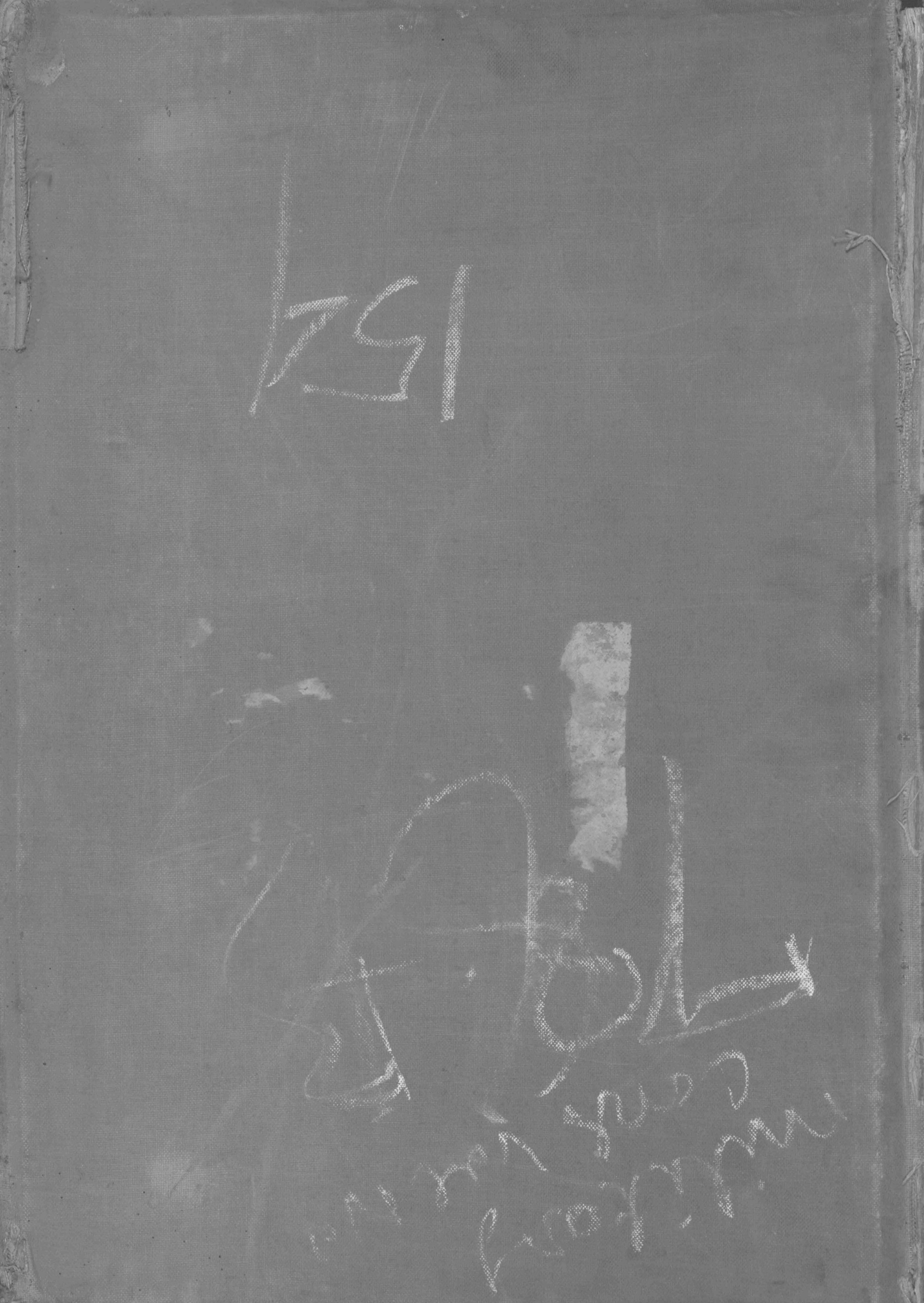

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Fort St. George
13th January 1701

Your most obedient &
faithful humble
Servant
Geo. Maule
Chief Engr

Balance due to Mr Plumer to be paid by Bills on Bengal

Agreed that the Balance due to Mr Plumer for the removal of Hog hill amounting to Pagodas 1,392 34. 31. be discharged by Bills on Bengal and that the Resolution of the Committee of Works for permitting Mr Popham to execute what remains to be performed of Mr Plumers Engagement be confirmed,

Petition of the Inhabitants of Hoghill referred to the Committee of Works

Agreed also that the several Petitions received from the Inhabitants of Hog hill be referred to the Committee of Works and that they be desired to point out to the Select Committee what they think right necessary to be done for the relief of the Petitioners.

Read the following Letter from Major Richardson Johnston with the Copy of a Paragraph of the Company's General Letter and the Commission therein mentioned

From Mayor Johnston enclosing Copy of a Paragraph of the Genl Letter from England appointing him a Major on this Establishment

My Lord and Gentlemen

I beg leave to Acquaint you with my Arrival here the 22d instant and of my having been appointed by the Honble Court of Directors a Major on this Establishment.

I have the honor to enclose your Lordships &c my Commission together with an attested Copy of a Minute made on that Occasion

I am

My Lord & Gentlemen

with the greatest respect

Your

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Fort St George
13th January 1701

Your most obedient &
faithful humble
Servant
Geo. Maule
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Petition of the Inhabitants of Hog hill referred to the Committee of Works

Read the following Letter from Major Alexander Johnston with the Copy of a Paragraph of the Company's General Letter & the Commission therein mentioned —

May Lord and Gentlemen

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I am

My Lord & Gentlemen

with the greatest respect

your

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26th Janry 1702.

Your most obedient and
Most Humble Servant
Mufsenden Johnston

Copy of the 23d. Paragraph of the Company's General
Letter to Fort St. George dated the 31st May 1701.

We have appointed Major Mufsenden
Johnston a Major on your Military Establishment
in the room of Major Mathews lately removed to
Bombay and to rank next under Major Hopkins
a Testd

R Mitchell
Secry

Major Johnston appointed a Lieut Colonel

Agreed that Major Johnston be
appointed a Lieutenant Colonel and to rank as
such from the
which is the day after the date of
Lieutenant Colonel Hopkins's Commission

President's motion that the Jaghire be placed under the Inspection of the Committee of Revenue

The Right Honble the President
informs the Committee that his Highness the
Nabob has signified through the Amun his
Desire that the Honble Company's Jaghire
which his Highness had rented since Last July
for one Year shall be considered as delivered into
the hands of the Company at the same time that
he assigned over the Revenues of the rest of the Carnatic
The President therefore recommends that the said Jaghire
be placed under the Inspection of the Committee of
Assigned Revenue in the same manner as the
assigned Countries and that they be desired to
consider of the best Method of improving it, and
suggest such Measures as appear to them most

Likely

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likely to promote that End. Agreed also that Mr Antonio de Souza be appointed to manage the Saphire under the Inspection of the Committee of Inquired Revenue

D. Souza appd to manage it

Read the following Letter from Mr Nicholl the Company's Agent at Nagapatam with the several Papers mentioned therein as entered in Miscellany Book N.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Nicholl with various Papers relating to the Capture of Negapatam

I herewith send your Lordships &c. account of the Goods and Merchandize, of publick property found in Negapatam after taking Inventorys of the Ordnance and Military Stores they were delivered over to Captain Tanner the commanding officer of Artillery excepting those I delivered out of the Army and Navy while under my charge.

As I understood the Valentine was sent hither on freight by the Agents for the Captors, I thought it my duty to write to them in order to know on what terms she was taken up, that I might transmit the Accounts to the Honble the Select Committee for their information, Copies of my Letter to them and their answer N.o 11 and 12 are now inclosed

The Valentine carries one thousand three hundred and forty three Bales of Cloth, but takes no Spices as she is fully laden. The Prince Britain likewise freighted by the Captors will receive the remainder of the Goods after the departure of the Valentine and I expect

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expect will be despatched in fourteen days if the weather continues moderate. I hope to be favored with your Lordships &c commands by the Chapman Indiaman and remain with great Respect &c

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

W. Mitchell

Negapatam
13th January 1702

The opinion of the Attorney General to be asked respecting the Company's Share in the above Capture

Agreed to desire the opinion of the Attorney General respecting the Share to which the Company may be intitled of the captured Property at Negapatam

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam with the Letters therein mentioned as entred in Miscellany Book No 68.

(Military Department)

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Masulipatam respecting a Difference betwixt Capt Montgomery and Mr Yeats inclosing Letter from Mess Droiton and Mr Mitchell.

We have received a Letter from Capt Montgomery the officer commanding at Coringa giving an account of a difference that has happened between him and Mr Yeats, which your Lordship &c have been pleased to refer to Mr Hamilton for a report thereon We have informed Captain Montgomery that the Cognizance for this Matter having been transferred to Mr Hamilton, the orders of your Lordship &c we could not in any Shape interfere therein unless by hearing

Testimony

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Testimony to the prosperity of this conduct so far as it had come under our Notice which we did with great pleasure— We mention this affair to your Lordship &c on account of some thoughts which have arisen in our minds reviewing the part you have taken therein by appointing Mr Hamilton to enquire into the Differrence in question, the obvious effect of this step at it appears to us is to lessen the opinion which the Military at Coringa entertain of their Dependance upon this Board and of Course by diminishing in some Degree the Force destined for the defence of these Countries from the Power which is to direct it and establishing a new and additional power with a Control over this Force to lessen and weaken the Force thereof. If this consequence be a just one, the matter will not require to be enlarged upon. We may be Mistaken upon this occasion but we are impressed with these Sentiments and it is therefore our Duty to Submit them.

We have received a letter from the Widow of the late Captain Michell and another from the Widow of the late Lieutenant Dowton, Copies of which we have the Honor to forward herewith— There are no other Persons now in these Circars upon the Establishment of Said Clives Fund upon which account and for the reasons they have set forth which we can only suppose to be true they appear to us proper objects of the Indulgence they have Solicited and we therefore hope you will permit us to recommend them as such—

We are respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your

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Masulipatam
22d January 1702

Your most obedient
humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Bourlaw
Tho. Barnard

To receive their arrears at Masulipatam

Agreed that Mr. Doveton and Mr. Michell be allowed to receive their arrears at Masulipatam

Read the following Petition from the Company's Washers

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

I Most humbly Sheweth

The humble Petition of the Honble Company's Washers

Petition from the Company's Washermen

Your Petitioners most submissively beg leave to represent my Lord &c that whereas the Honble Company's Investment Established at Madras your Petitioners were washing the Company's Cloths near the Boundary where the Honble Company have caused to dig a Tank and a well on Account of your Petitioners work because Mr. Dupree and Warren Hastings when they had raised the round walls of the black Town they thought it a proper and open place to wash the Company Cloths near the Boundary Lest case of any Disturbance happened Besides they

with

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built Four Godowns to preserve the Companys Cloths in the Night time, therefore your Petitioners are obliged to work in the same place, Dutch piece goods and Northern Calicoes and owing them in the said Godowns and when ever the alarm of Hyder allys Horse happined by Accidently we are oblige to bring Immediately the Companys Cloth into the Town through the North Gate and after Ceased the trouble to carry them to work again. Not withstanding the Poligors people though they watch always at the same place, there robbing the Cloths. Incase if it be Liable for to the said place will certainly loose by great many Cloths — But Lately Major Monte taking the said washing place and caused Sandy hyps just like a wall and Ridged upon round about in Order to make a Garden for his own use which is a great Countrary to the said round wall But the washing work is not on —

Your Petitioner humbly further Acquaint my Lord &c. that Major Monties Servants are now demolishing the aforesaid Companys Godowns and troubling your Petitioners to go to other place to work the Companys Cloths But now have no other proper place to work and preserve the Goods

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly beg the Honble Board will be pleased to take this Case into your Serious Consideration and Order.

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order to Major Maule to destroy the said Ledge in the Company's washing place and not to Molest with us and your Petitioners As in duty Bound

Shall ever pray

to be sent to Major Maule for an Explanation

Agreed that Copy of the Petition be sent to Major Maule and that he be desired to explain the Circumstances complained of, and to furnish the Committee with a Plan of the Esplanade before the Black Town Wall

Read Letter from Mr Turing with a Letter from Capt. Gint as entered in Miscellany Book No. 54.

Flag Staff Bastion and Guard to be repaired

Agreed that Mr Turing be desired to make such Repairs to the Flag Staff Bastion as are absolutely and immediately necessary

The Adjutant General having intimated to the Right Honble the President that there is an Error in Sir Cyrus Cooke's Letter of the 1st January which he wishes to correct, Agreed that it be returned to the Adjutant General for that

Sir Cyrus Cooke's Letter returned to him to correct an Error in it

purpose

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purpose

Read Letter from Dr Peters with
Bills as entered in Miscellany Book No. 19.

Mr Peters account
referred to the Auditor

Agreed that it be referred to
the Auditor

Despatched the following Letter
to Captain Parr

To Captain Parr

Commanding His Majestys Ship Chale

Madras Road

Sir

I have the honor of sending
you enclosed a Letter which I have this
Moment received informing me of the appearance
of a Privateer to the Northward

To Captain Parr
with information of a
Privateer to the Northward

The Admiral informed me that
he proposed being at Madras the 15 of next
Month and I submit to you what measures
would

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30th Sent Letter to the Committee of
Signed Revenue agreeably to the minutes of the
29th Instant as entered on Miscellany Book N°63

Received Letter from the Town Major
as entered on Miscellany Book N°62 advising of the
arrival of 560 Bullocks from Pulicat in tolerable
order and fit for Service

Received the following Letters

To John Hudleston Esqr

Secretary to the Select Committee
of Fort St George

Sir

I had the honor some days since of
receiving your letter of the 21st December 1781,
acquainting me that the Right Honble the President
and Gentlemen of the Select Committee had
appointed me their Resident and Paymaster to
the Garrison of Tanjore - I have in consequence
taken charge of those Offices and will do myself
the honor of addressing the Committee by the next
Conveyance.

From Mr John Sulivan has taken charge of the Offices of Resident and Paymaster at Tanjore.

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

Tanjore
26th January 1782.

To John Hudleston Esqr

Military Secretary.

Sir

From Capt. Alcock acknowledging receipt of letter containing the appointment of Mr Sulivan

Colonel Braithwaite being in the
field in command of the Southern Army, I am

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A
30 am to acknowledge the honor of receiving your Letter
of the 9th Instant with the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee their appointment
of John Sullivan Esqr to be Resident and Paymaster
at Tanjore with Extract of the Company's General
Letter dated 18th October 1780 Paragraph 21 and 22.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Hugh Alcock
Capt 13th Carnatic Batt Sepoys

Tanjore
21st January 1782

The Right Honble the President
&c &c before the Committee the 24 January
1782 which were dismissed the 30th and 31st
Jan but meeting then to be entered on the
Records

Copy of a Letter from Lord Macartney Sir Eyre Coote Sir
Edward Hughes and John Macpherson Esqrs
to the Government of Poonah

Dated Fort St George 11th Sept 1781

To Poonah from Lord Macartney Sir Eyre Coote Sir Edward Hughes and Mr Macpherson expressing their desire to establish a Peace agreeable to Orders from the King and Company

Mr Hastings the Governor
General &c the affairs of the English in India
has no doubt informed you of the Wishes of
the Company to establish a Peace between them
and your Government. The Steps which he is
pursuing to settle this desirable Business cannot
fail of being attended with success, when
supported by the Orders just arrived not only
from the Company, but from the King of Great
Britain our just and most illustrious Sovereign.
These Orders issued at a time when the news of
his

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30 had arrived in England of Conquests by General
Goddard, and when Packets had brought
Letters to the King and to the Company from
Bagonant Row with great offers to work most
forcibly the wisdom the justice and the unalterable
determination of the Company of the King, and
of the whole English Nation to adhere to the
Measures they had long since adopted, and
declared in their Instructions to their Servants
of remaining satisfied with their Possessions in
this part of the World, without aiming at new
Conquests, but living in Peace and Amity with
all the powers of India.

Such has been the indig-
-nation felt at the infraction of those wise and
pacific Measures, and notwithstanding the
accounts of Successes gained by the English Arms
and before any knowledge of the Invasion of the
Carnatic, so peremptory have the late Orders been
for the immediate obedience to the former
Instructions, that He Sir Eyre Coote
Commander in Chief of the Kings and Companys
Forces over all India, Sir Edward Hughes
Commander in Chief of His Majestys Fleet,
Lord Macartney Governor of the Coast of
Coromandel, and one of His Majestys Privy
Council, and Representative of the Crown on divers
Occasions in Europe and America, and John
Macpherson Esq. Member of the Supreme
Council of Bengal appointed under the Authority
of Parliament, and just arrived in this Country
from England, charged expressly with the
said

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30th said Orders write to You the joint Letter with a view to carry them into execution, and We have requested the Nabob Hauban jau Bchaudre the Ancient Friend of our Nation to write You his Information

The Orders are to make immediately a Peace, and establish a treaty of Friendship with your Government which will be ratified by the King and Parliament of Great Britain and which cannot be altered and infringed by any Sardars or Servants of the Company. As a proof of our respect for and obedience to those Orders and in the fullest confidence of a suitable return on your part We do not hesitate to send at once to General Goddard and to the Presidency of Bombay the Company's Commands to cease immediately all hostilities against You, not doubting but that You will at the same time direct Hostilities to cease against Us

We request that You will be pleased to write without delay to the Governor General and Council the particulars regulations of the Treaty of Peace and everlasting Friendship you may desire to have established between Us under the Authority of the King, the Parliament and the Company, and as We know already in general what your wishes are, and as We are ordered and empowered to bring this affair to a happy conclusion, We hereby pledge to You in the most solemn manner our respective Honors, not only upon our

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30th our own parts, but upon the part of the Governor General and Council and behalf of the Company and the King our Master, and the British Nation, that every just satisfaction shall be given to you in a sincere and irrevocable Treaty. After the assurances you have before You, the Alternative of Peace or War, the evil and fatal consequences of War if You should be bent upon it, will hereafter rest upon You. If You join with us in preferring Peace, You will at the same time enjoy all the advantages, which our Friendship will be willing and able to afford You.

May God grant You Wisdom to make a just and proper Choice!

Macartney
Eyre Coote
& for Sr Edward Hughes
John McPherson

A true Copy
(signed) H Bowie
Asst Sec?

To the Honble the President &c. Select Committee
Bombay.

Gentlemen

We have the honor to acquaint you that a few days since John Macpherson Esq. one of the Supreme Council of Bengal arrived here from England and communicated to Us the Orders and Instructions of the Court of Directors contained in their General Letter, together with the concurrent System and Intention of the Administration relative to the War in which we are engaged with the Maratta State.

To Bombay - advising of the arrival of Mr McPherson with Orders from the Court of Directors relative to the Maratta War - have taken steps towards concluding a Peace and order them to cease hostilities - enclose Copy of Let to Poona

Being

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30th

Being thus fully possessed of the Views of our Duty, from the first authority We have without a moments delay taken the proper steps towards concluding a perpetual Friendship and lasting Peace with the Government of Poonah, and for the perfect accomplishment of so desirable an Object, We expect that You will give not only your most hearty concurrence but every possible assistance and co-operation.

These, Gentlemen, we are authorized and empowered to demand, and from particular consideration for you, We think it necessary to add, that should the least Difficulty or Delay arise from You on the prosecution of this measure, You alone must stand responsible for any failure to the Public and all consequences to Yourselves

It is our meaning that all hostilities be immediately cease on the part of the Government of Bombay in the same manner as hostilities cease on the part of the Marattas.

A Copy of what we have write to them is enclosed in this Letter, which will be forwarded to You in their Channel. You will as soon as possible receive Instructions of a similar nature.

Mr. McPherson waits this evening

We have the honor to be

With great truth and regard

Gentlemen

Your

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10th Sept 1781

A true Copy
(signed) W Bruce
Asst Sec.

Your most obedient and
most faithful humble Servts
Macartney
Eyre Coote
John Macpherson

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General
Bengal

Sir

To Bengal - Orders arrive from England to make peace with the Marattas - have written a letter to Sonah expressive of pacific intentions, and wish to come to an accommodation with that Government

The late Dispatches from England contain such strong Expressions of the desire and directions of the Company and of Administration that Peace should immediately be made with all the Country Powers in India leaving our Arms free to act against our European Enemies, that we have not the least doubt of your firmest determination to cooperate with such views. Our Affairs in this Country were thought at home at the departure of the last Ships to be in a state of general prosperity and of tranquillity except with the Marattas. Yet to procure Tranquillity with that power was even under such supposed advantages thought highly expedient on account of the Difficulties in which the Nation was involved elsewhere. But the Events in this Country of which the relation must since have reached England, will have no doubt extended their Idea of expediency into that of absolute necessity; of which indeed we feel every day the approaching pressure - So many

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30 many Enemies — so few Resources — This Coast without Money or Provisions — an Invader whom repeated Victories over him do not enable us to expel — the danger of your liberal hand being stopped by the impossibility of supporting Us — the possibility of a Union between our Indian and European Foes. The likelihood of a combined hostile Fleet in these Seas — These are all motives of which You do not want the enumeration to induce you heartily to endeavour at a Peace; but without which we should not perhaps have been inclined without your previous concurrence to take any preparatory Step for enabling you to attain that end. But in the present Situation, we thought no moment should be lost availing ourselves of the favorable disposition of the Marattas towards an Accommodation with us, of which we have received unequivocal assurances from the Nabob Haidar Jah We have therefore written a letter to the Ministers of Poonah expressive of the pacific intentions of our Employers, and your readiness to comply with the just demands of the Marattas. We consider ourselves as having confirmed or at least anticipated similar declarations from you on the same subject Our chief motive was to efface as could be effected by our joint Testimony the Suspicion dwelling in Indian minds of the inconstancy of our measures, and by taking this earliest opportunity of communi-

cating

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30.th communicating the just intentions the English Government, before it had received any ill news from India to facilitate and accelerate the conclusion of a Treaty, of which we declare the stipulations must be regulated by You as charged with the Affairs of the English all over India. To be extricated from the dangers which surround us requires indeed the exertion of your wisdom and abilities, and we flatter ourselves that you will be pleased at our efforts to assist you in so arduous and desireable a pursuit.

It is unnecessary to enter farther into this business, as M.r Macpherson who proposes to sail this day for Bengal will fully explain to you several points which may give you a still stronger impression of the absolute necessity of the present measure.

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

Sirs

Your most obedient and most faithful humble Servants

Macartney
Eyre Coote

Fort S.t George
11.th Sept.r 1781.

Received the following Letter from Bombay.

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

From Bombay - acknowledge the receipt of letter from Lord Macartney Sir Eyre Coot, Sir Edward Hughes and M.r M.cPherson and

By Lord.

We have had the honor to

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and enclose their reply

30th to receive your Letter of the 11th October

The Letter from Your Lordship jointly with Sir Eyre Coote, Sir Edward Hughes and Mr M.Pherson had before reached us and We have now the honor to transmit our Reply

The Packet from the Select Committee mentioned by Your Lordship has not come to hand

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most obedient

humble Servants

W.m Hornby

D. Draper

Tho.s Goddard

Jn.o Halsey

Bombay Castle
13th December 1781

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Sir Edward Hughes K.B. and
John Macpherson Esqr

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Bombay desirous of peace with the Marattas. hostilities not renewed with them.

We have had the honor to receive the Duplicate of your letter dated the 10th of September with the Copy of that addressed to the Peshwah.

We are not apprized Gentlemen of what particular or special power You may be collectively invested with, but from regard to the high Stations You hold We declare to You without reserve that an honorable and

30th permanent peace with the Marattas is the first object of our Wishes and that we shall not omit any effort on our part to secure the accomplishment of a Point so essential to the Welfare of the Company

There has not been any renewal of hostilities on our part since the Monsoon, nor have the Marattas as we learn yet sent an Army into the Field so that in fact a virtual cessation of Arms has existed though no Overtures have been made by the Enemy for concluding one in form. From the date of your Letter we judge it must have reached Poonah long ago, however that the Minister might be satisfied of the sincere desire of this Government for Peace We conceived it General Goddard's addressing himself directly to the Minister with the strongest assurances of the general wish of the English Nation, the Company and their Servants in India to enter into a firm and lasting Alliance with the Maratta State acquainting him of his being invested with full powers from the Governor General and Council to conclude a Peace, offering to send a Person to Poonah to settle Preliminaries and afterwards to proceed himself finally to adjust the Treaty and desiring that Orders might be immediately sent to the Officers of the Peshwa to cease all further hostilities when similar Orders should be issued to the Officers of the English Government

In the mean time our Army will

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30d will remain as at present on their Cantonments and We hope before an Answer arrives from Bombay to receive full Instructions for our Conduct from the Honble the Governor General and Council as mentioned in your letter.

General Coots late Success against Hyder Ally afford us the highest Satisfaction and the most pleasing subject of Congratulation to your Lordship &c.

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Wm Hornby
D. Draper
Tho. Goddard
Jno. Halsey

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Bombay - detach a Reinforcement to Bellary.

We have had the honor to receive by the Neptune your Letters dated the 30th July and 8th October and most sincerely congratulate Your Lordships &c. on the Success of General Coots against Hyder Ally

We judge it material you should be apprized that the situation of Affairs with the Marattas and the present extinction of Hostalities has put it in our power to detach a

30th Force for the relief of Tellicherry, which added to the present Garrison We hope will be found sufficiently strong entirely to dislodge the Enemy and effectually to disable them from carrying on any further attack against that Settlement.

During the long Siege this Place has sustained We have received the most decided proofs of Attachment from some of the adjoining petty Rajahs and indeed their own safety is altogether involved with our Success and Ability to maintain this Place against Hyder Ally. We have therefore a well grounded expectation that the respectable Force We shall have at Tellicherry will encourage them to revolt and act openly against him and that Events may be produced by their Defections and the Efforts of our Troops which will have weight in the general Scale of the War

You will receive from Tellicherry a more exact Statement than we can give of the Force that will be there on the arrival of the Reinforcement and We consider it as incumbent on Us to suggest that should Your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Committee in concert with the Admiral judge it expedient or practicable to set on foot an Expedition against Cochin a material assistance of Troops can be afforded from Tellicherry

We have therefore given Directions for your being immediately apprized of the Success Major Abington may meet with and of every other Information from Tellicherry

that

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30th that may be of use.

The Resident at Anjengo has communicated the Overtures made by the King of Travencore whose Friendship and assistance will likewise be of great use in any undertaking against Cochin should any such Design be determined upon. Mr Mowbray will concert the necessary measures with his Majesty according to the Instructions You may give him.

As our Letters cannot immediately reach the Admiral We request You will communicate to him the subject of this Letter.

We have received advice of the Surrender of Negapatam to the Armament under the Command of Sir Edward Hughes and Sir Hector Munro, which affords us new subject of Congratulation, and We shall immediately advise the Honble Company of this event by an overland Dispatch.

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servants
Jn.o Hornby
T. Draper
Tho.s Goddard
Jn.o Halsey

Bombay Castle
20th December 1781

PS We enclose Packets for Your Commodore
The Governor General and Council and Sir Edward Hughes received the 14th Instant via Bussora and request that the two latter may be forwarded as soon as possible.

Sir

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

30th Sir

From Mr Hornby - the Hero, Isis, and Monmouth arrive at Bombay

I was favored with yours of the 13th October & Coventry with the two Letters directed to the Chair and Deputy Chairman which I forwarded by the first safe opportunity to Bussora to be dispatched by Mr Latouche our Resident there, and I have now the pleasure to acquaint You that the Hero Isis and Monmouth imported yesterday evening. The Rear Admiral Latham and Locko left them about six weeks ago on the Coast of Arabia and stood to the South East whether for the Malabar Coast or for Socotra they know not. Captain Alms put into Morabat in the Latitude of 17 North to refresh. He left the Armed Ships and Transports to the number of 15 or 16 Ships twenty five or thirty days past, and they are expected here in a few days; - there is now standing in for this Port the Manilla one of the Armed Ships which is the first of them. They have by a Return delivered by Major General Medows upward of 2000 Troops on board the whole of their Fleet. Captain Alms talks of leaving this in seven days in order to join Sir Edward Hughes.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed. humble Servt

W. Hornby

Bombay
6th Janry 1782.

Received the following Letter from Anjengo.

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Anjengo — a Reinforcement arrives at Tellicherry

I deel myself the honor to acknowledge Your Lordships &c Letter of the 24th November last — No more contained in intelligence whatever, I omit sending Duplicate thereof in order to avoid unnecessarily encreasing the bulk of this Packet

I have the pleasure to acquaint Your Lordships &c that one Battalion of Sepoys a Detachment of 40 Artillery Men and four 6 Pounders with a proportionable number of Lascars are arrived at Tellicherry The Gentlemen there are on hopes from the favorable Disposition of the Malabar Power that this Reinforcement will enable them not only to raise the Siege of that Settlement but also to destroy the Force Hyder has upon that Coast.

With the greatest respect I remain
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Devoted and
Most humble Servt
J Hutchinson

Anjengo
7th January 1782

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

From Anjengo — The Commodore has sent Instructions to destroy the Fort Lord Macartney to the Council

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Enclosed is duplicate of

Fort S.t George January 1782

30.th of my last Address to Your Lordships &c.a Yesterday imported the Ranger Lieutenant Jervis, who left Tappanooly the 18.th ultimo, and brings advice of an Expedition having been fitted out the 8.th of last from Bencoolen against Padang Ayer Rajah, Poolo Cinco and Priaman Dutch Settlements on the West Coast which surrendered without firing a Gun. The Ships employed on this Service were the homeward bound China Fleet, and Ranger and Elizabeth Snows Company's Cruizers. The Land Force consisted of about 100 Men.

Since the arrival of the two Battalions of Sepoys &c.a at Tellicherry mentioned in my last Address I have received from thence no further Intelligence. When any of moment occurs Your Lordships &c.a may depend on my acquainting you thereof.

I have the honor to remain
with the greatest respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
J Hutchinson

Anjengo
13.th January 1782

Copy

The Right Hble George Lord Macartney
President and Governor &c.a Select Committee
at Fort S.t George

From Anjengo Hyder's Troops at Tellicherry defeated

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose Duplicate of my last Address and to forward five Letters for your Lordships &c.a received this afternoon from Bombay and Tellicherry.

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259. Fort St George January 1782

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I congratulate Your Lordship
&c on the total defeat of Sardar Canon and his
Army at Currachy situate near Mahé — He
received a wound in the Leg and is now Prisoner
on Tellicherry As the particulars of this Defeat
are fully explained in Major Abingdons Address
I shall desist from giving a detail thereof
remaining with the most respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
I Hutchinson

Fort St George
15th January 1782

Recd the following Letter
from Tellicherry

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President &c Members of the Select Committee
of Madras

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Agreeable to the Orders of
the Honble the Select Committee of Bombay
I now have the Honr of transmitting to
your Board a Return of the Troops at this
Garrison and at the same time enclose
You a Copy of their Letter to me of the
20th Ultimo

With so respectable a
Force I make no doubt of effectually relieving
this Settlement, which having accomplished
I shall take the earliest opportunity of
acquainting You with the same.

Copies Major Abingdon with a return of the Troops at Tellicherry and copy of a letter from Bombay

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I remain
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
most humble Servants
W Abington

Tellicherry
3d January 1782

To Major William Abington

Sir,

Agreeable to the Intimation given you in our letter of the 6th instant we now send you a Reinforcement consisting of two Battalions of Sepoys, the 2d and 8th and 40 Artillery Men with 4 Six Pounders and their Ammunition under the Command of Lieutenants Hawkes and Fredenmeck.

We have sanguine hopes that this force under your Command will render every essential Service We shall not point out any particular Plan or Measure relying fully on your Zeal and Judgment but we flatter ourselves you will be able effectually to dislodge the Enemy and disable them from carrying on any further attacks against Tellicherry.

We have mentioned to the President the further expectations we entertain from the presence of this Force at Tellicherry which he will communicate to you, and We direct that you immediately advise the Committee at Madras of the exact State of the Force under your Command on the arrival of the reinforcement.

We

261 Fort St George January 1782

30th

We have received your
Letter dated the 4th Instant.

As it appears a very eligible
Plan will be a great relief to us to
manufacture Gunpowder at Tellicherry
instead of supplying your Demands from
our Magazines, we now send down a quantity
of Salt Petre and Sulphur for that purpose.

As the Duties of your
Command must occupy much of your
attention and will now be considerably
enlarged, we have thought proper to allow
you a Secretary agreeable to your request

Practitioner Engineers Christie
and Blair proceed with this Detachment
to relieve Lieutenant Dace who must
return to the Presidency.

We have received your Journal
and commend your attention in keeping
such a regular account of your proceedings.

We enclose two Extracts
of General Orders and are

Bombay Castle
20th December 1781

Your Loving Friends
Wm Hornby
(Signed) D. Draper
Tho: Goddard
John Halsey

A true Copy
Tho: Gordon
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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President &c Members of the Select Committee
of Madras

My

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From Major Abington - totally defeats Hyder's Troops at Tellicherry

30th My Lord and Gentlemen,

I did myself the honor of addressing you the 3d Instant, and agreeable to the Orders of the Honble the President and Select Committee of Bombay I enclosed a general Return of the Troops under my Command also a Copy of their Letter.

I have now the pleasure to inform you that yesterday morning at ½ past 3 A. M. I marched out to attack the Enemy and was so fortunate as entirely to rout their whole Army with the loss of only 1 Subaltern wounded and 30 Rank and File killed and wounded - The enemy had upwards of 400 killed wounded and drowned, and we have taken above 1500 Prisoners mostly Sepoys, among the number Sardar Cawn (wounded in the Arcle) and all his family with many of his principal Officers. By 9 o'Clock we were in possession of all their Batteries, Trenches, Camps and Carchee Fort, and have taken 4 Brass field pieces - 4 Mortars, near 40 Iron Guns of different Calibres with 13 Elephants and a great quantity of Powder, Shot, Shells &c. Stores - At 10 P.M. Fort George surrendered and the next morning the 9th at 2 A.M Mahé followed the same example, both which places I took possession of immediately, but have not yet received any particular account of the Ordnance Stores &c. found there.

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At

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At Day break I detached a party to summons the Officer in command of Durmapatam and in case of refusal to attack the same, but the Enemy had evacuated all the Forts and the Island the preceding night.

I have the honor to remain
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servt
Wbington

Head Quarters
Camp on Surdar
Cawn's Ground
9th January 1782.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Tellicherry
Hyder's Troops
before that place
totally defeated by
Major Abington.

Under the 2d instant we dispatched a Pattamar Boat to the Resident and Factors at Anjengo informing them of the arrival under the 30th ultimo of a Reinforcement here of 2 Battalions of Sepoys, four Six Pounders and 40 Artillery from Bombay in order that they might transmit the same Intelligence to your Lordship &ca.

We have now the pleasure to inform you that yesterday morning at 5 o'clock the above Troops joined by some from the Garrison marched out of the Lines under the Command of Major Abington, stormed, and carried the Enemy's Batteries, took their Cannon Ammunition &ca and a number of Prisoners among

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30th among whom was Sader Cawn the General of Hyders Troops who had the Command of his Arms against this place, who together with his family were brought in yesterday evening – and this morning we have received a Letter from the Major mentioning the Surrender of Fort George at half past nine last night and of Mane at 5 o'Clock this morning, and we have every reason to think we are now in possession of the Island of Dermapatam.

We send you this intelligence as early as possible agreeable to the directions of our Superiors in their Letter to Us. Copy of a Paragraph of which we now enclose to Your Lordship &c. for your notice.

We remain with the greater Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
William Freeman
John Baliol Scott

Tellichery
9th January 1782

P.S. Since writing the above the Enemy have evacuated the Island of Dermapatam and We have accordingly taken possession of it; for further particulars we beg leave to refer you to the Letter from Major Abington which accompanied this Address.

Copy

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36 Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter from the Select Committee at Bombay

As the large Force we shall now have at Tellicherry will be able to act essentially should any Expedition be undertaken against Cochin, and may probably induce the Madras Government and the Admiral to set one on foot, You will accordingly communicate to those Gentlemen the Success Major Abingtons may meet with and any other information that may be of use.

A true Copy

J. B. Scott

Secretary

Received the following Letter from Fort Marlbro'

From M.r Cle— with an account of the Dutch Force to the Eastward

My Lord

It is with particular pleasure I congratulate Your Lordship to the acceptance of the Chair at Fort St George, and I sincerely hope those distinguished abilities which have hitherto marked your conduct on public life will extricate our Employers from the dangers that have threatened our Settlements on the Coromandel Coast

The Invasion of the Carnatic by Hyder I fear has prevented a total Conquest of Dutch India. Their Settlements My Lord would have been as easily wrested from them as the Portuguese were formerly by this embecillated nation. Their Forts to the Eastward

3.d Eastward generally consist of a Square with four Bastions without any modern Works, their Garrisons chiefly of a motley Tribe without Discipline without Cloathing and very little Pay their Officers without practice generally chosen of the People, exceedingly ignorant and dead to every feeling, excepting to that of smoaking and Sobbe drinking and so great is the Oeconomy of their Government that scarce a Garrison has a Corps of more than five or six Officers many two. I confine this account to the Eastern Settlements. Two Ships of the Line with two Frigates and 500 Land Forces would have commanded Terms to any Garrison excepting Batavia. Their Government is every where abhorred by the Country people and I am perswaded the appearance of Ships alone at some Settlements would occasion a revolt. My Lord, A Detachment of such a Squadron during the height of the Monsoon would answer two purposes, not only distressing the Enemy but recruiting your own Strength, for as the Dutch Soldiers consist generally of Germans they would all enlist under your Colours and I am perswaded if Sir Edward Hughes would send this small Squadron to Batavia Roads he would soon man his Fleet. The five China Ships when they passed the Streights of Sunda threw a strong Panic into the Batavia Government: they vainly endeavoured to supply the deficiencies of the Crew reduced by a most unhealthy Climate by Malays and Chinese, and

30th and I am assured they could not muster
600 healthy Soldiers in all Batavia, however
considerable their Returns may be. If the
China Ships who captured Padang had been of
Consequence and not loaded we might have resqued
sending them into the Streights to have cruized
for their two Spice Ships which generally
arrive at Batavia the latter end of August.
They have only sent one Ships to Japan this
season and I believe not one to China. A
Fleet was appointed for Europe in August, nor
had the two Dutch Men of War arrived
which Commodore Johnstone advised to have
sailed from Madeira. I hope he has taken
them at the Cape. The Capture of Padang
must be a great loss to the Dutch altho' their
Balances amount to £50,000 only. The
Detention of the China Ships was not esteemed
any way prejudicial by the Captains as they
have now a more favorable Season to go home.

The Dutch Settlements on this
Coast are truly important to us if we can
obtain an absolute option of them. They produced
in former times about 12,000 Coorge of Pd
annually and such plenty of black Cattle and
Poultry as to be capable of supplying a large Fleet.
If an Expedition was going against Batavia
this Place however despicable it has appeared in
the Map of India would furnish 1000 head
of Cattle in two or three days.

I hope My Lord on receiving
advice from Calcutta of their inability of

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30th sending a Ships from thence to fill at this Port with Pepper You will be able to send one of the China Ships who have lost their passage, as we shall have near 1800 Tons of Pepper in February next after completing the loading of the Lord North which will sail in a few days for China. I am certain by the accounts recvd from the five Ships, all we can send will be truly acceptable, as possibly the Calcutta Treasury will be too much drained to admit of a great aid from thence and 800 Tons of Pepper will be a severe loss if this Settlement should be captured This is an Event that may happen if a large French Force comes here but I flatter myself all the power of the Dutch will not be able to effect such conquest. On the 13th July we dispatched the Sloop Euphrates to Madras - as she is not returned we fear she has been captured

My Public Character will apologize for my addressing You. Communication of Sentiments in those who hold employ are sometimes of benefit to their generous Employers

To is with that view I intrude on your time, but on the other hand I shall be truly happy if there is any thing in this part of the world that you would wish to have that I could execute. Wishing you all manner of Success in Your Government

I remain with great respect

My Lord

Your most obedient Servant

Edward Cole

Fort Marlbro'
18th October 1781.

Received

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30th

Received Letter from Ensign Saunders as entered on Miscellany Book N.64 enclosing Surgeon Generals Certificate of his ill health requesting leave to return to Europe and advance of six months pay and the expence of his passage and Table to be defrayed

From Ens.r Saunders requesting permission to go home and an advance of 6 months Pay

Agreed that Ensign Saunders be permitted to Europe and that his arrears of pay be discharged but the other parts of his Letter cannot be complied with

Ensign Saunders permitted to proceed to England — his arrears of pay to be discharged

31st

Received the following Letter and Enclosures from Sir Eyre Coote

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c.a Select Committee

Fort St George.

My Lord and Gentlemen

On the 22d I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 21st to which I should have embraced an earlier opportunity of replying but that every moment of time from my return from the relief of Vellore till the departure of the Swallow (which was but short) was unavoidably engaged in communicating to the Honble the Court of Directors and the Administration at home the Operations of the Campaign to go by that Conveyance.

From Sir Eyre Coote on the subject of the General Letter to England enclosing Letters from Major Mackay and Captain Burrowes

Ambitious on all occasions to act in such manner as shall testify to my Honble Employers and to the Public in general the Zeal with which I am actuated for the support of their

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31st. their Interests on India, it is no small satisfaction to me to find that I have so far succeeded as to be esteemed deserving of those favorable Sentiments of approbation with which your Commattee have been pleased to honor me, and wherein I entertain a proper sense of obligation.

Success as I observed must be for the Success of a Cause in which I have persevered for these 15 months past under disadvantages and difficulties not before to be instanced in any Army and bestowing on it as I have done a degree of personal labour and assiduity to the present loss of my health and I fear irreparable injury of my Constitution, it is to me matter of no small regret, that, when necessitated by these unpleasant causes to retire at least for a time from the active Duties of Military Operations on this Coast I should not be able to discover in the contents of your letter of the 21st that evidently is the subject of my Letters of the 19th and 20th of the most interesting public concern, which would have served to render my absence less irksome by inspiring me with a confidence that during that period the points they recommended would be attended to. I am however persuaded that what I feel has its Foundation only in the want of Communication, confident that You have the Interests of Your Constituents and the Nation too much at heart

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31st heart not to have ere now given them that consideration they deserve and such relief as you may have in your power to afford

Considering it as no less essential to the Success of what may be the future Operations of the Army than it must be to the accomplishment of the desire you profess of equipping it in a manner to enable it to act with effect against the Enemy, that you should not deceive yourselves into a belief of its being already in a great measure fitted for that purpose - I shall take the liberty of intruding upon you a few observations explanatory of the following Intimation you have been pleased to convey to the Court of Directors in the 75th paragraph of your General Letter p the Swallow, and which I cannot but suppose you have by comparison condescended on as the guide whereby to regulate your future exertions on the Score of Carriage for provisions for the Army

"The Army with less than "8000 Bullocks and 2500 Coolies was enabled "to take with it from Trichinopoly upwards of "twenty days Provisions although the number "of Bullocks estimated to be necessary to "enable the Army to carry Provisions for 35 "days was upwards of 35,000"

The plain Argument arising from this Sentence is - That less than 8000 more Bullocks will evidently be

31st. be sufficient to carry the requisite quantity and that this being the case there can be no possible occasion for a number exceeding or more than three fold. The Demand thus stated appears exorbitant, of course those who countenance it cannot fail of being deemed unreasonable, perhaps culpable in favoring a requisition which is to draw upon the Company to very heavy an expence, and upon which the plea of the Army's Inability to act with effect against the Enemy is founded.

These Arguments My Lord and Gentlemen deducible as they are from the above representation constitute a very heavy accusation by the implication of delinquency in the Military Department which I am confident will be sufficiently invalidated by the bare mention of the following circumstances which I shall introduce by remarking that the declaration of upwards of 20 Days is but just authorized by the quantity upon the Estimation such as it was being twenty one.

By the manner in which mention is made of the 8000 Bullocks it might be apprehended that they were for the carriage of Provisions alone and not as is the fact that they are the whole on the Establishment belonging to the different Departments of the Army.

The 21 days Rice for the fighting men only was conveyed by the following means; by getting the Troops to carry

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31st carry five days on their backs, by leaving behind a great part of our Camp Equipage, which I deem highly necessary for the preservation of their health and lives by leaving behind some Ordnance and a large proportion of Military Stores absolutely requisite for Field Service where any is expected, thereby applying to the carriage of Provisions Bullocks belonging to these Departments, and by taking into the calculation the Rice carried by Coolies. The whole we could by these different means convey was equal to 21 days for the fighting men only. But with all these exertions and weakening ourselves in Articles of Military Equipment incompatible in my judgment with the safety of the Army. I should not have been able to have put it in motion had not I by the most earnest perseverance prevailed upon those Followers on the pay of the Company viz.t Tent Lascars Bullock Drivers Horse Keepers and Grass Cutters who are in number nearly equal to the fighting men to carry 18 days Rice for themselves, a point in which I have no reason to believe I should have been successful had not they been fully aware that it was not meant as a task to be always required of them and that they would for certain return to such a tone— Exclusive of these are the necessary Servants of the Officers European as well as Native who must have Food and are twice the number of the fighting Men— Upon this

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31st they also carried their own subsistence, but which usual as it is for them to supply themselves from Bazars that until this War always followed Armies in this Country, it is not to be expected they would continue to consent to do so unless paid much higher Wages, which additional expence the Officers could but ill afford, as by being obliged whenever the Army marches to carry with them at least 25 Days or a months refreshments they are necessitated to keep a greater number. You will also be pleased to observe that with every fresh supply of Bullocks comes an addition to our followers All these circumstances considered and seeing that no resrect to our Stock in any where to be looked for from the Country, I persuade myself that the Estimate of 35,000 Bullocks including as it does the numbers for a large Battering Train and Stores for the Siege of Arcot will not appear so exorbetant as the Contrast or Comparison which has been drawn tends to convey an Idea of

I enclose you a Letter in your Address from Major Mackay likewise copy of one to myself - His Abilities as an Officer of Experience and of merit in the Artillery Line I have had the most satisfactory proofs of during the course of his late Services with the Army under my Command and whilst I must regret the loss the Service will at this time suffer by being deprived of an Officer so well qualified I cannot in justice

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Omit

31 omit giving him this testimony of my approbation of his Conduct, and of adding that should he at any future period after having settled his family concerns offer a renewal of his Services to the Company I doubt not but that this recommendation and his having already served them with fidelity and Credit for 19 Years will entitle him to return to their Service

To be with real regret I should have occasion to enclose You a letter from Captain Burrowes accompanying a Certificate from the Surgeon General declaring the necessity of his seeking the reestablishment of his health on a colder Climate - His spirited and active Conduct on repeated Occasions against the Enemy in the Tanjore Country in the course of the present War bear ample testimony of his merit and ability as an Officer, and are unequivocal proofs of the loss which the Service must sustain on his being obliged to withdraw from it at this juncture. I hope that as his departure from India is a matter of necessity and not of choice it will prove no obstacle to his reinstatement to the Service should the recovery of his health enable him to return to it

It was my intention My Lord and Gentlemen as my health continued still very precarious and as a Voyage to sea is recommended to me by the Surgeons as the best chance for its restablishment to [illegible]

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31st. repeated at this time my former application
for accommodations for myself and family on
board the Valentine, but having been informed
by a Letter from Mr Hornby last night of the
safe arrival of the Fleet under Commodore Mens
with Major General Medows at Bombay &c
which happy event I beg to offer my most
sincere Congratulations, and of the probability
of their sailing in a few days for this place
I have therefore although my health rendered so
much in need of the recommended remedy
determined to wait the arrival of General
Medows with the Troops in order to make
such arrangements and give such directions
as may be found necessary and proper for
the future operations of His Majesty's Forces
in this Country.

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

Fort St George
31st January 1782

To His Excellency Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote KB
and Commander in Chief in
India

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a
Letter which I request You will be pleased
to lay before the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee
Having had the honor of
being

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31st being under your Command in several actions, and althe' the period has been short yet it must be acknowledged the Service has been severe and arduous; in these Contests I flatter myself my Conduct as an Officer has met with your approbation; if it has I covet exceedingly some testimony of it from your hands, being convinced that the notice of one so distinguished as yourself as a General will at any future period of my life entitle me to a readmission into the Service. Excuse Sir the liberty of this address, it is a duty I owe myself, and I am led to it from a Confidence I have in your Candour

I am with Sentiments of Respect

Sir

Your most obedient and

devoted humble Servant

(Signed) D. Mackay

Major of Artillery

Fort St George
30th January 1782

A true Copy
G. Tuler

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Family Concerns rendering my presence necessary in England at this time I must beg leave to resign the Service and to solicit your permission to proceed to Europe by the first Conveyance.

If having served the Honble

37th Company for 19 Years and having been engaged in every Scene of Field Service since my landing in India with a conduct that procured me the approbation of my Superiors can entitle me to any notice, I have only to entreat your indulgence to mention me on such terms to the Honble the Court of Directors as may admit me into the Service again. Should I be able to return to this Country soon after my affairs are settled in England.

I am with Sentiments of the greatest respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient and faithful humble Servant

D. Mackay

Major of Artly

Fort St George
30th January 1782

His Excellency Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote KB
Commander in Chief in India

Sir

It is with the greatest reluctance I am under the necessity at this time to solicit your permission to return to Europe. A long Series of bad health has at length so reduced and weakened me that I find myself unable to bear any fatigue or heat of the Sun — Herewith I have the honor of transmitting you the Surgeon Generals Certificate, and am with the greatest respect

Sir Your most obedient humble Servant

J Burrowes
Lieut

Madras
30th January 1782

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31st

Agreed that Major Mackay be permitted to resign the Service and to return to Europe, but as the Committee entirely disapprove his leaving the Army at this juncture they cannot recommend his being restored to the Service at any future period.

Major Donald Mackay permitted to resign the Service

Captain Burrowes' application to the Commander in Chief for his permission to return to Europe being entirely irregular:

Agreed to mention it as such in the next letter to Sir Eyre Coote

Sir Eyre Coote to be informed that the letter from Capt. Burrowes is irregular

Received the following Letter

To Mr John Hudleston

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

From Mr Andrews unable to lay up a Stock of Grain at Trichinopoly.

In the absence of Mr Rous I take the liberty of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant this I send am to inform you that I made the Manager immediately acquainted with the Orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee; he declares that he cannot lay up a single Column of Paddy, as there will not by his account more than sufficient to defray the necessary Expences of the Troops and Garrison of this place

I am

Sir

your most obedt humble Servt

Robert Andrews

Receivers Assistant

Trichinopoly

25th January 1782

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Sent the following Letters

To Benjamin Sulivan Esqr
Attorney General

Sir,

To M.r B. Sulivan
desiring his opinion
on the division of the
Prize Money between
the Kings and
Company's Forces

In the Fort of Negapatam
which lately surrendered to His Majesty's and
the Honble Companys United Forces were found
sundry Articles of Public Property consisting
of Treasure Ordnance and Military Stores
Piece Goods and Spices.

As no previous Agreement
took place between this Government and the
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron for
the division of any Public Property that might
be captured it is possible that doubts may
arise concerning the Share to which the Honble
Company may be entitled of the property
abovementioned, and I am therefore directed
by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee
to desire that You will furnish them with your
opinion upon the Subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
T. Hudleston Sec.y

Fort St George
31.st January 1782

To Robert Maunsell Esqr
Commissary to the Army

To the Commissary of
the Army - to adhere
strictly to the Book of
Regulations in all his
Charges

Sir

The Right Honble the
President

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31st President and Select Committee observing on the Army Accounts many Charges not authorized by the Military Regulations particularly in the Surgeons Bills where Sick and wounded Sepoys are charged for indiscriminately with Europeans have directed me to signify to You their express Orders that in future you strictly conform to the Military Regulations, and not allow them in any instance to be exceeded without a written Order for that purpose from the Select Committee or the General commanding the Army in the Field - and they further direct that in any case where you shall be of opinion the public service requires that the Regulations should be exceeded you will address the Select Committee and signify to them your reasons for such opinion

With respect to the particular charge above noticed altho' no provision is made for wounded Sepoys it is not the meaning of the Select Committee to prevent the Surgeons from affording them every necessary assistance, but Sepoys ill or indisposed from any other cause are not to be admitted into the Hospital.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J Huddleston
Secy

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Received the following
Letter and enclosure from Sir Eyre Coote &c

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay before

From Sir Eyre Coote enclosing copy the letter from Capt. Wynch

You Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Captain Alexander Wynch representing the necessity he is under from the death of his Father of proceeding to Europe to settle his Affairs and requesting my permission accordingly which I have granted, and recommend the further part of his Requisition to the attention of your Committee

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort St George

Eyre Coote

1st February 1782.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote KB

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir

Having since my return from the Southward received information of the death of my Father, and the Situation of my Affairs rendering in consequence my presence necessary in England, I take the liberty to request you will be pleased to grant me your permission to repair thither on the first Ship, and that you will be pleased to represent this to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that I may be permitted to have a passage on the Rochford.

I have the honor to be

Sir

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Sir

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
(Signed) A. Wynch

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A true Copy
George Tyler

The Committee having considered the irregular applications of Captains Burrowes and Wynch to the Comm.r in Chief for leave to return to Europe, for the order to prevent such in future, Resolve that the following be issued in general Orders

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G.O.

General Orders respecting the Authority of the Commander in Chief to grant to Officers leave to resign the Service

Several Officers having lately applied to the Commander in Chief for leave to resign the Service and return to England instead of addressing themselves to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee in whom alone is vested the power to grant it, the Select Committee in order to prevent the possibility of such Errors in future are pleased to republish in general Orders the following paragraphs of the Company's Instructions to the Governor General and Council of Bengal dated the 29.th March 1774 respecting powers to be exercised by Military Commanders in Chief in India

Para 46. "That Leave to resign the Company's Service or for Officers to any other Settlement in India or to England for the

of recovery of health be granted by the Governor
General and Council only.

We have determined that
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Commissions similar to that of the Governor
General of Bengal shall be granted to the
Governors of Fort St George Bombay and Fort
Marlborough constituting them Governors and
Commanders in Chief of the Castles Forts and
Towns respectively where they have their usual
residence, and that the Powers vested in the
said Governors by such Commissions shall be
exercised in like manner and to the same extent
relative to our Military Commander in Chief of
each respective Settlement as hath been directed to
be exercised by the Governor General of Fort William
in Bengal and not otherwise and that whenever
the Commander in Chief of our Troops in India
shall be at Fort St George, Bombay or Fort
Marlborough or at any of their Subordinate
Factories he shall be subject to the Controul of the
Governor and Council of any of those
Presidencies respectively in all cases wherein
we have thought proper to subject him to the
Regulation and Controul of the Governor General
and Council of Fort William in Bengal.

Agreed that the Commander
in Chief be informed of our reasons for giving
the foregoing General Order and that a copy of
the above paragraphs be also sent to him.

The Commander in Chief to be informed of the reasons for the above.

Dispatched the following

Letter to Bengal

To

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

To Bengal— wish to have a Force stationed on the Frontiers of the Circar. Supply of Bullocks arrived

We have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 26th December last and have a perfect sense of the zealous and judicious efforts of your Government both in affording us supplies and in counteracting the invading Enemy. Several of the good consequences forseen from the Capture of Negapatam have already taken place, and we hope to reap soon some aide from the Revenues to be collected South of the Cavery and Coleroon; though the Ravages committed by the Enemy even to the destruction of the means by which that Country was fertilized, will prevent for a considerable time the receipt of any Sums proportionable to the Charges of its Defence. This observation applies in part to the Northern parts also of the Carnatic, but as in the just appropriation of what the Country may produce towards defraying the Expences of the War difficulties may arise from the interposition of local authority We are happy in the declaration of your support in such steps as the removal of those obstructions may require. His Highness the Nabob has as a mark of that Confidence which you are pleased to think ought to be placed in our President granted to him on account of the Company the power of managing

and

1st and receiving the Revenues of the Carnatic
for a limited time and particular purposes:
But this power which was not obtained without
difficulty and address is liable to be counteracted
by artifice prevailing on the habits of implicit
obedience to the intimation of any wishes from
the Durbar. And tho' the Authority immediately
entrusted to the Governor is exercised by a Committee
of Gentlemen selected for this purpose from
their knowledge in and their application to
Public Business, We have reason to apprehend
that it is the perseverance only of their efforts
and the continuance of your decided support
that will enable them to succeed in this desirable
but arduous undertaking. We have now indeed
a fairer prospect of a termination of the
present Troubles by the intermission of Hostilities
between the Government of Bombay and the
Marattas. The arrival of General Medows at
Bombay on the 6th of last month may probably
determine the Rajah to engage in a close alliance
with us, and both Circumstances are likely to
influence Hyder in his retreat from the Carnatic
General Medows is expected soon to this Coast
in consequence of the Plan of Operations
concerted some months ago between Sir Eyre
Coote Sir Edward Hughes and this Government: and
the advantage of his attacking if necessary
Hyders Country from this Coast will be that
of securing the Tranquility of our Southern
Provinces in his March thro' them as well as
that of providing the Resources necessary for the

Troops

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To Troops

We hope also that the total defeat of Hyder's Army by Major Abington at Tellicherry with the Capture of Sardar Cawn the Officer who commanded it and in whom we understand Hyder placed the greatest confidence will contribute to draw him from hence to the defence of his own dominions. Our President communicated these happy events to a Member of your Board the day the news reached this place, as likewise the Intelligence His Lordship received from Fort Marlboro' of the Capture of the Dutch Forts on that Coast with a considerable Booty. We send you Copies of the letters received from the Select Committee at Bombay, Major Abington and M. Cole the Governor of Fort Marlboro'.

Our Army is still encamped near Madras but We hope it will shortly proceed again to the Field, as the principal Obstacle the want of Bullocks is already in a great measure removed by a Large Supply of 3000 already arrived, and a much greater number is collecting. We are happy to inform you also that Sir Eyre Coote still remains in the Command having altered his intention of returning to Bengal.

It is matter of great concern to us that We are not able to communicate to You any Plan of future Military Operations for the Main Army now near Poonamalee: whether or not Sir Eyre Coote has any new one in contemplation

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1st contemplation we are entirely ignorant - he
has not yet disclosed to us any opinion on the
subject and as he never favors us with his presence
at our Councils, We are of course without Military
Assistance and find ourselves much embarrassed
for want of it. Desirous of paying every proper
attention to the experience and abilities of Sir Eyre
Coote, We wish to be furnished with his Ideas
before we prescribe or even suggest to him any
Plan of our own. We send you Copies of his last
Letter to Us and our Answer by which you will
perceive that at present We think the Army
should be kept in motion - We are indeed of
opinion it would be usefully employed in short
expeditions to those places where it might be
practicable to throw in as much provisions as would
conveniently be carried so as to secure a larger
Stock there than is now in their Magazines -
a precaution which might be of importance in
the event of their being invested or the Army being
obliged to march to their Neighbourhood. The last
successful Expedition to Vellore is a sufficient
encouragement and justification for attempting it
again - When Sir Edward Hughes and General
Medows with the reinforcement shall be arrived We shall
be under the necessity at all events of forming
some plan and determining how the considerable
Force We shall then possess can be best
employed for the public Service.

We return you many thanks
for your offer of sending some Troops into
the Circars. There appears no pressing occasion for

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1.st for them at this moment yet their presence on the neighbourhood may awe either external or internal enemies from creating any disturbance there Their entering the Circars however at present might be attended with some inconvenience to us but we should be glad to see them stationed near our Frontiers in readiness to aid us when called upon.

Indeed we have ma[illegible] Vanderlo be sensible of your unremitted and [illegible] day[illegible] was attention to the safety and Welfare of every part of this Coast, and have given what alone was in our power ample Testimony of your exertions in all our Letters to our Honorable Employers

We transmit your our proceedings from 13.th December to 16.th January inclusive together with Copy of our General Letter to the Court of Directors by the Swallow

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

Fort S.t George
1.st February 1782

Sent Letter to Major Maule agreeably to the resolution of the 29.th Ultimo

To Major George Maule
Sir

To Major Maule enclosing Petition from the Company Washers and desiring an Explanation

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

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I to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a Petition which they have received from the Bombay Company's Washers and to desire that you will explain the Circumstances therein complained of. The Select Committee also desire You will furnish them with a Plan of the Esplanade

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

J Hudleston
Secy

Fort St. George
1st February 1782.

2d

I sent the General Orders resolved on yesterday and sent the following letter to Sir Eyre Coote with copy of the Orders and paragraphs of the Company's Instructions to the Governor General and Council.

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

Sir

We have received the honor of your letter and think it proper to observe to You that the application of Captain Burrowes and Captain Wynch desiring your permission to return to England is entirely irregular. The power of granting leave to resign the Service or to repair to any other Settlement is by the Company's Orders vested solely in us. We now enclose to you a Copy of those Orders, and to prevent a possibility of doubt in this respect for the future we have desired our President to have them republished in General Orders. With respect to Major Mackay We consider his request at this

To Sir Eyre Coote accompanying Copy of the Company's Orders respecting the power to grant to Officers leave to resign the Service

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2d this time as highly improper, and we are the more disposed to think so from the opinion which you gave some time since, that Officers resigning the Service for any other cause than ill health should never be permitted to return to it. In consequence we wrote our sentiments to the Court of Directors on the occasion, and we fear we should be liable to the imputation of inconsistency if we so soon deviated from them by giving the least countenance to any idea of restoring to the Service Officers in the predicament which Major Mackay seems desirous of placing himself in. We confess we cannot approve of his Conduct in this respect and we submit it to you whether it may not be of ill example in the Service

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

&c. Select Committee

Fort St George
2d February 1782

Sent the following Letter to

Sir Eyre Coote

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K B

Commander in Chief of the Forces

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote
on the Affairs of
the Army

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st January and are happy that You are satisfied with the justice which in our letter to the Court of Directors We have done to your Exertions in the Service of

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2d of the Company.

Of every proper attention to all points recommended by you we hope to have given better proofs than by repeated and explicit assurances of it in our letters to you, which assurances that attention and much other necessary occupation in the present Critical state of public affairs force us sometimes to abridge. We have always indeed regretted that your health and leisure have not when at this Presidency allowed you to attend our Councils where we should have had the satisfaction of your approving our Efforts and concurrence in our measures or the benefit of your suggesting others of greater efficacy and utility

We still are anxious to have the advantage of your information and opinion and request to have your advice in relation to future Military Operations with the Means of which we are possessed.

The Army, if completely furnished for itself and Followers with Money with Provisions, and with means of Carriage and with Cavalry, would, we are certain, be ready for and equal to any Enterprize But circumscribed as it is in some of those Articles, if a Choice is left in what is to be attempted, we wish to make the best choice with your assistance

Since the return of the Army in the end of November it has received every Pagoda that we could command Near a Lack will soon be delivered from the Mint

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2. which as usual will be issued for them to them to the Paymaster. Yet there will be still Arrears. We have however well grounded expectations of a considerable Remittance from Bengal, the Government of which has manifested an unremitted attention and liberality in its supply of many of our Wants It has been hitherto the good fortune of this Committee to have been enabled to comply with every demand of Provisions for the Army and its followers in the Company's Pay who seem almost as numerous as the Army itself. We have taken measures for the continuance of those Supplies. Those Measures We had adopted for an augmentation of Draught and Carriage Cattle have been attended with Success Upwards of 3000 are already arrived and others daily arriving.

We regret that we have not the power to procure or pay for all the means of enabling the Army to march with every possible advantage and convenience. There is not here any Class of Men which is not exposed to unusual distresses in this time of general Calamity and Confusion. The late successful expedition to Vellore under every difficulty and disadvantage does infinite honor to our Troops and shews sufficiently the disposition of the Troops to find in the satisfaction of their own minds, in the applause of the Public and the Service to the State some compensation for the hardships which they may feel

2d feel from the want of their usual Followers and conveniencies.

We understand by your letters and we heartily concur in the Idea that the Army kept in motion and Activity must be productive of good effects as their approach towards Madras may leave room for the enemy to gather fresh confidence and renew their Enterprizes. On these Subjects we rely much on your opinion. You have expressed your Satisfaction at the Orders sent to the Southern Troops after the Reduction of Negapatam. We hope for a further communication of your thoughts on the Operations fittest to be pursued by them. Our late letters from the Government of Bengal which we have communicated to You expect a plan of Operations to be concerted here which leads us the more to apply for Military Advice to the best source. Of the value we set on your cordial assistance in every respect as well as of our caution in avoiding such discussions as might in the smallest degree interrupt it we have in our late correspondence with you and with the Company at home given ample proof.

We have already taken such steps and issued such Orders as could in any way be conducive to put this Fortress in the best posture of Defence in our present circumstances. Our precautions have been the more particular in this respect on account of the smallness of our present Garrison.

We have to acknowledge a

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2d a former letter from you enclosing one from Colonel Nixon relative to the Reddy of Tirroor. Our President had already written to Colonel Nixon upon that subject some time before and believes what he then communicated to him would be satisfactory to the Colonel and the Reddy

We have the honor to be
your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
&c. Selct Committee

Fort St George
2d February 1782.

Received the following Letter
from Mr William Turing

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

My Lord,

From Mr Wm Turing
enclosing an account of
Bullocks sent to the
Presidency - has been
obliged to apply to
Masulipatam for
P. 6000 to pay the
Garrison

Some days ago I received your Lordship's letter of 18th January and have repeatedly applied to His Highness's Managers for a supply of Cash to pay the Garrison without effect. I am now under the necessity of applying to to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam for 6000 Pagodas

Should the Amuldar furnish me with Money to discharge the Arrears due the Company's Troops, I then can appropriate the Masulipatam Money as your Lordship may be pleased to direct.

Enclosed

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2d

Enclosed is an account of the Bullocks dispatched from Nellore in January for which I have given the Phouzdar and Amaldar Receipts on account of the Honble Company.

I am with great respect

My Lord

Your most obedient

humble Servant

W Turing

Nellore

31st January 1782

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Jantry 4th Received and sent to Pulicat 859 Bullocks

16 Received and sent to do - 700 Do

21 Received and sent to Do - 237 Do

28 Received and sent to Do - 583 Do

2379 Bullocks

Nellore 31st Jantry 1782.

Received Letter from Lieutenant Gorry of the 73d Regiment as entered in Miscellany Book N23 requesting an Order for payment for his passage in the Rochford.

Agreed that he be granted the usual allowance of £80.

Sent the following Letters.

To Major Mupsenden Johnstone

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo enclosing your Commission as Major on this establishment with an attested Copy of a Paragraph of the Company's General Letter to Fort St George dated

To Major Johnstone confirming him of his being appointed Lt Col

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2d dated the 31st May 1781, and to inform You that You are accordingly appointed to the Rank given You by the Honble Court of Directors in the said Commission and Extr[illegible]

I have the [illegible] to be

Sir

Your most [illegible]ient

Hum. Servant

Fort St George
2d February 1782.

F. Fiddleston Secy.

P.S. I enclose your Commission from the Court of Directors

To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm
Adjutant General

Sir

To the Adjt Genl desiring him to acquaint the Commander in Chief of the above.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you for the information of the Commander in Chief that Major Maybender Johnstone being arrived here with a Commission from the Honble the Court of Directors as Major on this Establishment, and an attested Copy of a Paragraph of the Company's General Letter to Fort St George dated the 31st May 1781 in which they direct that Major Johnstone shall rank next under Major Hopkins, the Select Committee agreeably thereto have appointed Major Johnstone to be a Lieutenant Colonel from the 16th September 1781. Enclosed I send you copy of the General Order issued in consequence, and have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

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F Fiddleston Secy

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To Alexander Davidson Esqr
President &c Members of the Committee of
Works

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Works enclosing petition from the Inhabitants of Hog Hill.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th November enclosing Extracts from your Minutes of the 9th October and 8th November. The Select Committee have in consequence been pleased to order that the Balance due to Mr Plumer shall be discharged, and to confirm your resolution for permitting Mr Popham to execute what remains to be performed of Mr Plumer's Engagement for the removal of Hog Hill.

I am also directed to send you the accompanying petitions and to desire that You will take the whole Subject into consideration, and report to the Select Committee your opinion thereon, and at the same time point out what you think right and necessary to be done for the relief of the Petitioners.

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

Fort St George
2d February 1782

Received the following Letter from
Colonel Johnston

From Col. Johnston thanking the Committee for his appointment.

My Lord and Gentlemen

I beg leave to return my
sincerest

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5. sincerest acknowledgment for the Rank you have been pleased to promote me to, as expressed in your General Orders of this date, and to assure Your Lordships &c. that it shall be my duty to discharge the duty of the appointment you have honored me with in such manner as to merit your future favor

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
with the greatest respect
Your most obedt
most humble Servant
. Hugh Johnston

Fort St George
2d February 1782

Received the following Letters

To John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Commitee
Fort St George.

Sir

From Mr Graham requesting that a passage may be ordered him to Bengal

Being ordered by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief to proceed to Bengal with Dispatches to the Governor General and Council, I have to request the favor of your obtaining permission of the Right Honble the President &c. to furnish me with the usual Order for Captain Leard of the Valentine Indiaman on which Ship I go Passenger to receive me on board.

I shall be obliged by your sending me the Order & Return of the Board as I understood from Lord Macartney when I had the honor of waiting upon him this morning

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3d morning from the General to know his Commands
that the Public Despatches would be ready to be
sent on board this afternoon.

I am
Sir
Your most obedt & humble Servant
Tho.s Graham

Choultry Plain
3.d February 1782.

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

From Ensign
requesting permy
to proceed to Bengal

My Lord and Gentlemen

Having some interesting
affairs to settle in Calcutta I beg to request
a short leave of absence and to proceed thither on
the Ship Valentine which is now under dispatch.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J Davis
Ens.n 9.th Batt.n

Agreed

Agreed that Mr Graham
be furnished with an order accordingly and that
Ensign Davis have leave to proceed to Bengal.

As there is reason to believe
that the General Order of yesterday is understood
as intended to prevent Officers from applying to
the Select Committee through the Commander
in Chief resolved that the following be now
issued in General Orders.

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G. O

The Right Honble the President
and

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3d and Select Committee are pleased to declare that the General Order of the 2. Instant is not meant to prevent Officers from addressing the Select Committee through the Commander in Chief.

By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

J Gudleston Jr Secy

Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sir Eyre Coote on the subject of granting leave to Officers.

I have received your letter of the 2d Instant wherein you think proper to observe to me that the applications of Captain Burrowes and Wynch desiring my permission to repair to Europe is entirely irregular

I apprehend My Lord and Gentlemen that you have been led into this Declaration from some informality or deficiency in the terms of application of Captain Burrowes and Wynch who in preferring them through me have acted with the strictest regularity and entirely conformable to what is the invariable and established Rule of the Military Service on the Bengal Establishment, and which the Court of Directors themselves have expressly referred to as the guide by which the Military Servants of

3 at their other Settlements in as far as respects my Authority as Commander in Chief are to be regulated.

I could give no stronger proof of the knowledge I had of the power of giving of absolute to give the Last or Officers leave to repair to Europe, and of granting permission to resign the Service being finally vested in the Select Committee than by transmitting to you as I did the applications which were made to me on these Scores. If any expression in my letter conveyed a different Idea it could be nothing but a mistake. I must however beg leave again to repeat for the Information of your Committee that in conducting the Military Service at Bengal that it is an established Rule and most invariably adhered to that all applications from Officers of a military nature come through the Commander in Chief to the Council

I have only to add that as by a General Order which appears in the Garrison Orders of Fort St George yesterday the Officers may be led into an irregularity of addressing the Select Committee without sending their Address through the Commander in Chief, I beg leave to recommend it to your Committee's revisal.

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

Choultry Plain
3d February 1782.

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Sent Letter to M.r De Souza as entered in Miscellany Book N.o 9 informing him of his appointment to manage and collect the revenues of the Jaghire under the inspection of the Committee of Revenue

4.th Received the following Letters from the Council at Masulipatam

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &c.a Council
at Fort S.t George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Masulipatam and an European and two Sepoys Deserters to the Presidency

We have taken the opportunity of the Snow Derby Captain David Ferrier who is about to sail to send by her Hugh Long an European who has been long in the service of the Country Powers and lately surrendered himself at this Place - Mahomed Gallop Naick and Shephardy Sepoys Deserters from the 7.th and 8.th Circar Battalions to the Presidency - The Captain will deliver them to your Orders

We have the honor to be with respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants,
James Hodges
John Peter Boclaud
Tho.s Barnard

Masulipatam
23.d January 1782

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Dr transmitg an Indent for Mileitary Stores

We have the honor to transmit you an Indent of Military Stores which we beg you will give orders that it may be fully complied with. We also think it necessary to observe in consequence of a Report from the Storekeeper that the Article of Tire Plates or the substitute for it at the foot of the Indent viz: 6 and 3 lb. Tubes are in great demand, and we must earnestly entreat you will give directions for particular attention to be paid thereto, as they are an article of indispensable necessity and we have not any means of procuring them.

We have the Honor to be with respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedt humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Tho: Barnard

Masulipatam
27th January 1782

The Indent for Military Stores

referred to the Committee of Stores

to be referred to the Committee of Stores

Received Letter from the Town Major as entered in the Miscellany Book N°10 advising of the arrival of 9 Horses and 590 Bullocks from Vellore in good order and fit for Service.

The

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5th The Committee having taken into Consideration the affairs of Tanjore and judged it expedient to give the Resident powers similar to those resolved on in Committee the 11th January 1782 the following Letters were in consequence prepared and dispatched this Day

Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence N.9

To John Sullivan Esqr
Resident at Tanjore
Sir

To Mr Sullivan with regulations respecting the powers of the Civil and Military - to investigate the Grievances complained of by the Rajah - to obtain from the Rajah an agreement to assign over his Country - to use his endeavours to have the Bottler appointed in the room of Buchana Mssrs Digby and Cochrane to inform him of the steps they have taken regarding the Rajahs Dominions - The Advices to Bombay to be sent thro' him - to advise them of any material occurrence.

In deliberating on the further Instructions that may be necessary for your Guidance We have adverted to the ill consequences that have arisen at several of the Subordinate Settlements from omitting to ascertain the precise line between the respective powers of the Civil and Military Servants, and in order to prevent such consequences and to secure for You that weight and influence which you ought to possess as the representative of the Company at Tanjore, and such are necessary to enable you to fulfil the important objects of your Appointment, We have established the following Regulations for

1st The Resident shall have no authority as to the disposal of the Troops for any Military Operation, but the Military power and controul shall remain solely with the Commanding Officer, who agreeably to the Orders of the Company must confine his attention to the care of the Garrison and the defence of the

5th Provence, and not make use of the Troops under his Command for any other purposes.

2. The management of the Company's Concerns with the Rajah and all matters of Revenue are entrusted to the Resident and no other person is to interfere in them directly or indirectly

3. Although the Resident is restrained from interfering with respect to the disposal of the Troops for any Military Operation he is empowered to make requisitions to the Commanding Officer for Military Assistance for the purposes of Revenue in consequence of applications to him from the Rajah, or for the purpose of executing any Orders or Instructions he may receive from the Select Committee and the Commanding Officer is to comply with such requisitions

4 The Resident is to be the sole Channel of Communication with the Rajah and all applications are to be made to him in any case where the Rajah's assistance may be necessary

5 If the Rajah should at any time make a Complaint to the Resident against any Military Officer of Oppressions or Irregularities committed in the Districts or on the Port of Tanjour the Resident shall transmit the same in writing to the Commanding Officer who unless the Affair can be otherwise accommodated to the entire satisfaction of the Rajah shall cause a Court of Enquiry to be

5th be immediately held on the Officer the proceedings of which shall be transmitted to the Select Committee; and if a complaint be made by the Rajah against any Civil Servant or other person (not a Military Man) the Resident shall immediately proceed to investigate the same and report the facts to the Select Committee with his opinion thereon.

6. The Company's Tappals shall be dispatched by the Resident (or under his direction.

7. The same Military honors are to be paid to the Resident as are usually paid to the Chiefs of Subordinate Settlements

Copy of the foregoing Regulations is now forwarded to the Commanding Officer at Tanjour – We trust they will be effectual to prevent any difference of opinion touching your respective powers and we earnestly recommend that You cordially cooperate with each other for the advancement of the Publick Service

You have already been furnished with the Company's Orders relative to your appointment in an extract of their Letter of the 18th October 1780 in which is also stated the Rajah's Representation to the Company of Grievances said to be sustained by him and his people We desire that you will investigate the Subject of that representation and report your Opinion to Us with the Proofs and Evidences that may be adduced of the Grievances complained

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complained of

The Confidence reposed in
your Integrity and Prudence renders it
unnecessary to point out to You any particular
line of Conduct — the great Object of your
endeavours must be to obtain from the Rajah
an Agreement similar to that which His
Highness the Nabob has entered into with our
President, or to proceed on hire to consent to
such other Arrangements as shall be equally
effectual for the appropriation of his Revenue
to the expences of the War the Defence of the
Carnatic and the discharge of his Debts to the
Company and to Individuals

For the attainment of this
important Object and to dispose the Rajah
heartily to assist Us you will not fail to pay
particular attention to the support of his Dignity and
Rights, and to the preventing every species of
Injustice, and more especially such Abuses as
those of which the Rajah has complained. The
Death of the late Minister Botchana will no
doubt not facilitate your Success. You will
observe by our President's Letter to the Rajah
now sent to You that We wish to have the
Dobber appointed in his room (Botchana's)
and We desire You to use your most strenuous
endeavours for that purpose; but if this cannot
be accomplished you will in all events endeavour
to prevent that Station from being filled by any
person who is not a friend to the Company and
disposed to cooperate with You for their and the

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5th the Rajah's mutual Interest.

We have not yet had time to frame Regulations for the expences of the Garrison of Tanjore and must therefore depend on your attention to the Company's Orders on that Subject.

We shall shortly consider of renewing the appointment of Resident at Nagore &c. in the mean time We have ordered Messrs Cochrane and Digby to inform You of the steps they have taken concerning the Revenues dependent on Nagore and Negapatam and for the present to account to you for them— We desire in consequence that You will give them such Directions as You shall judge necessary. Mr Digby is appointed an Assistant under You.

We have determined in future to send our advices to the Presidency of Bombay through You to be forwarded by way of Anjengo and as a multiplicity of Business may sometimes prevent our being so particular as We could wish to be in our communications to that Presidency, We authorize you to transmit to the Gentlemen there on our behalf intelligence of every thing that you may judge material for their Information. You will herewith receive a Packet for Bombay of great importance. We are also induced by our reliance upon your Discretion to authorize you to open and take copies of all public Dispatches addressed to us either from England or

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5th Bombay that may pass through Tanjour.

We are

Sir, Your most obedt

humble Servants

Macartney

&c Select Committee

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P.S. We enclose you the Cypher made use of at Subordinate Settlements and Out Garrisons.

To Colonel John Brathwaite

or the Officer Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

To Colo Brathwaite with copy of the Regulations ascertaining the line between the Civil and Military.

You were informed by a letter from our Secretary under date the 9th Ultimo that We had appointed Mr John Sullivan Resident at Tanjore.

Adverting to the ill consequences that have arisen at several of the Subordinate Settlements from omitting to ascertain the precise line between the respective powers of the Civil and Military Servants, in order to prevent such consequences and to enable the Resident to fulfill the important Object of his Appointment We have thought proper to establish the following Regulations to which we direct you to pay the strictest Attention.

(Vide Regulations as ordered in letter to the Resident)

Copy of the foregoing Regulations is now forwarded to the Resident at Tanjore. We hope they will be effectual to prevent any difference of Opinion touching your respective powers and We earnestly recommend that you

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5th You cordially cooperate with each other for the advancement of the Public Service

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

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To the Honble Basil Cochrane
and Mr Kendal Digby
Gentlemen,

To Messrs Cochrane and Digby to send Mr Salwey an account of the Tanjore Revenues — Mr Digby appointed Assistant at Tanjore

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to signify to you their Orders that You render to Mr Sullivan the Resident at Tanjore an account of the Revenues dependent on Nagore Negapatam and Carical with every step that You have taken relative thereto, and that You follow such directions as you shall receive from him. I am also to inform You that the Select Committee have been pleased to appoint Mr Digby an Assistant under the Resident at Tanjore.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J Huddleston Jr.

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To Captain Johnstone
or Officer Commanding at Negapatam

To Capt Johnstone — to forward packets to Tanjore to correspond with the Resident.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble

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5th Honble the President and Select Committee
to desire that You will forward the accompa-
-nying Packets to the Resident at Tanjore with
the utmost care and expedition Should there be
danger on the road You will detain the large
Packet as long as You shall judge prudent,
and in all events you are to send an Escort with
it. [word illegible]

The Select Committee desire
that You will correspond with the Resident at
Tanjore and transmit him information of
every thing material that shall come to your
knowledge regarding the public Service

I have the honour to be,
Sir, your most obedient,
humble Servant
J Hudleston Secy.

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Dispatched to the Resident
at Tanjore to be forwarded by way of Anjengo
the following Letter to Bombay with Copy of
the Dispatches received from Bengal by Colonel
Morgan

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

To Bombay with
congratulations on the
success at Tellichery
the arrival of Captain
Almand General Meds
at Bombay - Copies taken
of their Despatches from
Bengal transmitted to
Mr Sulivan to be forwarded
Mr Sulivan to communi-
-cate to them any
material

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have had the honor to
acknowledge your letter of the 20th December
which reached us at the same time with letters
from Major Abington and the Chief and Factors at
Tellicherry

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materiall with an account of the Operations of the Army under the Command

5th Tellicherry containing the agreeable intelligence of the total defeat of Hyder Alys Army with the Capture of Sadar Canon who commanded it 1200 regular Troops, and a great quantity of Artillery and Stores. We congratulate You most sincerely on this happy event which cannot fail to be attended with beneficial consequences to the Company's Affairs under your Presidency and we have great hopes it will also contribute to draw the Enemy from the Carnatic, for the defence of his own Country

We are happy also to learn by a Letter from your President to Lord Macartney that Captain Mims with His Majestys Ships Hero Isis and Monmouth was arrived at Bombay and that Admiral Hughes was expected in a few days. Upon his arrival here and that of Sir Edward Hughes we shall determine upon a Plan for employing the considerable Force We shall then possess to the best advantage

Colonel Morgan arrived here some time since with dispatches from the Governor General and Council for your Committee and General Goddard. The Dispatches were sent them for our perusal and as they are of great importance and Colonel Morgan cannot immediately proceed to Bombay, We have taken Copies of them which we now transmit to Mr John Sullivan our Resident at Tanjore to be forwarded to You by way of Anjengo. We shall in future send our overland advices to You through Mr Sullivan, and as the Country of

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5th of Objects which contenually pres upon our Attention may sometimes prevent our being so punctual as We wish to be in our Communications. We have authorized Mr Sullivan to address You on our behalf and transmit you information of every material occurrence.

Since our last under date the 24th November Sir Eyre Coote has again marched to Vellore and thrown three months provisions into that Fort in the face of Hyder Ally's whole Army. Our Troops sustained a heavy Cannonade in their way to Vellore and on their / beat the Enemy were severely repulsed on both Occasions, and our loss did not exceed 120 Europeans and Sepoys killed and wounded.

The Army is now encamped near Madras, and we are using every possible exertion to enable it to take the Field with effect. We shall not fail to communicate the contents of your last letter to Sir Edward Hughes agreeably to your request and we have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

Macartney

&c. Select Committee

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Sent the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive

To Genl Coote on the first Order of the 5 instant enclosing the mode of application

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5th receive your letter of the 3d Instant
We trust it will have been
apparent to You from the General Order of
the 3 which was issued before we received your
letter that the Order of the preceding Day
was not meant to prevent Officers from
sending their Applications to Us through
your Channel or in any respect to encroach
upon your just Authority.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt & humble Servts
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

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6th Received the following letter

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Ingeram acknowledging the receipt of letter to Captain Farr.

Your Lordship's &c. commands of the 14th instant transmitted by Mr Secretary Hudleston I have had the honor to receive together with your letter to Captain Farr of His Majesty's Ship Chaser which came too late to be delivered to him, he having quitted this station.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Wll. Hamilton
&c

Ingeram
26th January 1782

6th

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

From Vizagapatam
6000 Bags of Horse
Gram to be dispatched
to the Presidency.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have been honoured with your Commands through Mr Secretary Huddleston dated the 7th and 14th Instant — directing us to provide and send to the Presidency 10,000 Bags of Horse Gram — As We have not a prospect of transporting so large a quantity at once from the difficulty of getting Tonnage, we have for the present ordered only 6000 Bags ordered
to be immediately provided having a probability
of taking up Freight for this Quantity

We have the Honor to remain

with great Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
H Crawford
Nath Barlow
Chas Maxtone
F. H. Drake

Vizagapatam
27th January 1782

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

From Mr Hodges —
thinks the Valentine
Indiaman caused the
Alarm at Madapollam

My Lord,

Having just received
information from the Resident at Ingeram
that the Valentine Indiaman is off Point
Condeavar

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6th Gordewar, and as no more has been heard
of the Vessel Mr Duff suspected to be an Enemy
the above Ships it is most probable was the one
that occasioned the Alarm at Maddepollam

I am
My Lord
with perfect respect
Your most obedt and
most humble Servant
James Hodges

Masulipatam
30th January 1782

To Mr Secretary Hudleston.

Sir,

From Mr Cochrane
the Rajah of Tanjore
promises 40,000 Candies
of Paddy

I have been honored with
Your letter of the 6th Instant acquainting
me that the Right Honble the President and
Select Committee have been pleased to appoint
me Assistant under the Resident at Tanjore
with permission however to remain in the
Nagore District as long as my Services shall
be wanted there, or until the Resident shall
signify to me that my presence is necessary
at Tanjore; and that it is the Committees
desire that I shall lay up as large a stock
of Rice in that Garrison as can possibly be
procured

I communicated a Copy of
your Letter to Mr Sullivan the Resident at
Tanjore who has since wrote me that the
Rajah has consented to deliver to me a large
supply of Paddy, which should be laid up
in that Garrison with all expedition he
further

6th further adds that in case the necessities of Madras should require Grain being exported from this Country, The Rajah has promised 40,000 Cullams of Paddy to be delivered to me here where there are excellent Granaries ready for its reception and also Tonnage to transport it or more to Madras.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
Basil Cochrane
Grain Keeper and
Collector in the Fort
and Country of Tanjore

Negapatam
30th January 1782

Wednesday
6th February 1782

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney K.B Gov.r
Anthony Sadlier Morgan Williams
Lieutenant General Sir
Eyre Coote / undisposed
Major General Sir Hector
Munro / undisposed.
John Holland Esq.r Resident
at the Court of the Nizam

Minutes of last Committee
read and approved.

The Right Honble the
President lays before the Committee the following
Letters from the Paymaster to the Army and
the Paymaster of Vellore with the sealed
Box mentioned thereon.

May

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My Lord

From Mr Welsh
accompanying a Box
of Jewels from Vellore

Agreeable to Your Orders
communicated to me through Mr Pybus I
herewith send You under a Jemidars
Guard of Sepoys the small Box said to contain
Diamonds which by the Orders of Sir Eyre
Coote K.B. I received from Captain Cuppage
Commandant of Velore and
my Receipt for the same.

I remain with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient humble Servt
T Welsh

Camps at Velloor
31st January 1782

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

My Lord

From Mr Pybus
on the above subject
and representing that
sundry articles for which
the army would be in
want of a Guard would
may be made up at
Vellore

In obedience to Your Lordship's
Orders of the 25th Ultimo I wrote Mr Welsh the
Paymaster to the Army to send in the Box of Jewels
which had been delivered in charge to him at Vellore
by Captain Cuppage escorted by Colonel Lang
Captain Cuppage and myself. I beg leave to refer
Your Lordship how we came to get possession of it.

In the month of August
last my Servant informed me that Badur ul
dun Khyam Cawn an Inhabitant of Vellore
who had died a month or two before was
reputed rich; and that his Effects had been
seized by the Nabobs Hilledar amongst which
was a Box containing Diamonds to a
considerable amount - my Servants information
was so correct that he described one of the Stones

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Stones particularly as were readily found at
afterwards, Long at the time on the greatest
distress for money for the use of the Garrison
and on a supposition that these valuables might
be turned into ready money; I immediately
acquainted Colonel Lang, who requested that
Captain Cuppage and I would go the Killedar
and demand them who at first denied he
had any such thing in Charge, but upon our
mentioning some Circumstances relating to the
Box which he supposed us ignorant of it was
produced, its contents examined before some
of his people and afterwards sealed up in the
manner your Lordships received it

I beg leave to enclose your
Lordship a few memorandums of Articles
wanted in case the Siege of Arcot should be
undertaken, which can be furnished at Vellore
at a trifling expence with the addition of a
few Pioneers or Lascars to assist the two Companies
attached to that Garrison.

Any number of Bamboo Gabions
can be made at Vellore, there are plenty of
Bamboos within half a mile of the Fort.

Platforms for Guns are also
wanted they being made at Vellore will save
great trouble and expence in the Carriage
from Madras; if the proper Dimensions are
given me I will undertake to make them
provided I have the Sanction of Government
to cut down whatever Trees I may judge most
proper for that purpose.

&c

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All sorts of entrenching and Pioneers Tools can be made there, tho' I fear not in time for the Service there being no Artificers there except those in the pay of the Company.

Any number of Bushels can be made there being plenty of materials under cover of the Guns.

There are forty scaling Ladders already made 35 feet long also great quantity of Gabes for field and Battering Guns ready tashed for immediate Service, and there are materials sufficient to make any number more that may be ordered.

It will be absolutely necessary that the last Indent for Stores from Vellore be complied with, very Article therein mentioned being very much wanted.

I have the Honor to be with very great respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient and very humble Servant

Tho.s E. Oglive

Fort St George
2.d February 1782.

Agreed that the Consideration of the Subject be deferred, and that in the mean while the Bx be deposited in the Company Cash Chest

Read the following Letter

To John Huddleston Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

I have the Commander in Chief's

From Mr Fairway accompanying Letters from Captain Lynch and Lieut.n Griffith

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Orders to request you will lay the inclosed letters from Captain Wynch and Ensign Grifon before the Select Committee. I am

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Tierney Secy.

Choultry Plain
5th February 1782.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Ensign Griffin requesting permission to go to England and the advance of 12 Months Pay and Batta.

The frequent relapses of a which I have laboured under within these few months evident disorder, oblige me to request Your Lordships &c. would please to grant me your permission to return to Europe the necessity for which request I beg leave to refer Your Lordships &c. to the Surgeon Generals Certificate which I have the honor of enclosing to You.

It is a misfortune to me that at this period of the War promising recompence and satisfaction I am not permitted to hope that my situation would allow me to discharge the duties of my station even a little while longer and that the fruits of four years Service in this country do not hold up to me a possibility of discharging obligations unavoidably incurred by contingencies and losses in the course of the two last years Campaigns, or means of returning to England without recurring to the aid and consideration of Your Lordships &c.

I humbly beg leave to observe to Your Lordships &c. that being appointed in the year 1778 in conjunction with Captain M'Kenzie of

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of the Honble Company's Service to the Charge
of Dispatches to India overland previous to the
taking of Pondichery, part of the expences of
that Journey (666 Rupees) have since remained
unpaid to me; which I apprehend was contrary
to the intentions of the Secret Committee at
the India House

I entreat Your Lordships &c.
with all deference to grant me an advancement
of twelve Months Pay and Batta, which with
the small sum of Arrears of Pay due to me
would enable me to go to England and to return,
I hope shortly, with health to repay the Debt
thankfully with whatever service I can render
hereafter.

I have the honor to be with perfect
respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most humble and
most obedient Servant
D. FzGerald Griffin

Fort St George
2d January 1782

This is to certify that Lieut.
Daniel Fitzgerald Griffin having had two
severe attacks of Inflammation of the Liver
which have only been resolved by the most
rigid Antiphlogistic course, being of a
sanguineous temperament and therefore subject
to relapse in the heat of this Climate or
Military Service, is recommended to proceed
to Europe to avoid the respite of Abscess or
Mortification of that Bowel till his Constitution
alters

James Anderson
Surgeon General

Fort St George
28th January 1782

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Captain Wynch requesting permission to resign the Service

Having since my my return from the Southward received information of the Death of my Father, and the situation of my affairs rendering my consequence my presence necessary in England I take the liberty to request you will be pleased to grant me your permission to resign the Service having the Commander in Chiefs concurrence and that I may be permitted to have a passage on the Rochford

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient, and
most humble Servant
J Wynch

Fort St George
4th February 1782

To John Hudleston Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From Mr Tierney accompanying a letter from Capt Burrowes

I have the honor to transmit herewith an Address from Captain Burrowes which I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request you will lay before the Select Committee.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Tierney Secy.

Choultry Plain
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The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President &c. Select Committee

From Capt Burrowes requesting leave to proceed to Europe

My Lord and Gentlemen

A Series of bad Health which

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I intreat Your Lordships &c. with all deference to grant me an advancement of twelve Months Pay and Batta, which with the small Sum of Arrears of Pay due to me would enable me to go to England and to return, I hope shortly, with health to repay the Debt thankfully with whatever Service I can render hereafter.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most humble and
most obedient Servant
D. FGerald Griffin

Fort St George
2d January 1782

This is to certify that Lieut. Daniel Fitzgerald Griffin having had one severe attack of Inflammation of the Liver which have only been resolved by the most rigid Antiphlogistic course, being of a sanguineous temperament and therefore subject to relapse in the heat of this Climate on Military Service, is recommended to proceed to Europe to avoid the risque of Abscess or Mortification of that Bowel till his Constitution alters

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Surgeon General

To

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Captain Wynch requesting permission to resign the Service

Having received my
my return from the Southward received
information of the Death of my Father, and
the situation of my affairs rendering in
consequence my presence necessary in England
I take the liberty to request you will be pleased
to grant me your permission to resign the Service
Leaving the Commander in Chiefs concurrence
and that I may be permitted to have a passage
on the Rockford

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
J Wynch

Fort St George
4th February 1782

To John Hudleston Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From Mr Tierney accompanying a letter from Capt Burrowes

I have the honor to transmit
herewith an Address from Captain Burrowes
which I am directed by the Commander in
Chief to request you will lay before the Select
Committee

I am Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Tierney Secy

Choultry Plain
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The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President &c. Select Committee

From Capt Burrowes requesting leave to proceed to Europe

My Lord and Gentlemen

A Series of bad Health
which

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which has relaxed and weakened me so much as to render me unfit for active Service and has deprived me of all hope of a reestablishment in this Country lays me under the necessity of soliciting your permission to return to Europe

I trust Your Lordships &c will believe but nothing but absolute inability to do my duty as an Officer could induce me at this juncture to withdraw from the Service, and if I am so far fortunate as to have your Approbation I request your Lordships &c will make such mention of me to the Honble the Court of Directors, as will dispose them to return me to the Establishment as soon as my health permits.

Enclosed I have the honor of transmitting to You the Surgeon Generals Certificate and have further to request Your Lordships &c will be pleased to order a Passage for me on board the Rochford now under Dispatch

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble servant

J Burrowes

Madras
6th February 1782

This is to certify that Captain Thomas Burrowes having received a Contusion on the head some years ago by a fall from his Horse has been affected with severe pain ever since in the head especially when exposed to any fatigue or heat of the Sun, and being of a weak habit of Body is recommended to a colder Climate as

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as the only probable mode of recovering Strength and Health.

James Anderson
Surgeon General

Fort St George
29th January 1782.

Agreed that Captain Wynch be permitted to resign the Service and return to England on the Rockford.

Captain Wynch permitted to resign the Service

Agreed that Ensign Griffin be permitted to return to England for the recovery of his Health, and that his Arrears of Pay be discharged to the day of his embarking, but with regard to his Charge of 666 Rupees for Expences incurred four Years ago, he should have preferred it at that time to the Government. Agreed he be informed that the said Charge must be duly authenticated and passed by the proper Officers and that it will then be considered.

Ensign Griffin permitted to return to England.

Agreed that Captain Barrowes be permitted to return to England for the recovery of his Health and that he be recommended to the Court of Directors

Capt. Barrowes permitted to return to England.

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Maunsell

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Finding myself very much indisposed I request your permission to resign my Post of Commissary to the Army and as I have been advised to try the benefit of the Sea Air

From Mr. Maunsell requesting leave to resign the Office of Commissary to the Army.

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I further beg your indulgence to be allowed to visit some of the Northern Settlements for a few weeks.

I am with great respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedt humble Servant
Robert Maunsell

Madras
5th February 1782

Agreed that Mr Maunsell be permitted to resign his Employ of Commissary to the Army and to proceed to Sea for the recovery of his health

Agreed to

Agreed that Mr William Jackson be appointed Commissary to the Army in the room of Mr Maunsell

Mr Jackson appointed Commissary to the Army

Read the following letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with their proceedings from the 15th January to the 4th February as per Copy lodged in the Office.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have received from Mr Secretary Huddleston an Extract of your Minutes dated the 5th January together with a Copy of the Agreement entered into by the Nabob with the Right Honorable the President

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue transmit their proceedings

Agreeably to the Orders of Your Lordships &c. we have the honor of laying before You our proceedings from the 15th January to the 4th February inclusive

We

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We have the honour to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedt and
most humble Servants
Charles Oakeley
Eyles Irwin
Hall Plumer
David Haliburton
George Moubray

Fort St George
6th February 1782

Minute thereon

The Committee having attentively perused and considered the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue now before them are clearly of opinion from the accounts which have been obtained relative to the number and expence of the Nabobs irregular Sepoys, Cavalry &c in the several Districts of the Carnatic it is incontestable that while they remain on their present footing subject to the Nabobs Orders or rather to no Orders at all, and with large Arrears due to them, the Company are not likely to receive any benefit whatever from the Assignment which the Nabob has made to them. The Phoudar at Trichinopoly writes that the whole Revenues of that Province for the present War will not be more than sufficient to pay the Nabobs Troops, and that as these Troops are employed on a frontier station and are considerably in Arrears it will be dangerous to withhold their pay from them. In other Provinces of the Carnatic the same evil exists and nearly in the same degree, so that at this juncture the Districts which have not been

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been touched by the Enemy are in great danger from the Nabobs dissatisfied Troops and we verily believe that nothing now restrains them from open Acts of Plunder but the presence of the Company's Garrisons and Sepoys stationed in the several Districts

Resolved therefore that the President be requested to state these Circumstances in the strongest manner to the Nabob and recommend to him to dismiss such of his Troops as it may be found necessary to remain entirely under the Companys Authority discharging the remainder and leaving it to the Company to settle their Arrears in such way as may be thought reasonable. Resolved That all the Revenue of the Trechinopoly Country be applied in the first place to the payment of the Military belonging to the Company and the Nabob in such proportions as may be most likely to prevent Mutiny - The other expences to run in Arrears till the necessary ones be paid.

As the Committee of Assigned Revenue speak of the interference of the Nabobs Phousdars as improper. Resolved that the Nabob be requested to withdraw his Commission by which they are authorized to controul the Amildars in the Revenue Branch, since it is evident that the Nabob still continues thro' the Phousdars to direct the Conduct of the Amildars though by his Agreement he has put these Collections under the Orders of the Governor

From the Representation

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made by the Maraver Rajahs to Mr Proctor and set forth in his letter to the Governor it is evident that the Force maintained by the Nabob in that Country is too weak to afford him Protection and that unless the Company have their own Garrisons in the Forts of Ramsurdeyeuram and Trepatore those Troubles which now distract every part of the Country to the great impediment of the Collections will not cease — Resolved that the President be requested to — communicate with the Nabob and endeavour to obtain his concurrence to this measure

The Committee observe what Mr Proctor has said in his Letter of the to the Governor respecting an Order sent by the Nabob to the Amildar of Tinnevelly to remit to him 5000 Pagodas monthly as his sixth part of the Revenue — If this be true, and Mr Proctor seems confident it is, the Nabob has in this instance broke his Agreement. Mr Proctor however must be desired to state the particulars of the Information so as to authenticate the fact.

The Committee approve the recommendation of the Committee of Assigned Revenue for publishing Advertisements for renting the — Assigned Countries with Assurances

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of Protection to such Persons as may become Renters. The Mode of Advertising is the most fair and open, and likely to produce the greatest variety of Bidders; and the holding out promises of protection on the part of the Company seems a very necessary Measure as few would otherwise be induced to become Proposers; and the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue sufficiently prove how unavailing it would be to the Company to have Renters who are in any shape under the influence of the Nabob

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Minute be sent to the Comonittee of Assigned Revenue

Agreed that Lieutenant Blaw Commanding at Permacoil be directed to send up Subadar to the Presidency to answer to Complaints made against him

Lieut. Blaw to send up Subadar to the Presidency.

Read the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

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

From Sir Eyre Coote complaining of a mistake

My Lord & Gentlemen,

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mistaken representation of facts in the General Letters with return of Bullocks.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2d Instant.

I should have been happy on account of my love of Candor and Justice especially in Cases where the Interests of my King and Country are concerned to have been without the ungrateful necessity of elucidating that part of your letter to the Court of Directors which related to Bullocks and the Carriage of Provisions on the last movement of the Army to the Relief of Vellore. There were other parts of your Letter to the Court of Directors, which, but for the Proofs that will in the course of an impartial examination appear on the face of the Proceedings, might have given room for doubtful Constructions.

I enclose for your information a general Return of the Draught and Carriage Cattle in the Army whereby You will perceive that in the Article of Bullocks there is wanting 521 to complete the different Military Departments absolutely necessary for Field Service - Opposite to the head of Grain Keeper's Department the number of serviceable Bullocks both Draught and Carriage You will observe is only 857 which are not equal to the Carriage of two Days Rice. Under these Circumstances I should beg leave to ask Your Committee whether

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whether any effectual movement can be expected from it. When it is so equipped as that it can move to confirm those advantages it will most assured by gain over the Enemy, I will then conduct it to such Operations as Circumstances may at the time render eligible and proper. To invade and to expel an Invader require a System of Military Conduct as widely different as the Cases are in themselves Opposites - The former admits of a degree of Predetermination the latter almost* on every instance must be guided by the Actions of the Aggressor

I know not Gentlemen what construction my Letters may admit of in your judgment but I will venture to say that upon a reference to them it will be found that I have invariably regretted the obvious necessity I saw for the Army's return on every movement and the loss of Credit inseparable from such a consequence

It is a very long time since I expressed my approbation of your having conformed to my original Idea as to the first Object to be pursued by the Southern Troops. What Instructions or Orders you may have since sent I know nothing of; nor in what manner the Force I assembled there has been disposed of. Having in the most irregular manner taken the Command of them, you have also yourselves

yourselves all the Consequences which may arise to the Public Affairs from a want of its Cooperation and from any disjunction it may have undergone. My Communications must be circumstantial free direct and frequent before I could, had I been lyte in a situation to have enabled me give an Opinion

In your Letter of the 2. respecting Major Mackay's request to resign the Service you are pleased to remark on its impropriety and to quote an Opinion of mine in support of that sentiment 'that Officers resigning the 'Service for any other cause than ill health 'should not be permitted to return'. - However much I might be disposed to confirm an Opinion of that kind yet after the most careful examination of my Correspondence I do not find it any where expressed - I apprehend however that any thing I might say or write on that subject could hardly preclude me from the privilege of recommending Officers of Merit to the Honble the Court of Directors, and whose return to the Company's Service at any period might be of utility to it.

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

Fort St. George
4th February 1782

Present

Present State of the Draught and Carriage Cattle, Present, Received since the 2d Jany 1782 Wanting to Compleat with the Different Corps & Departments of the Army Camp 1st February 1782

Corps and Departments	Present										Received since the 2d Jany 1782				Wanting to Compleat				Remarks
	Elephants Serviceable	Elephants Unserviceable	Camels Serviceables	Camels Unserviceables	Draught Bullocks Serviceable	Draught Bullocks Unserviceable	Carriage Bullocks Serviceable	Carriage Bullocks Unserviceables	Elephants	Camels	Draught Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks	Elephants	Camels	Draught Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks	
Bengal Artillery	3	1	1	.	12	3	91	5	"	"	"	50	1	.	3	40	
Coast Artillery	"	"	"	"	6	16	68	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	12	25	
Brigade of Cavalry	"	"	"	"	61	2	185	39	"	"	"	"	"	"	36	135	
1st Batt.n 73d Regiment	"	"	"	"	"	"	175	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	52	
1st Brigade of Infantry — Bengal European Infantry	1	2	"	"	42	.	95	32	.	"	"	49	3	.	"	43	
1st Brigade of Infantry — Coast European Infantry	"	"	"	"	"	"	84	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20	
1st Brigade of Infantry — 12th Reg.t Bengal Sepoys	1	.	"	1	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	1	"	3	"	4	
2d Brigade of Infantry — 25th Reg.t Bengal Sepoys	1	.	1	.	"	"	9	.	"	"	"	"	"	3	.	39	
2d Brigade of Infantry — 8th Batt.n Coast Sepoys	"	"	"	"	12	.	10	.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	12	
2d Brigade of Infantry — 16th Batt.n Coast Sepoys	"	"	"	"	"	"	46	9	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
2d Brigade of Infantry — attached to the Staff of the Brigade	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
3d Brigade of Infantry — 18th Reg.t Bengal Sepoys	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	1	1	.	7	
3d Brigade of Infantry — Trichinopoly Detachment	"	"	"	"	"	"	24	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	16	
3d Brigade of Infantry — 17th Batt.n Coast Sepoys	"	"	"	"	"	"	14	13	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	16	
3d Brigade of Infantry — attached to the Staff of the Brigade	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
4th Brigade of Infantry — 24th Reg.t Bengal Sepoys	1	.	1	.	"	"	4	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
4th Brigade of Infantry — 14th Batt.n Coast Sepoys	"	"	"	"	"	"	60	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
4th Brigade of Infantry — 18th Batt.n Coast Sepoys	"	"	"	"	"	"	18	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	16	
4th Brigade of Infantry — 21st Batt.n Coast Sepoys	"	"	"	"	"	"	17	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	17	
4th Brigade of Infantry — attached to the Staff of the Brigade	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	

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As Sir Eyre Coote declines attending at our Committees tho' frequently requested, We are prevented from having those Communications with him by which such matters as concern his Department might be easily explained and adjusted. The time of the Committee would be saved, and Literary Discussion and Altercation avoided. Desirous of keeping clear of both at this critical juncture when the union and cooperation of all the Company's Servants are so necessary, and fully satisfied of the rectitude of their own Proceedings, the Committee do not think it expedient to make any Reply at present to the Letter now read, hoping that time and the Generals own Recollection of the Supreme Powers vested in this Government over all the Company's Affairs Civil and Military will operate more strongly in favor of the public Service than any Reprehension which the Letter might merit.

The Right Honble the President lays before the Committee the following Reports from the Agent of Bullocks received by him which added to those already with the Army make a much greater number than has ever been with it before.

The sentiments of the Committee on the above

Report of the Bullocks received by the Agent from the 13th to the 30th January 1782.

Report of Bullocks with the Agent

Jany 13th Received from Mr Benfield Northern Bullocks. 1116

Carangoly Bullocks 184

Wandewash Do 294

Cort Do 30

16 Sick

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Sick Ditto — — 12

14th from Major Sydenham Permacool Do. 272

Total Bullocks 1908

Of the above number about 370 only were fit for Service the rest were unbroken and in a starved Condition

16th Received from Mr. Snow — — — Bullocks 7

21 — — — from the Mount — — — — 15

22 — — — from Nellore — — — — — 840

24 — — — Do. — — — — — 690

29 — — — — — Do. — — — — 97

30 — — — — — Do. — — — — — 560

Entered into the Service about — — — — 30

Total Bullocks . 2239

All the Bullocks from the Northward were in good condition but entraind The Bullocks received on the 24th were delivered to Captain Moorhouse together with 100 of the poor Bullocks in all 790 Bullocks

Total of the Bullocks received — — — — 4147

Delivered to Captain Moorhouse — — 790

Dead, principally of the Bullocks delivered by Mr. Benfield and the Permacool Bullocks — — — — 90 880

Remaining this day with the Agent — — 3267

1400 of the above number are broken for Carriage

600 will be ready in less than a week

480 are broken and breaking in for draught

657 received within these few days are quite unbroken

230 are altogether unserviceable for the present or employed in drawing Carts.

3267

William Ross
Agent

Fort St. George 30th January 1782

Memorandums

Total .

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Memorandum Commissariat Bullocks

D.o of 2.d Dispatched to Camp yesterday - - - - - - 600

To be sent tomorrow - - - - - - - - - - 500

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Of the above number more than 400 are broken in for Draught - the rest being unbroken the disposal of them depends upon the Gentlemen in Camp

6.th February 1782. William Ross Agent

Read Letter from Mr Accama one of the late Council at Negapatam as entered in Miscellany Book N.o 19 requesting leave to go in one of the homeward bound Ships from Tranquebar to Copenhagen or any Conditions it may please the Committee to require of him

Mr Accama permitted to go in one of the homeward bound Danish Ships.

Agreed to grant Mr Accama the permission he requests upon his giving his Parole.

Read the following Letter from Major Macle with the Papers therein mentioned as entered in Miscellany Book 19

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

From Major Macle explaining the Circumstances relative to the Washermens Petition

My Lord and Gentlemen

In Explanation of the Circumstances complained of in the Washermens Petition ordered me by Your Lordships &.c from Mr Secretary Huddleston I have the Honor to lay before You the Copy of the Letter I addressed to the President and Select Committee of

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of date the 24th May 1781, and the Copy of an Extract of the Minutes of the Committee of the same date and I trust they will appear to Your Lordships &c sufficiently justificatory of my Conduct

The Ground I am said to have made a garden of is a Spot almost close under the wall, which was entirely covered with Houses and affording the most advantageous Cover to an Enemy, this having been cleared I surrounded it with a Mill Hedge in the intention of planting Greens therein, and I have no doubt of Your Lordships &c being fully convenced that no inconvenience whatever to the Fortifications could result from its being so disposed of.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
and faithful humble Servt
Geo. Maule
Chf. Engr

Fort St George
3d February 1782

Minute thereon

Altho' it may be very proper to prevent any Buildings being erected on the Ground in question, the Committee conceive that the washing of Cloths on the said Ground can be of no more inconvenience to the Black Town Wall than the surrounding it with a Mill Hedge and planting Greens on it. Agreed therefore that Major Maule be directed to cause the Ground to be immediately restored to the Petitioners; also that he be again directed to furnish the Committee with a Plan of the Esplanade before the Black Town Wall

Read

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Read Letters from the Surgeon and Commanding Officer at Chingleput as entered in Miscellany Book 30 representing the bad state of the Hospital there

From Chingleput representing the State requests for an examin

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Agreed that the Paymaster at Chingleput be directed to make such Repairs to the Hospital as are absolutely necessary.

The Paymaster at Chingleput to make the necessary repairs

Read Letter from Mr. James Peters as entered in Miscellany Book N°2 with Bills and Abstract amounting to £313.32 also report of Sick and Lame at Pulicat in which are included not only Sepoys, but Dubashes Lascars and Artificers and the Accounts for the month of January alone amount to Pag.s 237.37.12

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Mr. Peters lays his Bills before the Board

Minute thereon

Agreed, that the Bills be referred to the Auditor but that Mr. Peters be informed that the Sick mentioned in his return cannot be allowed as by the Military Regulations Europeans only are admitted into the Hospital. As the Garrison of Pulicat consists only of Sepoys, the Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary that a Surgeon shall be stationed there. Agreed accordingly that Mr. Peters be recalled from Pulicat

Mr. Peters recalled from Pulicat

Read the following Letter from Major Hutcheon

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

From Major Hutcheon enclosing an Indent of Military Cloathing for Fort Marlboro'

My Lord and Gentlemen!

As there is not a sufficient quantity

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quantity of Cloathing made up for the Honble Company's Troops at Fort Marlbro' - and as a Conveyance from this to the West Coast happens but seldom, I request Your Lordship and Members will be pleased to comply with the accompanying Indent for Military Cloathing.

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your very obedient humble Servt.

Madras
6th February 1782.

/signed/ John Hutcheon

Agreed that the Indent be complied with.

Indent complied with.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Stewart of Engineers.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen!

I have to acquaint Your Lordships &c. that on the 9th day of August 1780 being on my way to India on the Mounstuart Indiaman, I was captured by the Combined Fleets of France and Spain, and detained some months a prisoner; by this misfortune, I sustained a loss of the greatest part of my Baggage together with the amount of my passage having had that expence to defray twice.

From Lieut. Stewart requesting the allowance of pay &c. from the day of his being captured by the Combined Fleets

During my Detention in Spain I neither received any Allowance as an Officer or

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or even as a British Subject, but was living all that time at my own private expence. As I am given to understand the Supreme Council have granted pay and allowances from the day of the Capture until the time of arrival in India to such of the Company's Servants on the Bengal Establishment that are arrived there in consideration of their losses &c. Those Gentlemen being taken on the same Fleet and in every respect in the same predicament with myself, I therefore feel emboldened to hope the same favor and indulgence from Your Lordships &c.

Previous to my departure from Lisbon, I informed by letter the Honble the Court of Directors of my intention to pursue my Voyage to India on a Portuguese Ships bound to Bombay, which was the most direct and eligible mode I could adopt in order to avoid the risk of being again captured.

I have the honor to be with respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your very obedient and devoted Servant
[signed] S. Stewart

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5th February 1782

Agreed that in consideration of the losses Mr. Stewart has sustained, he be allowed a gratuity of 300 Pagodas.

Mr Stewart to be allowed 300 Pagodas

Read the following Letter and Proceedings of the Committee of Stores.

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

From Comtee of Stores enclosing their Minutes of the 26th Ulto

Forwith

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Herewith, We have the honor
to lay before You our Proceedings of the 28th Instant

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George
29th January 1782

/signed/ John Kennedy
George Maule
B. Scottney

Fort St. George 28th January 1782

At a Committee of Stores Present
Colonel John Kennedy,
Major George Maule,
Bryan Scottney Esqr.

The Committee having
examined an Indent for Trichinopoly
they have made such remarks
upon it as have occurred. They
have received a list of the Nabobs
Stores in the Garrison of Trichinopoly,
and as it is impossible to spare any
Powder from this Place, they
recommend that the Storekeeper
do receive that Article from the
Nabobs People, and remake what
is damaged, and that the Store-
Keeper be ordered to make as
much Powder as he can, the
Powder remaining in this
Garrison being very inadequate
to our Wants.

Approved

An Indent for
Pagodatam

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Negapatam being called before the Committee they agree to comply with all except the Powder. — Approved

Having examined an Indent from Tanjore, they agree to comply with it agreeable to the remarks in the Margin. — Approved

The Commissary of Stores in Camp, having represented that the 6 Garrison Carriages are liable to much inconvenience in transporting; and having suggested a remedy by an Alteration made in the Trail Transom, the Committee recommend that the Contractor for Gun Carriages, do make the alterations proposed. — Approved

Captain Smith Commanding the Artillery attached to the Cavalry, having indented for two spare Limbers, four Tumbrils and two Gun Axle Trees; the Committee desire the Orders of the Select Committee to make them up there being none in Store. — Approved

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The Committee having examined two 8, four 12, and eight six Pounder Field Carriages, approved, and ordered to be received into Store. — Approved

/signed/ John Kennedy Lt Col.
Geo. Maule
B Scawney

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General with the proceedings of the Committee to invalid and pension.

John Huddleston Esqr
Secretary of the Select Committee
of Fort St George.

Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to send you herewith, in order to be laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, the Proceedings of the Committee to invalid and pension, which was held on the 23d December last, and continued by adjournment to the 30th of that month.

From the Adjutant General with Proceedings of the Committee to invalid and pension.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[signed] Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl

Fort St George
6th February 1782

Approved

Read the following Letter from Captain James Edingtoun

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

Honble Sir and Sirs!

I have received your Orders of the 1st Instant, enclosed in a letter from Major General Sir Hector Munro, and shall obey your Commands and his. There being a letter by the same Tappy that brought the above addressed to Messrs

From Captn Edingtoun in exculpation of the Charges alledged against him, objects to Mr Lights sitting on the Enquiry.

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Majr Light, Proctor, and Commanding Officer of Palamcotah; I carried it to those Gentlemen but found on its being opened, the Commanding Officer meant was my Successor to be, and that Copies of Complaints preferred to Your Honble Board against me by Mr Dott accompanied the Letter to be examined into by them and their Opinion on the matter to be reported to the Board, wherein I requested to hear the Charges alledged, which after some difficulty on the part of Mr Light was complied with. These Complaints I shall with ease clear up, and flatter myself to Your Lordship's and the rest of the Honble Board's Satisfaction. As soon as I heard of Hyder Allys entering the Carnatic, I required of the Killadar a state of the Garrison Stores on his Charge, when I found a total want of every thing for subsisting Troops except Paddy, and that was not only insufficient at such a Crisis, but by being long in Store much of it was damaged; and more could be deemed wholesome. I therefore applied to the late Fouzdar Ally Nooid Cawn, who, as is usual with the Nabobs Servants, put me off from time to time, till at Length I urged the matter so close that he sent Paddy from the Pothunnan Crop 1780; and filled two empty Store Houses of the Nabobs, which might amount in quantity to about 6000 Cottahs or little more. It was not my business to enquire how the Fouzdar came by that Grain or what Agreement he had made concerning it, or, until the Killadar sent me a Message importing that Mr Dott and

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was selling the Paddy lately sent in for Garrison Stores by the Fouzdar. did I hear any thing of the matter; the transaction, whatever it might be on which Mr Dott founded his Claim, whether real or fictitious, was between the Nabob's Representative in this Province and him, consequently I do not see in the eye of common Sense how Complaints can be formed against me for preventing Garrison Stores from being otherwise disposed, especially circumstances considered, than the purpose for which they were brought in. On the price of Grain rising and after the death of the late Fouzdar, Mr Dott made another attempt to have the Paddy in question disposed of for his benefit, on which occasion I acquainted him, that being obliged to serve out Paddy for subsisting the Troops, that sent by Ally Nawis Cawn should be issued in place of what I had brought in last April on account of the Company; and that the Sircar and he might determine in respect to his Claim, which if given in his favor could be so managed, if agreed to by the Board, that the Paymaster might give him Credit with the Company in proportion as the Grain was used; but could not otherwise consent to lessen what had been sent for Garrison Stores which fair proposal he rejected; and here I think it necessary to acquaint your Honble Board that Mr Dott had Assignments on the Alwatinevally, Sevegundum and Attoor Districts on the Car Crop 1780 immediately following that from which the Paddy and Securities were made over

over to him in lieu of that Paddy and other Balances due him by the Sircar as he himself once told me in course of Conversation, but whether they refused him or not Your Honble Board will see was no Affair of mine, and you have it still in your power to either give him the Paddy in question or nay him for it. as you think proper not a Grain of it having yet been touched, and surely my having provided a twelve months Paddy in the Fort can hardly be alledged as a Reason why I should be deprived of the Command of it, and I most sincerely wish every Garrison in and depending on the Carnatic was in the same state. In regard to his Assignments being taken from him and the Money collected for the Company's Use, had the the Charge been just his accusation should have been against Mr Light almost equally with me; for all the Collections until the arrival of Mr Proctor were made by him, he appointed a Dubash for that purpose, who was styled the Honble Company's Dubash, and all others concerned in the Collections. For a very short time I sent people as a Check but this gave so much umbrage that I recalled them and then only supplied Mr Light with What Sepoys he required for that purpose and urged the Nabobs Servants for speedy payment, and when Mr Light was at Tutecorin, the Dubash he had appointed came and informed me that the Renter had entirely stopped all Collections on the Company's account, and desired if any employed for the Company

J.

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Company made demands on his Managers to push them out, requesting I would get the Renter to send fresh Orders or he would not get a Pagoda; he having come into the Fort that morning I insisted he should do so immediately and herein I think I did my Duty. As to Mr Dott or his Claims I have had no interference with them; the transaction as far as I am acquainted were as follows. The Nabob sent a positive Order to his Renter to pay 30,000 Pagodas on account of the Company to Mr Light, who had Orders from the Committee concerning it, as I had also to assist him: on my speaking to him on this head he told me the Renter could not comply with it. The Reason for this was, the Paddy of the Car Crop 1780 was mortgaged to him and Mr Dott, and had I meddled with this I might have been accused of interfering with their Appointments, they being given before the Country was made over to the Company. The Pishanum Crop 1781 was then in great forwardness, and a fresh Order being sent to the Renter to deliver 40,000 Pagodas worth of Paddy to Mr Light, the Board directing me to enforce the performance of that Order, I warned the Renter against disposing of it otherwise; and if Mr Dott has Assignments on that Crop they must have been made after the Nabob Agreement with the late Select Committee, which I can hardly suppose would be the Case. I make no doubt but part of the money advanced was to keep the Nabob Troops together, but I know of none that were kept together or were worth keeping together but the two Regiments of Cavalry which notwithstanding

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notwithstanding Mr Dotts advances could not have marched from this to join the Army but for the Money I advanced Captain Jordan, and what was not repaid me till a good while after at Madras without Interest. The only Transaction I have had with the Sircar or their Servants is this. The Amer urged my Attorney at Madras and wrote me in the most pressing manner to grant him a Bill of Exchange for 30000 Pagodas as I had that Sum at Madras and he had no other way of getting a remittance from this Country Hyder Ally just then entering the Carnatic, and the Exigencies of Government were great, my Attorney unluckily for me paid him the money, and his Manager here assigned me the Customs of the Country for repayment, but I never had any Assignments whatsoever after I received the Board's Orders except a trifling Sum of about 2000 Chuckrums for money I paid for buying in some small Articles of Stores, and pay to the Tappal Man who refused to carry Letters without; this I informed the late Select Committee of, and that should I not be repaid here would draw on them, for tho' I have also to my own disadvantage advanced on account of the Service a considerable Sum, part of which from the Scarcity of Money I have not drawn for; and Mr Proctor knows that notwithstanding the justness of my Claim after I had acquainted him fully of the nature of it, I gave up my right of the Customs to him altho' not repaid, and have given him every assistance for the Collections on account of the Company The

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The Particulars of this Letter will point out to Your Honble Board that Mr Lightes sitting on an Enquiry &c where he is a Party concerned is liable to objections, and therefore request another may be appointed in his room; but above all if a Court Martial or Court of Enquiry could be held on my Conduct here, as requested in my letter the 8th Instant, is what I earnestly wish; for so far from being censured in my Conduct I hoped for the honor of commanding any Body of Troops that might be employd this way, and what the pains I took in forming Corps that added so great a part to the Southern Army gave me a Claim to expect on their return

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your respectful and most obedient Hble
Servt
James Eidingtoun

Palamcotah
17th December 1781

Captain Eidingtoun is mistaken in supposing that he was relieved from the Command of Palamcotah in consequence of Mr Dotts Complaint against him. Many serious Charges had previously been exhibited against him by His Highness the Nabob, but the situation of Affairs on the Southern Countries made it prudent to defer relieving him from his Command.

The Right Honble the
President now lays before the Committee the following Paper of Charges against Captain Eidingtoun which His Lordship received some time since from the Durbar

Charges

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Charges against Captain Eddingtown

ee — Paper of Charges against Captain Eddingtown

Extracted from sundry Letters from Fedare Ally Cawn Phouzdar, and Trimelapah Moodelier who is Renter of the Tinnevelly Country, to His Highness the Nabob and His Excellency Nabob Omeer ul Omrah Behauder.

1st For extorting from sundry Persons exorbitant Interest.

2d For having in a cruel and unexampled manner publickly whipped the Mussoldar several times.

3d For having employed His Highness Sepoys on his own private business instead of the public Service of the Country.

4th For exciting disturbances among the Poligers and for acting in that respect against the concurrence and advice of His Highness's Civil Officers, who were legally authorized to treat with the Zemindars of the Country.

5th For Extortion upon the Sooles of Grain.

6th For publickly whipping one of the Aricars Inhabitants in the Cutcherry

7th For extorting by force from the Renter, an Order on the Country for some outstanding Balances, which he said were due

8th For having forcibly removed the Amuldars of several Districts, and appointing others in their stead, without having Authority so to do

9th For having released Mahomed Yacob without Orders, and constituting him by force an Amuld of a District exposed by against the will of the Phouzdar and Renter.

10th For having appropriated to his own use, Grain which he pretended to lay up in Store for the Garrison of Palamcotah

11th For having confined Trevan Tying the Phouzdars Moodelier on the Main Guard of Palamcotah several days, by which means the public Business was much impeded and injured

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12th For having confined the Inhabitants of the Circar
in the Fort of Palamcotah and Tinnevelly.

13th For having kept the Renter of the Circar under restraint
until obliged to sign a Caramanah or Obligation dated
the 28th May 1781.

14th For having extorted Bonds from the Ryotts and charged
them such exorbitant Interest, that their Situation
is become insupportable.

15th For having confined the Renter under a pretence
of getting Provisions and Stores from him; but in
reality to extort a Bond from him for an outstanding balance
which he said was due to himself with an accumulation
of heavy Interest and to secure Payment thereof the
Renter was under the same force, obliged to mortgage
the District of Normundel and the Customs of
the Town of Tinnevelly.

16th For having seized by Force publick Accounts
of the Country from the Cutcherry.

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Paper be sent to Sir Eyre Coote and that he be desired to order a Court Martial upon Captain James Eidingtoun, when, and at whatever Garrison he shall judge most convenient

Sir Eyre Coote desired to order a Court Martial on Captain Eidingtoun

The Secretary lays before the Committee a Bill received from Mr Michell Agent at Negapatam for his Allowances and sundry Charges from March to the end of July last amounting to Pags 832. 40. 8

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The Honble Company Dr. for my Pay and Allowances while Resident at Negapatam being appointed by Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K.B. from Cuddalore the 27th March for the purpose of sending down Grain to the Army and receiving him Intelligence

1781				S Rup.s P.s	S Rup.s P.s
March -	To my Allowance from 27th to 31st is 5 Days			" " "	16 28
April 15th	To Cash paid for a Chelanga from Tremulavasch to Negapatam			10 " "	
30th	To my Allowance for this month the same as was given to Mr Mackintosh when Resident at Tranquebar as recommended to the Select Committee by Sir Eyre Coote			100 " "	
	To Cash paid for Secret Service for this Month			5 " "	
	To two Hircarrahs	@ 3 Rup.s P. Month		6	
	To two Peons	@ 1¼ Rup.s P. Ditto		2 21 "	123 21 "
May 30th.	To my Allowance for this Month			100 " "	
	To Cash paid for Secret Services for this month			13 " "	
	To two Hircarrahs	@ 3 Rup.s P. Month		6 " "	
	To two Peons	@ 1¼ Rup.s P. Ditto		2 21 "	121 21 "
June 30th.	To my Allowance for this month			100 " "	
	To Cash paid for Secret Service for this Month			15 10 "	
	To two Hircarrahs	@ 3 Rup.s P. Ditto		6 " "	
	To two Peons	@ 1¼ Rup.s P. Ditto		2 21 "	123 31 "
July	To my Allowance for this month			100 " "	
	To Cash paid for secret Service			5 " "	
	To Two Hircarrahs from 1st to 9th is 9 days	@ 3 Rup.s P. Month		1 33 43	
	To two Peons from d.o d.o d.o	@ 1¼ Rup.s P. D.o		3 40	107 23 8
	To my Allowance during the time I was Prisoner with the Dutch for the months of August September and October				300 "
	To Cash paid 7th July to the — to release a Vessel which was detained here bound to Cuddalore after the Dutch had received news from Ceylon of a War between the two Nations				30 "
					Star Pagodas 822 8 8

Negapatam
1st November 1781

E E Wm Nicholl

Agreed

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Agreed that the Bill be allowed, but that Mr Michell receive the amount from the Resident at Tanjore

Mr Michell's Bill allowed - to be received from the Resident at Tanjore

Read Letter from Captain Adair, as entered on Miscellany Book, informing the Committee that there are due to him Pay and Off reckonings to the amount of Pags 1400 and requesting a Bill of Exchange on the Court of Directors

Agreed that Captain Adair be desired to apply to the Agent, and have his Account authenticated.

Capt. Adair to get his account authenticated by the Agent.

Agreed that Mr Benjamin Sullivan be paid three months Allowance as Attorney General amounting to Pags 500 by Bills on the Governor General and Council of Bengal.

Ordered that Bills on Bengal to the amount of 500 Pagodas be granted in favor of Joannes Kasenet Cuny for House Rent.

Ordered that Bills on Bengal to the amount of 15000 Pags be granted in favor of Mr William Roß for the disbursements of the Agents Employ

Mr Williams

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Dispatched Letters per conveyance
Recalling part of Detachment ordered to the Mouths
of the Ind[ian] Rivers the following Persons

To Major Hutcheon informing
him his Indent for cloathing for Fort Marlbro'
would be complied with

To Doctor James Peters
Recalling him from Pensacola, — his Bills sent to
the Auditor for examination

To Mr William Panton
Informing him of his being appointed
Commissary to the Army in the room of Mr
Maxwell

To Major George Mead
directing him to draw Gun Carriages
Grounds to be cleared for Batteries as called for
their Position and to forward the Ordnance
with the Plans of the Batteries before the
Black Joke sails

Sent the following Letters

Sept. per Donald Mackay

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7 Dispatched Letters as intimated in Mus-
20.21.18.19.
=ters Book N.o 1/12 agreeable to the Minutes of 7.th to the
following persons —

To Major Hutcheon informing him
his indent for cloathing for Fort Marlbro would be com-
=plied with —

To Doctor James Peters, recommending him
from Pulicat, for Bell, sent to the Gentlemen for examina-
=tion.

To Mr. Williams Jackson informing him of his
being appointed Commissary to the Army in the room
of Mr. Hamsell —

To Major George Monte, directing
him to cause the Washermans Ground to be enclosed
to them, agreeable to their Petition, and to furnish the
Select Committee with a plan of the Esplanade before
the Black Town Wall —

Sent the following Letter to Major
Donald Mackay —

To. Major Donald. Mackay.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President
and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter
of the 30.th ultimo, and to inform you, that as you have thrice permission
To Major Mackay with leave to resign the service and proceed to Europe, but that as the
him permission to resign Select Committee entirely disapprove your leaving the Army
the Service at this Juncture. They cannot consistently with the opinion
they entertain of your conduct on that Instance recommend
your

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If your being restored to the service on any particular Footing,
I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Ser.
(Signd) John Huddleston Sett.

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7th February 1782

Dispatched the following Letters.

To James Daniell Esqre
Chief & Council &c
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to signify to you their consent to Mr Doveton and Mr Mitchell receiving at Masulipatam the allowance to which they are entitled by their having been admitted on Lord Clives Fund. —

The Select Committee also desire that you will pay to Mrs Monteith the arrears of pay due to her husband, who is a prisoner with the Enemy.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Humble Servt
(Signd) John Huddleston Sett.

To Masulipatam
Mr Doveton & Mr Mitchell to receive Lord Clive's bounty there —
Mrs Monteith to be paid the arrears of pay due to her husband —

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To John Turing Esqre
Resident at Ganjam

Sir

We have received your letter of 19th Decr with its Inclosures — In our letter of the 21st November we directed you to obtain an assignment of lands for the recovery of the arrears due from the Mahratta Zemindars, and in case Corungee the

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7th ... ...ter of the 6th ult assignment should be ...ined to rent that of Molwoy, to receive & transmit his offer and in the mean time as the season was far advanced to put him in immediate possession of the farm —

You have however thought proper to adopt and carry into execution arrangements quite foreign to our intentions, which were that the Country should 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, and this disobedience of our express orders is the more extraordinary as you have not urged any solid reasons in support of it — on the contrary your express avers a very favorable opinion of Cowrigie, and declare your belief of the reasons assigned by him for offering no more for the rent —

To Mr John Fleming
disapproves of the measures he has taken concerning the Molwoy business, and inclosing his resolution of the 25th Novr and desiring him to carry into immediate execution the orders it contains —

We also particularly disapprove of your Conduct in speaking the Country powder the charge of Mattidoo and Santarroo, as we cannot suppose the Rajah would voluntarily entrust them with the Management of his affairs

The first having lately fled to Canjam in the hope of being himself appointed Rajah of the Zemindary, and the second being the brother of the latter and a man in whom a former letter were commended that the Rajah should be compelled to appoint to that office in his room —

Upon a reference to the records, we find it stated in more than one place that there is no person in the Sircha powder district of sufficient credit and responsibility to become Security for a considerable rent, excepting

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7th Hastomaram the Soucar, and it seems to have been a general practice to apply to him on cases when security was demanded in respect to Mohurry, in particular we observe that his security has been obtain'd on several occasions, and that he has been long connected with that Zamindary, and with the family of the present Rajah —

If in the present instance Hastomaram has declined becoming security for Mattidoo Santanow, we shall be still more at a loss to account for your putting them in possession or management of the Country —

We now enclose Copy of your Letter of 9th Novem, and direct you to carry into immediate execution the orders it contains on the Subject of Mohurry Zamindary, we also desire to be inform'd what you have done in consequence of that part of your Order which relates to Copy Mahar Seth, the Murderer of the late Dubash —

We have received your Letter of 17th ultimo enclosing one to you from Captain Gent, on the subject of the Flag Staff Bastion of your Fort & we desire that you will only for the present cause such Repairs to be made and immediately as are absolutely necessary.

We are,
Sir,
Your most obedient Humble
Servants,

Fort St George
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Macartney,
&c Select Committee

P.S. Arrived his Majesty's Ship Sultan, with the following dispatches.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I had the honor to address your Lordships from Negapatam fully on the 1st of this Month, the day before I left that Road with his Majestys Squadron under my Command, and the detachment of the Company's Artillery & Seapoys ——

On the 4th I came here with the Squadron in Trincomale Bay, and early on the 5th began to disembark the Troops, the Marines with the two 6 Pounder Field Pieces and Artillery Men first, who landed about three miles to the Northward of Trincomale Fort, without meeting any opposition from the Enemy, the Sea Battalion consisting of the same Number as at Negapatam landed immediately after, and the detachment of the Company's Seapoys under Captain Bonneaux was landed the same Evening, the whole under Command of Captain Gell of his Majesty's Ship Monarca ——

The Seaman and Marines having advanced soon after their landing towards Trincomale Fort, got possession of it that Evening by surprize without any loss on either side, and the Company's Troops under Captain Bonneaux joined them the next day: in this Fort 3 Officers and Forty men were made Prisoners, and from them we were informed that Mr Homad the Governor with the Principal Strength of the Place had retired to Ostenburg Fort on the top of a high hill, which commands the Harbour & its entrance.

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From Sir Edw.d Hughes advising of the Surrender of Trincomale and the Fort of Ostenburg being Captured by assault, with a Return of the killed and wounded, and the Prisoners taken, and two Ships richly laden; the Stores embarked at Negapatam landed at Trincomalé.

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8th Dec. the 7th Major Goda the chief Engineer with the Field Officers were employed reconnoitring the Heights adjoining to Ostenburg Fort, and endeavouring to find a passage for the Troops and Field pieces, and on the 8th the whole moved forward that Fort, and with great labour and Fatigue on the 9th got possession of a Hill not more than three hundred paces from it, but found it utterly impracticable to get heavy Cannon up to batter it — Under these Circumstances I thought it best to summon the Governor to surrender on terms of Capitulation, and that we might get as exact information as possible of the real Estate of the place, desired Major Goda to carry the Summons, which he did, and reported on his return, that it might be in his opinion be taken by Assault, but desiring at the same time that a second Summons might be sent by him, that he might be more exact in his observations on the Defences of the place, which was done on the 10th, and the Governor still persisting in his resolution to defend it to the last, it was determined to assault it. and all necessary Orders given for that purpose to begin at Gun firing on the Morning of the 11th and it was assaulted accordingly with incredible Bravery, and the Enemy driven from their Guns and Posts in a very Short time, but not without considerable loss on our part — Lieut. Long, my Second Lieutenant in the Superbe a most deserving Officer, as he was bravely advancing to the Attack at the head of his Company of Seamen and 20 Non commissioned & Private Seamen and Marines being killed. Lieut. Wolsely, who commanded a Company of Seamen and Lieut. Samuel Orr who commanded the Grenadier Company of Marines, and did duty as Brigade Major and 40 Non commissioned

Return of the killed and Wounded —

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8th Noon came Second and Privateer Seamen and Marines being wounded. The Enemy lost only 30 Men killed, including two Officers, as they either threw away their Arms or ran down the Hill and hid themselves in the Batteries below, and their forfeited Lives were spared from that universal one Mercy which ever distinguishes Britons, and the following Number of Officers and Men were made Prisoners, The Governor, 1 Captain 2 Lieut.s 3 Ensigns 250 European and Mestee Infantry — 1 Captain Engineer 2 Subalterns, 50 European & Mestee Artillery, 55 European Seamen from their Ships, 60 Chinese and Malayas and 10 Artificers — In the Harbour were found two of the Enemy's Ships, one the Company's, the other Private, both richly laden, and several small Vessels of no Consequence the whole number of Prisoners made on board the Ships and Vessels, is 96 European Officers and Seamen, and 40 Malayas and Chinese, at the same time the Sea Horse recovered her Long boat and Crew which had been taken on November last, and met with exceeding good usage from Captain Beem, the Commander of the Groenendaal, now a Prisoner in his own.

The Prisoners taken and two Ships richly laden

On the three first days from the troops landing the two 18 Pounders with their Travelling Carriages, together with every Store taken on board at Negapatam for the Service, were landed at Trincamale Fort, and delivered into the Charge of Captain Stibbert, who I found it necessary to appoint Commissary of Stores, to prevent their being wasted or embezzled and Captain Bonneaux having solicited that the two 6 Pound on Brass Field Pieces with all

The Stores embarked at at Negapatam landed at Trincamale

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St, all their Apparatus, the two 18 Pounder Iron Guns with their requisite Carriages and Stores, the four 5½ Inch Mortars with their Carts, Beds & Shells, together with all the Garrison Small Stores and the Six spare Trail Carriages Captured at Negapatam, and brought on the Squadron for Service, might be left in order to put Trincomale Fort in a better State of Defence, as well as to supply any wants they might have in case of an Attack they are left behind accordingly, and only the two 10 Inch Mortars, their Carts, Beds, and 190 ten Inch Shells remain on board the Squadron of all your Stores received, for which however the Ordinance Store keeper to the Squadron will Account regularly to whoever you may think proper to appoint for that purpose—

Before I close this Letter, you will permit me, My Lord and Gentlemen to acknowledge the very particular Obligations the Publick Service owes, Major Gilgan & Officers in the Company's Land Forces on your Establishment for their Diligence and Activity in this Service on every occasion and both as an Officer and enable Engineer I have the honor to be with the greatest regard

Superbe in Trincamale Bay
the 20th January 1782

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Edwd Hughes

(N.B. the following Letter from Capt. Bowen was sent after the following Letter from Sir Ed. Hughes)

To Vice Admiral Sr Edward Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c. Superb

Sir,
Permit me to present to your recollection that
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8th The Troops necessary to Garrison the Forts of Trincamale and Ostenburg are a Compleat Battalion of 10 Companys, 9 second by five Artillery Europeans and Natives Stationed as follows —

In Fort Ostenburg 6 Companys of Seapoys and fifty Artillery

In Fort Trincamale 3 Companys of Sepoys and 25 Artillery

The People of the Country being entirely unacquainted with attending Guns in the usual stile of Europeans, fifty Lascars for both places with the usual Officers of Syrangs and Tindals will also be indispensably necessary —

As to Artificers they are to be procured here

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servt

P. D. Bonnereau

Trincamale the 29 Jan 1782 —

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

President and Governor and Select Committee of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I had the honor to receive two days ago your Letter of 8th of this month, with a Copy of a Letter and Papers from your Resident at Maddapollam, and am by no means surprized that an Enemys Privateer should make their appearance thereabouts on the Contrary Coast. His Majesty's Sloop Nymph and Chaser, all the Force I could then spare from the Squadron, to oppose such Privateers as might come on that part of the coast if they could, fall in with them, and I have no doubt but their Commanders would have given a good account of any they had met with; A Copy of your Letter of 2 of this month to Capt. Mackenzie of his Majesty's Ship Active, with the Copy of his Answer to said Letter also accompanied your Letter of the 8th

In your Letter to Capt. Mackenzie you are pleased to say, you sometime since applied to me in most urgent terms for assistance to

From Sir Edw Hughes
on sending the Active to
Bengal on disobedience
of Orders

5th, to protect the Vessels employed in bringing supplies of Grain from Bengal, that the Chaser in Consequence had been sent, a Vessel by no means of sufficient Force for the Protection of that important Trade, and in consequence You apply to Capt.n Mackenzie to remedy this my mistake, commanded him either wilfully or ignorantly, by proceeding on that Service, and told him, You will take upon you meerly to justify him in such measure; but, My Lord and Gentlemen, you must permit me to tell you in all Friendship, that unless you are vested with Powers which I know nothing of, to command both me & his Majesty's Squadron, You neither can, nor shall, justify any Officer serving under my Command, in acting contrary to, and in direct Disobedience of my Orders, as Captain Mackenzie has now done at your sollicitation: — The Nymph and Chaser had both been employed for the protection of that Grain Vessels from Bengal, and to bring you to Trincomalee from thence, the Nymph had performed that service, and was returned to the Squadron, and you were apprized by my letters that the Sea horse was destined to succeed instead of the Nymph, that the Sea horse was destined to England, my zeal to have Trincomalee in the best possible state of Defence by removing all the Military Prisoners from thence to Madras, had induced me to part with the Active the only Frigate then with the Squadron, and she was ordered to return to me with Ammunition & Troops for this Service; will you My Lord and Gentlemen, say that to a fine 18 Gun Privateer which the Chaser with 18 Guns also, and more than 135 English Seamen on board was fully a Match for, was more essential Service than to supply the Squadrons want of Gun Powder, of which there was not enough for more than one hours Action in any Ship, and that Squadron then proceeding on further service, where a supply of Gun powder might

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St might be wanted on Shore — Can you under these circumstances justify Captain Mackenzie in his disobedience of my orders to return immediately to join the Squadron with a supply of Gunpowder and Treasure? surely not —

I have also received your letter of 12th of this Month, in which you do me the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of mine to you dated the 1st & and still continue of opinion, that the Forts which command the Bay and Harbour of Trincamale ought to be sufficiently garrisoned either by the Kings or Company's Troops, and that the number of the Company's Troops now there, as Garrison under command of Captain Bonnewaux, is thought by them to be very inadequate for that purpose, as you will observe by a Copy of their Officers Letter to me on the subject —

Enclosing Letter from Capt Bonnewaux thinks his Force inadequate to Garrison Trincamale and Batticaloa —

The Supply of 500 Barrels of 100 Pounds each, or 30,000 pounds of Gunpowder came opportunely to relieve the urgent wants of the Squadron in that article, but if you my Lord and Gentlemen will excuse my Demands for that essential Article of Stores, I trust in future to be less liberal in granting supplies of it for the Company's Service, as no less a Quantity than 46,800 pounds of it was in the Vessels of the last year, been furnished from the Squadron for the Service of the Garrison at Tellicherry, and the Siege of Pegu-putam — I am concerned to find you receive your Complaints on the subject of the Privateer to the Northward, which you say has done infinite mischief among the Rice vessels, and is a most Serious misfortune to your Settlement; it so happened that a Serious one of the largest vessels captured by this Privateer, was recaptured by the Nymph off Ceylon, and from a very sensible and intelligent Lascar on board her, I am informed all this infinite mischief and Serious misfortune, fell upon the

Moneys

No want of Gunpowder the Quantity sent not sufficient —

S.r Edward Hughes &c. &c. &c. and Dick the Chief of Tangeravaud
, Madapolam and those Gentlemen, no doubt Desired to have
had a Ship of War, each to protect their Trade, or if that could not
be spared, a small Vessel or two, well armed and manned with
Europeans from the Squadron to serve the coast, and effectually
secure the Navigation — Permit me therefore my Lord & Gentlemen
once for all to assure you I will exert the Force this Majesty
has done me the Honor to put under my Command to the best
purposes to protecting the Company's Trade and Settlements,
and annoying our Enemies, and that I shall always receive
with pleasure every requisition made me by the Company's
Servants both Civil and Military, and as readily comply
with it, if I judge it consistent and in my power; but I think
it unusual for any to press into my Command, and much more
so to point out to me either the manner or the means of grant-
ing such requisitions, matters which rest with me only —
I have the honor to be with great regard,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Edwd Hughes

Will point his endeavours for the protection of the Trade

Superb in Trincomale Bay
the 20th January 1782 —

N.B. Refer to Page the Letter before this for the letter from Capt.n Bommevant.

The Right Honble George Lord.d Macartney

My Lord

I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that I left
Trincomale Bay on the 31st of last month with his Majesty's
Ships as Convoys and intending for Madrass Road, Captain
Bommevant with the small Detachment of Sepoys is left
there as Garrison to that important place, and I hope your
Lordship will not delay a moment to send a reinforcement
thither. ——

Superb
Exeter
Monarca
Worcester
Bomford
Eagle
Combustion

On the 23d of last month, Sent Captain Montague in His
Majestys Ships Seahorse to convoy the Company's Ships Over
round

From Sir Edward Hughes the Seahorse convoyed the Fleet round Ceylon, fell in with Commodore Alms. — with Letters from Mr. Boyd, and Captain Bonevaux. —

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My round Ceylon as far as Calitura and this morning her has joind the Squadron again, having performd the service he was sent on, and met with Capt. Alms off Ceylon to whom I refer your Lordships for particulars as I am in haste to dis= =patch them —

I have also sent your Lordship by him such letters as Mr Boyd and Capt. Bonneaux charged me with on my depar= =ture from Trincomale and have the honor to be with great Regard

My Lord,

Your Lordships

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most Obedient Hum Se

Edwd Hughes

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

From Mr Boyd encloses Copy of his letter to the King Candy, informing him of his being appointed an Embassador to his Court, & of the favourable sentiments entertained of his friendship & his letter to the Admiral advising him of the Death of the King of Candy requests his advice in consequence thinks the Force left at Trincomale inadequate

My Lord,

I hope this will not be your first intelligence of our success though I have much doubt of our Dispatches having reached you yet, which were dispatched some days ago by Capt. Bonneaux, via Jaffanapatam. They contained, mind at last, only the fact of our being in possession of both the Forts here — You will now see they cost us more than was or could have been expected, but not than they are worth, it may very fairly be hoped from the concurring estimation of all, of the very high value of this very fine Harbour, besides the useful effect as to the internal over politicks of the Country of respect and dispo=sition to cooperate with a power that can at once wrest such an establishment from a common enemy —

To encourage those Ideas, and thereby facilitate my way and my business to Candia, I addressed a letter to the King, copy of which I inclose to your Lordship, as I dispatched it to him on my landing on the 8th inst. and duplicate on the 9th — You will see by my letter to Sr Edwd Hughes of yesterday's date, copy of which I also

8th I also inclose to your Lordships, that I have accounts of my messen-
=gers being within three Leagues of Candia six days ago, since
when more accurately, and being detained there till yesterday was
should be granted them to enter the town — So that is three days
delay I hope for their return in two or three days, and a favor-
=able answer from the new Government — Though the death
of the old King, which had happened only sixteen days ago, deprives
us of a certain friend, as you will observe in the enclosed, accord-
=ing to the intelligence I have had, that he had ordered every friendly
preparation for the expected Embassy; the chance of a warmer and
more active assertion because the first on the part of his
successor, I should still hope will counterbalance that event at
least not disadvantageous to us, Especially if some capital
Shaw stations to have, the most favorable reports returned to
Candia through their own channels of intelligence which
they have been sitting at work, successful as I think it
promises —

Every endeavour has been used, particularly by Captain Bon-
=ravent, to give the Natives the most favorable impression
of us — the ensures friendly and alluring proclamations by
beat of Drum — or as they call it of Tom Tom — the attention
to complaints and redresses injuries — which have not been
frequent while Seamen are obliged to Land Water on
Shore — And hence arises a Buzza — the Fort to induce
the people thither as usefully as possible —
But besides persuading them of our disposition, we ought to
impress their minds with another conviction of our power
And at present I believe that I prevail very successfully —
While this fleet yet hovers on the coast with his Seamen and
Marines who can drag Guns up precipices storm Forts at

Shaw

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8th Shewstop — we appear very formidable But the moment
St Edward weighs anchor and leaves Bonnevaux to himself with a
Garrison so miserably reduced both in quantity and quality from
what was adjudged necessary — hardly a third of the number originally
estimated, now fit for service, and no proportion of Europeans.
We shall appear not only with a very changed aspect to the Country,
but in a most dangerous state of weakness indeed, if any Enemy
look us in the face ——
Your Lordships readily believe that I do not presume to
form any military Idea's on the subject, But without the
least such pretention, it is impossible for the commonest
observer not to see the necessity of a great supply of Force
indeed to maintain in any probable state of security the
important acquisitions we have made ——
But with the supply which it is most devoutly to be hoped you
will be able to contribute, a little labour & therefore little expence
as I understand from concurring judgements & indeed is
evident on view of the place, will form such strong alliances
with the natural strengths, as to render Cotiambong impreg-
nable — I described to you from Vegapatam the fortification
of our Council, and our forces on that subject, and it has not
sunk to this dangerous degree of disappointment Bonnevaux
however which I know your Lordships will think a better
argument for his supply than despondence, but upon his
usual Esprit & confidence, and I dare say will make new what-
ever force he has or may have greater or make I cannot but be anxi-
ous that his supply should be as expeditious as possible, as I must
in the meantime encroach a little on the little force he has —
a Guard being absolutely necessary for mere notorious for dress
appearance

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8th appearance and impressions consequences but for safety. Without it, my time and business are necessarily known that a few Kutch partizans might easily intercept me; or even the Malays for plunder. a large body of whom escaped from the Fort, and another party a few days ago, but of last on only four Prisoners, from on board one of the Ships. This point being part. ly Military, often revived at Negapatam; & Hector conceived so strongly it, as to suggest a much larger number than would sum necessary or proportionate, even if the Garrison were of the original Idea. Bonnevar however very heartily gives me fifty, which I hope will be amply sufficient for all purposes. Your Lordships I hope will rest assured that I shall endeavour to fulfil all most effectually for the service, and that I am your Lordships most truly attached &c——

H. Boyd

Ceylon, Fort at Trincamale,
January 23 1782.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord

I have accompanying letter to your Lordship of the 23rd inst was intended to have been forwarded by the Seahorse, but Captain Montague sailing more suddenly than he to me had expected— I was disappointed, & have been very uneasy, lest in the absence of this Vessel from the Fleet, I should appear to have neglected any opportunity of communicating the state of the Business here in which I have the honor of being employed——

From Mr Boyd inclos. a long account given by the Bearer of his letter, to the King of Candia, of his reception & journey

From the enclosed papers, relating the reception of my messenger to Candia & the business & gentle Negociation of the Messenger dispatched from hence to Trincamale, the day after

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P.S. mine was dismissed. your Lordship will see how it stands at present — The first account N°1 you observe, was by no means encouraging. It was not easy to imagine the motive of a Conduct so unexpected as the absolute negatives of my letter — & the Candian Embassador to Columbo was alarming — But the second entitles you N°2, by the Messenger expressly sent to us in consequence thereof explained & apologised though not perfectly, consistently, clearly as your Lordship will probably judge yet very much improving the aspect of Affairs ——

In this situation of things, I have determined in the hope of meeting with your Lordship's sentiments of dispatch in public business and obtaining your approbation, to proceed in a few days to Candia & soon, for I wait for nothing else, as the returns of the intelligence Boat N°2. can have a little prepared my way — Whatever hazard may be in this, under the uncertain forbidding aspect of politicks of this Durbar, I have judged it infinitely preferable to encounter it rather than wait the slow approaches of this military Embassador who is coming but hardly within three weeks, as you observe N°2 — & thereby risque the timely ascertainment of the important matters with the King & junction of Force against the common Enemy — On this, all other topicks of this business as your Lordship will see from the enclosed letters — I have been careful to communicate with Sr Edward Hughes, & have been happy to find every communication perfectly understood — He agrees entirely with the present proceeding, & will explain particulars of the Country dispositions &c. as we have been able to collect them — more fully than I can add at present ——

another account by a Person from Candia of the politicks there —

Draws a Bill

I have drawn a Bill on your Lordship on this public service for 1,000 Pagodas in favor of Sir Edwd Hughes, as you will see mentioned in one of my letters to him — In addition to what is there said of the great possible inconvenience of being without money

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8th money in this Country. I have to observe to obviate the long delay & consequent expence I have been obliged to incur — even with what I am told into a small a Retinue & Attendance but what I find abundantly troublesome & the unlucky fortune-pressive in disposition so long as under which I have not yet got over — I shall transmit as frequent Accounts as in my power of whatever shall occur relative to the public Service, — I am always with perfect attachment & respect

Superbe,
Trincomalay Bay,
29 Jany 1782.

Your Lordship's most sincere & Obt
Hugh Boyd.

with Letter from Col Hughes inclosing list of warlike Stores —

I inclose a List to your Lordship a return of ordinance & Warlike Stores found in Fort Ostenburg of Trincomalie signed by Mr Cuthbert as Commissary for the King & my self for the Company The other return of the property captured & to be shared among the Captors, it has been impossible from Mr Cuthberts illness & the necessary movements of the Fleet now to make out in time for me to countersign by this opportunity.
The Papers Nos 3. 4 & 5 mentioned by Col. Mr Boyd are entered in the Miscellany Book Nos

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c &c of Fort St George

Right Honble Lord.

The second paragraph of the instructions I received from Major General Sir Hector Munro K.B. of Date directing me to correspond with your Lordship and with the Commanders Chiefs as often as Opportunity offers — I now make use of this Opportunity the said dismantling of the Seahorse affords me to send your a return of the Troops under my Command, of the killed & wounded &c in this service, which will accompany this —

From Captain Braine-vaux complaining of Lieutenant Abbot, and Ensign Byrne that the Sepoy force is not sufficient —

Permit me next to inform your Lordship that the weather embarkation of the Troops and the manner Hostilities were collected and

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8th and embarked having put it out of my power to inspect every part of the Detachment when embarking; too late for him no remedy could be applied I found that Lieut.t Abbot had embarked 185 Men which he called Sepoys, but only about 60 could barely be thus called, the remainder being altogether recruited of that sort of men who never can turn out better than their own origin of Hooley, being mostly recruited from the work at Negapatam — Which put me in the most distressing predicament, having in total of my return above 100 which absolutely on duty or service must be counted for nothing, and I am in duty bound to represent this injury done to the service by an Officer whose standing renders it inexcusable ——

I am further to inform your Lordships relating Lieutenant Abbot, that offering to embark above 300 Men, he had an expectation of Commanding them as a Corps, but furnishing only the above 185 Men, it was General Munro's order to me they should be employed as Pioneers for the service only — The state of the Troops and deficiency of number having obliged me to regulate the Detachment as your Lordship will see by N.o 2 drew a Public Letter to me from Lieutenant Abbot N.o 3, who also addressed the Admiral, and received his answer N.o 4. ——

That your Lordships may be best judge of the merit of the complaint, and my reasons for giving out forming the Detachment N.o 1 ——

I am under the necessity to be thus particular, because from this I hath spring the most unlucky moments to me during this service, and Mess.rs Abbot and Byrne supported by the G.O. of the Commander on shore have

8th have openly fled in the face of authority with impunity, having interest enough to keep themselves independent by the support of this said General Order N°5 ——

When the reign of these Gentlemen was near expiring, underhand Combinings from sundry quarters, which sprung from the fountain of their disappointed ambition, have tried to injure my unblemished Character supported by 15 Years of studied approved service. Malicious so far as to insinuate that the Treasure was unsafe in my Guard, and that it was necessary for Sr Edw.d to appoint another Commander. In this instance I am to acknowledge that Sr Edward hath done me the justice to reject such an injurious suspicion, and that my Conduct hath prov'd how much I was injured ——

Next is Ensign Byrnes application to quit this, under pretence of sickness, without so much as being reported to the Doctor of the Detachment, his address to Sr Edward of mel. is N°6 — The reasons he alledged and drew his brief it must have given me to keep against this will two combined Enemies made me resent it that Officer going But this dependence you may have on this fact make Byrnes request your Lordships will do me the justice of taking proper notice of Ensign Byrne at his arrival, and cause Lieut.t Tibbs to be relieved from this place — I know from experience the litigiousness of that Officer will constantly keep me in boiling Water, and I have not in my Power to try him, was I oblig.d to put him under an Arrest, besides I would deprive myself and the Service of one of the two only Officers I have now for Duty.

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S.r Duty, one of which I must order to accompany M.r Boyd when he sets off for his Embassy — I therefore shall take upon me to overlook every thing, relying on your Lordships support to apply proper remedy to what is out of my power to do myself —

I would be happy in informing your Lordships with our success, and compleat conquest of Trincamalee and dependencies since the 11th inst.t had the storm of Ostenburg Fort not cost us dear, nothing less than 80 Men killed & wounded, out of which 15 are wounded of the Company's Troops, one man since killed by accident and 7 deserted I suppose to conceal some plunder. —

Another circumstance distresses me much, which is, that it is out of the Power of man to defend this place with the Troops I have, the total of which your Lordships will see by the Returns and above that 120 must not be counted as fighting men being absolute Coolys, which cannot serve in any other shape —

Trincamalee and its dependencies are, the Fort of Trincamalee itself, an important post to defend, because after taken it leads to commanding grounds, which from nature gives an undisputable advantage for the reduction of Ostenburg Fort, the Capital & most important Fort commanding the noblest Harbour in the World —

Nothing less than six compleat Companies of Sepoys can garrison with chance of defending Ostenburg Fort Viz.t Two in the low Batterys and 4 in that above, 50 Artillery Men European & Natives are also necessary in that Fort, for the above and below Batterys —

The Fort of Trincamalee requires 6 Companies, because Sepoys must be constantly employed in the Country dealing and protecting the Inhabitants, which I am confident by my present experience will always employ nearly one Company, otherwise

D.o 3 Companies might prove sufficient for the defence of that Fort when in state of defence, which it is for from being the present Case now, and add to this, that all the Guns have been withdrawn and only 5 remain in an unfit order ——————

This Fort is, in it principle, badly placed on the bank of the Coomby having on its back nearly a Rock or mountain extending to the Sea for a bout half a mile commanding it gradually as it goes — And I was an Estimate of what is necessary to put those two forts in a State of Defence to be entered upon, it would amount to more Money, than I am assured can be spared from the Coast — I therefore earnestly recommend temporary Works in Abbatis and Mud to make post of, and communication to the neighboring commanding Ground, which would draw my narration too extensive to detail here, Pickets or ditches must immediately be done at the foot of the present fortifications to prevent even Cattle to go throug the Embrasures, and sundry other parts of the fortifications your Lordship can hardly conceive in what bad situation those fortifications are in particular the tops of Fort Osnaburg

However let me assure your Lordship that 5,000 Pagodas in the course of time well husbanded and employed in these temporary works would render those Forts capable of stout defence provided the Troops I mentioned were stationed in them ——

I have not mentioned the Number of Artillery required in Fort St George, because there is no guns for service, besides the Evening one, but this must be remedied, and 25 Platoon'd there would do the business — Permit me to add that throughout

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&c. This plain representation of Facts, I have greatly attended to the present situation of the Coast, both in point of Troops and finances, therefore I request your Lordships will take it for granted that nothing less than a Compleat Batallion of Sepoys with Officers and proper Serjeants and 75 Artillaymen can defend these Forts — The situation I am in bespeaks so loudly my inability to defend both places, and was I to withdraw from Trincomalle I should think the danger still greater — I have therefore resolved within my self and will communicate the same to Sr Edward / to divide equally the number I have in both forts & thus face the Enemy as long as I can, I form only one wish / and it will be the base of my Conduct / to end my days proving my self worthy of the trust reposed in me, deserving of the kind patronage your Lordships honor me with, of the Esteem of those capable of judging the Conduct of an Officer. ——————

It is as yet impossible to judge whether the Country People in this Neighborhood will easily be brought to our interest hitherto there is great reason to hope, on the one hand / to suspect on the other — about 150 of the Garrison of Ostenburg have escaped — And now conceal themselves in the neighboring Woods how it will turn out when Sr Edward leaves this, is hard to tell From what I have said above with regard to the importance of defending both places at present, I wish however to be clearly understood that as Ostenburg in the State of Defence it is susceptable I think and not before, The Fort of Trincomalle might be evacuated and destroyed, leaving however a small redoubt for a look out, which is already made on the Eastwardly Bastion on the Rock

I have

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8th I have the honor to be with the profoundest Respect,

Right Honble Lord,

Your Lordships most Obliged
humble Servant

Trincomallee the 23. January 1782

P. D. Bonneveaux

The Papers alluded to in the foregoing letter are entered in the Miscellany Book.

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

My Lord

The uncommon trouble I have been at
since I am in the Command of this place, having ap-
lyed all my time in the occurrences of the moment prevent
d me from giving further accounts to your Lordship then
my receipts of the 23d will bring, which Packet was intended
to go by the Sea horse, but unluckily miss'd it, now go with the
Fleet in the Care of Dr Anderson of the Support. —

My Friend Mr Boyd who has more leisure than
myself will no doubt communicate his expectation of
setting off in a few days with a Company of the best assisted
Sepoys I can muster for the occasion —

From Capt Bonneveaux
relating to Sr Edward
Hughes for every
particular concer-
ning his situation,

Sir Edward is master of every Par-
ticular on that & every subject regarding this place, nothing has
been done in any Department but by his order and Mr Boyd
has communicated every thing as they occurred in his time to
him — I shall in a few days try to send you further Accounts
by a Chattenga — I have Received from Sr Edw. 4000 Cas.

Received 4000 Cas
from the Admiral

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8th for which I have granted Public bills on your Lordship —

2,000 of the above Sum is for to supply the Expences of the
necessary works, and 2000 for the Money the troops may be in
want of till proper Accounts of supply may be received —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Your Lordships most obedient

Humble Servant,

Trincomalee 30th January 1782 E. D. Bonneveaux

A few hours after the arrival of the Seahorse,
Admiral Sr Edward Hughes arrived with the Fleet.

Received the following Letters from Negapatam
by the Ship True Briton —

The Right Honble Lord. Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c &c
Fort St George

My Lord

I did myself the honor to write your Lordship
yesterday by the Escape Sloop, who carries an Express for your Lord-
ship and Select Committee, but as it is possible The True Briton
Capt. Morris who sails this Evening for Madras may arrive
before the Packet I have given this Letter to the Charge of that
Gentleman, together with the Duplicates of those I had the honor

to

From Capt Johnston

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8th to write your Lordship yesterday and the intelligence received at this place. I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient
most humble Servant

Vizagapatam 28th January 1782

Jas Johnston

P.S. The Ship has been detain'd three days later than the Master expected. Last night a person of rank residing here inform'd me of a letter received yesterday from Hyders Camp which says that a peace is positively concluded between the English & Mahrattoes, the former relinquishing their late conquests, & the latter paying the sum of one hundred Sack of Rupees, half of which he says is already paid & the other half to be paid on a future day. I most sincerely wish this may be true, if so, your Lordship will most probably have heard it before this letter reaches Madras.

A report in Hyders Camp of peace being concluded with the Mahrattas —

The Family who received this letter are anxious lest it may not be known as the person who wrote it is in the power of Hyder who would not fail to punish him if he was detected sending intelligence. I therefore promised them secrecy in this & any other intelligence they may communicate.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most respectful
faithful Servant
Jas Johnston

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Intelligence

A French Fleet is expected at Pt. de Galle on the Island of Ceylon sometime during the month of January 1782 from the Island of Mauritius, consisting of ten or eleven ships of the Line, and about twenty sail of Transports and other vessels — this fleet it is expected will bring about 3,000 European Soldiers and 1,500 Caffres ——

A French fleet expected ——

It was once talked of landing this force at Pondicherry, but more correct & authentic Intelligence gives every room to imagine that this fleet and Troops are destined to act against Bombay — Mr. Manerong had arrived at Columbo about the beginning of Novr. 1781 from Mauritius, in the Character of Agent for the French, and had received advances of considerable sums of money from the Dutch Government at Columbo, for the purpose of providing Cattle, Stores, and all other necessaries that the french fleet might stand in need of on its arrival at Columbo — And the Agent was continually applying and in Expectation of receiving further supplies of cash on the same subject. ——

The above Intelligence may be depended on, and the person from whom it comes will do himself the pleasure at a future opportunity to address you a letter. ——

To Sr. Edward Hughes K.B. from Mr. Proctor at Palamcottah dated 19th Janry 1782, & directed to be opened by Commanding Officer at Negapatam ——

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The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

Governor of Fort St George

My Lord

I hope your Lordship has received my letter by the Sloop Grape who sailed from hence three days since with the Packet from Bombay. Private letters which ought to be the most authentic, of the latest date, make mention of the Arrival of the Indiamen and Transports, but it is supposed they cannot meet with any danger from thence bet to Bombay — Mr Brereton directed a letter from Calamattah to the Admiral, in case of absence to be opened by the Officer commanding here — Capt. Johnston has therefore opened the said letter, & sent copies of it to your Lordships by the Grape, & Duplicates by this ship — The Original is forwarded to Sr Edw Hughes at Trincomale by a Catamaran — Whatever letters Mr Brereton may send here shall be transmitted to your Lordship by the speediest opportunity —

From Mr Michell a letter from Mr Brereton to the Admiral opened by the Commanding Officer —

This goes by the Trust Britton freighted by the Captain. by her I have wrote a short letter to the Honble the Select Committee, inclosing a Invoice of the Goods shipped on her from this place. I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedt and most humble Servt.

J. W. Michell

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8th P.S.

We have no accounts from Trincomalee or Jaffanapatam —

most of the Grain in the Tanjore Country will be ready to cut in 20 days —

The Sumbaw Cochanneal Crop is just ready to cut, & if by our Ally leaves the Tanjore Country twenty days unmolested at this critical season, most of the Grain will or ought to be Shipped in secure situations ——

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Members of the Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to your Lordships &c. Invoice of the Goods shipped on the True Briton Capt. Morris, taken on freight for Madras by the Agents of the Captors ——

from Mr Michell inclosing Invoice of Goods shipped on the True Briton —

The Chapman Indiaman is receiving the War- like Stores as fast as possible, and will be ready to sail in a few days — I shall not trouble your Lordships & the Honble the Select Committee with Duplicates of the Accounts as I hear that the Valentine is arrived at Madras who carried the originals. I have the honor to be with great respect — My Lord & Gentlemen

The Chapman receiving the War- like Stores —

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

J. Michell

Negapatam,
30th Jan. 1782 —

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At a Select Committee present

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

Friday Even.g the 8th Feby 1782.

Anthony Sadleir — Morgan Williams

Lt Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote absent on Service

Major Gen.l Sir Hector Munro in disposed

Wm John Hollond Resident at Nizams Court

Minutes of last Committee Read & approved

Read the following Letters & Intelligence just received.

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

President & Governor &c Fort St George.

My Lord

Yesterday at noon we were alarmed here by the firing of Guns to the Eastward, and immediately sent to the Sea side, and learn from different Accounts, of there being Seven Sail of Ships upwards of 30 Sail, and from the frequent Signals and frequent firing I apprehend they are an Enemy, I have sent a party to Nisnapatam with orders to destroy all the Boats should it prove an Enemy. I have the honor to be — My Lord

Your Lordships Obedient Humble Servt

Geo: Campbell

From Capt. Campbell of 30 Sail make their appearance supposes them to be an Enemy —

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To Captain Smith

Sir,

Upon my arrival at this Place this Morning I was informed by the people here that a great number of large ships were seen yesterday from Sadrasapatam which is about 18 Cs high to keep the Coast. Upon my enquiring more particularly concerning them, I was told that they carried white Colours & when I doubted this they said it was impossible for them to be mistaken as they had a very good Glass, and the ships were near enough to be perfectly discerned. Upon this Information I asked the People if they were to be seen from this Place? they said they were, but a large River running between us & the Sea and this place, I should be prevented from getting near enough to distinguish them, unless I went to some miles further Down the Coast. I immediately mounted my Horse & rode above 8 Miles before I came to a place where I could cross the River, here Sir, I discovered above 20 large ships & 7 or 8 smaller ones, with all the sail they could carry bearing towards Madras. Notwithstanding I had a very good Glass, they were too far out at Sea to discover their Colours. I think this of too great a Consequence to omit its delay a moment. I therefore send off a Despoy with this Intelligence to you & beg you will make the Governor immediately acquainted with it.

From Ensign Wale confirms the above intelligence

Sam. Lee

9 o'Clock in the Morning,
8 Miles from Dumasapatam on the Beach,

Your very much obliged & very Humble Servant

Rich. Wall

The Despoy who carries this promises faithfully to deliver it to you by 12 o'Clock to night

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Extract of a letter from a Merchant at Doorajeepatam or Arnogal to his Friend at Madras Dated 7th Febry 1782 Recd.

Intelligence from Dooraspatam or thereabouts

This Morning about 30 Sail in Line have passed this way from Coondy Naido Choultry to the Southward of this Road, taking & Destroyed 3 Paddy Boats belonging to the Merchants — There Ships are still in the Road —

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

My Lord,

I have just now Intelligence brought me which may be depended upon, that a little to the Northward of Paliacat, there are thirty two French Ships, & there are two French Hoops within them very near the Shore taking & sinking all the Coasting Vessels, they can meet with; when they appear in sight from Paliacat I shall be sure to come to inform your Lordship thereof —

From Captain Smith's on the same

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord Your Lordships most Obedient

Humble Servant

George Smith

Paliacat Febry 9th 1/2 past 12 AM

Minute thereon

The above Capter affording great reason to believe that there is an Enemy's Fleet on the Coast, the President is requested to take whatever Steps his Lordship shall judge necessary for the safety and Defence of the Settlement — Agreed that Letters be written to Bengal and the Subordinate Settlements Govt Garrisons informing them of the Intelligence now Received

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The Right Honble the President lays before the Committee the following papers —

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

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen.

In consequence of the Right Honble the President's directing me to inform him what Articles are wanting and what work is necessary to be done in order to put the Fortifications in the best possible state of Defence — I have herewith the honor to lay before you the particulars thereof with such remarks as have occurred to me on the subject of each — and I have to request your Lordships &c will be pleased to give such orders as you shall think proper thereon

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servt

Fort St George
15th February 1782 —

Geo. Stanley
Chief Engr

From Major Stanley with the Articles that are wanting & what work is necessary to be done to the Fortifications

Particulars of Articles wanting and Work necessary to be done to the Fortifications in order to put them in the best possible State of Defence —

Remarks

There yet remains to compleat the Works the Parapet of the East Line The Chunam ming of that work, and the filling in the Earth —

This work not having been undertaken & compleated along time since, the top is owing to a stop in our supplies of Chunam. I beg leave to request the Committee will be pleased to give —

2.nd
The greater part of the Palisadoes of the Sea Line and a small portion of them for the Ravelin way remain yet to be put up.

3rd
The Doors of the Sea Gates are not yet put up —

4.th
The Quantity of Gabions, Fascines, Pickquets, &c. now in Store is much inferior to what we ought to have, & those having been made sometime, cannot be equal in Quality to such as are newly prepared. We have about 6,000 Fascines 900 Gabions — 190 Hurdles — 10,000 Pickquets, of these the Gabions are in the best order, & the Quantity in proportion is greater than of the other Articles —

5.th

give positive directions to the Contractor's Agents that no unnecessary time be lost in procuring a supply of this article, on which the Completion of the Sea Line also depends —

2.nd and 3.rd
The Contractor for Repairs should be directed to pursue it's Business immediately, and I take leave to propose to the Right Hon.ble the President & Select Committee to get them done out of hand, as well as to put up immediately the Gates to the Sea —

4.th
I think that a Supply of 12 or 15,000 new Fascines should be procured. The Gabions increased to 600 more, the Hurdles to 500, and the Pickquets in proportion — An order to the Works to procure these Articles will be necessary. A Quantity of Bamboos may be procured from the N.ward by orders to be given to the Chiefs. These will afford the best and most durable Gabions & Hurdles we can have —

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Such Platforms for Guns as may be thought to more essentially necessary to be laid —

6th

Pioneers tools should be procured as Articles highly essential the Quantity in Store is very in= = adequate to our wants —

5th

There are only 66 Platforms ready, the Military Storekeeper should be directed to furnish what remains to compleat the Number intended for the Service of the Garrison being —

150 —— 6th

These Articles as Garrison Stores are indispensibly necessary. The Military Storekeeper should be directed to furnish the Complement for Store) —

Fort St George 1st February 1782 — Geo. Raule Ch Engr.

Returns of Gun powder in the Fort St George & Dependencies

Europe Coarse	Barrels	1008	
Ditto	Barrels	2500	11 Rbs 110 Rbs
Battle			
Bengal Coarse	Barrels	791	293¼ 1 30
Bengal Fine			
Madras			
French Europe			
Ditto			

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Geo. Raule Ch Engr.

Fort St George 8th February 1782.

A Return of Provisions and Stores in the Garrison this day, with the an Estimate of the Quantities necessary for a Garrison of 2,000 Europeans and 7,000 Natives for Six Months

Names of Stores & Provisions	Remain in Store	Quantity necessary Wanted to be provided	Surplus Dan. in Store	Explanation	Remarks
Arrack	190 Leaguers	127½ Leaguers	———	62½ Leaguers	a 3 Pagoda each Man p. diem & this article dimin. ⅓ by
Beef and Pork	1361 Casks	1125 Casks	———	236 Casks	a Allowance man p. Day p. the Country Salt Provisions
Biscuit for 2,000 Europeans	Cy. Mds. Lbs. 113: 2: 4½	72 Candys	———	Cy. Mds. Lbs. 371 „ 2. 4½	a Man p. Day (for the future)
Wheat of Bengal	Cy. Mds. 51. 26 ⅜	15 Garses	———	Garss. Mds. 36 : 26 ⅜	———
Ditto of Surat	29 : 235	30 Ditto	———	———	———
Pease	Cy. mds. lbs. 7 : 250	15 Ditto	Garss. Mds. 7 „ 250 lbs	———	———
Candles	Cy. mds. lbs. 7 : 2 : 12	11 ¼ Candys	Cy. mds. lbs. 4 : 2 : 13	———	———
Rice for 10000 ✗	Garss. Mercals 1055 : 71	562½ Garses	Garss. Mds. 10 : 235	Garss. Mercals 492. 271	a 10 Measures p. Gardeens Parishes Delivery — Cargo now ready for
Salt	Cy. mds. 77 : 125	28 ½ Ditto	———	———	a 1 D° for 20 men p. D°
Red Grain and Doll	67 : 126½ Mds.	45 Ditto	———	22 : 126½	a 1 D° for 100 " p. D°
Ghee	Cy. mds. lbs. 240 : 15. 17	562½ Candys	Cy. mds. lbs. 312 : 11 : 7 ⅜	———	a 1 D° for 200 " p. D°
Pepper	Cy. 2 „ 18 . 6 ⅞	97 : 6 ¼ D°	94. 7. 24 ¾ D°	———	a ½ Gabra for p. D°
Chillies	5 „ 2 „ 1	168 . 15 —	163 : 12 : 23 ⅜	———	a ¼ D° D° p. D°
Tamarinds	485 „ 9 „ 6 ⅜	450 —	— ———	35 . 9 „ 6 ⅜	a 2 D° D° p. D°
Turmaric	10 „ 11 1 ⅜	28 „ 10 —	17 : 18 : 23 ⅜	———	½ D° D° p. D°
Cinnamon Seeds	74 : 9 2 ¾	56 . 3 —	———	18 . 4 . 2 ¾	a ¼ D° D° p. D°
Coriander Seeds	„ 19. 9 lb	306 „ 0 „ 0	29 „ — „ 16	———	———

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Onions	"	331.10	337		1/2 d° d° £0
Garlic	15.7.16	56.5	40.17.9		1/2 d° d° £ d°
Betle Nutt	159:2:16	56.5		102:17:16	1/2 d° d° £ 8
Chinnam for Betle	8.6.16	67 1/2	59.3.9		1/2 d° d° £ 9
Tobacco	9.3.16 1/2	56:5	47.1.8 1/2		1/2 d° d° £ d°
Salt Fish	Numb Cg m^d Lo 99,428 4 19:16.12	2250,000 Fish			
Gingelee Oil	13552 Measures	22,500 Measures	8,948 Measures		
Sampi D°	18,983 Ditto	18,000 Ditto		983 Measures	
Coconut D°		1,500 ditto	1,500 Measures		
Vinegar	54 half Hogsheads	45 half Hogsheads		9 half Hogsheads	
Sugar	Cg m^d Lb 27.13.15	60 Candys	Cg 32:6:12		
Ginger	"	15 ditto	15 ditto		
Minumulee & Boolgrany	15 Candys				
Firewood	3,108,363 Billets	9,000,000 Billets	5,891,637 Billets		a 5 billets each man p diem
Straw	5,100	45,000	39,600		
Baskets	6,420	30,000	23,580		
Water Ropes		30,000			
Sieves	1,410	30,000	28,590		
Matts	16,050	30,000	13,950		
Jar Cawlings	68	75	7		
Copper Pots of various sizes	24	150	126		
Pots and Pans D°	21,397	180,000	158,603		

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Names of Stores & Provisions	Remains in Store	Quantity Necessary	Wanted to be provided	Surplus	Deficiency	Explanation	Remarks
Rice Mortars & beaters	100	600	500				
Curry Stones with Rollers	50	75	25				
Live Stock viz							
Bullocks & Cows	116	900	784				
Sheep	1130	12000					
Hogs	245						
Wax for Candles &c	25 Candys						

J. C. L. Brodie

Gr. Storekr

Agreed

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Agreed that the orders recommended by the Chief Engineer be immediately issued— That the Military Storekeeper and Garrison Storekeeper be respectively ordered to have Gunpowder made up with all expedition, to cause all the Gun Carriages to be removed into the Fort, and as much Fire-wood & Straw as possible to be immediately procured. Agreed that Mr. Baker be directed to cause the Cisterns to be filled immediately, beginning with those at the southernmost range— Agreed that the Commanding Officer at Pulicat be ordered to blow up the Fortifications of that place and retreat with his Garrison in case he shall have reason to be assured that the Enemy intend to land and attack that place.

Minute thereon

Read the following letters and minutes of the Committee of stores—

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c Council & Committee

From Committee of Stores on a Complaint against them from Vizagapatam

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to lay before you our Proceedings of this date. We have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servt

John Kennedy
Geo. Maule
B Scottney

Fort St George
6th Febry 1782—

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At a Committee of Stores Present

Colonel John Kennedy
Major George Maule
Bryan Scattergood Esqre

Examined two Indents dated 13 January 1782. of Stores for Vizagapatam which the Committee agree to comply with agreeably to the Remarks of the Comissary of Stores — Approved the 8th February

The committee are sorry to find a complaint against them from Vizagapatam for not paying proper attention to Indents from that place but are not conscious of any remissness on their part having constantly complied with all Indents as far as the Stores would admit — They beg leave to observe that many Indents have been received from Vizagapatam since the latter end of the Year 1780 and the present Indents contrary to the regulations, are some without an Acct of Remains — The Gentlemen made the same remark in their proceedings of the 5th January 1781 —

The Committee therefore recommend that the regulations concerning returns be sent immediately to the different Subordinacies

Copy of this paragraph to be sent to Vizagapatam with the regulations concerning returns

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The Committee thinking it expedient that the following Gun Carriages be constantly kept in Store — have given the necessary orders — 2 — 18 — 4 — 12 — and 8 — 6 Pr. Spare Carriages for the Field —

They also recommend that 12 Gins be immediately made up — Approved

The Committee taking into consideration the long Service of 21 Years & very diligent attention of Captain Smith / now doing duty with the Artillery attached to the Cavalry / and being fully convinced he is from his knowledge in Mechanics particularly qualified to render the essential Service in the Artillery Branch by constructing & improving the Gun carriages &c they beg leave to recommend his abilities in this department to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee & that at the same time to assure them that if they should think proper to give him the appointment of Inspector of the Ordnance Carriages with such allowance as they shall think expedient — the Committee are entertain the fullest conviction of the Company deriving much Benefit in the Ordnance Branch from this appointment

Captain Smith to be appointed accordingly & he can be spared from the Army

John Kennedy
Geo. Maule
B. Scottney
J. Macartney

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

President & Governor &c Select Committee

From Committee of Stores
recording Guns &c
to Trepassore —

My Lord & Gentlemen

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

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
John Kennedy

Fort St George
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B Scottney

At a Committee of Stores Present

Colonel John Kennedy
Bryan Scottney Esqrs

The Commander in Chief having sig-
nified to the Committee that it would
be necessary to send some heavy Guns
to Trepassore both to strengthen for the
immediate defence of that Fort and
to be taken out by the Army in case
of necessity and that those Guns should
therefore be a part of the Field Train
prepared for the seige of Arcot the Com-
mittee beg leave to recommend that they
be

Approved

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be sent accordingly with one of the Garrison Carriages as a spare Carriage and a Gun. The Committee further recommend that 150 Barrels of Powder be sent with these Guns, and a proportion of Stores, except Shot and Cartridge Bags of which they are sufficient already at Trichinopoore — and that a Garrison Carriage and Gun in room of those proposed to be sent as above from the Garrison Stores be made up without loss of time

Approved.

John Kennedy

B: Scottney

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8th Dispatched the following Letters with Copy of intelligence from Pulicat in that to Bengal —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the pleasure to inform you that his Majesty's Ship Sea Horse arrived here this Morning from Trincomalay with letters from Admiral Sir Edward Hughes announcing to us his success against that place and Fort Ostenburg which was taken by Storm the

To Bengal addressing of the fall of Trincomalee and Fort Ostenburg — Two Indiamen and 150,000 Dollars taken — Sir Edward Hughes arrived — Capt Alms expected — enclosing intelligence from Pulicat —

There were found in the Forts a considerable Quantity of Military Stores and ready laden for Europe were taken in the harbour — The Sea horse spoke with Captain Alms who had with him the Hero Isis and Monmouth and General Meadows with one of the Transports Sir Edward Hughes arrived with the Fleet this afternoon, and we may expect Captain Alms every hour

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

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Enclosing Intelligence from Pulicat

B[th] P.S Since writing the above our President has received a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Pulicat of which the enclosed is a Copy — We shall write further tomorrow —

To John Hollond Esq[r]

Sir

To Mr Hollond advising of the above Intelligence

I am directed to inform you that Admiral Sir Edward Hughes is this day arrived here with the Fleet, and brings Intelligence of his having taken the Fort and Harbour of Trincomalay, Fort Ostenburg, Two Dutch Indiamen ready laden for Europe, a great quantity of Military Stores and 150,000 Dollars in Specie

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obed[t] hble Serv[t]
J[no] Sidebotham Secy

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P.S Since writing the foregoing a letter has been received from Pulicat which mentions that a Fleet of 32 Ships supposed to be French, has been seen near that place — We are in hourly expectation of Captain Alms with three Ships of the Line and one Transport with General Meadows on board

Mr William Talbot Field &c
Commit Cuddalore

To Cuddalore advising of a French Fleet, and to take every precaution for the safety of their Garrison

Gentlemen

I am directed to inform you that a French Fleet to the Number of upwards of 30 Ships have been seen a little to the Northward

of

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Pulicat, you will therefore Communicate this to the Commanding Officer and take every measure and precaution that may be judged necessary for the safety of your Garrison. I have the honor to be Gentlemen Your most obedient humble Servant J Huddleston Jun.r

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To Captain Johnston Commanding at Negapatam

Sir

I am directed to inform you that a Fleet to the number of upwards of 30 Ships supposed to be French has been seen a little to the Northward of Pulicat, you will therefore be upon your guard, and take every precaution that may be necessary for the safety of your Garrison — This day Admiral Sir Edward Hughes with six Sail of the Line the Sea Horse and a Fire Ship anchored in the Roads and we expect Captain Alms's Squadron of three Ships of the Line to appear without Delay having been spoke with by the Sea Horse a few days since to the Eastward of the Bay —

To Negapatam on the same

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble Servant J Huddleston Jun.r

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To Captain George Smith

Sir

I am directed by the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this Date to the Right honble the President, and in consequence to signify to you their Order that if you shall be assured of the Truth of the Intelligence contained therein and should find reason to be convinced that the Enemy intend to land Troops at or near Pullicat with an intention to attack it, you will without loss of time blow up the Fortifications, and after you shall have spiked the Guns and destroyed the Carriages with every thing else that would be serviceable to the Enemy, retreat with your Garrison to the Presidency

To Captain Smith to blow up the Fortifications of Pulicat in case the French land with an intention to attack him — The Bullocks to be sent to the Presidency

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obed[t] hble Servt
J Hudleston Sec[y]

Fort St George
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P.S. The Bullocks you have collected at Pulicat must be sent hither immediately

To Mr George Baker

Sir

I am directed by the Right honble the president and Select Committee to desire that you will cause the Cisterns to be filled with all possible expedition begining with those at the Southermost range

To Mr Baker to fill the Cisterns with all expedition

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obed[t] Servt
J Hudleston Sec[y]

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Received the following Letter from Mr Ram with accounts entered in the Miscellany Book N° 31 —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c
President &c Gentlemen of the Committee
at Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Ram enclosing his accounts as — receiver of the Tritchinopoly District and also his account Current with the — Company

The ill state of my Health — having determined me to repair to the Coast, I — thought it would have been improident to have let slip the opportunity which Sir Hector Munro's return to the Presidency afforded me — I was happy to find that I had obtained your Lordship &c^a^ permission for that purpose —

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship &c^a^ an account of receipts and disbursements in my employ from 1^st^ September to the end of the Year — as I before transmitted one from the 23^d^ March, the day of my arrival at Tritchinopoly, to the last of August — By the last account it appears that I have received on the Company's Account in Grain and Money — during the time before mentioned Star Pagodas — 15,642.34.7½ whereof 621 were disbursed for repairs of the Fortifications at the earnest desire of Colonel Nixon who represented these repairs as necessary — for this Sum I have given the Company credit from the Circar — and here I beg leave to mention to your Lordship &c^a^ that my having

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refused to grant receipts on the Companys Name
for Paddy delivered for the repairs of the Fortifications
was the occasion of much dispute and altercation
between me and the Shoudar, he declaring that he
would not deliver a Grain more to me on any Accompt
until I had given him such receipts, and I requiring
that he should continue to deliver in Paddy as before
for the use of the Sepoys &c and refer the point in
dispute to our respective Superiors - At length
I was contented with a letter from Colonel Nixon and
me to indemnify him with the Nabob for the
Delivery of the Paddy aforesaid, but absolutely
refused delivering any more for the repairs of the
Fortifications unless I gave receipts for it on
the Companys Account. Not long after I
received a letter from the Right honble the
President acquainting me that the Revenues
of the Tritchinopoly Country was made over for
a Term of Years to the Company, upon this I
conceived that your Lordship &c would not
object to paying for such repairs as might be
necessary to keep the Fort in a tolerable state of
Defence during that time, I therefore made no
objection to the Colonels application to Aitebar
Cawn now become the Companys Shoudar and
promised that I would give receipts for Paddy
Disbursed on that account as well as on any other

The Quantity requested by the Colonel was very
small but your Lordship &c will consider to
what amount you will limit this Expence
and acquaint Colonel Nixon therewith

The Shoudar last month considering
that

8th that the price of Paddy was rising daily, refused to deliver any more to me for the Sepoys, which occasioned some disturbance amongst the young Sepoys of the new Battalion, but a Thousand Pagodas which he borrowed from the Soucar and paid into my hands, the Evening before I quitted Tritchinopoly and which was paid to them next day, being the Ballance of their Pay for September last, quieted them, and I believe no further disturbance has arisen either from them or from the Nabobs Troops

The encreasing price of Paddy at Tritchinopoly gives reason to think that it will soon exceed the Price to which the Company have limited the delivery of it to the Sepoys, according to an order given out during Mr Dupres Government that whenever Paddy at any place should exceed a certain price it should be delivered to the Sepoys in Lieu of their pay at that price — In complying with which order it may be advisable to caution against delivering any more paddy to the Sepoys at that place, than they and their Families can consume, the residue of their pay to be given them in Money, Lest they should be tempted to sell again the superfluity of Paddy and by that means keep down the Price and lessen the Revenues

The price of Paddy about the time of my leaving Tritchinopoly had suddenly risen to thirteen or fourteen Gold Fanams the Collum and there was reason to expect it would rise to fifteen or sixteen —

The three Thousand Pagodas charged in the account as borrowed of Ravalgee the Soucar, were

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I were lent to him on my own Notes he refusing to take my Notes on the Companys account, from a notion as I apprehend, of its being in his Power to compel payment from me. At the time of borrowing this, I thought to repay it out of the Money I expected from the Phoudar after the bringing in of the Car Crop, but having left Tritchinopaly in the meantime I hope your Lordship &c will give orders to the Phoudar to pay this Money to the Sowcar or will be otherwise pleased to satisfy his House at this place, as without this supply it would have been impossible to have kept the Sepoys quiet at a time when their festivals made their Demands for Money more pressing —

Enclosed is also the Honble Companys account Current with me and I hope your Lordship &c will be pleased to order payment of the Ballance which it would have been easy for me to have stopped out of the Monies received from the Phoudar at Tritchinopoly but when I saw the wants of the Garrison so urgent, I rather chose to depend on your Lordships &c for the payment of it here

The increase of pay charged for the Conveyhes in the Month of December is in consequence of my having sent Supernumeries to the different Districts to prevent embezzlement of the Crop, after I had heard from the Right Honble President of the assignment of the Revenues to the Company — These I still kept on the Districts at the desire of the Revenue Master &c

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by the Right Honble President. It remains with
your Lordships &c to continue them or not —
I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed/ G Bam

Madras
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Agreed that the Ballance of Mr Bams Account
amounting to Pagodas 1790. 16. 46 be —
Discharged as soon as the State of the —
Treasury will permit, or now by Bills on
Bengal

Minute thereon

9th This Morning arrived and joined the Fleet Captain
Alms with his Majestys Ships Hero Isis and —
Monmouth and General Meadows and Colonel —
Fullarton and one Transport with 400 Men —

Received the following Letter from Mr —
William Oram with accounts as entred in the
Miscellany Book

To the Right Honble George Lord [illegible]
President & Governor &c Members of the —
Select Committee Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Bam with account Sales of part of the Dutch Goods captured in the Circars

Herewith I have the —
honor to deliver in account Sales of part of the
Dutch Goods taken in the Circars and sold by
publick auction at Ingeram Vizagapatam —
and

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I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed / Wm Oram

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Received the following Letters

To John Huddleston Esqr
Secretary To the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee

Sir

I have been just now honored by
the Receipt of your favor of yesterdays Date,
directing me to fill the Cisterns with all possible
expedition, Permit me therefore to beg the
favor of you Sir to apply to and request, on my
behalf, the favor of the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee to cause the Keys of the
Doors leading to the new Cisterns to be delivered
to me and to commit the care of the said Cisterns
to my Custody for the above purpose

From Capt Geo: Baker on filling the Cisterns

The above being done I will proceed
to filling the new Cisterns with all Dispatch
that in the present state of Things, I Possibly can
but you will please to inform the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee, That those
Cisterns ought to have been (as for many Years
past I have repeatedly solicited the honble the
Governor and Council they should be) prepared
for the reception of and filled with water long

Since

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9 since, that my works might have been thereby
compleated, and prepared to operate with their
full effect — Which for want of this having been
before done, they at present can not, and the earnest
and pressing demand that I have this day received
from the Master Attendant, to furnish with
all possible dispatch, the Squadron with Water
Clashes & comes in competition with the speedily
filling the new Cisterns so soon as it would it
otherwise be done — However every possible
degree of constant attention In my Power shall
be bestowed to those objects, till both may be
effected — If the Right Honble the president
and select Committee shall please to give
either a preference, and shall please also to
communicate the same to me, through your
Their Commands shall be carefully obeyed by

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) George Baker

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9th February 1782

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c

My Lord

I have just now intelligence brought
me which may be depended upon that a little to the
Northward of Pulicat there is thirty two French
Ships, and there are two French Ships within them
very near the Shore, taking & sinking all the Coasting
Vessels they can meet with, When they appear in sight
from Pulicat I shall loose no time to inform your
Lordship thereof

From Capt Smith
32 French Ships
to the Northward

I have the honor to be
George Smith

Pulicat
Feb 7 8 P past M

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9th Received other Letters from Captain Smyth, the
Arrival at Kistnapatam, Tappy Peons at
Chicanacottah and a person at Dumurpatnam, as
entred in Miscellany Book Nos 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
all confirming the intelligence of the French
Fleet being to the Northward of Pulicat and of
their having burnt and sunk a great number
of small Vessels

Received Letter from Mr
Samuel Tanner Cadet as entered in the Miscellany
Book No 1 requesting leave to resign the
Service on this Establishment

Mr Samuel Tanner permitted to resign the Service

Agreed to accordingly

Despatched the following Letter to
Cuddalore with the Duplicate mentioned therein

To Ernst William Fallofield Esqr &c
Council at Cuddalore

Gentlemen

I send you Duplicate of a Letter
dispatched to you last Night p Catamaran — The
Intelligence it contains is confirmed by Letters
received this Morning from the Northward, and
I am now directed to signify to you the orders of the
Select Committee that you consult with Colonel
Harper as to the practicability of destroying the
Boats that may be prepared at Pondicherry and
inform him that the Select Committee esteem
it an object of such Importance at this Juncture
as to justify the attempting it at a considerable Risk
whatsoever Means Colonel Harper
may

To Cuddalore to consult with Colo Harper on destroying the Boats at Pondicherry

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& may think necessary for the accomplishment of this Service must be implicitly adopted and the mode of carrying it into execution left entirely to him—

I am further directed to desire that you will send Catamarans as far out to Sea as they can be prevailed upon to go, with Letters to the Commanders of English Ships to apprize them of the Intelligence you have received

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed I Hudleston Sec.t

Fort St. George, 9th Febr 1782

10th Received various Letters from Nellore, and Ouricopatam enclosed in Letters from Captains Campbell and Smith as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 19 — all confirming the Intelligence received Yesterday relative to the French Fleet

Received the following Intelligence from Pondicherry

A French Ship arrived at Goa and landed a Gentleman who has proceeded and arrived at Hyders Army, and wrote a letter from thence to his Dubash Tombo Naick at Pondicherry desiring him to come to him without loss of time and therefore the said Tombo Naick has gone to Hyders army

Intelligence from Pondicherry of a French Gentleman arriving in Hyders Camp

It is currently reported that a fleet of Ships is expected with great number of Troops and the people seem to be in great Spirits

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10th Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor & Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Masulipatam their dispute with Captain Lysaght on making returns of the Troops

We have received a letter from the Commanding Officer of the District Copy of which we think it necessary to submit herewith for your Consideration, We also forward to you Copy of a Circular Letter addressed to the Commanding Officer of the District, and to all the Officers Commanding at the different Stations therein. These Letters were written by desire of the Chief upon receipt of your late Commands under Date 22d December last and we have judged it proper to communicate them to your Lordship &c as we presume Captain Lysaght must have founded thereon the opinion expressed in the letter now submitted to your Consideration

We have acquainted Capt Lysaght that we should refer the matter to our Superiors and we humbly request you will be pleased to enable us to reply to him shortly. In the mean time we shall make it our endeavour to prevent this misapprehension as we conceive it, of Capt Lysaght, from being attended with any Inconvenience whatever

We are with Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble

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Humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Signed Thos Barnard
Alex Pringle

To Captain Arthur Lysaght
Commanding the Troops in
Masulipatam District

Sir

In consequence of Orders from the Presidency we desire you will be pleased to comply with any directions you may receive from the Chief during his absence from hence in the Circars upon the Service to which he is appointed

We are Sir
your most obedient Servts
James Daniell
Signed John Peter Boileau
Alex Pringle

Masulipatam
29th December 1781

A true Copy
Signed Alex Pringle Secy

To James Hodges Esqr &c
Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

As the Powers which the Chief and Council and Commanding Officer formerly had over the Troops in the District appear to be now vested in the Chief alone, I beg leave to inform you that I purpose making the next Monthly Returns of this Garrison to him and

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15th and I have recommended it to the Officers
Commanding at the other stations, in the
District to do the same. I have the honor to be
with much respect

Ellore 29th January 1782 Gentlemen

Your very obed. humble Servant

A true Copy (signed) Arthr Lysaght

(signed) Alex. Brunyle Secy

(Duplicate)

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB&c.

President and Governor of

Fort St George

My Lord

From Cuddalore a Fleet of 12 Ships appeared off Negapatam

On the 4th Instant at five in the afternoon a Fleet of 12 Ships appeared off Negapatam, the Sternmost Ship hoisted English Colours with Dutch Colours under, one of the Ships saluted the Danish flag at Tranquebar which was returned this Evening two large Ships with English Colours passed this place standing to the Northward, but at too great a distance for any Cattamaran to reach

I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord

Cuddalore 8th February 1782

Your most obed. hble Servant

(signed) W Fallofield

Gentlemen

From Capt. Alms requesting Batta may be allowed since he parted from Commodore Johnstone

As I think the Captains of his Majesty's Ships of war, Monmouth Hero and Isis are entitled to Batta Money for what other term it may be called by, from the 20th July last

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To the day after we parted Company with Commodore Johnstone, to the Eastward of the Cape of Goodhope and then being advancing with a great Force for the Service of the Honble East India Company I beg the favor of you to order the Money to be paid, and am Gentlemen with much Respect Your most humble Servant

Monmouth at Madras
10th February 1782

Signed J Adams

To John Hudleston Esq
Secretary to the Military Department

From Mr Tierney enclosing letter from Major Mackay requesting he may continue in the Service

Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request you will lay the accompanying address from Major Mackay before the Select Committee

I have the honor to be
Sir your most obedient
humble Servant
signed Wm Tierney Secy

Choultry Plain
the 10th February 1782

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have been honored with a letter from your Secretary dated the 7th Instant granting me leave to proceed to Europe, but as your Lordship &c are pleased to disapprove of my conduct in this instance which nothing but urgent Business could induce me to act at this

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times and to convince you my Lord and Gentlemen
how much I feel the disapprobation of a Govern-
ment under whose Auspices I have served so many
Years with Credit, and an appearance of active
Service expected, I now beg leave to continue my
Services to the Worthle Company while they are
required, and as all Officers are ordered to join the
Army without delay - I request I may have
that permission - I have the honor to be
with respect My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
Fort St George dutifull humble Servant
February 9th 1782 Signed/ D. Mackay
Major of Brig

Capt Lysaght to make returns to the Chief and Council

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be directed to desire Capt Lysaght to make his returns to the Chief and Council as usual until he shall receive orders to the Contrary

To lie on the Table

The application of Major Mackay for Batta is entirely agreeable to the Custom from Captains upwards, ordered to lie on the Table

Major Mackay to be continued in the Service

Agreed that Major Mackay be informed the Select Committee accepts with great pleasure his offer of continuance of his Services and that he has accordingly their permission to join the Army

Dispatched the following Letters

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To James Daniell Esq^r
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen

You will doubtless have received Intelligence of a French Fleet to the number of 32 Ships being on the Coast a little to the Northward of Pullicat and will have taken every measure and precaution for the safety and defence of your Settlement

To Masulipatam to take every precaution for the safety of their Settlements to send out Cattamarans to sprize the Commanders of all Ships of their Danger — To destroy the Boats

We desire you will send Catamarans as far out to Sea as the Men can be prevailed on to go with Letters to apprize the Commanders of all Ships coming from Bengal, or the Northern Settlements of their danger, and in particular you will address a letter to Captain Mackenzie of his Majestys Ship Active whom we expect from Bengal and recommend to him the landing any Treasure he may have on board for this Settlement or if that cannot be attempted with safety, the returning with it to Bengal

You will indeavour to have all the Boats destroyed at any place where you may have reason to think the Enemy intend to Land

We are Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servants
signed Macartney &c
Select Committee

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The same to Ingram Vizagapatam and Ganjam

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq
Governor Generale Council
Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

We transmit you Duplicate of our Letter of the 8th Instant. The intelligence contained in the Letter which accompanied it is confirmed by several Letters since received from Pullicat which mention the French Fleet being still at anchor to the Northward of that place, We have as yet however no absolute certainty of it —

To Bengal The French Fleet to the Northward of Pullicat — Captain Alms arrived with three Ships of the Line General Meadows and Colonel Fullerton Recommending a Detatchment of their Troops to march towards the Northern Circars The Fleet watering

Captain Alms arrived here yesterday Morning with three Ships of the Line and one Transport with General Meadows Colonel Fullerton and about 700 Men —

We have written to the Gentlemen of the Northern Subordinates directing them to send out Catamarans with Letters to the Commanders of Ships coming from Bengal to apprize them of their danger and particularly to recommend to Captain Mackenzie of the Active to land the Treasure he may have on Board for this Settlement or if that cannot be attempted with safety to return with it to Bengal

think As we have now great reason to [illegible] that a French Fleet is on the Coast and from the

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10th Transports. that they bring a considerable Force and as the Subah is also in Arms being as you will doubtless have heard from Mr Holland encamped with his Army within a few Cos of Hyderabad we would for these reasons recommend that the detatchment of Troops which in your letter of 26th December you proposed should march towards the Northern Circars be immediately put in motion and that the Officer commanding it be directed to proceed as far as Ganjam and then follow such directions as from intervening circumstances we may judge it expedient to send him

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Fort St George
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P.S. We are supplying the Fleet with Powder and Water but we know not as yet what are the Admirals Intentions

The Honble William Hornby Esq
President and Governor & Select Committee
of Bombay

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the pleasure to inform you that Admiral Sir Edward Hughes arrived here the day before yesterday with the Fleet

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Fleet and brought us Intelligence of his having taken the Fort and Harbour of Tarrecomalay Fort Ostenburg two Indiamen richly laden and a considerable quantity of Military Stores

To Bombay — Advising the taking of Tarrecomalay, and of a French Fleet being on the Coast The arrival of Captain Alms

The same day Intelligence was received of a French Fleet to the number of 32 Ships being arrived on the Coast and at Anchor nine Leagues to the Northward of Pullicat, and this Intelligence has since been so repeatedly confirmed that we no longer doubt the truth of it

Captain Alms fortunately arrived here Yesterday with the Hero Isis and Monmouth and one Transport with General Meadows and about 400 Men

We are supplying the Fleet with Provisions Powder and Water but are yet ignorant of the Admirals Intentions

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obed. humble Servt

Signed Macartney & Select Committee

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To Captain George Smith

Commanding at Pullicat —

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge your Letter of Yesterday, and to desire that you will be careful to obtain the most undoubted proof of the truth of the Intelligence you have received before you execute the orders of the Select Committee for

To Captain Smith To obtain undoubted truth regarding the French Fleet

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for blowing up the Fortifications at Pullicat

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Hble Servant
Signed J Hudleston Secy

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To John Sulivan Esqr
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

You will no doubt have received from the Commanding Officer at Negapatam Intelligence of a Fleet of upwards of 30 Sail supposed to be French being on the Coast a little to the Northward of Pullicat subsequent Letters from Pullicat confirm that Intelligence tho there is as yet no absolute certainty of the truth of it

To Mr Sulivan advising of the French Fleet to collect a large quantity of Grain in the Fort of Tanjore — Messrs Ackeram & Digby to send a quantity of Grain to the Fort of Negapatam

I am directed to signify to you the orders of the Right honble the President and Select Committee that you use your utmost efforts to collect as large a quantity of Grain as possible in the Fort of Tanjore and that you send orders to Messrs Ackeram and Digby to convey the Grain of the Nazeir Districts with the utmost expedition into the Fort of Negapatam

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
signed J Hudleston Secy

P.S. You will be pleased to transmit the Intelligence to the Southern Garrisons and recommend the saving up Grain and Provisions

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To Messrs Cochrane and Digby

Gentlemen

I am directed to signify to you the orders of the Right honble the President and Select Committee that you cause the Grain of the Negapatam Nagura and Carical Districts to be collected and conveyed into the Fort of Negapatam with the utmost expedition, and there delivered to the charge of Mr Mitchell You will receive directions from Mr Sullivan on this Subject but this letter is sent to you that no time may be lost

To Messrs Cochrane and Digby to send the Grain into Negapatam

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedt
humble Servant
Signed I Hudleston Secy

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To Mr William Michell

Sir

I am directed to signify to you the orders of the Right honble the President and Select Committee that if you have reason to think the Danes have any Quantity of Naval Stores at Tranquebar you proceed if practicable to that place and purchase the said Stores on account of the Honble Company, stipulating for their being delivered to you at Negapatam and that on the delivery of them you are to give a Bond or obligation on behalf of the Company for the amount

To Mr Michell To purchase Naval Stores at Tranquebar Negr Cochrane and Digby to send a large quantity of Grain into Negapatam to be delivered to his Charge

I am further directed to inform you

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To

That Messrs Cochrane and Digby are ordered to cause the Grain of the Negapatam Nagore and Carnical Districts to be conveyed to Negapatam with the utmost expedition and there delivered into your charge

I have the honor to be

Sir Your most obedient

humble Servant

Fort St George
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Signed J Huddleston Secy

To Captain Johnson
or Officer Commanding at Negapatam

Sir

I send you duplicate of a letter dispatched to you the 8th Catamaran and a letter to the Resident at Tanjore which you will forward express

I am further directed by the Right honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will send Catamarans as far out to Sea as the Men can be prevailed on to go with letters to the Commanders of English Ships to apprize them of the Intelligence you have received

To Negapatam To send Catamarans out to Sea to advise the Commanders of Ships of their danger

Lest the Enemy should attempt to Land Troops at Carnical the Select Committee desire that you will cause all the Boats of that place to be destroyed or removed to Negapatam you are also to remove if practicable whatever Grain may be in that place and cause it to be landed at Negapatam together with as much as can possibly be collected from the Nagore Districts on which subject a letter is sent to Messrs Cochrane and Digby

To destroy the Boats at Carnical to remove the Grain to Negapatam

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To Messrs Cochrane and Digby

Gentlemen

I am directed to signify to you the orders of the Right honble the President and Select Committee that you cause the Grain of the Negapatam Kagura and Carical Districts to be collected and conveyed into the Fort of Negapatam with the utmost expedition, and there delivered to the charge of Mr Mitchell You will receive directions from Mr Sulivan on this Subject but this letter is sent to you that no time may be lost

Negapatam

To Messrs Cochram and Digby to send the Grain into Negapatam

I have the honor to be Gentlemen

Your most obedt humble Servant

Fort St George
10th February 1782

signed J Hudleston Jun.r

To Mr William Michell

Sir

I am directed to signify to you the orders of the Right honble the President and Select Committee that if you have reason to think the Danes have any Quantity of Naval Stores at Tranquebar you proceed if practicable to that place and purchase the said Stores on account of the Honble Company, stipulating for their being delivered to you at Negapatam and that on the delivery of them you are to give a Bond or obligation on behalf of the Company for the amount

To Mr Michell To purchase Naval Stores at Tranquebar Messrs Cochram and Digby to send a large quantity of Grain into Negapatam to be delivered to his Charge

I am further directed to inform you

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To

That Messrs Cockane and Digby are ordered to cause the Grain of the Negapatam Nagore and Carnical Districts to be conveyed to Negapatam with the utmost expedition and there delivered into your charge

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Fort St George

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(signed) J Huddleston Secy

To Captain Johnson

or Officer Commanding

at Negapatam

Sir

I send you duplicate of a Letter dispatched to you the 8th by Catamaran and a Letter to the President at Tanjore which you will forward express

I am further directed by the Right honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will send Catamarans as far out to Sea as the Men can be prevailed on to go with Letters to the Commanders of English Ships to acquaint them of the Intelligence you have received

To Negapatam To send Catamarans out to Sea to advise the Commanders of Ships of their danger

Lest the Enemy should attempt to Land Troops at Carnical the Select Committee desire that you will cause all the Boats of that place to be destroyed or removed to Negapatam you are also to remove if practicable whatever Grain may be in that place and cause it to be laid up at Negapatam together with as much as can possibly be collected from the Nagore Districts on which subject a Letter is sent to Messrs Cockran and Digby

To destroy the Boats at Carnical to remove the Grain to Negapatam

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A Letter is written to Mr Nuchel directing him to proceed to Tranquebar and endeavour to purchase on behalf of the Company whatever Naval Stores there may be in that place for Sale

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble Servant Signed J Hudleston Secy

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Sent the following Letter to the Committee of assigned Revenue with Extract from minutes of the 6th Instant

Charles Oakeley Esqr &c
Members of the Committee of assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant with your proceedings from the 15th January to the 11th February inclusive which they have attentively considered and I have the honor to enclose you extract from their Minutes in consequence

To the Committee of assigned Revenue

To the extract of their Minutes

I have the honor to be Gentlemen Your most obedient humble Servants Signed J Hudleston Secy

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11th Received Letter from Masulipatam as entered in Miscellany Book N° 22 enclosing returns of two Sepoy Deserters sent to the Presidency in the Snow Hope

Received Letter from Cuddalore advising that his Majestys Ship Chaser arrived at that place the 3d Instant and would Sail that Night towards Nagapore

Received Letter from Captain Adair as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 21 enclosing his Paybills and requesting a Bill of Exchange for the Amount ——— Agreed ——— Captain Adair be informed if he means Bills on Europe his request cannot be complied with

Received Letters from Captains Smith and Campbell containing Intelligence of the French Fleet similar to the Accounts already received

Received Letter from Doctor Thomas Weston as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 20 representing his having been Captured by the Spaniards and carried to Cadiz and requesting that a consideration may be made him on that Account

Mr Weston allowed a Gratuity of 300 Pagodas

Agreed that a gratuity of 300 Pagodas be allowed to Mr Weston as hath already been allowed to Lieutenant Stewart

The Shed for the reception of wounded Sepoys ordered to be immediately finished

Received Letter from Doctor Colley Lucas requesting that the Shed for the reception of wounded Sepoys may be immediately finished

Agreed that orders be sent to the

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" Contractor for that purpose

Received the following Letter from
Captain Cuppage

My Lord

I had the honor to address
your Lordship the 17th and 19th of last Month
since which the Enemy has been remarkable
quiet but they keep a very strict watch to
prevent Grain from coming here, Our Servants
and what few people are in the Pettah are in
a most distressed situation and it has been
out of my Power to save the Garrison Stock
by putting the Sepoys to on dry Batty a
great deal of ground is cultivated round the
Fort and are confident by the latter end
of April / if the Enemy does not destroy it)
I will get for the use of the Garrison
Six Months provisions, I shall be badly
off for Meat for the Europeans what the
General left with me is nearly out but
in every other respect I hope to be able to
manage for Six Months. Hyder Jhean is at
Muzulawack he has sent a vast number
of Firelocks out of Arcot to the Mysore
Country and stoped the Works there for these
Six or seven days past

From Vellore
In hopes of
getting Six
Months provision
from the Crop
on the Ground

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant
Signed John Cuppage

Vellore
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Sent the following Letters

To Alexander Davidson Esqr

President & Members of the

Committee of Works

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Works, to procure 12000 or 15,000 Fascines &c

I am directed by the Right honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will immediately cause to be procured 12,000 or 15,000 new Fascines, to encrease the number of Gabions to 600 or 800, the Bundles to 500 and the Piquets in proportion

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) J Hudleston Secy

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To Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy

President & Committee

of Stores

Gentlemen

To Committee of Stores with resolution on their Minutes of the 6th and 7th Instant

I am directed by the Right honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Minutes of the 6th and 7th Instant and to inform you that they approve of the measures you have recommended and desire you will immediately carry them into Execution

Copy of the Regulations concerning Indents &c will be sent to the Subordinates and

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11 and Captain Smith if he can be spared from the Army will be appointed Inspector of Ordnance Carriages agreable to your recommendation

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

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signed J Hudleston Jung

Sent Letter to Major Donald Mackay, as entered in the Miscellany Book A 27 agreably to the Minute of the 10th

Sent Letters as entered in Miscellany Book Nos 26 & 28 to the Military Storekeeper and the Contractor agreably to the Minutes of the 6th Instant

Received further intelligence from Blackmen of the French Fleet being still in the Road of Chickenacattah

Sent the following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes with Copies of all the papers of intelligence regarding the French Fleet

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes KB
Commander in Chief of all his Majestys Ships in India

Sir

We have the honor to lay before you Copies of sundry Letters most of which have

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have been already Communicated to you by our President

To Sir Edwd Hughes enclosing papers of intelligence of the French Fleet

We conclude the Enemys intention must be to Land a Body of Troops somewhere on the Coast to join Hyder Ally and we doubt not but you will take the most effectual measures to prevent it

We have the honor to be

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Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Signed Macartney & Select Committee

PS Since writing the above another Letter has been received of which we enclose a Copy N°14

Sent Letters to Captains Coxon and Sod with Copy of Captain Smiths Letter concerning the French Fleet and desiring them to take such steps as they may judge necessary for the safety of their Ships N° 31

12th Received the following Letter from Captain Smith

To J. Hudleston Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir

From Capt Smith will not blow up the Works at Pulicat untill he has certain accounts of the Enemys coming against it

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 10th and beg leave to assure you that I shall pay the strictest attention to every order I receive from the Right Honble the President and the Select Committee, and particularly that regarding the not blowing up this Fortification untill I have obtained the most

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12 most undoubted Proofs of an Enemys —
landing and coming against it

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
signed George Smith

Paliacat —
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Received Letter from Captain Smith as
entered in Miscellany Book N° 30 —
containing further intelligence of the
French Fleet

Received the following Letter from
Sir Edward Hughes

The Right honble George Lord Macartney KBk
President and Governor and
Select Committee
of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have received the honor of your
Letter of yesterday with the enclosed Copies of —
several Letters regarding the Ships seen to the
Northward of this Port

At present all diligence is using
to get the necessary supplies of Provisions and
Stores on Board the several Ships of his Majestys
Squadron under my Command which done
You need not doubt I will endeavour to do
every thing in my power which appears to
me consistant with the General Interests of
the

from Sir Edwd
Hughes, — is
Supplying the
Squadron with
Necessaries with
all dispatch will
Do every thing in
his power for the
Interest of the
Company

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the Nation and the Company — I have the
honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servant
signed Edwd Hughes

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Received the following Letter and
Minutes from the Committee of Stores

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB
President & Select Committee

From Committee of Stores — on the Stores remaining and wanting to complete

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
John Kennedy Lt Col
signed Geo: Maule
B Scotney

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At a Committee of Stores Present
Colonel John Kennedy
Major George Maule
Bryan Scotney Esqr

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12th The Committee having
examined the account of
Military Stores remaining
and wanting for this Garrison
they beg leave to lay it
before the honble Board
and recommend that the
wants may be made up
as soon as possible ordered accordingly

signed { John Kennedy
Geo: Maule
B: Scotney

Sent the following Letter to Sir Edward
Hughes with Copies of the intelligence received
yesterday of the French Fleet

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K B

To Sir Edw Hughes enclosing intelligence concerning the French Fleet

Sir

I have the honor to send you by order of the Right honble the President and Select Committee copies of several Letters containing further intelligence of the French Fleet — I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant
Signed J Huddleston Jr

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13th Received the following Letter and enclosures from Sir Eyre Coote —

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

From Sir Eyre Coote enclosing letter from Lieut-Colonel Campbell representing that the present allowance for feeding the Horses is inadequate to the expence

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the Honor to lay before you a Letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell containing a requisition in behalf of the Captains of Cavalry - which I beg leave to recommend to your favorable Notice

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

Choultry Plain
13th February 1782

To His Excellency Lieut-General Sir Eyre Coote K.B
Commander in Chief &c &c India

Sir

By desire of the Captains Commanding the Regiments of Cavalry, I beg leave to represent that the present allowance for feeding the Horses is very inadequate to the necessary expences and to request you will do us the honor to make mention of the same to the Right honble the President and Select Committee in such manner as may appear to you most proper

The inclosed estimate will shew the allowance to be inadequate, for exclusive of the Carriage of the Grain, and the loss of the

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13th Interest of our Money - the Expence exceeds the allowance, and that any part of the allowance which may be applied to the carriage of the Gram, will be to the detriment of the Horses and the Service - In behalf therefore of the several Captains and myself, I request that we may be assisted during the war, with Bullocks for the Carriage of such quantities of Gram as may be deemed necessary by your Excellency - I have the honor to be with respect Your Excellencies most obedient hble Servant signed Dug.ll Campbell

Madras
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Expences of a Horse for one Month

	Rs	F.	C
To one Horsekeeper - 5 Rupees	1.	18	—
One Grass cutter - Do —	1.	6	—
Shoing	6.	10	
Mashals	7.	10	
Heel and Head Ropes three Sets p Annm	8	—	
Gram Kettles Gram Bags & Curry Combs	5	—	
Watering Bridles & Gunneys when necessary	3	—	
Bullock Bags 3 Sets p Annum	5	—	
150 Seers of Gram 95 Pagodas p } Gram nearly	3	—	
1 Hired Bullock to carry } 15 Days Gram	2	—	
Pay	8.	17	—

Signed Dug.ll Campbell

The Committee observe that the allowance which the Cavalry Officers complain of as

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madequate is the Price at which they have
Contracted to feed the Horses in time of War as
well as Peace, and the necessity of carrying Gram
for the Horses in time of War must have been
foreseen and considered when the Contract was
formed, at this time the expence must exceed
the stipulated allowances, but the very nature
and end of a Contract would be entirely
defeated if the terms of it were to be raised
as soon as they cease to be advantageous to the
Contractor — The Committee however on
account of Sir Eyre Cootes recommendation
are willing to make an addition of one
Pagoda p Month to the allowance during
the continuance of the War

Minute thereon

Agreed that an answer be written
to the General to the foregoing purport

Captain Dickson who was sent by
the Right Honble the President to the
Northward to procure certain intelligence
of the French Fleet returned this morning
and gave the following information

Intelligence by Captain Dickson who was
sent by Lord Macartney to the Northward to
discover the strength and situation of the French Fleet

Captain Dickson's intelligence concerning the French Fleet

Thirty Sail about four Leagues to the Northward
of Pullicat the 12th
Twenty eight are Ships
Thirteen supposed of the Line
Two of those appear Dutch from narrow Sailing and tarnish
Six appear Frigates

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13th Three supposed Indiamen but too far to the Northward to be certain

Six, Mizen Masts so near the Mainmast concluded to be Transports

The French Admiral has three Coulours Main top mast head uppermost white next Blue and large, the lower Red the Ships appear in three Divisions All got underway the 12th about three in the Afternoon with Sea Breeze to the Southward of East, stood to the Southward they would Anchor four or five Miles North of Pullicat

A European landed the 8th about Ramnapatam, and was seen in a Gentoo dress by several Blackmen and proceeded in land to the Westward, Captain Dickson was on a Catamaran with an excellent Glass within five miles of the Admirals Ships and near enough to see all the Ships Boats pass from one to the other. Captain Dickson had on a Black Sattin Waistcoat and a Shawl, for a Turban very difficult to procure a Catamaran, think the French can have had no Intelligence

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal with Copy of the foregoing Intelligence

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

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13 Since our last address of the 10th Instant we have obtained Intelligence which leaves us without a doubt of there being a French Fleet on the Coast between Pullicat and Vistrapatam and of their having taken and destroyed a great number of Vessels coming from Bengal and the Northern Subordinate Settlements, we are very apprehensive that one of our Indiamen or of his Majestys Frigates the Chaser and Active is among the number as a Letter received yesterday from Captain Smith mentions that a Black Mariner escaped from a Vessel which had been taken commanded by a Captain Burleys had reported to him that the French Fleet had the day before fallen in with and taken one of our Frigates and that ten Men from each of the French Ships were sent to man her

To Bengal apprehensive that one of our Frigates is taken enclosing Capt Dicksons intelligence concerning the strength and situation of the French Fleet Captain Beem of the Dutch Ship Noerdale leave to proceed to Bengal on his Parole

Our President the day before yesterday dispatched Mr Dickson a very intelligent person and bred to the Sea to discover the strength and situation of the Enemys Fleet he returned last night and has given a very clear and distinct report of which we transmit you a Copy

We have Issued orders to the Commanding Officer at Tripatore and to the different Polygars to use their endeavours to intercept and secure the Person said to be Landed & to have proceeded in Land to the Westward

As yet no intelligence has been received but what has been obtained by our President Copies of the various Letters and reports have been sent to Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, with a letter

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from us of which and his answer we also
transmit Copies — We Yesterday came to a
resolution to hire a small Vessel for the purpose
of reconnoitering the Enemy, and the Admiral at
the request of our President agreed that one of
his Lieutenants should proceed in the Vessel but
we learn this Morning that the Lieutenant
thanks her unfit for the purpose and prefers
going in a small Pinnance

Sir Edward Hughes we believe intends
to proceed towards the Enemy as soon as the Fleet
shall be Victualled and watered

Captain Beem of the Dutch Ship
Groendale taken at Trincomallee has our
leave to go to Bengal on his Parole and from
thence to have a passage to England — Sir Edward
Hughes has recommended him as a very deserving
Man and from his remarkable good treatment of
some of our People whom he took prisoners
we wish to make him a proper return

Our Army is at the Mount and
Sir Eyre Coote whose health is again in a
great measure restored is ready to proceed
with it either North or South as the motions
of the French Fleet and Sir Edward Hughes
may render necessary, our greatest apprehension
is that the French Fleet may escape us

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants

Macartney & Select Committee

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13th Received Letter from the Town Major as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 2 mentioning the arrival of 245 Bullocks from Pulicat

Received the following Letter by a Mr Biddle together with Letters from Chetsham Jung and Bustum Ally Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence N°s 13 and 14

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

Governor &c &c Madras

My Lord

From Mr Daniell Mr Biddle deputed by Chetsham Jung to the Presidency to form an offensive and defensive Alliance

The Bearer whose name is Mr Biddle is just arrived from Nimmull in his way to your Lordship the intention of his Journey is to offer in the name of his Master Chitsham Jung an Alliance offensive and Defensive ad infinitum and by way of inducing your Lordship to accept the Terms he offers you as many Cavalry, Bullocks — Military Stores, Money, Troops &c &c &c as you may require also a free Passage with every Military assistance to Cooriah he appears so pressing for the completion of this business that Mr Biddle has been very urging with me to engage in it further than I ought or mean to do without your Lordships Authority, and I therefore take the earliest opportunity of — dispatching him to Madras

Your Lordship will be at no loss to judge the cause of this application and it remains with you to determine how far such a —

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To
13 an alliance would affect your expectations
from the Soubah— I have just heard his Army
is advanced four Cos towards Nirmull from
Hyderabad— The Soubah has sometime ago
summoned Chetsingam Jung to his Camp with
all his Force but he is so well established in a
space of Country from Combaretoo or our
Frontiers almost to Poonah that he will in all
probability even without our Alliance if hard
pressed set the Soubah at Defiance and will
never commit himself to his power Indeed
I believe the strength of Chetsingam Jung's
Military establishment is so much superior in
point of discipline if not in numbers that
the Soubah will not singly venture to oppose
him in the Field— From the Soubah I fear
we have little to expect and that he equally
dreads the English and Hyder— if your Lordships
opinion differs on this Subject the proposal
will at least serve to hasten the Soubahs
declaration in our favor, for altho he has now
a large Army in the Field and is enlisting all
who offer themselves for Service, I sincerly
believe he has no intention of crossing the Kistnah
in opposition to Hyder unless he is politically
compelled to do so by Chetsingam Jung's present
offers of Alliance. I shall not detain Mr
Biddle a moment to enlarge on his suspicions
and shall refer you to him for the particulars
of the present force and wealth of Chetsingam
Jung as well as a relation of the steady alliance
of his Father for no doubt from Political motives

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with us to enable him to withstand the jealousy of the Soubah, while by his abilities he retained himself independant of his Master

Before I close this Letter it is necessary to inform your Lordships that a considerable Force is just arrived in the Guntoor Circar from the Soubah the ostensible cause is the collection of Revenue in that Country, but no doubt they may hereafter serve any other purpose

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Your Lordships

most obedient humble servant

Ellore
27 January 1782

(signed) Daniell

Sent the following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes

To Admiral Sir Edward Hughe K B & K

Sir

The arrival of a French Fleet on this Coast is an event of such serious importance to the affairs of the Company and the Nation that we have thought it incumbent on us to communicate to you from time to time every minutest information we have been able to procure respecting it

To Sir Edw Hughes stating the Disadvantages that may arise from the Arrival of the French Fleet placing implicit confidence in his exertions to relieve us from the present Danger

The report of Captain Dickson who was sent by our President to take the nearest possible view of the number and strength of this Fleet appears very intelligent and from the Character of this Gentleman, and the favorable opportunity he had of taking a comprehensive view

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13th View of the Fleet we conceive that great reliance may be placed on the accuracy of his information

Having thus done all in our Power to ascertain the strength of the Enemy's forces it only remains that we should appraize you of the situation in which we stand at present and how far it may be affected by the operations of the French Fleet

It is a circumstance sufficiently known that Hyder Ally has fixed his last and strongest hope of success in this war upon the Arrival of an Armament from the Mauritius

The Armament having now arrived, it will no doubt be the first object of his attention to promote the landing of the Troops which it has brought to his assistance, and if that point be effected we apprehend it will produce so decided an Influence in his favor as to create a new and very dangerous Crisis in our affairs

The Mahrattas whom we have reason to suppose are in the disposition for Peace may in such case be tempted to break off their Negotiations with us, and the Nizam who has hitherto been Neuter in the War may be encouraged by such a circumstance to enter openly into the Combination against us

These as far as we can judge are the probable consequences to be apprehended from the landing and Junction of the French Troops with Hyders Army but we must take the Liberty also to observe that in another Point of view the Presence of so considerable a Naval force

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on the Coast at this Juncture may prove extremely prejudicial to us — We are in hourly expectation of the Indiamen and Transports with the remainder of General Meadows's Force and the Armament which left England in July consisting of two Line of Battle Ships and Nine Indiamen may also be now expected

The dependence we necessarily place on these Resources, which are so much at risk, added to the consideration that our Ships, supplies of Money and provisions coming from Bengal are in the greatest danger of being intercepted while the French Fleet continues on the Coast cannot but considerably encrease our uneasiness — At the same time however that we think it our Duty to lay our situation and Circumstances fully before you we beg leave to assure you that we have the highest pleasure in testifying our Sense of the advantages already derived from your Zealous and successful Efforts — We draw from them that the most active exertions will be employed to relieve us from the present danger

We are with truth and regard

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February 13th 1782

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants

(signed) Macartney & Select Comme

Dispatched the following Letter to the several Officers Commanding at Tripassore Carangoly Wandewash Chingleput and Poonamalee

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To Captain Bishop
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Commanding at Tripassore

Sir

To Captain Bishop to use his utmost endeavours to intercept a Man landed from the French Fleet

I am directed by the Right honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have received Intelligence of a European having landed some days since from the French Fleet near Bannapatam attended by two Officers, and of his having been seen in a Gentoo Dress proceeding in Land to the Westward the Select Committee in consequence desire that you will use your utmost endeavours to intercept and seize the said person and they authorize you to publish among the Polygars and others in your Neighbourhood a reward of 100 Pagodas to any one who shall execute this Service

I have the honor to be

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Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed J Huddleston Secy

The same to Coonamalee Chingleput
Wandewash and Carangoly

Received the following Letters

To The Right honble George Lord Macartney KB
President and Governor
of Fort St George

My Lord

Permit me to acquaint your Lord

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From Capt Smith
Discovers 28 Sail

13 Descry from the Top of my House twenty
eight Sail steering Directly to the Southward
with all the Sail they can crowd
Sam My Lord
Pulicat
12th February 1782
your Lordships
most obedient Servant
Signed Geo: Smith

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
My Lord

From Capt Smith
one of our
Frigates taken

There is a Black Mariner just
come in to me who was taken a few days ago in a
Vessel Commanded by a Captain Burless and informs
me that the day before he was taken the French
Fleet fell in with one of our Frigates and took her
and that there were ten men taken out of each of
the French Ships to Man her, He says also that
they have twenty Ships of the Line — The Man
shall be sent down to Madras tomorrow morning
I have the honor to be with the greatest respect
My Lord
Your Lordships
Pulicat — most obedient Servant
February 12th 1782 Signed Geo: Smith

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
President and Governor
of Fort St George

From Ditto —
The French Fleet
off Pulicat

My Lord

The French Fleet is off this
place about four Leagues seemingly trying
to

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13 to get to the Southward but the Wind is against
them — I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships
most obedient Servant
Signed George Smith

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14 Received the following Letters

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

My Lord

Yesterday Morning the Officer at
Kunnapatam wrote me as follows "About two
o'Clock last Night, I saw the Lights of some Ships
at a great Distance and presently after perceived
three Boats coming towards the Shore upon which
I marched the People from the Battery to meet
them, I had scarcely ordered the Sepoys to load
when they turned off to the right and steered to
the Northward keeping within about three or four
hundred Yards of the Shore and after continuing
that course for about half a Mile turned off to
the Eastward and were shortly out of sight I
saw nothing more of them during the Night
About 1 o'Clock we heard fifteen heavy Guns fired
in succession and when the day broke there was
only a two Masted Vessel and that a great
Distance to the Northward, to the Seers I have
had no further Intelligence of any Enemy "

From Capt Campbell with intelligence concerning the French Fleet

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I had another Note from him dated

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to
Wt at Sunset last Night when he tells me no Ships
were in Sight neither had he heard the report of
any Guns

Several Vessels and Boats without
their Guns have been drove on Shore having been
Plundred by the Enemy; I have ordered every
thing of any Value that comes on Shore from
the Wrecks to be taken care of till I have your
Lordships Instructions how they are to be disposed
of Two or three hundred Bullocks from the
Northward are here but I did not think it safe
to send them on at present

I have the honor to be
My Lord with great respect
Your Lordships
most obedient humble Servant

Nellore February 13th
at 9 am

Signed Geo: Campbell

To the Right honble George Lord Macartney
President and Governor
Fort St George

My Lord

Permit me to acquaint your
Lordship that the French Fleet is lying directly
off here bearing East from the Fort and about
two or 2½ Miles from the Shore with their
Topsails loose I imagine waiting for the Landward, I can
assure your Lordship that there is but 28 Sail in all
and that Six of that Number are Sloops and Brows and I
think there are Eight Frigates but there may be more as I
imagine some Transports are among them which
will make their Fleet not so formidable as
was reported — I have the honor to be

Vizt

Vizt Captain
Smith on the
same Subject

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Pulicat

14th February 6 AM

15th Received the following Letter from

Major Hutcheon —

The Right honble Lord Macartney K B

Governor and President and

Members of the Select Committee

of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Major Hutcheon — regarding the safety of the Settlements on the West Coast

As I am much alarmed for the safety of the honble Companys settlements on the West Coast — I beg leave again to trouble your Lordship and Committee on the subject of affairs relative to that Presidency — and flatter myself the necessity of the case will I hope plead my excuse in this address

The Dutch out of an implacable hatred and jealousy they have always entertained for Bencoolen, as well as through a spirit of retaliation for the great losses they themselves have sustained will endeavour by every means in their Power to attack and Destroy the honble Companys Settlements on the West Coast — and as there is now at French Fleet arrived on this Coast, and as Fort Marlbro' is in the utmost distress for want of Troops and Stores &c. I therefore in the name of that Government most earnestly request

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15 request your Lordship and Members will be pleased to send a large Detatchment of Troops Stores and necessaries to that Presidency as soon as possible such a seasonable reinforcement may be the means of preserving the honble Companys possessions on the West Coast

Marlbro' before this Period stood much in need of assistance from this Government But now that there is a French Armament on India, It is absolutely necessary that Troops &c. should be sent with the utmost expedition to reinforce that Establishment

The honble Company have 2 or 3 large property at Marlbro' to the amount of several Millions Sterling which will in all probability fall into the Enemies hands if there is not a speedy and Effectual Relief sent to the assistance of that Settlement

This with great diffidence I take the liberty to suggest to your Lordship and Committee the Expediency of sending a Ship express to acquaint the Government of Fort Marlbro' with the arrival of the French Fleet on this Coast — Such an early intelligence may prove of great advantage to the honble Company's Affairs in that part of the World

It might also be the means of saving the Ship Lord North with part of the honble Company's Investment their Treasure and Books of that Presidency from falling into the Enemy's hands

A Ship or Vessel might at this Season

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15th run from this to Marlbro in about fifteen
days with great ease

I cannot express to your Lordships and
Committee how anxiously I wish to return
to my Station again

I think it a Duty incumbent on
me to represent all these Circumstances to
your Lordship and members

I have the honor to be with the most
perfect respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your very obedient
humble Servant
(signed) John Hutcheon

Madras
15th February 1782

Minute thereon

Agreed that Major Hutcheon be
sent to Bencoolen the first opportunity

Received by Pattanna from Coonah
Letter from the Pundet Pundhaun as entered
in Country Correspondence No 24

Agreed that Copies of the abovementioned
Letter be sent to the Governor General and
Council and to Mr Holland

The French Fleet consisting of
28 Sail of which 12 seem to be large Ships
appeared this morning an account of their
operations is contained in the following
Letters now dispatched

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq

Governor General & Council

of Fort William —

Honble Sir and Sirs

The French Fleet sailed from Pullicat yesterday morning and was descried from hence about 2 o'clock steering directly towards this Port. It consists of 28 Sail of which 12 are large Ships the rest Frigates and Transports

To Bengal
the French Fleet
make their
appearance
with an account
of their
operations

A little after Sunset they came too an Anchor at the distance of 3 or 4 Leagues. at Day break this morning they again got under Sail and stood for these Roads — between 12 and 1 o'clock the leading Ships anchored to give time to the Rear Division to come up - about half past 2. they weighed and the whole stood under an easy Sail to the Southward in that direction passed our Fleet at anchor at the distance of two or three Miles. About half past four when the whole of the French Fleet were clearly to Leeward Sir Edward Hughes made the Signal for weighing Anchor and before six our Fleet got under Sail and stood in Line of Battle towards the Enemy who were then about two Leagues distance

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There seems little doubt that an engagement will take place tomorrow and altho' the Enemy are superior in Number we have the firmest hope that the Success will

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15 to favorable to the British Arms

we are Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient

humble Servants

signed Macartney &

Select Committee

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The same to Masulipatam Vizagapatam
Ganjam Cuddalore Negapatam and
Tanjore

John Holland Esq^r

Sir

In my last I acquainted you of
the arrival of Admiral Sir Edward Hughes
with Six Ships of the Line in our Road after
having performed his part of the Service in
reducing Trincomalee which was taken by
Storm on the 11^th of last Month and is now
Garrisoned by our Troops — Mr Boyd a Gentleman
Ambassador to the King of Candy and proceeded
on his mission from Trincomalee on the 31^st of
last Month we flatter ourselves that this
measure will be attended with a happy
Effect to our affairs

To Mr Holland
Advising of Mr
Boyd being sent
as an Ambassador
to the King of Candy
The operations of
the French Fleet
the arrival of
Captain Alms —
and of the Admiral
going in pursuit
of them

The Day that Sir Edward Hughes
arrived in our Road we received intelligence
of a French Fleet being to the Northward
of Pulicat but the accounts were so various
and inconsistent that we could not depend

upon

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upon any of them till we sent a proper person
of our own to reconnoitre whose information
confirmed what we had heard from others —
Captain Alms in the Monmouth of 64 Guns
Captain Wood in the Hero of 74 and Captain
Lumley in the Isis of 50 with the Manilla
Cojured Transport joined Sir Edward Hughes
the day after his arrival so that our whole Fleet
consists of nine Line of Battle Ships including
the Isis — This Morning the French Fleet
of twelve Line of Battle Ships as well as we
could judge from their appearance seemed
disposed to bear down upon this Road where our
Squadron lay at Anchor and which was
crowded with an immense Number of small
Craft of various Kinds Country Ships together
with two homeward & outward Indiamen with
their Cargoes in — About two o'clock they hauled
their wind and stood to the Eastward at which
time our Fleet got under way and before
we had gained the wind of the Enemy and
was bearing after them with a flowing Sail

I trust I shall be able to send you a very
good Account of their Rencounter in a short
time, I thought it right to lose not a Moment
in acquainting you with the situation of
our affairs at present to prevent any —
misrepresentation or Misinformation which
the arrival of a French Fleet on the Coast
might occasion —

By all appearances they are in very
bad order their Ships being manned with
Raw Recruits

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15th Difficulty and their Crews weak and sickly Ours on the contrary are clean well equipped and tho' not so compleatly manned as we could wish — yet the People on Board are healthy and in heart

I have the honor to be

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Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

Received the following Letters

To the Right honble Lord Macartney
President and Governor &c &c

From J Hollond Esq
with Copy of a
Letter from Goa

My Lord

I have herewith the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter received this day from Mr Henshaw Resident at Goa

I have the honor to be with great respect
My Lord
Your Lordships
most obedient Hble Servant
John Hollond

Bizaroos Camp
near Hydrabad
February 2d 1782

(Signed) John Hollond Esq
Copy
Dear Sir

I have the honor of your Letter of the 20th Ultimo which reached me the 10th Instant its contents together with the Packet from Madras which accompanied my Copies I forwarded immediately to Bombay on the 5th the Squadron under Captain Alms arrived at Bombay having been at Jamaica and left it the 13th September last but water falling short

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15th short they put in at Norabhut on the Carnatic Coast between the Island of Mirzah and Onore at all healthy and well on board, the General Meadows had landed and some very important Services set in agitation, will immediately be entered upon in Hydurs Country; of this be assured, I will keep you fully advised when it is undertaken

Last Night an Express Boat arrived from Tellicherry, with intelligence of the Garrison there in consequence of the reinforcement sent them from Bombay, had made a Sally with the greatest success taken Sadak Cavon the Nabobs General Prisoner with many others and forced them to raise the Siege and retire — This Event took place after a Siege of upwards of two Years, and must give no small damage to Hyders ambition It is said that the Siege of Tellicherry has cost him upwards of twenty Lacks of Pagodas and upwards of ten thousand men since its Commencement

The Bengal Detatchment is yet in the Neighbourhood of Bombay and as all is quiet on the part of the Mahrattas, there is no reason to think it will not remove from thence —

Messrs Weatherstone and Boyd of General Goddards Staff are actually gone to Poona as is said at the request of Nana Phurnese to settle the Preliminaries of a Peace with the Poona Government Hyder has here an Officer (Moor) who goes to Mauritius in a very few days in a Portuguese Snow and I hope are long to procure certain accounts of his Errand and a Copy of his Despatches — I am Dear Sir

Your very obedient Servant

Robt Henshaw

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

President and Governor &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord,

Your Lordship will have learnt from Captain Sydenham that I sent off 583 Bullocks and 9 Horses on the 28th Instant for Madras escorted by an Officers Party —

The Amuldar yesterday told me that 2 or 300 more might be got which was the utmost he could promise, as he says the Village people have drove away all the Cattle into the Woods and Hills. It has been repeatedly hinted to me for sometime past that private Orders were sent to the Village People from hence to take this step I am concerned that no more Bullocks than what I have mentioned can be procured at this time Unless orders are sent from the Nabob for that purpose for I am persuaded the Phouzdar and Amuldar still continue to act under his directions as much as ever, They have lately received pressing Letters from the Durbar to send down Money immediately but not to let it appear in their Accounts, Although it is impossible to bring Proofs of such Assertions from the insincerity of the parties concerned. yet as I have not the smallest doubt of them I think it my duty to acquaint your Lordship of these things

From Nellore — Private Orders — received by the Phouzdar to send Money to the Durbar — all the Bullocks near that place have been sent to Madras — Requesting Gun Carriages may be made up for the Nabobs Guns

Mr Turing will inform your Lordship of the Amuldars positively denying having received any

15th any Orders to furnish Money for paying the
Garrison, As to Sheep they tell me that in 2 or 3
Weeks perhaps they may be able to collect 2,000
but they cannot promise Since the orders for
reducing the Number of the Nabobs Troops, the
Phouzdar has dismissed all except 800 which he
has formed into two Battalions, a Commandant
4 Subadars and 6 Jemidars to each, among the
Troops that were dismissed 3 Subadars undertook
to raise 75 Men and 2 Jemidars 30 each provided
they could procure their Bank in our Service
which I have promised to recommend them for
some inferior Officers have also offered to raise
Men on the same Terms so that I have already
got 226 Recruits and more coming in daily
A Jemedar of Horse who has been dismissed
in consequence of the late reduction, has
offered to raise a Troop of 100 Horse in a month
or 6 weeks provided he has the Command of
them and wants to know what pay each
different Rank will receive I wish to have your
Lordships orders on this Subject

As the Phouzdar tells me his 800 Men
will be constantly employed in the Country the
Defence of this place is left intirely to my Battalion
There is a Company of Native Artillery here
who are very good men, but too few for so
extensive a place, I request therefore your
Lordship would order them to be compleated
to 100 Men and it would be still better to
have them paid by Mr Fearing

May repeated Solicitations for

Sepoys

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15th laying in Grain have not had the smallest Effect on the contrary they have taken away part of the little we had, and this will always be the case unless a Company's Servant has one Key to the Granaries

As we have so few Guns here I request your Lordship will send orders for Mr Turing to make Carriages for such of them as are serviceable finding it in vain to expect any thing to be done to them by his Highnesses Servants

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships
most obedient Servant
Geo: Campbell

Vellore
31st January 1782