Ingeram which you will
observe confirms that Intelligence — We
therefore most earnestly request that you
will proceed to Bengal and take under your
Convoy the Ships now ready laden with rice
and provisions for this Place as also receive
on board your Ships any Treasure that the
Governor General and Council may have
to send to this }

As our existence and that
of the Army and Navy depend on the provision
we expect from Bengal We take upon ourselves
to justify you in this measure being fully
persuaded that the Admiral himself would
if present entirely approve of it

We have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney &ca
Select Committee

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Rec'd the following letter from Captain Mackenzie

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney and the Members of the Select Committee of Fort St George

from Captain Mackenzie consents to proceed to Bengal

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am honored of yours Letter of yesterday inclosing extract of One from Bengal and upon well weighing the fatal Consequences that may ensue to both Army and Navy should the Enemys Privateers be suffered to Captivate the Rice vessels from Bengal to Madras as your Letter sets forth and appears to be well authenticated and fully sensible that Sir Edward Hughes is ever ready to afford Protection to the Companys Trade, and at present would most certainly comply with your requisition and at the same time judging it a duty I owe to the Service to endeavor by every means in my Power to take or destroy so formidable a Privateer as well as to prevent others from appearing in the Tract of so very necessary a Trade

All these reasons added I induce me to comply with your Request I shall therefore proceed with all convenient dispatch in His Majesty's Ship under my Command to look out for the above Privateer or any others that may be cruizing in the passage to Bengal and shall take under my Convoy

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3 all such Vessels as I find there loaded with
Rice and Provisions for this place and to
likewise receive on board any Treasure that
the Governor General and Council may have
to send to this Presidency

In the mean time I judge
it necessary that you take a very early
opportunity of Informing Sir Edward Hughes
of the necessity and very urgent manner
of your making this requisition together
with my Reasons for Complying with it
I have the Honor to

be

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Tho.s Mackenzie

Arrive in Madras Road
3d January 1782

Received the following Letter and Enclosure

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

In consequence of your
Secretary's letter of the 30th Ultimo appointing
me Agent I have applied to Mr Dobbin to know
when he could be ready to deliver over the Outfits
to me I beg leave to enclose to your
Lordships &ca a Copy of Mr Dobbin's letter to me in
answer and have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Faithful and
Obedient humble Servant
Patrick Benfield

From Mr Benfield
inclosing Letter from
Mr Dobbin regarding
the delivering over
the outfits of Agent

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Paul Benfield Esqr

Sir

I have received your
of last night enclosing the Secretary's
letter appointing you to the command
to the Army now held by me I have
have acquainted the Right Honble the Gov
for that the command as much as
to me that I have no Cash to deliver
That I have ordered a Trial Balance
books which from the number of entries
Concerns will require two months to
that for the sake of greater accuracy
the civility of the Army may not be impeded
I have proposed to continue that Service
until them departure when I shall deliver
over the remains of Rice and other Articles
upon Inventory and give orders to the
of the Office to attend you

I am
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed W Dobbyn Agent

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To. Mr William Augustus Dobbyn

Sir

I am directed by the Right
honble the President and Select Committee

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for Mr Dobbyn to deliver over immediately the office of Agent to Mr Benfield

3. To acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo and to signify to you Their desire that you will immediately deliver over the Charge of the office of Agent to Mr Benfield and put under his orders all the Servants belonging to it that your Judge may be of Assistance to him in managing the Business as That he may wish to employ

The Select Committee also desire That you will prepare and deliver over to Mr Benfield the Books and Accounts together with the Cash and other Articles under your charge as soon as it can possibly be done — The hurry being already mainly the Inconvenience you apprehended to the public Service from immediately delivering over the charge of the employment thereby obviated

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
John Huddlestone
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To Paul Benfield Esqre
Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Instant with Copy of a Letter to your from Mr Dobbyn and to inform you That They have again directed Mr Dobbyn

for Mr Benfield Mr Dobbyn ordered to deliver over the office of Agent

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to deliver over to you immediately the
charge of the Office of Agent, and to
your order all the Servants belonging to it
that he thinks may be of use to you
managing the business or that you
wish to employ — Mr Dolbyn is also
to prepare and deliver over to you
and accounts together with the rice
other Articles under his charge as soon
can possibly be done

I have the honor
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servt
John Huddleston
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To John Holland Esqre
Resident at Hydrabad

Sir

We have received your letter
of the 28th of December and hasten to declare
to you our perfect concurrence in your
opinion that the active assistance of the
Nizam is as much preferable to the entire
of his Neutrality as the neutrality is preferable
to his Enmity, according to our conception
such active assistance is as strongly
obligatory resulting from defensive alliance
either of the Parties be forestalled as it

To Mr Holland
leaving it entirely
to his Judgement
in procuring a
treaty with the
Nizam — in Grant
hopes of Peace with
the Mahrattahs

3 is of an Offensive Alliance wch we deemed
of Conquest are in view — But if the Requisites
and cannot be / otherwise than by a treaty
concluded on the Principles of the Latter
We think that the intriguing and busy
Politics of our Enemies and our own Critical
Situation warrant us in entering into it
not as a matter of Choice but / necessity
Our Confidence in your
Wisdom makes us look towards The Completion
of a Treaty by You without any Apprehension
of the Conditions upon which you will
accede to it You are no doubt prepared
by the Sentiments of the Governor General
and Council of Bengal, to whom you have
given from time to time very full and
accurate Information as we may Judge
from those Copies which we received from
you in November last In our Correspondence
with you as we observe on a review of it
we have Chiefly confined ourselves to the
Expression of our dread and absolute undertaking
as our Predecessors proposed to make Conquests
upon a very formidable Enemy The we consent
to give auxiliary Troops to attempt them
And we have been the more in hope That
this Offer would be chearfully accepted that
we think it need not be clogged by the
eventual reserve of any Share of conquered
Territories for the Company but leave the whole
to

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3. to the Allies

Our Advices from Poona give us the strongest room to hope for the speedy Conclusion of a Peace with that State to which with that view a Minister has been lately sent by the Governor General and Council of Bengal You will certainly be acquainted of those Negociations so as that your Measures may be Conducted and concerted with them as well as with any other Allies or Engagements subsisting with the Honble Company

Our Army has again taken the field having the advantage of being still Commanded by General Sir Eyre Coote

We are

Sir

Your most obedient & humble Servts

Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St George
January 3d 1782

4th Sent the following Letters

To Major George Maule

Sir

To Major Maule whether Hyder Ali is so far defeated as to be of no advantage to an Enemy

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo and to inform you that

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that not considering your answer to the second Question in the Military Secretary's letter to you of the 29th Ultimo as sufficiently explicit they now desire that you will inform them simply whether in your opinion the Ground called hog hill is or is not so far reduced and levelled as to give no more advantage than any other ground could give to an Enemy in besieging this Fort —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
John Huddlestone
Secretz

Fort St George
4th January 1782

To Captain Walker
of the Honble Companys Ship Chapman

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that having urgent occasion for a Ship to bring to the Presidency the Guns and Military Stores captured at Negapatam they desire you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed on that Service

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
John Huddlestone
Secretz

To Capt Walker
to proceed to
Negapatam

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4th January 1782

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Received the following Letter

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.a &c.a &c.a

From Mr Brodie his remarks on the contract entered into with Mr Souchet at Bengal

My Lord

Mr Secretary Freeman having sent me Copies of two Contracts both bearing date the 26th of June Last and entered into between the Honble Governor General and Council and Mr Samuel Souchet of Calcutta the one Contract for supplying this Garrison with Live Stock and the other for providing the Honble the Governor General and Council, with a large Quantity of Salt Beef & Pork for the Use of this Presidency & Garrison Stock[illegible] Fort St George I think it incumbent on me to address your Lordship on that occasion, & stress my sentiments on those Contract

In the first place My Lord this Garrison is not in any want of such supply of Bullocks, or Sheep nor has any Indent or application to my knowledge been made by this Presidency to the Honble Governor General & Council for Live Stock; besides my Lord, at present a Scarcity of Bullocks and Sheep for this Garrison. I conceive that Mr Souchet for the Sum of 17 or 18,000 Pagodas; could provide the same Quantity as is agreed for in Mr Souchets Contract and for which by his Calculation He is to receive 3,20,000 Rupees and this could be done without putting the Honble Company to the risk of loss by sea

or

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4 or by Enemies, and I am convince thy Lord
that notwithstanding all the pains and
care Mr Gouchet may take to transport the
live Cattle in full health and good Condition
to this port, they will not if sold on their
first landing here fetch even the trivial
sum of 18000 Pagodas nor will they yield
nearly that sum if slaughtered for the use
of the Troops

This Enormous difference
in the expences of this Presidency for the
article of live Stock is I conceive at this
crisis, a matter of serious moment and on
that account I have taken the liberty of
pointing it out to your Lordship -

As to the Contract for Salt
Provisions I am obliged also to observe to your
Lordship; that the quantity contracted for
is far more than what was indented for
from hence last year, which Indent has been
fully, or nearly Compleated already! Besides
my Lord as Invasion is talked in this Country
do not keep for any length of time they will
in the event of our not being reduced to the
necessity of issuing Salt Provisions to the
Garrison for a great many months become
unserviceable and are at all times unsaleable
here I must likewise take notice that the
Prime Cost of the Bengal Salt Provisions
being 60 Sicca Rupees and the freight hither

at

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4 at least 20 Pagodas more p Tonne each Tonne
when delivered here Hands the Honble Company
more than the Price of Europe Salt Provisions
which will keep for years; and which can
now be purchased here from the Europe Ships
at 25 Pagodas p Tonne! It further seems
my Lord, appears to me a matter of
such consideration to this Presidency that
so large a portion of Tonnage from Calcutta
should be taken up with these
where such Tonnage could I apprehend be
so much better employed in transporting
Rice the Article of all others of which we
most in Want

I beg leave to take this
opportunity of representing to your Lordship
that the Rice consigned from the Honble the
Governor General and Council, to this Presidency
is superior in Quality to almost all the
private Cargoes imported here, and that on
the Bills of Lading for the Cargoes shipped on
Board the Indiamen are not signed for
the weight the Captains do not consume themselves
answerable for the Quantity expressed in the
Invoices in consequence of which a very
considerable loss accrues on the delivery of
them Cargoes

I flatter myself your Lordship
will forgive the freedom with which I have
remarked for, on this occasion shall only

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sentiments and believe that I am with
much respect

Your Lordships faithful
and obedient
Humble Servant
A Brodie
Gr Storekeeper

Fort St George
to
27 December 1782

Dispatched the following
letter to the Governor General & Council by
his Majesty's Ship Active with the Proceedings
of the Select Committee and other papers
therein mentioned

To The Honble Warren Hastings Esqre
Governor General &ca Council of
Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

Having received undoubted
Intelligence of there being a french Privateer
of 18 Guns off Naasahore We addressed to
Captain Mackenzie of this Majesty's Ship
Active just arrived here with Prisoners from
Negapatam requesting of him as the most
earnest terms to proceed to Bengal and take
under his Convoy the Ships ready laden with
Rice and provisions for this place as also
to receive on board any Treasure that your
Honor &c might have to send to this Presidency
Captain Mackenzie readily acquiesced in

our

To Bengal-last
advice proceeds
this to convey
the dispatches from
the Proceedings and
the Journal of the
Siege of Negapatam
an agreement
concluded with the
Nabob the Army
marches to the
relief of Vellore
dispatches from
England arrive at
Palam-establishing
Fort St George
Garrison there keeps

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our request and accordingly now proceed to Bengal for the above mentioned purpose hoping to fall in with the Formation on his way

We avail ourselves of the opportunity to send you the proceedings of the Select Committee of this Government from the 22d June to the 4th December inclusive The General Letters to the Court of Directors Per Neptune, Triad, Duke of Kingston and Lapwing Cutter, agreeably to your request signified to us in your Letter of the 2d of April a Copy of the proceedings from the 17th of February the day of Lord Macartneys Arrival from this Government and our General Letter by the Hughes Packet

We send you also numbered in the Packet Copy of Letter from Major General Sir Hector Monro of the 16th November 1781 containing a Journal of the Siege of Negapatnam and Copy of the Articles of Capitulation for the Surrender of that place — The event of that unfortunate event was communicated by our President and a Member of your Board the day it arrived here

A Detachment from General Monro's Army has since been sent on board the Fleet to assist the Admiral in reducing Trincomale and another with Colonel Braithwaite to assist in the Reduction of

Tanjore

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4 Intaverion of it shall be Judged practicable

The demolition of the Works

of Negapatam commenced immediately after

its surrender and it is by this time nearly

completed except the Citadel which is

thoroughly mined and ready to be blown

up at a moments notice some late occurrences

has rendered it necessary to delay the total

demolition of the place for some little time longer

The proceedings herewith

transmitted will convey to you so perfect a

knowledge of our Situation and the Difficulties

and Distresses under which we labor that it

is scarcely necessary to add any thing here

upon those Subjects. It may suffice to say

that the Army is three months in arrear

and that to pay up the military and Civil

Establishments to the End of december will

require twenty Lacks of Rupees without making

any provision for the future

The agreement lately concluded

by our President with the Nabob for the

Assignment of the Carnatic will we are fully

persuaded be attended with solid and permanent

advantages both to His Highness and the Company

but some time will be required to make the

necessary Arrangements for the Management

of the Country not possessed by the Enemy before

it can bring any material Supplies to our

Treasury

We

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We are Concerned to Inform you that Chittoor which was taken by Sir Eyre Coote on his Return from Vellore has lately been retaken by the Enemy with the Garrison Consisting of a Battalion of Sepoys

In Consequence of very Alarming accounts from the Commanding Officer of Vellore. We have with extreme difficulty and by every possible exertion enabled the Army to march to its relief leaving behind the heavy Guns, part of the ammunition and most of the Baggage and Stores We have also the satisfaction to Inform you that the Army has still the advantage of being Commanded by Sir Eyre Coote, whose Zeal for the Public Service will not suffer Indisposition to prevent his Going to the Field on this important occasion.

Hyder Ally is encamped about

A Letter we from the Secret Committee of Bombay dated the 29th October mentions the arrival of Mr John Sullivan Major Johnstone and Mr Macpherson at Bombay with Dispatches for the different Presidencies and of them having received a Letter from the Committee of Secrecy advertising of the Arrival of the Trial Peace in England and that the Government and Company were preparing to send out large Naval and Military Reinforcements We have since heard of the Arrival of the Gentlemen above mentioned at Patam-cotah

&c

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4th January 1782

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

P.S. Enclosed we send you a letter we have received from our Garrison Storekeeper which we think merits your consideration and therefore submit it to you for that purpose. We shall take an early opportunity of writing to you upon the Subject but in the mean time wish to express, that Rice Money & Gun Powder are the Principal articles of which we stand in immediate want the others we can be supplied with here on cheaper terms

5th Received letter from Mr William Fleming and Captain Campbell at Pellore and Mr Pardoven at Ongole as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 8

Received letter from Mr Shamier Sultan as entered in Miscellany book N° 7

Agreed that the property of the Shamier Sultan or of his Agents at Tranconabar be recommended to the Protection of Sir Edward Hughes

Received

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Received the following
Letter from General Coote

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K B
&c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From General Coote intends proceeding with the Army to the Relief of Vellore on the great want of Carriage for Provisions and regarding the Pendatoes offer

In a former letter I did myself the honor to acquaint you, that Colonel Lang (with the Army under his command) for the purpose of proceeding to the Relief of Vellore the step which that Officer has since taken, whereof you are advised by this addition to your Commettee enclosed in my letter of Yesterday giving me no longer reason to hope for his Services upon this occasion I have resolved at the continuing to labor under extreme ill Health, to go myself with the Army which I have ordered today

The disadvantages and inconveniences under which it has moved on the present Service will be sufficiently elucidated, by simply mentioning that it has received no assistance in Bullocks for the Carriage of Provisions notwithstanding it is upwards of a Month since it returned from the Field and its distress on that head has been well known ever since the Commencement of last Campaign — As to the mode of carrying Rice on Horses I understand its inefficacy has already shewn itself by the difficulty found

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in getting them to consent, even to set out
from the Presidency

It is much to be lamented
as well for the present as for what may be the
future situation of the English Interests in
India, if the obstructions to the Operations
of this by want of Carriage for Provisions
proceeds entirely from the impossibility
of Procuring Bullocks – I was hopeful
that the mode your Committee had
proposed of providing them by Contract
would have been found Practicable, a letter
however which I have received from Mr
Benfield with whom you was in Treaty for
this important Business informs me of its
failure and of your having appointed him
agent for the Army – From Mr Benfields
superior abilities, his credit with the Native
Inhabitants, and his being conversant in
the Business of the Country, I have not a
doubt, but, as far as the Possession and
the Circumstances of that Office may put
it in his Power, he will forward the publick
Service, but insufficient as it has hitherto
proved / for what cause I know not / to answer
the End of its institution we are not authorized
in forming any great Expectations from it
even with the aid of his utmost Zeal and
Assiduities – Mr Benfield having enclosed
me Copies of the whole of the Papers relative

&c

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5 to what passed between your Committee
and him Concerning the Contract proposed
for the Provision of Bullocks I have thereby
been enabled to take a more Comprehensive
view of the Subject and must now give it
you as my opinion that Engagements
offered as it appears on fair and Equitable
Grounds and consider a reasonable Degree
of Responsibility not only merited encouragement
but Protection and Support from the Publick
in the Execution. Something must be done
towards the speedy Acquisition of a large
number of serviceable Bullocks to carry
Provisions for the Army to enable it to
act with effect, otherwise it is too much to
be feared Hyder will remain an Unmolested
of the Carnatic beyond the Season of our
means to support the heavy expences of a
Field Establishment while our Enemies in
this Coast have unquestionably received
a very handsome Account on the late of
acquisition of Revenues of his Highness's
Revenues

I will not enlarge at the Right
Honble the President and your Committee
are well the distressed Condition in which
the Army again takes the Field both as to
money and Carriage for Provisions I need
not expatiate on the Difficulties it has to
encounter or the Risks it may run, but as

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To Jud. &c. upon the wing to point out conclude
on the hope that the important object of its
present march may under every inconvenience
be happily accomplished, for which my
best endeavors, altho in very bad state
of health shall be exerted

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

Fort St George
2d January 1782

Saturday
5th January 1782

At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President
Antony Sadleir. Morgan Williams
Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote and Major
General Sir Hector Munro absent on Service.
John Holland Esqr Resident
at the Nizams Court

Minutes of last Committee read
and approved

Read the following letter from
Captain Edingtown

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Governor &ca Select Committee
Honble Sir and Sirs

Having been informed that
his Highness the Nabob has lodged heavy complaints
against me - and that in Consequence of those Complaints
You

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From Captain Edwards desiring a Court of Inquiry or Court Martial may be held upon him

your Honorable Board mean to relieve me from the Command of Palamcotah think it incumbent on me to claim as Justice that either Trial by Court Martial may take place here or that a Court of Inquiry may be held on my Conduct that I may have the benefit of confronting my accusers on the Spot and on this last case a Court Martial can determine at any place when the Service will admit of it

For my own part I have uniformly acted to the best of my Judgment and utmost of my abilities for the good of the Service confess myself at a loss to form even a Conjecture what charge can possibly be alledged against me so as to occasion any the smallest reflection on an officer

I presume my representation of facts which my letters to the Select Committee will shew has given occasion to those affected by them to oppose falsehood to truth & I shall myself whenever those Charges are exhibited to Disprove them in every particular and for this reason repeat my request of an Inquiry on the Spot

I am sorry to be even the innocent cause of taking up so much of your time but justice to myself and the Service demands it of me

I have the honor

&c

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to be

Hond.e Sir and Sirs

Your respectful, and

Obedient Servant

James Eidington

Palamcotah
Dec.r 10.th 1781

Agreed that the Commander

in Chief be consulted on Captain Eidingtons request

Minute thereon

and desired to order a Court Martial or Court of

Enquiry to be held upon his Conduct where ever he

may judge most proper

The Right Hon.ble the President

The President lays before the Committee

Copy Memo.m contract for bringing rice

lays before the Committee Draught of a Contract

with Captain Mercer for four Cargoes of Rice to be

delivered here before the first of January next

at 130 Pagodas each Garce and paid for by bills

on the Governor General and Council - Two fair

Copies having been made of the Contract they are

now duly executed by Captain Mercer on the one

Part and and the Select Committee on the

other Part -

The Contract entered in Miscellany

Book N.o 9

Received the following Letter from

Mr William Burke

My Lord

I am arrived so near your

Shows Mr Burke arrived at Bengal with Letter from Lord North to the Board of Bengal -

Government that I considered as a point of

respect which (where your Lordship is concerned)

cede

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will always have the weight of a Duty without
to apprize your Lordship of the object of my journey

I have the honor to be the
Bearer of a Letter (written on Consequence of his
Majesty's Commands) from Lord North to the
Rajah of Tanjore — My desire was to have paid
my respects to your Lordship at Madras before I
waited on the Rajah but I have been obliged
to come by the way of Pongengo

In this route I believe it would
be a want of respect both to the Rajah and to
the Letter I have the honor to be the Bearer of
were I to delay the delivery of it by passing thro
the Rajahs Country, with her letter in my
pocket — I shall therefore execute my Commission
before I do myself the honor of waiting on your
Lordship — I shall trouble your Lordship on
on the subject of Tanjore than just to assure
your Lordship of my entire and sincere
confidence that your Lordships Wisdom Justice
and sound Policy will cooperate with the
Councils that now prevail in England to save
and fortify the fidelity of Indian Princes by
the certainty and fulness of the English
protection of them in all their Rights

Your Lordship will permit me
to congratulate you on the prosperous Tenor
that the English affairs have taken under
your administration I most sincerely wish
your Lordship an accumulation of Fame and

of

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of Fortune the just consequence of well acquired

Fame

I have the Honor to be with

the truest Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient

humble Servant

William Burke —

Anjengo
18th November 1781

The Committee have nothing

to remark on the foregoing letter as it contains

no information from the Court of Directors and

Minute thereon as no account has been yet received from them

relative to Mr Burkes journey to India

Read letter of 30th Nov. from Mr Barclay

paymaster at Madura stating that Mr Proctor

refused to supply him with money unless he

Mr Barclay encloses correspondence between him and Mr Proctor informed him of the Balance of the account and

furnished him with an estimate of the monthly

expences and enclosing a Correspondence between

him and Mr Proctor on the Subject as entered with

his letter in the Miscellany Book

Agreed Mr Barclay be informed

that as Mr Proctor has orders to receive the revenues

of the Tinnevelly and Madura Countries and

Minute thereon to supply the Garrisons with money it is proper

he should be furnished with such estimates and

accounts as he may judge necessary for his

Information and that they must in future be

sent to Mr Proctor — on his requisition —

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Mr Benfield with its enclosure

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

My Lord and Gentleman

I have the honor to enclose
your copy of a Letter I have just now received from
Mr Dobbyn. The Servants attached to the Agents Employ
he has sent to me with the Papers mentioned in his
Letter

Those Papers that concern the
conduct of the Employ are such I presume as I
am to follow in ordinary Cases — I should be
glad to know if I am to consider the order of the
24 July 1780 respecting the Collection of Bullocks
for the Service of the Army as in force at this
time and to what extent, or if your Govr &
Lordship &ca have any further orders regarding
the Employ

From Mr Benfield
enclosing Letter
from Mr Dobbyn
and requesting to know
whether the order of
the 24 July 1780 is
now in force

Major Lyndenham has acquainted
me that there are between 16 and 1700 Bullocks
arrived on the Island from different Places I have
directed proper People to receive them and have
to request Your Lordship &ca will please to favor
me with orders how they are to be disposed of
At Present the Agent has neither Grain nor
Forage of any kind for them

I have the honor

To

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to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most faithful and
most obedient humble Servant
Paul Benfield
Agent

Fort St George
4th January 1782

To Paul Benfield Esqr

Sir

Herewith you will receive
a Paper entitled, Proposed regulations respecting
Cart hire Draught and Carriage Bullocks and
Victualing the Troops Also Extract from the
Auditor of accounts Letter dated 8th February 1780
and Extract from the minutes of the Committee
dated 23d October 1780 which are all Papers that
Concern the Conduct of the Office

You will likewise receive Copy
of the Secretary's letter to me of the 24 July 1780
directing me to prepare as many Draught and
Carriage Bullocks as can possibly be procured
which is the only Paper of Instructions to me
Concerning the present Service of the Army

The Servants are ordered to attend
you and the other Papers with the accounts account
remains of such Articles as are under the
Agents charge shall be transmitted you as
soon as possible — I am Sir

Your humble Servant
(signed) W Dobbyn

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rnished

Agreed that Mr Benfield be informed that he will shortly be furnishe with Regulations for his Guidance that in the mean time he will be releas'd to collect Bullocks not exceeding 5000 to be in readiness for the Army on its return and cause Prepara

Minute thereon

to be made for receiving a Number that are now on their way to Madras from different Places those already arrived are to be properly equipped and kept in readiness for the Army or employ'd as occasion may require

paration

Letter

Receiv'd the following

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have heard of the Terms proposed by your Lordships &c for supplying Bullocks &c for the Army, and offer to undertake the Contract on those Terms

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
William Rofs
Stephen Popham

from Messrs Ross and Popham offering to Contract for Bullocks

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December 29th 1781

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Agreed that Messrs Rose and
Popham be informed that the Committee have for
the present laid aside their Intention of having
Bullocks provided by Contract

having

January 5th 1782

The President observed to the
Board that Mr Falconfield who was appointed
a Member of the Committee of assigned Revenue,
had expressed his desire of remaining in his
present Station at Cuddalore, and that Mr
Benfield another Member of that Committee
having lately accepted the office of agent which
at this Critical Juncture must engage much
of his attention It would be proper to appoint
new members in the Room of those Gentlemen who
being agreed to the President proposed Mr Halliburton
the Persian Translator and Mr Moubray the
accountant of the Company and superintendant
of the Nabobs accounts as Persons whose Knowledge
from the offices they hold, must render them
peculiarly useful at that Board. *

which

which Haliburton

President Minute proposes that Messrs Halliburton & Moubray

Resolved that a Copy of the
Agreement made on the second day of December
last between his Highness the Nabob and the
President on behalf of the Company be transmitted
to the Committee of assigned revenue with
Instructions to conform to it in all thereto
Proceedings, which are to be laid before the
Select Committee once a fortnight

Copy of the agreement with the Nabob to be transmitted to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

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The President proposes that
granted Captain Mackenzie of his Majesty's Ship Active
be allowed the same Charge for victualling the
Dutch officers who came on the Active as is allowed
to the Honble Comrans Snow Panther

Received letter from Captain
Shottaker of the Snow Panther as entered in
Miscellany Book No 3 requesting a Supply of
1,200 Pagodas to refit his Vessel and enclosing
and Indent for Provisions - representing also That
the Crew of the Panther have had no Pay since
January 1781 - Agreed that Captain
Indent be complied with and the
he requests be made to him

Received the follow
from the Paymaster at Palam-coo

My Lord and Sirs

I have been favor
your letter of the 27th September a duplicate of
I had received some days before I delivered the
order for Pagodas 28,000 to the Phongar and
Hunter and a letter from the Nabob to Mr Pott
as it was impossible for them to raise that Sum
without mortgaging part of the Revenues and
Mr Proctor being here, I desired the Nabob to
to settle with him and he I imagine has addressed
Your Lordship and the Honble Bd on the
subject

Captain Edengtown has drawn
for

an
1200 Pagodas allowed
to Captain Shottaker
to refit the Panther

From the Light Horse
the order for 28000 Pagodas
to the Phongar and Hunter
Mr Proctor to settle
with the Nabob The
remarks on Capt
Edengtown's charge for
Bullock hire

Coudda

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for the article of Bullock Hire from the 1st March of
February to the 1st March of June last the sum of Pagodas
7746.38.11 at the rate of 4 fanams 10 Cash each draught
Bullock and 3 fanams 40 Cash each carriage bullock
p day. Having Learnt of Mr Proctor from the
different reports he made to the late Select Committee
as auditor of accounts done Them in the Year 1780
on the Date of charging for draught and carriage of
Bullocks by the Paymasters of Pondicherry with their
Orders thereon and also by the regulations established
by the late Select Committee for the hireing of Cart and
Bullock hire &c. the 15th April 1780 which Mr Proctor
furnished me with a Copy of, by those regulations Captain
Ludingtown has drawn for Pagodas 2412.28.22 more
than by the orders or the usage of the Service he ought usage
to have received I have applied to Captain Ludingtown
to refund the over charge of Pagodas 2412.28.22 for
Bullocks Hire which he has refused to comply with
and informs me he will settle with the Agent as
this money was paid by me, and the distresses of the
Southern Garrisons make me anxious to have your
Lordships &c. orders thereon Having never seen
any appointment of Paymaster of this Garrison
had any account of Bullock hire and the book of printed
regulations not being sufficiently clear and explicit
in this article and not having been furnished
with the orders and regulations of the late Select
Committee before mentioned on this point I am
not certain in respect of the exact rate that draught
and carriage Bullocks should be charged at

and on

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he

and represented in consequence to Captain
Edengtonn at the time that of the Dorea I
for more then was allowed by the Regulations
that he must refund the difference, to which he
agreed -

I am with much respect
My Lord and Sirs
Your very obedient
Humble Servant
William Light

Pallam-cotah
9th December, 1781

The Committee direct from
Captain Edengtonn having provided
Bullocks as it is a part of the public de
entirely within the Province of the payn
those already provided are to be charged
Per month each Bullock, and whatever
Edengtonn has charged and received o
above those rates the Paymaster must ca
him to refund as also to pay into the Co
back the amount of any sum or sums
or of the produce of any Grain receive
from the revenue of Pallamcotah or Sum
districts

Minute thereon

Read letter of the 17th Ult. from Mr
Barclay as entered in Miscellany Book
advising of his coming to Negapatan for
his health

Agreed Mr Barclay be informed
that he has permission to remain at Negapatan
as long as his health may require it, or to come

Mr Barclay
promised to come
to the Presidency

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To the Presidency

Read letter of the 4th Instant from the Surgeon General as entered in Miscellany Book No 1 representing the great want of medicines

Agreed the Surgeon General be desired to purchase such medicines as are absolutely and immediately necessary but no more as the expected Ships from England will doubtless bring an ample supply—

The Surgeon General to purchase such Medicines as are absolutely necessary

Read the following letter from Sir Eyre Coote with the enclosures therein mentioned—

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I did myself the honor to address you on the 26th Ult° accompanying a representation from Majors Short and Colgrave respecting the rank they think they are entitled to as expressed in the Resolutions of the Committee under date the 6th August 1779 and as I understand that my opinion on the Subject of that address is also expected I am under the necessity of waiving the delicacy I wished to have held in regard to the recommendation given on that ..... in regard to the recommendation given on that subject by the Commander in Chief at the time and laid by the Commander in Chief at the time and the Minute of the Select Committee thereon

by

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by observing that if the Officer who were appointed to act as Major for the Expedition against Pondicherry in 1778 are Confirmed in the Rank from the date of that Appointment it will be a singular Instance in the Military line by giving the same force and Permanency to a "Brevet of Service" as can only be due to an established Brevet in the Army

I have the honor to enclose the accompanying address signed by some of the Senior Lieutenants on the Infantry List and a Letter from Lieutenant Grange of the Cavalry and to acquaint you that I agree entirely in opinion with those Gentlemen on the peculiar hardship of their and the daily cause they have to feel it in the most severe degree I am therefore very desirous that some Plan be adopted both in justice to the Public and the Individual to prevent, as much as the nature of the Service will permit officers who are not capable of doing field duty or who are non effective by being absent from the Coast, or from other causes not acting with the Army or any part of it from holding a Place on the list to the prejudice of the Service in General, but more particularly so on the Present Service, the sufferings and Severity of which are so well understood

As there is reason to believe that the observations made by the Gentlemen

who

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who have signed the accompanying Address are applicable to those referred to on the 4th (with the exception of Captains Dougald Campbell Francis Ward John Darell and William Flint) I beg leave to recommend that they be either struck off the Establishment entirely or supplied as shall be judged most proper on enquiry by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

I likewise beg leave to recommend that the new Infantry Corps or Levies to the Southward and those raised at the Presidency be formed into six Battalions and that an order to the following effect be accordingly published

The Infantry Levies to the Southward raised since the Commencement of the present War to be formed into four Battalions and be denominated the 22d 23d 24th and 26th Carnatic Battalions The 22d and 23d being already in some degree formed the 24th and 25th Battalions are to be composed of the remaining part of the new levies to be disposed to be stationed on the Forts of Trichinopoly and Madura The two Battalions doing duty in the Black Town of Madras to be returned as the 26th and 27th Battalions

The remaining strength of Infantry Recruits entertained to the Southward since the Commencement of the

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The War after having formed four Battalions as above to be drawn together as so many Independant Companies agreeable to their number, but on no account to be augmented (without a special order) above the number that are found to be supernumary after the Establishing the 22d 23d 24th and 25th Battalions and Completing the Corps on Paper of Corps in the Southern district as under

7 Companies 1st Carnatic Battalion
8 Ditto — 2d Do
8 Do — 6 — Do
7 Do — 7th — Do

The 10th Battalion
8 Companies 13th Battalion
5 Companies 19th Do

One Battalion of light Infantry
Four Battalions Sanfore Lebkendy

The Battalion of Sepoys to remain as before ordered further orders under the Command of the Officer appointed to take charge of it in Sanjore

Returns of the present State of the whole to be sent to Government and the Adjutant Generals Office as soon as formed and a list of the Native Commissioned in each of the new Corps to be forwarded to the latter noting such as have not received their Commissions from the Secretarys office

This order to be carried into Execution in regard to the Southern Troops by

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by Major General Sir Hector Munro or Officer
Commanding in that Quarter and the utmost
attention to be paid to the formation of the
new Corps in respect to the appointment and
distribution of the Native Officers and to
the Cast and Age of the Men

The advantages to the Service
with only the additional Expence arising from
the promotion of Officers adequate to the
Troops necessarily embodied on account of
the War from having the Infantry Lines
formed into Corps regularly appointed and
admitted on the Strength of the Army in
preference to their present deranged and
unconnected situation is very certain and
will have a further desireable Effect by
ascertaining the Exact Expence of the
Military establishment which in the present
daily increase of Men without a formation
of Corps is totally impossible

The accompanying Paper will
point out the promotion necessary to take
place on a supposition that Officers as
above are either struck off or Invalided and
that others are appointed to the new Corps
including as such on the Establishment
as they stand related to an encrease of Officers
the two Pebbendy Battalions commanded
by Captains as those Battalions were admitted
on the Establishment without an augmentation
of Officers a plan so very deficient in

military

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military System as not to need any further Explanation – it also includes the List of Effective Captains after the above Promotion taking in the casualties of Lieutenant Colonel Sears deceased and Major Crosby gone to England

I shall do myself the Honor to recommend Officers for the appointments which will be vacant as soon as the above meets with the concurrence of your Committee

It becomes necessary to make an alteration in the appointment of Mr George Lang (on account of his Youth) lately named a Volunteer, and that he be returned as a Minor Cadet; I also beg leave to recommend for that List the following Young Gentlemen Sons of Officers in the Service Viz[t]

Mr ——— Pendergast

Thomas Bridges

——— Ward

Ensign Pomond having applied to relinquish his situation in the Corps of Engineers it is recommended that he be struck off the List of Assistant Engineers

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

Eyre Coote

Fort St George
5th January 1782

To

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

Sir

Permit me to apologize for
troubling your Excellency on a subject re-
specting myself when your time is so much
employed on the Public Service

After serving near four
Years in his Majestys Cavalry I was appointed
by the Court of Directors Lieutenant of Cavalry
on the Establishment in March 1772 and
they have been pleased since my arrival in
the Country to express their desire of having
me promoted in the Cavalry Corps by recommenda-
tions in General Letters to the Presidency
of Fort St George particularly in 1778 an
Extract of which I beg leave to insert for your
Excellencys Perusal

" The Character which Lieutenant
" William Grunge of your Military bears as an
" experienced Officer in His Majestys Cavalry
" makes us very desirous of his being employed
" and promoted in the same line in our Service
" We therefore recommend him to your particular
" notice on the first vacancy which may be
" to that Gentlemans advantage"

That notwithstanding I
suffer the disagreeable situation of being
the European Cavalry twice reduced, prevents to

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to my leaving the Command) I remained
in the Country anxious for an opportunity
to be employed; that on the breaking out of
the Present War I was ordered to take charge of
80 European Troops indifferently mounted
and ill Disciplined as Cavalry which on
your Excellencys arrival you were pleased
to continue me in the Command of and to
furnish good horses — The behaviour of the
Troop has been such I flatter myself as to
give your Excellency Satisfaction and done
me credit — My being severely wounded during
the Campaign has for some time deprived
me of doing my duty, that Irksome period
I trust is at an end, and that I shall be able
to take the Field fit for Service

On the above grounds I further
hope that the request I have of being appointed
Captain of Cavalry in the room of Captain Shilds
deceased will meet with your Excellencys
Support and Approbation and that I shall
be honored with your recommendation to
to that effect to the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee

I have the honor to
remain with much respect
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
William Fourage
Lieut of Europ[n] Cavalry

St Thome
19th december 1781

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To his Excellancy Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B
Commander in Chief of India &c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir

The particular hardships which the Officers attached to the Infantry on this Establishment at present labor under will we flatter ourselves appear a sufficient apology to Your Excellancy for the present Address

Several of us who now sign this letter entered into the Company's Service in the year 1769 and we cannot with reconcern see Officers of Artillery and of other Establishments daily rising over our heads many of the Gentlemen who now hold the rank of Captains had not arrived in India when we were serving as Lieutenants

We beg leave to enclose to Your Excellancy a List of the Captains of the Army pointing out such as we conceive Non Effective but still kept on the Strength of Corps to our Prejudice, and we request that an enquiry may be made into the situation of the several Officers on whom we have made remarks

We also beg leave to observe that if Captains are nominated to the new raised Corps which are annexed to the List there will remain vacancies for fifteen Captains which we hope your Excellency will be pleased to fill up considering the many Disadvantages we lie under

We

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We have the honor to be

with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and

devoted humble Servant

I Baillie

B Vigors

Thomas Meek

W. Douglas

Arth.r Crawford

Fort St George
31st December 1781

List of Captains in the Honble Company's Service on the Coast of Coromandel.

| | Names | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| | William Collins | England |
| × | Richard Nelson | } To be invalided having been incapable of field duty for Years |
| × | Alexander Mckenzie | } To be Invalided being absent from his Corps which is now in the field and said to have lost the use of one side |
| | Hugh Robert Alcock | } To be promoted to fill up the Establishment of field officers |
| 5 | Thomas Bruce | |
| | George Barrington | |
| | William Keating | |
| | Charles Kemley | Prisoner with the Enemy |
| | Arthur Lysaght | |
| 10 | William Rupell | England |
| | Robert Chesshyre | |
| | Robert Jebbings | |
| | Thomas Bredges | |
| | Robert Long | |
| 15 | James Essington | |
| | James Johnston | |

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| | Names | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| | Donald Campbell | |
| | John Davies | |
| | James Hughes | |
| 20 | George Smith | |
| | Henry Lamotte | |
| | Edmond Edmonds | |
| | Thomas Lane | |
| x | Francis Ward | To be invalided being incapable of Field Service |
| 25 | Edmond Collins | |
| | Joseph Bilchiffe | |
| | David Muirhead | |
| | Thomas Bagot | England |
| | Alex[r] Patterson | |
| 30 | J G Swaine | |
| x | W. Adair | To be invalided being insane |
| | George Conyngham | |
| | Charles Lucas | Prisoner with the Enemy |
| | Thos Burrowes | Commanding the Sanjore Subsidy |
| 35 | John Oldham | |
| | Thomas Leeche | |
| | Sam[l] B Evance | |
| | Dugald Campbell | Commandant of the Elephants & Camels Cavalry |
| | David Dewar | |
| 40 | Thomas Trent | |
| | Donald M Leod | |
| | John Mordaunt | Serving at Bengal for 7 Years |
| | John Patterson | |
| | George Campbell | |
| 45 | Thomas Vandergart | |
| | George Clarke | |
| | Robert Semble | |

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| | Names | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| | John Darell | Serving at Bengal |
| | Stevens Cockrane | |
| 55 | Basil Monkeith | Prisoner with the Enemy |
| | Richard Folson | |
| | John Dupont | |
| | James O'Hara | |
| | Hugh Montgomery | |
| 55 | John Cuppage | |
| | Robert Sale | |
| | Richard Scott | |
| | Peter Bonneveaux | Prisoner with the Enemy |
| | Francis Wragg | do. do. do. |
| 60 | Cornelius Grant | To be promoted but being incapable of field |
| X | John Campbell | Service having left his Corps when the army marched in January last |
| | Alex. Wynch | |
| | Luke Pocock | |
| | Robert Scouler | |
| 65 | William Blacker | |
| | Daniel Burr | |
| | Francis Fowdie | Commanding the Gingam Sebedy |
| | Henry Malcolm | Prisoner with the Enemy |
| | R I Bate | |
| 70 | Rock Langley | |
| | William Champneys | |
| | James Lee | |
| | David Marshall | |
| | H B Harding | |
| 75 | George Mackay | |
| | Br Bishop | |
| | Will.m Flint | |
| 78 | George Roberts | a Supernumerary |

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Lieutenants

Edmond Brown } To be invalided, being incapable of field
Edmond Brown } service subject to constant fits —

Thomas Stonehouse

James Stuart

John Baillie

Urban Vigors

George Mecatt — Prisoner with the Enemy

Edmond Nelson

John Taylor

Edward Jourdan — Cavalry

Joseph Butler — Prisoner with the Enemy

Barth.w Vigors

Will.m Bowce

Arch.d Brown

Philip Mayne

N. S. W. Abbot

John North

Thos. Meek

Walter Douglas

Henry Lunn

Corps lately raised to which Captains have not yet been attached

Two Battalions to the Southward nominated the 22.d and 23.d Batt.ns

One ditto at Trichinopoly

One ditto Topasses at Tanjore

Two ditto in the Black town Madras

Number of effective Captains on the List of the Army — 56

Wanting to complete the Establishment — 9

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| | Names | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| | John Darell | Serving at Bengal |
| | Spencer Cockrane | |
| 50 | Basil Monkeith | Prisoner with the Enemy |
| | Richard Tolson | |
| | John Dupont | |
| | James O'Hara | |
| | Hugh Montgomery | |
| 55 | John Cuppage | |
| | Robert Sale | |
| | Richard Scott | |
| | Peter Bonneveaux | Prisoner with the Enemy |
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| | Alex[r] Wynch | |
| | Luke Pocock | |
| | Robert Scouler | |
| 65 | William Blacker | |
| | Daniel Burr | Commanding the Gangam Sebendy |
| | Francis Fowdie | Prisoner with the Enemy |
| | Henry Malcolm | |
| | R I Bate | |
| 70 | Arch[d] Longley | |
| | William Champneys | |
| | James Gee | |
| | David Marshall | |
| | H D Harding | |
| 75 | George Mackay | |
| | Br[r] Bishop | |
| | Will[m] Flint | a Supernumerary |
| 78 | George Roberts | |

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Lieutenants

Edmond Browne } To be invalided, being incapable of foild
Service subject to constant fits

Thomas Stonehouse

James Stuart

John Baillie

Urban Vigors

George Stuart — Prisoner with the Enemy

Edmond Nelson

John Taylor

Edward Jourdan — Cavalry

Joseph Butler — Prisoner with the Enemy

Barth.w Vigors

Will.m Bruce

Arch.d Brown

Philip Mayne

N. S. W. Abbot

John North

Thos. Meek

Walter Douglas

Henry Dunn

Corps lately raised to which Captains have not yet been attached

Two Battalions to the Southward commanded
the 22d and 23d Batt.ns

One detto at Trichinopoly

One detto Topasses at Tanjore

Two ditto in the Black Town Madras

Number of effective Captains on the List of the Army — 56

Wanting to complete the Establishment — 9

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New Corps ——————————— 6

J Baillie
B Vigors
Tho[s] Meek
W Douglas
Art[r] Crawford

Effective Captains of Infantry and a Supposition that the promotion recommended takes Place

| N° | Names | Rank | N° | Names | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | George Burrington | Capt[n] | | Tho[s] Burrows | Captains |
| | Will[m] Keating | Do | | John Oldham | Do |
| | Arthur Lysaght | Do | 25 | Tho[s] Leech | Do |
| | Robert Clusflugre | Do | | Immanuel Browne | Do |
| 5 | Rob[t] Fibbings | Do | | Dugald Campbell | Do |
| | Edward Bridges | Do | | David Deuar | Do |
| | Rob[t] Long | Do | | Thomas Trent | Do |
| | James Eddingtown | Do | 30 | Donald Macleod | Do |
| | Ja[s] Johnston | Do | | John Paterson | Do |
| 10 | Donald Campbell | Do | | Geo: Campbell | Do |
| | John Davis | Do | | Tho[s] Pendergast | Do |
| | Jas Hughes | Do | | Geo: Clarke | Do |
| | Geo: Smith | Do | 35 | Robert Semple | Do |
| | Edw[d] Edmonds | Do | | John Darrell | Do |
| 9 | 15 Thomas Lane | Do | | Spencer Cochrane | Do |
| | Francis Ward | Do | | Richard Jolson | Do |
| | Edw[d] Collins | Do | | John Dupont | Do |
| | Joseph Birchcliffe | Do | 40 | James O'Hara | Do |
| | David Muirhead | Do | | Hugh Montgomery | Do |
| 20 | Alex[r] Paterson | Do | | John Cuppage | Do |
| | Sir Ja[s] Durand | Do | | Robert Sale | Do |
| | Geo: Conyngham | Do | | Rich Scott | Do |

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| 45 | Peter Bonnevaux | Do | Jn° Stuart | Captains |
| | Alex^r Wynch | Do | John Baillie | Do |
| | Luke Pocock | Do | 65 Robert Vigors | Do |
| | Robert Scouler | Do | Edmond Nelson | Do |
| | Will^m Blacker | Do | John Taylor | Do |
| 50 | Daniel Burr | Do | Edw^d Sourdan | Do |
| | Henry Malcolm | Do | Barth^w Vigors | Do |
| | R^d Spencer Bate | Do | 70 Will^m Bruce | Do |
| | Arch^d A. Langley | Do | Arch^d Brown | Do |
| | Wm Champness | Do | Philip Mayne | Do |
| 55 | James Lee | Do | N. D. W. Abbot | Do |
| | David Marshall | Do | | |
| | H. D Harding | Do | | |
| | Geo Mackay | Do | | |
| | Ben^n B Bishop | Do | | |
| 60 | Wm Flint | Do | | |
| | Geo: Roberts | Do | | |
| | Tho^s Stonehouse | | | |

On the above list there appears 73 Effective Captains the Establishment recommended as follows

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| Two Regiments of Europeans | 36 |
| 21 Carnatic Battalions of Sepoys | 21 |
| 8 Circar Battalions | 8 |
| 6 New Carnatic Battalions | 6 |
| 2 Sibendy Corps commanded by Captains | 2 |
| Effective Captains on the List before the Promotion recommended | 61 |
| Wanting to complete | 12 |
| | 73 |

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Promotions recommended

Major Robert Kelly to be Lieutenant Colonel
Vice Samuel Sears date of Rank 1st Jany 1782
Captain Hugh Robert Alcock to be Major
Vice Robert Kelly date of Rank 1st Jany 1782
Captain Thomas Bruce to be Major, Vice H.A.M.
Cosby date of Rank 2d January 1782
And the following Lieutenants to be captains

Thomas Stonehouse date of Rank — 1st January 1782
James Stuart — — — — — — — — — 2d Ditto
John Baillie — — — — — — — — — 3d Do
Urbain Vigors — — — — — — — — 4th Do
George Stuart x — — — — — — — 5th Do
Edmond Nelson — — — — — — — — 6th Do
John Saylor — — — — — — — — — 7th Do
Edward Sweerdan — — — — — — — 8th Do
Joseph Butler x — — — — — — — 9th Do
Barth.w Vigors — — — — — — — 10th Do
Will.m Bruce — — — — — — — — 11th Do
Archibald Brown — — — — — — — 12th Do
Philip Mayne — — — — — — — — 13th Do
N.S.W Abbot — — — — — — — — 14th Do

And the following Ensigns to be Lieutenants
Thomas Higgenbottom date of Rank 1st Jany 1782
Florence Macarty — — — — — — — 2d Ditto
Simon Dalrymple — — — — — — — 3d Do
William Stevens — — — — — — — 4th Do
J J Durand — — — — — — — — 5th Do
George Smith — — — — — — — — 6th Do
James Brunton — — — — — — — — 7

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Thomas Poole — date of Rank — 8th January 1782
John Bannerman — 9th ditto
Robert Strachan — 10th do
R B Harbert — 11th do
Frances Lapper — 12th do
John Lupfage — 13th do —

And the following Volunteers to be Ensigns their rank to be settled as soon as that of the Cadets of 1780 is ascertained —

Mr William Fleming
Reynold Macalaster
Ralph R Petrie
John Hewitson
Hamilton Hall
Rowlaston Robinet
Robert Munro
Charles Rumley
Frances Storey
Pagan Shaw

Lieutenant William Young to be captain of Cavalry date of Rank 9th January 1782

N B. Altho only 12 Captaincies are wanted 14 are recommended above two of the 14 mkd × being Prisoners with the Enemy for the same cause 13 Ensigns are recommended for Promotion altho only 12 are required the Gentlemen mkd × being Prisoners with the Enemy —

One Volunteer wanting to Complete the promotion of Ensigns

Lieut

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List of the Captains reported as non Effective to the Duty of the Army

William Collins, England.
Richard Nelson – Refer to letter
Alexr Mackenzie – Ditto
Charles Burnley Prisoner
William Russell England
Henry Lamotte – Prisoner
Thomas Bagot – England
William Adair – refer to letter
Charles Lucas Prisoner
John Mordaunt – refer to letter
Basil Monteith Prisoner
Francis Wragg – D.
6 Grant – Do
John Campbell refer to letter
Frances Fowdie – Prisoner

Eyre Coote

To lie on the table

The foregoing Letter from the C in Chief comprizing a very extensive Arrangement, Ordered that it lie on the Table with the several Papers for further consideration

The Secretary acquaints the Committee that the Adjutant General has informed him it was not the Generals wish that Lieut Young should be appointed a Captain of Lascars until the Officer immediately above him on the List of the Army, Lieutenant Joseph Butler shall be promoted to the Rank of Captain

By

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Agreed that the Honble & Company's Ship Chapman be sent to Negapatam for such part of the Guns and Stores captured at that Place as may not be practicable to Transport to Tanjore or Trichinopoly

The Chapman to be sent to Negapatam

Agreed that the 500 barrels of Powder be sent to Sir Edward Hughes

Five hundred barrels sent to Sir Edward Hughes

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"

" Mr Williams

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At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President
Anthony Sadleir, Morgan Williams Esqrs

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

John Holland Esqr Resident
at the Nigams Court -

Saturday
the
5 January at 11 P.M.

The President acquaints the
Committee that he has received the following
letter from Colonel Owen dated this morning
from Trepassore giving an account of Sir Eyre
Coote's having had a violent and most dangerous
apoplectic Shock, that he was however somewhat
recovered but it was apprehended the Army could not
well proceed that day - That Colonel Sang upon hearing
of the Generals illness had in the handsomest manner
immediately offered his Services on this trying
occasion declaring that whatever Grievances he
might have to complain of his Zeal for the
Public superceded every Private Consideration
and that he was ready to set out and join the
Army under Sir Eyre Coote without delay

The President informs the Committee of Sir Eyre Coote's illness and of Colonel Sang's offer of his Services

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

My distress for these two hours past has been indescribable — The General has had a most violent and Apoplectic Shock Thank God his senses are somewhat returned — Very confused yet — but his pulse has no immediate dangerous symptoms He has been bled which relieved him

From Colonel Owen advising of General Coots illness

The Drums had beat for the marching but we have pitched Tents again It would be imprudent to move from Tripassore this day in the Generals situation — The urgency of the Subject will plead an excuse for troubling you with this letter — I shall write again in the course of the day and am with the greatest Respect

Your Lordships most Obliged and Obedient Servant

Tripassore January 5th at 7 oClock A.M.

/signed/ Arthur Owen

Resolved that Colonel Lang be directed to join the Army as he has proposed and that a letter be written to Sir Eyre Coote expressing the concern of the Committee at his Indisposition and requesting him most earnestly not to hazard his health, but to return immediately to the Presidency where they are in hopes his health may be soon reestablished — as the preservation of a Life of so much consequence to the Public warrants them in claiming his care of it

Colonel Lang be directed to join the Army

Letter written to Sir Eyre Coote requesting him to return to the Presidency for the recovery of his health

Woods

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Wrote the following letter to
Colonel Lang

To Colonel Ross Lang

Sir

You are hereby directed to
proceed with all expedition to our Grand Army
and in case of any accident happening to Sir Eyre
Lieutenant General Coote from
continuing in the command of it you are to put
yourself at the head of it and proceed if practicable
to the relief of Vellore

To Colonel Lang
directing him to join
the Army and proceed
to Vellore

You will follow such other orders
and instructions as shall be sent to you by us
from time to time

We are
regard

Sir

Fort St George
January 5th 1782

Your m
st obedient
hu mble Servants
Signed Macartney
For Select Committee

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5. Sent the following Letter to Mr. Benfield

To Paul Benfield Esqr
Agent

To Mr Benfield to collect 5000 Bullocks to be in readiness for the Army and to send a Return of them & to comply with all Indents for Bullocks

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant with Copy of one to you from Mr Robbyn and to inform you in answer that you will shortly be furnished with Regulations for your Guidance in conducting the business of your Employ that in the mean time you will be pleased to begin to collect Bullocks not exceeding 5000 To be in readiness for the Army on its return, and cause preparation to be made for a receiving a Number that are now on their way to Madras from different places and will be delivered to you on their Arrival, Those already arrived are to be properly equipped with Saddles &c. and kept in readiness for the Army or employed as occasion may require with respect to forage for them and Gram for such as are for draught there must now be less difficulty in procuring both than at any other Season of the Year, and the Select Committee have no doubt of your exertions for that purpose — at present those Bullocks belonging to the Company, and you will be pleased to send a return of them as well as of all other Bullocks that may from time to time come under your charge weekly to the Right Honble the President

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belong.

I am further directed to desire that you will comply with the all Indents for Bullocks that may be made to you by the heads of the several Public departments

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5. I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
John Huddleston
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Fort St George
5th January 1782

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6 Received the following Letters -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
Vc. Vc.
Fort St George

My Lord.

I had the honor to receive the Duplicate of your Lordships Letter of the 11th Instant - Yesterday by a Harcarah of Colonel Langs - the 1000 Pagodas which you mention is not yet arrived, it will be great loss to the Garrison if it is fallen into the hands of the Enemy and distress us much - Within these few days past a small quantity of Grain has come in from the Southward, which has enabled me to put the whole of the Black Troops Vc on dry Batta for the Six last days of this Month. but cannot assure your Lordship that I will be able to continue it as there is no dependance of a supply from any quarter round us - Since the 7th Instant the communication between us and the Hills is totally shut up. the Enemy keep a stricter Watch than ever. they have three Camps to the Northward of us the Grain now in Garrison will only serve to the 11th of next Month. and as I informed your Lordship the 7th and 19th Instant of my Situation I hope measures are taken ere this for to give us a fresh Supply - My Money is not

I know Capt. Cuppage can subsist the Garrison no longer than the 11th of next Month. is closely watched by the Enemy. a Sepoy Comes over to him -

Son

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6. out. and have been obliged to lay hands in every thing that
could turn to Cash. the whole of which is but trifling. — I can
only assure your Lordship that every means that could be
devised has been and shall be taken for the safety of this Garrison
but without provisions or Money, it is impossible for me to
maintain it. The encouragement I have given to the Inhabitants
will be of the greatest benefit to the Place, if we can but reap
what is already in the Ground, in two Months I shall get
nearly as much as will subsist the Garrison, and make no
doubt but there will be a constant succession — The —
Zemidar which I had the honor to mention to your Lordship
the 7th Instant, came in here four nights ago. He had nothing
more to propose that what I have already acquainted to
Sir Eyre Coote with, but wanted to have assurances from
myself of his being protected and received into the Service.
which I gave him in the fullest manner he seemed perfectly
well satisfied, when I told him I had yours. the Generals.
directions with the Nabobs Chop and Cowl to confirm it —
He told me that he commands 800 horse and that he would
settle with the other Zemidars to the Amount of 4500 which
intended to come over to our Army, and they would put it into
execution as soon as our Army drew near to Tyders —

I have the honor to be

My Lord

your Lordships Most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) John Cuppage

Vellore
27th. December 1781

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Vellore 28th December.

My Lord

I have the honor to receive your Lordships three letters of the 23d Instant. It has given me the greater pleasure to know that you are acquainted with our disagreable Situation and do assure your Lordships that nothing shall be left undone that is in my Power for the safety of the Garrison. The 7th Instant I acknowledged the Receipt of One Thousand Pagodas by your own People, but the other is not yet arrived. It will be a great loss to the Garrison if it is fallen into the hands of the Enemy. A few days ago a small quantity of Grain came into the Pettah from the Southward (sent by Hyders People on account of the high price it bears). I took the opportunity of putting the whole of the Black Troops on dry Batty for the last six days of this Month, which will enable me to subsist the Garrison until the 11th of next Month, but no longer. It was running some Risk but they have behaved very well and hope, that I shall be relieved by that Time, otherwise I cannot be answerable for the behaviour of the Troops, having neither Money or provisions to give them after that Period. Had I not taken the precaution from the 15th Instant of stretching off nearly half the Garrison from the allowance of rice as I informed your Lordship and the General in several Letters, I would not have a handful this day. The Chittoor Amuldar and others have behaved extreamly ill, shortly after the Army left this I wrote to Captain Lamotte to press them to send provisions and I would send an escort a cross the Valley to protect them, but they never sent a Grain untill the 8th except the 8000 Measures which I informed your Lordship of, I got the 5th Instant. On the 15th

From Captain Luppage will be able to subsist the Garrison untill 11th strikes off nearly half the Garrison from the allowance of Rice Advising of the fall of Chittoor

etc

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6th 15th I received a Letter from Captain Lamotte informing me that the Chittoor Man had set off with a hundred Marcalls of Rice for this Place. he was then 3 days on the hills and the Enemy had taken two such strong posts. that no Detachmt. I could send would be sufficient to protect them. I have not heard nothing of Hyders Army since the fall of Chittoor it surrendered the 24th. Instant, but know nothing of the Terms It is a fortunate circumstance he has not come here

I am &c.

(Signed) I. Cuppage.

(Military Department)

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your Commands of the 5th Instant and are sorry to inform your Lordship &c. that the Bengal Detachment has effectually drained the Circars of most of the Carriage Bullocks in these districts The Drivers upon that occasion deserted as fast as they could possibly be collected from a Determination not to proceed to the Southward at any rate Many of the Bullocks unaccustomed to carriage without Saddles or Drivers could be of little use and were we now to attempt to force more from these Districts. we should not have any left to carry Rice from one Garrison to another. together in the harvest, or cultivate the Ground. We are however using our utmost endeavours to hire or purchase as many Bullocks

From Masulipatam using their utmost endeavors to send Bullocks to the Presidency and to persuade the Landholders to carry their Merchandize.

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6. Bullocks as possible and should sooner have replied to your Lordships &c a letter on the Subject if we had not flattered ourselves with the hopes of prevailing upon a Number of Lambardies who annually frequent these Ports from the Westward, to go with their Merchandize to Madras but so tenacious are these People in adhering to their usual Tract that we have neither been able by threats nor Persuations to prevail on the Principle people among them to come in hither upon any consideration and we are convinced that nothing but force could bring them to comply with a demand so contrary to their Custom and Interest, The consequence of Seizing them for this Purpose would most likely be their absenting themselves from these Districts for some Seasons which case the Farms would be deprived of large Supplies of Wheat, Cotton &c. annually imported by them and the Company of their Sales of Salt the Company's Investment must Materially suffer for want of Cotton when Circumstances may permit them to go on with it, admitting however it were possible to succeed in procuring a Number of Bullocks it would be altogether impracticable for us to send them by Sea to the Presidency for we have not one Requisite for such an undertaking not to mention the space of time it would take to prepare them and the appearance of the French Privateers to the Northward of this Port renders the Attempt still more difficult and unsafe. We shall however send whatever Bullocks we can possibly collect to Angole with directions to the Commanding Officer there to forward them to Nellore from whence they can proceed to Madras when the Commanding Officer of that Garrison may deem it safe for them to do so.

We are respectfully

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
humble Servants

J.s Daniell

" John Peter Boileau

" Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatnam
30th December 1781.

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

Forms Committee of Stores with their Minutes on the Indent for Trichinopoly

My Lord and Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to lay before you our Proceedings of this day.

We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
humble Servants

Edw.d James
Geo: Maule
B: Scottney

Fort St George
5th January 1782.

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

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The Committee Taking into Consideration an Indent of Stores for Trichinopoly they agree to Comply with it as far as the Stores will admit - They observe a great Quantity of Gunn Powder is mentioned, which cannot be supplied from this place, and as Mr. Balk the Storekeeper Informs the Committee with a considerable quantity of Powder of the Nabobs is in Trichinopoly they Recommend that the Right Honble the President &c. do get a positive Order from the Nabob to his People there to allow Mr. Balk to examine it, and if he thinks proper to take charge of it on the Companys Account - and as they are further informed that the Nabob must have in that Garrison many Military Stores which may at such a time as this greatly relieve our Deficiencies the Committee beg leave to recommend that the Nabob be applied to appropriate them to the uses of the Company, and deliver such as an Examination may be found serviceable to the Companys Storekeeper at that place, and the Gentlemen also recommend to the Right Honble the President &c. that an application be made without loss of time to the Nabob to know what stores he has there

Approved

The Committee are led the more strongly to recommend this as it may enable the Garrison of Trichinopoly to supply the

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6. The other Garrisons at so great distance that may stand in need of it.

Ed: Saunes
Geo: Maule
B: Scottney

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote. —

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K. B.
Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir

To General Coote Col Lang proceeds to Camp requesting him to return to establish his health. —

Last Night we heard with very great concern of your illness at Tripassore. our Alarms on public Grounds as well as from private regard have been some what abated by the Subsequent Intelligence that you were recovering. But we are still anxious and apprehensive about your health. we know how much it has suffered for some time past; and — that nothing but an uncommon Heat for the public Service could have led you in such a Situation to take the field —

We cannot but dread that a severe disorder may be the consequence of your proceeding at present with the Army

Had not Colonel Lang intended to embark for Europe we meant to entrust to him as fully equal to it. the Execution of the Service on which the Troops are now Marching We have therefore dispatched him to Camp on the first notice of your illness.

We request you will give him such Instructions as you may think requisite. and we earnestly entreat you to return immediately to the Presidency, where we hope —

your

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6. Your health may be established. The preservation of a life of such Importance to the Public Warrants us in claiming your case of it —

We are Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Fort St George
to
January 6. 1782.

7th Mr Benfield having applied to the Civil Secretary for 30,000 Pagodas for the use of the Agents employ, the following Letter is now sent to him —

To Paul Benfield Esqr.
Agent

Sir

To Mr Benfield cannot be supplied with 30,000 Pagodas as his Indent for Straw not complied with

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to the Civil Secretary desiring a supply of 30,000 Pagodas for the use of your Employ and to inform you in Answer that they apprehend you will scarcely be ignorant of their Inability to advance you such a Sum at this Juncture — One of the principle Motives with the Select Committee for appointing you to the Important Office of Agent was the reasonable hope they entertained of assistance to the public Service from your making advances of Money for carrying on the Business of that employ when the exigency of the times might prevent an immediate compliance with your Indent. The late Agent rendered that assistance to a considerable extent —

It being requisite that the Select Committee should know

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7. Know how far they may rely on you in this respect I am directed to desire a speedy and explicit Answer on the Subject that no time may be lost in taking such measures as your determination may render necessary -

I am further directed to inform you that the Garrison Storekeeper having represented that the quantity of Straw in Store is far short of what is necessary for the Garrison Stock none can be spared for the Indent you have made to him

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient
humble Servant

John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
7th Janry 1782.

Received the following Letters

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

From Cuddalore Col. Harper delivers over the charge of the Troops to Captain Hughes.

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have been favored with your Commands in a Letter from Mr Secretary Huddleston dated the 10th Instant the Letter under a flying Seal for Lt Col Harper was delivered to him & shortly after, the returns of the Troops in Garrison as also the Keys Were sent by Colonel Harper to Mr Fallofield at the same time Colonel Harper informed Mr Fallofield that on Account of Indisposition he had been obliged to give over the charge of the Troops to Captain Hughes the most Officer in rank to him, and since this time Captain Hughes has acted

To Fort St George — January 1782.

No 7. Acted as Commandant

We have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt

humble Servants

E. Falloſield

R. Gray.

Cuddalore
31st December 1781.

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

From Mr. Falloſield 6 Men of War with two Battalions of Sepoys sail from Negapatam. Genl. Munro marches from thence.

My Lord

I have just received the following Intelligence from Negapatam, on the 24th Instant at four in the afternoon four of our Men of War with about two Battalions of Sepoys on board sailed from that place to the Southward. and the following Evening General Munro with the rest of the Army marched towards Tanjore after leaving about 700 Sepoys with some Europeans at Negapatam —

I am further informed that all the Dutch were embarked, and that Six Ships of War belonging to Admr. Edward Hughes fleet remained in the Roads of Negapatam on the 25th Instant — Parties from the Enemys Camps at Chellumbrum and Pandanellore and Mannarcoil frequently appear about Mayaveram and Coumbaconam, Shealley and Cercistah and drive off the Cattle.

Cuddalore
31st December 1781

I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

E. W. Falloſield

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Dispatched Letters as entered in Miscellany Book

No. 11 Viz.t To Mr. Ram directing him to lay up in the Fort of Trechinopoly 300,000 Cullums of Paddy -

To the Council at Vizagapatam No. 12 directing them to send to the Presidency by the earliest opportunity 8000 Bags of Horse Gram. -

To the Surgeon General directing him to - purchase such Medicines as might be immediately - Necessary - No. 13

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Madepollam with enclosures as received before from the Chief of Masulipatnam

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Moddepollam advising of a Dutch privateer having Captured some Vessels in Narsapore Road. -)

Since the 23. ultimo the Day before yesterday the Dutch - Privateer arrived in Narsipore Road. I have hardly had Leisure from time to time to write to Mr. Daniell the - Chief of Masulipatam the occurrences that happend since - she had been in the Road of Narsipore. I was certain however that every Intelligence I sent to Masulipatnam would be transmitted to your Lordship &c. immediately, which made me the more easy on that head.

The 23. Ultimo in the Evening a Ship chased in some Vessells off Bandaramalanka from Bengal and fired a Number of Guns at them to bring them too they came in here the 24.th in the Morning, and the Ship after them,

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7th. She came very close into the Road, but finding her water shallow hauled out again, and in the Evening at Sun Set Anchored considerably to Leeward of the Fort (but worked up again during the Night to Windward) as she was close in with the Vessells of which there were at that time 20 Sail in the Road, she might easily have sent in her Boats, supposing she has been an Enemy, from her not having done so. I imagined she might probably be the Ship that was as I understood to Serve as a Convoy to a Number of the Dooneys from Bengal. —

The 25th early 5 Vessels got under way for Madras when a Ship appeared off the Point they immediately stood in shore. the Dooney People quitted their Vessels, and made for the shore. the Ship got out her Boat and Boarded a Snow, afterwards one of the Sloops and carried them under her Guns —

The 26th early she cut out four more Vessels and in the forenoon about 10 cut away two of the Sloops Madras and got them along side of a large Snow belonging to a Merchant called — Settanah at Coringa, that came from Madras in Ballast, and were busy all day in fitting of her with Rice, about Eleven the Brother of M.C Dick who is in the Service here, went off with a letter from me to the Captain of the Privateer N.1. proposing to ransom the Vessels he had taken, I considered that as the want of Grain might be great at Madras, that it was an Object if it would be done upon moderate Terms enclosed is a Copy of my Letter with Copy of the Letters that the Captain of the Privateer had sent on shore (at the time that my Letter was going off to him) by a Captain Ingram of the

Snow

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7th Snow Elizabeth likewise captured in this Road, on her
return from Madras to Calcutta.

The 26th in the Evening Mr. Dick returned with
Captain Gamels Answer, his Ship is called the Patriot
that he would not take less than two Rupees per Bag for
the Vessells he had captured. Mr. Dick then with great
Zeal for the Service offered to go on Board to Ransom
the whole of the Vessels of which there were three in the
Road 44 Sail.

The 27th Messrs. Dick and Clerk in the Morning
went off on Board of the Privateer to endeavour to Ransom
the Vessels. they returned the same Evening with the
Captains Terms in his Boat that he would Ransom
every Vessel in the Roads for Rds. 3000 -- each; Captains
Ingrams Vessel excepted for which he was to have Rds. 6500
I would not Agree to his Proposal, regarding the Vessels
Commanded by Syrangs for more than 2000 Rupees each
and only for them that he had captured, should they reach
Madras without Molestation from any other French or
Dutch cruisers, as Mr. Dick when on Board did not
consent to Ransom every Vessel in the Roads for Rds. 3000
each. The Captains of the Privateer sent and burnt two
Sloops, and fired a Gun as a Signal for his Boat to
return which it did without doing further Mischief
The Captains Secretary came on shore to receive the
Ransom for Captain Ingrams Vessel the 27th at Night

The 25th in the Morning the Rajah of Mogettore with
great expedition upon my application to him sent to our
assistance a Couple of Field Pieces with Ammunition &c.
which was the saving of 27 Vessels Rice Laden. The Privateer
that came in here was fitted out at Columbo and is under

Dutch

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7. Dutch Colours, she Mounts 18 Guns 6 and 9 Pounders from 150 to 200 Men in Board Mostly Europeans, she left Columboo the 7th October they have been Cruising ever since in the West Coast of Sumatra, never saw a Vessel till they came on the Coast, and came in here by Men Accident they hardly knew where they were

The 28th in the Morning the Captains Secretary was going off with a final Answer regarding the Ransom of the Vessels in a Boat belonging to one of the Sloops not Captured, when the Privateers Boat came in from the Ship Manned and Armed, as was imagined with an Intention to carry off the Gentlemen that was on shore, but to our Surprise they Boarded one of the Sloops nearest in

During the Night of the 27th we had got the Guns sent from Mogeltore placed in such a manner as to cover Most of the Vessels that had Warped in, when it was seen that the People that Boarded the Sloop (I have mentioned) had cut her Cable and hauled her Jibs and Topsail, the two Guns opened upon and they immediately quitted her.

Treputtyrauze the Rajah of Mogeltore the 28th sent a fresh supply of Ammunition for his Guns, and a Reinforcement of 130 Men, he has behaved upon this Occasion with great Zeal for the Companys Service, that I am induced to desire, your Lordship &c. may be pleased to Signify to him your approbation of his conduct

The day of the 29th was passed very quitty, about Noon a Gun was carried to Leward when the Vessels lay and a Table Cloth was Hoisted on a Bomboo, and fired, that was meant as a Signal for a Boat to carry off a Letter from the Captains Secretary the Ship

immediately

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7th immediately hoisted an English Ensign at the Fore Top Gallant Mast head and fired a Gun, and soon after fired an other and sent off their Boat, they made to the place where the Flag was hoisted which was intended that they might not see our Situation: their Boat came on Shore, the Secretary again offered Terms in Mr. Dicks Name for the Ransom of the Vessels, he had a consent in 2000 Rupees ready Money for each. the Privateer was to hoist a Red Ensign at her fore Mast head and fire a Gun of the Terms were accepted, Mr Dick there was to carry off the Cash and the Captains Secretary was to take his departure.

The Secretary of the Captain had come up to Town, the 29th at Night, and on Receipt of Mr Dicks Letter early the 30th in the Morning, I went to the Mouth of the River accompanied by the Secretary, on our Arrival there about 10 we found the Privateers Boat still waiting and as the Money was not then arrived. Mr Dick proposed to the Secretary his going off in order to expedite the Business, the Secretary remaining on shore, about five in the Evening the Privateers Boat came again on shore and brought me a Letter from Mr Dick, of which the Paper Marked No. 3 is a Copy. I hesitated much complying with his request for fear of a Breach of Faith, for by sending off the Secretary and the Boats Crew, I then had no body from the Ships as Hostage for the landing of Mr Dick but as his Letter was so pressing, I did as he requested and sent the secretary off, about Ten the Boat got on Board and the Privateers People soon after fired four Vessels. The 31st early in the Morning the Privateer got under way standing out to the Eastward under an easy Sail, and

Carried

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7th carried out with her two Prizes, a large Snow and a Sloop (she had dispatched two Snows some days before) all the rest of the Vessels having been fired in the Night except a Sloop dismasted, and whose Cargo had been put in Board of the large Snow, as I conclude that she had been stayed purposely to put on Board Mr Dick and Captain Ingram and all the Lascars taken Prisoners I immediately sent off Boats in order to bring them on shore, but the Boats returned with only the Lascars, the Captain of the Privateer having carried away with him Mr Dick. The Privateer in standing out made Prize of two other Snows off Point Narsapore.

I have hopes that Mr Dick may still be safe on shore before the Privateer goes off, but should it prove otherwise, I have not a Doubt, but that your Lordship &c Members of the Select Committee will take what steps, that may appear to you proper to retaliate for so glaring a Breach of Faith, as the Captain of the Patriot has been guilty of, who has probably carried Mr Dick off, in the hope of receiving from him a considerable Ransom; The Accident that has befallen to Mr Dick has entirely happened to him from a Zeal, for the good of the Service and thinking at the same time that he had to deal with Men of Honor, which unfortunately for him has proved otherwise, I flatter myself however, that your Lordship &c will pay every attention to his Case, should he either be hardly used or long Confined as a Prisoner.

The Black People are now so much frightened that I do not imagine that any Vessels commanded by Lyvonge will proceed to Madras, until some of our Cruisers make their appearance soon to serve as a convoy to them.

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No 7. if none should come, the loss of supplies to Madras &c Rice &c. will be I apprehend great indeed

A Snow freighted by the Company had been captured here. There are also five Sloops Freighted by the Company still here safe under the Protection of the Guns. 18 Vessels have been taken and destroyed by the Dutch Privateer in Narsapore Road.

I have the honor to be with perfect Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Madapollam
1st January 1782.

Your Most Obedient and
Most humble Servant
William Duff

At a Select Committee present

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

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

John Holland Esqr. Resident at the Nizams
Court.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

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

From General Coote pointing out the necessity of laying up a Stock of Provisions in Madras

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you that I joined the

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Madras for the consumption of the Army inclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Donald Mackay to the Adjutant Genl. and his Answer on the Subject of his rank.

the Army at Vellouck Late in the Evening of the 2d Instant by ten o'Clock the next Morning put it in Motion towards this Place where however the rear Guard did not arrive till Late Last Night owing to the enfeebled State of the Carriage Bullocks and to the condition of the Rice Carts some of which broke down on the March — about 500 of the Enemys horse followed us at a Respectable distance making slight Attempts to cut Arrass our Baggage and straggling followers, but few shot from our Cavalry Guns made them soon retire out of sight. It is with infinite regret I already find myself under the necessity of acquainting you with some Most Mortifying Obstacles to the Accomplishment of the End proposed by the present Movement of the Troops. The whole of this day will be taken up in sorting out the Rice which the Troops must carry upon their backs and in making other necessary arrangements for pushing forward expeditiously with as much provision as we can possibly find convenience for which I am very sorry to add will at the utmost fall short of what the Importance of Objection Views and our own safety require. In short our Distresses begin already to promise almost insurmountable Difficulties and I do not at present know how I shall be able to Obviate. Thus Circumstanced and from my own Local knowledge of the present Depopulated and uncultivated State of the Carnatic you will allow me to remark that I am more and more Convinced of the absolute necessity there is of laying up at Madras Such a Stock of provisions as will not only answer the Constant consumptions of the Army but also that of the Garrisons in our Possession which may stand in need. The Enemy are dispersed in several Detached Bodies but my approach will no doubt call them immediately together. By tomorrow I expect more certain Intelligence

I am

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I am however well assured that the Pettly Polygars have again taken Cowle and have been instrumental in seizing our Hircarrahs and preventing supplies from getting to Tripasore Notwithstanding my health continues still extremely bad you may assure yourselves my Lord and Gentlemen that my Exertions shall not be wanting to accomplish the present Service let the consequences be ever so fatal to myself —

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

Eyre Coote

Camp One Mile
West of Tripasore
the 4th Jany 1782.

P. S. I have the honor to lay before you copy a Letter from Major D. Mackay to the Adjutant General on the Subject of his rank together with the Copy of the Answer —

(* NB This Letter to be read after the one from Major D. Mackay, being in answer to it, and entered first thro' mistake)

Sir

I have presented to the Commander in Chief your Letter of the 2d Instant and the Commission that accompanied it, he has perused both, and I have his Commands to acquaint you that he cannot at present Admit of your Acting under that Commission, or decide, upon its validity for the following reasons —

Because on your Application some time ago — to take rank with the Army under his Command agreably to a Brevet Commission as Major, which you had received from the Government of Fort St George at the time you served with the Troops under Brigadier General Goddard on the — Malabar Coast, he had referred to the Records, which informed him that the Brevet Commission of Major you received as above, was for the particular service you was then employed on, and given at the request of Brigadier General Goddard to

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to confirm to you, for that Service, the rank he had taken upon him to grant you —

Because the Commission you now produce is — full and without limitation to any particular Service, and therefore the admitting you to take rank agreeably thereto implies that the Records of the Government of Fort St George are false —

Because although in the Command of the Army at the time the Commission was granted, he had no Official Communication of a Commission having been given, such as now produced, or of any promotion having been made in the Artillery to affect the rank you held by your standing in the Army, Agreeably to the Custom of the Service which Official Communication is a necessary consequence of a promotion in the Army, as Ordered in the Instructions of March 1774 from the Court of Directors, Paragraph 49th. —

Because he does not think himself competent to decide upon a matter of such importance to the State and to the Company as, of necessity, is involved in discussing the Subject of your Rank from a Commission so obtained and under the Circumstances above stated —

I am at the same time ordered to signify to you, that the Commander in Chief not admitting you to rank at this time from the date of the Commission you have laid before him, does not in any shape preclude your future pretensions, which must be decided upon by the Government that granted the Commission. —

I am, Sir,
your most Obed. Servant
(Signd) Henry Malcolm
Adt. Genl.

Head Quarters,
Camp near Tripasore,
4th. January 1782.
Major Donald Mackay
of Artillery

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P. S. I have had the honor of returning the Commission inclosed in your Letter of the 2d instant.

H. M.

(A true Copy)

Henry Malcolm

* N.B. This Letter to be read before the preceding one from Lt. Malcolm.

To Lieutenant Col. Henry Malcolm Adjt Genl

Sir

Having joined the Army Agreable to Genl Orders I have the honor of sending you any Brevet Commission which I hold in the Companys Service and to request you will please to lay it before the Commander in Chief and I shall always pay the greatest respect and deference to his judgement. I submit my claim to his decision whether according to Military Rules in like cases, I have not a right to take my rank in the Army agreeable to the date of my Brevet, as I flatter myself he will find it as full and Competent as any Commission in the Companys Service.

I hitherto could not assert my claim of rank not having my Commission to produce. —

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
D. Mackay
Major of Artillery

Camp
2. Jany 1782.

A true Copy

Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl

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The Committee in referring to their Records find in the Minutes of the 7th June 1781 that, it is literally expressed that, Captain Mackay's Commission of Major should only be in force during his Services on the Malabar Coast. Agreed therefore that his Rank as Major be according to the Commission lately granted to him, bearing date the 30th December 1781. and that the General be informed of this resolution —

Read the following from Mr. Graham —

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

From Mr. Graham advising of General Coote being dangerously ill

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In obedience to the Commands of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote conveyed to me in a Letter which I have this Day received from his Assistant Secretary bearing date Yesterday morning, desiring me to inform this Government of his Situation, I beg leave to trouble your Honble Committee with this Address. —

On the Morning of the 5th about break of day, when the Army had struck their Encampment, then a about Mile West of Tripasore, in order to pursue its — March to Vellore, one of Sir Eyres Servants upon going into his Tent to awake him, found him Senseless — Medical Assistance was immediately called for, and he was found to be in a fit of Apoplexy, in which he continued for near Two Hours, during which time all the Letters I have received inform me, that it was doubtful whether he would live, and my letters add that it was by the Power of

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of Medicine alone he was restored to his Senses & recollection
This most affecting and lamentable Scene, whilst it filled
every Sympathyzing mind with the Most sensible Concern,
spread such Alarm and disconsolation over the whole
Camp, as to give every thing the appearance of Melancholy.
It is not however at all to be wondered at, that Sir Eyre
Coote should have been subjected to this severe and
dangerous Attack, seeing the Extreme bad state of Health
he was in, when he set out from the Presidency; the effects
of a disorder, which has preyd upon him more or less
for these four Months past — He was not unapprized of
the risk he run in taking the Field, in his then infirm
State, for he was expresely told by Mr. Laird, his own Body
Surgeon, who has after fifteen Months attendance
acquired an intimate Knowledge of his constitution,
that it was as much as his life was worth to attempt to go
with the Army. — Notwithstanding all this, did his
Eager Zeal for the Cause of the Publick, hurried on by
other concurrent Circumstances, drive him to grasp to
embrace anxieties and difficulties, which neither strength
of Body nor of mind were adequate to encounter. He
has even in the course of only three days fatigue drawn
upon himself such a blow, as had well nigh given him
to the World a Melancholly Tribute of unparralleled
Attachment to the honor and Interests of his King and
Country —

Notwithstanding this very Serious warning, upon
finding himself some what recovered, he again on the 6th
which was yesterday Morning, put the Army in
Motion, and was on his March at the time my last letters
came away However much this further, and most remarkable
Testimony of his Ardent Zeal, may tend to raise his
already —

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already much elevated Character in the World, I hope your Honble Committee will excuse the Freedom I take in expressing my own too justly excited Anxiety for the safety of his Life, and which I believe it will be readily allowed, is just unnecessarily to risk in persevering in the Conduct of a Piece of Service that, I humbly apprehend, not to be very correspondent to the high line of Duties of a King and Company's Commander in Chief in India; and as being only to escort Provisions to Vellore, and to return; the Army being equipped for no other operation, I have not a doubt might be successfully performed by any field Officer in it —

I have been impelled to intrude these thoughts upon the Precious time of your Honble Committee from the Sense I have of the high value which Sir Eyre Coote's Existence is yet of to the support of the Sinking Interests of the British nation in India; and of the Company's in particular upon this Coast: If it were possible therefore, that he could be brought back in safety by a publick Requisition from this Government, forgive me in presuming to add that, I think it a matter of such Importance as ought not to be left untried. — At the same time I make free to advance these Sentiments, I am impressed with so high an Opinion of the Discernment, care and attention of the Right Honble the President, and the other Gentlemen of the Committee to those Points, in which both the Present and future publick Weal are most interested, that I cannot but persuade myself of the Circumstance to which this Letter refers having claimed their early Notice and regard —

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I have the honor to be with the most profound Respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient and very humble Servant,

Tho.s Graham.

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7th. January 1782.

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to Sir Eyre Coote. —

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works with Letter from Mr. Maxwell enclosed —

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

From Committee of Works on Mr. Casamaijors claim for the sale of Ground — and enclosing letter from Mr. Maxwell.

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have received Mr. Secretary Huddlestons — Letter of the 27th. December, referring Mr. Casamaijors — Claims for the Sale of Ground to us —

It appears by our proceedings of the 29th Nov.r 1781. that the whole of the Business of Hog Hill, and the — Ground purchased in consequence of its demolition — Originated with and was conducted by the President and Select Committee —

We have however applied to Mr. Maxwell, to whom we understand you were pleased to give the Manage- ment and Direction of the Grounds purchased on Account of the Demolition and Removal of the Buildings and Houses

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Houses on Hog Hill, he has in consequence of our application informed us, as per Copy of his Letter enclosed, that the Measurement and Number of Lots are just — and we desire to Submit to your Lordships & Committee the reasonableness of his claim and the propriety of Payment.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your Most Obdient Humble Servts

. Alexander Davidson.

. Edwd Saunders

. Geo Maule.

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To Alexander Davidson Esqr President.

&c. Members of the Committee of Works

Gentlemen

In consequence of Mr Balfours Letter to me, I hereby certify that the Measurement of the Ground purchased by the Company from Mr Casamajor Amounts to Thirty three Lots. With respect to the price of the Ground in question, or any other that has been purchased for the late Inhabitants of Hog Hill, I cannot give the Committee any information on the Subject, as I only allotted the Grounds which were pointed to me. The prices I understood were settled by the then Governor Mr Smith.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your very Obed. Servant

Hugh Maxwell.

Fort St George
4th January 1782.

A true Copy
J. Balfour
Clerk to the Committee

Agreed

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Agreed that Mrs Casamaijors Claim be allowed and discharged by Bills on Bengal ~

Read Letter from Cusign Fairfield of the 7th Instant, as entered in Miscellany Book (No. 12) enclosing Certificate from the Surgeon General of his ill health, and Recommending his return to England ~

Read the following Letter from Major Maule.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Major Maule, Hog Hill so far levelled as to give no Advantage to an Enemy. ~

I am honored with your Commands under date the 4th Instant, it gives me concern that the Answers I gave to the Questions from your Lordship &c respecting Hog Hill has not been so sufficiently explicit as I had hoped they were ~

I have now the honor to inform your ~ Lordship &c. that, in my opinion, the Ground called Hog hill is so far reduced and Levelled, as to give no more Advantage than any other Ground could give to an Enemy in besieging this Fort

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient
very humble Servant
George Maule.
Chf Engr.

Fort St. George,
6th January 1782.

Agreed

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Agreed that Major Maule be desired to send in the Plans and Sections by which Mr. Plumer engaged to remove Hog Hill.

Read the following Letters from Mr. Benfield

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr. Benfield, on his Arrival suggested a Plan to the President for furnishing Bullocks for the Army, objects to the Contract proposed to him, and representing his inability in providing the Money required

I had the honor to receive y[ou]r
Evening a Letter from Mr. Secretary Huddleston, acquaint-
-ing me that the Select Committee apprehend I could
scarcely be ignorant of their Inability to comply with
my Indent for Money for the Agents Employ-
further informed that one of the principal Mo
their appointment of me for the Office of A
reasonable hope the Select Committee had that I should
make Advances for the carrying on the business of the
Employ. I am told the former Agent did so to a
Considerable Extent, and am required to give a speedy
and explicit Answer, how far I may be relied on in this
Respect — I need not repeat to your Lordship &c. how
much my private Interest and fortune are connected
with and involved in the Success of the Operations of the
Army; on my Arrival here in the latter end of July last,
I saw with the Most anxious concern the Deplorable
Situation to which this Settlement was reduced, and the
Embarrassments of the General at the head of a brave and
Victorious Army, whose operations were retarded by the
want of a large Supply of Bullocks, whilst a cruel

Enemy

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Enemy had already possessed himself of a great part of the Country, and created the most alarming apprehensions for the safety of all the remaining possessions of the Company upon this Coast: under this circumstance I trust your Lordship &c. will do me the justice to believe that I must naturally have been most Zealous to promote the Public Service to the utmost of my ability. I soon suggested to the Right Honble President a plan for providing a large quantity of Bullocks, and thereby removing the Chief difficulty we had to contend with; nor did I propose what I would not Individually have undertaken as a Merchant of the Settlement, and as I should have known the Extent of my Engagements, I would readily have committed both my honor and fortune upon its Success. — No Arrangement of this Sort was brought forward till after the return of the Army to Madras, the latter end of November, when Public Advertisements appeared for Proposals to supply the Army with Bullocks — None however having been offered, His Lordship recurred to what I had at an earlier period Suggested. I did not hesitate, when the Difficulties and Hazard of such an undertaking [illegible] proposed a rate of Monthly hire for each Bullock that was approved of by His Lordship, I hoped that I should have been in a Situation to have pursued the arduous undertaking with all the Zeal and assiduity that the Circumstances of my Situation must naturally urge me to for the Public Service — I was disappointed in that hope, and on the 24th December Surprized by a Draft of Articles of Agreement which it was proposed I should sign, many of which I conceived impracticable or excessive; on my offering what I thought reasonable Objections thereto,

your

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Your Lordship Vs. know the Negociation ceased - I cannot but suppose your Lordship Vs. will allow that, after all the candour and promptitude with which I had brought forward a plan for so absential a relief to the urgent Public necessities and upon terms of Payment and Expence that suit your approbation, I must have felt much Mortified upon hearing, even before I had learnt from your Secretary that the draft of Articles first proposed to me, was that alone to which your Lordship Vs. those to accede, that a person who had lately absconded from a Statute of Bankruptcy, and taken refuge here, was a Competitor on this Occasion, had offered to sign those Articles however impracticable, and had conceived himself so far certain of success that he had even proceeded to Offer shares in the Contract to Individuals, tho' I apprehend it is not possible any pecuniary advantages could be derived from the undertaking, if Justice was done to the Service. I will not believe he could have done this upon any good ground, more especially as he had the chief Management, as a Lawyer, of the Original Draft of the Articles that had defeated the Arrangement in negociation with me; and further as I found upon failure of that negociation, your Lordship Vs. had made me an Offer, as a Company's Servant, to conduct the Employ of Agent for the Provision of Bullocks Vs. for the Army -

As a dutiful Servant under your immediate Orders, I cheerfully accepted the Office you were pleased to offer me, not with a view to draw profits therefrom, but from a desire to exert my utmost Diligence and Abilities in the Public Service, wherever your Lordship Vs. thought they

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they might be useful. Though the Office of Agent was altogether unsolicited by me, and tho' I had frequently observed to the Right Honble President, and lately expressed in a Letter to your Lordship &c. my apprehensions that the Office of Agent in it's present form was inadequate to the purposes of it's Institution, I undertook it in the fullest confidence that your better judgement would establish some regulations for the future conduct of the Employ, and furnish me with such means as should enable me to fulfill all the duties and Services expected from the Station. I have the most perfect Submission to the Orders and directions of your Lordships &c. in every matter that respects the public Service, and shall always exert my utmost Industry and Activity as a Dutiful Servant for this purpose, but I confess I do not conceive how it could reasonably be expected of me that the first duty of my employ as Agent should be to make advances of Money for conducting the business, to the Extent the Public necessities now call for them — The present emergencies would involve a Monthly Expence nearly equal to a third of the Army disbursements, I conceive that no Individual can engage in an extra Official manner for unconditional advances without Terms or Stipulations of repayment, and at a time when your Lordships &c. are pleased to declare your Inability to supply one Indent sufficient for the first Month's expence; on a Review of the Agents Accounts from the Commencement of June last, it appears that even in the inadequate expenditure by him of Six Thousand Pagodas P. Month, the former Agent has incurred a debt on the Books of more than 20,000 Pagodas, and tho' this Seems in no degree to have answered the pressing Demands of the Army, whose operations appear to have been totally

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totally impeded and defeated by the want of Supplies now expected from this Department. Yet he has so far involved himself and those connected with the Employ, that he has been rendered unable to prosecute its Duties in any degree, and reduced to the Necessity, with such a Load of unsettled and unliquidated Accounts, as have brought him to the greatest distress to Solicit relief from the Office. —

The extraordinary supplies now called for by the publick Necessities seem to be expected from my exertions, tho' acting under your Orders in a Publick Employ as a Company's Servant, and though such would involve me in one Month in a debt of the same kind to a greater Amount than the former Agent has incurred in a Course of Years.

In the Representation I take the Liberty to make, your Lordship &c. will I trust do me the Justice to allow that I have satisfied your Lordship &c. of the total impracticability of my furnishing such Resources of Money as seem to be required under the Arrangement transmitted to me, however anxious and ready I am to promote by every means in my power the Publick Service, and the success of the operations of the Army with which my own private fortune and Interest are so inseperably Connected. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect —

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your faithful and Devoted
Humble Servant
Cail Benfield

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Lordship &c. having some time ago thought proper to decline accepting Proposals I had the honor to make to you for a supply of Bullocks for the Army, and having by the Instructions given in the Office of Agent, to which you were subsequently pleased to appoint me, acquainted me that a Number of Bullocks are wanted for the publick Service, but that the Government are unable to supply the large Draughts of Money that are requisite to conduct that Business under its present Arrangement. I take the liberty to suggest to your Lordship &c. a Plan for the Conduct of the Business of that Employ, by which the publick Exigencies may be accommodated with a considerable Reduction of Expence in the Department of Agent.

From Mr Benfield suggests a plan for conducting the Office of Agent.

A Quantity of Bullocks brought in from the Country by Government are already under charge of the Agent, and many more are, I am given to understand, expected. If the Company should chuse by their own Means to collect from the Country the Quantity of Bullocks they want, and only require of the Agent that he should maintain such as should be delivered to him, and appropriate them to all the uses of the Army, I am of opinion He could undertake to perform that Service at a much less monthly Expence than must be incurred in

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in that Department on the Plan now in Force, and should your Lordship &c. approve of any such proposal, I am willing, as Agent, to supply all the Company's Bullocks with Forage, Equipment and Drivers, and apply them to all the Purposes of the Army at the rate of /3.64./ Fs. Cash three fanams and Sixty four Cash for each Bullock p. day — The Exchange to be reckoned at 42 fanams p. Pagoda, and further to make the Payments as Accommodating to Government as can in any reason be expected of an Individual. —

I should hope your Lordship &c. would believe that I am actuated in this instance by the Anxiety I feel to exert myself in any manner that may be conducive to the Public Advantage, abstracted from any view of pecuniary Interests, and from a Conviction that it is necessarily a Duty incumbent on me, as a Company's Servant, to suggest to your Lordship every Plan that occurs to me as likely to promote that End, at a time of such imminent Difficulty and Distress. —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your faithful and
Devoted humble Servant
Paul Benfield.

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The foregoing Letter proves in fact that the Company should for feeding and equipping their Bullocks, pay Mr. Benfield nearly the same as by the usual custom they would pay him if the Bullocks were his own property, and

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

My Lord

Troops Genl. Coote found one of the Bengal Regiments disorderly on account of their Pay. —

The Orders for tomorrow's March have realized in the Apprehensions I expressed. A Letter I have just received from Colonel Pearce informs me of one of the Battalions of one of the Bengal Regiments having been rather disorderly on Account of their pay. The Symptoms are dangerous, and if we cannot contrive to find enough to Satisfy them, the consequences may prove most fatal, and not only the Service in view defeated, but irrecoverable Ruin be brought upon the whole. Add to these Difficulties a Note just came from the Town Major, regretting his not being able to find the Coolies who were to have carried the

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Provisions for Vellore, and not one of the long expected Bullocks yet arrived —

I have the honor to be with Regard,

My Lord,

Your Lordships Most Obedient and faithful humble Servant

Eyre Coote,

½ past 12 oc P M
1st January 1782

In consequence of the above Letter the President sent for the Civil Secretary, to know if the Sum of 70,000 Pagodas ordered to be issued for the Army had been sent to Camp, and having learnt from him that it had been sent the Evening before, and having also questioned the Town Major on the Subject of orders given relative to Coolies and Bullocks, the President wrote Sir Eyre Coote the following Answer. —

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To Sir Eyre Coote

Fort St George January 2. 1782

Dear Sir

To General Coote 70000 Pagodas sent for the use of the Army, and 20000 for Vellore — Bullocks arrive. —

Last night Seventy Thousand Pagodas were sent to Camp for the use of the Army, besides Twenty Thousand Pagodas for Vellore — The Town Major acquaints me that he now understands the Coolies have assembled and are ready to set out — Letters from Cuddalore and Chingleput announce the Arrival of about 2,000 Bullocks this day From those Places, but it is to be apprehended that they will be too much fatigued to proceed with Loads immediately.

I am &c.
(Signed) Macartney

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The President also lays before the Committee the following Papers communicated to his Lordship by the Secretary and Town Major.

Dear Hamilton,

Pray has the Money ^ sent from the Treasury yesterday Evening been yet paid to the Paymaster at Camp.

From Mr. Freeman to Mr. Hamilton concerning the Money to be sent to Camp

Yours truly,
Chas. Freeman.

Thursday

Dear Freeman.

The Money was sent out as soon as received last Night. ~

Yours truly
Wm. Hamilton.

Wednesday

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Dear Sydenham.

From Capt. Mackay to Capt. Sydenham concerning the Bullocks

I have already wrote you of the Arrival of the Bullocks here from Carangoly and Wandewash with Lieut. Moore — They are so ~~sold~~, and them are such — parties of Horse and Foot on the Watch for them, and are seen from the top of the high hill here, that I am afraid to venture them down to the Mount at present, shall I wish them with 2 Companies? or what shall I do? ~

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Yours ever

Geo. Mackay.

The whole 506 Bullocks —

Dear Sydenham,

From Capt.n Smith to do on the same

I have received yours, requesting that the Bullocks may be sent off immediately. I wrote you by the Tapal, and told you they did not all come over the River till 5 this Evening. I shall send agreeable to your request send them off by 8 o'block tomorrow Morning, tho' am afraid they will be too much fatigued to be fit for Service immediately on their Arrival. I suppose they will be met by an Escort at Nellore, where they will arrive about two o'clock in the afternoon —

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I am

Dear Sydenham

Yours

Geo. Mackay

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There are 1,150 Bullocks.

Geo. Smith

To William Sydenham Esq.r Town Mayor.

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Sir,

With a great deal of trouble, I have got the Bullocks all over the River by Sun set, there are 1,150, they have all had a feed of Gram and Plenty of Straw, and they will set out to morrow about three o'clock, with as strong an Escort as I can afford from this Garrison, about 80 Sepoys and 150 Polygars. There are some Horses and Tents on the Road from Nellore, which will be here the day after

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after tomorrow and which shall be sent on to Madrass with all Expedition - The Bullocks will be at Vellore about 8 o'Clock Tomorrow Evening -

I am,

Sir

Your Obed.t humble Servant

Geo. Smith.

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No 8.

The Secretary having Written to Mr Benfield as agreed on in Committee this day, the following Answer is received —

From Mr Benfield will use every exertion in his power to forward the public Service.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had hoped and still I trust that the Letters I have had the Honor to address to your Lordship &c. have been clear, decisive and unequivocal, and that I have uniformly tendered the best of my Activity and — Ability for the Public Service —

In answer to the Letter received this Evening from your Secretary I have to represent to your Lordship &c. that I have never said or meant to imply that I cannot execute the Office of Agent on the same terms that it has been executed by my Predecessor, be meant the Rules — Regulations and Orders delivered to me by the former Agent, with the further Directions contained in the Letter received from your Secretary under date 5th Instant. I have with the greatest chearfulness to assure your Lordship &c. that I shall in every respect, as a dutiful Servant of the — Company, conform to every Rule, Regulation, and Order laid down for my Guidance by Government, and use — every Exertion of Zeal, Industry and Activity for the Public Service — If in the present Exigency, or at any future — Period, your Lordship &c. should think it expedient to add to, alter, or diminish the Extent of the Directions I

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If by "the same terms as the office of agent has been executed by my predecessor."

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8. I have furnished with, I shall hold it as my indispensible Duty at all times to Submit myself to your Commands, and to prosecute the Duties of my Employ in the fullest and best manner that the means you may furnish will enable me.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect -

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your faithful Obd. Hble. Servant

Paul Benfield.

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Sent Letter to Messrs. Popham and Ross as entered in Miscellany Book No. 15 -

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes with the papers therein mentioned -

To Sir Edward Hughes K. B
Vice Admiral of the Blue and
Commander in Chief of his
Majesty's Ships in India

Sir,

To Sir Edward Hughes advising of a French Privateer being ... to the Northward the Active dispatched in consequence and the Chapman to Negapatam with Gunpowder &c.

We have the honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter and Papers received from our Resident at Madapollam by which you will find that the Apprehensions with the Governor General and Council of Bengal as well as ourselves expressed to you of danger to this Settlement from the Enemy's Privateers, already begin to be realized -

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8. The Active having fortunately arrived here just before we received this unfavorable Intelligence, we addressed a Letter to Captain Mackenzie, earnestly requesting him to proceed to Bengal, and take under his Convoy the Ships ready laden there with Rice for this place, and also receive on board any Treasure which the Governor General and Council might have to send us. Captain Mackenzie acquiesced in our request, and sailed for Bengal the 6th. Instant, hoping to fall in with the Privateer on his way. We enclose Copies of our Letter to him and of his Answer.

Our President has received and laid before us a Letter to his Lordship of the 1st. December from you and General Munro, and your Letter of the 2d. of that Month.

Our distress for resources to carry on the War makes it a matter of great concern to us that any thing should have happened to deprive us of the assistance we expected from the Merchants and Seacars of Negapatam.

The Honble Company's Ship Chapman now proceeds to Negapatam for the purpose of conveying to this place such part of the Guns and Military Stores, as it may not be practicable to transport to Tanjaur or Trichinopoly.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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8. P. S. We have caused 500 Barrels of Gun powder to be delivered to Mr. Alexander Puthbert, who forwards them to you by the Vessell which conveys this letter. —

Dispatched by the Honble Company's Ship — Chapman the following letters, with the several enclosures mentioned in them. —

Fort St. George January 5. 1782

Sir

To Mr. Burke acknowledging the Receipt of his Letter from Anjengo

I have received the honor of your Letter from Anjengo of the 13th. November last Acquainting me of your arrival there.

It has been laid before the Select Committee in due course, but as it contains no Information from the Court of Directors, and as no Account has been yet received from them relative to your Journey to India, Nothing remains at present for me but to acknowledge the favor of your Communication, to return you many thanks for the obliging expressions of it relative to myself, and to assure you that I am with great truth & regard —

Sir

Your Most Obedt
& Most humble Servant

To William Burke Esqr. Macartney.

To

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To John Sullivan Esq.r

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir,

To Mr. Sullivan enclosing extract of General Letter from England regarding the Powers of the Resid.t which he is strictly to adhere to. Copy of Correspondence between the Rajah of Tanjore and Mess.rs Davidson & Sourdan. Copies of Letters from the President to the Rajah, and Extracts of two letters from Genl. Munro; Mess.r Cochrane & Taylor appointed his Assistants — Allowed 250 Pag.s p.r Month.

You were advised by our Secretary under date the 21st Dec.r 81, of your being appointed Resident and Paymaster at Tanjore in the Room of Mr. Stephen Sullivan, who has desired leave to Resign those appointments. —

We now transmit you Extract of the Company's General Letter of the 15th October 1780, in which are Stated the Circumstances which induced the Honble Court to Determine on the appointment of a Resident, and the outlines of his duty in that Station — Copy of the 21st and 22d Paragraph is sent to the Commanding Officer at Tanjore, who is also advised of your appointment. —

When the Objects which at present engross our Attention are provided for, We shall agreably to the Company's Orders cause regulations to be formed for the Expences of the Garrison of Tanjore, and also consider of further Instructions for your Guidance; in the mean while you will strictly adhere to those laid down in the Extract abovementioned, and make them the Invariable Rule of your conduct, so that your appointment may at once secure the regular discharge of the Rajahs — Engagements, and strengthen his Attachment to the Company, and his reliance on their friendship. —

The difficulties under which we labor for — want of resources to carry on the War make it absolutely necessary that you should use your utmost endeavours, by every Agreement that can be drawn from the Rajahs

Obligations

8. Obligations to the Company, the union of their Interests, and the friendship they have manifested towards him, to prevail on the Rajah to assist the Company in the present exigency of their affairs to the utmost of his power. It will be proper to mention to him that the Nabob of the Carnatic has assigned over to the Company 5/6th of his whole Revenue for the support and Expences of the War, whereas scarcely any thing has been received from the Rajah for these 18 Months past; if the Rajah should notwithstanding withhold his assistance, you will not fail to communicate the same to us, with your opinion as to the measures most advisable to be pursued.

We transmit also for your Information Copy of the Correspondence between the Rajah of Tanjore and Messrs. Davidson and Sourdan, who were sent to him on a Deputation by the late Government —

We have appointed Mr Basil Cochrane and Mr Harvey Taylor to be Assistants under you, and directed the latter to deliver over to you the employ of Paymaster (to which he had a temporary appointment) with the Accounts and Ballance of Cash. Mr Cochrane is at present employed by Sir Hector Munro in the Nagore Districts, where you will permit him to remain as long as his Services shall be wanted. —

Having considered that in your Station of resident you must unavoidably incur Extraordinary Expences, we have resolved to make you an Allowance of 250 Pagodas ℔ Month on that Account with the same establishment of Servants as are allowed to the Chiefs & Subordinate Settlements. —

We

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We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Macartney &c.

Select Committee

Fort St George
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P. S. Exclusive of the Papers mentioned in the Body of this Letter, you will herewith receive in the Persian and Maratta Tongues a Letter to the Rajah of this Date, with a translation of it for your perusal. also Copies of four Letters written to the Rajah by our Resident since his Lordship's accession to the Government - and Extracts of Two Letters from our President to Sir Hector Munro.

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To Colonel John Brathwaite
or the Officer Commanding at
Tanjore.

To Colonel Brathwaite advising of Mr. Sulivans appointment, and Extract of Letter from England in consequence

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint John Sullivan Esq. Resident and Paymaster at Tanjore, and to furnish you with the accompanying Extract of the Company's General Letter dated 18th. October 1780.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant,

John Hudleston

Secretary -

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To the Honble Basil Cochrane Esqr

Sir

To Mr. Cochrane appointed Assistant under the Resident at Tanjore.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you Assistant under the Resident at Tanjore, with permission however to remain in the Nayare District as long as your Services shall be wanted there, or untill the Resident shall signify to you that your presence is necessary at Tanjore. The Committee desire that you will lay up as large a stock of Rice in that Garrison as can possibly be procured

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your very Obedient
humble Servant
John Huddleston
Secretary.

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To Mr Harry Taylor.

Sir.

To Mr Taylor appointed Assistant under the Resident at Tanjore.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you Assistant under the Resident at Tanjore.

I am also directed to desire you will deliver over to Mr John Sulivan the Resident, the employ of Paymaster (to which you had a temporary appointment) together with the Accounts and Ballance of Cash thereunto belonging.

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8. I have the honor to be

Your very Obedient
humble Servant
John Huddleston
Secretary

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To Major General Sir Hector Munro, K. B.
or the Officer Commanding at
Negapatam.

Sir

To Genral Munro the Chapman dispatched to Negapatam to bring Stores &c. the Fortifications to be in readiness to be blown up — to furnish the Family of Marthour Saun with an escort to Tritchinopoly. —

The Honble Company's Ship Chapman now proceeds to Negapatam for the Purpose of conveying to the Presidency such part of the Guns and Military Stores captured at that place as it may not be practicable to transport to Tanjour or Tritchinopoly.

As soon as the Company's Agent at Negapatam shall have Laden them on board the Chapman, she is to return hither with all expedition. —

The Fortifications of the Inner Fort or Citadel of Negapatam you will keep mined, in readiness to be blown up at the shortest Notice. Should the Enemy enter the Tanjore Country in force, you will act as you may judge most prudent, or if General Munro should have left Negapatam, you will follow such orders as you have received from him.

I am, Sir
your Most Obedient
humble Servant
Macartney

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8. C. S. The family of Mortaber Khan, relations of his Highness the Nabob, now at Negapatam, being desirous to go to Trichinopoly, you will be pleased to furnish them with an Escort at a convenient opportunity. -

9th Dispatched the following Letters -

To Robert Barclay Esqr.

Paymaster at Madurah.

To Mr Barclay, to furnish Mr Proctor with such Estimates and Accounts as he may think necessary; to remain at Negapatam for the benefit of his health. -

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 5. Nov.r enclosing copy of a late Correspondence between you and Mr George Proctor the Receiver in the Tinnavelly Country

As Mr Proctor has orders to receive the Revenues of the Tinnavelly and Madurah Countries, and to supply the Garrisons with Money, it is proper that he should be furnished with such estimates and Accounts as he may judge necessary for his information, and you will therefore be pleased to forward them to him in future on his requisition.

We have also received your Letter of the 17th December addressed to the Civil Department from Negapatam, where you have our permission to remain as long as your health may require it, or to come to the Presidency. -

We are, Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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To Mr. Ens.t William Tallofield
at Cuddalore,

To Mr Tallofield to remain in his Station at Cuddalore. ~

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the ~ President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to consent to your desire to remain in your Station at Cuddalore, and have filled up the ~ Vacancy thereby occasioned in the Committee of Assigned Revenues.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant.

John Huddleston
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Dispatched Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence No 2 —

To Captain James Edingtown
at Palamcottah,

Sir,

To Captain Edingtown his request for a Court Martial to be referred to the Commander in Chief ~

We have received your Letter of the 10th Inst.

We shall consult the Commander in Chief on the Subject of your request, and desire him to order a Court of Enquiry or Court Martial to be held upon your ~ conduct wherever he may judge most proper, and we heartily

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Heartily wish you may clear yourself of every thing laid to your charge —

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

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To Mr William Mitchell

Agent for the Honble Company

at Negapatam.

To Mr Mitchell, to send by the Chapman the Military Stores Captured at Negapatam. —

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the — President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th November with its Enclosures, and to inform you that the Honble Company's Ship Chapman now proceeds to Negapatam for the purpose of conveying hither such part of the Guns and Military Stores Captured at that place as it may not be practicable to transport to Tanjore, or Trichinopoly. you will cause them to be landed with all expedition, and with the concurrence of General Sir Hector Munro, or the Officer left in the Command at Negapatam, dispatch the Chapman back to this Place.

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Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

John Huddleston

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Dispatched the following Letters.

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

Bengal. Mr Brosett, two French Troopers, and a Portuguese that were taken at Negapatam sent - enter into a Contract with Captain Mercer for bringing Rice, Gent. Coates indisposition, but proceed with the Army to the relief of Vellore. -

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have sent on board the Ships Resolution, - Captain Thomas Mercer, Monsieur Brosselle, an - Engineer taken at Negapatam, and who it is believed - was sent to the Dutch by Hyder Ally to assist in - defending that place; we therefore recommend his being sent to Europe by the first opportunity. We also send you on the Resolution, a Portuguese and two french Troopers, who some time since deserted to us from Hyder Ally, and are desirous of being taken into the Service on your Establishment.

We have entered into a Contract with Captain Mercer, by which he has engaged to deliver here 4 complete Cargoes consisting each of 140 Madras Candy of the first sort Cargo Rice before the 1st January next, at the price of 130 Star Pagodas each Cargo, and the Amount to be paid by Bills on your Presidency - it is also stipulated in the Contract that ten days previous to his departure on - each voyage he shall give notice of such his Intention to your Honor &c. and take on board all such Treasure, or Sums of Money belonging to the Honble Company as - shall be delivered to him by you, or by your Order, and shall bring the same to us on board the said Ship - Resolution, the danger of the Seas and Capture by the Enemy

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Two days after the Army marched for the relief of Vellore, we were much alarmed by Intelligence of Sir Eyre Coote's having been taken extremely ill at Trepassore; we wrote to him in consequence, intreating him to return to the Presidency, but before the Letter reached Trepassore, he had proceeded with the Army, and we have the pleasure to learn was much recovered from his Indisposition. ~

Hyder Ally, it is said, has taken Post with his whole Army at Sholinger, and means to risk another engagement. ~

We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants.
Macartney PE
Select Committee

Fort St George
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P. S. We enclose Duplicates of our Dispatches by the Active Frigate, which Sailed from hence for Bengal a few days since. ~

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K. B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

To General Coote enclosing Copy of a Letter from a Gentleman in his Family.

Sir

You will have received our Letter of the 6th Instant, of which we now forward a Duplicate; on the P. a Gentleman, who we understand belongs to your family

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9th family, addressed a Letter to us of which we enclose a copy. — We have the honor to be,

Sir,

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

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The President lays before the Committee a Letter from Sir Edward Hughes dated 1st January.

Superbe in Negapatam Road,
the 1st January 1782.

My Lord,

After many delays occasioned by the badness of the Weather, which often cut off all communication between the Shore and the Ships for many days together, & much difficulty from the Troops and their Officers, I have got a small Detachment for their Service at Trincomallee embarked on his Majesty's Ships Monarca and Worcester, and on the Company's Ship Essex, Captain Bonnevaux commands it, and it consists according to his Arrangement of 1 Lieutenant, 4 Ensigns, 4 Serjants, 7 Subedars, 7 Jemidars 35 Havildars, 35 Naigues, 6 Drummers, 3 Fifers, 7 Puckalies, 420 Seapoys, the total 506 Men. This Corps my Lord, is composed of the outcasts of all the Corps at Negapatam, added to about 200 Coolies who served under a Lieut; Abbot as Pioneers, but are now part of the 506 Total, and very little Service can at first be

From Sir Edwd Hughes — a small Detachment embark on the Squadron for Trincomalee; the 10th Battalion refuse to embark; desiring a Reinforcement may be sent to Garrison Trincomalee; Tellicherry still be siege. the Coventry Arrived at Bombay.

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9 be expected from such a Rabble, however unfull they may be made by Discipline against a future Period —

I think it a justice due to the Service to — inform your Lordship that the 80. Battalion with — Captain Scott, who your Lordship had promised for the Service of Trincamallee, was prevented from embarking by underhand means: for on the evening of the day on which that Battalion was put in General Orders, to hold themselves in readiness to embark, a set of Orders in the Gentoo and Malabar Languages was handed about among the Men in their Barracks, directing them to parade the very next Morning on the banks of the — River to be embarked immediately, as I had promised to pay up the Arrears of this Battalion, provided they agreed to embark, this underhand manœuvre and threat of immediate embarkation, contrary to any intention of mine or the Generals', was the Cause of about 260 of the Battalion deserting that night, and it was with much difficulty they were prevailed on to return to their Colours on promise of pardon, and that they should not be compelled to embark; and the News which arrived about this time, that Hyder was moving towards the Tanjore, induced all the Officers to use their endeavors to preserve their own — Corps as unbroken as possible, under these circumstances very few, if any good Men, offered as Volunteers for the — Service. I have troubled your Lordship with all these — Circumstances that you may be the more readily induced to send a Reinforcement of Men to Garrison Trincamale, and with them a full proportion of Ammunition, for I am truly sorry to inform you that not one Cartridge of

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P.S. any kind of Ammunition is ~~not~~ sent with this detachment, and the Gun Powder of the Squadron is already (by my too liberal supplies to the Army) reduced much under the quantity necessary for the Service now before me -

By Letters of the 12th of last Month from Delle-
-cherry I learn that place is still besieged, and bravely defended by the Troops under Major Abington - The Country having touched at Anjengo, and Tellichery and left a Set of my orders to Capt Alms, and Letters to General Medowes at each place, arrived at Bombay on the 6th of last Month, and as there is no Account of Captain Alms's arrival on any part of the Malabar Coast, so late as the 20th I am inclined to believe he has continued late to refresh at Madagascar, and taken the Outer Passage, so as to arrive in Madras Road about the beginning of this Month, in which case I make no doubt he will join me at Trinco-
-malee. I have the Honor to be with great Regard & Esteem,

My Lord,

Your Lordships Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes.

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

Presidents Minute

The President observes that the Principal
objects being obtained, on which the Committee had founded
their Resolution of the 6th October last. He wishes that the
Powers then vested in him should be now considered as
resumed

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9. resumed by the Select Committee (for the flattering) confi-
=dence they placed in him on such a Critical occasion, &
and assuring them, that if particular Circumstances
should occur to render a similar delegation necessary,
he will not decline any personal Responsibility that
may be thought conducive to the Publick Service. —

10th Dispatched letter to Captain Walker of the
Chapman as entered in Miscellany Book. No 16 —

Friday
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At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble Lord Macartney President
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr.
Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote and Major
General Sir Hector Munro absent on Service — John Holland
Esqr Resident at the Nizam's Court.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Benfield.

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

From Mr Benfield, has no forage to subsist the bullocks; desiring to know what mode is to be adopted for their Subsistence; — or a Supply of Money. —

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Though it is with concern I trouble your
Lordship &c, I think it my indispensible Duty again to
to represent that the Agent has no forage for the
Subsistence

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Subsistence of the Bullocks that have been brought in from the Country, and put under his charge, nor any means of Provision or Equipment of a further Quantity. The Grain with which they are furnished by the Garrison Storekeeper, the People who have been used to take charge of them tell me, will not keep them alive; and your Lordship Va. have acquainted me that my indent for Straw cannot be complied with. I have therefore to request to be honored with your Commands respecting the Mode to be adopted for the Subsistence and Equipment of the Cattle already here, and for the provision Va. of the Number you have been pleased to direct me to get in readiness.

I take this Occasion to suggest to your Lordship Va. that tho' the Demands on the Cash may be considerable yet your Orders now in force to the Agent, extend to an Expence for the month nearly Eight times as much as has been disbursed P.r Month by the former Agent, on a medium of the last seven Months. and that those considerable Supplies and Equipments, so essential to the Publick Service, seem to be now expected from the Office under my charge. In that Idea I beg leave to Submit to your Lordship Va. how far the present calls upon the Office bear any comparison with the Monthly supplies furnished from this Office during its occupation by the former Agent.

I have the honor to be with great respect,

My

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My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Faithful and Devoted
humble Servant
Paul Benfield
Agent

Fort St George
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It appearing to the Committee from the foregoing Letter, as well as from those before received from Mr Benfield, and from other Circumstances, that he finds difficulties in executing Office of Agent, arising from various causes;

The Committee are desirous of relieving themselves and Mr Benfield from those difficulties, and as the Service will admit of no delay, it is agreed that Mr William Roſe be now appointed Agent, from whose abilities & Intentions they have reason to believe that the Office will be well executed, and in a manner most suitable to the present State of Affairs—

Mr William Roſe appointed Agent in the Room of Mr Benfield

The following letter from the Right Honble the President to the Committee of Assigned Revenue is now read and approved.

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To the Committee of Assigned Revenue inclosing Copy of the Agreement with the Nabob - Concerning the Orders to be given to the Amuldars - to consider of the Plan of conducting the Business — Copies of the orders that were sent

Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of the Powers with which His Highness the Nabob has thought proper to entrust the President on behalf of the Company, in relation to the Management of the Revenues of the

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on the conclusion of the Agreement inclosed

the Carnatic for a limited time and for particular Purposes

Those Powers are conformable to the principles of an arrangement which your Board had reported to be necessary for securing the appropriation of the Revenues to the support of the War -

That Report considered and confirmed by the - Select Committee was the basis of the Negociation with the Nabob, the Success of which was liable to be obstructed by the natural reluctance of parting with any share of his Authority. But the critical Situation of His Highness's and the Company's affairs, were preyed upon his Judgment, he yielded to the necessity of the Measure, and to his avowed confidence in the upright Intentions of the present Administration of the Presidency.

The Advantages which may accrue from this Transaction must arise from the Superior Management, as well as security of the assigned Revenues, of these Benefits I entertain the former hope, because I expect much assistance from the Exertion of your Judgment and Knowledge in the affairs of the Country, as well as from your Zeal for the Welfare of the Company.

It was proposed in the Conferences with His Highness that the orders to the Managers (Amuldars) should proceed immediately from your Board, subject, as in all other Instances to the Inspection and control of the Select Committee. But His Highness, who is above all things Scrupulously attached to the preservation of his dignity, thought it affected by a delegation of the Power to any person, - except the Governor alone on behalf of the Company, to - appoint the Amuldars or Revenue Officers exercising - Authority in his Country, or to subject them to any Orders but under the Governors Signature - This

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This mode of proceeding, which does not affect the main points of Advantage gained for the Company, throws much of the executive part of this Business on the President, agreeably to the System of the Instructions from the Court of Directors, in relation to Transactions with the Country Powers: but your Advice and Assistance will still be highly necessary; you will please therefore not only to consider immediately of the plan of conducting this Business, and of Keeping proper and regular Accounts, but that you will, at all times, suggest the Substance of such orders as may be expedient to be sent to the Amildars, conformably to the Agreement with the Nabob. Letters to and from the Amildars, and Tributaries shall be regularly transmitted to you.

Copies of the Orders which were necessary to be sent immediately upon the Execution of the Agreement with His Highness are now transmitted to you, together with such other directions relative to the Supply of the Army, as the present Arrangement Authorized the President to send to His Highness Officers, as well as Letters on the same Subject to some of the Company's Civil and Military Servants in out Garrisons belonging to the Nabob. The appointment of new Renters or Amildars in the Several Districts, pursuant to the Powers granted by His Highness, will require all the Precaution and attention I can give it: in the mean time you will please to point out such Measures as you may judge conducive to prevent any abuses of the Revenue by those who are now in Office.—

You are directed by the Select Committee to conform to the agreement transmitted to you in all your Proceedings, which are to be laid before that Board once a

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a fortnight, and as they are anxious that the Company should be benefited by your Labors and Advice, you may be assured they are not less desirous to do justice to your Services, and to give the best proofs of their Sense of them. — I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

Your humble Servant,

Macartney.

The President's Minute means to lay all the Transactions of the Committee of Assigned Revenue before the Committee for their Inspection and control.

The President remarked to the Committee that from what he had formerly mentioned, and from the Papers which had been laid before them at different times, they were fully in possession of the Nature of the whole transaction with the Nabob relative to his assignment of the Revenues of the Carnatic to the Governor on behalf of the Company. The to obtain so great a benefit for the Company not having been able to obtain it in any other mode, the Governor had agreed to it, and subjected himself to a great deal of new trouble and Labour. He must still consider the whole business in the same manner as any other Subject to the Inspection and control of the Committee, without whose advice no material Measures or appointments take place: The detail of the business, being under the management of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, will be regularly reported once a fortnight to the board; but the President will probably have occasion frequently in the interval to consult with the Select Committee on these matters and to take their Sentiments relative to the appointment of Aumildars or Renters, and the arrangement of other things as they may arise and be necessary. —

Mr Barclay being in his way to the Presidency

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Mr. Johnson Appointed Paymaster at Madura

Presidency to take his Seat in Council, it is Agreed — that Mr. Samuel Johnston be appointed Paymaster at Madura in his Room. —

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11th Sent Letter to Mr Ross informing him of his appointment to the Agency, as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 21

Sent the following letter to Paul Benfield Esqr.

Paul Benfield Esqr.

Sir

To Paul Benfield Esqr Mr Ross appointed Agent in his room

I am directed by the Right hon.ble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of yesterday, and to inform you that, it appearing from them as well as your former Letters that you find yourself under difficulties with regard to conducting the Office of Agent in the present State of Affairs, the Select Committee wish to relieve you from them, and have therefore appointed Mr William Ross to be Agent in your Room, to whom they desire you will accordingly deliver over the Accounts and Papers you have received relative to that employ, and also the Bullocks that have been put under your charge. I have the honor to be,

Sir Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) I. Hudleston Jr

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12th Received letter from Mr John Stuart, enclosing letter to the Governor General and Council as entered in the Miscellany Book No 42

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor & Members of

Select Committee

Fort St George.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Ganjam intelligence of a Privateer, advises Government General of it.

Upon receipt of the accompanying intelligence transmitted to me by Express, and on the Examination of the Lascars who escaped from the Vessel, said to have been captured four days ago, I have this instant dispatched a Letter to the Governor General and Council, Enclose a Copy — I hope I shall not be deemed presuming when I declare I am solely actuated by publick motives —

I am very respectfully,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) John Tunno

Ganjam,
31st December 1781

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Edw. Hughes

Sir Edward Hughes KB
Vice Admiral of the Blue &c &c

Sir

Our President has received the honor of your Letter of the 5th Instant from Negapatam, informing him of the Detatchment destined for Trincomalee, being embarked on board the Squadron

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12th Squadron, We have not been informed of the reasons for the New Arrangement of the Troops for that expedition, and we are much concerned that it should be such as you seem to think not adequate to the Service. The Mentioning it also a Circumstance that has given us much disquiet, especially as we are at a loss to guess the real occasion of it, for what you mention on the Subject leaves us still in the

To Sir Edwd. Hughes
expect to hear further from him on the Subject of sending a Reinforcement to Trincomalee — 500 Barrels of Gunpowder sent — advising of a Dutch Privateer being to the North ward; desiring a small Vessel may be sent to cruize;

Dark —

With regard to sending a Reinforcement from hence to assist in Garrisoning Trincomalee, none can be spared from the Main Army, nor can we ascertain at present what reinforcement may be necessary; but we presume that we shall soon hear from you, and from the Commanding Officer of the Land Forces fully upon that Subject: In the meantime should there be any great real emergency which required assistance, you will please to apply to the Officer in Command nearest to the place where it may be wanted. Our Stock of Powder is at present very low, far short of the proper Quantity; we however now send you 500 Barrels, which considering the state of our Magazine, is a very large Supply; But we shall soon be able to furnish you amply, as we expect a great quantity soon from Bengal, where we are informed that Article is in great abundance.

It gives us much concern to find from your Letter that the weather should have continued so bad, for many weeks after the dating of — Negapatam as to prevent you from prosecuting the expedition to Trincomalee before the first of this Month, as in all probability the Enemy

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12 will have had sufficient time to make preparations for defence.

We are sorry to acquaint you that a Dutch Privateer to the Northward has done infinite mischief among the Rice Vessels, which is a most serious misfortune to this Settlement, whose sole dependance for subsistence is on the Ships from Bengal; Both the Government of Bengal and Fort St George had signified their apprehensions to you on this point; and much concerned we are to find them realized. If a Frigate could not be spared a small Vessel or two, well armed and manned with Europeans from the Squadron, would probably have been able to scour the Coast and effectually secure the Navigation; nor is it yet too late, for such is the demand for Provisions here, and the price of Freight so high that, no Monsoon, no Season of the Year will prevent numbers of Ships from trying to make the Passage.

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

Your most obedient humble Servants

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January 12th 1782

Signed — Macartney &c.
Select Committee

13th Received the following letter from General Munro, enclosing informations of Lieutenant Torrence, and Surgeon Gordon and Smith regarding the behaviour of the 6th Battalion of Sepoys as entered in

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My Lord

I enclose your Lordship the information of some of the Officers of the 6th Battalion of Sepoys, which behaved upon the parade in a mutinous & unsoldierlike manner; there never was a time when a matter like this ought to be sooner crushed in the Bud, that at present, and there could in my mind not be a more proper example made than of this Battalion, which I am sorry to find has not been taken proper care of by the Officer at their Head, and when I reviewed them two Years ago at Tanjore, they appeared to me to be totally without discipline, I would therefore in the strongest manner recommend that this Battalion be broke, and incorporated with the other Tanjore Battalions, which will nearly compleat them, their Black Officers I would dismiss the Service, except the Commandant who seemed to exert himself on this Occasion, this will likewise give your Lordship and Sir Eyre Coote an opportunity of providing for deserving Black Officers who have distinguished themselves in the last Campaign, and who may be immediately sent to Recruit the 6th Battalion

I have also advised their Captain, Captain Mackenzie, to resign, which he has wisely done; he is now Sick at Trangambar, but I have sent his resignation to the Commander in Chief, who I make no doubt will lay it before your Lordship.

From General Munro, representing the ill behaviour of the 6th Battalion of Sepoys — and recommending it to be broke, and incorporated with the other Battalions.

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I have the honor to be with the greatest

Esteem, My Lord

your Lordships much

obliged and most obedient

humble Servant

Negapatam (Signed) Hector Munro

Nov^r 20^th 1781

Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President & Select Committee

Hon^ble Sir and Sirs

I have received your Commands of the

14^th instant and shall carefully attend to them —

From Capt^n Hennington ordering another Troop of Mounniers, and two to command to Capt^n Hammond — forming this detachment to protect the Country.

I informed the Commander in Chief of my raising another troop of Mounniers to serve for the present with long Arms. I have now near Eighty in good Order, which I have given the charge of to Captain Hammond, of the Nabobs Service, formerly of the Companys, I had but two European officers and an Adjutant, and am very badly off for Sergeants — At Mr Proctors requisition for troops, I formed two Detachments, mainly Travancoreans, to protect the Country near Tiru, that near Cattapamarguies was, by desire of the Renter, recalled, and altho the one still out covers a fertile part, little is received from it.

I am in hourly expectation of the arrival of the Gentlemen lately from Europe — on the 23, Instant I forwarded dispatches brought by them from Bombay. — I have the honor to be

Hon^ble Sir and Sirs

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Your respectful and obedient
humble servant
(Signed) James Edingtoun

Pallamcotah
Nov^r 27^th 1781.

Right Honble Lord Macartney
Governor &c &c
Madras

My Lord

We did ourselves the honor to acquaint your Lordship of our arrival at Anjingo the 12^th Inst^o with dispatches from the Court of Directors, we are sorry to add now that we have not yet been able to proceed on our Journey farther than this place we met with unforeseen delays in travelling thro' the Travancore Country, we were obliged to stay five days on the Frontiers of it for a reinforcement to the escort sent to meet us from this place, as the Polygars were in arms on our way, We have been detained here several days from an apprehension of the same danger, and from News we received of the march of a Body of Hyders Troops to the Country through which we were to pass; and we are now advised by Captain Gibbons at Madura to remain where we are untill he sends us Notice that we may proceed with safety

From Messrs Macauley and Johnston, will remain at Pallamcotah 'till they can proceed with safety— cannot permit Capt Edingtoun to take copies of their dispatches.

Captain Edingtoun has a permission to take Copies of dispatches, for the sake of multiplying the chances of safe conveyance, and we are convinced that it may be of advantage to the Publick that the Dispatches with which we are charged should be received as early as possible, But in our Instructions

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By from the Committee of Secrecy we are forbid in the most positive manner, to deliver our Packets to any person or Persons whatever, except those to whom they are respectively addressed, and without your Lordships' Permission we will not presume to deviate from these Instructions, however long we may have the misfortune to be detained on the Road.

We have the honor to be in the most respectful manner, My Lord

Your Lordships
most obedient and humble Servants
Alexr Macauley
(signed) Mayperden Johnston

Calamcottah
December 14th 1781

Agreed that the Honble Company's Sloop Escape be sent to Negapatam for the European Packets

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

My Lord

I was last night honored with
your Lordship's Letter of the 10th Instant, the
Catamaran which brought it passed Devicotah in
the Night time, and came up the River to
Achiaveram, from whence some of the Country
people brought the Packet up here, so that there
were many chances against its having come to
my hands.

From General Munro, disbelieves the Intelligence received from Mr Holland, thinks the Citadel of Negapatnam the best Post to be occupied — on the going up of — Hillsbelly to Tondiman desires Colonel Braithwaite to remain at Tanjore

I observe the Contents of the Extract from Mr Holland's Letter, but I doubt the Authenticity of the Intelligence the reading of which the Hour was devulged to Mr Holland the

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13 the hint given respecting this place, and the Embarkation at a certain place being made at once, and the Ships sailing together as in the first part of the Letter, and in the latter part being formed into two divisions and sailing Seperately for different purposes, are indeed my reasons for disbelieving the whole; but be that as it may, I come now to give my opinion on the Subject of your Lordships Letter, respecting the properest place whereat to make a tenable post; As to Devicotah, tho' I never was on the Spot I am credibly informed that it could not soon be put in a State of Defence, and would cost more Money than could well be spared at present to execute it, Nagore appears to me to have nothing to recommend it being made a Post, unless the mounting a few Guns on the Sand hill, where the last redoubt was formed, and of which the first Enemy that entered the Country would again possess themselves; to attempt anything in the Streets of Nagore by way of Retrenchments, and throwing Trees across by way of Abbatties, would answer little purpose, as it would require Double the Number of Troops I have here to defend them; it is therefore my Opinion that from the situation of things the Citadel of Negapatnam is the best Post we can occupy, either as a Granary, or as a place to communicate by Sea from Madrass with the Forts of Tanjore & Trichinopoly

I shall direct the Engineer, who will in a day or two finish the demolition of the

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outer Fort / to make any little temporary
repairs the Citadel may require, and Order the
Artillery Officer to get Guns mounted on their
Carriages to be ready to put on the works; there
is also a Line of Defence which Communicates
with the Citadel, on which Guns will be in
readiness to be mounted; the Engineer will in
the mean time go on with the Mines in the
same manner as if the Citadel was to be
immediately destroyed.

I have also directed Mr Cochrane to provide Grain in readiness to lay up for four Months Provisions for 2,000 men, this Quantity will bring on the Second new Crop, and if more Grain is thought necessary, Mr Cochrane tells me he can procure it, in this State these matters will remain until I hear from your Lordship.

If this place is to be kept, as above, I believe the Admiral will expect in consequence of his Instructions from the Secretary of State, that your Lordship apply to him for it in the Name of the Company for the present.

I have desired Colonel Braithwaite to remain in Tanjore till I hear further from your Lordship; my reason for this is, that he cannot proceed against Tuticarin until he is provided with some Troops and Guns, exclusive of those at Palamcotah, and as it may not be in my power to furnish him with either so soon as I intended, besides it may be proper to have Answers to my Letters to the Polygars,

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13 which will the better enable him to resolve upon the most expedient conduct to be pursued towards them, I hope for these Reasons your Lordship will approve of his not proceeding to Palamcotah so soon as was proposed

Colonel Braithwaite by way of encouraging Tondiman to act with his Troops against Hyder in the Tanjore Country promis him on his taking Palamcotah, Ardnagiwand Killemelly, that he should keep possession of the latter, 'till reimbursed in his Expences.

I think it improper that any Blackamoor should keep possession of any Fort in a Country protected and defended by the Company, and it will be productive of everlasting disputes between the Rajahs and Tondimans people.

I beg to have your Lordships Instructions whether Tondiman is to keep this Fort, or to deliver it up on the promise of being reimbursed in his Expences.

I have been confined in my Room for several Days much indisposed, I must therefore beg your Lordships permission to decline saying any thing further 'till the Rochford sails on the 20th. I have the honor to be with greatest Esteem,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient and most humble Servant,

Hector Munro

Segapatnam
December 17th 1781

Signed

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13th My Lord,

I have the honor to send you a Monthly return of the Troops under my Command, and one of the Garrisons of Tanjore and Tattetimopoly, a List of the Dutch Company's Civil Servants sent to Madras on board the Rochford, and a Duplicate of my Letter of Yesterdays Date sent your Lordship overland, and a List of the Dutch Prisoners entered in our Service.

As the Car Crop in the Tanjore Country is ripe for cutting down, and as it will be absolutely necessary to protect the Inhabitants until the Harvest is gathered in, I intend to move the Troops to Combiconum by the End of this Month, leaving five Companies of Sepoys to Garrison the Citadel of Negapatnam for the present.

If the Rajah of Tanjore will not pay Money to the Troops and a part of his Arrears of Rents to the Company, I intend to secure such Proportion of the Crop upon the Ground as would fall to his Share for both these purposes, for I am informed that the Grain may be disposed of for ready Money.

The Neptune carried away to Bombay 1,200 of the 1500 Bags of Rice your Lordship sent with me from Madras, the Admiral takes with him to Trincomalee the 2,000 Bags which came last in the Ships, this leads me to mention that if Trincomalee is kept and Garrisoned, Grain must be sent thither from Madras from time to time, at least till we are

From General Munro. Leaves 5 Companies at Negapatam, moves the Troops to Combiconum, intends to secure a proportion of the Crop, to pay the Troops and the Rajahs Rents Due to the Company. if Trincomalee is to be kept and Garrisoned, Grain must be sent, A few artillery Officers wanted.

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13 Possession of the whole Island of Ceylon, and are on good terms with the King of Candy, it therefore deserves your Lordships Consideration whether or not the Fortifications of Trincomalie ought to be preserved at the Expence, not only of sending Provisions there, but of 800 Men intended to be left to Garrison it, who is the Number that proceeds with the Admiral, and who will have no less with them; that is a great deduction from our small Force, and should the Fort be but small, fewer might be sufficient as 300 Men (I understood) were the Original Number intended to have been embarked at Madras for this Service.

I have recommended to the Admiral, if he finds a less number than 800 sufficient to leave there, to send back the rest, but he does not seem to approve of any being returned.

A few Artillery Officers for the Southern Garrisons are much wanted, as some of them have none.

I have desired Messrs. Cockburn and Digby to deliver in to me in writing for your Lordships Information, what prospects they have, and what Sum they will be able to realize from the Crop now upon the Ground in the Tinnevelly and Negapatnam Districts, or from any Duties in Negapatnam, which will be sent you by this Conveyance.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Esteem, My Lord

Your Lordships much obliged

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Obliged and most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Hector Munro

Negapatnam
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By the Tritchinopoly return shall be sent
your Lordship by the next Conveyance.

Read the following Letter from Major
General Sir Hector Munro enclosing Letter
from Lieut Atwood as entered in Miscellany
Book N° 28—

Right honble Lord macartney President & Governor &c

My Lord Fort St George

I send you the enclosed from
Lieut Atwood, who from every account has
taken great pains with the Sebendys at
Tritchinopoly, he is infirm and unfit for
Field Duty, but would execute any Service
with them that you may think proper to
order him in Cantonment or Garrison—

I have the Honor to be with the greatest esteem,
My Lord,
Your Lordships most obliged
and most obedient humble servant
(Signed) Hector Munro

From General Munro, enclosing Letter from Lieut Atwood, 18th Inst being infirm and unfit for Field Service,

Negapatnam
December 20th 1781

Received Letter from Vizagapatam
date 7th January as entered in the Miscellany
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Read Letter from Mr Daniell
enclosing Letters from Messrs Hamilton and
Turing dated 8 January as entered in
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Read Letter from Mr Daniell enclosing Copy of Letter from Captain Montgomery dated 7th January as entered in the Miscellany Book 8 23.

Read the following Letters

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Chaser arrived here last Night, I shall go off immediately to Captain Pare, and shall advise him to Cruise to the Windward of Point Gardwar to the Northward, and down to Point Divi to the Southward, and to call in every two or three Days either at Coringa, this place, Masulipatam, or Bandermalanka for Intelligence.

From Mr Duff
The Chaser arrives,
requests Capt Pare
may be written
to not quit his
Station Mr Dick
arrives

I have to request that you wolde be pleased to write to Capt. Pare not to quit his present Station, or at least not until most of the Vessels that are now at Coringa, Bandermalanka and this place, bound for Madras with Rice and Grain, have proceeded thither, I am in hopes that some more Cruizers will be dispatched to the Northward from Madras for the protection of Trade, should none come, I am apprehensive that the Crews of the Country Vessels will not easily be prevailed upon to go to Sea, even though the Owners were willing to risk their Vessels,

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13 every exertion however in my Power shall be made to get them away, Another great cause of disinclination in the Owners to send out their Ships, is the want of Boats at Madras to unload them expeditiously

Mr Dick has returned again to this place, having been landed to the Southward of Point Divi from one of the Ships Captured by the Dutch Privateer in Nasapore road, and carried out with him, and on board of which Mr Dick and most of the Prisoners were sent by the Captains and which Sloop the Patriot Captain and Officers, made a present of to Captain Ingram of the Elizabeth, which Vessel was captured and Burnt in this Road, Captain Ingram after landing Mr Dick and two other Europeans proceeded to Madras

Mr Dick is of opinion that the Dutch Privateer will not yet quit the Coast, and that he imagines his destination from hence was for Cuanza.

I mentioned in my Letter of the 1st Instant that the Privateer in standing out of this Road the 31st Ult.o had captured two Snows. Mr Dick however informs me that only one of them had been taken, which proved to be the Industry, Capt. Ewing from Madras, bound for Calcutta in Ballast

I have the honor to be with respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most humble
and most obedient Servant
(signed) William Duff

Maddapollam
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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St George.

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have had the honor to receive your Commands dated 19th and 22d ultimo. The Statements required shall be forwarded without delay—

From Ingeram— the Vessels bound for Madras will not Sail without a Convoy

There are at this Port nearly fifty Sail of Country Vessels bound to Madras with Rice and Grain, and it does not appear that they will proceed thither at present. The News of— Enemies on the Coast has created so great an— apprehension that, were the owners ever so— willing to risk their Vessels, the Crews will not easily be prevailed upon to go to Sea without the protection of some armed Vessel— Another great cause of Disinclination in the owners to send their Ships, is the want of Boats at Madras to unload them expeditiously. This being the purport of the language held by those people, I thought it necessary to acquaint your— Lordship &c. Council of it

I have the honor to be with respect—

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most humble and— most obedient Servant—

(signed) Will Hamilton

Ingeram— 5 January 1782

Read Letter from Mr John Tunny dated 31st December as entered in the Miscellany Book No 26

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13 Dispatched the following letter to Bengal

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

The Swallow Packet arrived here
the 12th Instant and we have the Honor to —
acknowledge your Duplicate Letter of the 26th
Ultimo by Colonel Morgan, with the dispatches
to Bombay, Sir Eyre Coote and General Meadows
sent open for our perusal

We are much obliged by the Communication
of these Papers, and cannot sufficiently express
our Sense of the fresh Proof they afford of your
solicitude for the support of the Company's
Interests under our immediate care, We receive
also the most sensible pleasure in the approbation
you have been pleased to express of our Conduct,
and the reliance you place on our Zeal & Integrity —

We shall without delay take into our
consideration the important objects which you
have recommended to our attention and we shall
be happy to cooperate effectually with your
Government in the Measures which you have
suggested — as soon as the Swallow shall be
Dispatched we shall write to you fully on all
these Points

We have the pleasure to inform you
that we have this day received Intelligence of
Sir Eyre Coote's having again relieved Vellore

To Bengal
expressing —
acknowledgments
of the fresh Proof
they have afforded
in the support of
the Company's
Interest will
take into —
consideration
what they have
recommended —
Vellore relieved

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without any effort on the part of Hyder to prevent it — As no object would be more important to the Enemy than the reduction of that Fortress, we think his conduct on this occasion an expedient acknowledgement of his Inability to cope with our Army in a general action.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney &c
Select Committee

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Read Letter from Captain Flint, dated 9th January as entered in the Miscellany Book N°24.

My Lord,— I have both your Letters of the 11th and 15th now before me, with the two packets of Intelligence enclosed, the one from Mr Daniel Chief of Masulipatam, the other from Lieut Pringle, Captain of the Gunboat — I shall not delay a Moment in doing every thing in my power for the Security of Tanjore and Tatchinopoly, and also for what remains of the Fortifications here, as your Lordship desires.

I cannot help regretting my having received the Papers of Intelligence four or five days too soon, as every thing was ready for an expedition against Jagpatnam — Spatam except some Boatmen, and they were to have arrived here in a few days from Adriapatnam; as the Troops intended for this

Mr Govt. Secretary — receives the Intell[ligence] from Daniel & Capt. Pringle, & reports himself for the security of Tanjore & Tatchinopoly

13th paper Daniel Captain not my pa

receive day read

have ved Adria

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13 Expedition consisted of part of the Garrisons
of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, upon Lord Shipps
Letter of the aforesaid Date know of course put
a total stop to it for the present, and I am
sorry for it—

Hyder Alys conduct as to the Tanjore
Country appears to me very absurd, that he
should one Day evacuate and endeavour to destroy
the Forts he was in possession of, and recall
all his Troops from that Country, and that
he should the next moment march a Body of
his Troops into it, seems too ridiculous as
well as unaccountable.

I have only to add that I have the honor to be
that
My Lord Your Lordships most obliged
and most obed.t hb.e Servant
Negapatnam
December 21.st 1781
signed Hector Munro

14 Received the following letter from
Lord Macleod, desiring a Passage to Europe
for some Invalids belonging to the 73.d
Regiment—

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to address
you on the 20.th of August last, enclosing a List
of Invalids of the 1.st Battalion of his Majesty's 73.d
belonging

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Thomas Lord Macleod requesting a passage on board the Swallow for some Invalids of his Regiment—

14 73d Regiment recommended by the Surgeon to be sent to Europe the first opportunity: I am informed the Swallow is now under dispatch, and have in consequence enquired of Capt Hall how many he can conveniently receive — I therefore request you will order a Passage for a Serjeant and 12 Men, whose Names I have the pleasure to send you —

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Macleod

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Return of Invalids ordered on board the Swallow —

Lord Macleods Compy — Serjeant Scarlet
Duncan Macrae

Lieut Colonels — Do — James Frazer Senr
James Frazer Junr
William Dawson

Majors — Do — Alexr Mackenzie
George Cameron

Capt Stuarts — Do — Duncan Macdonald
Donald Munro

Light Infantry — Do — Hon.ble Mackenzie
George Urquhart

Capt Mackenzies — Do — John Whitfield
John Bryne

Total 1 Serjeant 12 Privates —

(signed) Macleod

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Ordered accordingly —

ordered

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14 Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor

&c Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I despatched 300 Bullocks more this morning for Nellore making in all 800—

Ram Chunder Nayze arrived here Yesterday I have acquainted him with the behaviour of his people in this business, and he seems much concerned at it, and promises to procure a number of good Bullocks immediately.

From Captain Edmonds — Despatches Bullocks to Nellore, in great want of Drivers,

I had the honor this day to receive a Letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam informing me they had given orders for a number of Bullocks to be forwarded to this place on their way to Madras, and that they would be sent in Drovers 200 each that they had much difficulty in getting Drivers, and none or but few would go this place. The same difficulty arising here and as the want of them may greatly retard the march of the Bullocks, should you think proper, I will endeavour to entertain a sufficient number as monthly Servants, till this Service is performed, they will be ready at a call, and prevent such Delay as the want of them must undoubtedly occasion — I have the honor to be with much respect — Hon'ble Sir

Your most obed't hble Servant

Ongole 12 January 1782

signed Edwd Edmonds Capt Comm.

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Private Letter. 14 Drivers to be procured if possible

The Right Honble Lord macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c &c

and Select Committee of

Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 11th Instant, and beg to acquaint you that I will endeavour to protect every district dependent on my Command, and take every measure in my power to prevent the Enemy from entering them — I was yesterday informed by a Man who left Calicut 10 Days before, that Lurda Cawn is there with 500 Horse 500 Sepoys and 1000 Polygars, that no news whatever transpires in that place, or through Hyders Country, as he traveld along on pain of having their Tongues cut out if detected, but Escaped another Man from thence in a few Days.

From Capt Gibbings Lurda Cawn in force at Calicut.

By the best information I can get, the Enemy cannot get into the Tinevelly Country with Guns, except through the Travancore country or the pass of Dindigul —

There is a pass not far from Shivelapatore, where Cavalry and Infantry may march, but no Guns, I understand there are a few more passes, but if the Tinevelly Polygars were in our Interest, it would be impossible for the Enemy to get through any of those Passes, except that of Dindigul, and I am apprehensive the

Detatchment

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the Detachment I have at Sulivandam will not be sufficient to stop the Enemy, should they come in force that way, but I will do all in my power to prevent them.

I am with the greatest respect,
Horble Sir and Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Robt Gubbins

Madura
28 November 1781

Read letter from Captain Wedding taken as entered in Miscellany Book N° 27

To the Right honble Lord macartney
and Committee
My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Braithwaite relinquishes the Command to Colonel Nixon

The 10th Battalion which escorted the heavy Guns back to Tanjore having joined me this Day, that no time may be lost, I now relinquish the Command of the Troops to Lieut Colonel Nixon, with orders to proceed by the route he shall think best to communicate with the Admiral and receive Major General Sir Hector Munro's Orders. I think it my Duty to give you the earliest information, and have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your faithful obedient Servants
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Camp Cambiconum
17 October 1781

Dispatched the following letter to General Coote

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Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Commander in Chief &c &c

Sir

Our anxiety for your Health
occupied our whole attention, when we wrote to
you on the 5th Instant, earnestly requesting
your return to the Presidency, for your more
certain and speedy recovery from the very
severe Illness with which we were just then
informed you were attacked the Day before

We have now the honor to acknowledge
your Letter of the 30th December and 1st 2d and
4th Instant — The Spirit with which you
resolved on proceeding with the Army to the
relief of Vellore, notwithstanding your ill
health, has our best thanks, as we are
persuaded it will have those of his Majesty
and the Company —

It is the constant object of this
Board to remove the disadvantages and inconvenience
to which the Army has been subject, Many
no doubt remain, notwithstanding all our
efforts — we have however with pleasure
learned that the Army had on leaving —
Tripasore the 6th Instant Twenty one days
provisions, and we have since had the
satisfaction to hear that Vellore has been —
relieved.

On the third Instant seventeen
hundred draught and Carriage Bullocks —
arrived here and more are since come —
Orders

To General Coote
with thanks for
his proceeding to
the relief of Vellore.
1700 Bullocks —
arrived. more
expected. Mr Brown
Dep. appointed
Agent in the room
of Mr Benfield
on the agreement
with the Nabob
General Munro
marches towards
Tanjore. the
Military arrange-
ments under
consideration:
laying up a
stock of —
Provisions.

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Orders were sent some time ago to the several Districts for the purchase of Bullocks; and where the assistance of the influence of Government was necessary, it has been exerted; and we have accounts that considerable numbers are now on the Road for this place. We were willing to engage with Mr Benfield for supplying Bullocks for the Army: but as he did not chuse to accept the Terms on which we proposed the contract, we appointed him Agent for supplying them: An Office in which the exertion of those qualities which would have enabled him to fulfil the Contract, would have likewise enabled him to supply the Army without one; but after a Tryal of him for some Days - we thought it necessary to appoint Mr William Ross Agent in his Room, we hope he will act to your satisfaction and to ours -

The late Revenue Arrangement made on behalf of the Company with his Highness the Nabob, by the Authority given over some of his Officers has facilitated the supply of Bullocks and Horses. The Gentlemen whom we have appointed a Committee to consider the best method of carrying this Arrangement into execution, will we doubt not suggest the best method for rendering it advantageous to the Company.

The last Accounts from Negapatam announce the intended march

of

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of Sir Hector Munro towards Tanjore as the Enemy has now no Port or place of Strength in that Country, we flatter ourselves that the object of securing the Produce of the Crop which you justly mention as highly important will be in a great measure attained

The Military promotions and regulations lately recommended by you, which are extensive and important are now before the Board

We entirely concur in your Opinion of the necessity of laying up a Stock of Provisions in Fort St George and we have taken measures for that purpose

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St George
January 14th 1782

Received the following Letter from General Coote

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor & Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am honored with your letter of the 6th Instant and am obliged by the Sentiments therein contained, respecting your fears and feelings on account of my health, and that it might suffer still more by proceeding

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proceeding on the Service I had undertaken the
impaired State I have been in for sometime
followed by the violent attack I was seized with
on the 5th the morning. I meant to have
marched from Trapasore totally unhinged
me, however being better the ensueing day and
regarding the Service I had undertaken as of
the first consequence to the State, resolved not
to lose a minute, but proceed at all hazard
to myself. Our route from thence is not marked
with any occurance of consequence till the 9th
when on my arrival at Poonie River, The Enemy
appeared in great force on the opposite side But
on passing the River they immediately struck
their Camp and marched off to beyond Lallapet,
the Eminencies and Posts they had quitted were taken
possession of. I took up my ground near where
they had decamped from, I proceeded on my
March at day break yesterday for Vellore, when
we had gone on about four Miles, the Enemy
appeared advancing from towards Lallapett,
One Line pointing for our Rear and the other
for our left Flank. The attaching our Baggage
and Convoy for Vellore was apparently their
grand object, and the guarding this, not to be
repaired, supplys, if lost, required the utmost
circumspection. They made their attacks
supported by a number of heavy Guns Cannon
reading at a great distance, Just at this time the
first Line had croped a deep Morass, which
impeded both our Train, Rice Carts, Bullocks &c
very much, The different Brigades were immediately
ordered

From General Coote with an account of his march to the relief of Vellore, lamenting the want of Carriage for Provisions Hyder takes Chundergerry preparations making in his Camp for a Body of Europeans, 1500 Maratta's arrive in his Camp

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H ordered to be posted so as to keep the Enemy in
check on all sides, while our Convoy passed
the bad ground, The whole got over safe and was
secured at the head of our Line — The Enemys Guns
kept up a distant but incessant Cannonade for
about four hours, when finding they could make
no material impression, and that they had not
the least chance of destroying our Convoy, drew
off their Artillery and Troops about three o'clock
in the Afternoon, when I called in the different
Posts it had been necessary to occupy,
and proceeded on my March to Ground about
four miles distant from Vellore. I marched
the Army this morning close to the Pettah,
the Provisions, Stores, &c. to be deposited in the
Garrison will be lodged there this afternoon,
and as the object of our march is now happily
completed, I shall set off on my return tomorrow
Morning. The Spirit of the Troops on this —
Service does them the greatest Honor — This
is the Day the Commanding Officer of Vellore
acquainted both Government and me, that
it was absolutely necessary to be relieved, that
he could not hold out one hour longer. I have
the pleasure of recollecting that, every Store there
was Carriage for at Madrass, has been safely
conveyed there, and I am to lament that the
state of Carriage for Provisions is so inadequate
to the Exigency of Service, that all offensive —
operations of consequence are in a manner
obliged to be laid aside for want of it. The Army
are equal to every necessary undertaking that

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can be required from them, provided Government can find the requisite and indispensable resources of Money, Provisions and Carriage.

The return of casual ties of Yesterday are enclosed, We expended but little Ammunition, what is wanting to complete the Tumbrils will be taken this Afternoon from Vellore, My State of Health is very indifferent, and being Yesterday obliged to expose myself on Horseback to an intense Sun, is at this present time severely felt by me, A European Soldier who made his Escape from the Enemy into Vellore reports that Hyder has taken Chundergerry by assault, and put the whole Garrison to the Sword, that great preparations were making in his Camp for the arrival of a body of 8,000 Europeans. that he lately received a reinforcement of about 1,500 Horse, and many Polygars, that the Horse were said to be Marattas, that there was a Frenchman of consequence arrived in his Camp within these Ten days, whom Hyder's people styled an Ambassador, and that the language was there that this Person had been high in the Service at Pondicherry.

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

Camp on the Banks
of the Vellore River
the 11th January 1782

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14 Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing of the Army Commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B Commander in Chief of his Majesty's and the Company's Forces in India, when attacked by the Army of Hyder Ally on the march to Vellore from Malpaddy on the Banks of the Coomie 10th January 1782.

Cavalry — Artillery — European Infantry

Killed 4 Horses × Wounded Lieut.t × Killed Lieut.t Greenwood
Wounded 1 D.o × Rutlidge and × Wounded 2 Rank & file
Missing 1 D.o × Speediman × Missing 1 Rank & file

Natives

Killed 1 Drummer and 18 Rank and file.
Wounded 1 Subedar 2 Drummers & 33 Rank and file
Missing 4 Rank and file.

Abstract.

Killed 1 Lieutenants. Wounded 2 Lieutenants.
19 Natives Non Com.d & file 2 Rank & file Europeans.
4 Horses. 1 Subedar and
Missing 35 Natives non Com.d & file
1 Rank & File Europeans.
4 D.o Natives
1 Horse.

signed Henry Malcolm
Adj.t General

Head Quarters Camp at Vellore
11.th January 1782

Dispatched the following Letters.

To George Proctor Esq.r
at Calamcotah.

To Mr Proctor enclosing copy of Letter to the Commanding Officer at Calamcottah

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble Mr President and Select Committee to—

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14 to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a
Letter now written to the Commanding Officer
at Palamcotah I have the honor to be
Sir your most obedient
humble Servant
Sign'd J Huddleston Sec.

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14 January 1782

To William Light Esq.
Paymaster at Palamcotah

Sir

I am directed by the Right
honble the President and Select Committee
to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
9th Ultimo, and to express to you their
disapprobation that any Bullocks should have
been provided by the Commanding Officer at
Palamcotah, as it is a part of the Public
Service entirely within the Province of the
Paymaster — with respect to such Bullocks
as have already been provided by Captain
Eidingtoun, they are to be charged as follows

For each Draught Bullock 1. 21 } P. Month
Do Carriage Bullocks

and whatsoever Captain Eidingtoun has
charged and received over and above those rates,
the Select Committee direct that you immediately
call upon him to refund —

You are also to call upon Captain
Eidingtoun for the amount of any Sums or
Sums of money, or of the produce of any Grain
received by him from the Revenues of the —
Palamcotah or Tinevelly Districts — above

To Mr Light
Capt Eidingtoun
to refund what
he has received
over and above
the regular
Charges for
Bullocks

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I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) J Huddleston Jury

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14 January 1782

To Captain Joseph Billcliffe
or the Officer Commanding
at Palamcotah

Sir

I am directed by the right honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of a Letter dated 27th November from the
late Commanding Officer at Palamcotah, enclosing
Copies of several Letters that had passed between
him and Mr Proctor on the subject of an order
sent to Captain Eidingtown, directing him to
give receipts to the Nabobs Amildars for any
Grain he might receive, and I am to inform
you that the said order was sent to Captain
Eidingtown through mistake, as the Collection
of the Revenues of the Tinevelly and Palamcotah
Districts is intrusted wholly to Mr Proctor, and
whatever Grain he may deliver for the use of
the Garrison at Palamcotah must of course
be under the charge of the Storekeeper.

To Capt Billcliffe
whatever Grain
Mr Proctor may
deliver to be under
the charge of the
Storekeeper

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) J. Huddleston Secy

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To Henry Crawford Esq.re &c.

Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

To Vizagapatam to send 10,000 Bags of Horse Gram to the Presidency.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will send to the Presidency ten thousand Bags of Horse Gram instead of the three thousand first ordered

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

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J. Hudleston Secy

To James Daniell Esq.re Chief of Masulipatam or in his absence to James Hodges Esq.re

Sir

To Masulipatam inclosing Letter to Captain Para

I enclose under a flying Seal a Letter to Captain Para of his majesty's Ship Chaser which the Right honble the President & Select Committee desire you will cause to be conveyed to him if at Masulipatam or in its Neighbourhood.

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

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Signed J. Hudleston Secy

The same to William Hamilton Esq.re Resident at Ingeram, and Henry Crawford Esq.re at Vizagapatam, and John Turing Esq.re at Ganjam with Duplicates

Triplicates and Quadruplicates of the Letter to Captain Para

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To Captain Parr

Commander of his Majestys Ship

Chaser

Sir

The Intelligence we have received of Captures made by the Enemys Privateers of several Grain Vessels near Nanapoure is matter of the most serious alarm to us, as the safety of this Settlement depends on the supplies we expect from Bengal and our Northern Factories, we therefore

To Captain Parr requesting he will remain in his present Station.

earnestly request Sir, that you will continue to cruize for the protection of this important Trade until the Grain Vessels at the Ports of Bandamalanka, Corringa and Madapollam are ready to Sail, and that you will then accompany them to this place as the Admiral writes to us that he must be here about the middle of February, we hope your compliance with our request will not be inconsistent with your Instructions, nor attended with any Inconvenience to you.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servants,

Fort St George,
14 January 1782

Macartney &c
Select Committee

Received the following Letters

The Right Honble Lord Macartney President & Governor &c &c.

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From Mr Holland the Nizam takes the Field

My Lord

The Nizam moved with his Army

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We Army this Day encamped at the
Distance of about two Cos and a half from Town.
I have the honor to be with great respect,

My Lord

Your Lordships most
obedient humble Servant
(Signed) John Holland

Hyderabad
7 January 1782

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord

I had the honor to address your Lordship
jointly
with Sir Hector Munro on the 11th of this month,
and am now to answer your Lordships Letters of
the 3 and 10th which came to my hands on the
15th together with the Extract of M. Hollands
Letter of the 30th November last from Hydrabad.

I thank your Lordship for your
obliging Congratulations on our success against
this place and beg leave to assure your Lordship
that the exertions of the Squadron on this
occasion were not small, and that Sir Hector
Munro is pleased to bestow the highest
commendations on the steady and spirited
behaviour of the Officers & Seamen and marines
employed on Shore in the attack; my part of
the active Service at the time was to attend
on board the Superb (except for one Day when
I came on Shore to see the progress of our works)
to the hourly wants and demands of the Army

From Vice Admr Hughes
His ready compliance
with our requisition
during the Siege of
Negapatam will
send a sufficient
Force to Convoy the
Ships from Bengal
on the arrival of the
expected Fleet
On the Subject of
the French Fleet.
will return to
Madras by the
middle of February
enclosing instruc-
tions to Captain
Alms or Officer
Commanding any
Squadron of his
Majestys Ships.

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14 to inform your Lordship, the Army was amply supplied.

I note particularly the Postcript of your Letter of the third, and the Instant — Trincomalee surrenders I shall despatch his Majesty's Ship the Sea-Horse to cover your importations from Bengal, I have in former Letters mentioned my determination of sending the Nymph Sloop to England from Trincomalee, the Active will be then the only small vessel left with the Squadron, and the attendance of one is absolutely necessary for many reasons particularly to repeat Signals in the time of Action, should the expected reinforcement join me in time, I will not fail to send a sufficient force to cover the Shipping expected from Bengal

By his Majesty's Ship Active and the Company's Snow Panther all the Military made Prisoners here have been sent to Madrass, except such as had entered into the King's and Company's Service, and I am happy to inform your Lordship nearly 120 Europeans, none of them Dutchmen, have entered into the Company's Corps here and the Squadron has benefited by the Service of about 120 Stout Malayas, who in time and with kind treatment, will become useful to us.

On the Rochfort are now sent to Madrass the greater part of the Dutch — Company's Civil Servants, and all of the higher Rank, those remaining here being of little or no consequence, and only permitted

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14 for a time, the General concurring with me in opinion that this measure was absolutely necessary to the Publick Service for after the place is evacuated by our Troops, their influence would have continued over all their former professions and adherents, and an Enemy — coming by this part whether Dutch or French, would have benefited accordingly

With your Lordships letter of the 10th of this Month I was honored with the extract of Mr Hollands Letter of the 30th last from Hydrabad. That Mons.r Montel may be at Poonah is very probable, as I have had intelligence of his arrival at Goa two months ago, but the Sailing of the French Squadron from the Mauritius on the 27th October with 6.000 Men, Land Forces, does not by any means tally with my Idea of Practibility the event however will shew how true that part of the Intelligence is. at present it appears to me to refer to their transactions of last Year, when they certainly did Sail about the time specified —

arrival.

will

So soon as the Dutch Prisoners are all embarked, and the Rochford sailed, I shall repair to the Pagoda and give the necessary orders for receiving on board the Detachment of Land Forces Destin'd to assist in the reduction of Trincomalee, and if need be, to Garrison that place; how long that Service may engage the Squadron is uncertain, and my next operations will depend on the then State of our affairs and the information I may receive regarding our expected

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14 expected reinforcements, and the motions of the Enemy, at all events I must come to Madrass Road about the middle of February next, in order to procure a supply of Bread, Rice, Peas, Beef, and Pork, as the Squadron is victualled to the end of February only

The last intelligence I received from Anjango was dated the 17th November Captain Alms with his Squadron had not then arrived on the Malabar Coast, nor had the Convoy got round Ceylon I am nevertheless in good hopes I shall soon know certainly where Captain Alms is, and think it not improbable he may join me at Trincomalee by the middle of next Month, or should he have staid long at Madagascar, it is more probable he will keep to the Eastward, so as to be able to fetch Madrass in which case I have directed him to join me at Trincomalee if he can possibly leave Madrass Road any time before the 20th of next Month, about which time I expect I shall be able to leave that place to proceed to the Coast. Inclosed with this, come two Letters, one addressed to Captain Alms or the Officer Commanding any Squadron of his Majesty's Ships arriving at Madras the other to the Captain of any of his Majesty's Ships arriving there, of which two Letters I request your Lordships particular care, and that on the arrival of either a Squadron, or a single Ship of His Majesty's you will deliver the Letters accordingly. The Commander or Captain having any instructions therein to take a Copy of

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14 of the Orders and retrieve the Original back into your hands, in consequence of these last Orders, the former Letters left in your hands are of no Force and your Lordship will be pleased to let them lie by you until I have the honor of seeing you at Madras. I have the honor to be with great regard and esteem

Negapatam
19th December 1781

My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
and most humble Servant
(signed) Edwd Hughes.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

My Lord

I have received the honor of
Your Lordships three Letters of the 13th 14th and 15th
of this Month, with the extract of Captain Banks's
Letter from Poonah dated the 22d October last
containing many wonderfull things —
The French Squadron from the
Mauritius under the Command of so active an
Officer, as Mr Suffrain, will no doubt try to do
something, but whether on this or the Malabar
Coast is as yet uncertain, and under the
various and uncertain informations I
receive from time to time, on which no thing
can be founded, I have resolved to abide by
the Plan of operations agreed on between
me and the Presidency, that is, to proceed to
the Attack of Trincomalee, watchful of the
motions of our expected Reinforcements and
of

From Sir Edd Hughes
means to proceed
to Trincomalee
The Seahorse to be
dispatched to
Calcutta on Mr
Anderson's proceeding
to Poonah - with
thanks for the
attention paid to
his recommendation
of Mr Hamson

14 of the Enemy—

In a former Letter I mentioned to your Lordship my Intention of sending the Seahorse to protect the Shipping between your Port and Bengal, as Mr. M.Dowson appears to wish a Ship of Force to convey a supply of money to you, I shall direct the Captain of that Ship to proceed to Calcutta, and use all possible Diligence to return to your Road with whatever Treasure the Governor General and Council may lade on her.

Your Lordship's obliging Letter of the 14th conveys to me the very acceptable News of a Peace concluded with Scindia, and that He with a Mr. Anderson were to proceed to Poonah to treat of a General Peace with the Mavratta Nation, in which I most sincerely wish them entire success; under these promising appearances, I hope the Governor General and Council will put the Troops under the Command of General Goddard to some good use.

I beg your Lordship to accept my very hearty thanks for your obliging attention to my recommendation of Lieutenant Jamson, and shall be happy to know so deserving an Officer benifits by it. I can assure your Lordship that I am not particular in my attachment to Mr. Jamson, all that know him respect him as an Officer of much merit— I have the honor to be with sincere regard and Estem, My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Edwd Vaughan

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16 Dispatched the following Letter to Mr Palk.

To Thomas Palk Esqr
Paymaster of Tritchinopoly.

Sir

to Mr Palk
to receive from
the Nabobs Stores
at Tritchinopoly
Gunpowder &c

I am directed by the Rt Honble
the President and Select Committee to inform
you that his highness the Nabob has consented
that you shall receive from his Stores at
Tritchinopoly 1,000 Barrels of Gunpowder, and
such other Stores as may be wanted for the use and
defence of the Garrison, on condition that the honble
Company shall hereafter replace what may be
taken, for which purpose you will duly give
receipts — The Nabobs Phouzdar at Tritchinopoly
is informed of his highness's having given this
permission, and an order is now sent to him to deliver
the Powder and Stores agreably thereto,

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt
Signed T. Hudleston Secy

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Maule.

16 Dispatched the following Letter to Major Maule

To Major Maule,

Sir

to Major Maule,
to visit Powder in the
South Bastion —

I am directed by the Right honble
the President and Select Committee to inform you
that the Powder Magazine in the South Bastion
not being Floored and the Powder in consequence
liable to be damaged, they desire you will cause
Stages of wood to be erected in it for the reception of
the

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16 the Powder Barrels I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort St George
16th January 1782

signed J. Huddleston Secry.

Received the following Letter from General Coote.

To the Honorable Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor & Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I marched at Sunrise this morning from Vellore, and have now the honor to acquaint you that I was attacked about eleven o'clock by the whole of Hyder Ally's Forces, while the Troops were crossing the deep Morass mentioned in my last — their attack was supported by a number of heavy Guns — Cannonading at a great distance, but the instant we got clear of the Swamp, we advanced upon them with as much expedition as the nature of the Service would permit, on which they retreated and recrossed the Poniriver, with great precipitation, I pursued them for about three miles, when Night coming on, I was under the necessity of stopping, and have but this Moment reached my present ground: where I intend Encamping for the Night. By a Deserter I am informed that, upon my advancing, Hyder gave orders to his Troops to fall back to Timery. —

From General Coote advising of his being attacked by the Enemy, and of his having obliged them to retreat —

A Detail of the occurrences of this day, I shall present you with the first leisure moment

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

Comp. Malpaddy near the Banks of the Ponie January 13th twelve at night 1782

signed Eyre Coote

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At a Select Committee Present

The Right honble George Lord Macartney, Govr.

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote and

Major General Sir Hector Munro absent on

Service

John Holland Esqr. Resident at the

Nizam's Court

Read the following Letter from the

Chief and Council of Masulipatam with the

enclosures therein mentioned, entered in the Miscel-

lany Book No. 60

To the Right honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor & Select Committee

of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Masulipatam requesting the orders of the Committee may be immediately sent them concerning a Complaint made by one of the Zemindars and enclosing papers related thereto,

We have had the honor to receive your Commands of the 22d Ultimo.

A Vackeel of Cheitsharn Jung having been sent hither some time ago by his master, to desire that the Person of one Damara Nanick a Rebel Zemindar of Commamet, whom he accused of being guilty of great Enormities in his Country, might be delivered up or he be permitted to send Troops into the Company's Districts to search after him, as also to represent some other matters of Complaint against the Lesser Zemindars of the Country which

after

Wednesday 5th January 1782.

Countries bordering on Commamet, we were in hopes of satisfying him by the measures which were taken for that purpose, but all our endeavours proving ineffectual, we find ourselves at last constrained to lay the whole before your Lordships &c and to request your Instructions for our future conduct in the Business. Such of the Papers as we deem essential for your information, we have with transmit. From the Intelligence communicated to us by Mr Scott, who has been employed to accommodate Matters with Chetisham Jung's manager on the Borders of Commamett, and who for a considerable time past has been in the Lesser Zemindaries on the Service of the Revenue, we are of opinion Damara Ramiah is not at present protected by any of those Zemindaries or even allowed to live in their Countries, and with respect to the Inhabitants he alledges to have fled into these Districts to avoid payment of their Debts, we have every reason to suppose many of them are people who originally belonged to them, but were obliged to abscond into Commamett, where they had lands assigned them to avoid the hardships they experienced from the exactions of Tanadars, and on hearing the encouragement lately held out for their return, gladly accepted of it.

From Chettisham Jung's so obstinately rejecting all the methods proposed by us to afford him the satisfaction he requires, and persisting in being allowed the only way of convincing himself that Damara Ramiah is not in the Companys Territories, he knew we could

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Transaction of this business, and in a variety of instances arising from the connection we are frequently obliged to interfere while the object is only the just claims of the Company or to manifest their detestation of Crimes, the punishment whereof becomes essentially necessary to maintain the Authority and display the Justice of the English Government; our Interposition in transactions with our Zemindars operates upon the whole, and a few striking well timed examples may have the most salutary Effects—

The Circumstances attending the Death of Narrayen Pauter, and that of his Murderer Gopy Maharata taking advantage of the weakness of the Rajah, by assuming the whole power of the Meheury Zemindary, threw every thing into confusion, and all the People in the District looked up to the Company as the only power capable of punishing the delinquents and restoring Order.

This was the situation of things when I received the Committee's Instructions dated 2d May last— there was no alternative or palliating way, for we must either have prospectively acquiesced and acknowledged the usurped power of the Murderer Gopy Maharata, or take the decided line I adopted— I trust the measures pursued have not only tended to preserve the tranquility of the Country, but will also serve to impress all Chiefs, with a proper Sense of the Company's Authority and Justice, at the same time to afford an opportunity to take effectual means to secure the

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the payment of the Ballance due from the
Mahonny Zemindary.

Upon receipt of your Lordships Commands
I sent for Corsooge, and communicated to him your
Orders in his favor, desiring, after he had considered
the Subject maturely, he would deliver proposals
in writing, containing the highest Terms he
could possibly afford to give for renting an Assign-
ment of the Mahonny Country, which after leaving
twenty or twenty five Thousand Rupees p. Annum
for the maintenance of the Rajah and his family,
would enable him Corsooge, to pay to the Company
Sixty or Sixty five Thousand Rupees — Corsooge in
consequence brought me his proposals, Copy —
whereof I have the honor to enclose — I immediately
observed to Corsooge that the Term of Eighteen Months
specified by him included the Chief part of the
Crops for two Years, and that his offers fell greatly
short of your expectations — Corsooge also declared
the Villages Mortgaged by the Rajah were comprehended
in his proposals.

Having a very good opinion of Corsooge
for his conduct and management as a Renter I
desired him to reconsider the matter; but he assured
me what I have every reason to believe to be truth
that no Individual unconnected with the Zemindar
who regarded his Credit and meant to perform
his engagements to the Company, could under
present circumstances venture to make higher
offers than he has done

I thought it therefore expedient to send
to the Rajahs people who have been here for a length
of

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could not comply with, untill we should have first applied to your Lordships &c. for your directions, together with the insinuation at the close of his Vakeels last representation of the refractory Conduct of the lesser Zemindars — towards the Company, we are convinced his chief aim is to obtain their Countries at Rent, either in his own Name or that of some other Person living under the Company's Jurisdiction.

As the speedy termination of this affair is at any time of material consequence, but particularly at this Juncture, when Chuttesham Jung, keeping a force on the Borders of these Districts will have a considerable effect upon the minds of the Zemindars, while the Chief is in the Circars upon the business of the Revenue, we request your Lordships &c. will be pleased to give an early consideration, that we may be favored with your particular Instructions for our guidance on this occasion as early as possible.

We are most respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servants

A Darnell
James Hodges
John Peter Bodeau
Thomas Barnard
Hen.y Bringle

Masulipatam
10th January 1782

(signed)

returned

The Committee approve of the answers returned by the Gentlemen at Masulipatam to Chuttesham Jung's demands, and of the measures taken thereon

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measures

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taken to yield him every reasonable satisfaction.

Agreed that they be desired to continue the same temporizing conduct, to act with the greatest prudence and circumspection, but at the same time with a firmness becoming the Representatives of the Company, to assure Chuttisham Jung of our disposition to be on good terms with him, and to establish a reciprocal Agreement, not to give shelter to the Inhabitants of each others Districts, but that allowing Foreign Troops to march into our Territories is contrary to our System, and any measure of that sort on his part would be considered as an act of hostility—

Read the following Letter from the President at Ganjam, with several enclosures as entered in Miscellany Book N°39. pp. 31. & 42.

To the Right honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Members of the

Select Committee

Fort St. George &c.

From Ganjam, stating the measures taken by the President in regard to the Mahratta Zemindary with papers on that subject requesting the opinion of the Committee thereon without delay — enclosing a Report from the Engineer of the State of the Barracades at Pitchapoor

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your letter dated 21st Ultimo —

The English Government in these Circars, altho' founded upon formal grants from the Soubah of the Decan, has been established and is still supported by the influence of our Military Power, which awes the Zemindars to obedience and submission in the payment of their Tributes, in the

transaction

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Transaction of this business, and on a variety of instances arising from the connection we are frequently obliged to interfere while the object is only the just claims of the Company or to manifest their detestation of Crimes, the punishment whereof becomes essentially necessary to maintain the Authority and Dignity the Justice of the English Government, our Interposition in transactions with our Zemindar or vassales upon the whole, and a few striking well timed examples may have the most salutary Effects—

The Circumstances attending the Death of Nayagree Pauder, and that of his Murderer Gopy Mahanta taking advantage of the weakness of the Rajah, by assuming the whole power of the Mahoorry Zemindary; thrown every thing into confusion, and all the People in the District looked up to the Company as the only power capable of punishing the delinquent and restoring Order.

This was the situation of things when I received the Committee's Instructions dated 2d May last. there was no alternative palliating way, for we must either have perpetually acquiesced and acknowledged the usurped power of the Murderer Gopy Mahanta, or take the decided line I adopted. I trust the measures pursued have not only tended to preserve the tranquility of the Country, but will also serve to impress all Powers, with a proper Sense of the Company's Authority and Justice, at the same time it affords an opportunity to take effectual means to secure the

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Mahowry Zemindary.

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I sent for Corsooge, and communicated to him your
Orders in his favor, desiring, after he had considered
the Subject maturely, he would deliver proposals
in Writing, containing the highest Terms he
could possibly afford to give for renting an assign-
-ment of the Mahowry Country, which after leaving
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for the maintenance of the Rajah and his family,
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that no Individual unconnected with the Zemindar
who regarded his Credit and meant to perform
his engagements to the Company, could under
present circumstances venture to make higher
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to the Rajahs people who have been here for a length

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of time waiting the result of your determination,
Accordingly Mattydoo Brother to the Rajah,
and Santarow, who about five weeks ago was
sent for to Hautgur by the Rajah of Mohurry,
and soon after returned to Ganjam accompanied
by the Hautgur Vakeel, with a Letter from the
Rajah of Mohurry informing me he had —
appointed Santarow his Painter, and would abide
by any agreement he should enter into on
his the Rajah's behalf —

Lokenand Putnaig Vakeel who was
deputed to me in the month of April last, with several
other people belonging to Mohurry all waited upon me
when I explained to them publickly the abhorrence
in which you held Crimes of such a Nature as had
been committed, but that out of your great
clemency, and in consideration of the Youth and
inexperience of the Rajah, you had been induced to
pardon him, and consent to his return to his
Zemindary, which would accordingly be allowed upon
satisfaction being given for the Company's Ballance
and agreeing Jimabundy — I also informed
them I had received your Commands to take Assignments
of Lands in security for the payment, and directed
them seriously to consider all circumstances, and let
me know in what manner they could propose to
settle the business —

In consequence they afterwards waited upon
me with a paper of proposals, (Copy whereof I have
the honor to transmit) which was signed in my
presence, Govinden Mahardy, a Man of Credit and
property belonging to Montriddy, is the Person
proposed

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proposed, and who has agreed to become security for the payment of the money, and from all the Enquiry I have been able to make, he is a man who may be safely trusted –

Upon sending people lately to stop the Crops in the Mohurry Country, I discovered the Rajah had mortgaged Villages to Hautemaran and others, to the value of about Twenty Thousand Rupees ~~pagodas~~ and these people have been ever since making applications to allow them to dispose of their Grain, which I refused untill I could learn your intentions in respect to the business at large.

Was Consooge or any other Man put in charge of the Zemindary, our Government would be embarrassed by these and other claims for Maamoul Agraham Priviledges, in the investication whereof much time would be lost, and after all it might be questioned whether it was right to deprive Individuals of their property so secured to them, this matter required consideration, at the same time I understood the Mortgagees were so apprehensive of being brought into difficulties, that they wished to accommodate matters with the Rajahs People, by voluntarily agreeing to a part with part of the produce of the Villages in question, in order to secure the remainder, with the certainty of enjoying the whole when the Zemmindar had satisfied the Debt due to the Company.

The Mohurry people also wished to avoid giving assignments, if the business could be otherwise settled, and therefore were induced to make higher offers.

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The Season is so far advanced, and so much inconvenience has already arisen by delay, that I found it absolutely necessary to come to a Determination in order to secure the grand object The collection of a Revenue for the Company therefore, after maturely weighing all circumstances and considering the Motives & proposals in every point of view, the most eligible and advantageous that could be obtained for Government, I resolved to accede to the terms offered on behalf of the — Zemindar, with the reservation of your Lordships approbation of the proceeding; in the mean time after taking agreements from Mallydoo, Santarow and Lahanna and Putnaig with the collateral obligation of Govordon Mahanty, who is security for the payment of the Peshcush, I have authorized Govordon Mahanty to go and make collections, for which he is to be accountable, should you think proper to make any alteration, in which case I request to be favored with your instructions as soon as possible, to obviate the disadvantages proceeding from Doubt and Suspence.

Matters being thus adjusted, I have ordered Captain Bruce to return with the Detatchment to Atka, leaving an Officer with Seventy men, who I think are necessary to be kept in the Mahratta Country untill the business is finally settled, when they also may be withdrawn.

There being a good many Vessels sitting out at the Ports of Sonapoor and Baroua, and large quantity of Grain collected, intended for

Madras

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Madras. I have ordered two Serjeants with thirty men each to guard these two Forts, for on their present defenceless State an Enemy might be sending even a Jolly Boat ashore and destroy the whole. Should your Lordship & judge there is no danger and that these Detatchments are not necessary, they shall be recalled.

In a letter I addressed to the Committee under date 14th December last, I recommended making Ithagrow the Station of Cantonment for our Troops, especially while the Coast is liable to be infested by our Enemies Ships. I lately directed the Engineer to go and examine the State of the Barracks, and by the enclosed Copy of his report, I am concerned to find they are in so bad a condition, but if your Lordship & approve the measure by following the method recommended by the Engineer, the Barracks may be put into a temporary State of accomodation at a —— moderate expence. I have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) John Turing

Ganjam
16 December 1781

The Committee upon reperusing to their Letter of the 21st November, to which the foregoing is an answer, find that they directed Mr. Turing, in case Corsooge the Renter of the Chiputty Assignment should be inclined to Rent the Mohurry Assignment, to receive and transmit his offer, and in the mean time as the Season was far

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Jar advanced, to put him in immediate possession
of the Farm — Mr Twining however has thought
proper to set aside those orders, and to adopt and
carry into execution another arrangement, quite
foreign to the Intentions of the Committee, which
were that the Country might not remain in the
hands of the Rajah, but an assignment of a
considerable part of it be taken by the Company,
and let out to rent in order to secure the payment
of the Rajahs Arrears, and the Current Tribute
This conduct in Mr Twining appears the more
extraordinary, as he expresses a very favorable
opinion of Corsooge, and declares his belief
of the reasons urged by him for offering more
for the rent — the Committee particularly disapprove
also of the Resident's putting the Country under
the charge of Mattuvoo and Santarow, as they
cannot suppose the Rajah would voluntarily
entrust them with the management of his
affairs, the first being his Brother, who lately
fled to Ganjam in the hopes of being himself
appointed Rajah of the Zemindary, and the second
the Brother of the deceased Painter, and who Mr
Twining in a former letter recommended that the
Rajah should be compelled to appoint to that
Office in his Room. Agreed that a letter be
written to Mr Twining to the foregoing purport,
That a Copy be sent to him of our Letter of the
21 November, and that he be directed
to carry into immediate execution, the orders
it contained on the subject of the Mohurry
Zemindary.

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The President informs the Committee that M. Van Vlissingen the late Governor of Negapatam and the rest of the Dutch Company's Servants lately arrived here, are extremely urgent with his Lordship to be permitted to return for a short time to Negapatam, representing the distress and loss they must otherwise suffer by their Families and Concerns being left there — Agreed to defer this subject to the next meeting —

The President lays before the Committee sundry Bills delivered to his Lordship by General Stewart for Pay and Batta amounting to

Agreed that they be referred to the Auditor for his report —

In consequence of an application to the Right honble the President, from the Committee of assigned Revenues for a Secretary and accountant to be appointed to that Committee his Lordship proposes that Mr. John Balfour be appointed their Secretary, and Mr John Charles Bartholomew, a very diligent Man their Accountant. Agreed to accordingly.

Mr Balfour appointed Secretary & Mr Bartholomew accountant to the Committee of assigned Revenue.

The Right honble the President informs the Committee that the Amuldar of Permacoil is suspected of Malpractices in his Office, and recommends the appointing Vencata Pandit to be Amuldar in his Room, and to make an enquiry into his Conduct. Agreed to — accordingly, and that the Commanding Officer be directed to give Vencata Pandit every assistance

Vencata Pandit appointed Amuldar of Permacoil

to

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to enable him to discover the misconduct of the former Pimudar.

To provide against the contingency of an Enemy's Fleet appearing in these Roads.

The Senior Captain to have full power over the Ships in the Roads, in case of an Enemy's Fleet appearing.

It is Agreed that the Senior Commander of the honble Companys Ships now here be vested with the powers of Commodore, and directed to take such measures, and make such disposition of the Ships, as may be best calculated for their safety in case of that event.

Stores for the Garrison as p. List to be made up

The President lays before the Committee List of Gun Carriages and Tools wanting in the Garrison, as entered in Miscellany Book 1

Agreed that the said Stores be made up

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16th Received Letter from Mr Hodges
as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 29

Dispatched the following Letter to
Bengal

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

To Bengal — the Count
Byland proceeds thither
on the Success Galley —
General Cook relieves
Vellore —

The Count de Byland a Dutch
man of quality, who acted as Engineer at Negapatam,
imbarks on the Success Galley for your Presidency; his
desire was to have gone to Batavia, but just at this time we
thought it not proper to comply with his request, or to let
him remain upon the Coast. We therefore send him to you
to be disposed of as you think best, regarding you will
shew him the Civilities due to a person of his Rank. We
shall probably soon have a peace with the Dutch, in which
case the Prisoners we have taken will be released without
putting us to the expence of sending them to Europe.

A Letter we have just received from Sir
Eyre Coote informs us that on the day of his marching from
Vellour, he was attacked by Hyders whole Force, while the Troops
were crossing a deep Morass, that the attack was supported
by a number of heavy Guns, cannonading at a great distance,
but as soon as the Army got clear of the Swamp, and Enemy
retreated, the Enemy retreated, with great precipitation, and the
General pursued them till night came on. Three Months
provisions completed was been thrown into Vellore.

We have the Honor to be

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Honble Sirs Your
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Macartney
Va Select Committee

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Major Robert Kelly appointed a Lieutenant Colonel in the room in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Lean deceased, to rank from 1, January 1702.

Major Kelly appointed Lieut Colonel

Received the following Letter from the Governor General and Council with the several dispatches therein mentioned.

Duplicate

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Bengal with Congratulations on the fall of Nygapatam, their Sanction to take the most effectual measures to realize the resources of the Carnatic, inclosing Copy of a Letter to Bombay on the subject of an incursion into Tydoor Country, on the arrival of Gen.l Medows, and sending a force towards the Northern Circars.

Tho' we have at not yet in our Power to communicate to you the Success of those Negotiations which we have set on Foot for the Relief of the Carnatic, We wish you to understand that every Effort of this Government both to afford you Supplies and counteract the invading Enemy, is directed in favor of your Presidency.

We congratulate you most sincerely upon the Reduction of Nagapatam, an Event that reflects great credit upon the judicious Spirit of your Councils.

The loss of that important Station must prove very embarrassing to the future designs of our Enemies upon your Coast, and on your communication with the Province of Tanjore is now open, we trust that you will be able to protect that country, and after quelling the Disturbances in the Southern Districts, to reap an effectual aid from the Revenues which may in time be collected South of the Cavery and Coleroon, an immediate application of those revenues to the expulsion of the Enemy is the most direct and most Friendly Service which

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17th you can render to the Nabob Wala Jah, or the Rajah of Tanjore, and in a Crisis of such actual danger to the existence of their respective Territorial Rights, you should not permit the obstruction of their little Contests, or the unreasonable interposition of their local Authority to prevent you from taking care that the Produce of the Country be collected and applyd to its immediate Defence.

You will be pleased to consider that to repel Hyder Alli, we venture so far as to endanger even the Security of these Provinces, by the Exertions we are making, and determined to continue in support of your Presidency. It is true that it is not only the Wish, but the Interest of Britain to afford every protection to the Nabob, and the Rajah, and to indulge them in the fullest and happiest Enjoyment of their Rights, but these Rights cannot exist to their own Prejudice and Destruction, and such is our Confidence in your Integrity, your Prudence, Moderation, and Public Zeal, that we shall not hesitate to give our Sanction to any Measures which you may think the most effectual to realize the Resources of every District of the Carnatic, that can be wrested from the Enemy, or which he has not yet been able to lay waste. Those Resources in being applyd to the relief and support of the Carnatic are applyd to their just Purpose. Nor could either the Conditions of Alliances nor in any Degree the Spirit of them contradict the Principal of such obvious and necessary Justice.

The utmost attention and Delicacy must at the same time be shewn to the absolute Wants of the Nabob, and the Rajah for their Support, and that

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17th and that of their Families and Dependents —

Their respective Creditors composing in
fact a Branched out Dependence of British Property
are likewise to be considered, nor will a wise and
enlightened Government / however it should protect
and controul any Jurisdictions claims upon the Revenues
of the Carnatic / ever attempt to support a Public Interest
in the Ruin of Individuals. But every Creditor of the
Carnatic must form a Consideration of his own Security,
independent of perhaps other difficulties, submit with
patience to the necessarily if not lawfully prejudicial
Claims of the protecting power of the State —

This Submission, when the absolute
necessities of the party are not entitled to pity, as well
as Justice / and in such Cases your Humanity must
interpose / should be hereafter a Strong Argument
with Government to support the Rights of the Creditors.

And you will please to observe that
when we speak of the Creditors of the Carnatic, We
mean those to whom the Rajah of Tanjore as well as
the Nabob of Arcot may be really indebted —

In congratulating you upon an Event
that gives us a hope of some Relief to the general
Exigencies of the Company in all their Establishments,
by opening a Prospect of securing some Territorial
Revenue in the Carnatic, We have very naturally
fallen into a communication of our Sentiments relative
to those Perplexities in which from some Authoritative
Acts of Government you may find yourselves
involved, when you come to the necessary Work of

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17th appropriating for its Defence any Supplies that the Carnatic can yield.

And in this necessary Work we wish to invest you with every Authority and Confidence with which we can aid your operations, We do so particularly from our perfect Reliance upon the impartial, clear, and discriminating Judgement of your President. We are convinced that he is disconnected with any local or party Views in the Carnatic, and that from his great Experience in Public affairs, no Person can more distinctly and justly decide when the Claims of the Subject interfere with those of the Government, or where the Rights of Ally Princes are involved with both, under all the Evils of a general War. With a Prospect of recurring some of the last Resources of your Government, even the expected Aid of the Troops under the Command of Major General Meadows

Whether he arrives upon your or the Malabar Coast, it is equally necessary to concert a preparatory Plan of operations.

We send you a Copy of our Letter to the President and Select Committee of Bombay upon this and other Subjects, and whatever Plan of operations you and Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote and Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes may think most for the Relief of the Carnatic, and the Public Interest, we hope the Presidency of Bombay will cooperate to carry it into effect.

The Resolution which Major General Meadows adopted off the Cape of Good Hope

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of coming to the Relief of this Country entitles him to the most grateful reception from the Company's Administration; and if possible adds to his Merit as a Servant of the Public.

Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote as Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces will of course give Major General Meadows the proper instructions for his Conduct, wherever he may Command: and we trust that no Embarrassment shall arise upon the Subject of Command. General Meadows has no ambition but that of serving the Public. His Military abilities are acknowledged to be very great, and we expect much Success from the happy direction of the Forces under his Command.

As our Letter to the President and Select Committee of Bombay is very full upon the Subject of an Attack upon Hyder in his own Dominions, with a View to interrupt his Resources, and draw his Attention from the Carnatic, we shall not trouble you further upon that Subject, you must decide according to the Contingency of various Events. There may be critical, momentous, and connected in case of the arrival of our Enemies in superior Naval Force upon your Coast, with the safety of Fort St George, still it occurs to us that if but a small Expedition can be afforded for the Annoyance of Hyders Possessions along the Malabar Coast, it should not attempt Mangalore, but rendezvous at Tellicherry, and attack Calicut, from whence the

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17th the Neighbouring discaffected Rajahs might be encouraged to revolt against Hyder — The Coimbatore Country lies open from Calicut, and a Commotion there might tend to the Security of the Madura and Tinnivelly Countries —

We only Suggest these Ideas to shew you that, in every System of opposition to the Enemy we wish you to have the Tranquility of some of the Countries under your Protection in particular View, to afford you Revenue —

As our Governor General has made an Arrangement with the Nabob Vizier Asoph ul Doulah, which withdraws part of our Military Force from his Country, We have it in Contemplation, should you approve it, to march some Regiment of Sepoys without any Artillery, but their own Field Pieces, and with as little Expence as possible, towards your Northern Circars. We do not think it impossible but a French or Dutch Armament may, after approaching the Coast, presume upon the consequent of the Force that now protects the Circars. Besides we know that the Company's Balances in those Districts are very great, and that the Zemindars would in any turn of ill Success to your Arms in the Carnatic, withhold their Tasks, if not fly into Rebellion.

Upon this Subject we wish to have your opinion, as well as upon every other Point that regards the Mutual Interest of your and this Presidency.

We have written you a Separate Letter upon the Subject of your Finances, and we may

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We may add with Truth that our Anxiety for the support of your Presidency presses as much upon our Minds, as any immediate Concern of this Government. Our object is to ascertain fully the State of the Company's Resources, Wants, and Disbursements over all their Establishments, and to apply the Faculties of this Government to the Relief of the whole to the best of our Ability and Judgement.

We have the Honor to be
Fort William
21st December 1701
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servants,
Edwd Fleetwood
John Macpherson

The Despatches mentioned in the foregoing Letter having been sent open, and their Contents being of great importance, I agreed that Copies be made of them to remain in the Office.

Copy of the above to be kept in the Office

Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have had the Honor of acquainting you with the different movements of the Army up to the 13th instant. Permit me now to particularize the occurrences of consequence of that day. I marched on the 13th in the Morning from the ground we were on near Vellore by the

From Genl Coote, on his return from Vellore attacked by the Enemy, and repulses them—requests that the Nizam be written to for assistance with Cavalry Dutch and

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The Route mentioned to be intended in my Letter of the 12th
For the first seven miles there was no appearance of any
Enemy, but by the time the leading Corps of the Line
had crossed the Marshy ground, where Hyder had on
the 10th instant tryed to impede our progress to Vellore,
He appeared in all his force advancing from towards Arcot
and the Sallapet Hills, trying by as quick movement as
his heavy and numerous Train of Artillery would permit,
to get near enough our rear Corps to Cannonade them
advantageously before they were Clear of the bad ground,
and also to annoy our past Line, while they were posted
to cover the Rear. His 24 and 18 pounders cannonading at a
much more Considerable distance than our light ones
and 12, gives him an opportunity of attempting these distant
Cannonades with an Idea of some success, and Hyder
always takes care on like occasions to be certain that there
is impeding or impassible ground between his Army and
ours. Thus he is always sure of it's being optional with
him to draw off his Guns in safety before our Army
can act offensively to advantage. Our Troops sustained
a heavy cannonade for about three hours — happily with
little loss. The instant the Rear and Baggage had
cleared the morass I posted my baggage and Stores close
to an adjoining Hill, leaving for their protection a Strong
Corps with fourteen 6ft and three pounders, and pushed
on the Army over high ground by the nearest possible route
for the Enemy's main Body and Guns. I moved off from
the left of Line in columns first, and as the Ground
opened sufficiently for forming, marched on in Line of
Battle. This was about four in the afternoon, as
soon as our Army was near enough to do execution,

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87th We opened an advancing fire of Artillery from all part and Shall the Mortification to see the Enemy precipitately drawn off. Submit a Mortification, for if Hyder would have Stood and Risked the chance of War for an hour, his Army would in all probability have been destroyed, such is the Ardour and Power of the handful of Veterans I have the honor of Commanding — but truly distressing our Situation for the want of proper engagieres, means of field subsistence, and carriage for it — His Corps of Cavalry are so numerous that, in our Slow Infantry pursuits, I am obliged to give every attention to advancing collectively in force, that I may not risk Surrall to divided Corps, either on my Flanks or in my Rear — We pursued his Army till dark, drove them over one of the branches of the Pone River, nor did they halt 'till they had nearly gained the Plains of Tenny, Slowly returned to the ground the Enemy had been obliged to decamp from on the 9th and which was within a Mile where I had Posted my Baggage, the Line did not reach that ground 'till midnight — This day I have passed the Pone River without seeing the Enemy in any force, and shall tomorrow Morning proceed towards Trippasore — I request you will be pleased to send the earliest information of the relief of Colonel to the Supreme Council with an account of the Honour our Arms have acquired in the course of this important Service — Also that Mr Holland may be instructed to inform the Nizam of it, trying to impress him in strong and pointed terms with the necessity there is for his taking decided friendly Part, Cavalry and other and such assistance from him, if it can be obtained, an object which is

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is only necessary barely to mention, your Government must
see the great utility they would be of to our Cause — A
Portuguese Captain and some others came off to us in the
action of yesterday — The Portuguese reports that the language
in Hyders Camp is that a large Body of French
and Dutch Troops are expected on this Coast — This
information is not new, but it is added, they will possibly
Land in the Circars — Tho' there may be no foundation for
supposing they would make a push for that Quarter, yet
At the same time it is necessary to guard against such
a Contingency, in case it should be attempted — Any the great
chances of counteracting them in the Circars would be
by Government exerting every possible means, founded
on the Basis of friendly faith and promised future
attention to the Nizams real Interest, to endeavor him to
take the Field, and secure him as an active Ally — I
inclose the Return of casualties of yesterday —

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Camp between
Malpaddy & Sholinguer
14th January 1782

Return

Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Cannonade of the 13th January 1782 near Mahamundalumdergum and in the pursuit of the Army of Hyder ally by his Majesty's and the Company's Troops Commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K. B. and Commander in Chief.

| Cavalry | | Artillery | European Infantry | Natives |
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| Killed | 1 Horse | Killed | Killed 4 Rank and file | Killed 1 Jemedar & 2 Rank & file |
| Wounded | 1 do | Wounded { Cap. Lieu. Chas. Lucas and 1 Rank and file | Wounded Lieu. Pearson & 5 Rank and file | Wounded 2 Subs. 2 Jemed. 1 Syrang & 26 Rank and file |
| Missing | | Missing | Missing | Missing 5 Rank and file |

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| Killed | 4 European Rank and file<br>1 Jemedar & 2 Native Rank and File<br>1 Horse |
| Wounded | 1 Capt. Lieu. 1 Lieu. & 6 European Rank and file<br>2 Subedars 2 Jemeras 1 Syrang & 26 Native Rank & file<br>1 Horse |
| Missing | 5 Native Rank and file |

Henry Malcolm
Adj. General
Head Quarter Camp 13th January 1782.

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Received the following letter from Mr Hamilton with letter from Captain Montgomery as entered in Miscellany Book. No 66

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Ingram &c concerning a dispute between Capt. Montgomery and Mr Yeates. The President recommends that a Master attendant be appointed to Coringa

I have had the honor to receive your commands dated the 4th Instant —

Herewith is transmitted the Answer of Captain Montgomery to the complaint of Mr Yeates Touching those passages in it which Captain Montgomery wishes to be confirmed by me. I must say that he has often consulted me, and in the dispute between the Gentlemen he wished to refer the contending parties to me — I declined to interfere in the Matter, for the reasons which I then gave, 1st That I had no Orders to go by in such cases, 2d That Europeans were not competent to judge of disputes concerning the Caste and Religious ceremonies of the Natives —

I shall not trespass on your Lordship's & Councils time at present further than to request you would be pleased to take into your consideration some regulations for the Government of Coringa, which from the rapid increase of Shipping and trade has of late become, next to Madras, the Port of greatest Consequence on this coast — The want of a Master Attendant on the Beach is severely felt — If your Lordship & Council should be pleased to order me to appoint a proper person to that office the trade of

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17th the Port would be thereby greatly promoted

His Majesty's Ship Chaser is now

in the offing —

I have the Honor to be with respect,

Jngeram, 12th January 1702. — My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most humble and

most Obd.t Servant,

Will Hamilton

Sent Letter to the Committee of Affairs

& Mr John Balfour appointed Secretary and Mr Bartholomew accountant to the Committee of affairs Revenue

Revenue informing them of the appointment of Mr John Balfour to be their Secretary, and Mr John Charles Bartholomew their Accountant —

From Resident at Ingeram —

Received Letter from the Resident at Jngeram with enclosures relative to the dispute between Mr Yeates and Captain Montgomery, as entered in Miscellany Book —

enclosures

Norris

19th Received Letter from Mr Norris / as No 35 / entered in the Miscellany Book / at Trichinopoly requesting to be appointed Receiver there in the room of Mr Ram —

From Mr Norris

Dispatched Letter to Mr Norris in answer informing him the Select Committee could not immediately come to a determination, but desiring him to act as Receiver for the present No 36 —

To Mr Norris, to act as receiver.

Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you

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From Sir E. Coote, the Army returns to Trinjanore, complains that a Stock of Grain has not been laid up there —

19th. you that I arrived here this morning, having left the Army last Night at Trinjanore —

I am sorry I should be obliged upon my return from so severe a Service as the late March for the Relief of Vellore has proved, having in the Course of it engaged and defeated the Enemy, to represent to you the very heavy disappointment I experienced on my arrival at Trinjanore, on finding that during the absence of the Army, not more than 750 Bags of Rice had been sent to that place for its Subsistence, a quantity little more than equal to one days Consumption for the fighting Men and followers, and by the Report made to me by the Grain Renter there, I found what remained of the former Stock reserving nothing for the Garrison, was not more than equal to Two days Subsistence for the fighting men and followers of which last Enumeration numbers have lately died by want.

However much I am imprest with a Sense of the Zeal you must Naturally profess for forwarding the Service at so very interesting and important a Conjuncture of our Affairs, and whereof the Army in now the only Prop, yet it occurs to me to observe that the 1700 Bullocks which in one of your Letters you advised me had arrived here the day after my departure, being the 3d. of this Month, do not appear to have been all employed on this very necessary Occasion. Permit me to recommend their being all loaded with Rice and sent to the Army with the utmost dispatch, as at this present moment, I do not believe there is more than two days Rice in Camp for the fighting Men, and none for the followers.

It was my wish until you could have equipped the Army in such manner as to have enabled it to act with effect by discharging the heavy arrears now due

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19th dies, and supplying a Sufficiency of Carriage for provision, Stores, &c. to have Continued it at or near Trepasore, where it could not fail of Checking the Enemy from pursuing any operations either to the Northward or Southward, but upon finding the Stock of Rice in that Garrison was so very small & of necessity left Orders for it to Come to Vellout this Morning, being about half way between Porto Novo & Trepasore — Every Step that I take back from the Enemy's Situation is not only attended with loss of Credit, but of advantage — These are consequences which, arising as they evidently do from the want of Supplies, I can in no respect be myself Responsible for. Under all from the experience I have already had, I can have no dependence on the Army's being Supplied in such a Manner as to enable me to Conduct it to such operations as would produce the most permanent advantages, and do that justice which my Zeal for the Interests of the Company and Honor of the British Arms prompt me to, I must resign the Task, and leave it to the execution of some one whose Health and abilities may be better calculated to Surmount those difficulties which I can no longer in a due regard to the Cause of the Public, and my Honor and Reputation as a Soldier, pretend to Contend against —

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

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Received the following Letters from
Captain

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From Capt. Eidingtoun to the Rajah of Travancore

19th Captain Eidingtoun, with Copy of letter from him to the Rajah of Travancore, as entered in Country Correspondence Re. 5—

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From Capt. Eidingtoun to the Rajah of Travancore declining sending any more men.

By the return Sircarrah that brought me your Letter of 4th Sept.r Inow transmit you duplicate of Letters dated the 17th and 18th Ultimo. I have just received the King of Travancore's Answer, He excuses himself from sending me a Body of his Nairs, having Ordered those he used to keep on this side of his Country to that near to Hyders. Those already here belonging to him dont exceed two hundred and fifty Men, were raised in this Country, are totally without discipline— By my intelligence, there are no alterations at Tuticarun since I last wrote the Board.—

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Respectful and
Obedient Servant
James Eidingtoun

Palamcotah
1 Nov.r 1801

P. S. I am sorry to inform your Honor that the Success to the Northward has made no alteration in the Conduct of the Poligars of this Country.—

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

From Capt. Eidingtoun, encloses Copy of Letter to the Rajah of Travancore and of one from the Resident at Anjengo.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Letter of 16th Ultimo was brought

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19th brought me by two Harcarrahs the Evening of 16th Instant
Immediately Wrote the Rajah of Travancore of which
of which the Inclosed is a Copy — I now forward yours
Honors a Letter from the President of Anjengo from whom
you will be informed of all particulars from Bombay
and Malabar Coast — I have likewise three large packets
to forward from the Presidency of Bombay one addressed to
the Governor General and Council, and the other two for
your Honorable Board —

But I am apprehensive they cannot
be forwarded speedily beyond Trichinopoly

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Respectful and
obedient Servant
James Sidingbourne

Salamcotah
10th October 1781.

Duplicate

Dispatched the following Letter to
20th Bengal with Copies of Sir Eyre Coutes Letters of the
10th and 16th Instant —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal with copies of Letters to and from Sir Eyre Coote —

We have the honor to inform you
that our Army is returned to Trichinopoly and therefore
Copies of two Letters from Sir Eyre Coote, in which
are related the occurrences of his march to and from
Cellore —

We have the honor to be
Honble

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Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient
humble Servants.

Macartney
Vs Select Committee

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Received the following Letter from

Mr Binfield

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Binfield
delivers over the Agency
to Mr Wm. Ross

I have had the honor to receive from your Secretary a Letter under date the 11th Instant, In Consequence of which I have delivered over to Mr William Ross, whom your Lordship &c have been pleased to appoint Agent, all the Bullocks under my Charge, as well as the Papers orders &c that I had received respecting that Employ.

I trust my Letters have uniformly expressed the anxious desire I had to fulfil the duties of the Employ to which you had been pleased to appoint me, with the utmost Zeal and deligence, and I beg leave to assure your Lordships and that I laboured under no difficulties, for the Conduct of the Employ, but such as proceeded from a total want of supplies from Government, your Lordships &c will know that I was not furnished with a Single Pagoda towards the Services expected from the Office while I held

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20th held the Compley.

I have the honor to be with great respect

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My Lord & Gentlemen

your faithful and
devoted Hble Servant
Paul Benfield

Dispatched Letter to Mr Robt

To Mr Robt Andrews Mr Norris to act as Collector

Andrews, is entered in Miscellany Book. No 37.
informing him of Mr Norris being ordered to act
for the present as Collector of the Revenues in the Trichinopoly
District

To Lord Macleod 2 pagoes ordered for some of the Men

Sent letter to Lord Macleod as entered
in Miscellany Book No 38. informing him 2 pagoes will
be ordered for one Serjeant and 12 Men agreably to his
request.

25th Received the following Letters and
inclosures from Sir Eyre Coote

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir Eyre Coote inclosing letter from Col. Braon considerable Account of Events & operations likely to happen in the Southward

I have the honor to inclose you
a copy of a Letter I have just received from Lieut Colonel
Braon Commanding the Garrison of Trichinopoly
the Contents of which being of a most serious nature, and
such as require the most speedy Redress I recommend them to
your immediate and mature Consideration, that no time
may

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25th may be lost in Checking by the most reasonable means the progress of one of the most dangerous Symptoms that can discover itself amongst Troops. Sterling.

The Authority which your Committee have taken over the Military Operations of the Southern Troops, and the unconstitutional delegation which you have made of your power of military Controul to the Right Honble the President for the Superintendence and direction of these operations, leaves me no other mode of applying Remedies to the present, or to any future inconveniences which may arise amongst the Military in that quarter, than the one I now adopt of acquainting you with such circumstances as come to my knowledge considering it as a duty I owe the Public so to do; altho I have long been divested of all responsibility for any Consequences which may arise from the application of the Force we propose to the Southward.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedt.

Humble Servt.

Eyre Coote

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

Sir

What I had often predicted and feared would come to pass, has at length happened; The Troops are in a Mutinous and discontented State and have committed some outrages; I apprehend they will

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25th will not be kept much longer within any bounds unless means are fallen on to furnish money to pay off their Arrears, no dependence can be put in any Resources from this Country, for it hath hitherto produced nothing — and I am always told it can produce nothing — comparatively Speaking — I have received no answer to my Letters of the 13th October, 30th November, and 27th December, which I look on very unfortunate, the fall of Negapatam has cleared the Tanjore Country of the Enemy, and we remain quiet in these parts having two small Detachments which We with difficulty keep out, one at Cuddalore, the other at Tirrivoor, a little money and a few More Troops would enable us to collect in the Enemy's Crops, the Cloathing of the new Battalion is not yet arrived, the detention of it at Tanjore our troops are greatly. The fortifications which I am very Anxious to carry on, are put a Stop to, Owing to the want of something to give the Coolies, I hope some provision will be made for this Business. A few days since I transmitted a General Return of the Troops to the Governor and Council which your Excellency will be pleased to Examine

I have the honor to be with Respect

Your Excellencys Most
Faithful and obedient Servt
E Nixon

Trichinopoly
10th January 1702.

A true Copy
J Tyler

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sir Eyre Coote concerning the Reddy of Terrior with letter from Col. Nixon

I have the honor to enclose for your Information, Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Nixon, which arrived during my absence with the Army; the Subject to which it particularly relates concerning the Reddy of Terrior you will find fully stated in Letters from Colonel Nixon, which I transmitted with a Letter from myself to the Committee, dated some time in March or April last, from Cuddalore in the Answer I received I remember the Committee acquainted me of both his Highness and themselves having confirmed the Engagements which had been entered into at Trichinopoly with the aforesaid Reddy &c.

I have the honor to be with respect

Fort St. George
21st J

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Sir

It is a long Time since I received your Excellency's Commands, to forward a Letter to Ram Rajah to which I now return you his Answer. I also

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Ps also herewith inclose you the Terms of the Cowle granted to the Reddy of Tonore; on the faith of which he voluntarily came under our protection at a time when Hyder was on the Borders of his Country, and gave him very Encouragement to join him, which had he done we should have been infinitely more circumscribed and confined to Narrower bounds instead of this we got supplies of Provisions from his Country when every other communication was almost cutt off, his Troops were ever ready to go upon Service and distinguished themselves on some occasions.

The Reddy is under great apprehensions for the safety of his Person, from the intrigues of the Amer and some of his people, unless your Excellency stands his sure friend, he fears his Enemies will be too powerful for him, at the time he came over on the Company's faith many Polygars who were wavering in their Principles followed his example and I have the pleasure to aprize you that most of them to the Southward rely on my faith and former promises to them and still continue friends to the Circar. The Wonnarpollam and Anaboor Polygars are always influenced by the Reddy of Tonore and and he certainly had made it appear to them to be their Interest to vide and agree with the English and the Nabob which the former no doubt intended from his having sent a Vacqueel here by whom & Mr Ram and myself sent a Cowle to his master purporting that he should have safe

Conduct

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25th Conduct to and from this place, however the Reddy's Treaty not having been formally Confirmed to him, has deterred those Polygars from making any further proposals even to this day. I have never in the course of my connections with these people studied more than the publick good if any errors have arisen from any fault of the head they are not to be imputed to other Causes.

Your Excellency will be pleased to have this Matter explained and finished as soon as possible by reason that I have not yet admitted to an interview Golam Ally Khan the Man nominated and appointed by Anwar ul Omrah to what he call the settlement of the Reddys business which I am perfectly clear means nothing more than to confine and plunder the man. I have already written to Lord Macartney on this Subject and daily expect his answer.

I have the honor to remain

Your Excellency's Most
faithful and
Obedient Servant

Tritchinopoly
the 4th December 1701

A true Copy
Geo Tyler [signing] Cecil Nixon

The Right Honble the President informs the Committee that he thinks Colonel Nixon's apprehensions are ill founded, as he has received the most solemn assurance from the Dunbar, that the Reddy of Tanjore has nothing to fear, his Person

The President minute thereon:-

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25th is safe, and his Cowle fully secures him from the payment of the last Year's Rent, should any thing to the contrary appear the Government will certainly take proper steps to support its own good faith, and give confidence to its Friends — The Committee hoped there would not at present have been any complaint at Trichinopoly with regard to Subsistence — Agreed however that a Sum of money be issued immediately for the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and that the Paymaster of that place (who is now here) be ordered to enquire how it can be remitted.

Minute on the above

Sent the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote —

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

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 11th 13th 16th 19th and 20th Instant. The three first did not reach us for some days after their respective dates. They confirmed the pleasing accounts we had heard of the safe arrival of the convoy of Provisions at Cellore and the Repulse of the Enemy's attempts against the Army under your Command in proceeding to and returning from that Fortress

To Sir Eyre Coote comply with his desire to resign the Command & Stock of Provision for the Army at Pondamalee

We consider it as a fresh Instance of your Zeal in every situation that you continued at the head of the Army, during this important Service, notwithstanding your late severe illness at Trepasoor which induced us to wish for your

immediate

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the immediate return to the Presidency for the Recovery of your
Health. The Events of this Expedition do great Honor to our
Troops, they have borne with alacrity the Hardships of the
Service, and made every exertion that could be expected from
Bravery and Discipline. We join in the Regret which
you express for the want of that assistance and of those
Supplies which with such Men would enable you to gain
positive and permanent advantage. you are not however
any more than this Committee accountable for more than
the best use of the Means within your Reach. If
your Health permitted you to continue in the Command
we should urge to you, that the Public Cause is hard to
be forsaken when the Main stear of Hope are few, and the
difficulties it offers many. But after our own Regret
to you to quit the Army for the Recovery of your Health.
as an object of public Concern, We cannot venture to
urge any thing now against your intended Resignation
of the Command: a Circumstance that renders it less
necessary for us to observe upon some parts of your Letters
on subjects for which we are accountable to our honorable
Employers, We pass over expressing the full and strong sense
We entertain of the Services which you have rendered to
the Company and the State. — Your Experience, your
Abilities, your Reputation, have stopped the progress of
a vast Army plentifully supplied and ably Commanded
The Readiness and Spirit with which you came to
the preservation of this Settlement at a time of general
confusion and dismay constitute a merit superior to
every objection, and deserve Acknowledgement and
Reward

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25th Reward from your Country.

We shall mention only in relation to your Letter of the 16th Instant, that we hope that no such Provisions will be found at Pondamalee, as not to make it necessary for the Army to come nearer to Madras and with Regard to the Enclosure in yours of the 20th that no accounts or Returns mentioned in Colonel Mason's Letter has reached the Council or this Committee. We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Macartney

Fort St. George
25th January 1702.

To the Committee

Received the following Letter from

Mr William Duff

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
Governor of Fort St. George.

My Lord

I have been honored with your Letter of the 7th Instant. I have no Intelligence of the Eagle since she left this 7th nor of the Active from Madras.

From Madapollam the Vessels prosecute their voyage to the Southward

I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that most of the Vessels that run in either to Coringa Bandarmalanka, or this Place on the appearance of a Privateer upon the Coast have within these few days again taken their departure for Madras with their Cargoes which I hope they will reach without any interruption from the Enemy.

By a Letter from Mr Hamilton just

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25th just received of the 15th to inform me that the Look out Man at Point Gardewar had acquaint him, that he saw several Vessels chaseds the 14th by a Ships who after speaking with several Country Craft, and seeing at others to bring them to, hauld his Wind and stood out East, leaving the others to pursue their respective Voyages without further Molestation, a few Canoes remaining to the Northward until the beginning or Middle of March would give the Black People Confidence to attempt the second Trip to Madras with Grain, which may be of the greatest Service

I have the honor to be with profect Respect

& My Lord

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

William Duff

Maddapollam
16th January 1702.

22d Received Letter from the Town Major as also Miscellany Book containing of the arrival of 850 Bullocks from Pullicat

From the Town Major bullocks arrive from Nellore

Sent the following Letter to Mr Pakk with copy of Sir Lyn Coots letter of the 2d Instant

To Mr Thomas Pakk
Paymaster of Pinchingoply

Sir!

To Mr Pakk money ordered to discharge the arrears of the troops at Pinchingoply inclosing copy of a letter from Sir Eyre Coote

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you that they have received from Sir Eyre Coote a Letter addressed to them by Colonel Nixon of which the inclosed is a Copy. The Select Committee have

Ordered

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22d flatterd themselves that the Country about Trichinopoly was in such a state of Cultivation as to preclude Complaints for want of subsistance — however as no time is to be lost they have ordered a sum of Money to be issued immediately for the discharge of the Arrears due to the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and they desire you will make Enquiry how it may be remitted without delay.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Fort St George
22d January 1702

Signed John Hinchliffe Secy

Dispatched the following Letter to

Masulipatam

To James Daniel Esqr

Chief &c Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen!

To Masulipatam 9 pcons
Their conduct with
Ekhtsham Jung

We have received your Letter of the 16th Instant with its several inclosures

We entirely approve of the answer you have returned to the Demands of Ekhtsham Jung, and of the measures you have taken to convince him of your desire to yield him every reasonable satisfaction — We recommend to you to continue to observe the same Temporizing Conduct to act with the greatest prudence and circumspection, but the

at

same

22d same time with a firmness becoming the Representatives of the Company —

You will assure Cheetham Jung that from the long friendship which subsisted between his Father and the Company, and which we always remember with pleasure, We are perfectly disposed to be on good terms with him, that to convince him of this truth, We have ordered you to cause the strictest search to be made for the person he Complains of and to deliver him up to him if he shall be found, that We are also willing to establish with him a reciprocal agreement not to give shelter to the Inhabitants of each others districts; but that allowing any Troops to March into our Territories is contrary to our System, and any measure of that sort on his part would be considered by us as an act of hostility — Should you find that he persists in his demand, and that he intends to endeavor to compell an Acquiescence in them, you will protract the time as much as possible by negotiation, and in the mean while take measures for preparing against the worst —

In case of necessity or if you judge your own Force insufficient, you will apply to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, who will be ordered to send you whatever assistance they can spare, Consistently with their own Safety — but We trust your Conduct and address will obviate the necessity of having recourse to arms.

You will not fail to advise us from time to time of every material occurrence — We

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23d in every respect that those from Carangooly and Pennacool were in bad Condition and as well as those from the Northward entrained and unfurnished with Drivers the reasonable Order they arrived but felt of considerably for the want of Food, as the Difference of the Number of Bullocks sent from the different Garrisons, and the Number Actually received, proceeded from their being mostly Wild and unbroad by which some in Spite of every Attention in the Lines were lost and others from low Condition Died on the Road, and a Day or two after their Arrival;

I understand from Captain Smith at Pulicat, that he has forwarded of 800 Bullocks now from Vellore in good Condition, and shall receive there which he received advice from Captain Campbell at Vellore, that 700 Bullocks more from that place and 500 from Ongole are now on the Road to Pulicat, and Captain Smith has been desired in Consequence of your Lordships Instructions to me to forward the whole to Madras with all possible Expedition and Care;

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most
Obedient and faithful Servt
St. Sydenham

Fort St. George
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Return

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23d

Return of Bullocks received from Pulicat
Wandewash and Carangooly

| From whence Rec.d | Number Contracted to have been sent | Number Rec.d by the Agents | Date of Arrival | Deficient | By whom Rec.d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pulicat | 1156 | 1140 | 3d | 16 | Mr Bonfoid |
| Wandewash | 301 | 297 | 3d | 3 | Ditto |
| Carangooly | 206 | 197 | 3d | 9 | Ditto |
| Permacoil | 286 | 272 | 12 | 14 | Mr Ross |
| | 1940 | 1906 | | 42 | |

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25th January 1702

N. Sydenham
Town Mayor

From the Town Mayor

Recd Letter from the Town Mayor of this date as entred in Miscellany Book N. 30. advising of the arrival of 690 Bullocks from Nellore

Recd the following Letter

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Captain Gibbings party of the Enemy got thro' the Madura District — intelligence from Collect.r

I have the honor to acquaint you that from four to five hundred of Hyders Horse and as many Infantry / in their retreat from the Tanjore Country / passed throught the Madura District

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22d

We are

Gentlemen

Your most obedt
humble Servants
Macartney
&c Select Committee

Fort St George
22d Janry 1702

Sent the following Letter to Captain

John Limmox

To Captain John Limmox

Commanding the Southampton

Sir

To Capt Limmox to take measures for the security of the Ships in the Road

From Intelligence lately received, it is not improbable that a French Fleet may make its appearance in the Coast, and in order to give as much protection as possible to the Ships lying in this Road, we have thought proper to invest you as Senior Commander of the Honble Companys Ships now here, with the powers annexed to the Station of Commodore, and to direct that you will take such measures as you shall think necessary for the safety of the Ships

By order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

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Mess.rs Macauley and Johnstone remove with a Packet from the Court of Directors

Arrived this Evening the Companys Ship Calantore from Negapatam with Mess.rs Macaulay and Johnstone bearing

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22d a Packet from the Honble the Committee of Survey
to the Select Committee

23d Received Letter from Mr Hodges as Entred
From Mr Hodges in the Miscellany Book No. 29 advising that most of
the Vessels were called from Porto Novo Bandamalanka
and Madepollam

Received Letter from Captain Adair
From Capt Adair entred in Miscellany Book No. 29 requesting to
be ordered a passage to Europe

Agreed that Captain Adair be
Capt. Adair permitted to proceed to England ordered a passage on the Grosvenor and that the Directors
be requested to permit him to return with his Rank
when his health shall be reestablished

Received the following Letter from the
Town Major

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

My Lord

Agreeably to your Lordships desire
From the Town Major with a report and return of Bullocks I inclose a Return of the Bullocks received from
Pulicat Wandewash and Carangooly on the 3d Instant
and also of those which arrived from Pennaveil on
the 12th

I beg leave to observe that the Bullocks
from Wandewash were sent by Captain Flint with
their proper Owners and Compleated for the Service
in

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23d District, and come within 15 English miles of this Garrison
— They marched round the hills to Dindegul where
they now are, and I am informed are waiting there
for Haydees orders — The men I mentioned in my
last letter are returned from Calicut and the
intelligence brought me I beg to transmit in the
accompanying paper —

I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Robt Gebbings

9 Madura
6th January 1702

Intelligence

The men I sent to Calicut are Returned and left
that place sixteen days ago the Reports then were
that Sunda Cawn was at Tellichery besieging
of that place, that his force consisted of 4000 horse
6000 Seapoys 2000 Peons and 300 Bajewas, that
he had a great many people killed every day and
great desertion among his Troops — while they were
at Calicut accounts arrived of the Enemy having taken
one of our Batteries Supernumerary only commanded at
Calicut in the absence of Sunda Cawn with 600 horse
500 Seapoys and 600 Peons The enemy have no force
to signify between Calicut and Dundegul the
Post that they came was by Sagery ca Ook, three
days march from Calicut, where there is about
50 horse and as many Seapoys from thence to

Dwangur

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23d. Surangur one days march, 50 Horse and about 100 Seapoys, from thence to Pallygarte a fort where Chinia Naigur commands with 200 Seapoys and 300 Peons, from thence to Dallymungulum one days march, from thence to Paramully one march, from thence to Ummalaguda one march from thence to Collamum one march, from thence to Cyme one march, from thence to Cheyprachie one march, from thence to Cunnaway one march from thence to Dundegul

Robt Gibbings

Madura
6th January 1702.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am very sorry to acquaint you that the Troops of this Garrison are reduced to the last stage of want and distress now four Months in arrears of pay, without a prospect or hope left of collecting sufficient, to clear off what is due to them in any given time, they are become very clamorous and I greatly fear it will not be much longer in my power to keep them within any bounds, on the 6th Instant part of the New Battalion above 100 without Limbocks forced the Guard at Gentoomy Gate, and rushed out of the Fort in a tumultious manner, intending to plunder a Bugar at the River side all those

from Colonel Nixon the Troops four Months in arrears and became very clamorous gives an indemnification to Aylmer known to advance money

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23d. those remaining in the Barracks, I ordered under Arms and before they had time to commit any great Outrage 93 were seized and brought in Prisoners which dispersed their accomplices, I ordered the whole under a strong Guard into confinement the Centrys as I judge wishing well to the cause were the next day forced and Several Stand of Arms seized by the Prisoners they surrounded Ayteb ar Khans house but were very soon dispersed and again confined by Captain Patterson who marched a Party against them, Eighteen of the Ringleaders were committed to the care of the Nabobs Artillery at Warriore the rest upon promise of better behaviour were permitted to return to their Duty, some of the most culpable I could wish to punish but cannot assemble a General Court Martial for that purpose being without proper authority — I have in this critical situation of Affairs in conjunction with Mr. Andrews the assistant to Mr Ram the Receiver of the Revenues who is gone to Madras / presumed to give an indemnification to Aytebar Khan the Manager to advance some money from the Revenues to satisfy the present destitution of the Troops till your further pleasure shall be known and which I request the favor you will signify with all expedition —

a total Stop is put to all the Fortifications which I am very anxious to carry on and

for

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for which you will be pleased to make some provision

I have the honor to remain with

great Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Pr Thuroprofy

9th January 1702

Humble Servant

Eccles Nixon

PS Accompanying you will be pleased to

receive the Returns of the Troops belonging to and

dependant on this Garrison for the Month of

December last

To the Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney Kt Br

Governor and President

My Lord

From Captain Bishop a commander hoard supposed to be from our Army

Last Night I did myself the Honor to

inform your Lordship of a Cannonade which was heard in

the afternoon one of my Hircars is just now come in

and informs me that it was the Guns of our Army,

firing at a large Body of the Enemys Horse Harrassing

our Camp the Army is now Encamped about Seventeen

English Miles from this place, and I think it probable

they will Encamp here to Morrow

I have the honor to remain with great

Respect

Your Lordships Most

Devoted and faithfull

Pr Trapasore

17th Jany 1702

Servant

Benj Bishop

P.S. Lieut Brackenyre and his

Corps arrived here this Morning

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23d.

To the Right Honble George, Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Falk in answer to Colonel Nixon's letter concerning the distress of the Trichinopoly Garrison — obtains a remittance of 7000 Pagodas

I have been honord with Mr Secretary Hudleston's letter of yesterdays date — accompanying an address from the Commandant of Trichinopoly to General Sir Eyre Coote the contents of which concern and surprize me much — the latter because I have every reason to think that had the government share of the Novem crop been secured and laid in for the use of the Garrison no such distress as has been now exhibited could exist and discontent a Daily subsistence might have been issued to the Troops from the Tabobs granaries until more ample supplies could arrive, but to this the Manager would make his usual objections from hopes of future

I must Redange the apprehension from such a

In obedience to your Lordships &c commands I have obtained a remittance of seven thousand Pagodas, thro' the channel of Burhampur House, bills for which I shall forward to Trichinopoly without delay —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your very obedient humble Servant

Tho.s Falk

Paym.r

Fort St George

23.d January 1702

Received

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24th Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From General Coote enclosing copy of letter from General Stuart to will receive Dispatches to be able to take the Field

I have the honor to enclose your Copy of a Letter I have this moment received from Major General Stuart the Contents of which have afforded me much pleasure as it promises to restore to the Service an officer who from experience and ability is so well qualified to serve his King and Country

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Choultry Plain
24th January 1702

To His Excellency Lieut. Genl Sir Eyre Coote K. B.
Commander in Chief in India

Sir

It is with the greatest Satisfaction I do myself the honor to acquaint your Excellency that I feel myself at present so well recovered as to be able to walk about on the Wooden leg with out any great degree of difficulty, and that I am certain of being in Condition with ease to get on Horseback in a very few days — so that with a little Management during the present Interval which perhaps it may

be

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24th. be thought Necessary for the Troops to remain near the Presidency, I am convinced that Nothing Arising from the Waund will hinder me from doing my duty & afterwards on any Service with the Army

I request your Excellency will do me the Honour if you see it proper to Communicate this to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee before the Packet now under dispatch is closed.

I remain with the highest respect

Sir

Your most obedient and

Devoted humble Servant

Fort St George

24th January 1702

/signed/ James Stuart

A true Copy

Wm Turney Secy

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c Council.

Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal — Mssrs. Macaulay and Johnston arrive from England with dispatches for this Presidency Sir Edwd Hughes sailed for Tellicherry — no news of General Medows — Mr. John Sullivan appointed Resident and Paymaster at

We have the honor to inform you that Major Johnston and Dr. Wm. Macaulay are arrived overland from England. They left it on the 10th June 1701. and reached this Presidency on the 22d Instant. They brought with them the inclosed Packet, to your address. We must observe to you that it has been opened by Sir Cyn Cooke who informed us that he was authorized by

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24th by you to open all Letters addressed to your Board We now send it to you by this opportunity of the Fortitude

For Jor General Thomas to imbark on the Rockford for Europe

The Valentine and Southampton will be dispatched from hence in a few days for Bengal

Sir Edward Hughes sailed on the 2d. Instant for Trincomalee and we are in expectation of receiving good News from that Quarter very soon. His intention is to be in Madras Road by the 15th of next Month. No Account has yet been received of General Medowes

Mr John Sullivan who arrived over land from Europe is now at Tanjore — He was appointed Resident and Paymaster to that place upon the Resignation of Mr Stephen Sullivan Sir Hector Munro returned hither yesterday from the Southward and proposes to imbark for Europe on the Rockford which together with the Governor we propose to dispatch before the 20th of next Month If any of your Ships bound for Europe should be ready before that time they may call here and go in company with those abovemen tioned

The Swallow which was detained by the desire of Sir Eyre Coote will be peremptorily dispatched on Saturday next

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Macartney
&c Select Committee

Fort St George
24th January 1702.

Received

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26th

Received letter from Ensign Bridges as entered in Miscellany Book No 65 enclosing Surgeon Generals Certificate of his ill health and requesting leave to proceed to Sea

permitted accordingly

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble Gen.l Lord Macartney President

Saturday 26th Jany 1782

_____ Anthony Sadleir Esqr

_____ Morgan Williams Esqr

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote indisposed

Major General Sir Hector Munro absent on Service

John Holland Esqr Resident at Hyderabad

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

The General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors is now read and approved

Ordered that the Packet be closed

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26th

The Secretary having informed the Committee

Extracts from the General Letter sent to Sir Eyre Coote

that Sir Eyre Coote requested to have a Copy of that part of the General Letter p.r Swallow which relates to the Army the Paragraphs are now sent him with the following Letter to him of this date

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote with Extracts from the General Letter

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish you with the accompanying Extract of their General Letter of this date to the Honble the Court of Directors, agreeable to the desire you were pleased to signify to me this morning, and as it has not been usual to deliver such papers out of the office, I am further directed to observe to you that no Persons are ever allowed to have access to the records of the Select Committee, but those who are well as the Members of the Committee have taken the Oath of Secrecy

I have the honor to be with greatest respect

Fort St. George Sir

26th January 1702

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) John Pinderton Secry

Received the following Letter from Captain Coppage

in Cypher

My Lord

From Captain Coppage with Acct of Guard left in Vellore

I should have addressed your Lordship on the departure of the Army from hence the 13th but

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26th. last waited untill I could give you an exact account of the Grain &c. left with me for the use of the Garrison Viz. 8691 Pucka Seer of Rice which will only last for two Months and ten days from the 15th. Instant 500 Sheep and 6500 Pagodas after paying the Garrison up to the 10th. of October — Our meat was quite out on the arrival of the Army and am now under the necessity of only serving the Officers and Men mutton once in two days, which will make it last for one Week this day the Enemy has taken up their old Encampments to the Northward of us — I have heard nothing of Hyder since the Army left this. The 1000 Pagodas which your Lordships sent me the 11th. Ultimo only arrived the 12th. Instant —

I have the Honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships'

Most obedient

humble Servant

John Cuppage

Vellore
17th. January 1702

/signed/

Received the following Letter

27th.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Captain Eddington inclosing Paper of Intelligence from Anjingo

Having just received a Letter from Anjingo Serang with inclose a Paragraph of Intelligence to the Public Service

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir &c. &c.

Your

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29th

Your Respectful obet Servt
James Edingtoun

Palamcotah
7th January 1782.

Extract of a Letter from Anjengo dated 2d January 1782.

I am desirable for Vessels to leave Bombay the 25th - 22d of last Month for the assistance of Tellicherry and to act in conjunction with the Malabar Powers against Hyder.

a fleet of about 28 of his Gallivats were totally attacked by our Cruizers who destroyed near half of their Crews and four of them sunk in their Attempt to escape into Billiapatam River, situated about four Leagues to the Northward of Tellicherry.

28th Received Letter from Lord Macleod as intended in Miscellany Book N°3 requesting a Passage may be ordered for him on the Rockford.

Agreed accordingly

Passage to be ordered in the Rockford for Lord Macleod

In consequence of an advertisement for the Sale of Sandoy Grounds in the Black Town a Letter was written to the Superintendant of the Grounds directing him to inquire if any of them were the property of the Company.

Received the following Letter from Mr Maxwell

To John Hudleston Esqr
Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

In consequence of your Letter to me of yesterday I have enquired whether the ground advertised for sale by the Sheriff be the property of the Company

From Mr Maxwell with the Information relating to Grounds in the Black Town

Palamcotah
7th January

force
for
conjunction
fleet
Cruizers.
four
Billiapatam
Northward

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28th Company The Toddy people and the inhabitants of Tondeour have had a dispute for some years concerning the property of this ground, and it not having yet been determined, the Inhabitants have taken advantage of this, and mortgaged it to a Monopoly who has by transfer, obtained an order of Court for the sale.

The people have long assumed a right of disposing of the grounds belonging to the Villages altho' it is the property of the Company, nor do the Toddy people say they have any other claim to the ground than long possession, it appears to me to be a contested Point between the Inhabitants and the Parties, to prevent the Indian Inhabitants from claiming the ground in future The ground is certainly the property of the Company unless it be allowed that possession gives a right, but even if it were not they had no right to mortgage the ground until the dispute had been settled which is a convincing proof that the whole transaction is fictitious as the black people in general are pretty circumspect in regard to the security for money lent, nor is it very probable that a Monopoly would find some Toddy people so large a sum as 600 Pagodas without better security

It will be necessary that the Companys Solicitor do petition the Mayors Court to stop the sale if it be the opinion that the Villagers have no right to sell the grounds

I am
Sir
Your very Obt. Servant
Hugh Maxwell

Fort St. George
28th January 1702.

Agreed that Copies of the Papers Resolution thereon & Advertisement describing the Grounds be sent to the Attorney

28th Attorney General and that he be directed to take
immediate Steps for preventing the Sale of the Ground
to examine afterwards into the Right to them and if he
find it to be in the Honble Company to endeavour to
recover Possession of them by due Course of Law

29th Sent Letter to the Attorney General agreeably to
the Minute of yesterday as entred in Miscellany
Book

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble Geo. Lord. Macartney President
Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Morgan William Esqr.

Tuesday
29th January 1702

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote
indisposed
Major General Sir Hector Munro
indisposed
John Holland Esqr. Resident at the
Court of the Nizam

Minutes of the last Committee read and approved

The Right Honble the President
proposed to the Committee that the Honble Company's
Snow Panther be sent as a Cartel Vessel to Batavia
with the late Governor of Negapatam and as many
of the Council as can be accommodated on board of her
and that she call at Negapatam for their Families
Agreed to accordingly

The Snow Panther to be sent to Batavia as a Cartel Ship

Read the following Letters from the Committee of
Works and from Major Waugh with Estimate of the
Proceedings of that Committee of 9th October and 28th
November as entred in Miscellany Book

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Committee of Works with Copy of their Proceedings

We have received by Mr Secretary Hudleston's Letter of the 10th Instant

the 10th

The accompanying proceedings of Committees held on the 9th Instant and this day we are hopeful will throw such Lights on the Accounts transmitted with our Letter of the 9th as are required by your Lordship &c Committee viz. in the Extract transmitted to us of the 5th November

We have the honor to be with

Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
Most Humble Servants

Fort St George
29th November 1701

Alexr Davidson
Edwd Saunders
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To The Right Honble Geo. Lord. Macartney K. B.
President and Governor &c Select Committee
of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Major Maule with Plan and Section of the Work undertaken by Mr Plumer

I have herewith the Honor to lay before you the Plans and Sections by which Mr Plumer undertook, carried on and has finished the Work of Hog hill

I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

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