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16th Received from Mr. Daniell enclosing Copies of Letters between Mr. Hamilton and Captain Montgomery as entered in the Miscellany Book No 3

" Received two Letters from Mr. Hodges at Masulipatam as entered in the Miscellany Book No 27 the first enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to Captain Par of the Chaser informing him of a report of Privateer being on the Coast between Bandamalautka and Narsapoor — stating the want of physical Assistance at Masulipatam and his inability to supply any Treasure at present — The second mentioning that Captn. Par in the Chaser was sailed for Madras to give intelligence to the Admiral of the French Fleet being on the Coast —

Received the following and Enclosure from Sir Eyre Coote

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

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sir Eyre Coote enclosing a Letter from Capt. Stevenson with an Account of Pay due to him from the Nabob

The Accompanying address to you from Captain Stevenson with an Account Current of Pay &c. due to himself and Comet Creutzer from the Nabob by whom it is Signed Appearing to me perfectly proper, I do myself the honor to —

transmit

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16th transmit it to you.

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Coyre Coote

Choultry Plain
the 16th February 1782

The Letter enclosed in the abo
together with the Account of Pay due to Captain Ste-
venson amounting to Pags 3770: 14: 10. are entered
in the Miscellany Book No 33

The Committee agree to use
their endeavors hereafter to obtain the discharge of
the Arrears due to Captain Stevenson from the Nabob
but do not think themselves authorised to bind the
Company for the Payment.

Minute thereon

Dispatches the following Letter

To Mr Daniell in answer to his letter enclosing proposals from Etisham Jung for concluding a Treaty with the English

Mr Daniell

Sir

I am to thank [illegible] for several Letters
dated from Ellore & particularly for your last by Mr
Biddle

The contents of it together with those of Etish
=am Jung & Rustan Ale Khan are of serious nature
& require mature deliberation before any decisive Steps
can be taken thereupon — The State of our negociations
with the different powers of Indo[illegible]

16th impassible to come to any determination without a previous intercourse with our Ministers at the other Courts a precipitate Engagement with one prince might embroil us with another & it is the true system of our affairs at present to avoid giving umbrage or jealousy to any I have written my Sentiments upon this Subject to Mr Holland who from his Situation is become almost the Center of our Negociations and whose informations cant but operate considerably upon the Measures which this Government may think fit to take upon this Occasion —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servt

Macartney

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To the Honble William Hornby Esqr

President &c. Select Committee

at Bombay.

To Bombay acquainting them with the Motions of the French Fleet & that the Panther will be shortly dispatched thither

Honble Sir and Sirs

We wrote to you on the 5th Instant enclosing Copies of dispatches for your Committee which We received from the Governor General and Council of Bengal by Colonel Morgan and on the 10th We informed you of Sir Edward Hughes's Success against Trincomalay of the Arrival of the french Fleet

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16th Fleet upon the Coast and of Captain Allen having fortunitty joined our Fleet with 3 Ships of the line the day after We received that Intelligence the french Fleet sailed from Pullicat the 14th Instant and was discerned from hence about 2 Oclock P.M. as in the Letter to Masulipatam

The Snow Panthon will sail for Bombay as soon as she can proceed with safety and by Colonel Morgan who will embark on her We hope to inform you of Sir Edward Hughes Success

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

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To Hugh Boyd Esqr.

To Mr Boyd approving of his resolution of proceeding immediately to Candy

Sir

Our President has received, and communicated to us your Letters of the 23d and 29th January with their several Enclosures.

We greatly approve of the Letter you wrote to the King of Condy upon landing at Trincamalay and of your resolution to proceed to Condy without waiting for the Ambassador who was

comes

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to 16 coming to you from thence

The death of the late King tho apparently an unfavorable circumstance We flatter ourselves your prudence and address will ultimately turn to our advantage. and in all event the judici= =ous conduct you have hitherto pursued assures us that nothing will be wanting on your part to give success to your Negociation

We shall duly honor the Bills you have drawn upon us in favor of Sir Edward Hughes & French Fleet &c. &c. &c.

(as to Capt.n Bonneveaux)

We have the honor to be Sir Your Most Obed.t humb.e Servants Macartney &c.a Select Committee

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To Captain Bonneveaux Commanding at Trincamalay

To Capt.n Bonneveaux promising to send him a reinforce= =ment with their orders on the sub= =ject of his Dispute with Lt Abbott & advising of the Arrival of a French Fleet on the Coast

Sir

Our President has laid before us your Letters to his Lordship of the 23.d and 30.th Ultimo with the several Enclosures

We are concerned the situation of affairs did not admit of your being furnished at Negapatam with such a Force as would have been adequate to the defence of Trincamalay, and its depen= =dencies the reinforcement you desire shall be sent

To

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16th to you in the Snow Panther as soon as she can proceed with safety and should you be attacked in the mean while we flatter ourselves that what you want in force will be supplied by your zeal and activity in which we repose the fullest Confidence

We are sorry that the conduct of some of the Officers under your command should have given you occasion of complaint the present crises is such as to call for the united exertions of all the Companys servants and as we are persuaded that nothing will be wanting on your part to promote our wishes in this respect We authorise you in case you should fail in your endeavors to accommodate the differences that has arisen between you and Lieutenant Abbot to send him back to the Presidency by the first opportunity after the Arrival of the reinforcement

Ensign Byrne had our permission to proceed to Sea in consequence of a certificate from the Surgeon General that his health required it

A french Fleet consisting of 5 sail of which 12 are large ships or 6 frigate and the rest Transports is arrived on the Coast. For several days it continued to the Northward between Pullicat and Petapatam but the day before yesterday was descried from hence standing towards

Thus

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16th This Port yesterday afternoon the french Fleet pass these roads to the Southeast Sir Edward Hughes who was joined the 8th Instant by Captain Alms- with 3 ships of the Line continued at Anchor till the Enemy were clearly to Leeward and then got under sail and stood towards them in line of Battle - an Engagement will in all probability take place and we have the firmest hope that the Event will be favorable to the British Arms -

We are
Sir
Your Most Obed.t
Humble Servants
Macartney &c.a
Select Committee

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17th Received Letter from Mr Turing enclosing Returns of Military Stores at Ganjam and Ackar. as entered in the Miscellany Book. 9

" Dispatched the following Letter to John Holland Esqr Resident at Hydrabad -

John Holland Esqr

To Mr Holland on the subject of the proposals made by Ettishamjing and enclosing Copies of the Letters received from Ettishamjing Burstum Ally Cawn

Sir

A few days since arrived here from Neermal one Mr Biddle an Englishman in

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17th in the Service of Chitfsham Jung & brought me the enclosed Letters N1. N2. N3 The first from Chitfsham Jung himself The second from Rustum Ale Khan & the third from Mr Daniell — Along with them I now transmit to you my Answers No 4. N5 & N6

Our affairs at the Soubahs court wearing so doubtful an Aspect I thought it would be unwise to discourage any overture that might be made from Chitfsham Jung. At the same time it would be dangerous to enter in to any engagement that might alarm or exasperate the Soubah — The Answer is therefore conceived in general terms expressive however of our Wishes to be on friendly terms with all the princes of Indostan and the Soubah if the matter should come to his knowledge could not take amiss any professions of that kind, as nothing specific is Imagined yet concluded on with him in contradiction to such a System — However as you are on the Spot & from the State of your own Negociation & your knowledge of the Intentions of the Bengal Government together with the prospects which may have opened to you Boonah must be able to judge how far it may be advisable to treat with Chitfsham Jung I have in a great

17th great measure referred him to you and from your opinion this Government must gather such lights as will either induce it to proceed in this busines or prevent it from being involved There are many strange propositions in the Neermul's Letter which even were we to enter in to treaty would be inadmissible but I presume they are rather made with an Intention of sounding them in expectation of our adopting them in the form they are offered I shall hope to hear from you soon & have the honor to be &c

Sirs

Your Most Obed.t Servt.

Macartney

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18th Dispatched the following Letters, with the Enclosures mentioned therein —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal enclosing Copies of the Letters from Elisham jung Rustum Ally Lawn & Mr Daniell and desiring their Sentiments on the subject of them Enclosing also a letter from the Peshwah & complaining of the Nabob —

We have the honor to transmit You Copies of Letters received by our President from Elisham Jung and his Minister Rustum Ally Lawn

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18 Cawn and Mr Daniell with his Lordships Answer to the two former and Letter to Mr Holland on the Subject —

As the proposal of Chittgham Sung may be worthy of our attention should the Nizam entertain any design of Joining our Enemies We wish to be favored with an early Communication of your sentiments and Instructions on the Subject

We enclose also Copy of the Peishwas Answer to the Letter written him by Lord Macartney Sir Eyre Coote Sir Edward Hughes and Mr Mac-pherson and of the Letter to them from the Select Committee of Bombay —

The Letter alluded and referred to by the Peishwa has not yet been communicated to us altho' We know it has been received several days and our President has repeatedly Applied to the Durbar for it - It is promised but has not yet been Sent —

We have not as yet received any news from the Fleet since it sailed to attack the Enemy.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed Servts

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N 18

To John Holland Esqr

To Mr Holland enclosing letter from the Peshwa & expressing apprehensions that the Nabobs Interest at Ponah is but indifferent

Sir

I have the Honor to enclose to you a copy of the Peshwas answer to the Letter written to him by Sir Eyre Coote Sir Edward Hughes Mr Macpherson & myself & of the Letter written to us by the Select Committee of Bombay — The Letter alluded & referred to by the Peshwa has not been yet communicated to us by the Nabob altho I know it has been received several days & I have repeatedly applied to the Durbar for it — It is promised but has not yet been Sent —

I have some reason to imagine the Nabobs Interest is not so good at Ponah as he wishes to make us imagine —

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Most Obd
Humble Servt

Macartney

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No 19 Received the following Letter and Enclosures from Captain Smith —

To the Right Honorable Lord George Macartney K.B
President and Governor &.a &.a
Fort St. George

From Capt.n Smith enclosing List of the French Ships & of the names of several Gentlemen taken in differ: =ent Vessels —

My Lord

Permitt me to send Your Lordship a List of Gentlemen Lying in the Roads of Pulicat they were taken in the Different Vessells coming — from the Northward by the French Fleet I also send you a list of the French Squadron I have prevai: =led on Capt.n Borelase to push on to Madras & to — wait upon your Lordship to relate particulars him: =self w.ch he has agreed to do for which purpose I have furnished him with a Horse —

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships
Most Obedient
humble Servant —
George Smith

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19th A List of the French Fleet—

	Guns	
Hero	70	Suffrain
L.t Orient	70	
L.t Severe	70	
Hannibal	64	
Hannibal	50	taken from us near the line in 2. Sattes
Bizara	60	
Flammand	50	
Sphina	64	
Brilliant	64	
Ajaa	64	
—	50	Name not known

Consolant
Bollona
Purvieux
Fine
Subtile
} Frigates

Craver — taken from us to 7.° N ward and Eleven Transports.—

a Sloop belonging to Hyder

& some other small Vessells—

A List of Gentlemen arrived in the roads—

Capt.n Doke
Lindsay
Firriman
Peters
Barklay
Tanner
Bacon
Borlase
Douglass
——— name forgot

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12/19 Received also two other Letters from Capt.n Smith as entered in the Miscellany Book: Nos 10 & 11 one mentioning the Capture of four small Vessells and the other accompanying a Prisoner from Hyder Ally who had given intelligence of his having mined the Fortifications of Arcot & sent off all his heavy Guns & Baggage to the Changamah Pass.

Received the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam enclosing the Declara= =ration of Captain Webster relative to his having been chased & fired at by a French Ship —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

From Masulipa= =tam enclosing Capt.n Websters Declaration & mentioning their having in conseq= =uence strengthened the Garrison &c.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Enclosed we have the honor to transmit you Copy of a declaration made by one Mr. James Webster Commander of a Sloop that anchored in these Roads yesterday; his Majestys Sloop Chaser having arrived on the same day Captain Parr was immediately furnished with a Copy of the said Declaration when he infor= =med us he would sail forthwith to join the Fleet —

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19th Fleet under Admiral Sir Edward Hughes; he accordingly left this in the night.—

We have judged it expedient in Consequence of the above Intelligence to Strengthen this Garrison with four Companys of Sepoys from the out Stations in the District and shall be attentive to adopt such further measures for the safety of the Place as circumstances may point out to be necessary.—

We have the Honor to be
with Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Mosts Obedient
humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard
Alexr. Pringle

Masulipatam
12th February 1782

Declaration

February 1st left Madras

5th Weighed Anchor from Lat 14.9 and stood to the N.E. at 9 A.M saw a Ship right ahead standing towards me upon which I edged away in Shore and she after me at 11 she fired two Guns and hoisted a small English Ensign, and I shewed her mine, in about half past eleven, she hauled round to the Southward, and gave me her whole Broad side, but the Shot fell rather short of me, after this she chased me firing now and then a Gun till

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till half past Noon, then hauled off to the N. Westward, and I came to an Anchor in 6 fathom in Shore, judging I should be clear of her by the morning, but on the 6th about 3 in the morning I saw and heared several Guns fired to the amount of 60 or 70 and seemed to be from two diff: ferent Ships engaging; at day light I saw a Fleet of Ships all laying to and about 3 Leagues E. N E of me I counted 21 three Mast Vessells, 14 of which seemed to be two Deck Ships at 8 all the large Ships Unmoored and the small ones kept under way plying round the fleet, and I could see the Boats pass from Ship to Ship with my Glass at 6 in the Afternoon they began getting under way and forming a Line and just at Sunset the last ship weighed and all stood to the Southward —

1st The reason my knowing them to be french Ships is when they Anchored they furled their Sails and hoisted their Top sail Yards to the Mast Heads —

2d The Ships that were under way when they Tacked hauled altogether all this the English do not. —

3d The Ship that chased me — hoisted Dutch Colours and a Red Flag at the Main Topmast Head when she left me and stood off —

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February 11th Sloop Alert

(signed) James Webster

Witness to this Declaration

(signed) John Peter Boileau

A true Copy

Alex.r Pringle
Sec.y

12th
20 Received the following Letters

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

From Mr Chapman advising of his appointment of Resident with Moodagee Bonsala on the part of the Government Gen.l & of his arrival at Nagpore

The Governor General having been pleased to appoint me the Public Minister on the part of the Government of Bengall at the Durbar of Raja Moodajee Boosla, I take the liberty to inform your Lordship that I arrived here the 22.d Instant

Permit me also to assure your Lordship of the great Pleasure with which I shall obey your Commands, and of my Punctuality in transmitting Intelligence of any transactions here that may affect the Interests of your Govern-

-ment

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I have the honor to be with great

Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Obedient

humble Servant

Cha Chapman

Nagpoor
25 January 1782

The Right Honourable Lord Macartney K.B

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Masulipatam with the arrangements they had taken in consequence of the appearance of the French Fleet on the Coast

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the Honor of your Letter under date the 10th Instant, we shall not fail to take every precaution that may avail us towards the Defence and Security of this place. the Commanding Officer of the District is come hither upon our requisition from Ellore: a Copy of your above Letter has been forwarded to the Chief with our Opinion, that the Grenadiers should be removed to this Garrison from Coringa. and the Protection of that Port entrusted to whatever part of Capt. Chefshyres Battalion can be spaid from Samelcotah, we hope that such an Arrangement will

the 20 will not materially prejudice the service he is upon, and we have consulted him thereon Measures have likewise been taken to deprive the Enemy of the Assistance of any Boats in these parts and to obstruct their landing wherever it may be attempted — We have directed the — Sea Customer to look out for a Vessell to cruize off Point Guadavar, for the purpose of giving the Intelligence, to the Active Frigate, and to all other Vessels, which you have Commanded us to Circulate — We hope we shall be able to engage a small Vessel Commanded by Captain Webster now at this place in this Service, and have no doubt but you will approve of your Complying with — any reasonable Demands he may make. —

We have the Honor to be

With Respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servants

James Hodges

" John: Peter Boileau

" Thos Barnard

" Alexr. Pringle

Masulipatam
15th February 1782

Received

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20 "Received a Letter from the Dutch Prisoners at Pulicat and Sadras (as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 14 representing their distressed Circumstances & requesting that the Subsistence allowed them may be discharged

"Received a Letter from Mr. Alexander Cuthbert (as entered in the Miscellany Book No 14) enclosing Invoice of Cloves from Negapatam by the Ship True Briton

st
21 Arrived this morning the Ship Lawriston French Transport having been captured by our Fleet the 18th Inst. — She is laden with Military Stores and has on Board 180 French Troops. of which 100 are Hussars —

"Receiving the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with their Proceedings a Copy lodged in the Office —

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

From the Comm.e of Assigned Revenue enclosing their Proceedings —

My Lord & Gentlemen

"We have now the honour to lay before your Lordship &c. our proceedings from the 4th to the 13th Instant —

We

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We have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient &

Most Humble Servts

Chas. Oakeley

Eyles Irwin

Hall Plumer

David Haliburton

Geo. Moubray

Fort St. George

22d February 1782

The Committee having attentively perused the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue observe with Concern the various impedi-ments and Embarrassments, thrown by the Nabobs People in the way of the Collection & Management of the Revenue. There seems but too much reason to conclude that they are encouraged and countenanced by some persons of the Durbar with a view to frustrate the object of the late Agreement & The President is requested to address His Highness again on the Subject, to point out to him the ill consequences, that cannot fail to attend the continuance of the Evils complained of, for which there can be no effectual remedy but

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21st but in His Highness cooperating with the Presi-
=dent in his Plans and Endeavors for the pub-
=lic Good.

The Committee sincerely hope that such a representation may have its due Effect and prevent the necessity of having recourse to the measures strongly suggested in the Letter from the Governor General & Council of the 26th Dec.r last, and which otherwise the Committee will not be able to avoid carrying in to execution—

Letter written to the Nabob in Con-
=sequence of the above Resolution

The Letter to the Nabob entered in Country Correspondence N.o 20— is now read and approved and ordered to be sent—

Agreed that the following Adver-
=tisements be issued for letting the Countries of Tinnevelly, Madura, Trichinopoly, Nellour, Palnaud and Ongole—

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Advertisement for renting the Trichi-
=nopoly, Tinnevelly Madura, Nellore Palnaud & Ongole Countries—

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received from all Persons inclined to rent any of the undermentioned Countries from the 2d Dec.r last untill the end of Pharcley 1196 or from the 1st Pharcly 1192 to the end of Pharcly 1196

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21st

Tinnevelly
Madura
Trichinopoly
Nellore
Palnaud
Ongole

The Proposals for the three first-
named Countries to be delivered in to the Governor
before the 15th. April next. and those for Nellore
Palnaud and Ongole to be delivered before the
15th. March —

And the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee with the view
of giving the fullest encouragement to such Pers:
=ons as may be desireous of bidding for any of the
said Countries think proper to declare that every
protection and Security will be afforded on the
part of the Company to those whose Proposals may
be accepted — Nothing more will be required from
them then the punctual performance of the
engagement they enter in to. and they will have
every reasonable allowance and deduction from
their Rents for such losses as may be sustained in
their several Farms by the incursions of the Enemy.

The proposals which may be
made

21st made in consequence of this adverdisement must expr-
=ess what the Proposer is willing to pay for the
Vafsool / or grofs revenue / and it is here necessary
to give notice that the expences of collection &c.
will be considerable reduced in the several Dis-
=tricts, but the Renters will have all necessary
support from the Companys Troops.

As the Company will expect
and require from the several Renters the most
punctual payment of the Rents without any
abatement except for losses sustained by the Ravа-
=ges of Enemies. those Persons who make Proposals.
being duly apprised of this circumstance, will frame
their offers accordingly, and express in them the
Kists or periods at which the several payments are
to be made. and what proportions they are willing
to pay into the Treasury at Madras.

The Proposers will also specify
whether they can give any and what security for
the performance of their engagements.

By order of the Right honble the President
and Select Committee

John Huddleston
Secretary

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21st Received the following Letters

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

From the Resident at Ganjam compl- aining of Captn Bruce enclosing several Papers relative to an in- terference of Captn Bruce's Dubash with the Rajah of Bonpour -

My Lord & Gentlemen

It is with the greatest concern I find myself under the disagreeable necessity to trouble you with Complaints, but the Conduct of Captain Thomas Bruce Senior officer of the Troops in this District has been so very extraordinary in taking upon him to arraign & insult my publick Character and Conduct that I cannot avoid making your Lordship &c. acquainted with Circumstances

In some of my former letters I had occasion to inform you the Subidar of Cuttack had sent a force to reduce the Fort of Topangur which fell in to his Possession when he gave charge of the Bonapour Zemindary to the Son of the old Rajah, who has been long insane and kept in confinement - Unnythar Bamiarbar / Panter or - Duan to the old Rajah / who defended Topangur made his escape & with Some of his adherents retird to a village situated in the Gomsur Country bordering upon

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21st upon the Cuttack Bonapour & now garry Zemin-
=dares—

Rajah Ram Pundit wrote a
a Letter informing me of his success and requested
I would not give any Countenance or Assistance to
Hurryhar Bamarbar—

Knowing it was incumbent
upon me to avoid all cause of complaint, and
seize every occasion to cultivate a good understanding
with the Nagpore Government, I answered Rajah
Ram Pundit in complimentary terms, and at the
same time wrote a circular Letter to our own Zemin-
=dars warning them against giving any assistance
to Hurryhar Bamarbar—I received Several Letters
from the Cuttack people concerning this Man, but
latterly they expressly mention his being assist-
by Swamy a Dubash Serving Captn Bruce and
desire I would prevent people being collected
more than once. I mentioned the circumstance
to Captn Bruce represented the improprietty of
his Servants Conduct and desired he would put an
immediate Stop to his having any interference
or Concern with the Bonapour people. finding
Swamy did not desist I thought it necessary

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21st to address a publick Letter upon the Subject to Captr Bruce. —— Soon after I received intelligence from the Rajah of Goomsur that some hundred people said to be collected by Swamy were then near Bagoodah and desireing I would send a Guard to assist his Peons in driving them out of his Country — in consequence I ordered a Jemidars Guard and at the Same time com= =municated the information to Captr Bruce who — happened to be at Ganjam he shewed me a letter he then wrote to the Officer at Ascha positively directing his Servant Swamy to be sent to Ganjam Trusting to Captain Bruces Assurances & the measures I had taken, I flattered myself I should have no more Complaints — nor hear any thing further of Swamys designs, but upon the 26th Ultimo in the forenoon on a visit I received from Settaram Bunge brother to the Rajah of Goomsur he delivered a message to me from abba Pundit concerning Hurry har Bamarbar to the Same effect with his Letters — Settaram Bunge also informed me that on his way hither from Jaggernaut. calling at — Patara a place upon the Borders of the Chuta in the Calliote Country he had been alarmed by hearing of armed Peons being then in the Village. who upon enquiry said they belonged to Swamy and were going to Bonapore — Settaram Bunge being positive

in

21 in asserting the fact. I wrote a note desireing to speak
to Capt.n Bruce he called upon me, when I mentioned
the Circumstances I had just learnt from Settaram-
Bunge who being then present. I desired Capt.n Bruce
would hear the particulars from Settaram Bunge—
— Capt.n Bruce declined it but upon my expressing
an anxiety at the responsibility for consequences
resting upon me. & the necessity there was to take
effectual measures to put an end to the busines
and remove the Suspicions of the Mahrattas — it was
proposed either by Capt.n Bruce or me sending for
Swamy — I desired he would examine the Man
himself. upon which Capt.n Bruce said he would
send Swamy to me and to convince me how much
he wished that he Swamy should proceed no fur-
ther in the busines Capt.n Bruce particularly
desired I would not consider him as his servant but
to do with him as I thought proper —

Swamy came to me about One
Oclock when I confronted him with Settaram
Bunge who repeated to him every Circumstance
he had related to me — Swamy told Settaram
Bunge he was a young Man and did not know
what he said — and positively denied his sending
people

21st to profs thro' the Callicoote Country — Swamy acknow=
=ledged to me he had connections with Hurry har =
Bamarbar — that he had been formerly in the Service
of the Bonapour people — that he did not serve the
Company nor receive Pay from Capt.n Bruce. & there=
=fore as a free man he thought he had a right to go
& get his bread when & how he could — I was as to=
=nished and very much provoked at the boldness
of the man who would not acknowledge his being
in the wrong to engage in proceedings of such a
dangerous tendency, however he told me upon Capt.n
Bruces desire & knowing the orders I had given he
would engage no farther with the Bonapour —
people — and that it was his intention to leave this
district & go to the Southward as soon as he had settled
his Accounts with Capt.n Bruce — I told Swamy
I must be Satisfyed he had absolutely dropt all
designs of being the Cause of any difference between
the English and Mahrattas that in the mean time
I thought it was proper & necessary to detain him
and than gave directions myself to the Subidar —
of the Guard to prevent Swamy leaving the Fort
without my orders. at the same time between one
& two o Clock upon Swamys application I told
him

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21st him he might go to Captn Bruce who I said I wished to see at Six o'clock — when I sent my Dubash boy with a Message requesting to speak with that Gentlemen, instead of coming he wrote me a letter —

I then sent for Swamy who still persisted in the same Ideas of independance & free agency, however as I had in the intermediate time ordered a Jemidars Guard to take care of the Passes in the Calliecoote Country & having taken such other means as appeared to me proper to defeat his Machinations or intrigues I accepted of Swamys Parole Promise not to engage further with the Bonapow people nor to leave Ganjam without my permission upon which I ordered all further restraint to be removed —

The same Evening I replied to Captn Bruce but not hearing from him on the 30th I addressed him again which produced his Letter of 31st Ultimo —

I transmit Copies of my Correspondence with the Cuttack people the Letter to the Rajahs of this District Sittaram Bungs declaration & the Letter to & from Captn Bruce to enable your Lordship &c. to form a judgement upon

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21st upon the whole —

I have acted altogether officially in this Business while I have the honor to be entrusted with the execution of your delegated Au=thority I will never Suffer an individual to controul my publick Conduct. for which I consider myself only answerable to your Lordship & Yrs neither will I allow myself to be menaced nor deterred from — pursuing what appears to be the clear line of my Duty — If I act wrong You are my Judges & I wish to Stand or fall by your Decree —

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

John Turing

Ganjam
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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President & Governor &c. Members of Select Committee

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My Lord & Gentlemen

In consequence of furnishing

Capt

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21 Capt.n Bruce with my address he has in return com-
=municated Copy of a letter he has prepared for your
Lordships &c.a — In my representation I have advanced
nothing but upon positive proof and what Immed-
=ately respects myself I can testify upon Oath.

I am sorry to find Capt.n Bruce
should put such Confidence in the information
of a man who has aggravated his account of my
Conduct towards him on 26.th Ultimo — In the —
Same manner I am perswaded he deceives his Master
in respect to the Clandestine proceedings he was pursu-
=ing at the very time he was making Such Strong —
contrary declarations which appears by indubitable
proofs — All I think necessary to remark is that in the
publick execution of my Duty I was provoked to a degree
that would have justifyed my using any Severity if
I have erred at all in the whole of this business I am
conscious I subject myself to be censured for extreme
attention and Lenity — But I shall avoid making
Comments leaving circumstances to speak for themselves
— You my Lord & Gentlemen are to judge of my
publick Conduct and I hope I shall never forget
what is due to myself —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Very Obed.t
Humble Servant
John Turing

Tanjore
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2d The numbers enclosed in the above Letter from Mr Turing are lodged in the Office —

To the Right Honble George Lord. Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

From Capt Brace on the same subject & Complaining of Mr Turings having confined his Dubash —

My Lord and Gentlemen

As Mr. Turing Resident at Ganjam has thought proper to Communicate to your Lordship & at this period, some Transactions of a Publick nature which were originally I humbly conceive of such little consequence, as to be hardly worth troubling your Lordship &. about - Magnifying, and involving with them, matters of more private nature - that he may hear it in his power to exhibit a compleint against me - I therefore unhappily find myself necessitated to trouble your Lordship &c. with — a plain but correct statement of such Circumstances as have come to my knowledge —

For along time past, it has been currently reported, that attempts would be made by the friends of the old Rajah of Bonjour - to recover from his Grandson, such places as he at present — possess in that Zemindary - the Rajahs son with some of the old Servants of the Family retired during the troubles

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21 troubles to Boogara, in the Geemour Country, where they have ever since resided, and from ete ~~retired~~ to Asha, they had frequent opportunities of making their distresses known to Swamy Naig, my Dubash who had served the old Rajahin the times of his prosperity - he more than once Communicated to me some Requests they made of him, which in General tended to his quitting my Service and Returning to the Rajah who they had some hopes would again be reestablished in his Country however they always appeared to me too trifling, and Uncommercial to pay any attention to - ~~Mr~~ Swamy about the begineing of last Month mentioned to me some intelligence he had rec^d of preparations that were making to create obstructions in the Bomsour Country - and that my Servant was mentioned as a person that had some concern in it - and as he disapproved of it. I sent for Swamy, and insisted that he would not directly, or indirectly, have any Connections with that People - he gave me every assurance that I could wish for, that he would not - Swamy going about this time to Asha on my business, and Reports coming to ~~Mr~~ Swamy that some persons were assembled at Boogara for the Above Mentioned purpose, and that the

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21st Goosnow Raja had Requested a Havelda's guard to disperse them: a Request which I thought he could not be sereous in, for as the Bonpour Zemindary and its dependences can furnish from Sixteen to twenty thousand fighting men, they surely had little to apprehend from a few Wretches that a Havelda's guard could stop — I therefore advised Mr Twining to send a Jemmydars party, on the approach of which, as Mr Westripp informed me they dis-persed, and were no more heared of however I wrote to Mr Croker to send for Swamy, and repeat to him the charge I had given him, and if he found on enquiry that he was carrying on any Correspondence with the Bonpour people, to give me Immedi-ate Information of it. I wrote also to Mr Westropp on the same Subject, but recollecting that Swamy had been Mentioned in this business more than once, I requested of Mr Westripp to order him to Ganjam, where I had employment for him, and whom he might remain without further suspicion the affair being as I considered entirely at an end as one Shahe Johmail, formerly a Commandant in the Compa-nies service, and who he said intended to go in to the Rajah's Had given up the Matter, and —

returned

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21st returned to Ittehapoor: but one of Vuckram Lunges Brothers coming to Ganjam, gave Mr Twining to understand he had seen some of these Peons on the Road, on which he sent for me. I made Mr Twining acquainted with the above Circumstances and the Strong assurances Swamy had given me - and on my leaving him, said I will send him to you to plead his own cause - thus far Mr. Twining will acknowledge, that we have gone hand in hand in the business, and here my Lord &c I wish I could throw a veil over this unlucky affair. but on my Dubashs appearance, Mr Twining totally Negligent of the Support of his Character and the dignity he had to maintain, abused with great indecency the confidence I had placed in him, by treating this man with every Species of insult, while in his presence, that language would allow of and then Confind him - this uncommon, unnecessary, and unprecedented behaviour / this Mr Twining thought proper to release him in a few hours without the intervention of any occurrence whatever / I could not allow to pass unnoticed,

and

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21st and was the cause of my letter of the 31st Ult.o which accompanies. Mr Twining Complaint, and which he is pleased to term arraigning and insulting his publick Character - than which I assure your Lordship &c. nothing was ever further from my thoughts. Mr. Twings behaviour to my Servant appearing to me a Private insult, as such I treated it, whether I have erd or not. I shall cheerfully submit to the Impartial decision of your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Committee

I am —
My Lord & Gentlemen
With the greatest Respect
Your Most Obed.t Servt
Thos. Bruce

Ganjam
6th Feby 1782

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

From Mr Hodges desiring an explanation of the Order respecting Capt.n Cheshyres Battalion

My Lord

In a former Letter from the Select Committee you are pleased to approve of the Arrangements we recommend for our several Garrisons — but we have, My Lord

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No 21 Lord over Doubts here whether you mean Captain Shechyres Battalion to Garrison Ellore whenever Mr Danvells Mission may be finished or whether it is then to proceed to the Ithapore Destruct- -permit me, My Lord, to beg you will favor me with a Line on this Subject soon as his convenient - for at present the matter stand with us that Captain Schechyre and his Battalion are to leave these Circars. I am -

My Lord

With the greatest Respect

Your Lordships most faithful

and most Obed.t Humble Servant

James Hodges

Masulipatam
14th February 1782

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

President & Governor

of Fort St. George

From Cuddalore with Intelligence that Tippoo Saibs intends to attack Cuddalore & advising that Mr Falloffield has in consequence written to Col. Braith- -waite -

My Lord

Last week it was reported in most places to the Southward that Hyder had sent Orders to his different Amuldars to destroy all the Forts in his possession on the Carnatic

21st Carnatic and several Hircarras as well as Inhabitants of Trivady declare that that Fort (a mud one) has been nearly levelled with the Ground.—

On the 13th Inst. Monr. Lally with two French Men & a small body of Horse Came from Gingee to Pondicherry. Monr. Lally din'd at Monr. Amatrice's & returnd after supper — twas generally imagind he Came to inform himself whether the French Fleet were arrived & we heard that the party he commanded with a large body of Horse and Foot and a train of Artillery under Tippoo Saib were at Gingee from whence they were to march to Villaneydapetta — from thence to Villiporam (twenty Miles from Cuddalore) & that in that place & at Trivady they were to be joined by some Troops at Chillumbarum & then their intention was to attack Cuddalore, off which place or Portnova they Expected to see the French Fleet. We immediately wrote to Coll. Braithwaite acquainting him of the foregoing Intelligence and requesting him (in Case it was practicable to move towards Cuddalore as the Forces under his Command joined to our Garrison might possibly prove a Match for

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2d the Party Coming down & retard it not prevent the landing of the Freneh. We have has no Answer yet from Coll Braithwaite & have been just Informed that Tippoo Saibs party arrived at Y.E. yoram yester-day Morning & from thence marches to Trivady. a Man just Came from thence informes me that Some of them give out they are going against Coll Braithwaites Detachment others that their Design is to attack Cuddalore, to prevent Mr Eyres Army from receiving any kind of Assistance here Should he have intentions to move to the Southward - by tomorrow it may be in my power to inform your Lordship with more Certainly of their Real intentions - Tippoo Saibs Detachment we are informed Consists about 800 Cavalry, Eight Batt.ns of Infantry and Eight Guns. Great Numbers of the Inhabitants are running in to our Bounds from the adjacent Country. I cant learn that any Large Vessell has been Seen within twenty Miles of this place to the Northward or Southward. from the Flagg Staff of Cuddalore any Vessell may be seen in the road of Pondi-cherry or Port Nova -

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully
My Lord
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
E.W. Fallofield

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

President & Governor of Fort St George

My Lord

Cuddalore
Tippoo Saib & Lally encamp at Permal yary & enclosing a Letter from Capt.n Gillon —

I did myself the honor to inform Your Lordship this Morning of the Arrival of Tippoo Saib & Mons.r Lally at Trevady yesterday they marched this Morning Early to Permal Yary on the road to Port Nova Eight Miles to the Southward of Cuddalore & then they are at this time encamped. to facilitate they give out the Landing of the French at Porto Nova — prevent any Obstruction on the part of Coll.o Braithwaite & afterwards attack this place —

Capt.n Gillon of the Raunbow Came in this Evening at Six o'Clock. Copy of his Note to me I have the honor to Enclose your Lordship — part of the French fleet we saw & at Sun Set they were off Pondicherry Steering to the South East —

If their Design is to go to Port Nova / which appears most probable from the Motions of Tippoo Saib & our Intelligence from Pondicherry added to their having the Convenience of a River at Port Nova where they Can use their own boats / they are probably now abreast of this place — Capt.n

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Capt.n Gellon has 50 Sepoys of the Camp left here Sick & the Europeans & Stores intended for Permacoil on board his Vessell: I have sent off 4 boats to bring them ashore & hope they will be here in two hours. Should the boats not be able to pass the surf, the Winds being Strong, I have advised him to proceed directly to Tranquebar, where under Cover of the Night he will probably arrive in Safety.

A Letter from Mr Secry.r Hudleston of the 9th arrived only this Evening — Your Lordship must be Sensible that in our present Situation it would be next to impossible to send a party to Pondicherry without the greatest Danger as there are 2000 good Cavalry within 8 Miles of the Fort. At Pondicherry there are but few Boats, but in the Port Nova River there are a Considerable Number —

There are 8 Battalions two or three hundred Europeans & Topasses three large Guns, five field Pieces, and Eight Thousand Cavalry with Tippoo Saib. I have the honor to be most respectfully — My Lord

Your most Obedient humble Servant
E.W Fallofield —

Cuddalore
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(Copy)

Sir

I have been Chaced by four large french Ships and nine Small. Such as Snows. Sloops &c.ᵃ — when we Saw them was off Sadras — they Chaced me till they were abreast of Pondicherry. I being then in sight of Cuddalore Flag Staff. I think myself very lucky in getting away from them, as I have done for we Saw their Colours very plain. I imagine they will anchor at Pondicherry this Night. —

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) C. Gillon

Snow Rainbow
the 16 Febry. 1782. —

"Received the following Return from the Agent —

Agents return of Bullocks

Agents Return 21st February 1782

4647 Bullocks Sent to the Army since its return from Vellore. —

Rice at the Mount by the Grainkeepers Return 20th Instt

953 Cart Bags
3397 Bullock Bags
2164 Cooley Bags. —

2071 Cooley load besides the above were dispatched last Night to accompany the Army. —

Sent to the Deputy Agent. —
1000 Sheep —

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21 75 head of Slaughter Cattle
60 small Cagys besides arrack, Salt, Biscuit, &c.
Sufficient for one months consumption

William Ross
Agent.

NB. 500 Bullock Bags of Rice not mentioned on the other Side have been delivered to Capt. Morehouse to be carried by his Bullocks.

21st Dispatched the following Letter to Mr Proctor Mr Norris & Mr Wm Twining with the Advertisement for letting the assigned Countries

To George Proctor Esqr.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Advertisement and to desire that you will cause it to be made publick throughout the Palamcotah, Madura and Tevenavelly Country's

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Hudleston Jun.

To Messrs Proctor, Norris & Twining enclosing the Advertisement & desireing that it may be made publick

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The same to Mr Norris for the Tinnevelly Country and to Mr Twining for Vellore and Palnaud

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21st Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote with Copy of the Charges preferred by the Nabob against Captain Edingtoun as entered in Committee of the 6th Inst.

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

To Sir Eyre Coote with Copy of the Nabobs compltt against Captn Edingtoun & requesting that he may be tried by a Court Martial

Sir

In consequence of many serious charges exhibited by his highness the Nabob against Captn James Edingtoun We some time since thought proper to relieve him from the Command of Palamcotah — We now Enclose you Copy of the said charges and desire you will be pleased to issue orders for a Court Martial to be held on Captn Edington when and at whatever Garrison you shall judge most Convenient — as soon as we shall have received your determination on these points We shall give directions for the several Evidences to Repair to the Garrison where the Court Martial is to be held.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt

Humble Servants

Macartney &c.
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21st Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c. Council of

Fort William

To Bengal informg them of the Capture of the Hannibal & Chaser by the French fleet and of that of the Sauriston by Sir Edward Hughes who had engaged the Enemy on the 17th

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are concerned to inform You that his Majestys ship Chaser coming from the Northward to join Sir Edward Hughes was taken the 15th Instant by the Bellona French Frigate of 36 Guns and 400 Men, and the Bellona, Chaser & another Frigate are now on the Coast near Pullicat.

The Sauriston French Transport arrived here yesterday having been captured by our Fleet on Sunday the 18th Instant she is laden with military Stores and had on board 180 Soldiers of whom 100 are hussars — By this Ship We learn that an action commenced between the Fleets on Sunday at 2 O Clock in the afternoon and was not decided at Six ½ in the Evening

The Hannibal of 50 Guns coming from England was taken by the French

in

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21st in N° Latitude 2 and is now one of the line of Battle Ships in the French Fleet—

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

Macartney &c.

Select Committee

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To James Daniel Esqr

Chief &c. Council of

Masulipatam

To Masulipatam Vizagapatam & Ganjam with the above Intelligence—

Gentlemen

It is necessary to apprize you that his Majesty's Ship Chaser coming from the Northward to join Sir Edward Hughes was taken the 15th Instant by the Bellona french Frigate of 36 Guns. and 400 men and that the Bellona. Chacer. and another Frigate are now on the Coast near Pulicat you will not fail— therefore to send out Catmarans to warn the Active and any Country Ships coming from Bengal of their Danger. We shall not fail to send you the earliest advice as soon as the Coast is clear—

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The Lauriston french Transport arrived here yesterday having been captured by our Fleet on Sunday last - she is laden with Mi= =litary Stores and had on board 180 Soldiers of= whom 100 are hussars - By this Ship We learn that an action Commenced between the Fleet on Sunday at 2 O Clock in the Afternoon and was not decided at Six ½ in the Evening -

The Hannibal of 50 Guns coming from England was taken by the french in Lt. Latitude 2 and is now with the french fleet -

We are -
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant -
Macartney &c
Select Committee

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the same to Ingeram
Vizagapatam & Ganjam

Charles Chapman Esqr.
at Nagpoor

To Mr Chapman informing him of the Arrival of a French Fleet & desiring him to sound the disposition of Mordagee Boonsala &c &c

Sir

I have received the honor of
the
your Letter of the 25 past informing me of your arrival at Nagpoor as Minister from the Govern=
ment

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21 Government of Bengal —

I congratulate you very sincere-
-ly on your appointment to that important Sta-
-tion and have no doubt but the presence of a Gen-
-tlemen of your reputation and Abilities at the
Berar Court will have no considerable influence
in favor of our Affairs in that part of India —

The Reports here are very
strong that a peace with the Maratta State is
either certainly concluded or on the point of being
so. and that Hyder is included in it Enclosed I send
you Copy of a letter to Sir Eyre Coote. Sir Edward Hughes
Mr Macpherson and myself from the Peshwa recei-
-ved here a few days since —

It is without a date nor can I learn
for a certainty either the time of its dispatch from
Poona or of its arrival here —

It is an answer to our Letter
of the 11th September last and did not come to me
directly but thro' the hands of the Nabobs Second
Son Ameerul Omerah of whose good intentions I am
very doubtful

A French fleet appeared in
our neighbourhood some days ago and sailed to the
Southward on friday last Sir Edward Hughes our
Admiral immediately pursued them and we learn
by

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21 by a large Ship full of Soldiers and Warlike Stores which he took and sent in here that there was an Action on Sunday last which lasted from one O Clock in the Afternoon till night the event tho' not yet known we have reason to believe has been in our favor.

Hyder it is thought would have evacuated the Carnatic before this time had he not expected Assistance from the French fleet His future motions will probably be in a good measure determined by the fate Sir Eyre Coote will March this day to the Southward I must request you will let me know what connection or Interest may be already formed or is now forming between Moodoje Boosla and any of the Sumerdars of four Circars Particularly Vutharam Bunge the Raja of Gurmsoor, also whether Chitcham Sung son of the late Fazel Beg has made any overtures at Bungsoor for an Alliance & if so what reception they have with; these enquiries I need not mention to you to be managed with great Delicacy and Secrecy but I am perswaded you will be able to discover what foundation there may be for our Suspicions in particulars. We have letters of the 15th Jan. from Mr Watherston acquainting us of his arrival there but of nothing more. He makes no mention of Mr Anderson we therefore suppose he

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21st was not yet come —

I have the honor to be &c.

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Macartney &c.

Select Committee

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To Mr Charles Chapman

at Vaugpoor

To Mr Chapman enclosing him a Copy of Mr Holands Cypher

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose you the Cypher made use of in our correspondence with Mr Holland, and am directed to request that you will make use of the Same in your Communications with the Select Committee of this Government —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servt

John Hudleston

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The Agent for Sepoy Cloathing being in great want of Money on that Account — Agrees that a set of Bills on Bengall for 20000 Arcot Rupees or Pag.s 54052.32 be granted in favor of Mr George Moubray, and charged by

Bills for 20000 Rupees granted on Bengal in favor of the Sepoy Agent —

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22 by the Military Paymaster General to the head of Sepoy Cloathing being paid to the Agent on that account—

Received the following Letter and enclosure from Cuddalore—

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

From Mr Falls = fields an Engage = ment supposed to have taken place between the Fleets—

My Lord

I did myself the honor to inform Your Lordship of the arrival of the Rambow Snow Capt.n Gillon at Cuddalore on the 22d of the 16th that he informed Us he had been chased from Sadras by four large French Ships & three Sloops Sloops &c.a — that we had Seen five Large Vessells in the Pondicherry road at the same time Standing to the South East— We have Since heard Some of them anchored that Same night off Pondicherry & Stood out to Sea the next morn.g Early — one more being left at Anchor where She lay till this morning but has now disappd about Seven Miles from Pondicherry & a little to the Southward of that place — On the Afternoon of the 17th about 3 O'Clock a most Violent &

22 and Continued fireing was heard distinctly both at Cuddalore & Portnova which lasted till it was quite dark - & Since that time no Intelligence has been received from either of the Fleets. nor any of the Vessells been seen at Pondicherry. Cuddalore or Portnova, Ten or twelve french Sailors Came on Shore Yesterday Morning to the Northward of Pondicherry and went to the House of Mons.r Hugon as a Snow is now on Shore a few Miles to the Northward of Pondicherry it is probable. I think they came in her - as the appears to be french - Tho there are many Reports Circulated of the particulars of the Engagement. I can't meet with a single Person who on Examination Says he saw any part of it & by the best Accounts it Seems they were at too great a Distance from the Shore (if within Sight of the Coast) for any thing to be observed distinctly - by the Sound of the Guns it must have happend some Leagues to the North East of Pondicherry -

Capt.n Gillon with fifty Sepoys on board for Madras & the Artillery Men & Stores for Permacoil not being able to land them here on the Night of the 16.th made Sail for Tranquebar the Next Morning, he spoke with two Ships off Portnova and they returned in Company with him to the Southward - they were before Standing to the Northward

Tranquebar

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22 Tippoo Saib, Monsr Lally &

their Detachment marched on the Night of the
16th from Permal Yary to Chellumbaram Manar-
-coil & Salpetta and some people from the South-
-ward just arrived inform Us that there was a great
firing heard all yesterday Morning from that
part of the Country where Colo Braithwaite Camp lay
opposite to Mannarcoil on the South side of the Coleroon
- it is also rumour'd that Tippoo Saib sent his Cavalry
over the River about 2000 to Attack our Camp -
that they were repulsed & another body sent Afterwards
& that Tippoo Saib followed with his Infantry (
the Coleroon being low) - but that he returned & encam-
-ped that night on the North side of the Coleroon &
that Colo Braithwaite finding the Enemy very
Strong was also moving towards Tanjore None of
my Hircarrahs are yet come in & therefore it's
out of my power to give your Lordship any Certain
Intelligence which I shall not fail to do the Moment
I recieve any. —

The prospect of Danger induced
Some of the Inhabitants to advance Us a little
Money with which I have paid off one Months
Arrears to the whole Garrison & I beg leave to assure
Your Lordship that We in conjunction with
Capt.n Hughes have taken all the precautions

22 in our power for the Safety of the place.

Boat people are Expected hourly from Pondicherry (it having been reported that some Boats had been Concealed in the Houses of the Inhabitants) with Accounts of what boats are now there fit for Service, whether Chullengas, Massulas or Small fishing Boats of which latter Every fishing Village on the Coast has always a Number ready. We hear there are twelve or fourteen boats at Pondicherry & if they Appear to be fit for the landing of Troops & we are able without too great Danger to Send there part of our Garrison, we shall use our Endeavors to destroy them agreeable to the Directions we rec'd in a Letter from Mr Secretary Hudleston.

Yesterday Evening a small Boat with Mr W. Russell on board Came in from the Northward. He has not Seen the Fleet Distinctly Since they were near Sadras. But Informs me he Saw 7 Vessells in Line of Battle yesterday Morng to the Northward a little of Pondicherry deep in Sea but heard no firing. He is gone off to his boat from whence he intends to dispatch a Cattmaram to Your Lordship.

At Port Nova they have only

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22 only two or three good boats, but there are at least fifty or Sixty small Masoolas (fishing boats) on different parts of the Coast between Cuddalore & Port Nova & a Number also on the other side of that place whether Troops or Stores Can be landed in these kind of Boats I cant determine I believe not without great Difficulty as at Cuddalore they are used only for fishing, but I never Could prevail on them to Carry Goods or Merchandize.

As I am very desirous of sending Your Lordship the foregoing intelligence as soon as possible, I hope your Lordship will be pleased to to attribute the badness of my writing to the haste in which I write.

I have the honor to be
Most Respectfully
My Lord
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
E. W. Fallofield

Cuddalore
19th February 1782

P.S. Dispatches the following Letter to Trichinopoly Palamcotah and Nellore with the Advertisement entered on the 21st Instant

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To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon

or Officer Commanding at

Trichinopoly

To the Commandant of Trichinopoly Palamcottah & Nellowe encl'g an Advertisement & desireing that it may be made Publick —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Advertisement and to desire that you will cause it to be published in the Fort of Trichinopoly

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Serv.t

John Hudleston

Secretary

Fort St. George
22d February 1782
The same to Palamcottah and Nellowe —

Agreed, that a set of Bills on the Governor General and Council of Bengal be granted to the Military Storekeeper for Pag.a 5500, payable to Dava Nanaboy or his Order, the Amount to be carried to the Debit of the Military Storekeeper as an advance made to him —

Bills on Bengal granted to the Mily Storekeeper for Pag.a 5500

entered in Page 590

Agreed that a Bond be granted to Buxinger Soucar for Star Pag.a 8027 dated the 1st January 1782. the Amount to be carried to the head of Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts.

A Bond granted to Buxinger Soucar for the Amount of Paddy delivered to the Receiver at Trichinopoly

and

22d and by him to the Debit of the Paymaster of Trichinopoly being for a Quantity of Paddy received from Buccungee by the Receiver at Trichinopoly and issued as pay for the Troops—

23d Received Letters from Masulipatam, Ingeram & Madapallam as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 16, 17. 18 giving nearly similar Intelligence of the French Fleet having taken many Vessells & particularly two large Vessels from Bengal laden with Rice—

Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote—

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

From Sir Eyre Coote wishes to post pone Capt Edingtons Court Martial till his arrival at the Presidency a Detachment sent to Chingleput with Rice &c.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I am honoured by your Letter of the 21st Instant with its enclosure containing Sixteen Separate Charges exhibited against Capt Edingtoun by his highness the Nabob and his Excellency the Umeer ul Omerah—

The necessary Orders for holding a Court Martial on Capt Edington at Trichinopoly where Lieutenant Coll. Nixon can sit as President shall be issued according to your desire. But I must

23 first to submit, to you whether, as the Assembling a Sufficient Number of Officers to the Southward may at this critical period prove detrimental to the Service it may not be advisable to postpone Captain Cedingtons Trial untill a More favorable Opportu=nity or to Order him to repair immediately to the Presidency provided the requisite Evidences can be collected there —

(Anxious to employ every Moment of time in promoting the Publick Service and the throwing of Provisions in to Chingleput Appearing to me a Measure which may not only facilitate the immediate Movement of this Army but also favor its future Operations I Yesterday evening Sent a Respectable Detachment thither with as large a Quantity of Rice &c. as our Conveyances could furnish to that place —

(My latest Intelligence places Hyder still in the Same Ground where he has been for Some time past —

I have the honor to be

(My Lord & Gentleman

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Eyre Coote —

Camp Great Mount

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23d Received the following Letter from Mr Fallofield

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

President & Governor of Fort St. George

From Mr Fallofield the French Fleet stand towards Port Nova & Containing intelligence of that defeat of Col. Brathwaite Detachment

My Lord

I did myself the honor to write to your Lordship yesterday both by Hircar & Cathmaram & informed Your Lordship that 22 Vessells anchord in Pondicherry road the preceeding Evening 15 or 16 of them appeared to be Ships - the rest Snows - Nineteen of the number left Pondicherry roads yesterday Morning and anchored off the Bar of Cuddalore River about ten at Night - they Sailed Close to the Shore. one Ship and two Snows remained at Pondicherry. Mr Russell says that two of the Ships appeard to have Jury Maits At Midnight Several Rockets were thrown from on board the Fleet and about a dozen Guns, fired which we now Conclude were Signals for Anchor; tho' as the fleet had been the whole Day Coming from Pondicherry very Slowly and Close to the Land and Several of their boats had been passing & repassing from Ship to Ship, there was Some reason to suppose they might intend Landing; the

(Duplicate)

23d the Weather was very mild and very little Surf half a Battalion and 2 Guns were Stationed at our Bar & the rest of the Garrison lay all Night on their Army at day break this Morning they were under weigh Standing to the Southward in a Line from East to west & on by this time near Port Nova - the Ship that was left at Pondicherry is now following them with Eleven boats, out of which four or five appear to be Masoolas & the rest fishing boats. We saw no Country boats astern of any of the Fleet - all the Morning they carried no Colours except in the Pondicherry road when they carried White - as soon as we hoisted Ours about four o'clock they all hoisted English Colours red and Carried them about an Hour & then pulled them down and hoisted none afterwards. - there were three Vessells being Country Sloops and boats in the Cuddalore road - the owners of which Could neither be prevailed on to go to the Southward or land their Rice and Come in to the River, as the Fleet bore down however they came as near the Surf as possible & then we Saw them this Morning One is Consigned to Messrs Cuthbert and Ramsay & has about 10 Garce or upwards of Rice on board another has also about that Quantity. all the Ships must have seen them very distinctly but forbore to take them or run them ashore -

The best Intelligence I

are

can

23 can obtain of Coll. Braithwaites Detachment is from
a Hircar dispatched yesterday to the Southward-
what he told me I have wrote on a seperate paper
which waits on your Lordship enclosed.—

A Cholia[illegible] is also just arrived who
says he left Tranquebar yesterday Morning on a
Cattamaram I had dispatched to that place for
Intelligence - they say that four large french
Men of War and a small Vessell belonging to Hyder
that Sailed with the Fleet from Mauritius anchored
three or four days ago in Trangubar Road & that they
were informed at that place that the English fleet
had had an Engagement with the Men of War of
the French Squadron off Sadras which at first
consisted of 28 Vessells & that they took two English
Vessells off Pulliecot which made their Number
Thirty, that during the Engagement all the
Transports Sailed away - that the English took
three Ships that four (abovementioned) came
to Tranquebar & the others were Dispersed and
that our Fleet was in pursuit of them. they also
say that three Vessells from Mauritius that had
followed the fleet Came in to Negapatam Roads
three or four Days ago under Dutch Colours that
the Fort and Vessells in the road hoisted the same
& when they Anchored Sent boats on board & Captured
them

23 them two being small Ships and one a Snow & all laden with Stores & Necessarys for the Sick of the Fleet. the News from Pondicherry is that our Fleet was worsted. some of them Sunk and the rest gone back. Your Lordship will judge what degree of Credit their Reports deserve, but as I conceive it my Duty to inform your Lordship of what I hear and endeavor all in my power to procure good Intelligence. I hope my Conduct will meet with your Lordships Approbation.

Since writing the above the Fleet is anchored off Port Nova. & I have Spoke with Capt.n Bowles Buttler who Confirms the Accounts of the Defeat of the Detachment. the News of which is also Circulated all round the Country.

Mr. Russell proceeds by boat to your Lordship with Duplicate of this. As he was sent under your Lordships Directions & his very desire=ous of returning, I have supplied him with a proper boat and Crew & whatever else he applied for he has earnestly begd of me to acquaint Your Lord=ship he has done whatever lay in his power to follow the Directions that were given him.

Capt.n Johnson has just informd me by Letter of the 15.th Instant that the Dis=patches from your Lordship Y.e 4.th to him which

Came

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23 Came inclosed to Us an arrived. and that Weare in
possession of the Fort of Tutecorin —

I have the honor to be

Most respectfully

My Lord

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

E M Fallofield

Cuddalore
21st February 1782

Intelligence from Portnova 21st February 1782

One of our Hircarahs from Portnova
reports that he met with the Butler of Captain
Bowles in that place who told him that on Monday
last the 18th Instant Coll. Brathwaite was
entirely defeated by Tippoo Saib at 10 Oclock
in the Morning. that the Coll. was wounded in
his back with a Sword. & that his Son lost one of
his Legs with a Cannon Shot. one of the Officers
of the Cavalry killed & a Another Wounded All
his Guns taken by the Enemy. a great Number
of Sepoys killed & wounded. excepting 8 Company.
who were Ordered by the Coll. to make their Way
good to Tranquebar with Tents Baggage Provisions
& some Money while he was Engaged with the
Enemy

23 Enemy — and that they arrived Safe at that place — Tippoo Said & Mons.r Saley had marched towards Negapatam with Coll.o Brathwaite Prisoner with them & Some Officers it is Said that the French Ships are going to Negapatam to Land their Men there — the Above Butler further told him that 2 Battalions of Sepoys & 4 Guns arrived at Shaw-Cotah from Tanjore to Reinforce Coll.o Brathwaite but in the meantime hearing that he was defeated they returned to Tanjore. —

Coll.o Brathwaite Wounded & Prisoner
Capt.n Bowles ——————— Prisoner
Mr Campbell ——————— Do
Mr Lamson Wounded & Prisoner
Mr Runnet ——————— Do
Mr Cameron ——————— Killed
three other officers are wounded & Prisoner

24 The following Letter to Mr Holland, having been prepared, is now read and Approved and ordered to be dispatched —

To Mr Holland

To Mr Holland are Concerned that the prospect of affairs at Hydrabad and not very favorable hopes a peace may be effected with the Marrattas the Army remains at the Mount on engagement with the French at Sea —

Sir

Our President has this Moment received the Honor of your Letter of the 12th Inst. and We are much Concerned to find that the —

presents

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24th present prospect of Affairs at the Court of Hydrabad promises less in our favor then we had hoped —

He has regularly transmitted to you the Sentiments of the Committee upon the subject of the Connections which we already have there & of those which were to be desired —

According as the situation of things vary of course our proceedings must accommodate themselves to it & the measures to be adopted are not perhaps such as originally were thought the most eligible but such as the particular Circumstances of the Terms & the pressure of our Affairs render absolute-ly necessary, of such you must be a competent Judge from the great lines of Correspondence from the different Presidencies & the Powers at War with Us urging to a Point at the place where you reside but particularly from the Instructions you receive from Bengall which in all Negoti-ations is the Master Wheel of our Political Machine —

From these considerations & from the high Opinion entertained of your Prudence & Address arises the Confidence placed in you by this Government expressed in our Letter of the 3d Ultimo which together with the Answer you expected from Calcutta to your Propositions of the

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24th the 12th December will we trust enable you to proceed with certainty in your Negotiations & bring them at last to a happy Conclusion —

The Events of War & the Accid-
-ents of the Day operate so powerfully on the Instant in this part of the World and are subject to such fluctuation that a measure recommended at one moment may become unadviseable the next

There are however great lines which are never to be lost sight of and which ought to be considered as out of the power of Chance to obliterate — A General Peace with all the powers of India was the desireable object of the Directors in England when our President left it and appears from the subsequent despatches still to be the same But — the untoward situation of things here which they cannot perfectly judge of as their distance renders it impossible, we fear to accomplish entirely what they wish; if we cannot have peace with all our neighbours it ought to be our endeavor to obtain one with such as are practicable — The Poonah Mi-
-nistry does not seem by any means averse and we should imagine may soon be brought to conclude with us — It is manifestly the interest of the Soubah also to declare in our favor — Neither

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24 the one or the other had ever so much to hope for as they now have by giving us their Assistance, nor on the Contrary so much to apprehend from our Enemies if they with hold it. The recovery of last Territories the acquisition of new Provinces are within their grasp if they join us. But if they suffer Hyder to introduce a large body of French in to the Peninsula to act against us the balance will be totally distroyed and the Marattas and the Soubah be liable to ten times more insult and danger from him then ever.

Their own respective importance in the scale of India, we may almost say their preservation, depends on the part they now take. Our situation You will learn in some Points from the enclosed Paper But we shall give it you in a few words as it appears at this Moment. We have no authentic news of our Fleet since the 16th Instant There has been an engagement with the French rather we believe indecisive which Considering the French superiority of three Ships may be considered as equally advantagious and honorable to us. We have not any reason to think we have suffered. But we fear that in spite of our efforts it is possible a Considerable part of the Enemys Troops may

be

24th be either landed or ready to land to the Southward
H. Colonel Brathwaite be defeated as mentioned
in the enclosure the Superiority of the Enemy
in the Tanjore Country will be Considerable Never-
=theless a sufficient body of Troops may soon
be collected there for the protection of that Country
and the adjoining Provinces —

Our own Army now near the
Presidency under Sir Eyre Coote tho' small in
point of Number and labouring under many
Difficulties is equal to every thing that Spirit
and ardor can attempt — It only waits for Intelli-
-gence from the Admiral to determine its
immediate operations — you know the state
of our Circars, relative to which we have only to
add that being told from Bengal it was in
contemplation there to march towards them
some Regiments of Sepoys We have desired
that Ganjam might be the rendezvous till
we should determine a plan of farther Oper-
=ation for them We are in possession of all
the Dutch Settlements on this coast from the
Kistna to Cape Comorin Sadraspatan is the
last that has fallen in to our hands which
with —

24th with the pearl fishery may become a most valu-
=able acquisition Trincamalie is also ours. The French
will probably be able to land at most 2500 Men
about Portnova & Pondicherry which will be a great
Weight in the Scale of Hyder against us. Never-
=theless if the Marrattas & the Soubah follow
their own interests & join us the preponderance
will be much in our favor. Before we conclude we
must observe that it is far from being certain that
the defers of Coll Brathwaites is so complete as is
related in the intelligence paper. We shall send
you a further account by the first opportunety
after we receive it & we shall continue to comm-
=unicate to you regularly every occurrence here
We shall hope in return to have the most par-
=ticular Information from you of the State & progrs
of your Negociation It is of infinite consequence
that we should be regularly advised of it We there-
=fore confess it to be no small mortification to
remain as we do entirely on the dark about the
propositions which you mentioned in the 12th of Decr
upon which so much seems to turn
We take it for granted that Mr
Watherston & Mr Anderson will correspond
freely

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24th freely with you from Poonah we shall therefore send our Letters for them thro your Channel & request your assistance in forwarding them to us

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servants

Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St. George
the
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The following orders relative to the safety and defence of the Garrison are now issued by the Right Honble the President

Commandant of Artillery — To regulate all the Expence Magazines belonging to each of the Works to have a proportion of Ammunition for the Guns in them — the Spare Carriages in Store to be fitted to Guns and Numbered accordingly and the Laboratory Stores to be in Complete order.

A List of Articles ordered by the Governor to be prepared immediately by the different Departments of the Garrison

Chief Engineer — To prepare the established Number of Platforms for Guns and Mortars to Collect Gabions, Ratton Baskets, Faines Pickets, Chevaux de Frizés, to

N.B. All the Wells in the Fort, to be cleard and those marked which have tolerable good Water

24th to give in to the Committee of Stores his Indent for the proper Quantity of Miners. & Intrenching Tools required for the Defence of this Garrison - to get an additional Quantity of Stiff Clay in to the Fort. and to construct Traverses on the Works in such parts as will prevent their being enfiladed To deliver in to the Select Committee an Estimate of the Quantity of Water the new Cisterns under the East Line will Contain, and to have all the Draw Bridges. Palisadoes and Covert Ways &c. &c. got ready & fixed — It may be necessary also to get an Account of the Timbers Plants &c. belonging to the Merchants &c. in the place So that they may be brought within the protection of the Fort at a short Notice or Secured for the use of the Company —

Garrison Storekeeper - To arrange a proper Store of Provisions in the Fort, Firewood Charcoal Straw &c. to examine all the perishable Articles of Provisions in Store and to report their State, so that those which are decayed may be sold in the Buzar and new provided Salt Fish from Pulicat, Tobacco, Beetle Nut —

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24 Ghee - Salt Tamarind, and Leaves as Indian Plates, —
appear to be immediately necessary —

Military Storekeeper — To get all the Artieles Recommended to be provided by the Committee of Stores such as Sand Bags, Crow Feet Intrenching &c. Mining Tools &c. &c. made up without loss of time —

The unserviceable Carriages to be broke up and the Iron Work lodged in Store — Every thing belonging to this Department to be arranged as Compleatly as possible. —

No. 13 A Weekly Report to be made to the Gover= =nor by the Commandant of Artillery, Chief Engi= =neer, Garrison Storekeeper and Military Store= =keeper of the Progress made in Compleating the Matters requisite in their respective Departments and by the Military Storekeeper of the Quantity of Powder in Store. Specifying at the end of the Month the Quantity expended and made during it —

Contract for Supply of Water (Mr Baker) } To send a Weekly Report to the Governor of the State of the Cisterns —

Militia — To be recommended to the Commandants of Corps of the Black Town Militia to Assemble their Corps

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24th Corps as often as possible for Exercise, and to have them in Compleat Order —

Minute of the Committee on the subject of Hospital Charges

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee understanding that a charge has been made for some months past for victualling Sepoys. Lascars & the Followers of the Army in the Hospital. And such charge being contrary to the established regulations of the Company which say expressly that Sepoys and Lascars with respect "to dressing their wounds shall be entitled to the Care of the Surgeon, but their own subsistence is sufficient to save the Company any expence an account of victualling, resolved therefore, that it be forthwith discontinued, and that Rice for the Sepoys and Lascars in the hospital be drawn for them by the proper Officer, in part of their Monthly pays in the same manner as it is done with respect to the Sepoys and Lascars of the Garrison — Agreed that the Surgeon General be furnished with copy of this resolution —

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Captain Thomas Burrowes having applied for his Offreckonings for the Tanjore Sebbendy Corps

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24th Corps. since its Establishment from the 24th. Febry. 1780 to the 24th February 1782 being just two Years — Agreed that the Resident of Tanjore be directed to order the amount to be discharged at Tanjore, as soon as the state of his Cash will permit —

the Resident at Tanjore to be directed to discharge Capt. Burrowes Disbursements when the State of the Cash will permit —

25th Received the following Letters

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

President and Governor of Fort St. George

From Mr. Fallofield enclosing the Declaration of a Sailor who had escaped from the French Fleet —

My Lord

The french fleet are Still at Anchor off porto Novo. they have not yet landed any Troops but have been bring in taking Water, Sheep, Bullocks &c on baard — they Sent out three Vaffells to the Eastward & Northward this Morning which returned in the Afternoon We have no News of our Fleet — I have the honor to enclose you the Declaration of an English Sailor that Came this Morning from the Fleet — Coll Brathwaite sometime after the Engagement began fent a flag of truce to the Enemy — after which no Person was killed, but the remainder of the Detachment taken Prisoners. Tippoo Saib is 5 Miles on the other Side the Coleroon

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25th - I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

E W Fallofield

Cuddalore

22d February 1782

Declaration of John Roe.

I came from England in the Hannibal a 50 Gun Ship that left England about may last which Ship was taken off St. Pauls by the Heros. a french Ship the Sorient 74 a frigate being part of the fleet on their way from Mauritius to Madras which are lately arrived. — there was an Engagement on Sunday afternoon near Madras that lasted 4 1/2 hours Since when the English fleet have not been Seen the Heros a french Ship much damaged — & the Hannibals foretop mast Shotaway. before the Engagement a french Sloop of war fell into our Hands — The french fleet consisted of 11 Sail of the line & 4 frigates before the Hanibal was taken & 13 Transports the french took a Small English Ship from Bengall to Madras off Pulicat & 2 Snows: but nothing else Except Small Craft some of which they Sunk & burnt. — The Hannibal took a french 28 Gun frigate — called

25th Called the Nabar off the Cape &a Merchant man with Treasure on Board & Carried them to St. Helena — I lowered myself down from the Bazaar the Ship I was on board & Swam on shore near Portnovo — the English Prisoners during the Action were

22 Feby 1782 Shut in the Hold —

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB &a &a

President & Governor of Fort St. George

From Vellore — Hyder sends into the Mysore Country all the Inhabitants & Plunder of Arcot is still encamped between Conjevaram & Wandawash a Rice Magazine takes fire but is soon extinguished much distressed for want for the European-

My Lord

I had the Honor to address your Lordship the 10th Inst. every account I have confirms Hyders sending every thing out of Arcot & the Inhabitants to the Mysore Country Yesterday about 300 Camels, an immense number of loaded Bullocks & People went to the Westward said to be the Inhabitants & plunder of Arcot & — likewise this day a number of loaded Bullocks. His Army still lies between Conjevaram & Wandawash About nine O'Clock in the evening of the 11th Inst. a dreadful fire broke out here which had near proved fatal to this place. A range of building is one and of which the Rice was — deposited when the Army was here took fire

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25 I believe by accident but by the alertness of the Europeans I got it cut off before it reached that part where the Rice was. not a bag was lost and it is now so secure that nothing but an Earthquake can destroy it— We still remain very quiet but am much distressed for meat for the Europeans that which the General left with me is out & am obliged to take what few the Inhabitants have in the Pettah when they are done I really do not know what to do. as there are none within reach of any party I could send out with safety. I have the Honor to be—

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed.t

Humble Servant

John Cuppage

Vellore—
the
14 February 1782

The following Letter to Mr Watherston at Poona having been prepared. is now read, and approved and ordered to be dispatched—

Mr Watherston

at Poonah

Sir

To. Our President has received the

To Mr Wetherston. with congratulations on his arrival at Poonah in hopes he will effect a peace with the Marattas as their interests are deeply concerned in the event - Are inforcement of 3000 Troops expect.d Col.s Brathwaite meets a check from Tippoo Saib —

25th the honor of your Letter of the 15th of January from Poonah which he has communicated to us and we very sincerely congratulate you, on your safe arrival and Honorable reception there As Mr Anderson will probably have reached you very soon after you wrote to us, & is fully instructed from Bengal We flatter ourselves that your joint endeavors will soon bring your Negociation to an happy conclu=sion The Marrattas cannot entertain a doubt of our sincerely & we are sure their own Interests are deeply concerned to establish a firm Friendship with us The progress of Hyder his growing great=ness his Jealousy, and hatred of the Marattas & the dangers with which he treatens them all combine to induce them to take every step that can arrest his Career, or diminish his Power The Recovery of lost Provinces, the acquisition of new ones but particularly the Possession of the Biddenore Country seem to be within — their Grasp if they seize the present moment to attack him; these are points which we are sure it is unnecessary for us to dwell upon They cannot but have struck the Marattas

themselves

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25 themselves, and aided by your Representation will carry double Weight with them Should the Enemy be able to assist Hyder with a considerable Body of Troops on either Coast, and they are now attempting it on this He would become still more formidable, & a more reasonable Object of the Marattas jealousy both they and the Nizam would very soon feel the Effects of it. & repent their not giving Us their support to maintain the Balance in Indostan which now that we have no farther Views of extention of Territory may be considered to be safely vested in our Hands

From the Peshwas Letter to Sir Eyre Coote. Sir Edward Hughes. Mr. McPherson & our President it would seem as if the Marrattas wished to include Hyder in the Treaty of Peace How far they may be sincere in that Point, We know not Perhaps it is only inserted as a safeguard incase the Negociation should Transpire. You will make such Arrangement on that Point as your Instructions authorize you & the necessity of publick affairs require We confess that at this Moment a General Peace with all the Powers of India would seem

Ah 25 seem to us the most desireable measure & the most likely to restore our Affairs. & if Bengal would admit of it We should think even Hyder might be included —

Not having received any Notification of Mr Andersons Arrival at Poonah. We have not addressed him. but as your Communications with him must be unreserved. We confides this letter to be equally intended for you both —

Added to the Forces we already have in India We are to inform You that We expect every day the June Fleet of 9 Indiman under a very strong Convoy of two 74 Gun Ships and several Frigates. Lord Seafords Regiment of 1000 Men is on board. & in September another Fleet was to sail from England with five Men of war and 3000 Troops Swiss and Germans besides the Companys Recruits. These will we trust. enable Us to extricate ourselves from all our Difficulties & effectually to Assist & promote the Interests of such Indian Powers, as are well disposed to Us —

We shall hope to be regularly advised of the state and progress of your Negotiation on the Success of which our Immediate existence & Interests so much depend We shall not fail on our part to keep you

regularlye

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25th regularly informed of every Occurrence here — which you may be interested or desireous to know —

Sir Edward Hughes who went from hence in pursuit of the French Fleet about ten days since, is not yet retwined, nor do we know as yet more than that an Engagement had taken Place It has probably been an indecision on which Considering the Superiority of three Ships which the French had, is equally Honble and Advantageous to Us —

It is said that Col. Brathwaite has met with a Check from Hyders Son Tippoo Saib to the Southward who went there in order to favor the intended landing of the French near Port Nova but the accounts are not much to be depended on —

Our Army under Sir Eyre Coote is now near the Presidency and ready to proceed the moment we receive News of Sir Edward Hughes whose Motions will in some Degree regulate our Operations —

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25th Feby 1782

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servants
Macartney &c.

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25th P.S You are informed that the Letter from Sir Eyre Coote Sir Edward Hughes Mr. Mcpherson & myself to the Peshwa was sent from hence to Poonah. this the Hands of the Nabob of Arcott. The Nabob has communicated to us the Translation of some Letters from thence but we Confess we have not an entire Confidence in their Authenticity. We now enclose them to you. & request you to impart them to Mr Anderson. they possibly may be of some Use in the Course of your Business. We are to inform you that the Nabob has a mortal hatred to Hyder & that he is very much alarmd lest he should be in-=cluded in the Treaty. Inorder therefore to prevent it he has this Day dispatched to Poonah a Moorman of some note named Cojah Mahomed Javat Khan. He carries with him Jewels &c. of a considerable value to be disposed of in presents to the proper persons whose Friendship he is instructed to solicit

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c. Council of

Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal with copy of Letter from Cuddalore the Army remains at the Mount Mem to move a Detachment towards the Circars

Although Eight days have

now

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25th now elapsed since the Engagement between the Fleets We are as yet unable to inform you of the Event— A Boat which our President dispatched the 16th for Intelligence returned the day before yesterday without having seen our fleet and by her his Lordship received a Letter from the provisional Chief at Cuddalore of which We enclose a Copy respecting the 22 french Ships mentioned in the Letter We can form no Certain opinion whether they consisted only of the Transports and small Vessells with Frigates for their Protection or included any of the large Ships of War. but by their taking with them Boats from Pondicherry and sailing to the Southward beyond Cuddalore We Conclude it to be their Intention to land the Troops at Portnova— they Consist We understand of about 2000—

Sir Eyre Coote is still encamped near the Mount waiting for Intelligence from the Admiral on which must in a great measure depend his future plans— In the Interval he is useing his Endeavors to throw a Quantity of Provisions in to Chinglepet in order to

facilitate

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25 facilitate the Movement of the Army and assist
it future Operations —

If Sir Edward Hughes be not in
pursuit of the French fleet We think it —
probable that he is cruizing to the Southward to
meet our Transports from Bombay and the Mag.
=nanime and Sultan with the June Fleet from
England —

We have not as yet received
any Confirmation of the Unfavorable News from
the Tanjore Country nor can We account for
Colonel Brathwaite having been incamped at
or near Manarcoil or for his having so small
a force with him as would appear from the
number of Officers mentioned in the Intelligence
Paper who were almost all of his Staff or belonging
to Lieut. Samsins Troop of Cavalry —

From the present Aspect of
Affairs We are still more desirous that a Detach.
=ment of your Troops should advance towards the
Circars and We have sent orders to our Resident
at Ganjam to prepare every thing for their —
Accomodation —

We need not observe to you
that

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Th 25 that your Assistance is now become more necessary to our foreservation than If you can enable us to pay and subsist our Army and the expected reinforcements We doubt not of frustrating the designs of our Enemies but without those Aids worst consequence may be apprehended but You may rely on every Exertion on our part to prevent them from happening —

Since our last our President has received from the Nabob Translations of the Letter from Poonah which We mentioned to you but as We have not an opportunity of comparing them with the Originals We cannot vouch for their Exactness —

We have the honor to be

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St George

the 25 February 1782

Th 26 Received the following Letter from John Holland Esqr with its Enclosure from Mr Weather-stone —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. &c.

From Mr Holland with Letter from Mr Watherston request a Copy of the Cipher

My Lord

I have the honor herewith to enclose to your Lordship a Letter received yesterday from Mr. Watherston, who sent it open for my perusal, but unluckily I am not possessed of the Cypher, and shall therefore esteem it a Favour, if your Lordship will be so good as to order a Copy of it to be enclosed to me

I have the honor to be, with great Respect My Lord Your Lordships most Obedt Humble Servant John Holland

Nizam's Camp near Hydrabad 14th February 1782

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney in cypher No 10

President &c. &c. Fort St. George

My Lord

I had the honor to address you the 15th Instant and acquainted your Lordship with

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26 with my having been deputed to Poonah by General Goddard and the favorable reception I had publickly received from the Minister the preceding day — I also promised to communicate to you any thing that might occur in the course of my negociation at this Court material to you to be informed of and of importance to the prosecution of your views and the operations of the War in the Carnatic —

My first object was to effect an offensive alliance with the Marattas against Hyder — My next to concluded a seperate peace with the Peshwa which should leave General Goddard at full liberty to march his Army where ever it might be judged most expedient for cooperating with Sir Eyre Coote — All my endeavors to attain either of these points have however been unsuccessful and the Minister has uniformly avowed his determination of including Hyder in any Treaty of peace indirectly and settled between the English and the Marrattas in short he insists upon it as a necessary preliminary —

We has communicated to me his correspondence with Mahomet Ally Nabob of

26th of the Carnatic and the certain hopes he has founded upon it as well as upon the positive assurance given him from Madras in the letter jointly subscribed by your Lordship Sir Eyre Coote Sir Edward Hughes and Mr Macpherson of his wishes with which you declare yourselves acquainted being fully complied with, that instructions will shortly arrive from Bengal to negociate upon the Terms He has proposed.—

He has also informed me of the Honorable Governor Generals intention to Depute Mr David Anderson to Mahadjee Scindia with proposals and that he expects every day a confirmation of the hopes he has above expressed through that channel. In consequence of these circumstances my Negociation on the part of General Goddard whose latest instructions from Bengal are dated June 11th is for the present suspended — I have transmitted a particular account of every occurrence since my Arrival to Mr Hastings and beg to transcribe the following extract of my address to the Governor General which explains the real and Ultimate intentions

of

26 of this Government relative to Hyder as at professed
"by themselves Viz.d" the Minister acknowledged
"to me that the Peishwa was in reality the Enemy
"of Hyder and wish'd equally with the English to
"take up arms against him to unite and destroy
"his power effectually that however as engage-
"=ments had been lately entered into with him
"by the Peishwa in which there had been no failure
"on his part — It was not possible consistent with
"honor and regard to publick faith to commence hosti-
"=lities against him and therefore that the follow'd
"was the only plan which suggested itself to him
"to answer the views both of the English and the
"Mahratta state — viz.t to settle immediately
"the Terms of general peace in which Hyder
"should be included and afterwards as the Peishwa
"would on such an event be absolved from all
"tie what ever arising from his present connec-
"=tion he would be at liberty to join the English
"against Hyder — It is necessary to observe in
addition to the above that the Minister further
aſsured me the particular objects of the plan
above suggested were fully known to your
Lordship

Mr 26 Lordship and Sir Eyre Coote as they were explained at large in the Correspondence with Mahomed Ally — I need not therefore take up more of your time on this subject but conclude with mentioning that Nouradden Mahomed Cawn and Pundit Nersing Row Ambassadors at this Court from Hyder have been greatly alarmed since my arrival by the prospect of a reconciliation between the Peishwa and the English and some days after obtained a long secret conference with the Minister immediately subsequent to which Letters were dispatched express to Hyder — I have not been able to come to the knowledge of any particulars. but I am perswaded that the Strongest assurances of. freendship and perseverance in his engagement were lavished by the Minister / and for which no doubt a suitable recompence has been stipulated by the Vackeels on the part of their Master and such an explanation given of my visit unacquainted with the Subject of it as would most effectually serve the politick views of this Government and their present determined system of benefitting by Hyders — I have to entreat your Lordship —

26th Lordship will be pleased to forward a copy of this Letter to Sir Eyre Coote whom I addressed the 15th Instant but shall not now address seperately on account of the hazard of the conveyance to his camp which would be encreased by swelling the size of this Packet — I have the honor to subscribe myself with the greatest respect —

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed.t
and most humble Servant
D. Watherston

Poonah
24th Jan.y 1782

P.S. Since writing the above, intelligence has been brought me of a private conversation that passed the evening of the 30th Instant between the Minister and Hurry Punt — As it seems to discover the Policy of this Court relative to Hyder and at the same time conveys a particular piece of information respecting the probable plan of Military operations in the Carnatic as far as the Maratta Government propose to interefere in them — I shall trouble

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the 26 trouble your Lordship with a recital, it was communicated to me by a Person who overheard it himself and upon whose information I can rely —

The Minister expressed to — Hurry Punt his displeasure at the contents of a letter which had been sent him thro Lutchmanraw Rastia the channel of Hyders negociation at this Court and which he observed differed greatly from the proposals made in a former one — In reply to the arguments offered by Hurry Punt palliating this mistake which he said would probably be rectified in the next letter the minister repeated his dissatisfaction with some warmth and declared he would never consent to the request made by Hyder of permitting Rastia to raise a body of Troops for his service in his Jaghire which it seems is situationed on the banks of the Kistna towards Carnatic but that he might (if he pleased) propogate the report of his intention to do so —

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the 31st Jany 1782.

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The 26 Received the following Letter —

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

President & Governor of Fort St. George

From Mr Falloseds with Intelligence from Villapuram & Gingee — the French Fleet in Port Novo road — have their Sick L.d Brathwaite surrendered to the Enemy —

My Lord

The French fleet 22 Vessells including some Sloops &c. they have taken are now at Anchor off Port Novo in a Line from East to West. they are in great want of Water and are Day & Night employed in taking it on board — this Morning I am informed they landed Some of their Sick & Wounded. Tippoo Saib & his party are Still on the other Side the Coleroom. We hear nothing of our Fleet — every Person who Comes from the Southward reports that there are four large and one small French Ship at Tranquebar. I beg your Lord= =ship will order the Cattamarans Sent from hence to return as soon as Possible All the Boat People and Cattamarans belonging to this Place are Mustered Every Evening & Since the report of the French being on the Coast We have paid

each

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each Man a fanam a Day batta - & further to not a Man or boat have deserted to the Enemy tho. they might doubtless have Every Encouragement to assist them. —

I have the honor to be

Most Respectfully

My Lord

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

E W Fallofield —

Cuddalore

23d Febry. 1782

A Strong report prevails at Pondicherry & this place & it has Even reaches Portnovo that our Army are at Coangooley on their way to the Southward — this may be one Cause among others possibly for their not Landing

Coll. Braithwaite Sent a flag of Truce to the Enemy during the Battle after which no more of his People were hurt - our Loss in killd & wounded is but small - the Detachment being Almost all made Prisoners. —

I have this Moment heard that Mons.r Lalley is returned from Tranquebar where he went after the Battle with Coll. Brathwaite that he is Come to Porto Novo & has ordered Some Guns to be immediately landed: one Man Says he Saw 2 Guns

landed —

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26 Landed & that Tippoo Saib himself was at Dort=
=Novo Conferring with Some Officers of the Fleet
Mr Lally went with a few attendants only to
Trangnebar —

Intelligence from Villapuram —

Received at Cuddalore 23d Feby 1782

A French Gentleman with
50 Horse & 2 Camels arrived last night at Villapuram
from Hyders Army. & proceeded this morning to
Pondicherry The Amildar of Villapuram hearing
of the Defeat of the English Detachment at Pan=
=danellore distributed Sugar in his Catchary=
It is reported here that Hyder has set out from
Canjevaram with his Army to go to the Red Hills
by Pondicherry —

Intelligence from Gingee

Received at Cuddalore
23d February 1782

The Killedar of Gingee hearing
four days before that the English Detachment
at Pandanellore was Defeated fired 22 Guns &
distributes Sugar — It is reported that 3000 Horse
&

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26 & 2000 Sepoys arrived at Walapendell near Arnee to go to join Tippoo Sail from Hyders Army & that Hyder himself designs to go to Pondicherry in three or four days The Killidar of Gingee has prepared a great quantity of Provisions & Cattle for Hyders Army which it is said is resolved to Attack Cuddalore.

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

From Dr. Anderson the Sick who can walk not to be supplied with Provisions from the Hospital proposes a separate Hospital for the Sick of the Bengal Establishment in want of Pay —

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Bazars being again in Appearance Stock? with all Sorts of Provisions and the Natives in the Hospital under no Regulation of Stoppage of Pay for Dect I have directed that none who can Walk. Shall be Supplied by the Hospital after the 28th Instant —

As this Arrangement Will be felt by many Who in the present Ruind State of the Country are cut off from their Familys and Relations I have previously given you this intimation. that every necessary precaution may be taken to Obviate as much as possible distress. I

I have

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26th I have likewise consulted the Bengall Surgeons on the practicability of their holding a Seperate Hospital for the Sick and Wounded of that Esta= =blishment and have Reason to believe little else is Wanted by them, for that purpose, besides a Sufficiently large and Well aird building—

The Want of Pay to the Surgeons and Afsistant Surgeons, Some of whom have received none I understand these thirteen months, the Redemur of the Commissary and Paymaster to the Hospital Accounts and the Bills even I have been obliged to Accept of as ready Cash lying at Vizagapatam— unpaid Render it necessary that no Person be Admitted in to the Hospital Without my Approbation first Applied for and Obtained by whatever discreption of Rank or Station he may be Sent—

I have the honor to be

With all due Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

and Very humble Servant

Jas. Anderson

Surgeon Genl

Fort St George
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Tuesday 26th

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President

Anthony Sadleir & Morgan Williams Esqrs

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote indisposed Major General Sir Hector Munro indisposed John Holland Esqr Resident at the Court of the Nizam.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from Sir Eyre Coote.

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

From Sir Eyre Coote recommending a general Promotion in the Army.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I did myself the honor to address you on the 26th of last December accompanying a representation from Majors Short and Colgrave. respecting the rank they think they are entitles to as expressed in the resolutions of Committee under date the 3d August 1779. and. as I understand my opinion on the Subject of that representation is also expected. I am under the necessity of waving the delicacy I wished to have held in regard to the recommendation given

given by the Commander in Chief at the time, and the Minute of the Select Committee thereon, by observing, that if the Officers who are appointed to act as Majors for the expedition against Pondichery in 1778 are confirmed in the rank from the date of that appointment, it will be a singular instance in the Military line by giving the same force and permanency to a "Brevet of Service as can only be due to establish rank in the Army —

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have received representations from some of the Senior Lieutenants on the Infantry list, setting forth, "That many of the Gentleman who now rank "as Captains in the Corps of Artillery had not arrived "in India, as Cadets, at the time they were serving as "Lieutenants that they are daily subject to the com- "mand of Officers of the other Presidencies equally "their juniors in respect to length of service, that "the promotion in the Infantry is impeded by "Officers being permitted to remain on the list "who are none-effective to the Service, and requesting "that an enquiry may be made in to the situation "of those who are represented as holding a place "on the List without doing the duty of the Army,

expressing

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expressing their hope, at the same time, that the
peculiar hardship of their case may be taken in to
Consideration —

I beg leave to acquaint the Committee,
that the Officers who stand in the disagreeable —
predicament represented above, have my hearty
concurrence in opinion on the hardship of their case
and the dailey cause they have to feel it in the most
severe degree; I am, therefore, very desirous that
some plan be adopted both in justice to the public
and the Individual, to prevent as much as the
nature of the Service will permit. Officers who
are not capable of doing field duty, or who are non-
effective by being absent from the Coast, or from
other causes not acting with the Army or any part
of it from holding a place on the list to the pre-
=judice of the Service in General, but more parti-
=cularly so on the present Service, the Sufferings
and severity of which are so well understood. —

The inclosed paper, N.1 will
point out the Officers said to be non-effective to
the duty of the Army, and I beg leave to recommend
that they may be either struck off the Establish-
=ment, Invalided, or otherwise disposed of, as shall
be

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be judged most proper, on enquiry, by the Right Honble The President and Select Committee. It also contains the names and rank of the Officers to succeed to Commissions which may fall vacant as above, and of those for promotion on account of late Casualties as therein specified, so as to compleat to the Establishment with effective Officers. I have also the honor to enclose the Copy of N. 2. of a Letter from Captain Mackenzie, received since he has been represented as non-effective to the duty of the Army.

I have the honor to recommend three Young Gentleman, Sons of Officers in the Service to be put on the list of Minor Cadets Viz.t

——— Prendergrast

Thomas Bridges

——— Ward

and that the following Gentlemen may be appointed Volunteers Viz.t

In the Artillery

Messrs. William Orr

Thomas Hays

In the Infantry

Messrs. George Shaw

——— Crump

William Heatland

Ensigns

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Ensigns Robert Howland, Alexander Denton, and Alexander Watson Cadets of the Year 1780. having authenticated their Commissions in the Militia, I have the honor to acquaint you that they are to rank in the above order agreeable to the resolutions of the Select Committee published in General Orders dated 4th July 1781. and to come in on the List of the Army between Ensign Arthur Henry Brooke and Ensign Roger Warne —

Ensign Gomond having applied to relinquish his situation with the Engineer Corps. I Recommend that he be accordingly struck off the list of Assistant Engineers. —

I beg leave to recommend that the Native Officers and Sepoys of the Company of Marksmen be struck off the strength of the Battalions they are now returned in and compleated equal to Two Grenadier Companies in a Battalion of Sepoys —

	Subs.	Jem.	Havr.	Naiks	Drms.	Fifers	Privs.	Sepoys
Their present Strength is - -	1	2	8	8	4	2	98	
To Compleat to two Companies as above will require an addition of	1	—	2	2	—	—	32	
Total	2	2	10	10	4	2	130	

Two Six Pounders are attached to this small Corps in the Field and they have been found a very

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very useful body of men —

A Fort. Adjutant for the Garrison of Negapatam being a very necessary appointment I beg leave to recommend to the Committee Lieut.t W.m Kinny to fill that Station —

I have the honor to enclose a bill from Capt.n David Muirhead of 20th Battalion. for working money due to his Corps when serving in the defence of Tellicherry. as it appears to be a just Debt. and that the Battalion has received repeated Assurances of its being paid. I shall with the approbation of the Committee, direct the Paymaster in Camp to discharge it —

It becomes necessary to give my Opinion to the Committee on the very great deficiency of Officers for the duty of the Army which has been experienced so frequently during the present War and still Continues. although promotion to compleat to the Establishment. according to the Custom of the Service has been regularly ordered. with the addition of Officers, in the different ranks to fill vacancies, which have been admitted by Government. on account of those who have fallen in to the hands of the Enemy and the Absentees in England: This very great deficiency has chiefly arisen. I believe. from the following causes —

1st. Sickness and Wounds incurred on the Service —

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2d Corps admitted on the Streng th of the Army without an encrease of Officers as in the case of the 4 Battalions of Sibundy in the Tanjore Country and the three Battalions of Sibundy in the Circars. to which Two Captains and Fourteen Subalterns stand appointed taken from the Establishment of the European and Sepoy Battalions.—

3— By taking into the Pay of the Company without an augmentation of Officers, from Six to eight thousand men composed partly of Corps in the Nabobs service and partly from the levies ordered to be raised since the commencement of the War. by which means the proportion of Officers for the Peace Establishment has been employed in the duty of an Army encreased in numbers about one third.—

The very great evil and material disadvantage to the Service in every point of view, Political and Military, in maintaining an Armed force without an adequate proportion of Officers is so obvious that Arguments need not be offered to prove it; I shall therefore, only add, that it is contrary to the Custom of every age and Country, and that Troops, so drawn together and arranged, cannot at any time, be expected

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to render important or useful services to the Govern-
=ment that employs them. and much less so during
the Continuance of a War, where discipline and the
example of Superiors have been found so essentially
necessary; perhaps in a greater degree than has
ever been experienced in India before the present
period —

I have the honor to acquaint the Com-
=mittee that the new Infantry Corps and levies
paid by the Company since the Commencement
of the War are equal to a formation of Six Batt=
=alions besides Compleating the Corps or parts of
Corps of the Establishment in the Southern
Districts, and that the Native Infantry of the
Nabob in different parts of the Country. not
yet, I believe. paid by the Company are suffi=
=cient to recruit to the Establishment the Corps
now with the Army in the Field — this is exclusive
of the Independant Companys found so useful
in the defence of Cuddalore. Permacoil. Wandewash
and Chingleput —

Should it be thought expedient to
take in to the pay of the Company the Nabobs
Subsidy Sepoys. they may. for the present. be.
placed —

placed under the Command of the Officers commanding the principle Garrisons in each district, to be furnished for the Collection of the revenues on the requisition of the Civil Officers employed in that duty. to be returned in the Same manner as the regular Corps. and to be disciplined as exactly as the nature of the services they are employed in will permit, they may be afterwards formed in to Companies and Battalions as soon as their Strength and the Numbers required for the duty of each district is ascertained.

About the Strength of Two Companies of Topasses do duty in Tanjore and one at Madura; those Troops may also, at present, be placed under the Command and charge of the Commandants of the Garrisons where they are stationed, as their Numbers or Consequence does not appear to require a regular establishment of Officers.

I think it necessary to acquaint the Committee that the Sibendy Battalions on the Establishment are allowed two Subalterns without any distinction of rank. by which means some of those Corps have Two Lieutenants and others One Lieutenant and One Ensign; On this account, therefore,

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therefore, it is impossible to ascertain the number of Officers in each rank requires to compleat to the Establishment One Captain stands appointed to the Sibendy at Ganjam although the Corps is of Inferior Strength to the Sibendy Battalions commanded by Lieutenants in the Masulipatam and Vizagapatam Districts — The Sibendy in the Tanjore Country — consisting of Four Corps acting connectedly in that Quarter, has very properly a Superior Officer over the Whole.

I have above endeavored to lay before the Committee, as nearly as can be ascertained in the present State of the Carnatic, a general view of the additional number of Troops now paid by the Company without a regular appointment of Officers and not admitted on the Strength of their Army; and I beg leave to submit to your decision, whether or not the importance at this period, for the Causes I have assigned of having the whole of the Troops now in the pay of the Company regularly regimented and appointed with Officers, is an object adequate to the expence arising there from, observing that the pay of the men is already incurred and that the only additional expence will be the Pay of the Officers—

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Officers for the Sepoy and Sibindy Battalions as those required for the Cavalry and Artillery are actually in the Pay of the Company at this time —

The following is the Augmentation of Officers which I look upon as a proper Compliment for the Corps admitted on the Establishment but not yet regularly appointed, and for the additional Troops now paid by the Company comprehending as under. The four Regiments of Cavalry in Camp and the body of Cavalry to the Southward, the Native Artillery, Native Infantry, and the Sibindy Corps of Tanjoure and Circars. —

	Capts	Capt Lts	1st Lieuts	Cornets	Lieut Fireworks	Ensigns	Brigs Majors	Adjts	2d Majs
Cavalry — 4 Regiments	4	—	12	12	4	—	1	4	4
Native Artillery 1 Battalion	1	1	3	—	3	—	—	1	1
Native Infantry 6 Battalions	6	—	18	—	—	42	—	6	—
Tanjore Sibindy 4 Battalions	1	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	—
Circar Sibindy 3 Battalions	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	—
Total	12	1	40	12	7	49	1	11	5

As soon as I am honored with your Sentiments on the Subject and that the propriety of a regular formation of Corps with an adequate proportion of Officers is admitted and to be carried in to effect, I shall lay before you, for your approval and publication, a form of a General Order to arrange the proposed alteration in the Speediest —

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speediest and most Advantageous methos for the public Service —

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentleman

Your Most Obedient

& Humble Servant

Eyre Coote

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the 17th February 1782

Officers represented as Non-effective to the duty of the Army

Major Cosby ---- England

Capt.n Will.m Collins --- England

Capt.n Rich.d Nelson -- has not done duty since the Commence-
=ment of the present War —

Capt.n Alex.r Mackenzie { Absent from his Corps during the Service to the Southward and said to have lost the use of one side

Capt.n Will.m Russell --- England

Capt.n Tho.s Baggot --- England

Capt.n Tho.s Burrowes -- England

Capt.n W. Adair ----- England

Capt.n John Mordaunt -- Seven Years in Bengal

Capt.n John Campbell -- Has not done duty since Jan.y 1781

{ Subject to Fits and has not done duty for a considerable time. The Select Committee is in possession of a Letter from this Officer on the Subject of his being invalided which the Commander in

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Lieut.t Edmond Brown } in Chief begs leave to recommend may be complied with in the manner therein requested Viz.t to be invalided on the rank of Captain being the Senior Lieut.t on the Coast and an old Servant.

Casualties and Promotions

Artillery -- Capt.n Lieut.t Chas. Lucas ------ Dead
Lieut.t Fireworker Ruth.d M.c Kim --- Dead

Infantry --- Major Robert Kelly ------- Promoted
Captain Lamotte ------- Prisoner
Captain Wynch ------- Resigned
Lieutenant Grenwell ------- Dead
Lieutenant M.c Donald ------- Prisoner
Ensign James West ------- Dead
" Florence Macarthy ------ Dead
" D.l F Griffin ------- England
" M. Saunders ------- England
" Foulis ------- Prisoner
" Gibbons ------- Prisoner
" Pryke ------- Prisoner
" Tanner ------- Resigned

Adjutancy of the 1st Batt.n 2.d Reg.t requested to be resigned by Lieutenant Peter Campbell —

Adjutancy of the 5th Circar Battalion requested to be resigned by Lieutenant B. Butler —

Officers first for promotion to succeed to vacancies as above —

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Artillery

		Date of Rank
Lieutenant George Dunbar	to be Capt.n Lieut.t	18th January 1782
Lieut.t Fireworker F. A. Martelli	to be Lieut.t	18th January 1782
Volunteer P. N. Lally	to be Lieut.t Fireworker	18th January 1782
Volunteer Will.m Orr	to be Lieut.t Fireworker	19th January 1782

Infantry

Capt.n Hugh Rob.t Alcock	to be Major		1st January 1782
" Thomas Bruce	Ditto		2d January 1782
Lieutenants Thos. Stonehouse	to be Captain		1st January 1782
James Stuart	ditto	2	do do
John Baillie	ditto	3	do do
Urban Vigors	ditto	4th	do do
x x George Muat	ditto	5th	do do
Edmond Nelson	ditto	6th	do do
John Taylor	ditto	7th	do do
Ensigns Thos. Higginbottom	to be Lieut.ts		1st January 1782
Simon Dalrymple	ditto	2d	do do
William Stevens	ditto	3d	do do
I. I. Durand	ditto	4th	do do
George Smith	ditto	5th	do do
x x James Brunton	ditto	6th	do do
Thos. Poole	ditto	7th	do do
John Bannerman	ditto	8th	do do
Robert Stratton	ditto	9th	do do
R. B. Herbert	ditto	10th	do do
Francis Copper	Ditto	11th	do do
Volunteers George Lang	to be Ensign		1st January 1782

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			date of Rank
96 Volunteers	William Fleming	to be Ensign	2d January 1782
	Reynold Macalister	ditto	3d do do
	Ralph R. Petrie	ditto	4th do do
	John Hewitson	ditto	5th do do
	C. Hewitson	ditto	6th do do
	Hamilton Hall	ditto	7th do do
	Roulston Robinet	ditto	8th do do
	Robert Munro	ditto	9th do do
	Charles Rumley	ditto	10th do do
	Francis Story	ditto	11th do do
	Pagan Shaw	ditto	12th do do
"	George Shaw		Next after the Cadets of 1782 from England
"	— Crump		
"	William Heatland		

Lieutenant Anthony Beale to be Adjutant to the 1st Battalion 2d Regt Vice Peter Campbell resigned

Ensign John Menteth to be Adjutant to the 5th Coircar Battalion Vice B. Butler resigned—

N.B. Although only Six Captains and ten Lieutenants are wanted, Seven Lieutenants are recommended to the former rank and Eleven Ensigns to the latter The Officers marked thus ×+ being— Prisoners with the Enemy and non-effective — As the Volunteers George Lang, John Hewitson and C. Hewitson are under age, the propriety of promoting them at this time is submitted to the decision of the

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the Select Committee —— On a supposition that the whole are promoted, there will be a deficiency of four Ensigns to Compleat Officers of that Rank Effective to the Establishment

It will be necessary to give in orders at the Same time with the promotions, that the above Volunteers, appointed Ensigns in the Infantry with a specific date of Commission, are to rank under all those of the Year 1781 from England whose date of rank cannot be ascertained untill the arrival of the list of Cadets of that Year

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the 17th February 1782

Eyre Coote

Copy of a Letter from Captain Alexander Mackenzie to Lieutenant Archibald Brown, Acting as Adjutant General with the Troops to the Southward under Sir Hector Munro K.B. dated at Tranquebar 14th December 1781.

"Your Letter of the 12th I am favored with respecting my wish to resign my Battalion. I mentioned my intention to Lieut.t Coll.t Nixon who was so kind as to advise me to do so at the expiration of this month provided my health would not permit me to join —— I am sorry Sir

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Sir that my health will not permit me — my complaint is still the same, and this weather adds to my Complaint. —

Please Sir to present my respects to the General, that I should be glad to give up my Battalion at the end of the month, and that I further request his advice in respect to my going to Madras or remaining to the Southward — At present I am taking Medicines — God knows when I shall be able to move, but I hope by the beginning of the next month, as my Surgeon says when the rains are over I have a chance to get the use of my knees so as to enable me to mount my Horse. —

I am
Sir &c
(Signed) A. Mackenzie

A true Copy Henry Malcolm
A. D. Genl.

The Committee having maturely Considered the Arrangement purposed by Sir Eyre Coote in the above Letter are of opinion that it will be for the benefit of the Service, and feel no other difficulty in adopting it than what naturally arises from a consideration of the additional expence which

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which will be incurred by it at a time when our Affairs are so much Embarrassed for want of Money — the same Confidence however which the Committee place in Sir Eyre Cootes Judgement with respect to the necessity of the measure tends in a great degree to remove their uneasiness in regard to the Expence, as they are satisfied that no Endeavors will be wanting on his part to retrieve them in that particular as far as may be Consistent with the nature and Object of the proposed Arrangements —

Alteration & Promotions recommended by Sir Eyre Coote to take place

Upon these principles the Committee agree to the Alterations and promotions which Sir Eyre Coote has recommended, and to the Appointment of such a number of Officers as he has deemed requisite for the Corps now doing duty with the Companys Troops tho' not regularly on the Establishment But the Committee at the same time resolve to have it signified and fully understood that part of the Arrangement is only temporary, and that when peace shall be restored many reductions will take place and several of those Officers who are now promoted will than be considered as supernumerary and receive only the pay of the rank next below them untill the Establishment

shall

shall be brought to its former level —

The Committee Observe in the — General List of non effectives some Officers are marked as not having done any duty — If this be from Neglect those Officers should be tried by a Court Martial, or if from any cause of sickness or Incapacity for service the cause should be reported, and the Officers invalided, or pensioned as the case may require — Agreed to Communicate to Sir Eyre Coote this opinion and to desire if he concur in it that he will take the necessary measures that the Establishment may not be improperly burthened —

The General request to make enquiry as to the Conduct of those Officers who are reported as not having done any Duty —

The Sanjows Sibbendy were intended Chiefly for the Collection of the revenues and the Number of Officers now acting with that Corps were thought sufficient at the time it was formed — The Committee however Approve the Idea of increasing them during the present Service but when the War is at an end it will be necessary this Corps should return to its original Establishment and destination and that even now it should be employed in assisting the Collecting as far as Circumstances will permit —

The Establishment of the Sanjows Sibbendy augmented —

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the same observation applies to the Subsidy in the Northern Circars —

Lieut Kenny appointed Fort Adjutant at Negapatam —

Agreed that Lieutenant Kenny be appointed Fort Adjutant at Negapatam during the War, and that the Appointments of Minor Cadets and of Volunteers in the Artillery, recommended by the General do also take place Agreed that the rank of Ensigns Robert Howland Alexander Denton and Alexander Watson be declared in General orders to be between Ensign Arthur & Henry Brooke, and Ensign Roger Warne — that Ensign Gomond be Struck off the List of Assistant Engineers and that the Alteration recommended by the General respecting the Company of Marinemen be made accordingly — Agreed that Captain Muirheads Bill be allowed

Minor Cadets & Volunteers in the Artillery appointed Rank of Ensigns Howland, Denton & Watson ascertained

Ensign Gomond struck off the List of the Engineer Corps —

Alteration made in the Establishment of the Company of Marinemen —

Read the following Letters & Enclosures from Sir Eyre Coote —

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

President &c. &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

From Sir Eyre Coote with a Petition from 17 Ensigns respecting the rank of Ensign Grant on the Subject of Ensign Dougherty's Rank condemns the Pratise of Cadets who have had Commissions in the King's Service taking Rank indiscriminately of the other Cadets —

My Lord and Gentleman

I have the honor to lay before you the enclosed Petition Signed by Seventeen Ensigns on the Establishment in regard to the rank given to Ensign John Grant, and at the same time to give my

my Opinion that, if he did not hold a Commission in his Majestys Service previous to his Appointment as a Cadet in the Companys he was not entitled to a rank superior to what he held on the List of Cadets from England. And on the Contrary, that if he held a Commission in his Majestys Service, of a prior date to his Appointment as a Cadet in the Companys, he should be continued in the rank he now possesses agreeably to the Custom of this Service giving a preference to the Cadets who have held commissions in his Majestys service —

I have also the honor to make the Committee acquainted with a representation on the Subject of rank made by Ensign Foster Dougherty, a Cadet of the List 1780, setting forth his pretensions agreeably to the custom of the Service he having held a Commission from his Majesty which is here with enclosed, he will Accordingly come in on the List of the Army either before or After Ensign Arthur Henry Brooke as may Appear from comparing the rank they respectively held in his Majestys Service —

I beg leave to Observe to the Committee on the above subject, that the practice followed in this Service of giving a preference to the Cadets who have held Commissions at home, without

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without enquiring into the causes of their quitting that Service, may be materially injurious to this Army, by Admitting Men on the Strength of it with Commissioned rank, whose former Conduct may have been exceptionable so as to Under them unworthy of any rank, and more so of a superior rank, I have therefore, the honor of giving my Opinion to the Committee that the Court of Directors should be addressed on a subject of so much importance requesting, that the Cadets sent to India to whom a preference is to be given, shall be particularly specified in their dispatches, And that none shall be entitled to this distinction who cannot produce Authentic certificates of their having joined and done duty; the same form to be Observed in regard to Cadets having Acted as Officers in the Militia Corps, and who have, likewise, a preference given them in this Country next to those who held Commissions in the established regular Corps of the Army at home, both taking rank on their Arrival here, of the Cadets who have not had, either Army or Militia rank in Europe.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obed.t Servant
Eyre Coote

To

Head Quarters
Camp at the Mount
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To the Right honble The President
& Select Committee of Fort St. George

The Humbly Sheweth

That we the undersigned upon our arrival at Madras as Cadets of the year One thou=sand seven hundred and seventy nine, were superceded by Mr John Grant, upon a supposition of his having held a Commission in his Majestys service which in reality he never did, nor is his name to be found on the List of the Army—

That the sole foundation upon which Mr Grant rests his claim of precedency is merely a promise made him in England of receiving a commission in one of his Majestys Regiments—

That we conceive that the original cause for giving those Gentlemen who have form=erly held Commissions in his Majestys service rank of the Cadets of the list to which they belong, was a probability of their being acquainted with the principles of Military discipline and therefore better qualified to discharge the duty of Officers— than those who have never held such Commissions—

But

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But that this cannot be urged in behalf of Mr Grant, as he never joined any Corps, nor indeed (as represented above) ever held any Commission in His Majestys service —

That our ignorance of the rules of the service, and our being so soon after our arrival in India dispersed into different garrisons, were the reasons of our not before representing this injurious supercession and petitioning for redress —

That from the spirit of justice which has on all occasions directed the conduct of the Govern=ment of Madras we have every reason to expect that they will take the above affair in to consideration, and do us that justice which our cause demands. —

And your Petitioners shall ever Pray. —

Thomas Munro Ensign
James Dods. Ens.
Abednego Mathew. Ens
Thomd. Muirhead. Ens.
James Stephens. Ens.
Geo. Mavor. Ens
Wm St. Simrick. Ens
Jamd. Cunningham. Ens
Cunning. Ens
James Rodgers. Ens
Elleton Sober. Ens
Hod. Riddell. Ens

Camp at the Mount
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John

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John Darley. Esrs
I Watkins. Esrs
Darell Carey. Esrs
M. M.c Gie. Esrs
Tho.s Stevenson. Esrs

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B

President and Governor &.a Select Committee

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From D.o 2000 Bullocks taken ret.d from Chinglepute

My Lord & Gentlemen

It is with the deepest concern I now inform you, that upon my return to Camp this evening from Madras, I found that Major Byrn who commanded a Detachment consisting of three Battalions of Sepoys, Six Guns, and Two hundred Cavalry, which I sent to guard the Convoy of Provision to Chinglepute, had returned this Morning, but had contrary to my positive Orders & Instructions neglected giving the proper Protection to the Bullocks and People who carried the provisions, by which means a Party of the Enemy's Horse not exceeding as I am informed two hundred, Attacked And Captured Near 2000 Bullocks, A Loss at this time not to be repaired and of the Utmost Consequence to the

Operations

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Operations of this Army — I am also informed, that in going to Chingleput about 170 Bags of Rice was lost, tho there was not the Appearance of an Enemy. — I have Ordered him in Arrest and Shall have him tried by a General Court Martial

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

& Humble Servant

Eyre Coote

Head Quarters
Great Mount
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Agreed that the Secretary make enquiry and ascertain whether Ensign John Grant held a Commission in his Majesty's Service prevous to his Appointment in the Company and that if he did not his Commission be altered so as to give him that rank only which he held on the List of Cadets —

The Secretary to enquire in to the Justice of the Petition from the Ensigns.

Agreed also to give Ensign Dougherty the rank to which he is entitled by his Commission in the Kings Service which place been next below Ensign Arthur Henry Brook whose Commission in the Kings Service is dated in 1777 and to represent to the Court of Directors the Generals Sentiments on the subject in which the Committee perfectly agree with him

Ensign Dougherty restored to his just Rank. The Court of Direction to be made acquainted with the Generals Sentiments on the Subject of the Rank of Cadets who have had Commissions in the Kings Service

him —

The Committee Are sincerely con-
cerned on every account for the loss the General mentions
to have Sustained of a Convoy of Bullocks the
President informs the Committee that Immediately
on hearing of it he Sent the most positive Orders for
Bullocks to every place from whence they can be
favored —

The President takes the most vigorous Steps to repair the Loss the Army has sustained in Bullocks —

The Intelligence contained in Mr Fallofields
Letter dated of the of the defeat and Capture of
Colonel Brathwaite being confirmed by subsequent
Accounts — Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Harper
be appointed to the Command of Tanjour and the
Southern Troops till further Orders. —

Colonel Harper appointed to the Command of Tanjour in Consequence of the Capture of Coll Brathwaite —

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the
Resident at Ganjam —

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

From the Resident at Ganjam requesting the Decision of the Committee on a Difference between the Paymaster & Comm.g Officer at Asha —

My Lord & Gentlemen

A Difference having
arisen between the Commanding Officers & the Pay-
master in this District respecting the payment
of bounty Money drawn for Apprehending Fifty
Bengal

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Bengal Seapoy Deserters & both parties having addressed me upon the Subject I transmit their Letters for your Opinion to settle the Point in Dispute —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very Obedient
& Humble Servant
John Twining

Ganjam
25th February 1782

John Twining Esqr
Resident
Ganjam

Sir.

I have been favored with yours of yesterdays date enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to you By Captn Bruce complaining of my not paying the Bounty / drawn some time ago for Bengal Deserters / agreeable to the established Custom & usage of the Service. Repeated Demands have I acknowledge been made for that Money, & I have as often absolutely refused to pay it, unless the party who Apprehended the Deserters were sent to me to receive their respective proportions, to which I cannot conceive any reasonable Objection can be made. Captn Bruce has long since been acquainted with

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with this my Resolution & I am therefore not a little surprised, since he did not think proper to allow of my paying the Men that the Matter was not are this referred to our mutual Superiours by whose Decision only he must be sensible I would abide with respect to its having been the established Custom, & Usage of the Service to pay it thro' the Channel of the Commanding Officer from every Information I can Obtain I do not find it has been so: but even had it since all Persons who disburse the Companys Money are to be made responsible for every thing they pay, I could not now consent to pay so large a Sum without knowing the manner in which it was disposed of & which from my Station I conceive it my Duty to know I am also of Opinion that whatever money the Sepoys of his Batt.n are entitled to from the Company my Duty requires I should pay them with my own hands / setting aside my being responsible for all Money I disburse / & as future Disagreements of this Kind may happen I must request the favor of you to immediately refer the Matter to our mutual Superiours tho' I am Concerned to think the Honble Board should at this Juncture be troubled with a Dispute of this Nature —

I am with Respect
Sir Your Most Obedient
Every Humble Servt
/ signed / M: Tuder

Aska
1st Feby 1782

A Copy John Swinton

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To John Swing Esqr.
Resident at Ganjam

Repeated demands having been made for the Payment of the bounty ordered for the apprehending of Deserters, and for which I understand Money has been Issued from the Treasury a Considerable time ago, but was not till lately acquainted with the reason of its being with held which I Imputed to the scarcity of cash, as the Troops were then in Arrears in Consequence did not press the Payment of it but as that has not latterly been the case, I am not a little surprised to find on renewing the Application for it that Mr Suder is determined not to pay it Agreeable to the established Custom and usage of the Service, which has ever been thro' the Channel of the Commanding Officer, of which there remains no doubt, having Repeatedly Drawn it myself, and as I would wish to avoid troubling the Commander in Chief (at Present) with Business of this nature, I must Request of you to give directions to Mr Suder that it may be paid in the Same manner, it is in Other Places.—

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(signed) Thomas Bruce

Aska
the
26 Janry 1782

A Copy John Swing

For St George 26th February 1782

Agreed Mr Ewing be informed that no usage or Custom that may have crept in to the service can have any force in opposition to the Company's Regulations which expressly enjoin the paymaster to pay every Sepoy with his own hand —

referred to the Company's Regulations.

The Dutch Civil Servants having made many applications for their Subsistance — Money the Committee come to the following resolutions —

Extract from the Minutes of Select Committee dated 26th Feby 1782

Extract from the Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Subject of Allowances to the Dutch Civil Servts

Agreed that the Members of the late Council at Negapatam (the Governor and 2nd excepted who have made no Demand) are to have the same Pay they had in the Dutch Service from the 12th November to the day they embarked for Madras. vide paper A. entered in Miscellany Book No

The other Servants Do Do No

From the day of their Arrival at Madras they are to be allowed as follows —

The Council each 50 Pagodas P. Month —

The Senior Servants above the degree of Clerks. 20 Pagodas P. Month —

The Clerks and Assistants 15 Do Do

Those mentioned in Paper (B) have

have received Pay to the end of December. The Dutch Servants taken at the other Settlements to be allowed at the same Rates according to their Respective Ranks.

The Dutch Servts Civil & Military (except the late Governor of Negapatam) allowed to reside at Tranquebar on their Parole.

Resolved that the Dutch Council the late Governor of Negapatam excepted, and other Civil Servants also Major Wasleman, and Captain Teglar be permitted to proceed to Tranquebar on their parole and reside there upon Condition that the Company shall be at no further expence on their account.

Agreed, that a Sett of Bills on Bengall to the amount of Pagodas 28186.. 18.. be granted in favor of Mr. John Ferguson for Rice sold the Company.

Agreed, that a sett of Bills on Bengal to the amount of 500 Pagodas be granted in favor of Mr. Maxwell for the Disbursements of his Employ as Superintendant of the Companys Grounds.

Agreed, that Billion Bengall to the amount Pagodas 1680.. 36.. 40 be granted in favor of Robert Penny for Rice sold the Company.

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Company

Agreed that a sett of Bills on Bengal be granted to the Military Storekeeper for Pagodas 8500. payable to Dawa Nandoy or his order the Amount to be carried to the Debit of the Military Storekeeper as an advance made To him

Bills on Bengall granted to the Military Storekeeper for Pagodas 8500.

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26th Received the following Letter from the Reverend

Mr. Stanley.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President &c. Council of Fort St. George.

From Mr. Stanley requesting to be continued on the Books as Chaplain until an answer arrives from the Court of Directors on his being appointed to Bengal.

My Lord & Sirs,

I am honored with your Commands in a Letter of the 11th Ultimo to return to my office at the breaking up of the Monsoon, to which I shall most certainly pay all due attention at that Season, if I am not honoured with a favourable Answer before that period to the Petition which I now take the Liberty of proffering to your honourable Board, Viz.t that you will permit my Name to Stand on your books as Chaplain at your Presidency, untill such time as my appointment in this Country be either established or rejected by the Honble Court of Directors in England, & that my appointment of Chaplain to the Fort of Vellore, together with the School & all other incidental Emoluments be given to Mr. Bainbrigge, who has the Sole trouble on his Hands from the First day of January next, until that arrives, as I by no means desire any longer to receive the reward without performing the Duty, but only wish to secure to myself a retreat, in Case I should be so unfortunate as to meet with a disappointment in my present undertaking. Permit me to return your Honble Board my most sincere acknowledgments for the Indulgence you have hitherto been pleased to

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26th to shew me further to assure you that I shall pay the most immediate attention to such Commands with which you may be pleased to honor me, in answer to this my Petition, as I shall be ever solicitous to convince your Honble Council with how great Deference & Consideration —

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Sirs,

Your very faithful &
most obed.t Servant

John Stanley —

Bedampore,
22 December 1781 —

Dispatched the following Letter to M.r Holland with the Enclosure mentioned therein. —

M.r Holland.

Fort St George, 26 February 1782 —

To M.r Holland enclosing copy of a Letter from M.r Watherston

Sir,

I have this Moment received the favour of your Letter from M.r Watherston a Copy of which is now enclosed to you in your own Cypher — I am with great humble and regard

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Macartney —

Dispatched the following Letters.

Captain Edmonds.

at Ongole.

To Captain Edmonds, Ramchender Raise written to to send 2000 Bullocks to the Presidency, to give every assistance in his power.

Sir,

I have written by this post to Ramchunderauze to send us without delay a Supply of 2000 Bullocks at least a Large Convoy of nearly that num.r having been Cut off, has laid us under infinite Difficulties, so that we must not lose a moment to recruit them. Nothing can recommend Ramachenderauze

& a moment

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20th more to the Com than his exertions on this Occasion. And I will venture to assure you that both the General & myself will consider your promoting this business as the most acceptable Service you can render the publick. I have mentioned it to Mr. Gardener, who will give you all the Cooperation in his power.

I am with great truth and regard

Sir Your most Obed.t Servant,

Macartney.

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To James Daniell Esq.r
Chief & Council
of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam— Capt.n Lysaght to make returns to the Chief & Council, have received no intelligence of the event of the Action— to send Grain to the Presidency—

We have received your Letters of the 2d, and 12th Instant, and our President has laid before us several to his Lordship from Mr. Hodges.

We desire you will inform Capt.n Lysaght that he is to continue to make his returns to the Chief and Council until he shall receive orders to the Contrary.

We have not as yet received any certain Intelligence of the event of the action which happened between the fleets the 17th Instant, we do not by any means draw an unfavourable conclusion from this circumstance, but we fear that with so inferior a force it may not be possible for Sir Edward Hughes to prevent the Enemy from landing some of their Troops, but we doubt

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26th doubt not in a short time to recover an undoubted Superiority by the reinforcement which we hourly expect from Europe—

The consumption of this settlement is so great that notwithstanding the supplies we have received we fear we shall in a few months be distressed for provisions and we therefore desire that you will cause as large a quantity of Grain as you can possibly collect to be laid up at Masulipatam and other Forts in your District—

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most obed.t Servants.

Macartney

& Select Committee

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John Turing Esq.r

President at Ganjam

To Mr. Turing, on the disputes between him & Capt.n Bruce and the Paymaster, a detachment from Bengal to march towards the Circars, and wait at Ganjam to send paddy to the Presidency—

Sir.

We have received your Letters of the 2d 5th and 9th Instant with their several enclosures—

It is at all times a matter of serious concern to us to observe differences arise between the Company's Civil and military Servants, but more particularly at the present Juncture, when their union and cordial Cooperation are so indispensably necessary, we hope therefore that the public Service will not be impeded by any further disputes between You and Captain Bruce, and that we shall hear no more on the subject.

Respecting the Difference between Captain Bruce and the paymaster, on the mode of paying the Bounty for

26th for the apprehension of deserters, no usage or Custom that may have crept into the service can have any force in opposition to the Company's established regulations, which expresely enjoin the paymaster to pay every Sepoy with his own hand —

We have requested the Governor General and Council to cause a detachment of their Troops to march towards the northern Circars, and wait at Ganjam for such orders as we may judge it expedient to send them — you will therefore be pleased to make every necessary preparation for their reception —

As we are apprehensive that this place may be much distressed for provisions by the 1st Month of July or August — We desire you will cause 400 or 500 Madras Garce of paddy to be laid up at Ganjam and other places in your neighbourhood —

We are

Sir,

Your most obedient humble

Servants

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26th February, 1782.

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&c. Select Committee

Captain Thomas Bruce,
Commanding at Aska.

To Captain Bruce recommending him to be on good terms with the Chief and to avoid all differences in future.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 6th Instant, and are concerned at the difference which has arisen between You and the resident at Ganjam

We earnestly recommend to you as we have to Mr. During the avoiding all such differences in future,

as

26th as they can only tend to injure and impede the publick service at a juncture which calls for the united exertions of all who wish well to the

we are,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants

Macartney

&c Select Committee.

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Mr Fallofield

at Cuddalore.

Sir,

Our President has received your several letters, the last of which is of the 23d Instant, and we return you our best thanks for them — they contain the only intelligence from the Southward on which we can in any degree depend, since the departure of the Admiral on the 15th; you will be so good as to continue to write to us by every opportunity that offers — and we shall take care regularly to dispatch your Catamarans from hence the day after, if not the very day they arrive. Notwithstanding the hopes of many from the appearance of the French on this Coast, we have no doubt but that in the end it will prove to them a most ruinous expedition — We have every reason to believe that we are at the Eve of a Maratta Peace, which will leave us entirely at liberty to employ our forces effectually on both Coasts — We have no doubt that in case of Cuddalore being attacked, the commanding officer will do all that can be done to preserve it, and we rely on your zealous cooperation with him for the publick Service. You will receive every assistance

To Cuddalore — to write by every opportunity that offers — to accept of Mr Grroves offer, and to draw a bill on the Presidency in his favor, enclosing this for Colonel Harper.

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the 26 assistance from us in our power — Mr Garrow informs us that you had expressed in your letter to him the poverty of your Treasury, and that you had written to the Presidency to represent it — Tho' we have not received your letter on that subject we do not hesitate a moment to give you all the assistance which lies within our reach in that respect — Mr Garrow says that he has from a thousand to 1,500 Pags at Cuddalore, which we may command — We therefore desire you to take as much of that Money as the service may require, and draw upon the Presidency for the amount in favor of Mr Garrow — The enclosed Letter to Colonel Harper we request you to forward to him wherever he is, by a speedy and safe Conveyance —

We are

Sir

Your most obed.t humble Serv.ts

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Macartney
for Select Committee

To Colonel Humphry Harper

Sir,

To Col.l Harper appointing him to the Command of Southern Troops in the room of Coll.o Braithwaite

In consequence of the capture of Col.l Braithwaite and party we have appointed you to the Command of Tanjore and of the Southern Troops, agreeably to the General orders of this date, you will therefore proceed immediately to that station, and we trust that your activity and vigilance will retrieve our late misfortune — We desire that you will write on all matters

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26th matters to Sir Eyre Coote, at the same time that you write to the Select Committee, and pay due attention and obedience to all orders which you may receive from him. We now enclose a Letter to you from Sir Eyre Coote, and are

Sir,

Your most obed.t Servants

Macartney

Cl.e of the Sel.t Committee

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27th Received the following Letter from M.r Talboys.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor of Fort St George.

My Lord,

From Cuddalore — the French beginning to land their Troops, Tippoo Saib at Condanellore —

The French fleet are still at anchor off Porto Novo — a number of Lascars & some Topasses that were taken in the Bengal Vessels off Pullicat have obtained their liberty from the French & are come to Cuddalore, they as well as the Dinnamarks inform me that they have landed three or four hundred sick & wounded people, and are now beginning to land their Troops and a few Guns, having taken in as much water as they could, they yesterday heard of five of their Ships, Store Ships & Transports, being at Tranquebar — some say these four Vessells were in the Engagement, others that they sailed to Tranquebar as soon as the Engagement began. Tippoo Saib & his Detachment are at Pandenellore, some of his Horse he has detached to the Southward, & about 2000 towards Tanjore. Monsr. Pavron from from Heyder's Camp is Pondicherry from thence he

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came

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27th went to Porto novo. It is strongly reported that Hyder intends to come to the Red Hills of Pondicherry in a few Days. The French of the Fleet give out that Mons.r Bellecombe is shortly expected with another fleet, the last Commands we received from your Lordship.p were in a Letter from Mr. Secretary Rudledon dated 9.th Inst.t — We hear nothing of our Fleet —

I have the honor to be most respectfully,

My Lord,

Cuddalore
25th. February 1782

Your most obedient
humble Servant
E.H. Falloofield.

Received Letter from the Town Town Mayor as entered in the Miscellany Book) No.21 advising of the arrival of 637 Bullocks 500 fit for the service —

The following report was sent in by Sir Eyre Coote, of Bullocks lost and taken in the late march from Chingleput —

report of Bullocks lost on the march from Chingleput —

Return of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, &c.a lost or taken by the Enemy on the March from Chingleput 24th February 1782.

	Draught Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks	Carts	Masters	Drivers
Bengal Agent	26.	236.	11.		
Madras Agent	33.	270	7.	8.	106
Grain-Keeper	150.	200	52.	15.	200
Commissary of Stores		136			
Total	209	241	70	23.	306

(signed) J. Davis q.r M.r General

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27th Sent the following letters to Sir Eyre Coote

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B

Commander in chief &c &c &c

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To General Coote - an additional pagoda allowed to the Cavalry Officers for fuding their Horses, Capt. Stevenson's application not complied with Capt. Edingtons court martial post poned

Sir

We have been honored with your Letters of the 13th, 16th, 23d, 24 and 26th Instant, with their Several Enclosures.

With respect to the request of the Cavalry officers, we must observe that the allowance which they complain of as inadequate, 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 Grain for the horses in time of war must have been foreseen and considered by both parties when the contract was formed — that the expence of feeding the horses at this time must exceed the stipulated allowance we do not doubt, 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 ceas to be advantageous to the Contractor. As the Letter however from the Cavalry Officers comes to us with your recommendation, we are willing to make an addition of one pagoda per month to the stipulated allowance during the continuance of the war —

With respect to the Application from Captain Stevenson, we shall hereafter readily use our endeavors to obtain the discharge of the arrears due to him from the Nabob, but we do not think ourselves authorized to bind the Company for

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27th for the payment — we know that the late Government did so, but we cannot follow their Example in that Instance, as we are persuaded our employers will not approve of it —

We readily acquiesce in your postponing the Trial of Captain Edingtown until a Court martial can be held without detriment to the public Service, but we wish it to be held at Trichinopoly rather than at Madras, as the collecting the several evidences at this place would be attended with great delay and Inconvenience —

We shall pay due attention to the petition enclosed in your Letter of the 2d Instant, and if it shall appear on enquiry that Ensign John Grant did not hold a Commission in his majesty's Service previous to his appointment in the Company's, we shall cause his commission to be altered, so as to give him the rank only which he held on the List of Cadets —

We shall also give Ensign Doughaty the rank to which he is entitled by his Commission in the King's Service, and shall not fail to represent to the Court of Directors your sentiments on this subject, in which we perfectly concur with you.

The loss which you mention to have sustained of your convoy of bullocks coming from Chengleput, gives us very sincere concern on every Account — Our utmost exertions shall be used to recover it, for which purpose our President has already sent the most pressing and positive Orders to every quarter from whence Bullocks

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If 27 Bullocks can be procured—

We have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most Obedient Servants
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

Fort St George
27th February, 1782.

Sir Eyre Coote K.B. &c.

To Genl. Coote—consent to the Alterations and Promotions he has recommended

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 17th Instant, proposing for our approbation such an Arrangement as you think the present state of the army requires, and desiring our Sentiments upon it, in order that you may lay before us the necessary form for establishing the Alterations recommended in the Speediest and most advantagious method for the public service—

Nothing We assure you Sir, is more consonant to our wish, than to meet your Ideas on every point that relates to the arrangement of the Army at this critical period. We are intirely persuaded that the plan you have now proposed will be for the benefit of the service, and we feel no other difficulty in adopting it than what naturally arises from a consideration of the additional expence which will be incurred by it at a time when our affairs are so much embarrassed for want of money—

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27th The same confidence however which we place in your Judgement with respect to the necessity of the measure, tends in a great degree also to remove our uneasiness in Regard to the Expence. We are satisfied that no endeavours will be wanting on your part to relieve us in that particular, as far as may be consistent with the nature and object of your proposed arrangements.

Upon these principles we chearfully consent to the Alterations and promotions which you have recommended, and to the appointment of such a number of officers as you have deemed requisite for the Corps now doing duty with the Companys Troops, tho' not regularly on the Establishment, at the same time we wish to have it signified and fully understood, that some part of this arrangement is only temporary, and that when peace is restored many reductions will take place, and several of those Officers who are now promoted, will then be considered as supernumerary, and Receive the pay of the rank next below them until the Establishment shall be brought to its former level.

We observe on your List of non Effective some Officers are marked as not having done any duty. If this be from neglect, we think those officers should be tried by a Court Martial, or if from any Cause of Sickness or incapacity for service, the cause should be reported, and the Officers invalided or pensioned as the case may Require. If you

27th you are of the same opinion,— We request you will take the necessary measures accordingly, that the Establishment may not be improperly burthened —

The Tanjore Sibbendy were intended chiefly for the collection of the Revenues, and the number of Officers now acting with it were thought sufficient at the time it was formed. We approve the idea of encreasing their officers during the present Service, but when the war is at an end, it will be necessary this Corps should return to its original Establishment and destination, and that even now it should be employed in assisting the Collections as far as circumstances will permit. The same observation holds with respect to the Sibbendy in the Northern Circars —

We approve of Lieut: Kenny's being appointed Fort adjutant at Negapatam during the War only — and we shall also make the appointments you have recommended of Cadets and volunteers —

Captain Meinhead's Bill will be put in a course for payment as you desire —

The most rigid economy being absolutely necessary in every department, we have issued orders to the Commissary that all the Company's regulations should be strictly followed in the different Employs with the army & that nothing should be allowed contrary to them. And as far as may lie within your reach or observation, assistance and cooperation in these points, we have a perfect reliance on —

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27. Having under the circumstances before mentioned
acquiesced in the General Idea of your Plan,
We are ready to receive the form of the general
order which you propose for the Arrangement of it.

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedient and
humble Servants

Fort St George
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Macartney.
&c Select Committee

Dispatched the following Letters and enclosures
to Bengal.

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

To Bengal enclosing
intelligence from the
Southward

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Since our last we have received the enclosed
Letters and Intelligence from the Southward
Several vessels have been observed at a great
distance in the offing, but we cannot form any judgement of
what they are, or of their Intentions It is the opinion of some
that they are a part of the french fleet stretching over to Pegue
to refit — Tho we send you all the Information
we receive, we confess it's authenticity is not to be totally
relied on, great part of it being from the imperfect observations
of Black people and ignorant persons —

On

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On the Ship George which conveys this Letter, we send
you 15 prisoners taken from Hyder Ally as per accompanying
List —

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed.t Servants,
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
&c. Governor General &c. Council of
Fort William

To Bengal — with intelligence regarding the Operations of the French advising of a convoy of 3,000 Bullocks being cut off coming from Chungleput —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing our former letter of this date, we have received the enclosed intelligence from one of our civil Servants at Negapatam to a Friend of his here. we have reason to believe that intelligence of the same kind had been written to me by the Commanding Officer at Negapatam, but by some accident or other it is not come to hand —
information is come also from two different Quarters, that a Gentleman was lately sent from the French Squadron as a sort of Ambassador to Hyder, who at first gave him a very good reception, but on questioning him with regard to the Force the French could land, expressed much displeasure to find that it would not amount to more than 1500 men; the loss which they had sustained in the Sea Engagement with

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27th with our Fleet being considerable in Killed and wounded, together with the Prisoners which we had taken; the French made great demands upon him for money, Provisions &c which occasioned much dissatisfaction Hyder said that from the repeated assurances the French had given him, he expected they would have brought him at least 10,000 men, that the number now arrived was inadequate to the design he had formed against the English, however if their Troops would land and join him, and remain under him in the same manner that Lally's party did, he was ready to receive them — We can't vouch for the authenticity of this intelligence, tho we think it highly probable great part of it is true — We have received no accounts to be depended upon of the French landing any body of their Troops, they seem chiefly to be engaged in taking water and fresh Provisions on board We are sorry to acquaint you that yesterday morning a large convoy of upwards of 3,000 Bullocks and 70 Carts returning from Chingleput to the Army, was cut off by a party of the Enemys Horse, it is attributed to the neglect of a Major Byrne of the Bengal Detachment, who has been ordered in Arrest, and is to be tried by a Court martial - We feel this as a most serious loss and disappointment, more especially at this particular juncture —

Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Ob^d Hble Sr^s

Macartney &^a

Select Comm^tee

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Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. &c. &c.

From Captain Johnstone with a List of the Land Troops and Squadron under the Command of Monsr Duves and Monsr Duchemin, a French Snow taken, enclosing Letter from Mr Sulivan advising of the Defeat of Colonel Brathwaite

I have been honored with your Letters of the 6th 9th 10th Instant and have diligently attended to the directions therein contained, on the 8th a Snow under French colours appeared in the offing, & upon our shewing Dutch ones, stood in for these roads, when the Chapman got under way, & having the wind of her captured her, with a very few shot. She is now called the Duc de Toscane, formerly Britania, taken at the Cape under Imperial Colours, and converted into an Hospital Vessel for the Fleet. She has on board all the Surgeons for the army, with medicines &c. about 104 Passengers, crew & Servants, also 40 English Sailors from the Hannibal, in the last stage of the Scurvy - together with the Doctor and his Servant. The men I hope will all recover with timely care. The Snow parted from the Fleet with the rest of the Transports, & escaped by dint of quick sailing, & others with a vessel of Hyder ally's anchored in Trangambar road demanding the protection of the Danish flag, & permission to land their Sick, which has been granted them, they are full of Troops, & lie in three fathom water, the accompanying Intelligence must speak for themselves. A Conicoply since come in, mentions that the force against Coll B. was very considerable, and that they were engaging and retreating from 7 o'Clock on sunday morning till Sat night.

Scurvy

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28th night - The Coll. Mr. Samson & Mr. Holmes were wounded, further we have not yet learnt, Lally dined yesterday at Tanjore bar, I have addressed him this day on the score of an exchange of Prisoners, & sent an Abbé to urge the matter, An Escort from Tanjore of 104 R.d F. Sepoys arrived here yesterday, and have landed 50 Invalid Sepoys more with 9 Europeans, Artillery with Stores from the Rainbow, and we have every thing within necessary for our Defence —

I am with greatest respect,

My Lord

Your most obed.t Servant,

J.a Johnstone

Negapatam,
21.st February 1782

Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Tanjore 20.th

Sir,

You will have heard of the misfortune that has befallen the Little army Col.o Brathwaite commanded, all killed or Prisoners to Sippoo Saheb, the blow is a severe one but we are still well on our legs, I beg you will send a Cattamaran to the Presidency with the news — we hope to hear of the grand army's being in motion, whatever route it may take Sippoo Saheb must retire upon the first news of it's march, as the road to you may be difficult to pass, I do not write the Governor, you will be so good to make my apology by sending this letter to his Lordship — I have, &c.a

John Sullivan,

To Captain Johnstone

Intelligence

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Intelligence from Madura: the Dutch have delivered Tuticorin into the hands of Cudapa Naig, & with-drawn the Guns, promising to return in a few months. C. of N. refuses to give it up to Captain Rideliffe another mention that Chinna Murda, the person who had given so much trouble to Ramnad Rajah, is come over and upon paying a stipulated Sum is appointed Renter.

List of the French Squadron under Mons.r Le Chev.r Dorves sailed from the Isle of france the 7th December 1781 for the Expedition to India.

Lorient		Mons.r Dorves
L. Hero	74	Suffrain
L. Annibal		Tromelin
L Severe		DeSallier
L'ajax		Bouvet
Le Vengeur		Defonbin
Le Sphinx	64	Dut hellot
Le Brillant		Dest.r felix
L Artezien		Dehonville
Le Bizarre		Detallendella
Le Flamand	50	Debarvinville
La Pourvoyeuse	40	DeSpel Lt
La Fine		Dedalvieu
La Bellone	36	DeSellart
La Subtile	24	DeBeaulieu
La Salphede	16	De Fromlin
La diligence	8	eMarsi

Le Pulveriseur firesh.p DeTogeau
Le Duc de Bocano Hospital
Mons.r Defence dela fayed

Transports

Les Bonganis	Gramire
Laareston	Blanchard
Le Brison	Faucault
LeMoinepas	Eulorge
Lestrois Annes	Dubois
Lafelle Minigue	Boardin
Last Anne	Tonderit
La Delavau	De Deor

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Intelligence

Le Pulveriseur

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Intelligence given by Mr. Plumpton late Surgeon of the Hanibal, Prisoner on board the Snow Le Grand Duc de Toscane, Hospital vessel to the Squadron under Mons.r Suffrain, the Hanibal a 50 Gun ship left England the 24th May express to St Helena found Comm.r Johnson there, who immediately Dispatched her to cruize off the Cape of Good Hope, & look into Mauritius, from thence to join Sir Edward Hughes in the East Indies — off the Cape she fell in with a french Convoy of 5 Frigates & some Transports, in all or 12 sail, that went afterwards to mauritius, she captured the Necker Frigate of 32 Guns, & the Severe Storeship, the former having cut away her Mast, obliged her to tow her back to St Helena, where C. Wolsley with the Sultan 74, Magnanime a 64, four or five Indiamen with other Transports, & 3,000 Troops had arrived, and C.r Jne sailed: the H. was instantly dispatched to join Sr Edward Hughes by way of St Pauls on the 23d Jany, she was taken near the N.end of Sumtra by the D. Sq.n under mons.r D'Ones, Consisting of three 74, Seven 64, one 50, 4 Frigates from 26 to 40 Guns two Sloops, one Fire Ship, 1 Bomb. & Transports.

* Mons.r D'Ones dies at Madras — when Mons.r Suffrain took the Command the Hannibal entirely refitted at the Mauritius the Ship Hannibal in the French Line — Lord Seaforth lied on his passage to St Helena, which Man the Hannibal left in November.

* List of the French army under Mons.r De Ther in

General and Marechal De camp —

De Ther in Commander in Chief Lieu.t Deflucary Major

General. Lt Col. Dhondedot Brig.r General. Des Bois Chief Engineer.

Des Morgan Brigadier. De Savornin Lt. Col. of Sepoys.

De Bidal Col.t of Sepoys. De Meredond Genl Aid de Camp

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Regiment

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28 Regiment of Austrea

Lt Col: de Lalure Col: Commt

de Villeneuf Lt. Col.

Boisseau Major

Dom Fenrea – Chaplain.

+ LaRoche – Surgeon Major 800 men –

Regiment of the Isle of France

Debefroy Lt Col 300 men –

Lauzun Legion –

Debuemerville Co. Commandant –

Le Baron Deuon Lt Col –

De mars Major of the Pondichery Regt.

350 Men

Bourbon Volunteers

Demotte vist Col: Commt

200 Men.

Artillery

Desprunifay Col: Commt

Archer – major

Fontaine
Perticot } Captains
Ombray

Europeans & Cossres 200 men –

a detachment of 50 Sepoys

Molair Intendant.

Veray Comsy of the Hospitals

Le Torrestore Director Do

+ Labbé Salvier for the army –

+ Dom walter for the Hospital.

+ Wm Pritchard Physician

Morel Surgeon Major.

+ Llonyon Aid.

+ Lourdan Apothecary Do

+ Brosune : Do

+ Blondin
+ Valchetty } Assistants
+ Maroda

+ Those Marched are prisoners.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President &c Select Committee of

Fort St George.

From Committee of works making up Fascines &c recommending that the Camp Lascars be employed in getting them —

My Lord & Gentlemen.

We have received Mr Secretary Hudlestons Letter Dated the 11th Instant, communicating your orders to provide Fascines, Gabions, Hurdles & piquets, and we have in consequence called before us the people employed upon former occasions in procuring those articles —

They have agreed to supply monthly a certain number of Fascines, Gabions, and Hurdles, but much below the quantity wanted. From the difficulties which at this juncture are in the way of providing them, those people will not agree to furnish more, nor can they supply any piquets.

It has occurred to us, that while the Army remains in the Neighbourhood of Madras, working parties & the camp Lascars might be conveniently and usefully employed in procuring Fascines, and we submit to your Lordship &c the propriety of making a request to Sir Eyre Coote to this effect —

We have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obed. & most Hble

Servants

Edward Saunders
Geo. Maule.
Alex.r Davidson

Fort St George,
2d February
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Received Letters from Mr Accama and
Mr Van Halm two of the late Council of Negapatam,
as entered in Miscellany Book No. 22. 24 –

Dispatched the following Letter to the Governor
General and Council, with copy of the last from Mr Gallofalo –

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

To Bengal, enclosing
letter from Cuddalore.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In addition to what I wrote you last night,
I now enclose you a letter just received from our Provisional
Chief at Cuddalore –

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
Macartney

Fort St George
28th February 1782

Mr James Wolly having made application
for the amount of a bill drawn by him on this Government
from Grand Cairo for his expences when on his way to England
with Dispatches to the Court of Directors, which bill was
not discharged at the time it arrived for want of Money, and
having also applied for the amount of his expences at Bombay
on his way from England with Dispatches, both charges
amounting

Mr Wolly's account to
be paid by Bills on Bom:
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28th amounting to Pagodas 1,071. 15. as p. his Bills entered in Miscellany Book No 4—

—It is agreed that they be discharged by Bills on Bengal and carried to debit of account current London—

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote

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

Sir

To General Coote— to employ the Camp Lascars in making Fascines——

Having issued orders to the Committee of Works to provide a quantity of Fascines, Gabions hurdles and piquets, they inform us in answer that the people who usually supply those articles, cannot furnish the quantity required, and in particular that they cannot supply any piquets—

It has occurred that while the army remains in this neighbourhood, you may be able to spare working parties and part of the Camp Lascars to be employed in making Fascines and piquets, and in that case we are persuaded you will readily give us your Assistance to forward so necessary a work.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
&c Select Committee

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March 1st Recieved the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

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

From General Coote
in answer to the above

My Lord & Gentlemen

I am honoured with your Letter dated Yesterday respecting the making Piquets Fascines &c.

Permit me to assure you that every Assistance towards forwarding so essential a Work shall be given by the army, but I beg leave to observe to you that there is no wood within many Miles from Camp fit for the purpose — As Many of the Lascars, Pioneers and other useful Men, as can possibly be spared Shall be in readiness to go to Any Place you may think proper — I should imagine there must be wood enough to the Northward of the Black Town.

I have the honor to be,

Camp Great Mount
1. March 1782

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
Eyre Coote
Lieut

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March

1st Sent Letter to Major Kuteheon as entered in Miscellany Book N.o 1 informing him the Committee would take the first opportunity of accommodating him with a Vessel to convey him to Fort Marlbro'.

2d It is agreed that all the damaged and unserviceable Guns in this Garrison shall forthwith be sold by public Outcry, sent orders accordingly to the Military Storekeeper as entered in Miscellany Book N.o 3.

Received by a Boat the following letter from Capt.n Bonnevaux at Trincomalie, with the enclosures mentioned therein, and entered in Miscellany Book ——

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

Governor and President &.a &.c

Fort St George

From Captain —— Bonnevaux 3 french Ships in sight, requests a reinforcement, and that Lieut.t Ablett be relieved — M.r Boyd sets out on his embassy; encloses letters from him, and from the Governor of Colombo, and various Intelligence.

Right honble Lord,

My last respects to your Lordship was a small note in date of the 12.th Instant accompanied by one like it from M.r Boyd, then on his way to Candy. Both which went by a small boat returning to Hydripatam, having brought here a Letter for the Admiral from M.r Sullivan, which I sent back; the Admiral having left this for Madras the 31.st december, but I know it my duty to dispatch this by an express Boat, to convey the news

of

(2) of a Frigate with two big ships appearing two Deckers, with French Colours being in sight of this Place since the 26th in the Morning, that your Lordship may fall on the means to afford me the Relief of reinforcement I stand in need of, or to enable your Lordship to advise Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B. &c. of the same, that he may take the measures he shall think proper on the occasion, N.1 accompanying this, is a short Intelligence of the same. The Returns of the Troops under my Command N.2 will sufficiently shew how much I stand in need of being reinforced, both in Officers and men, to defend two Forts, such as I have described by my Respects to your Lordships of date of the 23d. January last. I am now alone of Officers in this Fort, which I shall defend as long as men will stand by me, and Captain Sadliff I have posted on Astaro bury will as the same, should no more than these 3 ships make their Appearance, we may with the help of Provi-dence hold it out till a Reinforcement arrives, if your Lord-ship is pleased to send one, Permit me to add that 15 Euro-pean Artillery 30, Native Artillery and 300 Sepoys 1 Artil-lery Officer and 4 Infantry, would enable me to keep off a great Force. Lt Abbot has reported himself sick this day the Admiral sailed, and altho' he is able to divide his time between a Country and a town House, even in this dirt raising time, does not offer his Services; I therefore take

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2 take the Liberty to repeat my earnest Request to have him Relieved, being entirely useless here, and many other Reasons which made part of my former Addrs. Mr Boyde left this on his Embassy to the King of Candy the 6th Instant, accompany'd by the best looking company of Sepoys I could muster, to give him the consequence in that way he ought to have on such an occasion. I have not had a line from him since the 9th Instant, which would distress me very much, had I not had by chance an account of him yesterday by a Cooley who left him 7 days before about 2 small days journey from Candy, when he is stopped, the Relation of the Cooley and the Letter of Mr Boyd now wait on your Lordships the latter N 3, and the former N 4. N 5. is the Intelligence I have myself procured about the King of Candy, which also wait on your Lordships. N 6 is a Letter I have received from the Governor of Colombo, and N 7 is a Dutch Letters that accompanied it. I have detained the Messengers (2 Cabbs) meaning to wait 'till I hear from your Lordship to send an answer, if your Lordship thinks proper to order it — N 8 are 2 Letters from women to their husbands Prisoners at Madras, which if your Lordship think proper, to deliver N 9 is an order the Good of the service has induced me to give out, and which I send for

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for the Perusual of your Lordship. N.B. is the Account of the Money I have received from Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, for which I have granted bills on your Lordships. Permit me now to inform your Lordship that, considering the Difficulties I have to procure Coolys in this new conquered Place, the work is going on tolerably well; and the Drill of unsoldierlike recruits is keeping Pace with it, but these wretches have neither Turbans nor Sachets of any kind, and cloaths is not procurable here. I therefore request Clothing may be sent for the whole, the rest being very ragged, Time does not allow me to be more particular. I therefore request your Lordship will excuse me. I have not time also to write to the Admiral, or Sir Eyre Coote, as my duty directs, to the latter whatever your Lordship is pleased to communicate of this, will I hope be received as an Apology.

I have the honor to be,
with the utmost respect, your Lordships
most Obed.t most Humb.e Serv.t
R.D. Bonneveaux

N.B. The Boat men are promised 1 Pagoda each besides what I pay them from your Lordship if they arrive at Madrass and deliver this in less than 8 days from this

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Received the following Letter from Cuddalore.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor of Fort St. George

From Cuddalore 6 or 700 Frenchmen landed — Tippoo Saib gone towards Carour, three ships taken coming from Bengal —

My Lord

Last night five Ships anchored off Pondicherry, they came from the Northward — & the Accounts received from Pondicherry make them to be two french Vessels that had been stationed near Ganam — where they took three English Ships from Bengal going to Madras with Rice, Provisions of various kinds & also Treasure; the fleet at Porto Novo still Consists of 22 Vessels, from which about 6 or 700 Men in all have been landed — Tippoo Saib & Lally, we hear, are gone towards Carour, against a Detachment that went from Trichinopoly into Hyder's Country — the Troops that were at Chillambrum consisting of three or four thousand Sepoys, & about two thousand five hundred Cavalry are encamped to the Westward of Porto Novo: two Hircarrahs are arrived from Madras, and inform me that a third, who was in their Company, was taken near Sadras, & a Letter from your Lordships found upon him, in Consequence of which he was put to Death — & the others escaped by going into the Surf —

I have the honor to be most respectfully,

My Lord,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant,

E. Fallofield.

Cuddalore
28th: February 1782

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Received letter from the Town Mayor as entered in Miscellany Book N.3 reporting the arrival of 385 Bullocks from Nellore —

Dispatched the following letters with the enclosures therein mentioned.

To Mr Robert Gardiner,

Paymaster at

Ongole

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish you with the accompanying Advertisement, and to desire you will cause it to be published.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant —

Thomas Kingscote.

Dep.t Secretary

To W.m Gardiner, enclosing an Advertisement.

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The same to Capt Eamonds

To W.m Henry Crawford

Va Council at

Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam enclosing copy of a Paragraph from the Committee of Stores. —

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose you a copy of a paragraph from the Minutes of the Committee of Stores, together with the regulations concerning returns and Indents

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(2d Indents)

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and
humble Servant.
Thomas Kingscote
D. F. Secretary

Fort St George
(2d March 1782

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Reaived the following Letter from the

Resident at Ganjam —

To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K.B

Cresident and Governor &c.

Members of the Select Committee

Fort St George.

The Resident at Ganjam is concerned he should incur the Committees Displeasure for the means he took in the Mohurry business —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have been favored with your Letter dated 7th Ultimo — It gives me inexpressible concern to find I should be so unfortunate as to labour under your displeasure for my proceedings in Mohurry Business, in so much as to be charged with disobedience of your express Orders — I am at all times so diffident of my own abilities, that whenever I find a necessity to take any thing on myself, or to deviate in any respect from your Intentions, I feel an anxious solicitude to explain my reasons and Motives at large, in order that my conduct may be candidly and favourably judged. In my Letter of 19th of December last I gave a clear and faithful Relation of Circumstances as they passed,

Your

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3 your orders were to take Assignments of Lands for the Company that would produce 60,000 or 65,000 Rupees p.r annum after reserving sufficient for the Maintenance of the Rajah & his Family, which from the difference in the value of the Moherry Zemindary might be estimated at 20 or 25,000 Rupees — Corsa's Proposals fell very short of your Expectations, never-theless so desirous was I of his complying with your wishes, that I prefsed him to make higher Offers, nay before I had agreed with the Moherry People, I actually made him acquain=ed with their Terms, again desiring him to make similar Proposals; as a further Proof of my own Candid Dealing, I read to Corsa the letter I received from Santarow upon the subject, when the man repeated his Declaration that it was not in his power to agree to pay so much Money, as I should receive from the Zemindary for the Company. The Moherry People proposed and found Security to pay to the Company from 1st October 1781 untill 1st October 1783 the clear Sum of Rupees 105,000 Corsa proposed paying from 1st October 1781 untele 31st March 1783 being the term of eighteen Months, which included entitled him to the Principal Crops of two years — 66,006, Comprehending in his Proposals all mortgaged Lands, the Produce whereof is re claimed by Individuals: I considered your orders positive in the main point, securing the largest Sum that could be imme=diately

3 immediately collected for the Company, but the mode appear-
-ed discretional as it rested upon Corsés private inclination
and his Public Proposals, which I considered were binding or
not as they corresponded with your instructions, and the
advantage to be reaped by the Government —

In my determination upon this matter, on which
I still made a reservation for your approbation of the Proceding,
I declare upon my honor, I considered I was acting uprightly,
I never had an Idea of disobeying your orders, and am morti-
-fied to the last degree by your severe censure, — My letter of
the 16th Instant conveys to your Lordship &c the satisfactory
Accounts of the Tranquility of the Mahratta Country — the
actual receipt of Twenty five thousand Rupees, being half the
Annual Sum stipulated to be paid by the Zemindar, and
my assurances of Dependence upon the punctual Payment
of the Remainder; if all these Circumstances added to what
I urged in my letter of the 19th December are not deemed
valid reasons, I can only lament my misfortune in having erred
from real Zeal, mistaken my Public Duty, upon which
Grounds I humbly crave your excuse —

In regard to Mallados and Santoroes I beg leave
to refer to my letter of 22nd October last, wherein I assign
the reason for encouraging Mallados coming over, thinking
he might be a useful instrument, and so I have found
him

(3) him particularly in the seizure of Gopy Mahanta the cause of all the Disturbance - The young man never made any application, nor did I ever directly or indirectly encourage the Idea of his being appointed Rajah - it is well known the Attachment the Natives entertain towards their Zemindars and Family, in whose name at least the business of Government is carried on, the Mohurry Rajah of his own voluntary motion and free will previous to the receipt of your Commands of 21 November had appointed Santaroo his Pauter and wrote me a letter by him, informing me he would abide by any decision Santaroo should make in his, the Rajah's, name: Which he has confirmed by Letter since his return to the Zemindary. There was no other but the Rajah's Brothers, Pauter and Vakeels who could enter into any Agreement on his the Rajah's Behalf. My Object was the Collection of the Company's Revenue for which I took the Security of a man of Property and Credit, who has justified my dependance by the punctual Performance of his Engagements. I did not fail upon this and other occasions applying to Hautmaram, but on account of his very greatage he declined becoming Security, however I can assure you he does not conceive himself the less interested in the Rajah of Mohurry keeping to the Agreement entered into with our Government, particularly on account of his Hautmaram's Mortgage Lands, as from them I understand he has contributed to the Rajah's Assistance, the Company reaping the benefit, having intelligence of an intention of the Friends

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3d Friends of Gopy Maharta to attempt his Release, I thought it adviseable to keep him particularly well guarded, not thinking it safe at present to trust him abroad, for if he was to escape, he would most certainly create fresh Troubles. This gives me occasion to mention that three Ballicootiemen who were confined above four years ago for being concerned in the murder of a Tafsaldar, lately made their Escape from their Guards, taking the Advantage of an Indulgence of allowing them to go and eat their Victuals at a little distance from the Fort — an Enquiry was made into the conduct of the Sepoy Guards, who were punished, We are subject to great Inconvenience here for want of a Place to confine the Prisoners, having no where but the Main-Guard for Murderers, Thieves and disorderly People, who we are obliged often to keep under Restraint. Corsee went to Ashee the other day to perform some particular Ceremonies upon the news of his Father's Death, which at taking leave he told me would prevent his return for eight or ten days, however pressing the Business — but I have wrote desiring him to come to Ganjam that I may endeavour to get the Business settled, & your Orders executed as soon as possible by giving Corsee all the Assistance in my power.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your Obed.t Servant
T. Turing

Ganjam
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Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Members of Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Ganjam sends an express to Balasore of a French Fleet being on the Coast - takes the necessary means in consequence sending the to the Engineer, in want of Guns, &c.

I have been honored with your Letter dated 16th Instant, upon receipt of the first Intelligence of a French Fleet being upon the Coast, I dispatched an Express to the President at Baloore, desiring he would forward the news instantly to the Governor General, & give notice to the Pilots in Balasore Roads to stop all Vessels until there was further advice, which I told him I would not fail to communicate, I also gave orders to have the Troops at all stations to be prepared to move at a moments warning - giving directions to the Engineer (whereof I enclose a Copy) to provide what was wanting for the immediate defence of the place, & ordering the Storekeeper to compleat a proper Stock of Provisions, and make up with the utmost expedition some truck Gun-Carriages, having in Garrison only two 12, & 2 Eighteen Pounder Guns mounted, exclusive of Field Piece.

I shall keep a Sufficient number of Troops to Garrison the Fort of Ganjam, and hold the rest in readiness to be employed as occasion may require -

I have repeatedly represented the want of Guns, Gun-Carriages and different articles of Stores requisite

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4, requisite for the Garrison, and I must also again take the liberty to mention our distress for an Artillery Officer, a Conductor & a few Invalid European Artillery Men —

This being the principal Season for the collections, it is of the utmost consequence preserving peace & preventing any unnecessary alarm in the Country — at the same time you may upon all occasions and in every exigence depend upon my most faithful & unremitting attention to the publick Safety & welfare —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t Servant,

John Turing

Ganjam
22 February 1782.

To Captain William Gent of Engineers.

Sir,

Judging it advisable to take every precaution at all times to keep the Fort & Garrison in the best state of defence, I am to desire you will, from a serious consideration of circumstances report to me your opinion what is most advisable to be done in the present Situation of the Fortifications, particularly by way of a temporary or additional defence for the Flag staff Bastion, & preparing what Stock of Gabions, Fascines, Pickets Chevaux de Frise or other Articles of the kind that may be necessary to be laid up in Store —

I am Sir Your most Obed.t Servant

Ganjam
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A Copy John Turing

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Members

of the Select Committee,

at Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Commands under date the 10th Instant have been received, and every measure we can devise has been taken for the Security of this Settlement, and its defence against any Attack from the Enemy — We have lately strengthened the Garrison with the Major part of the Troops at Chicacole and Bimlipatam being in the vicinity of this Place, the Garrison there can by signals already concerted join us in a few hours —

As we were sensible of the great importance of intercepting the Active in her Passage from Bengal and the consequences of her falling into the hands of the Enemy, we immediately dispatched a boat with an Europe Seaman to cruise on a stations off this port where she would most probably be in the way of Vessels coming from Bengal at this season of the Year, and we addressed a letter to Captain Mackenzie of the Active, informing him of the French fleet and your Orders relating to any treasure he may have on board — the Master of the Boat has likewise Orders to

From Vizagapatam, a boat dispatched to advise any Vessels coming from Bengal of a French fleet being on the Coast

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4th give notice of the enemy to all Vessels that he may fall in with bound to the Southward —

her

We have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship &c. that on the 12th Instant two Ships passed to the Northward in sight of this port, which we have every reason to suppose were the Valentine and Southampton, which we understand left Madras on the 15th Instant, and must have fortunately escaped from the Enemy.

We are with Sentiments of Respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Vizagapatam,
22d February, 1782.

Your most obedient and faithful humble Servants,

Hz. Crawford,
Chas. Maxtone,
J. H. Drake.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to acquaint you that we this day received a letter from Mr. Deputy Secretary Kingscote, enclosing three letters for the Governor General &c. Council, four for Mr. Hollond at Hydrabad, and

From Maratipatam, acknowledging the receipt of letters to Bengal, Mr. Hollond & Mr. Daniell

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4th and one for Mr Daniell, all of which shall be duly forwarded, agreeable to your Instructions as contained in the said letter —

We are with great Respect —

Masulipatam
23d February 1782

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
James Hodges
I. Peter Boileau
Tho.s Barnard
Alex.r Kyd
Macartney

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Cuddalore land 1000 bags of Rice from the Bimmilpersaud, embark the Artillery Men &c.a on the Rainbow for Carnacoil — in want of money —

On the 10th Instant We did ourselves the Honor to Inform your Lordship &c.a of the arrival of a Sloop named the Bimmilpersaud from Balasore with one thousand Bags of Rice for Fort St George belonging to the Honble Company and requested the Permission of your Lordship &c.a to take it for the use of our Garrison. The Serang of the Vessel having represented to us that it might not be in his Power for some Weeks to proceed to Madras, in Case he should be ordered thither, we landed the Rice to prevent any

& any Danger and Deposited it in a Godown, where We shall keep it till we receive your Lordships &c. Orders on the Subject.

On the Snow Rainbow Captain Gillon, we have embarked the Artillery Men and laden the Mortars and Stores intended for Pennacoil, to be Landed at Coneymere, Lieut. Elan the Commanding Officer there, has been wrote to upon the subject, and Signals are to be made from the Rock and on the Beach, to advise the Captain of the Vessel whether it may be safe to Land them — We have embarked also on the Rainbow 50 Sepoys belonging to the army, out of the number that were left sick in the Hospital, and shall send the remainder as Opportunities offer —

Captain Gillon could not be prevailed on to take less than 50 Pagodas for the Freight of the Stores, but as we had not Cash, he consented to receive a Bill on your Lordships &c. payable at 7 Days Sight for 160 Pagodas — 50 for the Stores to Pennacoil, and 110 for carrying the Fifty Seapoys and 5 Bengal Lascars. To prevent any Detention of his Vessel at Madras, he desired us to request of your Lordships &c. that he might be paid on his Arrival, or have a Bill on Bengal for the Amount —

If your Lordships &c. are pleased to allow us to keep the Rice brought here on the Balasore Sloop,

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Sloop, We shall have a Stock in our Garrison for near three Months, Our distress is still however very great for Cash, having near 1500 Men in Garrison. Since July it has not been in our Power to Defray any of our Hospital Charges, tho a great number of Sick were left behind when the Army marched from Cuddalore. all the Money We have received from the New Renters for their first Kist is ₹ 28. 16. . and the Sum of ₹ is all that remains due from them, exclusive of the Arrack Farm and Farm of Trevendeporam, of which We have advised your Lordship &c. particularly in your Revenue Department. We have constantly exerted our Endeavours to borrow Money from the Inhabitants without making Use of Compulsive Measures, but with little Effect hitherto - We should therefore be extremely Obliged to your Lordship &c if you could spare us 1500 Pagodas, which with the little Cash we have reserved in our hands, would enable Us to Pay off 1 Months Arrears to all the Troops in our Garrison

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

Wm Talloch
R. Gurly
A Lieutenant

Cuddalore, 29th February 1782

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4th Received the following intelligence from Hyders

Army—

Intelligence from Hyder's Army

Intelligence from Hyder's Camp regarding the requisition of the French.

Reports A Conversation between Monr. Lally and Hyder—

Hyder wants the French Troops on Shore, but the French want to have the Preliminaries first settled, that is all the Country from the Coleroon as far as Caringoly, Chittipett, Teagagud, with all the Forts and Durgums ceded to them, & to rebuild the Fort of Condicherry for them. to have 10,000 Seapoys under their Command, & Hyders Army & theirs to be seperate, to have as much Land on the Malabar Coast as will produce the Value of one Lakh of Pagodas, to be paid for all the charges of Military Stores, Ammunition, &c. & Several other Articles, to which Hyder does not consent; but much wants their Troops on Shore, but without the above Articles are complied with, they cannot Land them, as they do not ceded

chuse to trust them on Shore, that their Ships are much hurt, and the English strong, that they are gone to Trincomale to Land the Troops they have taken:—

Dispatched the following Letters.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c. Council at Fort William.

Honble

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To Bengal enclosing list of Prisoners

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

We now enclose you a list of Prisoners shipped on board the Lark Kitch, and beg leave to recommend that they be set at liberty on their Arrival at Bengal.

We have the honor to be,

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs.

Your most Obed.t Serv.ts

Fort St George
4th March 1782

Macartney.
&c Select Committee

To Captain Johnstone

Commanding at Negapatam.

To Negapatam to transmit every Intelligence regarding the operations of the Enemy, to blow up the Fortifications in case of an extremity.

Sir,

Our President received your Letter of the 21st ha

with it's enclosures—

We desire you will continue to forward Intelligence of every thing material.

We know not as yet the particulars of the misfortune that has befallen Colonel Braithwaite and the Troops he commanded; you will not fail to transmit every Information you may obtain upon this subject, as well as regarding the subsequent motions and designs of the Enemy: should Negapatam be attacked, we have the utmost confidence in your exertions, and are happy to find that you are provided with every thing requisite for its defence.

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In

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4th In case of extremity it will be advisable to blow up the fortifications, if you can afterwards make good your retreat to Tanjore or any other secure port, or if there should be Vessels at Negapatam, on which you can embark the Garrison and Stores —

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

Fort St George
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P. S. The Chapman is not yet arrived —

Agreed that a Set of Bills on Bengal be granted to Captain Rochuck Smith for 360 Arcot Rupees being for the passage and Victualling of 30 Prisoners to Bengal: amount to be carried to the head of War against Hyder Ally —

25th Received the following Letter from Cuddalore —

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

From Cuddalore with various intelligence regarding the Enemy —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had the honor to receive last Night your Commands of the 26th Ultimo, and beg leave to assure Your Lordship &c. I shall constantly advise you of every occurrence to the Southward, according to the best informa-
tion

& information I can possibly obtain ——

Tejapoo Saibs Detachment with Mons.r Lally

& his Europeans are not yet returned from the expedition

they went on towards Carour, the Horse that were at Chellam-

brum about 2000 Commanded by Horedawfuent, are encamped

to the Westward of Porto Novo on a Plain, as are the Sepoys

about 4000 in Number under Nellatomby row — they have

about Eight field Pieces and two battering Cannon with

them — The French till this time have landed no more

by the last Accounts then Seven hundred men, about

half which Number are Sick & wounded — these are

quarter'd in the Dutch & Danish Factories & in a House

belonging to one Muthroom a Gholian Merchant —

Piveron who was some time at Porto Novo, & had several

Conferences with the French Officers, returned to Hyder's

Camp, in order, it is said, to conclude an Agreement

with him relative to such Captures as may be made

after their landing, the Pay &c. to the Troops, & other Matters

which have not yet been finally determined upon — The

report among several that prevail is that the French

have declared they will not Land unless Hyder himself

comes down to finish the Business in person. Cuddalore

is the place universally spoke of at Porto Novo as well

at Pondicherry for their first Expedition, & the Inhabi-

tants have received many intimations from those places

to remove their Families —

The

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5th

The Fleet having been augmented by the four Ships that came from the Northward to Pondicherry, two of them French & two Eriges, as I am informed, now Consists of 26 Vessels — the five from Tranquebar have not yet joined — one large Vessel is still in Pondicherry road with 2 or 3 Snows that were taken loaded with Rice, which they are landing, tho very Slowly for want of proper Boats —

We are much obliged to your Lordships V.c for the permission you have been pleased to give us to appropriate any part of the Money belonging to Mr. Garrow to our Military Disbursements. We addressed your Lordships V.c by Capt.n Gillon of the Rainbow, informing you of our Distress for Cash. The Rainbow went to Negapatam, & there landed Sunderland the two Mortars, fifty Sepoys belonging to the Army, & 10 Artillery Men that had been sent on board her, & from thence she went to Trincomalee, by which means I hope they are ere this advised of the French fleet on the other Coast.

The Letter for Col.o Harper I forwarded by a trusty Cattamaran to Negapatam, I am not certain whether he is at that place or Tanjore —

I think it my duty to inform Your Lordships V.c that in Case our Army should move to the Southward, they can be supplied here with about 30 Garce of Rice tho this is nearly the whole Stock, more in Garrison, & will with

Care

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5" Care last about three Months, we could also furnish the Genl" with three or four hundred Bullocks if wanted —

I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

E.W. Tallofield

Cuddalore,
2d March 1782

P.S. Since writing the above, a Man is just arrived from Negapatam, who confirms the news of the taking of a French Snow at that place with Hospital Necessaries on board, a Number of Surgeons, 50 Soldiers 45 Sailors, Gun-powder Platforms & Several Chests of Dollars; as I have not received any Letter from that place, I can't give your Lordship & the Intelligence as an absolute fact —

Agreed that Bills on Bengal to the amount of Rupees 164 — be granted in favor of W.G. Scott for the passage Money of twelve Prisoners embarkd on the Argyle Thyne —

Tuesday 5" March 1782

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney Pres.t

Anthony Sadleir — — — Alexander Davidson

Morgan Williams — Esq.rs

Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote and

Major General Sir Hector Munro indisposed. John Holland Esq.r Resident at the Court of the Nizam

Minutes

Fort St George, 5th March, 1782

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Mr Williams being appointed Chief of Vizagapatam, the Right Honble the President proposes that Mr Davidson be appointed a Member of the Select Committee in his room, which being agreed to, Mr Davidson attends the Committee, and is sworn in accordingly.

Mr Davidson admitted a Member of the Select Committee

Read the following Letter and papers from Masulipatam

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

From Masulipatam, enclosing the former and to Capt. Lysaght regarding the arrangement of the Troops

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have been honored with the receipt of your letters of the 15th and 17th Instant, the latter enclosing seven small letters for Mr Holland and one to Mr Daniell, which shall be forwarded as you are pleased to direct.

At the particular request of Capt. Lysaght, we herewith transmit you copy of a letter received from him on the 17th Instant, and think it necessary at the same time to lay before you our Reply thereto.

We are Respectfully,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obt Servts
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Tho Barnard
Alex. Dingle

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To James Hodges Esqr
& Council
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

Not having had the honor to be consulted
or an opportunity given me of offering any opinion on the
arrangement of Battalions recommended lately by your Board
to the Presidency, which differs so very essentially from that
which I took the liberty to submit to your consideration some
six Months ago, and which then met with your approbation,
I had resolved not to intrude further on you upon that Sub-
ject. But as it is impossible to foresee what effect the arrival
of a French Armament on the Coast (of which I think there
can now be little doubt.) may have on our Enemies and
Neighbours, I think it incumbent on me, from the Station
in which I have the honor to be placed, just to offer a few
remarks on the intended disposition of the Troops in the
District —

It was only in the Month of July last
that a Battalion and four Companies were deemed
absolutely necessary for the common Duties of the
Garrison — Condapillee and Madoor both near the River
Kistnah, and the former on the high road to Hyderabad
were judged proper Stations for a Battalion with two
six Pounders. Ellore, not distant above twenty four
hours

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hours march from either this Garrison, Condapillee or Madoor, was thought to require another Battalion with two Six Pounders — and as there was at that time a certainty of a Rupture with the Dutch, it was judged necessary to order Captain Montgomery's Grenadiers to Coringa, and the fourth Battalion, not then by one third so strong as it is at present to Samulcotah — the former to protect Coringa from the Enemy's Cruizers, and to be in readiness to act against Jaggeraulporam if necessary, the latter to be employed on the Revenue business, wherever wanted throughout the District. This arrangement would have enabled us, on such an alarm as the present, to have collected in the Space of thirty six hours, nearly three Battalions for the Defence of this Garrison, which with the Europeans stationed in it would have been a very sufficient force for the purpose, or had Hyder Ally detained by the Crops still on the Ground, and the lowness of the River at this Season of the Year, ordered an Incursion to be made into the Circars from the Southward, the Ellore and Condapillee Battalions could have joined in twenty four hours to oppose the Enemy. But according to the intended arrangement, eight Companies only are allotted for this Garrison — and the whole of the Southern and Western parts of the District, from which quarters alone any thing can be apprehended, are left to be defended by an incomplete and unserviceable Battalion, dispersed to five different places, while the Northern parts of the District, from whence we

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we have nothing to fear, except at Coringa from Privateers, (to oppose which four Companies from the Battalion at Samulcotah would be fully sufficient) has the only two Corps we have fit to take the field allotted to it—

I have only to add, that as by the rules of the Service, in case this Garrison should be besieged or invested, the Defence of it would devolve upon me, I beg leave to submit to your Consideration whether I ought not to inform myself & have recourse to the Store of Provisions which may have been laid in for such an event.—

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) Arthur Lysaght

Masulipatam
17th February 1782

A true Copy Alex.r Cringle
Secry.

To Captain Arthur Lysaght,
Commanding the Troops in the
Masulipatam District.

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 17th Instant

The Chief having required so large a force for the Service whereon he is employed, renders it impossible for us to comply with any part of your said letter, as it relates to arrangements We have already consulted with M.r Daniell respecting the Corps of Grenadier Sepoys at Coringa, and as to the

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the ordering it in hither will affect the Business of the Revenue, which is of great importance, we shall delay doing so until the absolute necessity of our affairs obliges us thereto.

We are of opinion the charge of the Garrison Store of Provisions is vested solely in the Board, and all due care shall be taken to have the stock thereof complete, and in good order agreeable to the regulations established for our Guidance on that Subject.

We are, Sir
Your most Obed.t Servants,
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thomas Barnard
Alex.r Bringle

Masulipatam
11th
20 February 1782

A true Copy
Alex.r Bringle
Secr.y

The Troops of the Masulipatam District ought certainly to be so disposed of, as to admit of their being assembled at a short notice. Agreed therefore to recommend to the Gentlemen there the taking into consideration the arrangement proposed by Captain Lysaght upon Mr. Daniells' return to Masulipatam, also to inform them that the Officer on whom is to devolve the charge of the Garrison in case of it's being attacked, should have access to the provisions and Stores laid up in it.

Minute thereon.

Read

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Read the following Letters —

To The Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George.

From W. Campbell requesting to be reimbursed for the Loses he sustained in being captured by the combined Fleets —

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Being informed that several Gentlemen both on the Bengal and this Establishment who were taken on the Mountstewart by the combined Fleets on the 9th of August 1780 have been reimbursed or received some Compensation for the Loses they sustained and the consequent Expences which they thereby incurred, your Lordship &c. will I hope be pleased to grant me the same Indulgence having experienced the like misfortune —

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant.

Fort St George

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Frid.k Campbell

To the Right Honble

George Lord Macartney,

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

of Fort St George —

From Lt Brown, desiring a bond may be granted for the arrears of the demand Lt Col. Brown.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Having, as Executor nominated in the Will of the deceased Lieutenant Colonel Geo. Br... made

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made out a just Statement of his Affairs, from which it appears that the money immediately recoverable, or that may be expected to be recovered during the course of this year, will fall very short of the Bond debts against the Estate, which bear a growing Interest of 12 P C.t and must involve the Estate beyond possibility of Clearance, if means are not taken to establish an Interest upon the Sums due to the Estate, and as the Honble Company are indebted to it on account of Gratuity to the deceased from the 25th day of September 1779 and Off Reckonings from the 1st day of January 1780, which it is imagined will some what exceed 5,000 pagodas, I have to request your Lordship V.a may be pleased to order the Arrears to be ascertained and discharged, or should the present State of the Treasury render that inconvenient, that a Bond may be granted by Government for the amount, bearing the usual Interest.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient and most humble Servt.

Fort St George
5th March 1782

Arch.d Brown
Executor to the Estate of the deceased Lieut Col.o Brown

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

My

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From Captain Muirhead, desiring bonds for his arrears of Pay, with an account of half one months due to the 20th Battalion

My Lord & Gentlemen,

During the time of my doing duty at Tellicherry on the Malabar Coast, the Company's Finances were so low, that I was Obliged to take Bonds from the Resident & Factors of that place for my Pay and Batta, likewise money I advanced for the Company when in Distress, was included in those Bonds. they have now been due a long time. I hope you will give orders for their being discharged —

	Pagodas	Fano
1st Bond dated 1st Nov. 1780	1,156	63
2d Bond dated 17th April 1781	2,251	80

Payable in Six Months at Ten P. Cent P. annum. Exchange at Three hundred & Fifty Rupees for one hundred Star Pagodas —

According to orders by Government of date the 15th September 1781, wherein they say, as the Agents for Sepoy half mounting cannot provide them for the year 1780, the money stopped on that Account to be returned. I have several times Applied for payment, imagining this public order from Government was sufficient, but state find that unless I have a particular order from your Honors, it cannot be paid, as the Battalion I have the Honor to command has pressed me a good deal to represent this matter. I hope you will order their money to be returned. I have the Honor of

Camp at St Thos Mount
1st March 1782

enclosing an Account of what is due
I am with greatest Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen, Your most Obed Servant
J. Muirhead

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

From Capt.n Tod, desiring to be reimbursed for the expences he incurred in bringing the Dutch prisoners from Negapatam.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Having in every respect complied with the Orders I received at Negapatam from Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes and General Sir Hector Munro Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Forces at that place, instructing me to receive onboard the Rochford The Honble Reynier Vanvelsingham, late Governor of Negapatam, with the whole of the Council, Senior and Junior Servants belonging to the Dutch East India Company as Prisoners of War, and to treat him and them in every respect suitable to their Rank during their continuance onboard untill my arrival at Fort St George.

I beg leave to apply to the Honble Board for whatever recompence they may think adequate to the extraordinary expence attending such a Service.

I am the more encouraged to make this application from the assurances I received of being liberally rewarded by the Honble Board for having sacrificed my own private interest and emoluments in Trade offered me when at Negapatam to effect a Service which at that time was thought

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thought to be of the greatest Consequence

I beg leave to submit the whole of the business to the Honble Board, only wishing to remind them, that I had thirty of these Gentlemen at my own Table for above a month and that the Expence attending that alone was very considerable.

I have the honor to remain with the highest respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obed.t & most humble Servant

James Tod

Fort St. George
the 8 February 1782

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

From Committee of Works, inclosing from General Munro to Colonel James re= =garding the payment of his bills for work done at the Mount

My Lord and Gentlemen.

The 29th of July last we had the Honor of enclosing a Copy of a Letter from Coll. James directed to us, with Copies of two Bills which accompanied it, amounting to Pag.s 326.25.40. Your Lordship &c.a Committee deferred the Consideration of the Letter and Bills 'till the arrival of M.r Davidson from Tanjore.

Although the work executed under Colonel James's inspection was not ordered through the regular Channel

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yet it appears by a Letter from General Munro to Coll. James,
a Copy of which we enclose, that the Buildings erected by him
were raised by the sanction of the Select Committee. As the charges
are moderate, and we understand the Buildings are very useful,
we recommend the amount of Coll. James's Bills to be discharged,
but at the same time we also recommend that you would be pleased
to order it to be inserted in the Book of military Regulations,
that no Commanding officer in future shall be paid for Build-
-ings raised, or Repairs made, unless he produce written orders
through the Channel of the Committee of Works to sanction
the Bills which may be presented.

We have received Letters of the 2d and 11th
Instant from W. Secretary Hudleston, your Commands
therein shall be punctually attended to.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants,
Alx. Davidson
Edw. Saunders
Geo: Maule.

Fort St George
12th February, 1782

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your Letter enclosing an
Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Works.

I am truly concerned as well as surprised
to find any difficulties made about sustaining and paying
Your

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your outlays at the Mount, I was at Committee the Day Sir Thomas Rumbold and the Rest of the Gentlemen ordered you to set about building a Shade for the Guns, and repairing the Barracks without delay, and upon my explaining this Matter to Major Maule Chief Engineer, before I went to Besiege Negapatam, he promised me to represent it in such a manner to the Board as to ensure you immediate payment —

I am with much Esteem,

Dear Colonel,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Hector Munro

A true Copy

J Balfour

Cl.k to the Comm.t of Works.

Fort St. George,
30.th January, 1782.

Minute on the above letters —

Ordered that the letters from Mr. Campbell and Lieut.t Brown do lie on the Table — Agreed that Captain Muirhead's Bills for Sepoy Half-Mounting be passed; that Bills be granted him on Bengal for the Amount of his Bonds from the Chief and Factors at Pellicherry, and that Captain Fod be desired to furnish the Committee with an account of the actual expence which he has incurred by accommodating the Dutch Prisoners with a passage to Madras — Agreed also that Colonel James's Bills be discharged within the State of the Treasury will admit of it

when

Read Letter from Lord Macleod as entered on

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in Miscellany Book No6. requesting a passage may be ordered for 47 Men and three Women of the 73d. Regement Agreed that Captain Tod be applied to on the Subject—

Read the following Letter from Capt. Edmonds with a letter from the Commn. Jemidars—

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

From Captain Edmonds enclosing a Letter from the Commn. Jemidars, & requesting that he may be permitted to advance a small detachment in their Support—

My Lord,

I have the honor to send herewith the copy of a Letter which I received yesterday from a person belonging to the Common Jemmedars, which they have stationed at a convenient place for the conveyance of such Letters or intelligence as they have occasion to send — The considerable advantages gained lately by these Polygars over the Circar Troops, is the cause of their assembling this reinforcement, however, as it consists chiefly of revenue Peons collected from the different Countries, and horse which cannot act, I flatter myself after the first alarm is blown over, they will continue to be firm, & maintain the advantage already gained — Should you think proper, I will advance a small Detachment a few Cos, this will have the appearance of assisting them, and in all probability be the means of dispersing the enemy's rabble, at least it will give the Polygars fresh Spirits.

I am with the greatest respect My Lord,
Your most Obd Servt
Edwd Edmonds

Ongole
25th February 78[illegible]

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Copy of a Letter from a Vackeel belonging to the Commam Semmidars to Captain Edmonds.

Sir,

It was not in my power to send your Letter to my Masters as soon as I could wish by reason of a reinforcement which is arrived at Cummum — The Phousdar of Commons having solicited the assistance of the Sadonte Phousdar against my Masters. He is came with 600 horse that were sent from Hyder's army some time ago into the Sadonte & Boddeal countries, to recover from Sickness &c and about 2,000 Subsidy Sepoys, Carnatic peons & 4 Small Guns, these have joined the Commam Troops, which consist of 200 horse and as many foot, with 2 Guns, and are now within eight Cose of my Masters who have assembled all their force amounting to 5,000 Peons. God knows what will be the event, but my Masters depend greatly on the Honble Company's assistance I hope to get answer from them to your Letter in eight days, and will send it immediately

Agreed that Captain Edmonds be permitted to advance a small Detachment in support of the Commam Semidars, if he shoula continue to think it will be productive of good consequences, but he must Act with the greatest Circumspection, and take no Step that may endanger the Loss of any part of his Garrison.

minute thereon.

There being a great want of Lascars for the public Service in this Garrison it is Agreed that

100 additional Lascars to be raised

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that the Committee of Works be directed to entertain 100 —
additional Lascars, and after furnishing the other Employs
with such as are indispensibly necessary, to divide the remain-
-der between the Commandant of Artillery, the Chief Engineer,
and the Military Storekeeper according to their respective
Demands —

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

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

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The Committee taking into
Consideration that the following
Articles are absolutely essential
to the defence of the Garrison and
being desirous to complete the
Establishment, request of the Mili-
tary Storekeeper to let them know
as soon as possible what quantity
of each can be depended upon—
he observes he shall be able to give
the Committee information in the
course of a few days —

Approved.

Platforms for Guns & Mortars.
Sand Bags.
Intrenching } Tools.
Mining }
Crow's Feet.
Laboratory Stores.
Gins for Mounting Guns.
Small Stores for the Guns on the
Works, such as Sponges, Aprons, &c.
Hand Spikes.
Haversacks.
Leather Buckets.
Gun Spikes of all sorts.

The Committee resolve that
all the spare Carriages in Garrison
be fitted to the Guns, and numbered
and arranged, so as to be in perfect
readiness —

Approved

Agreed

Agreed in consequence of the Governor's orders, that the old Carriages and ordnance Lumber be immediately broke up.

Approved.

Agreed to recommend to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that 49 Mortars Platforms be made up directly by the Contractor to complete the Garrison Establishment.

Approved

And it is further agreed to recommend that the Contractor be allowed to make up some Mortar Sledges, for the purpose of the more easily transporting the Mortars from the different parts of the Garrison.

approved

Agreed that the Guns mounted on the several works be completed with such quantity of Ammunition as the Commandant of Artillery shall recommend.

approved.

The Committee having examined the Invoice of the Prize Stores on board the D'Auveston, find several articles that will be Scential to the Service of the Garrison, and therefore beg leave to recommend that the Select Committee will take such measures for their being brought into the

approved

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the Company's Stores as they shall think proper —

The Committee taking into their most serious consideration that the number of Lascars at present on the Establishment of the Garrison are very insufficient to the Services required in the Military Storekeeper's, Commandant of Artillery, & Engineer's Departments, beg leave to recommend to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee that they direct the Committee of works to augment that Body from their present Number 400 to 600, and that a Part of these be sent under the immediate orders of those Departments in the following Proportions, and directions given that they be considered as attached to and belonging to the Service of each Viz.t

Approved

	Syrangs	Tindals	Lascars
Military Storekeeper	1	6	150
Commandant of Artillery	1	6	150
Engineer	1	4	100
	3	16	400

There will then remain 200 for the Different Employs; which including those at Cuttack & Cornmalee, will be equal to the Number they now have —

J Kennedy Geo Maule
B. Scobney.

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Read Letter from from Messrs Sadama & Denijs, as entered in the Miscellany Book No 2 — requesting to be permitted to go & reside to the Northward.

Messrs Sadama & Denijs permitted to reside to the northward.

Agreed to Accordingly

Read the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney.

President and Council at Madras.

From Governor & Council of Tranquebar, complaing of the Capture of the Snow mahmud Bidder Bux.

My Lord and Sirs,

Since our Letter of the 10th September passed, regarding the Capture of the Snow Mahmud Bidder Bux belonging to Mira Ufsen of Tranquebar. We never had the Honor to receive an Answer from you, but having been informed by a new Petition, that this Ship has been delivered out to the Commander Majudin Saheb, and that he made several Expenses on the same, by buying new Anchors, saving the Ship, which was very near driving on Shore, making it, and paying the Expence for 10 new Lascars, he was obliged to engage, but that afterwards it was retaken, after it's having been in his Posession 20 Days. We cannot otherwise than represent to you that We expect from the Friendship subsisting between Our Sovereigns, still stronger by new Treaties, that a prompt and exact Justice may be given, and attention paid to the Circumstances of not only retaking a Ship once Delivered out, but also making the unfortunate Petitioner loose his

his Money laid out afterwards for a Ship which he now had
reason to think his safe Property.

We flatter Ourselves with an intimate friend=
=ship between Our Nations, and therefore are sure that you will
pay a due Attention to Our Demands, as We always have been
ready to shew you the same, and that you will spare Our
Courts in Europe the Trouble to settle, what only now depends
on you.

We have the Honor to remain with a
perfect Regard and great Esteem,

My Lord and Sirs,

Your most Obed.t Servants

C. J. Letting
Tho.s G. Walter

Fort Dansborg
the 2d February 1782

Abbestie Luhtenvleim

John Hudleston Esq.r

Secretary to the Select Committee

Fort St. George.

From Mr. Light
complaining of the
Conduct of Capt. Eidingtoun

Sir,

Agreable to the Orders of the Right Hon.ble the
President and Select Committee transmitted by you to me, I
wrote to Captain Eidingtoun, a Copy of which I now enclose No.1,
his answer I have likewise the Honor of forwarding No.2,
The impropriety & dangerous consequences of a commanding
Officer having it in his power to dispose of the Company's property
& appropriating the amount arising from the Sales to Accounts
unknown to the Paymaster, and the confusion such Accounts
if ever admitted to have the acquiesance of Government must
create

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create, will appear Obvious to you, especially at this time of general Calamity, when the arrears due to our Troops now in this Garrison Amount to nearly 20,000 Pag.s and the Clamours of Thousands starving from want of Payment, must constantly reach his ears — It was not from any want of knowledge of what was the duty of my Employ, that I have allowed so many Encroachments to be made on it, but after having repeatedly represented unprecedented Conduct of Captain Eidinglouw to the late President and requesting he would point out the line I was to observe in my future Conduct, I doubt not but I shall stand uncensured by the Honble Board when I assure them the situation the Province was then in, torn to pieces by continual disputes, I wished rather by giving up many points, when I saw litigation would add to our Confusion (until I could hear from the Presidency) in order to preserve as much as lay in my power, the peace and Tranquility of the Garrison — I am,

Sir,

Your very Obedient
Humble Servant,
W.m Light —

Pallamcotah,
7. February 1782

Copy of a Letter from M.r William Light to Capt.n James Eidinglouw, dated at Calamcotah 26th January 1782 —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble President and Select Committee to Apply to you for the immediate Repayment of the money charged by you in your accounts for Bullocks, above the price allowed by the Contractor — I am likewise ordered by the Honble the President and Selct Committee to call upon You

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you for the amount of any Sum or Sums of money, or of the Produce of any Grain received by you from the Revenue of the Ballamcolah or Tinnavelly Districts. I am therefore, agreable to their Orders to request You will pay the amount of your charge in the buttock account, as well as for the amount of the Grain disposed of by you, and that you will give Orders that the Grain in the Fort be delivered over to me.

Copy of an answer from Capt. James Eidingtoun to Mr. Light.

Dated at Calamcolah 27th Jany 1762

Sir,

In reply to a note received from you yesterday afternoon, I presume the Select Committee have been misinformed in respect to the Bullocks employed on account of the Service, the money drawn for them being agreable to an Old Book of regulations tho' certainly made acquainted that there was a considerable addition to that allowance, consequently a Balance due to me — Having also advanced money on account of the Service, which I have not drawn for, should any Ballance remain in my Hands of money received by me, it shall be paid either here, or at Madras, and the Paddy I brought into the Fort an Account of the Company, over which you and the Sircar have had Cancoplys, shall be delivered over to you as soon as Possible, after the Arrival of Capt. Bileliffe, who I expect in a day or two — I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) Ja.s Eidingtoun

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John Hudleston Esq.

Secretary of the Select Committee

of Fort St George

From the Adjt. General

Sir

As I understand that Bills for pay and allowances cannot be discharged at the Paymasters' Office without your countersign, after the Bills so drawn are permitted to run three months in Arrears and not audited, I request you will countersign the inclosed Bills, Twenty Five in number, on Account of House Rent and an Office allowed me as Adjt. General — As I had some recollection that I had before been paid the Above Allowances for the three or four first months they became due, I beg leave to observe to you that I had reference to the Paymasters' Office, and looked over the parts of his Accounts wherein the Above bills would have been charged, had they been paid, but without being able to discover any entries to that effect. — I take the liberty of noticing the Above circumstance to you, lest hereafter, any mistake or second charge should Appear to prove my having drawn the Above allowances twice for any certain number of months, should it however so happen, this letter will stand to prove the Refund due by me. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Obed.t Servant

Henry Malcolm

Adjt. General

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Agreed to inform the Government of Tranquebar that the matter of which they complain cannot come under our Cognizance, as it relates entirely to the Admiral, who is not subject to our orders — that respecting any Transaction between their Government & ours, the management of them and the accommodation of any Differences that may arise would be greatly facilitated by our sending a proper Person to reside constantly at Tranquebar, and that We shall accordingly appoint a Gentleman to that Service without loss of time —

The letter from the Govr & Co. of Tranquebar to be referred to the Admiral — a person to be appointed to reside constantly at Tranquebar —

Captain Eidingtoun's having provided any Bullocks was certainly irregular, and for those he did provide only 1½ Pagoda ₱ Month should have been charged, with the usual number of Drivers and Mestries. — All that Capt. Eidingtoun has charged above that rate must be refunded to the Paymaster. — the addition made to the Hire of the Bullocks with the Army is confined to those Bullocks. — Agreed also that Captain Eidingtoun be directed forthwith to pay to the Paymaster at Palamcotta the amount of any sum or sums, or of the produce of any Grain received by him from the Revenue of the Palamcotah or Tinnevelly District. — it will be proper also to inform Captain Eidingtoun — that the Complaint preferred by M. Dott is only one of several Charges that have been brought against him — that a variety of Charges against

Minute of the Comm.ty relative to the Complaint preferred against Capt.. Eidingtoun by Mr. Light.

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against him have been delivered in by His Highness the Nabob, in consequence of which we have judged it proper and necessary that he should have an opportunity of clearing himself before a Court Martial.

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing purport be written to Captain Eidingtoun and sent open to Mr. Light —

a Letter to be written to Captain Eidingtoun to the Above purport —

The Committee on reference to the Records find that the Allowance which the Adjutant General claims was established by the Select Committee the 5th June 1780 — Agreed therefore that his Charges for House Rent be allowed for the present —

The Adjt. Genl's Claim for House Rent to be admitted —

Ordered that a Bond be granted Mr. Oakeley dated this Day, for Pagodas 1,305. 28. 55. being for 4,000 Cullums of Paddy delivered to the Receiver at Trichinopoly, and issued as Pay to the Troops — amount to be carried to the head of Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts, and by him to the Debit of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly —

a Bond granted to Mr. Oakeley for the amount of Paddy delivered to the Receiver at Trichinopoly —

Agreed that the Honble Company's Snow Panther be dispatched to Bombay, with directions to call first at Fort Marlbro', and that Major Hutcheon be accommodated with a passage on her for himself and as many Sepoys as he may have enlisted —

The Panther to be dispatched to Bombay

The Secretary acquaints the Committee that

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Capt. Thistleton to be allowed 100 Rupees ₱ Month during the service of the Panther on this Coast

that Captain Thistleton of the Panther has applied to him for an Allowance during the time he has been employed on the Coast, and that on referring to the Records, he finds that Captain Robinson of the Morning Star received 100 Rupees ₱ Month while on Service here — Agreed that the same allowance be granted to Captain Thistleton, and the amount to be carried to the Debit of the Bombay Presidency —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Froud —

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

at Fort St. George.

From Mr. Froud — requesting Bills on Bengal for the Balance due to him.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Seven Months are now elapsed since my arrival here, having been appointed by the Select Committee to join General Goddard's Army with our Brigade at Surat, where we were placed by General Orders on the Bengal Establishment — Our Troops were much in Arrears, and I had a difficult Task, as I continued to act under the Bengal Paymaster, Many of the Officers came round many Months in Arrears, and on representing their case obtained Bills on Bengal for the amount of the Sums due to them, as certified by me, I addressed the Military Payt. a Letter and drew a Bill on him for Current Rupees 23773. 12. 5½ or Sonwat Rupees 21417. 13. 1. and delivered the Accounts thereof as well as a former Balance due to this

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this Government with the Auditors' Report.

I need not mention the Hardships I labour'd under in times of Distress, in being obliged to pay my own Money, and whatever Sums I could borrow to ease myself of constant Importunity, therefore I flatter myself, I shall meet with the same Indulgence as Captains Macleod, Clerke, Lieuts Read, Taylor and Gomond —

I am,

My Lord and Gentlemen, with the greatest Respect —

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

Edward Fraud

Comdy & Capt in H.M. S. on foreign Service.

Fort St George
the 26 February 1782

Agreed That Bills on Bengal be granted to Mr Lroud for his balance amounting to Current Rupees 23,773.. 12.. 5 1/2, and the Amount to be carried to the Head of the Bombay Presidency

Granted.

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Dispatched the following Letters and enclosures

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To the Honourable Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c^a Council

of Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal enclosing two letters from Cuddalore — Sir Edward Hughes seen off Trincomaly the 23^d Captain Mercer arrives with Treasure

We have the honor to send you inclosed Copies of two Letters of intelligence from Mr Tallofield at Cuddalore Sir Eyre Coote's army is still at the Mount & it is not yet in our power to acquaint you when it will move — A Boat arrived here on Sunday last from Trincomaly by which we learn that on the 23 Inst. Sir Edward Hughes was seen bearing for that Harber with 12 Sail under his Command which we Suppose to be his 9 line of battle Ships, the Seahorse, Combustion & French prize; They appeard all well and had every mast Standing - from whence we conclude that they had not suffer'd much in the Action —

arriving

This day the Resolution Captain Mercer arrived here from Ben=gal with Sicca Rupees 1724.13.13. On board for this Presidency — Which is a most seasonable & welcome Supply to us as our necessities are extreme —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Macartney &c Sel^t Co^n

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To James Daniell Esqr
Chief &c Council
of Masulipatam
Gentlemen

To Masulipatam to take into consideration the arrangement proposed by Capt Lysaght to detain Capt Chealyn's Battalion

We have received your Letter of the 22d Ult with its enclosures —

The Troops of your District certainly ought to be so disposed as to admit of their being assembled at as short a notice as possible, and we therefore recommend your taking into Consideration the Arrangement proposed by Captain Lysaght upon Mr Daniell's Return from the Service on which he is now Employd —

It is Also proper that the Officer on whom is to devolve the Charge of the Garrison in case of its being attacked should have access to the provisions and Stores laid up in it —

we desire you will detain Captain Chealeyn's Battalion in your district until further Orders —

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney Lt Col. Edmonstone

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Sent to Bengal on the Snow Argyleshire Black Prisoners with a letter (as entered in the Miscellany Book No) requesting the Governor General and Council to set them at liberty on their arrival

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Received from the Chief Engineer a report of the Wells in the Fort as entered in the Miscellany Book No 10

Received letter from Chingleput as entered in the Miscellany Book No 11 with an Indent of Military Stores which is ordered to be referred to the Committee of Stores

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6th Received the following Letters from Mr. Proctor

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr. Proctor acknowledging the receipt of the Presidents letter directing him to correspond with him separately — discharges the bills drawn by him while at Colombo

The 19th Instant I was favord with your Lordships &c. Letter of the 10th November last

The Right Honble the President having in a Letter to me dated the 8th Ultimo — informed me that the Business of the Countries assigned by the Nabob to the Company constituted a distinct Department from the other affairs of the Company and directed me to correspond with his Lordship separately on the Subject of the Revenues of the Tinnavelly and Madura Countries your Lordship &c. will be informed from the Right Honble the President of the present and future State of the Companys Interests in those Countries but as I had addressed several Letters to your Lordship and the Council on the Subject of the Revenues of this Country previous to the Receipt of the Right Honble the President Letter of the 8th Ultimo, I send your Lordship &c. a List thereof, that I may send further Copies of such as may have miscarried — They are in Date as follows Viz.

27th September 18th November and 5th December last —

The several Letters I have separately wrote to the Right Honble the President on the same Subject I have sent His Lordship a List of that I may in like Manner in Case of miscarriage send more Copies of them — In my letter to the late Select Committee from Colombo dated the 28th July last I informed the Committee that I had been obliged to take up of the Governor & Council there the Sum of one thousand and two hundred £1200 Sicca Rupees to enable Mr. Orpen and myself to defray the Expence We had been necessitated

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6 necessitated to incur there, and that I had drawn three Bills of Exchange in favor of the Governor and Council at Colombo or their order for that Sum the 23 of the same Month on the Committee, but those Bills having been presented for payment since my Arrival here by the Chief at Tutecorin I have accordingly discharged the Same —

I am
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servt
George Proctor
Receiver

Palamcotah
25th January 1782

Sent the following Letter to the Agent

To Mr William Ross
Agent

Sir

To Mr Ross to Purchase Arrack for the Compy

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have released Mr Dobbs Doctor Lyon from his Arrack Contract and to desire you will purchase Arrack for the Honble Company at the Cheapest rate —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servt
J. Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St George
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Received Letter from the Deputy Auditor on the subject of Mr Peters Bills as entered in Miscellany Book No 13

Received Letter from Mr Peters on Surgeons Bills as entered in the Miscellany Book No 12

Sent the following Letters

To

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To the Honble Herman Abbestie Esqr

President and Governor &^c^a Council

of Fort Dansborg

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 2^d Ultimo and in reply thereto must inform you that the matter of which you complain cannot come under our cognizance as it relates entirely to his Majestys naval Commander in Chief who is not subject to our orders — we can only furnish him with a Copy of your Letter and strongly recommend the Subject of it to his consideration —

with respect to any Transactions between yours and this Government we think the management of them, and the Accomodation of any difference that may arise would be greatly facilitated by our sending a proper person to reside constantly at Tranquebar on the part of the English East India Company and we shall accordingly appoint a Gentleman to that Service without loss of time — We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney &^c^a Sele

To Tranquebar the matter complained of referred to Sir Edward Hughes a Gentleman to be appointed to reside them

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To Captain Edmonds

commanding at Ongole

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo and in consequence to signify to you their permission to advance a small detachment a few Cos in Support of the Common Jemidars should you continue to think it will be productive of good consequences, but they at the same time earnestly recommend that

to Captain Edmonds to send a small Detachment to Support the Common Jemedars —

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To Captain James Eidingtoun

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have recd from the paymaster at Palamcotah Copy of his Letter to you of the 26th January and of your answer and the Select Committee in Consequence direct me to observe to you that your having provided any Bullocks was entirely irregular as it is a part of the publick Service that is always executed by the paymaster and whatever Bullocks you did Provide are to be charged at the rate of 1½ ℔ pagoda month for each Draft Bullock and the same for each Carriage Bullock with the usual number of Drivers and Mastries the amount of all you have charged above these rates the Select Committee direct that you forthwith refuse to the paymaster with respect to the addition made to the hire of the Bullocks employed with the Army I am directed to inform you that it is confined to those Bullocks, and not meant to be extended to any employed at Palamcotah — I am also directed to signify to you the orders of the Select Committee that you forthwith pay to the paymaster at Palamcotah the amount of any sum or Sums of Money or of the Produce of any Grain received by you from the Revenues of the Palam-cotah or Tinnavelly Districts

I am further directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the and to inform you that the complaint preferred by Mr. Dodd is only one of Several Charges which have been brought on Against you, there is a variety of charges also acquaint you delivered in by his highness the nabob and from which the Select Committe have thought it proper and necessary that you should have an opportunity of clearing yourself before a Court Martial, and have accordingly addressed the Commander in Chief for that purpose

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Humble Servt
J. Hudleston Secretary

Fort St George
1st March 1782

To Captain Eidingtoun his providing Bullocks quite irregular, to pay to the Paymaster the money he has received on account of Grain, - Various complaints preferred against him

against

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To Captain David Muirhead

Sir

To Captain Muirhead — his charge for Sepoy half mounting &c passed

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Instant and to inform you that they have ordered your Charge for Sepoy half mounting to be passed and revolved to grant you Bills on Bengal for the amount of your Bonds from the Resident and Factors of Tillicherry

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

J. Hudleston

Secretary

Fort St George

8th March 1782

P. S.

I return you Bill for Sepoy half Mounting signed by the Military Secretary —

The Committee having agreed to Dispatch the Companys Snow Panther back to Bombay by way of Fort Marlbro and to send on board of her Major Hutcheon with Sepoys he has enlisted the following letter is in Consequence now sent to Captain Thistleton

To Captain Thistleton

of the honble Companys

Snow Panther

Sir

To Captain Thistleton to proceed to Fort Marlbro and from thence to Bombay to draw 100 Rupees ⅌ Month —

I am directed to Signify to you the order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that you prepare to proceed with your Vessel to Fort Marlbro and from thence to Bombay you are to receive on board Major John Hutcheon with a few Sepoys under his command for Fort Marlbro and whatsoever Stores it may be judged expedient to send to that place —

I

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I am also directed to inform you that the Bill which you delivered to the Military Secretary for Pagodas 420 cannot be allowed but that you have permission to draw 100 Rupees P Month from the day of your coming under the orders of this presidency till your Departure for Bombay

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
P. Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St George
8th March 1782

Agreed that Bills on Masulipatam be granted in favor of Jacob Cectorm or his order to the Amount of 300 Madras Pagodas being for Flints purchased of him on account of the Company

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This Morning Admiral Sir Edward Hughes with the Fleet appeared a little to Leeward of the Roads and the following letter was received from him

Superb off Trivatoor the 9th March 1782

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sir Edward Hughes with an account of the operations of the Fleet from the time they left Madras and of an action with the French Fleet

Having left your Road in the Evening of the 15th of last month with His Majestys Squadron under my Command in pursuit of the French Squadron, I stood to the Southward all that night under an easy sail, and at day light next morning found they had separated, Twelve Sail of line of Battle Ships and a Frigate bearing East of me distant about 4 Leagues, and 16 Sail of Frigates Transports, and other Vessels bearing S. W. distant about 3 Leagues, and Steering direct for Pondicherry I immediately made the Signal for a general Chase to the S. W. in order if possible to come up with, and take their Transports, and well knowing the Enemys line of Battle Ships would follow to protect them all in their

9th their Power — In the course of the chase our Copper bottomed Ships came up with Six Sail of Ships and Vessels, five of which were English, captured by the Enemy, with Grain Cargoes, out of which I ordered the French men to be taken, and the Vessels directed to proceed to Negapatam Road, the Sixth was the Lauriston a Transport having on board 300 of their Troops taken by the Isis.

The Moment the Enemys line of Battle Ships discovered my intention to chase their Transports they put before the Wind and made all the sail they could after me, and by 3 o'Clock in the afternoon four of their best sailing line of Battle Ships were got within 2 or 3 miles of our Stermost Ships, and the Ships in Chase were very much spread, by the Ships they were Chasing Steering different Courses, some to the S. E. others to the South, and several to the S. W. I therefore judged it necessary to make the Signal for the Chasing Ships to join me, which they all did about 7 o'Clock in the Evening and I continued standing to the S. E. under an easy sail, all that night, the Enemys Squadron in Sight and making many Signals.

At day light on the morning of the 17th the body of the Enemy's Squadron bore N. b. E. of ours, distant about 3 Leagues the morning very thick and hazey with light winds and frequent Squalls of short duration from the N. N. E. and the Enemy crowding all the Sail they could towards our Squadron. At 6 in the Morning I made the signal to form in line of Battle ahead at 2 Cables length distance, at 25 Minutes past 8 our line ahead being formed with great difficulty, from the Want of Wind, and frequent intervals of Calms, I made the Signal for the leading Ship to make the same Sail as the Admiral and made sail formed in the line ahead with intention to try to weather the Enemy, that I might engage them closely at 10 the Enemy's Squadron having the advantage of the Squalls from the N. N. E (which always reached them & first and in consequence continued longest with them) neared our Squadron very fast and I made the signal for our line to alter the course two points to Starboard, the Enemys Squadron then

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then Steering down on our Rear in an irregular Double line abreast —— At ½ an hour past noon I made the signal for our Squadron to form the line of Battle abreast at 2 Cables length distance in order to draw the Rear of our line up with the Center, and prevent the Enemy from attacking it separated at 3 in the afternoon, the Enemy still pushing on to our Rear in a double line abreast, I made the Signal for the Ships in our Line to steer and bear S. E. and N. W.t of each other in order to draw our Rear Ships still closer to the Center and at 40 Minutes after 3 finding it impossible to avoid the Enemys attack under all the disadvantages of little or no Wind to work our Ships, and of being to Leward of them I made the signal for our Squadron to form the line of Battle ahead at 2 Cables length distance at 4 the Exeter which was the Sternmost Ship in our Rear when formed in line of Battle a head on the Larboard Tack not being closed up to her second a head, three of the Enemys Ships in their first line bore down right upon her, whilst four more of their second line, headed by the Hero, hauled along the outside of their first Line towards our Center, at 5 Minutes past 4 the Enemys three Ships began their fire on the Exeter which was returned by her and her second a head at 10 Minutes past 4 I made the Signal for Battle, and at 12 Minutes the Action became general from our Center to our Rear, the Commanding Ship of the Enemy with three others of their second line leading down on our Center, Yet never at any time during the Action advancing farther than opposite to the Superbs (our Center Ship) Chestree and Beam, and we having little or no Wind and some heavy rain during that time — Under these circumstances the Enemy brought Eight of their best Ships to the attack of five of ours, as the Van of our line consisting of the Monmouth, Eagle, Burford and Worcester could not be brought into Action without tacking on the Enemy and altho the Signal for that purpose was at the Masthead ready for hoisting there was neither Wind sufficient to enable them to Tack nor for the

the five Ships then engaged with the Enemy, hard pressed and much disabled in their Sails, and Rigging, to follow them, without an almost certainty of separating our Van from our Rear, at 6 in the afternoon a Squall of Wind from the S. E. took our Ships and paid them round head on to the Enemy to the N. Eastward, when the Engagement was renewed with great Spirit and alacrity from our Starboard Guns, and at 25 Minutes past 6 the Enemy hauled their Wind to the N. E. and ceased firing — At this time the Superb had lost her Main Yard shot into two peices in the Slings had five feet water in her hold, and continued for some time to gain on all her Pumps un: -till many of the largest shot holes under Water were plugged up, and neither Brace nor Bowline left entire, and the Exeter reduced almost to the state of a Wreck, had made the Signal of Distress, the other three Ships on our Rear, the Monarca Isis, and Hero, had suffered less, and indeed the Enemy's Fire appeared plainly to be directed principally against the Superb and Exeter

In this situation I stood to the Southward under little or no Sail all night, and in the morning at day light found the Superbs Main mast — Fore Mast, and Bowsprit so much wounded as to render it exceeding dangerous to carry sail on them — The Exeter's masts were also much damaged, and the Shot holes in all the Ships so far under Water as to render it impossible to Stop them but by giving the Ships deepheels in Smooth Water, all which and the Wind continu: -ing to blow from the Northward, determined me to proceed to Trinco: -male there as the only proper place, to refit the disabled Ships but having had little Winds and a Northerly Current I did not reach it till the 24th of last month and having done with the utmost expe: -dition, what was absolutely necessary to put the Ships in a condi: -tion for Service, I sailed from that place on the 4th of this month having advanced to Capt.n Bonnevaix the Commandant there a farther Sum of Money for the pay of the Garrison, and General Medowes having left a Detachment of the 98th Regiment con: -sisting of two Officer and 50 Men for the better securing that impor:

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I[st] important place.

I am now, my Lord and Gentlemen, returning to Madras Road for many purposes, to attack the Enemy's Squadron, if by position I can bring them to an equal Combat, to compleat the Stores and Provisions of the Squadron to receive such reinforcement as may be sent me from England, and to cover the Arrival of our Transports that may now hourly be expected from Bombay, and if possible keep open the communication with Bengal. These are my present Objects, if any thing else occurs to you that is consistently in my power to perform and more essential, You will be pleased to inform me with it. I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

Edward Hughes

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor and Select Committee of St. George

Fort St George

Received the following Letter

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

&c &c &c President & Governor &c Select Committee at Fort St George

From Mr Fallofield Tippoo said Defeated near to Trichinopoly — Mr Powell's at Coyders Camp

My Lord & Gentlemen

The report of the defeat of Tippoo Sahib's detach-
ment to the Westward of Trichinopoly spreads every where to the Sout
-ward & is publickly spoke of at Porto Novo he has lost about
3000 Cavalry & a number of Sepoys & is himself with 1000 K
returned to Combeconum. Mr Lally with another party to
a different rout but where he is is not known

I am informed that 5 French offic- 6 Officers

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1st have been to Chillumbrum & that they talk of sending 300 Men there some — I hear they are Collecting Draft Bullocks & making some Fascines &c — they have however landed no more People but what it is said for Mr Pigeon's return with Hyders Answer to their Proposals — 2 or 3 french Officers accompanied Mr Pigeon's to Hyder's Camp — Two French Sailors came in to day & say that 10 Sailors & Soldiers of one of the man of war had agreed to desert, but that the others could not make their escape —

They say there are 300 Pieces of Cannon for Hyder in the fleet, 60 Mortars in one Ship & the Shells in another and near 5000 Men including 1000 Coffres & 2 or 300 Sepoys of Mauritius — & that 6 of the Transports are still missing that 28 Vessells left Mauritius & they were 3 Months on their passage some of the Ships Sailing so slowly that they were at times taken in tow — that the Engagement lasted 4 Hours but they believed none of the English or french Ships received much Damage that Admiral Suffrain's Ship the Hero's Engaged W. Edwards Ship & that the old Brilliant is in the fleet —

I have the honor to be most
Respectfully

Cuddalore
6th March 1782

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
E. H. Fallofield

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c
&c &c President & Governor of Fort St George

From Mr Fallofield
19 French Vessels anchored
off Porto Novo

My Lord

The 19 french Vessells that passed this place
Yesterday from Pondichery are now anchored off Port Novo —
We have no certain Accounts of our Fleet but hear there are 4
large french Ships that were in the Engagement now at Trangubar

I have the honor to be most Respectfully
my

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My Lord

Your most obedient Humble
Servant
E W Fallofield

I have advised Your Lordship more particularly by Catteamaran

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

From General Coote
surprises a Horse Camp
enclosing letter from Capt.
Hughes at Cuddalore

My Lord

On my return last Night I had the pleasure to receive your Lordships Letter of the 7th Inst — The Expedition I had been upon proved Successful, having given an Horse Camp of between two and three thousand under the Cawnore Rajah a very Complete Alert — I am so much fatigued and Overcome by the Trip that I am not able to move from my bed, & for the present must Defer entering upon a Detail of the matter further than Merely to give Your Lordship the Satisfaction to know, that Several of their Men & Horses were killed, about 300 Bullocks taken with Some few Horses and the whole of their Camp plundered and distroyed —

I am with great truth

Your Lordships

most Obedient Servant

Eyre Coote

Great Mount
9th March 82 Eight o'Clock A.M

P.S. Enclosed I send your Lordship Copy of a Letter from Cuddalore which is just come to hand

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir
Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief in India

Sir

I did not receive any intelligence of Consequence since

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9th since my last of the 26th of February till the 4th Instant when I was informed that no Troops had been landed since the 28th of February and that the French do not intend to land any more till Mr. Peveroon and other French Officers who are gone to Hyders Camp to Return but that in the Mean time they are employed in making facins and Gabeons in the Toaps near to Porto novo, —— There is Intelligence received this morning by Mr. fallofeild that Tippo Saib and Mr. Lally left some part of their Troops at Porto novo, and went with the remainder towards Corroor, where they had intelligence of a Detachment being sent from Trichinopoly and that they meet our Detachment with a Body of Colleirs, and after along Engagement Tippoo was defeated with the loss of near 3000 Horse and Foot, He is now returned to Combaconum and has sent for the Detachment from Porto novo, to join him at that place, but Mr. Lally is not Returned neither is there any account where he is, there has been Accounts two or three Days by different People of this affair which gives us Some Reason to believe there is truth in it —

I have the honor to be Sir
with very great Respect
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) — James Hugke

Cuddalore
March 5th 1782

To John Hudleston Esqr

Capn Tod with Account of the Sum had disbursed the Diet & accommo- of the Dutch Govr. Council of Negapatam

Sir

I am this Minute favored with yours and in Answer Beg Youll Acquaint the Honble Board, that at the nearest Calcu- lation I can make, I look upon the Expence on Account of the Honble the Dutch Governour Council &c. of Negapatam that were at my Table for above a Month to Amount to between 1500 & 2000 Pagodas and that induced by the repeated Promises of being Liberally rewarded I put Myself to the greatest In convenience for their Accommodation giving up Not only My round House but every part of the Ship to them, & I beg leave to refer the Honble Board to the Dutch Gentle- men themselves for the Treatment they had while on Board the Honble Company's Ship Rochford

With regard to the Men belonging to His Majesty's

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9th Majesty's 73 Regiment I beg yeu'll be so good as Acquaint the Honble Board, that I have already 10 or 12 Charter party passengers on my Ship from Bengal & that the Season of the Year being very far Advanced & too great a probability of a tedious passage, without having a Port (of Safety) on this side the Cape, where we Can get a Supply of Water, make it a very disagreeable Business to carry such passengers — However as it is my wish to do every thing in my Power for the Satisfaction of the Board & the Good of the Service, I will Accommodate 10 or 12 of those Men — as Charter party passengers to England —

I am
Sir
With the Greatest Respect
Your most Obedient Servant
James Tod

Madras
8th March 1782

To Hudleston Esqr

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal with Copy of Sir Edw. Hughes's Letter of this Date

To the Hoble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor & Council
of Bengal

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To Bengal inclosing Copy of a Letter from Sir E. Hughes containing an account of his engagement with the French Squadron

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor to send you a Copy of a Letter we have this Moment received from Sir Edward Hughes — He is now with his whole Squadron about three Leagues to the Northward of this port & we are in hopes he will be able to get into the Road tomorrow. As soon as he arrives we shall send you further Information. We have the Honor to be &c —

Macartney &c
Select Committee

Sent the following Letter by Catamaran to Sir Edward Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes K. B.

To Sir Edw. Hughes congratulating him on the honor acquired in the late Engagement with the French Squadron

Vice Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

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squadron & assuring them of their best assistance in forwarding his Views

We have been honored with your Letter of this date and are much obliged by your communicating to us the particulars of your Engagement with the French Fleet.

The very masterly and spirited manner in which you bore down upon the French Fleet, at your departure from these Roads, claimed at that time our warmest applause and we now most sincerely congratulate you on the new honor which the British Flag has acquired by the Courage and Conduct so eminently displayed by you in the late Combat against such Superior Numbers

We hope soon to have the Satisfaction of seeing you on shore and shall most readily give our best Assistance towards Accomplishing the important objects which you mention to have in View

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Macartney &c
Select Comm

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9th March 1782

10th The Company's Ship Chapman arrived from Negapatam with the following Dispatches and Several Prisoners as Polist entered in the Miscellany Book No 18

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the President at Anjengo advising that the French Privateers at Tellicherry had refitted were preparing to proceed on a Cruize

I had the Honor last night to receive your Lordships &c Commands of the 24th ultimo and shall agreeable thereto exert my best Endeavors to procure every interesting Intelligence I possibly can relative to the Company's Concerns of which you shall be punctually advised ——— should there be occasion I shall avail myself of your Lordships &c Permission to draw on the Paymaster

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15th Paymaster at Palemcotah for what Cash I may find it requisite to disburse on this account. By a Letter from our Resident at Goa dated the 22d Ultimo I learn that Monsieur Du Chien Commander of the Prince, and the Brig. French Privateers had refitted and were upon the point of sailing on a Cruise — In Consequence of Mr. Morleys ill state of Health which obliged him to take his passage on the Royal Admiral the 10th instant for Bombay, the Charge of Affairs at this settlement has devolved upon me

I remain with the greatest Respect

Anjengo
18th December 1781

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient
& most Humble Servant
John Hutchins

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

From Tellicherry — regain possession of all the country adjacent thereto & to Make, as far as the Ettoor River — & advising of the Capture of all the Dutch Settlement on the west Coast of Sumatra —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Enclosed we send you duplicate of a Letter we addressed you under the 9th instant —

We have now the pleasure to acquaint you that we have not only repossessed ourselves of all the Honble Company's former Territories here, and Make but likewise all the country to the Southward of this Place as far as Ettoor River which is within six miles on this side of Calicut —

On the 18th instant at 6 P.M. four large Ships passed this Port to the Southward which we imagined were two Portugues Ships under the Convoy of two of their Frigates but the following Morning the Resident received from Bombay a letter from the Honble the Governor acquainting him of