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1. Received Letters of the 29th Ultimo and of this date from his Highness the Nabob as entered in C:C: Nos 38 & 39

Received the following Letter and Enclosure 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 enclosing a Letter from Capt. Mc Kenzie and recommending that he be invalided with the rank of a Major

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose a Letter I have this Day received from Captain Alexander Mackenzie, and to give my Opinion to the Committee that, in consequence of his long Services and the present State of his health, he should be promoted to the Rank of a Major and invalided in that Rank, which I hope will meet with your Concurrence.

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obed.t Serv.t

Eyre Coote

Fort St. George

1st April 1782

To his Excellency Sir Eyre Coote K B

Commander in Chief of India,

Sir,

Being unfit for field Service at present tho able to do Garison Duty and in the opinions of the Surgeon General my health may be reestablished, in the Promotions about to take place I begin your recommendation of me to the Right Honble President and select committee to submit myself to your Generosity and Justice. I should think it improper to join the Army as a Field Officer, unless I were certain of being able to discharge the Duties of that Station with health and ability. As I cannot therefore depend upon my State of health I think it a duty I owe to the Service and a duty incumbent on me to represent to your Excellency that I do not wish the Public Service to suffer on my account. I am, with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

A. Mc Kenzie

Fort St George

30th March 1782

Approved S.t Agreed that Captain M.c Kenzie be promoted to the Rank of Major and invalided in that Rank agreeably to the Generals recommendation

Received Letters from the Surgeon General as entered in Miscellany Book N.o 3 requesting that order may be issued for landing some of the Medecines and Surgeon's Instruments on board the June Fleet belonging to Bengal

Received Letter from M.r Mospet as entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 2 requesting Leave and Passports to go to Europe or Batavia

Received Letter from Lieutenant Keating as entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 1 requesting to be removed to Masulipatam; and to be paid his arrears of Pay

Dispatched the following Letters

To Sir Edward Hughes K.t B.

Vice Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India

To Sir Edward Hughes enclosing a Letter received by the Europe Packet

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose you a Letter in Cypher addressed to you that came in our Packets as you have N.o 10 we do not send it you decyphered. We have the honor to be, Sir

Your most obed.t humb.e Serv.ts

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Macartney
&c.a Select Committee

To James Daniel Esq.r
Chief.k Council of Masulipatam

To Masulipatam Janjam Vizagapatam with account of the arrival of the June Fleet of Indiamen

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the

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1st President and select Committee inform you that the following Ships arrived here yesterday morning The Neptune French Prize Frigate of 32 Guns. The Bloomsford, Fleetford, Deptford, Chesterfield Lord Mulgrave Rochenbrook and Tartar. The Fleet having fortunately met Sir Edward Hughes the day before. Then Conway the Magnanime and Sultan joined him and the rest proceeded to this Place The Northumberland which was also one of the June Fleet was sent on to Bengal.

Sir Edward Hughes with this reinforcement is gone in quest of the Enemy

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servt
John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St George
1 April 1782

The same to Vizagapatam Jangam & Cuddalore.

2d Received the Town Majors Report of 457 Bullocks being arrived

Recieved the Following Letters

From Mr Hodges enclosing a letter from Chetsham Jung with his sentiments thereon

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B
President and Governor &c &c
My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose you a translate of a Letter just come in from Chetsham Jung, wherein your Lordship will perceive no marks of hostile intentions The Vakul who wishes to recommend himself to us in a mode proper to succeed and which we will adopt as it tends exactly to fulfill the wishes of your Lordship and the Committee, to procrastinate without the appearance of doing so, not that I believe Chetsham Jung has now any serious thoughts of quarelling with the Government All that is necessary to be done to satisfy him at present is to employ a few Peons who endeavor to find out the place where Dammelah Ramiah lies concealed, if found, to send a small party of Sepoys

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2d Sepoys to serve his Person, these for the satisfaction of Chitcham Jung might be accompanied by the European he calls Delawar Jung but if not in our dominions, which is next to a certainty will be the case, to inform him of our ill Designs and desire him to point out any other mode of making a research. Should Daumetah Ramiah leave the Soubhah's Country, and report says he is, as Chitcham Jung is now in our Troops cannot enter it, and as he will not dare to send his own there his application will of course cease hours on this Subject and I flatter myself your Lordship will not on this account have further Trouble.

From the Honble Boards commands respecting our home Farmer in a former Letter, wherein they are pleased to declare nothing to any determination on his proposals without first having Mr Daniells Opinion and from their Lett of the 5th instant wherein they Say "that having now obtained it Bi Hr they determine upon accepting the Bell." it appears my Lord, to be understood the business that was recommended regarding Letchmanarow on the 10th January was transacted under the Council alone, on the contrary, I permit me to assure your Lordship, it was concluded at one board before Mr Daniell left this Place, nay so very much was this the case, that as Mr Daniell set out on his Mission, before the Letter could be wrote for his Signature also, for the Truth of the above, permit me to refer your Lordship to the Letter itself, where Mr Daniells signature will appear, which hitherto must have been overlooked by the Board

I had the honor of addressing your Lordship on the 6th which Letter was I hope duly received.

Masulipatam
9th March 1782

I am, My Lord
With perfect Respect
Your Lordships most faithful and
most obedient humble Servant
James Hodges

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2nd To James Hodges Esqr.
Provisional Chief of
Masulipatam

I have received your Letter, furnishing me with
particulars you received from Madrass, telling me that the Company
and my father had a very long friendship, and that you were ready —
to punish those who were my Enemies. I understand well the contents
it is known to all the World that my father was a sincere friend to the
Company and for my part I hope to be still on greater alliance —
with the Company than ever was my Father since this long —
time Daumerlah Ramiah availing himself of the Protection of —
the Zemindars of Zummeruhany and Mudoor Gullow, threw my —
Country into entire Confusion and ruined it. For you therefore
to play such distructive Tricks to protect and support my Enemy and
you to suffer it, is very contrary to the Friendship you had for my
Father. To have this Grievance redressed I a long time since sent —
my Vakel Coja Cutta to Masulipatam and the Chiefs and Council
agreed to punish my Foes, but have not done it according to their promise
Many Letters on this Subject have I wrote, now again I write to you
to let you know that if the Company please to let some of their Troops
join with my Sardar Delavar Jung who is now on the Borders of their
Country to find this Daumerlah Ramiah it is well but if this is —
disagreable to them. I shall be very glad if they will send their Troops
alone to secure him, this if they do, the friendship between the Company
and me will be cemented more strongly.

From Bombay —
advising of the arrivals
there of the Locks, Latham
Easterly and Asia Major
Abington taken Cuddalore

To The Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K B
&c. Select Committee Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the pleasure to acquaint you

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2nd That the Ships Locke, Latham Asia and Osterly arrived here the 4th instant. The San Carlos and transports on advice of the departure of the French Fleet from the Mauritius returned from Anjango to Calliere which has been taken by the Troops under Major Abington with a great part of Hyder Ally's fleet. We have advised Captain Smith to return with the Troops and Transports to Bombay. General Goddard has received advice from Mr Holland of the French Fleet having been actually arrived on your coast

We are

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servts

Bombay Castle
6th March 1782

Signed Wm Hornby
D Draper
Thos Goddard

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Select Committee

From Negapatam The french Squadron in sight

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive the Duplicate and triplicate of your Letter dated the 3rd inst and as the Coast is now clear we shall have daily opportunities of sending dispatches by Sea. The Rear of the French Squadron are still in sight to the SE and standing towards Ceylon

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most humble and
most obedient Servant
James Johnston

Negapatam
27th March 1782

From Mr Van Klessingen requests to Ship his effects on board the Begum Shop

Mr Van Klessingen presents his most humble compliments to your Lordship and requests a letter of recommendation to the Gentleman

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2nd Gentleman the Commander of Negapatam to give free liberty to his Attornies to Ship without any hinder on board the Pegue Ship which is to go thither in a few days such effects as he required from them to send here for the finishing of his affair with the Gentlemen agents here.

Tuesday the 2d April

Dispatched the following Letters

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

To Bengal with advice of the arrival of the Fleet & that the Sultan and Magnanime has joined the Squadron

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have now the Pleasure to inform you that the whole of the India Fleet viz Pinching[illegible] Blandford, Lord Mulgrave, Hartford, Deptford, Chesterfield and Tartar are safely arrived together with his Majesty's Ship Nuckar The Ships of the line which convoyed them, the Sultan and Magnamime joined Sir Edward Hughes on the 3d. & he immediately proceeded in quest of the enemy.

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

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To Captain Johnston
Commanding at
Negapatam

To Capt. Johnston directing him to permit Mr Van Klopingen's Attornies to ship off any of his effects

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to signify to you their orders that you permit the Attornies of Mr Van Klopingen to ship on a Pegue Vessel which will shortly Sail for Negapatam any part of his effects

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2d That they may be desirous of sending to this Place

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servt

John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St George
2nd April 1782

Mr Erskine appd Grainkeeper to the army

Agreed that Mr Erskine be appointed Grain keeper to the Army in the Room of Mr Forster resigned.

3d Received the following Letter

From Cuddalore. The French arrive within sight of besieging it enclosing extracts of letters from Mr Sullivan

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

My Lord,

This morning the Forces of Tippo Saib and Mons. Lally arrived at our bound hedge, from whence their encampment extends to Trevendiporam, Pilaly, Chermaun Chermaun delum, and the neighbouring Villages. As they have brought a large train of Artillery with them and European Officers mixed by large Bodies of black Cavalry have entered the Bounds and endeavoured to reconnoitre the Works, there is scarcely any Room to doubt that their design is an immediate attack on this Fort And this supposition is strongly confirmed by our intelligence from their Camp as well as from Pondicherry and Porto Novo. An other Body of 1400 French with Guns and the black Troops at Porto Novo are expected this Evening at Mortipolliam to act in conjunction with Tippo's army. it is said this last Body at Porto Novo have about 3000 good Bullocks with them

The following is an Extract of a letter from Mr Sullivan at Tanjore which I received to day

"Tanjore 27th March 1782

"By a letter received this day from Palamcotah I am informed of

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3d " The arrival of four Ships of War under French colours at Cochin the intelligence I believe to be good, and therefore beg of you to send it to Lord Macartney. We shall [have] a detachment of Seven hundred regulars out tomorrow. I expect good from it. I hope the news will detach you from another Quarter"

I do scarcely imagine the small detachment mentioned by Mr Sullivan can venture to act the Coleroon in our Situation, we can derive any material benefit from their operations.

Letters from Tranquebar confirm the passing of the french fleet by that place standing to the South East and all accounts agree they are going to Trincomalé

I have just received a letter from Capt Johnston at Negapatam he acquaints me that all is quiet and well at that place he mentions the arrival of a packet from England via Anjango with the news that one Regiment of light horsemen and two regiments of foot were to come in the October fleet but he does not say where the packet was rece'd.

I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord

Your most obedient humble

Servant

E H Fallofield

Cuddalore
5th April 1782

To His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote K.B

Lieut. General & Commander in Chief of India

From Capt Edmonds the Provisions in store will be rendered unserviceable unless exchanged

Sir! I Hereby I have the honor to send you a return of the Troops doing duty in this Garrison for the Month of March: also to represent to you that some part of the Provisions which has been laid in two years Since require to be exchanged such as Ghee Chillies &c &c or a very little time will render it unserviceable. I have spoke with the Killadar who was Alive

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3 Used to direct and manage these Matters, but at present he appears me
his authority is of no weight. I have spoke to Ramchunder Rauze
also who seems convinced that it ought to be done, but will take no steps
toward doing it. This is the Season for its being done and should another
month elapse, some difficulty may be found in procuring the different
Articles. A very positive and absolute order will be necessary, or many
excuses will be framed to evade it.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect

Sir,

Your most obed.t humb.e Servant

Edw.d Edmonds

Capt. Comm.r

Onyole
1st. April 1782

Received the following Letter

From Capt. Wolseley to Sir Edward Hughes with the state of the ships and troops under his Convoy.

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.n B.

Sir,

I hope Captain Christie on his Majesty's Ship Hannibal has, long before this, joined you with my dispatches from St Helena; I have the honor to acquaint you that I sailed from that Island the 8th December last with his Majesty's ships Sultan and Le Neckar under my command and the seven East Indias Ships named in the Margin, having on board the 73d. Regiment and after a tedious passage of fifteen weeks; having for these three Weeks past met with continual calms, since passing the equator, I have fortunately arrived thus far. The Troops in those Ships (except the Blandford and Chesterfield) are in a tolerable healthy State; I am sorry to say that the Scurvy prevails much in the Kings Ships as well as therefore Ships. The Le Neckar in particular has lost a great part of her men by that disorder. Yesterday his Majesty's ship Sultan, after a few hours Chase, brought into the Fleet the Fleuchenbrook outward bound East Indiaman, which had parted from the Convoy under the protection of Commodore Johnstone on July last, Two hundred Leagues to the Westward of the Cape of good Hope; being in great want of

Blandford, Earl of
Chesterfield, Earl of
Hertford, Deptford,
Northumberland,
Lord Mulgrave, Tartar

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3d Into Mosambique on the Coast of Africa, where she continued three Months, and had also been obliged to put into the great Nicobar Island for Wood and Water; Captain Maxwell of that Ship having represented to me that he was under orders from the East India Company to proceed to Bengal, but having suffered much with the loss of Anchors and Cables at Praya Bay, he was under the necessity of going to Madras. I have therefore taken him under my Protection.

As his Majesty's Ship Le Necker, from the Sickly state she is in, and other accidents that have happened to her during the Voyage, is not in a condition to be sent forward to give you Intelligence of my near approach to the Coast of Coromandel; I have judged it necessary to order Captain Kirton of the Elizabeth armed Snow, in the service of the Honble East India Company who joined me a few days ago, from Bencoolen with a Paquet to the Governor General and Council at Bengal, to receive on board these Dispatches, she being a fast sailing Vessel, and proceed with them to Madras, — without a moments loss of time; On his arrival should he not find you there; I hope the Senior Officer of his Majestys ships will think it proper to send out a vessel to give me intelligence of the situation of our affairs on that Coast as I have not been fortunate enough to meet with any vessel that has given me the least information since October last, I am perswaded the Governor and Council, should there be none of his Majesty's Ships at Madras, will take such effectual measures, that I may approach the Coast in Security from a superior Force of the enemy.

As the wind is now fair and likely to continue I hope to reach Madras soon after the arrival of the Elizabeth.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient humble Servt

C Mobley

Magnanime at Sea
18 March 1782
at 6 p M. Lat. 8. 20 N
Long. 90. 00 E.

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George

Wednesday 3d April

5 Received letters from Mr Hodges and Mr Peters as entered in the Miscellany Book N° 6 & 7

A Select Committee Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

President & Governor

Lieut.t General Sir Eyre Coote K.B, Anthony Sadlier Esq.r

Alexander Davidson Esq.r

Morgan Williams Esq.r

Major General Sir Hector Munro

undisposed. John Holland Esq.r Resident at the Court of the Nizam

Minutes of the last Committee read and approved

Minutes of the committee on the subject of the difficulties they have been under on the part of the Nabob with respect to his assignment to the Company and resolving that his irregular troops shall be taken under the Company's orders

The difficulties which the President has experienced in his attempts to collect the Jaghire revenue that remains in the Nabobs Country are particularly stated in his Letter to the Nabob of the 28th February and in the remarks in his Letter to the President of the 7th of March

To enlarge upon the subject here would be superfluous and the committee have only entered upon it with the view of coming to such resolutions as appear immediately necessary to give full effect to the assignments made to the Company.

It is now evident to the committee from the Nabobs whole conduct that they are to expect the most determined opposition to every measure they adopt. The Nabob seems to have entirely thrown off the mask, and the Question now is, whether the Company shall passively sink under the embarrassments of their Situation, or endeavor to extricate themselves at all events, by such exertions as are still left in their power. In other Words whether they shall yield to the Artifices used by the Nabob to

Depart

Defeat the purpose of his solemn agreement, or proceed by their own Authority to render that agreement effectual.

Hitherto they have with much inconvenience and distress to their Affairs adhered too strictly to the line of Forbearance. With such ample Powers as the Governor General and Council of Bengal have conveyed to them they might have taken the most decisive meamures for realizing the resources of the Carnatic, but they had no Conception the Nabob would so compleatly withhold his assistance at this critical Juncture, or venture so far as to violate his most positive engagements at a time, when the committee were employing all the faculties of the Company in repelling a dangerous invader from the Country

Their Eyes are now open and the evils resulting from the Nabobs conduct are encreased to such a degree as to require the strongest remedies.

The Nabob has positively refused or evaded compliance with every requisition that has been made to him and it is impossible to draw any Revenue from the Carnatic unless some material Changes take place

[Agreably to the resolution under date the 28 February advertisements were issued for renting the assigned countries in our possession and the proposals hereafter entered have in consequence been received. Resolved,] First.

That the said proposals be referred to the committee of assigned Revenues for their opinion.

2d. That the several provinces of the Carnatic not in the possession of the Enemy, shall be let out as soon as possible to such renters as the Committee shall approve, with a renewal of the Assurances which have been given of every Protection and support on the part of the Company.

3d. That all the Nabobs irregular Troops in the Country shall with All

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All convenient speed as far as can be done be taken under the Company's orders. That the commanding officers in the several Districts shall be empowered to enlist such of them as may be absolutely necessary, and that the rest which are not necessary be dismissed with a Provision for their arrears of Pay similar to that which hath been already settled with respect to the Troops lately dismissed at Nellore.

L.thly That it be recommended to the President with the assistance of the committee of assigned revenues to consider of the expences established in the several Provinces of the Carnatic and to propose such reductions as shall appear proper and suited to the present exhausted state of the Revenue.

Sir Eyre Coote delivers in the following Minute

Minute of Sir Eyre Coote recommending promotions

I have the honor to lay before the Committee my Recommendation of Officers for the command of Corps and for other appointments vacant in the Army in consequence of yesterday's Revolution of the 28th Ult. and late Casualties Viz.

Captain Donald Maitland to command the 6th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys, and ensign George Smith to be adjutant

Captain George Clarke to command the 13th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys,

Captain Robert Temple to command the 22nd Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys and Lieutenant Thomas Baker to be adjutant

Captain John Darrell to command the 16th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys,

Captain William Champness to command the 23d Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys and Lieutenant John Allen to be Adjutant

Captain William Baker to command the 24th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys and Lieutenant William Andrews to be adjutant

Captain George Longyngham to command the 25th Carnatic Battalion

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Battalion of Sepoys and Ensign Thomas Cuthinson to be adjutant.

Captain Robert Scouler to command the 26th Carnatic

Battalion of Sepoys and Lieutenant William Brocket Stevens to be adjutant

Captain Bartholomew Vigors to command the 27 Carnatic

Battalion of Sepoys and Ensign William Wilcox to be adjutant

Captain Hugh Montgomery to command the 3d Circar

Battalion of Sepoys and Lieutenant Walter Anderson to be adjutant

Capt. Thomas Bridges removed from the 7th to the Command

of the 6th Circar Battalion of Sepoys and the troops in the Ganjam district.

Captain Richard Tolson to command the 7th Circar

Battalion.

Ensign Daniel Carey to be Fort Major of Vellore vacant

by Captain Tolson's appointment to a Sepoy Corps and Ensign John

Weston to be fort adjutant of Vellore in the room of Ensign Carey

Lieutenant Archibald Gillon to be adjutant to the

10th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys

The Death of Captain James Johnstone commanding

the 3d Circar Battalion of Sepoys having been officially reported by

Captain Lysaught the vacancy in a Sepoy Corps arising therefrom

is included above. Lieutenant Thomas Meek is the Senior Lieut.

after those already recommended for Promotion. Date of Rank as

Captain 16th January 1782.

I also beg leave to acquaint the Committee

that Captain Bate having been taken Prisoner by the French.

Lieutenant Walter Dowglas who has acted as Deputy Adjutant

General with the Army during the War is the Senior Lieutenant

for Promotion. Date of Rank as Captain 17th January 1782

I think it necessary to inform the Committee at the same

time that the vacancy arising from the Capture of Captain Bate

by an European power is not exactly similar to that of those

taken by Hyder as an exchange or release may take place. The

Right

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Right Honble the President and select Committee will determine how far this difference should operate against the Promotion of Lieutenant Waller Douglas.

I beg leave to recommend that Mr Joseph Gordon Junr Surgeon who has served the Company for a number of Years be admitted on the list of Minor Cadets.

I take the liberty of calling the attention of the Committee to the case of Lt William Younge of the European Troop who has served with me and been wounded during the War. Had it been possible to carry into effect the Company's orders relative to the European Cavalry Lieutenant Younge would have held the Rank of Captain in that Line long ago it is therefore a hardship that he should suffer so materially in his Rank from that cause and more particularly so at this time as the promotion which has taken place in the Infantry leaves him the junior of many officers to whom he was senior before; for the above reasons joined to the strong recommendations of this officer by the Court of Directors as will appear from the following Extract of their general letter to this Presidency dated in April 1773. I beg leave to propose that Lieutenant William Younge be appointed a Captain of Cavalry his date of Rank 15th January 1782 which will leave him in the same degree of Command as before with the Lieutenants of Infantry promoted to the Rank of Captains

Extract of General Letter from the Court of Directors dated April 1773

"The character which Lieutenant William Younge of your Military bears as an experienced officer in his Majestys Cavalry makes us very desirous of his being employed and promoted in the same line in our Services; We therefore recommend him to your particular Notice on the first vacancy which may be to his Gentlemans Advantage"

I have the honor to be &c &c

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Captain to command the Tanjore sibindy

1st Battalion — Lieutenant Cooke commanding
Ensign William Lumrick adjutant

2nd Battalion — Lieutenant James Cram commanding
Ensign James Wellwood Adjutant

3d Battalion — Lieutenant Thomas Knox commanding
Ensign Ellison Sober Adjutant

4th Battalion — Lieutenant Eastland commanding
Ensign Crump adjutant

Circar Sibendy

Vizagapatam — Lieutenant James Ruspel commanding
Ensign John Munro adjutant

Ganjam — Lieutenant Eastbrooke Commanding
Ensign Thomas Hart's adjutant

Masulipatam — Lieutenant Stephen Towns commanding
Ensign William Tullock Adjutant

The additional promotions of Ensigns to the Rank of Lieutenants on a supposition that Lieutenants Meek and Douglas are named Captains with the list of Cadets to succeed to the vacant Ensignacies will be laid before the Committee as soon as the names and Seniority of those arrived in the June Fleet is ascertained.

Agreed that the Promotions now recommended by the General, together with those recommended in his Letter of the 17th. ultimo and 28th. March, be immediately issued in General orders;

Agreed upon

Agreed also that Captain Nelson as well as Captain Mackenzie be promoted to the Rank of Major, and invalided and that Captain John Campbell and Lieutenant Edmond Browne be also invalided and the latter promoted to the Rank of Captain

Captains Nelson & Mackenzie invalided with the rank of major. & Capt. John Campbell & Lieutenant Browne invalided as Captains

and

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Read the following Letters

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St George

From Mr Norris, borrows 4000 Pagodas to defray the expences of the Garrison of Trichinopoly

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 19th January and beg leave to return my sincere thanks for the favor you have been pleased to confer on me, my utmost endeavors shall be exerted to merit your good opinion and fulfil your commands to the best of my abilities.

The Troops of this Garrison being several months in arrears of pay and rather clamorous Yesterday prevailed on the principal Sowcar &c. Renter to advance 4,000 Star Pagodas, on condition that he should be repaid from the amount of Sales of Paddy sold in and about the Fort, on no other account would he advance money this sum I understand will answer short to pay the Sepoys up for the month of October last. I granted the Sowcar a note in the name of the Company at the rate of 12 ℘ Cent ℘ annum.

If your Lordship &c. should approve of this plan, I believe I shall be able to provide this sum monthly.

I propose setting off in two or three days in company with the Renter to visit the several districts dependant on Trichinopoly and shall use every means in my power to bring all the Grain possible into the Fort. I have the honor to remain with great Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

Trichinopoly
14th February 1782

Henry Norris

From the Commissary to the army recommending that the establishment of Bullocks be increased

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I must take the Liberty of addressing

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Your Lordship &c. on a matter which at first may appear of little importance but as it frequently happens that many inconveniencies arise from the want of Doolies I beg leave to call your attention to this point

The present establishment of Doolies and Boys now with the army have been found by experience not adequate to the services required of them and it has been represented to me that it will be necessary to have at least thirty six complete Doolies with one hundred and eighty boys more than are at present in camp for which purpose I do myself the honor of sending the enclosed indent. I must also beg Leave to represent to your Lordship &c. that upon the arrival of the expected Troops from Europe and the army be joined by two thousand Europeans they will require two hundred Doolies and nine hundred Boys more than the present establishment including the before mentioned thirty six complete doolies; The Surgeon Major with whom I have consulted on this occasion, has declared that the army must have at least the number I mentioned to be distributed among the different Corps, for that men not inured to this climate will by marching soon fall sick of Fevers and other disorders peculiar to this Country. The providing Doolies I imagine can be easily accomplished and if your Lordship &c. would now give the necessary orders for engaging boys to be ready when their services are wanted the army will soon experience the good effect of having a proper establishment of Doolies.

I have the honor to be with respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient Hble Servt

Wm Jackson Comm.y to the Army

Camp
28 March 1782

The Secretary is desired to write a private Letter to Mr. Norris to inform him that as the established interest is 8 p.r Cent he cannot be publickly authorized to allow 12 p.r Cent, but that he may continue

p.r

minute on the above Letter

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To do it for the present and urge the plea of necessity.

Agreed that the additional Doolies recommended by the Commissary to the Army be accordingly allowed.

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council of Manulipatam with the enclosures entered in the Miscellany Book.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have been honored in the Receipt of your commands of the 26th ultimo and 5th instant.

In compliance with the former our best endeavors shall be used for laying up all the Grain that can be collected at this place and the other Forts in the District. Your orders in the latter shall be duly attended to.

From Manulipatam recommending that Ensign Turner be paid his arrears & that Mr Williams be reimbursed the amount of 20 bullocks supplied the Seahorse

Having had an application made to us by Ensign Turner of the 3d Circar Battalion through the Commanding officer of the Troops in this district, to be paid Two months arrears of Bayand Batta amounting to S. Pagodas 69. 16. 76. We have judged proper herewith to refer the same to your Lordship &c. and to request your directions thereupon, and as we are liable frequently to have applications of a similar kind from Officers who may be ordered from the Southward to join Corps in this District we request to be favored with your orders whether such are at all times to be complied with. We also beg leave to refer to you an application from Mr James Coulter Williams to be paid the amount of Twenty bullocks supplied his Majesty's Ship Seahorse in December 1779 as specified therein by order of the Chief and as we are satisfied of the Truth of the Representation we request your Lordship &c will do what you may deem proper in the affair, to have Mr Williams reimbursed

We are respectfully My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obed. hble Servt
James Hodges

Manulipatam
19th March 1782

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A Minute thereon

Agreed that the Applications stated in the foregoing Letter be complied with and that the following answer be written in Consequence

To Jaines Daniell Esqr.

Chief & Council of Masulepatam

To Masulipatam in answer to their above Letter advising them that Mr Bowie is appointed Assistant Surgeon at that Settlement

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Ultimo and of that from Mr. Hodges to the President of the 24th Ultimo and to inform you that you have their permission to pay Lieutenant Turner the amount of his Pay for the Months of March and April 1781 and to allow Mr Williams's Claims for Bullocks &c. supplied Captain Panton of his Majesty's Ship Isis Rome. The select Committee approve of your discharging in future the arrears that may be due to any Officers that may be sent from hence to Masulipatam and I am to inform you in answer to Mr. Hodges's Letter to the President that when the Select Committee ordered the Supernumeraries to be sent to the Presidency they certainly meant all the Sepoys above the old establishment

arrears

In consequence of a representation from you some time since of the wants of Medical assistants at Masulipatam Mr. Bowie an assistant Surgeon has been appointed to proceed thither.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St George

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Bills granted to Messrs. Davidson & Jourdan for their expences at Tanjore

Messrs. Davidson and Jourdan having made application for the allowance of 10 Pagodas ℔ diem for their expences on the late deputation to Tanjore. Agreed that they be paid their respective Balances in the following manner

Mr. Davidsons amounting to Pags. 2150 by Bills on Masulipatam.

Balance of Mr Jourdans Account amounting to Pags. 1520 by Bills on Bengal.

Mr. Flowyer junr. appd Clerk to the Committee of Stores.

Agreed that Mr. Charles Flowyer be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Stores, in the Room of Mr. Erskine appointed Grain keeper with this Army.

The German Prisoners formed into a Company of Rangers

Agreed that Germans of the Prisoners who have lately enlisted in the Companys Service as per return be formed into a separate Corps for the Reception of all foreign Deserters, and called the Company of Rangers, to be paid as Infantry the Officers to have no Rank.

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General order with an augmentation of the present establishment

4th Issued the following General Orders

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Captains Richard Nelson and Meraider Mackenzie being rendered by ill health incapable of doing Duty. The Right Honble The President and select Committee in consideration of their long Services are pleased to promote them to the rank of Majors, and to invalid them in that Rank. Capt.n John Campbell and Lieut.t Edmond Brown being on the same Predicament are also invalided and the latter promoted to the Rank of Captain

The Right Honble The President and select Committee are pleased to order that the following Officers be struck off the effective List of the army they being on England or otherwise non effective to its Duties.

Major Henry Augustus Montague Corby.
Captain William Collins
Captain William Russel
Captain Thomas Baggot
Captain Thomas Burrowes.
Captain Walter home Adair.
Captain John Mordaunt.
Ensign D F Griffin.
Ensign Marshal Saunders.

The following Promotions are now ordered to take place.

	Date of Rank
Artillery	
Lieut.t George Dunbar to be Capt.n Lieut.t	18th January 1782
Lt. F. Worker F A. Mantelle to be Lieut.t	18th do do
Volunteer B.r D.y Lally to be Lieut.t F Worker	18th do do
Volunteer William Orr to be Lieut.t F. W.r	19th do do
Infantry	
Capt.n H. Robert Alcock to be Major	1st do do

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			Date of Rank
4th	Captain Thomas Browne to be Major		2d January 1782
	Lieut. Thomas Stonehouse to be Captain	1	do — do
	James Stuart	do	2d do do
	John Bailie	do	3 do do
	Urban Vigors	do	4th do do
	George Muat	do	5th do do
	Edmond Nelson	do	6th do do
	John Taylor	do	7th do do
Ensigns	Thos. Heggintottom to be Lieut.		1st January 1782
	Simon Dalrymple	do	2 do do
	William Stevens	do	3 do do
	T J Durand	do	4th do do
	George Smith	do	5th do do
	James Brunton	do	6th do do
	Thomas Poole	do	7th do do
	John Bannerman	do	8th do do
	Robert Strahan	do	9th do do
	R B Hubert	do	10th do do
	Francis Capper	do	11th do do
Volunteers	Jeorge Lang to be Ensign		1st January 1782
	William Fleming	do	2nd do do
	Reynold Macalister	do	3d do do
	Ralph R Petrie	do	4th do do
	John Hewitson	do	5th do do
	C Hewitson	do	6th do do
	Hamilton Hale	do	7th do do
	Boulston Robinet	do	8th do do
	Robert Munro	do	9th do do
	Charles Rumley	do	10th do do
	Francis Storey	do	11th do do

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Date of Rank

4th Volunteers Bagain Shaw to be Ensign 12 January 1782

George Shaw ——— } Next after the Cadets of
William Heathane — } 1782 from England
——— Camp ——— }

Lieut. Anthony Beale to be adjutant to the
1st Batt. 2d Reg. vice Peter Campbell resigned.

Lieut. John Heath to be adjutant to the
5th Coast Battalion vice B Butler resigned.

The Right Honble The Governor and Select
Committee have been pleased to resolve that the Native new
Infantry Corps and Levies to the Southward and those at the
Presidency raised since the Commencement of the present War
and now paid by the Company, shall be formed into 6 Battalions,
to be received on the Strength of the Establishment and to be
denominated the 22nd, 23d 24th, 25th 26th & 27th Carnatic
Battalions of Sepoys. The 22d & 23d Batts being already
in a great degree established, the new Battalions at Trichinopoly,
now under the Town major there to be called the 24th. And the
new Infantry Levies raised by Captain Gibbings at Madura to form
the 25th Battalion. The 1st 2d 3d Madras Battalions to be returned
as the 26th and 27th Carnatic Battalions

The Senior officers of the Troops to the Southward
will give orders that the above Corps viz the 22d. 23d. 24th & 25th Batts
be established in the most expeditious and fair manner, by proportioning
by a regular draft, as nearly as the Situation of affairs will permit
the Company Gioned and non commissioned native officers and Sepoys, so
as to have in each of the new Battalions, an equal number of officers
and men who have seen Service.

The Supernumerary Infantry Levies to the Southward
after forming the above four Battalions to be taken to compleat the
following

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4th. Following Corps or Parts of Corps in that district viz.t

The 1st Carnatic Battalions to 7 companies

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6th ... do ... 8 do

7th ... do ... 7 do

10th ... do ... Compliat

13th ... do ... 8 Companies

19th ... do ... 5

4 Battalions Tanjore Sibbindy

1 do Light Infantry

The Right Honble the Presidents and Select Committee have also been pleased to resolve, that the establishment shall be encreased with an Augmentation of Officers for the Sibbendy Corps in the following Proportion and who are to rise in the General Line of the Infantry Viz.t

To each Battalion of Sibbendy in the Tanjore Country 1 Lieu.t & 1 Ens.n with an Officer of the rank of Captain over the whole.

To each Battalion of Sibbendy on the Coromandel Coast 1 Lieu.t & 1 Ens.n Captain Daniel Burr is accordingly to join the Battalion he stands appointed to.

Should it be thought proper to order a reduction of the military establishments after a peace is concluded, it is to be understood that the Officers who shall then be found to be supernumerary to the Number required for the present Strength of the Army on the several Ranks, shall serve with the pay of the Rank next below them, until Vacancies fall to entitle them to receive pay without additional expence to the Company on account of the increase of Battalions now ordered but their Rank cannot be forfeited by any subreductions of the Establishment and Promotion will be ordered to keep up the Strength of Officers in each

Rank

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4th As now resolved upon, but without causing any additional expence to the Company:

The Senior officer of the Troops to the Southward to report to Government and to the Commander in Chief the State and Strength of the New Corps as soon as formed. He is also to attend to the Compleating with good Men the Corps or parts of Corps in the Southern Districts already on the Strength of the army as above after from the supernumerary Levies in that Quarter or otherways as may be found most expedient and convenient for the Service.

The Officer commanding Madura to take Charge of the Company of Topasses doing duty there: His to consist of the following Strength

Lieu	Serj	Corpl	Drs	Fife	Bugl	Private
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The Topasses at Tanjore to be formed into two Companies each Company to be of the same Strength as that at Madura The Town Major of Tanjore to continue in charge of the two Companies of Topasses doing duty in that Garrison

The Native officers and Sepoys now doing duty in the Company of Marksmen, to be struck off the Strength of Battalions and the Corps of Marksmen to be compleated as soon as possible to the following Strength forming two Companies Viz

Lieu	Serj	Major	Havr	Drs	Bugl	Sepoys
2.	2.	10.	10.	4.	2.	130

Lieut Radford Adjutant of the 9th Battalion is directed to take upon him to take the Command until further orders of the part of that Corps collected to the Southward, and the black officers & Sepoys belonging to Battalions or Companies now in Camp near the Mount to be sent to Madras by the first Sea Conveyance that they may join their Corps and Companies respectively

The 3 Companies of the 1st Carnatic Battalion now doing Duty

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4th As the Presidency will have orders by your that Corps as Sanyor as soon as the Situation of the Service will permit—

The present Situation of some of the Corps to the Southward demands immediate attention. not only Corps but Companies being much divided. The Commanding Officer in that Quarter will see the whole or the parts as much reunited as possible in every Case where the Service does not positively require their being otherways

Officers fit for Promotion to establish the New Corps with the augmentation of Officers on account of the additional Corps

Lieut Edward Jourdan to be Captain — 8th January 1782

× Joseph Butler — do — 9th do do

Barth.w Negors — do — 10th do do

William Bruce — do — 11th do do

Arch.d Brown — do — 12th do do

Philip Mayne — do — 13th do do

N. L. Walbot — do — 14th do do

John North — do — 15th do do

Ensigns John Cuppage to be Lieutenants — 12th January 1782

Alexander Boswell — do — 13th do do

Abraham Hughes — do — 14th do do

Thomas Dallas — do — 15th do do

Joachim Sundt — do — 16th do do

× Rob.t Lang — do — 17th do do

Ludowick Sundt — do — 18th do do

John Torin — do — 19th do do

John Griffiths — do — 20th do do

Charles Coupland — do — 21st do do

John Allen — do — 22d do do

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			Date of Rank
4th Ensigns	Adam Lindsay to be Lieutenant		23d June 1782
	Alexander Foulis	do	24th do do
	Peter Dejoe	do	25th do do
	William Collings	do	26th do do
	Charles Macalister	do	27 do do
	Keith Macalister	do	28th do do
	Arthur Gebbings	do	29th do do
	John Long	do	30th do do
	George Salmon	do	31st do do
	Thomas Hart	do	1st February 1782
	John Meulh	do	2nd do do
	Colin Campbell	do	3d do do
	Henry Atkinson	do	4th do do
	Alexr Macleod	do	5th do do
×	George Stringer	do	6th do do
	Alex. Gordon	do	7th do do
	William Graham	do	8th do do

In Consequence of the foregoing orders The Right Honble The President and select Committee are pleased to make the following Appointments.

Capt Donald Macleod to command the 6th Carnatic Bn. of Sepoys and Lieut George Smith to be adjutant

Capt George Clerk to command the 13th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys.

Capt Robert Temple to command the 22d Carnc. Batlr of Sepoys and Lieut. Thomas Halcat to be Adjutant

Capt. John Daniel to command the 16th Carnatic Batlr of Sepoys

Capt Wm Champness to command the 23 Carnatic Batlr of Sepoys and Lieut John Allen to be Adjutant

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4th Captain William Blacker to command the
21st Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys and Lieut. Wm. Andrews to be adjutant

Capt. George Conyngham to command the
25th Carnatic Batt.n of Sepoys and Ensign Tho.s Parkinson to be adjutant

Capt.n Robert Scoular to command the 26th Carnatic
Battalion of Sepoys and Lieut.t Wm. Brocket Stevens to be adjutant

Capt.n Barth.w Rogers to command the 27 Carnatic
Battalion of Sepoys and Ensign William Wilcox to be adjutant

Capt.n Hugh Montgomery to command the 3
Corcar Battalion of Sepoys and Lieutenant Walter Anderson to be adjutant

Capt Thomas Bridges removed from the 7th to the
command of the 6th Corcar Battalion of Sepoys and the Troops in
the Gungam district.

Captain Richard Tolson to command the
7th Corcar Battalion.

Ensign Daniel Carey to be Fort Major
of Vellore vacant by Captain Tolsons appointment to a Sepoy corps
and ensign John Weston to be Fort Adjutant of Vellore in the
Room of Ensign Carey.

Lieutenant Archibald Gillon to be adjutant
to the 10th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys.

The following Promotions ordered

		date of Rank
Lieutenant Thomas Mule	to be Captain	16th January 1782
Lieutenant Walter Douglas	ditto	17th ditto do
Lieutenant William Joungs	to be Captain of Cavalry	18 January 1782

The following Officers are appointed to the Sibbendy
Corps of Tanjore and of the Corcars

Tanjore Sibbendy

1st Battalion Lieutenant Cole Commanding
Ensign William Limmick Adjutant

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4 4 2nd Battalion, Lieutenant James Cram commanding,
Ensign James Wellwood Adjutant.

3d Battalion, Lieutenant Thomas Knox commanding
Ensign Ellerson Sober Adjutant.

4th Battalion, Lieutenant Eastland commanding
Ensign Crump Adjutant.
Ensign Sibbendy

Tuagapatam Lieutenant James Ruffell commanding
Ensign John Munro Adjutant

Tanjam ---- Lieutenant Easterbrooke commanding
Ensign Alexr Denton Adjutant

Manulipatam Lieutenant Stephen Towne commanding
Ensign William Tullock Adjutant

By Order of the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee
John Huddleston
Secretary

Received the following Letter
To The Right Honble Lord Macartney
Governor &c. Fort St George

My Lord, I have this instant received Intelligence from Porto-novo of the french Fleet having sailed on Sunday last, there are now no more than 2000 Europeans left with 20 pieces of Cannon Tippo's Army with other Commanders I before wrote you are there. There are now three large Vessels and three 2 Mast Vessels off there. I should have wished to have informed you of this intelligence before but my Harranas were taken by the Horse. I have the honor to be

My Lord,
Your very obedt. humble Servant
James Blaw

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Ltr To The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President &c Council of
Fort St George

From Tranquebar — Circumstances will not admit of their receiving a Resident —

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We had the honor to receive your Letter of the 7th Ult. and will accordingly apply to his Majesty's naval Commander in Chief for the Ship.

We should chearfully receive a Resident from you if the Circumstances were not so that we must own that as long as this Country is open to Hyder Ally we cannot undertaking Ourselves in the most imprudent manner, receive any Gentleman in that public Character, as we have every day proofs of his not knowing Neutrality. We therefore hope, that you will not expose a Neutral Nation (who may be of some use) to the bad consequences we are certain of — We have the honor to be

Your most Obed.t Hble Servt

Abbott
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C T Lelling
Thos C Walter

Fort Dansbury
31st March 1782

Recd the following Letter as entered on Military Book Page

From Lieutenant Thomas Dawson of his Majesty's 73 Regiment requesting the Allowance for a Passage to Europe

From Lieutenant Underwood requesting Leave to proceed to the Northward for his Health and the payment of his arrears

From Ensign Bates requesting the payment of his arrears as he had obtained Leave to proceed to Bengal for his Health

Agreed that the usual allowance be granted to Lieutenant Dawson

That Lieutenant Underwood have Leave to proceed to the Northward

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Lt. And that his Arrears be discharged by Bellerophon Manilapatam and
Ensign Peters arrears by Bellerophon Bengal.
Struck being at present extremely scarce
and difficult to be procured it is Agreed that an order be sent to Capt Jno
Kirton to land here for the use of the Army all that is on board the
Elizabeth intended for Bengal.
Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue
with the enclosures therein mentioned.

Arrack to be procured.

To Charles Oakley Esqr
& Members of the Committee of
Assigned Revenues

To the Committee of Assigned Revenues enclosing offers for renting the Countries, and desiring them to ascertain the Characters of the several Proposers and give their opinions enclosing extract of the minutes

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose you by the directions of the Right Honble The President and select Committee Translations of various offers made to them for renting the Countries Nellore, Seapetty Palmaud and Ongole. The select Committee wish you to enquire into, and ascertain the Characters and circumstances of the several proposers and to furnish them with your opinion whether any of the Offers be such as to make it eligible to let the Countries for so long a term as five Years and should your opinion on this head be in the Negative the select Committee desire in that Case that you will consider and recommend to them any other System that you judge better calculated to secure the appropriation of the revenues to the purposes of the Assignments.

I send you also an extract of the Minutes of the Committee of the 3d Instant and am directed earnestly to recommend that agreably to the latter part of it you pay particular Attention to the Reduction of all unnecessary Expences

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4th Expences and point out to the Select Committee what ever measures you think will contribute to this Salutary end.

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most obed.t Hble Serv.t

John Hudleston

Secretary

Fort St George
4 April 1782

5th Received the following Letters

From Mr Holland enclosing copy of a letter from him to Bengal with a state of his negotiations at the Nizam's Court

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to enclose a Copy of a letter which I addressed on the 22nd instant to the Honble the Governor General and Council of Bengal by which your Lordships &c will be fully informed of the State of these Negotiations to that time. I shall not fail to continue my Communications on every Step I shall take at this Court

I have the honor to be, with great Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Nizam's Camp
25th March 1782

Your most obed.t Hble Serv.t

John Holland

(Enclosure)

To The Right Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General & Council of Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having on the 15th instant been informed by a letter from my Brother at Madras that our fleet had been seen going towards Sumatra, and being from this circumstance led to suppose that all hopes of preventing the declarations of the French

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French Troops must have been entirely given up. Tuesday the
16th to the Durbar. In addition to the Offers I had made to the
Nizam, as mentioned in my Letter of 2d instant I proposed that
his Highness should be put likewise into the exclusive possession
of the district of Chittoordong, and that the Mahrattas on condition
of their joining against Hyder Ally, should have Bamapoor
Country free of Partition, but these propositions did not appear to
produce any effect that gave me the least reason to hope for an early
conclusion of the Treaty. I told his Highness in the plainest terms
that if Hyder Ally should chance to succeed against him in the
Carnatic, he would afterwards most certainly march to Hyderabad.
That I thought it seriously behoved his Highness by a timely
alliance with the Company, to guard himself against the
Danger which appeared so evidently to threaten his Government.
That his Highness's Family was no doubt the first and principal
Object of his consideration, but with permission I could not but
believe that the expences incident to the Support of his Army
and the princely Splendor of his Court and his various establishments
must render it advisable for his Highness to look for some
further valuable additions to his Revenues: That Cudipa,
Balhary and Chittoordong, together with his Highness's
further Share of other Countries, were in a manner by his joining
us, already in his possession, That the immediate distruction of
Hyder Ally might be considered as a certain event, that the
opportunity which now presented itself of his Highness's
making a glorious addition to his Dominions, and of defeating
the malice of an insolent and inveterate enemy was such as he
could never have promised himself. That the enterprize would
be attended with scarcely any difficulty.

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25th The arguments that were employed by his Highness in opposition to those above mentioned were, that his alliance with the Mahrattas rendered it impossible for him to take any measure but with their participation and concurrence, that they must be satisfied regarding the Security of the Person of Ragonaut Row that they would further insist upon having restored to them the Countries belonging to their Government which we had the said claim to or possessed ourselves of; and also the restitution of of the Revenues for 3 Years of the Guzarat districts, and that with respect to the Countries I had proposed to cede on the condition of an Alliance, as they were not in our hands, nor had ever belonged to us, we ought not to lay any such stress upon such Cessions. Mujid ul Dowla who took a larger share of the Conversation, added also many of the Claims mentioned in the paper delivered to his Highness by Hurkun Row Bullaul as transmitted by your Hon.r &c. in my letter of the 5th November he said with respect to our conditions in the Carnatic it was possible they might take up a space of Time, six or twelve to be brought to a conclusion, and if at the end of that period, there remained a single factory belonging to us in either Bombay or in the Carnatic, his Highness would then take us by the hand and help us to restore our affairs and that we should after experiencing such Reverse, be perhaps in a situation the better to understand and the value of his Highness's Friendship. Haveen went so far as to say that they were not so young in the affairs of Government as not to know the convenient Juncture for making Peace and that at the proper Period, although there were but an English Sentinel left remaining in this Country they would find means to make him grow into an army. His Answer hinted also in the

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3d Course of the Conversation, that the obstruction occasioned by our superstitious protection of Ragonant Row, might be easily removed by our determining privately to take him off. but this Policy was a mode of Proceeding entirely foreign, more inadmissible even than the Surrender of his Person. His Highness is a Prince of so much Prudence, that whatever be his real sentiments, he would never have made one of the Declaration known out by Meyan Ul Dowla, upon the Subject of letting us down, and more I think, I think is to be hoped for from his Highness personally understanding his own Interests and the Spirit with which when he takes his Line, he will pursue them, than from the Counsel of any of his Courtiers. Meyan Ul Dowla who is the leading and most active member of the Cabinet is believed engaged with the Mahrattas, and whether it be really zeal for his masters supposed Interests, or any other Cause, the general turn of his arguments are certainly unfavorable to our views. Taig Tung nun Shumeal Mulk, whom of all his Servants the Nizam loves best, does not concern himself with politicks, but is heartily ready to follow his master to whom he is faithfully attached wherever he may lead. Sumsaumas Mulk is much addicted to the love of Same and Repose: he attends the Councils, and is greatly respected, but is not of a warm Character and withdraws from Debates. Subit Jmy is reputed to be a brave man and is I believe more than any of those above mentioned disposed to recommend an alliance with the Company, but he is a new man and without any Energy of Character, he is likewise a Favorite with Meyan Ul Dowla, who by his superior ability and versatility, aided by the advantage of having been connected with his Highness in the early part of life and that also of possessing the Confidence

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5th And support of the reigning favorite of the Nizam, has been enabled in a great measure to exclude from his Highness's confidence. Sabit Ivny's consequence which was derived in a great degree from the attention which his Highness thought it necessary to pay to Fazel Beg Cawn and which was never very considerable appears to have been totally much lessened, not I believe wholly by the Death of his Brother, but more particularly from the circumstance of his being on ill terms with Mr. Meyjee U Dowla. The above are the only four of the Amirs of this Court who however during any conference been admitted to his Highness Council And it happens that the person who is most capable of assisting us and who is often the only Amir called upon, appears to have taken alone against us. I should certainly expect in behalf of our present views from his Highness's own personal good sense and spirit, than from the Activity or good will of any of the members of his present Cabinet, but he will not I believe be prevailed upon to sacrifice to us, what he so much mistrusts his present connection with the Mahrattas. In Answer to Meyjee U Dowla's declaration that it would be time enough for his Highness to join us hereafter, I said that I thought it behoved his Highness to join us hereafter. I said that I thought it behoved his Highness seriously to consider whether in case of Hyder's gaining any important advantage over us in the Carnatic, it might not then be considered with a view to his Highness's interests or ours, be too late afterwards to hope for that success, which might now in a manner be considered as certain, that although he might consider it an easy matter at any time hereafter to call in our assistance from Bengal, it might perhaps should we ever after his Highness's present neglect of our interests be deprived by our being an impossible undertaking. That Hyder was a chief of a Navy

52 Very active Character and if he should be successful in the Carnatic and should immediately after march with his French Auxiliaries this way, he would no doubt move with such dispatch, as to lay his Highness under a necessity of submitting the issue of the contest to his home force. That as we had a second Army now coming from Bengal, to proceed through the Circars to the junction of that in the Carnatic, the present was a favorable opportunity for his Highness to take a decided line in our Support, and that General Goddard's army would likewise join him, that with Respect to what his Highness has said of our ceding nothing by giving up places that were never in our possession, and of the difficulty we might even have in keeping possession of the Carnatic, the argument appeared to me to be ill applied, that the true point of view in which the question ought to be considered was, whether those provinces could possibly come into his Highness's hands but by means of the present or some future similar fortunate conjuncture; That his Highness's wisdom would I thought lead him to lay a proper stress upon the value of the present opportunity, and not suffer him to let it pass by heedlessly and unprofitably; That by acceding to my Proposals his Highness would immediately and without difficulty obtain three important objects, most earnestly to be wished for by a Prudent Prince, an accession of dominion and revenues towards the support of the unavoidable growing expences incident to Grandeur, the Expence of a merely spirit of munificence, the destruction of a formidable and inveterate enemy and the acquisition of a powerful and faithful Friend. I can no otherwise account for his Highness marching the Westward, than on the Ground mentioned by himself of the necessity he supposed, as mentioned in my Letter of the 8th Instant, of a consultation among the Princes concerned in the

Present

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5th Present extract on the measures advisable to be adopted for the advancement of their joint and common interests or perhaps to overawe the revolting members of the Mahratta Government and to give by that means renewed Vigor to those Counsels which seem at present to predominate at Hydrabad and the fort of Golcondah, the dependency of his Highness's treasures are left exposed. His Highness cannot forsibly suppose it really to be his intention to march to Bonarsentura until he has had time to return from that place to defend against the Thought that by informing his Highness of the intended march of an Army from Bengal into the Carnatac, it would produce an effect towards inclining him to accept of the terms offered But the Mahratta connection is too strong at present to be shaken. I am perswaded that his Highness is not yet determined on his plan of acting. He dislikes equally the company's neighbourhood, and that of Hyder Ally but believes the company's most partly on account of their power, and partly on account of certain other jealous and criminal connections. His Highness being present at the marriage of the Peishwas towards the celebration of which it is said he has purchased Jewels and other articles to the amount of seven lacks of Rupees must of course suppose it really intended to be considered as a cover only to his other purposes. As I am convinced that his Highness cannot at present be brought to independently of the Mahrattas, to take any Resolution in our favor, I am desirous to make no further offers until he has reached Bonarsentura. For clear to me beyond a doubt, that they will not determine immediately to join us, and they will therefore have the effect of embarassing me, As Mr Anderson's negotiations with the Bonarsentura Ministry on whose resolutions that of this Court depends at this

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5th June entirely to depend. The Highness mentioned in the course of Conversation the news he had of Colonel Braithwaite's defeat. He likewise told me that Hyder and his Son Tippo Saib had sent him letters strongly pressing him to join our enemies. He shewed me a large Arabic Coin and a Dollar, which he said were sent to him as a Bower by Tippo whom Hyder offered to send with Twenty thousand horse to aid under his orders.

I am

Hond Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient.
humble Servt

John Holland

Nizam's Camp
Bathoor 22d March 1782

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

From Mr Falloseld the French fleet standing to the Southward. Cuddalore to be attacked.

My Lord,

I have just received intelligence that the French Fleet were seen at Tranquebar, Negapatam and Nagore on wednesday last they were standing to the Southward and by every thing I can learn, it appears that their intentions are to go to Trincomalee where it is said there are 8 English Ships and 6 at Cochin

Tippoo Saib has not advanced further to the Northward than Tayenpaty. I do myself the honor to inform your Lordship of. Small parties of horse came into our bounds to day but did no mischief. Their head Quarters are now about 15 miles to the N West of these Bounds The Horse from his Camp and also from Porto-novo say they hear that Cuddalore is to be attacked at last. Hasafsaby from Porto-novo are to attack the South face and that Tippoo Sahibs Detachment is to make its approach on the North side. I hope tomorrow to be able to give

Your

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5th By your Lordships more certain information on the subject I have the honor to be most respectfully,

My Lord,

Cuddalore
30th March 1782

By your most obedient humble Servant
E Fr Fallofield

At a Select Committee present

Saturday
6th April 1782

The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K. B President
Alexander Davidson Esqr.
Antony Sadlier Esqr.
Morgan Williams Esqr.
Major General Sr Hector Munro absent
John Holland Esqr. Resident at the Nabobs Camp

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal

From Bengal recommending the giving Sr Eyre Coote an entire and unparalleled command over all the forces. Is more cases fit further, on the conclusion of the dependant Chiefs are in accepting terms offered by the enemy intending Regiments of Sepoys towards the Circars

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President &c Select Committee, at
Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen, We have already acquainted you that we has received your Several Letters up to the 13th February accompanied by your Proceedings which we should take an early opportunity of perusing with attention. We have now the pleasure to acknowledge your further Letters of the 15th and 18th of this present month

From all these we perceive the great difficulties you have had to struggle with in supporting the Army in its operations in the Carnatic and we observe with concern that Notwithstanding your great exertions aided by the unwearied and unexampled perseverance of General Sr Eyre Coote and the established Superiority of the Forces under his Command more

Very

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Any, of any, substantial advantage has been obtained over the Enemy, whose power may continue to require the same vigorous efforts to resist it when the means shall be less within your reach; We therefore dread the continuance of the War in its consequences upon the strength and Resources of these Provinces, which must be considered as the essential part of the British Dominions, Interest and Property in India. The Dominion of Bengal from its wealth internal Strength and local advantages, might be capable of defence against all the Powers of the World combined to attack it, if those Advantages were confined to its own Security: but in the present actual application of them we feel them gradually declining from the incessant drain which is unavoidably made upon them for the defence of the Company's remote and less valuable possessions and we have been imperceptibly led into the prosecution of a System so ruinous in its consequences that if it should be extended beyond a certain length it will exhaust the vital powers of this Country and may expose it a certain prey to the first Invader.

This obliges us to regard the War in the Carnatic as our own, and more interestingly tho' not so immediately our Concern than your's, because the final loss of all the British possessions under your Government would affect us only as a Prelude to the loss of Bengal, You will therefore allow us to enter more minutely into such parts of your Transactions as properly form the Detail and to which we should never have thought of extending our Observations on a situation less urgent or critical than that which at present calls for our Interposition. And we are further and indeed principally impelled to it by the letter which we have lately received from General Sir Eyre Coote; We shall offer our advice with all the tenderness and delicacy which becomes us upon a subject of which we profess to have no adequate

Materials

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Materials to found a certain Judgment, yet for the sake of expressing our Sentiments the more fully we will suppose every case which this Correspondence alludes to, to exist with the same as the Grounds of our Conclusions upon them.

In all the advices transmitted to you of the Operations on the Coast of Coromandel since the commencement of the War in the Carnatic, one capital defect has been invariably stated as the Cause which has prevented our Army from taking the Field for any Series of Service, and prevented it from pursuing the greatest advantages it has obtained over the Enemy with Success namely the want of draft and Carriage Cattle

We read in your proceedings many expedients which you have adopted, and great pains taken to overcome the difficulty; Your measures however have not only failed of success but appear to you to have been such as must ever prove abortive from too strict an attention to a principle which in justice we are compelled to approve and even to applaud while we recommend a plan totally subversive of it.

We think we see grounds sufficient for conviction that it will be utterly impossible to provide the number of Cattle which will be required for the service of the army on effective service by the ordinary and regular means of optional Sale and purchase, or even by attempting an equal Assessment. To take them by violence would occasion a general outcry among the People and if not a real obstruction to the collection of the Revenue it might prove a valid plea for withholding it. But this is not a time to apply ordinary means or to pay too strict an attention to all the rights of a peaceable and tranquil Government. The alternative before you at this particular Crisis, is or seems to be whether a few individuals shall withhold for a short time and at their own option the

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The means by which the Country may be redeemed from the horrors and effects of a protracted war, like the whole her past redemptions or whether these means shall be forcibly taken by Government and applied to the prosecution of the whole. We hesitate not to declare on this point, that if you cannot obtain such means without violence, violence must and ought to be used in that degree which shall be necessary to secure them. It is always in the Power of Government to make the people who may suffer by it a due Compensation for what is taken from them, and the suspension or remission of Revenue (only as this is likely to be with every attention given to it, can prove no object of Competition with such an important Consideration.

The second point on which we mean to treat in this Letter is the power of directing the operations of the Army and the exercise of that power General Sir Eyre Coote has complained to us in strong terms of an interference on the part of your Government in his General Command and of the embarassments arising from it in his measures; And he has declared that unless these are effectually removed and all the military operations in the Carnatic left to his sole and exclusive conduct and control so that they may be consistently and uniformly directed to the same common object, it will be impossible for him to exercise any longer his command or to afford his services with any hopes of credit or Success, but that he must in justice to the public and his own honor relinquish the task as unpracticable.

We do not pretend to enquire into the Grounds of this Complaint, indeed we are better pleased we are destitute of the evidence requisite to form a judgment whether it is well or ill founded than solicitous to obtain it. We see but one single instance in which the great importance of its object and its complete success will justify the

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The greatest irregularities admitting that any were committed in the mode in which it was executed We allude to the Seige and capture of Negapatanam.

Whether there are any other causes for Sir Eyre Coote's dissatisfaction besides the above we know not, but we shall offer our opinion upon the General Question and beg you will receive it in good part. We think that so much is due to the unexampled Zeal and exertions of the present Commander in Chief and to the confidence which we are assured the Army reposes in his Command that so much discretion in all operations of war on uniformity of Systems and authority, that we do most earnestly recommend to You that Sir Eyre Coote's wishes in this point may be gratified to their fullest possible extent and that you will allow him an entire and unparticipated Command over all the Forces acting under your authority on the Carnatic. We do not mean to include your own immediate Garrison excepting in that single case which we will not suppose, and which if it should happen is already provided for by the Special orders of the Court of directors.

We are sensible at the same time that every Government must of course possess an ultimate and overruling Authority, and that the right of exercising such Authority which is inherent in it must also be unvariable and perpetual notwithstanding any restrictions which it may impose upon itself for particular purposes. Any case may possibly happen in which the instant interposition of that authority may be absolutely necessary for the safety of the State without either a participation or communication with the Person entrusted with the general military Command. When such Cases do occur, they will force themselves from their own weight or urgency and it will depend on your

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Your judgment alone to determine whether they be such as demand your sole and separate interposition; We mean not to prescribe the application of the Rule in such Cases and we hope there will be no occasion for it, but in all others we wish that the whole conduct of the war may be left entirely to the management and direction of the Commander in Chief at least to the officer who now holds that station, and whom we consider as entitled to such a mark of confidence in the most distinguished manner.

You will judge how sincerely we wish you to adopt this principle from its conformity to our own example for exceeding the limited scene of your operations; for the General had no sooner taken his departure from hence to assume the immediate Conduct of the operations in the Carnatic than we issued orders to all our Troops employed on Foreign Service to pay implicit obedience to such injunctions as they might receive from him without waiting for our sanction or conformation.

In some points however we think the principle we have recommended should be carried beyond our Example, such for instance as in the conciliations of the dependant Chiefs of the Carnatic, the acceptance of terms offered by those of the Enemy, and in general such other acts as do not fall within the express line of military command; but which may contribute to the success of the operations either by adding strength to our arms or weakening those which may be opposed to them. In all such Cases the officer who is charged with the Conduct of the War, especially if he has shewn himself deserving of that Confidence in an eminent degree ought we conceive to be invested with an implicit discretion.

We

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We hope we have sufficiently guarded the assurance we have taken upon ourselves to give you in this Letter upon the two points that seemed to us as requiring it, to obviate any inference that our interference is grounded on an opinion unfavorable to your past Conduct; We have declared a different opinion of it in its relation to the first point and on the latter we profess a total ignorance of any measure which could have excited the General displeasure excepting ones and that we mention as reflecting in its consequences a credit on your administration and we believe it has proved equally pleasing to him. As Copartners in a common we mean only to contribute our Counsels to the aid of yours. Were we to adopt the ostensible and artificial language of that prudence which dictates to the minds of men the sole preservation of their own personal characters, by acting under the cover of prescribed forms, without regard to public consequences, we might avail ourselves of the powers with which the Court of Directors have lately invested us over the other Presidencies to take the Lead in all their military and political operations, and of the peremptory Orders given by them to the other Presidencies to pay an implicit obedience to our injunctions, but the exercise of such a privilege might prove as ungrateful to you as it would be painful to ourselves, and we know it to be unnecessary. We do not command we only recommend: and this degree of interference is assumed by us more with a view to lessen the weight of your Responsibility by taking on ourselves a considerable portion of it in so hazardous a service and under Circumstances requiring perhaps some deviation from the rules of ordinary practice or general opinion than for the purpose of influencing your measures or of opposing the Judgment on which you had formed them

We

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We have read with attention your Proceedings and tho' it would be superfluous for us to descend to particular remarks upon them we cannot avoid taking this opportunity of expressing our entire Satisfaction with the agreement which has been made by your President which the Nabob Wallajah for obtaining the Cession of the Revenues of the Carnatic into the hands of your Agents for the Support of the War and we applaud the address and ability with which so considerable a point must have been gained from him At the same time we think it a justice due to the Nabob to declare it as our opinion that in this act he has afforded the strongest proof of the sincerity and warmth of his attachment to the interests of the Company, and that he merits every acknowledgement and return which it may be in their power to make for it, either to him or his family.

As the intentions of Nizam Ally Cawn yet remain doubtful and his Conduct rather suspicious, at all events as the appearance of a detachment of Forces on our Southern frontier ready to march on any Service which they may be required to perform, will be of use to your Military operations in the Carnatic, we have agreably to your desire ordered a detachment of 4 Regiments of Sepoys with a suitable proportion of Artillery to be formed under the Command of Major William Popham —

We have written to Mr Holland desiring he will lose no time in bringing the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn to a definitive with respect to us, and if he shall agree to the plan of Alliance which have been proposed as the Basis of a Treaty with him and in consequence resolve to assist us with his Force in the present contest against Hyder, we have empowered him to make a requisition to Major Popham to join his Army immediately with the Detachment which we expect will be ready upon our Frontier before his answer can arrive —

We are with Esteem —
My Lord & Gentlemen, Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Signed Warren Hastings
Edwd Wheler
Hawley

Fort William
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Having well considered the above Letter fully Communicating to us the Sentiments of the Governor General and Council of Bengal, on the late Military Operations here, and the Ideas formed by them of the powers necessary to be exercised by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief of the Forces employed in the Carnatic, We are of opinion, circumstanced as we are with respect to the Bengal Government and desirous of avoiding any thing which might tend to endanger them towards us, that the only point left for us is to pray and signify them of our Resolution to pay implicit Obedience to their Commands; a Recommendation from those who have the power to Command and who in pow-er as they have that power, must carry the force of the most positive Command. —

Minute thereon

Nevertheless it is incumbent upon us for the information of our Employers and the Discharge of our own minds, to express the thoughts which now press upon us relative to the Bengal Letter, and the situation to which we are reduced by it

At the same time that we acknowledge the unexampled Success which have been experienced in the Conduct of this War, from the early and Sub-sequent Devastation carried into almost every District of the Carnatic, We feel a sensible pleasure in reflecting on the very liberal Assistance which we have received from the Government of Bengal, and in holding how much we are indebted to it, for the Successful Struggles, which we have hitherto made under such peculiar Circumstances of Distress —

The Governor General & Council very justly observe, that our Capital depot in the

means of Conducting our operations has been the want of a sufficient number of draft and Carriage Cattle for our Artillery Stores and Provisions. —

This difficulty was experienced very soon after the Invasion of Hyder took place, and while the Country remained under the uncontroled Mangement of the Nabob, this Government never was able to remove it, in any degree, but since we began to exercise the authority conveyed to us by the late Assignment, our attempts have been more successful, altho' we had many difficulties to encounter. Sir Eyre Coote notwithstanding a late accident by which upwards of 3000. Bullocks were lost in their return from Chingleput to which place they had been carrying Provisions, is at this time so well supplied, that he has desired no more Bullocks might be sent to Camp and we propose reserving a Surplus now upon our hands, for future exigencies.

Our Success in obtaining these Bullocks has been the more pleasing to us, because it has been accomplished, without any real Injustice to the Ryots, and we have no doubt of being able, as long as the Company's Influence shall continue in the Assigned Countries, always to procure the necessary number without exciting any well grounded Complaint.

In the whole since the 2d. December last the date of the Assignment, we have delivered near 10,000 Bullocks, for the use of Sir Eyre Coote's Army alone. —

No. 9762. — We now come to that part of the Bengal Letter, which relates to the powers thought necessary to be vested in the Military Commander in Chief for directing the operations of the War, and here we confess ourselves under some degree of embarrassment from the disinclination we feel to controvert, or question

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Question the propriety of any opinion advanced by the Governor General and Council, however we may be affected by it — So ardent is our Zeal for the publick Service, so anxious are we to retrieve the Company's affairs, that we would with the sincerest pleasure do for as we have the power yield up all our authority to effect it, but whether such a Sacrifice as is required of us, in the present Instance will be attended with the advantages which the Bengal Government aim to expect from it, is a point upon which we own, Our doubts are very strong —

Nothing can more clearly demonstrate our desire to live in harmony with the Commander in Chief than the Conduct which we have invariably observed towards him — and for this we appeal to our Records by which it will appear that no Requisition from him has ever been refused, even where our opinions did not coincide with his — We are therefore concerned that he should have judged fit to prefer in strong terms a formal Complaint to the Government of Bengal, of our Interference in his general Military Command, without previously Communicating to us his intentions, and giving us an opportunity of explaining ourselves upon the subject

After the Governor General & Council profess a total ignorance of any Cause which could have excited the General's displeasure, except one and there appears on our Records only one material instance of our exerting our authority in Military points We mean the Siege and Capture of Negapatam and Trincomaley (which the Bengal Letter declares amply justified by the success) yet upon a general Question, It is thought proper to recommend to us, that Sir Eyre Coote's wishes may be gratified

gratified in their fullest possible extent, and that not only the whole Conduct of the War be generally left to his Management, and discretion but that the same authority may be extended to the conciliation of the dependant Chiefs of the Carnatic, the acceptance of terms offered by those of the Enemy and in general such other acts as do not fall within the express line of Military Command, but which may contribute to the Success of its Operations, either by adding Strength to our Arms or weakening those which may be opposed to them."

In this place we must observe that on our taking charge of the Government we found Sir Eyre Coote by a Resolution of the former Administration had been entrusted with the Conduct of the War independantly of the Council, and this extensive Resolution embraced so many objects which had little or no connexion with the operations of the Army, that the Authority of Government in its Military and Political branches was almost entirely transferred to the Commander in Chief, or so divided as to make the President & Council appear in a Situation very inferior to what we imagine Company intended — They had but a very imperfect knowledge of Sir Eyre Coote's Military, and Political Correspondence, and were often restrained from acting themselves by the fear of clashing with his possible Views.

Altho we were satisfied that the Company placed too much confidence in us to require, or expect such a delegation of our authority to the Military Commander in Chief employed within the Circle of our own Territories, yet such was our respect for Sir Eyre Coote, and so desirous were we of accommodating ourselves to his Wishes, that we never formally revoked the Resolutions of

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of the former Council, and have indeed seldom if ever interfered with the powers claimed by him, except when the necessity became very apparent, but we thought it a duty we owe to ourselves, and the Commission with which we were intrusted, to take the first opportunity of mentioning the circumstance to the Court of Directors and of apologizing to them for having acquiesced in so capital a suspension of their authority.

We are of opinion that a material distinction should be made between the powers necessary to be exercised by a Commander in Chief employed on foreign and distant Service, and the authority requisite for directing Military Operations near the Seat of Government, In the former case extraordinary powers are unquestionably proper, for many Reasons that might be adduced, but in the latter case such powers as are Recommended in the Bengal Letter, to be given must we apprehend by comprizing a Variety of objects in every Department, prove tantamount to an absolute direction of all its authority.

If we be not unworthy of the trust reposed in us, we conceive that whatever measures are proper to conciliate the dependant Chiefs of the Carnatic and in general all operations which do not fall within the line of Military Command, should be executed by us subject to no other controul than what the Legislature and the Company have been pleased to vest in the Government of Bengal; It can scarcely, we believe, be thought necessary to the Success

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of our affairs that such separate and independant powers be delegated to the Commanders in Chief within our own Districts, when we are in a Situation to exercise them ourselves, and when we have prospectively no other view than to employ them, for the public benefit in such manner as the Commanders in Chief might in concert with us, determine.

Having delivered our opinion on this essential point we shall only add that the deference we owe to the Judgment of the Governor General & Council and to the Instructions from home by which we are directed at this crisis to obey their Instructions and requisitions, will lead us to an immediate Compliance with what they desire. It is sufficient for us to know their Ideas, that we may adopt them, yet we confess it is not matter of regret that they were not conveyed to us sooner, for in that case our hands would have been tied up and we might possibly not have been now in possession of the Dutch Settlements of Sadras, Tulicat, Policol, Jaggernaut poram, Pumlipatam, Negapatam, Trinco=maley Tutocorin &c.a &c.a the Capture of which we ventured to undertake at a time when the urgency of the Service and the distance of the Commander in Chief from the Presidency prevented us from having the benefit of his assistance. Now that we are fully instructed in the line which is expected from us, we shall endeavor to pursue it to the best of our Judgment. — At the same time we trust that the Government of Bengal and our Employers in England will hold us free from all Responsibility upon the Measures that may be pursued in consequence of this delegation, of our authority and that we shall not even blame from any failure in those exertions which can only result from

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from a firm consistent, and supported Government —

When we say this, we would not however be understood, as if we shrunk from Responsibility and were thus glad to be relieved from it, but our duty being now defined and marked out to us it behoves us not to offend by transgressing it — Nevertheless the abridgment of our authority shall only serve to redouble our vigilance and Zeal for the public Service. We shall employ the little power and influence that are left to us to assist Sir Eyre Coote with as much alacrity as if we shared this Responsibility and shall feel for his Success the same Sentiments which have animated our Exertions from the first moment of our Administration —

Minute thereon — Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with the extract from their proceedings mentioned therein and lodged in the Office —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue with extracts of their Minutes on letting the Countries

We have received Mr Secretary Redstone's Letter of the 4th Instant, accompanying an Extract of your Minutes of the 3d and an abstract of proposals for renting the Nellore, Jurapully, Palnaud and Ongole Districts —

We now have the honor to lay before your Lordship &c. an extract of our Minutes containing our proceedings in consequence of the orders given on the Letter and extract sent to us on the subject of letting the abovementioned Countries —

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t & Humble Servants
Chas. Oakeley
&c. Committee

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Read also Letter from Makeputtey Ragunah as in Country Correspondence No A offering 50,000 Madras Pagodas for the Balnaud Country instead of £14,000 the amount of his former Proposals, the Company in Case of unavoidable Calamity to make such Allowances as shall appear reasonable. The exchange when he pays in Star Pagodas to be reckoned at 7/8 Cent, Pistrin Dofs to be his Security, to manage the Country by Aumany for the present Year. The Sibbendy and Sadavodo to be allowed at 8000 Pagodas The Committee having maturely considered the Proposals for renting these several assigned Countries with the opinion delivered upon each by the Committee of assigned Revenue on the Proceedings now before them and the foregoing Letter from Makeputtey Ragunah. It is resolved, that the following Renters be appointed. Viz.t

From Ruganah proposing for the Balnaud Country

Minute thereon

For the Districts of Nellore and Scrapully, Boonamalee Vencatarow for five Years

Balnaud, Makeputtey Ragunah for five Years

Ongole Ram Chunder Rauze for one Year, he paying the paying the Revenue of the preceding Year within a limited time to be fixed by the Committee of assigned Revenue

Proposals for the Nellore Scrapully Balnaud and Ongole Countries.

Agreed that a letter be immediately written to that Committee informing them of these Resolutions and directing them to cause a Proper Cowle to be drawn up to be granted by the Nabob to the Renters now appointed.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr Fallofield.

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

From Mr Fallofield
Cuddalore evacuated

My Lord,

The army of Tippo Saib invested this fort this morning and large bodies of Horse and Foot have taken Post from all the circumjacent villages they have marked three Spots for Batteries one on the South West Angle, one on the South west and one on the West face, They have with them a large train of Artillery and 3 Battalions A party of French and black Troops from Porto Novo are advanced within a few Miles of the Southern bound hedge. By the Shot from our Fort to day several horses have been killed, 2 Elephants and about 20 Men. Mr Torriano who proceeds with this family to the Pondeny will deliver this to your Lordship.

I have the honor to be most respectfully
My Lord,
Your most obed.t humble Servant
E. H. Fallofield

Cuddalore
2.nd April 1782

As there is great Reason to apprehend that the Fort of Cuddalore is too weak to make any effectual Resistance, It is Agreed that the Jannouth be sent thither immediately to be employed in such manner as the Situation of the Company's affairs there may render necessary —

Jannouth and Success Galley dispatched to Cuddalore —

Agreed also that Captain Fenwick of the Success Galley who has been very active and Zealous on similar Occasions be requested to proceed to Cuddalore for the same purpose.

From Cuddalore with Doctor Semens acct.

Read Letter from Chief and Council of Cuddalore with Letter to them from Doctor Semen as entered in Miscellany Book N.° 63 requesting Payment of Hospital Charges

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Charges. Ordered to lie on the Table

Read Letter from the Surgeon General with enclosure to him from Doctor Mein as entered in Miscellany Book No 38 on the subject of his Cuddalore Hospital accounts and requesting payment of his arrears of Subsistance.

From Surgeon General with Doctor Meins accounts.

The Committee observing that it has of late been a practice to make applications for arrears and immediately to Government instead of the Officers to whom Accounts the Charges belong. It is agreed that hereafter in future an answer be returned directing that they be made to the proper Departments.

Minute thereon

Read Letter from Captain Friell of the Tartar as entered in Miscellany Book No 761 requesting Payment of the amount of a quantity of Spirits supplied the Company's recruits on board the Tartar. Agreed that a certificate be given to Captain Friell of the Charge being allowed and that the account be reserved to be settled in Europe

From Captain Friell for supplying the recruits with Spirits

to be allowed

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

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President & Select Committee

From the Committee of Stores with their Proceedings of the 9th and 21st instant

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Herewith we have the honor to lay before you our Proceedings of the 9th and 21st instant

We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedt Hble Servts

John Kennedy

Committee

Fort St George

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At a Committee of Stores, Present

Colonel John Kennedy,

Major George Maule,

Bryan Scottney Esqr.

The Commissary of Stores in camp having signyfied to the Military Store Keeper a request of the commander in Chief that four 18 Pr. Field Carriages for brass Guns be made as soon as possible two of which are making, and the Commissary of Stores in Madras reporting that four are wanted to compleat the establishment, The Committee beg leave to know if the select committee wish to have the four wanted by the commander in chief made in addition to the Garrison compliment.

Orders of the Select Committee thereon

The Commissary in camp also requests that 11 Tumbrils sent in from camp be forthwith repaired with new Axle Trees, according to the new construction and that all the 18 Brass Guns be mounted.

Whatever Sir Eyre Coote desires must be done

Captain Smith of the Nabobs Service having reported that the 3 Pr. Galloper Carriages attached to the Nabobs Cavalry are going to decay requests that four new ones be made to replace them when ordered wanted

Ditto

The Committee having examined

Ditto

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examined Tridents from Madura Nellore
and Tirunelveli, they comply with them
as far as the Stores in Garrison will admit,
agreeably to the remarks of the Committee
of Stores — Approved

The Commissary in Camp
having informed the military Storekeeper
that one 6 Pr. Galloper Carriage was disabled
and left at Cuddalore, the Committee
recommend that another be made in the
room of it — Approved

There being no Country
musket pouches in Store, The Committee
recommend that 1100 more of the Natolis
Danish pouches be allowed to complete
Tridents for Nellore and Tirunelveli
and that there will only remain in Store
1285. The Committee having examined
an Indent for Tirunelveli sent them
by the Governor, they comply with it
agreeably to the Commissary's remarks — Approved

The Committee having
examined the following old gun carriages
and mortar beds, they find them
unserviceable and recommend that they be
condemned;

Field Carriages		The Committee to be desired always in future to state how and by what means the Carriages are become unserviceable
18 Pounder long	1	
12 P. light	3	
6 P. long	1	
6 P. short	4	
3 P.	2	

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Trail Carriages

12 Pounder long -- 11
12 D.o short --- 3
9 D. ---- 2

Mortar Beds

10 Inch ---- 4
8 do ---- 3
5 1/2 do ---- 2

1 Transport Carriage.
4 Tumbrils.
1 Mortar Cart.
1 Shot Cart
1 Sea B.r timber

John Kennedy
Geo.e Maule
B. Scottney

Fort S. George. 21.st March 1782
At a committee of Stores, Present
Colonel John Kennedy.
Major Geo. Maule.
Bryan Scottney Esq.r

The committee having examined and signed a proof of ordnance. Also a list of stores wanted for the defence of the Garison and the army on the field with the remarks made by the military storekeeper they agree to lay them before the Select committee

A Musket sound Bag made of Gunny being laid before the committee they approve of it

John Kennedy
Geo. Maule
B Scottney

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The Officers commanding the Regiments of Cavalry having requested Bills on Bengal for their Contract Balances to the end of January 1782 the Committee are of opinion that the pay and charges of this Country should keep pace with those of the rest of the Army

The officers commanding the Cavalry to have bills on Bengal on giving receipts to the paymaster

Resolved that this opinion be written to the paymaster to the Army, and that he be informed Bills on Bengal will accordingly be granted on his requisitions for such the Cavalry Officers must give him receipts in order to prevent any confusion or irregularity in his accounts

Read the following Letter from

Sir Eyre Coote.

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

From General Coote recommending Captain Dewar to command the 25th Battalion.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The appointment of an Officer to command the 25th Battalion having been omitted in my recommendations of the 3d inst. I now beg leave to recommend to the Committee Captain David Dewar to command the 25th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servt
Eyre Coote

Head Quarters
Camp at the Mount
6 April 1782

Agreed

Resolved that Captain David Dewar be appointed to the Command of the 25th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys

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Sepoys agreeably to the General's recommendation.

Agreed That a set of Bills on Ganjam be granted in favor of Mr. Sanders for Pagodas 1671 3/4 for 1/6 Garce and 214 3/4 Parrahs of Rice delivered to the Commanding Officer at Pulliat. The amount to be carried to the head of Garrison Storekeepers.

Affair of Bills on Ganjam granted in favor of Mr. Sanders

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Recd the following letter from Mr Holland
6th To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B
President and Governor &c &c

From Mr Holland
enclosing copy of a
letter from Mr Watherston
at Poonah

My Lord,

I have herewith the honor to enclose to your Lordship a copy of a letter I have this day received from Mr Watherston. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient Hble Servt
John Holland

Nizams Camp
Near Hydrabad
3d March 1782

To John Holland Esqr

Sir,

I has the pleasure of addressing you the 6th instant and enclosed a letter for the Honble Governor General which I begged of you to forward. Permit me to recommend the accompanying for his address by your further care. My last informed you of the uncertainty of my stay at this place in consequence of the earnest desire expressed by the minister to detain me until advices should arrive from Scindia subsequent to his conversing with Mr Anderson since dispatching that letter. I have received instructions from Bombay directing my immediate return assigning as a reason the powers delegated to Mr Anderson by which superceding I must remain here without any public Commission or authority to negotiate and of course no benefit results from my presence at this Court while the minister may avail himself of it to answer his own particular purposes of advantage.

The minister has notwithstanding so ceremoniously overruled my wish to go away that I have been constrained from consideration of public Good & political necessity to consent to

Remain

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Ct Remain 15 days longer in which period he is he says certain of receiving the expected advice from Scindia, and will then absolutely permit me to depart after personally communicating his unreserved Sentiments, upon certain Secret important Points which it would be impossible to commit to paper. I should have dedicated Lord Macartney and Sir Eyre Coote on this occasion but am apprehensive of the Packets being swallowed too much. I shall therefore esteem it a favor, if you will communicate the above circumstances to them.

Permit me also to express a wish that you will take every opportunity of forwarding to Bombay an account of Sir Eyre Coote's military operations and the exact State of Affairs in the Carnatic, as speedy and certain knowledge of which is now become of the greatest importance to the Company's political Interests in this Quarter as I am convinced the determined intention of the Mahratta Minister is to endeavor to avail himself of the success which he hopes will attend his Ally's arms against us to protract any negotiation till the event of the present campaign on the Coast shall be known.

I am with Regard,

Sir,

Your most obed.t & humble Servant

D. Watherston

Poonah
17.th February 1782

Dispatched the following Letters

To Captain Richardson
of the Yarmouth

To Capt.n Richardson of the Yarmouth directing him to proceed to Bedalore & put himself under the orders of the Chief & Council

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble The President and select committee to signify to you

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6th Their orders, that you proceed with the utmost expedition to Cuddalore and put yourself under the directions of Government there for your Vessel to be employ'd in such manner as the Situation of the Company's affairs may render necessary.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servt
John Huddleston,
Secretary

Fort St George
6th April 1782

To Captain Fenwick
Of the Success Galley.

Sir,

To Captain Fenwick — directing him likewise to proceed to Cuddalore

I am directed by the Right Honble The President and select Committee to signify to you that Cuddalore being invested by the enemy in such Force as to admit of little probability of its making any effectual resistance They wish you to proceed thither in your Vessel with the utmost expedition and put yourself under the direction of Government there, for your Vessel to be made use of in such manner as the Situation and exigency of the Company's affairs may render necessary

The services you have already rendered to the Company and the zeal you have manifested in similar circumstances, leave the select Committee without any doubt of your chearful acquiescence on the present occasion, and they direct me to assure you that they will not fail to make you an adequate compensation. I am

Sir,
Your most obed.t humble Servt
Thomas Hingscote
Dep.y Secretary

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6 To Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Bd Council at

Cuddalore

To Mr Fallofield & Council at Cuddalore, advising them that the Yarmouth was dispatched to their assistance

Gent.men,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2nd Instant and to inform you that as they understand by that Letter that Cuddalore is invested by the Enemy they now dispatch the Yarmouth armed Ship in the Company's Service to Cuddalore and have directed the Commander to put himself under the orders of the Government there to be made use of as the Situation and exigencies of your affairs may render necessary

I am

Gent.men

Your obed.t humble Servant

John Hudleston

Secretary

Fort St George
6th April 1782

To Mr Wolf

To Mr Wolf informing him that his appointment of Paymaster includes that of Storekeeper —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble The President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 28th Ult.o and to acquaint you that they have written to Captain Bishop to inform him that your Appointment of Paymaster includes that of Storekeeper

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Hble Serv.t

Tho.s Plumptre

Dy. Secretary

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6th. April 1782

To Captain Bishop
on the same subject

To Captain Bishop

Commanding at

Tripassore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

6th President and Select Committee to acquaint you that the appointment of Paymaster to our Garrison always includes the office of Storekeeper, and consequently Mr Wood is Storekeeper as well as Paymaster at Trepassore

I am

Sir,

Your most obed.t Hble Serv.t

Tho.s Kingscote

D.y Secretary

Fort St George
6th April 1782

Recived the following Letter

To Thomas Kingscote Esq.r

Sir,

I have this instant received yours requesting my proceeding directly to Cuddalore I only regret the Ships not being perfectly ready but flatter myself shall be able to sail by day light. If I has been honored by the Company's orders some by a few hours should have been at Sea this night to whom the public Service is in Question I am sufficiently rewarded if my conduct meets with approbation and I assure you my only anxiety is that I may be so fortunate as to be of service and beg you will assure the Committee of every Endeavor on my Part.

I am Sir with Respect

Your most humble Serv.t

C Fenwick

From Capt.n Fenwick with Proceed to Cuddalore immediately

April 6th 1782

P.M.

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To The Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands through Mr Secretary Huddleston of the 19th and 20 ultimo

In compliance with the former We

From Manilapatam or all the supernumeraries of the depot Corps to proceed to Ellore. From thence to join the Bengal Batt.n at Madras.

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6th We wrote to Captain Lysaght immediately to order all the supernumeraries in the Depoy Corps of this District to repair to Ellore, that they might proceed from thence to join the two Coriar Battalions at Madras, and considering from the last monthly returns sent us, that those numbers were likely to be very inadequate to the wants of those Battalions, we recommended to him to propose to any of the men belonging to the above mentioned corps, to go voluntarily thither, as others could be inlisted in their Room, this day we received his reply, which we judge it necessary to lay before your Lordship & and to request your directions thereupon

According to your orders in the Letter we shall discontinue sending more Bullocks than those that were brought up for that purpose.

We are with great Respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servants

James Hodges

& Council

Masulipatam
1 April 1782

7th Received the following Letters

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord,

From Mr Biddle, enclosing Letters to the Governor from Cheetham Jung and Runtum Ally Cawn and requesting that speedy answers may be forwarded to him

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that I arrived here in fourteen days from Madras, and delivered your Letters to the Nabob and Runtum Ally Cawn who were both exceeding well satisfied with the contents, but as the Gentleman your Lordship mentioned is not yet arrived, nor having received any other Letter the Nabob begins to be impatient and exceedingly sends you are there Letter with one from Runtum Ally Cawn the Nabob would have sent them

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7th. Them agreable to your request to Mr Holland had he not been afraid, that possibly they might be intercepted, which would be a circumstance exceedingly prejudicial to his affairs. If 'tis agreable to your Lordship to embrace the Nabobs proposals he begs you will be pleased to send a Gentleman here directly, that every thing may be finally concluded, as 'till his arrival, or 'till he has a positive answer from your Lordship, he must remain in great Suspence, and cannot determine on any other plan. he hopes the offers he has made will be thought of such consequence to the Honble Company as not to be rejected, for should any thing happen to this House, it may occasion a disagreable turn to the Affairs of this Country. As it is known that the Soubah is by no means well affected to the English, and 'tis only this house that prevents his declaring his intentions I can assure your Lordship that there is no peace at present concluded with with the Marathas nor a probability that there speedily will, as they wrote here a few days ago that a great number of French Ships and troops were arrived and are doing all they can to make it be believed that the Country powers with the assistance of the French will soon get the better of the English. I beg your Lordship will be pleased to send your answer under cover directed to me and that you will be pleased to forward them either to Mr Daniel or Capt. O'Hara whichever sends you there as I shall remain at this place till they arrive.

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedt and

most Humble Servant

J E Biddle

Vizagapatam

24th March 1782

From

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1st From Chelsham Jung to the Governor

From Chelsham Jung declaring that a person may be sent without delay to conclude a treaty with him

The kind letter which you wrote me by Mr Biddle has given me great pleasure. It is very certain that the sincere friendships which my deceased father had for the English Company was such as exceeds all description. It is my wish to conform to the advice he gave in continuing the friendship he had for them and ever remaining attached to them as long as the King of England and Company have any interest in the affairs of the Balaw I anxiously look for the arrival of the person you intend sending to settle the Business between us and the sooner he comes the better.

You desire me to communicate my sentiments to Mr Holland who will immediately write you on the Subject. Gracious Sir! There is no doubt but Mr Holland is a person of great honor and knowledge in affairs, and I might safely communicate my sentiments to him, but the case is that my father formerly communicated some matters to that Gentleman, at the time of the Governor of Madras, but Mr Holland delayed answering the letters which were wrote to him, lest the affair might become publick and my father dropped the Correspondence with him on that account and since that only corresponded with the Governor of Madras.

What you have been pleased to write me of the success of the English against Hyder and the French Ships, and the conquest you have made from the Dutch has given me infinite satisfaction. May the Almighty giver of Victories ever continue his grace and support to

17th to the English, and may their Success prove propitious to all their Sincere friends.

The friendly language you hold in my favor to Mr. Biddle has given me great Satisfaction, and I consider every word you spoke, as so many jewels which have adorned my Ears.

In speedily establishing the friendship between us on a solid footing. You will give it new Life, and at the same time carry a deadly poison to our Enemies. What shall I say more.

Dated 6 Ruby at Jansier or 21st March 1722

From Rustum Aly Cawn to the Governor

I have been favor'd with your friendly letter and understand its Contents which have given me great satisfaction. I will be proper to send here, as soon as possible the person you propose, in order to settle the Business. You are endowed with knowledge and skill in affairs of importance.

From Rustum Aly Cawn on the same subject

The Victorious English, are carrying on War, at this time, with success, and bravery against many powerful Kings in Europe and their Ships over run the Seas, and have possessed themselves of their treasures, and territories of the Dutch, beside; this they are carrying on War with several powers in the Deckan and Hindostan, and the prowess and Bravery of the English Nation are confessed by all the World. May the Almighty who has given them this power, ever preserve and defend them, against the Malice of Fortune, and grant them all their wishes. As I am sincerely attached to the English it is agreeable to my thoughts to manifest that Friendship which

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wch Entertain for them, and to bring this about I dis-
pose the mind of Chetti Naig Jung to enter into an alliance with
the Company His deceased father has given him the same
advice, and this as well as my endeavors had the desired effect
It would therefore be improper, to delay any longer, and
you will be kind enough to send here speedily a person of
consequence, to settle the Treaty. When it once shall be
executed, by him, and the Gentlemen of the Council, and sealed
with the Company's Seal and entered on the Records, nothing
can break through it. My endeavors to perform the intentions
of it, will then be seen, and they will be productive of
good Consequences to the Company as you are wise and
skilful in affairs it is needless for me to say more on the
subject May your friendship always continue for me

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

Dated 9th Ruby ult Janier
or 24th March 1782

From Cuddalore enclosing
their letter to the commandant
delivering over to him the
command of the fort

To the Right
Honble
Commandant
Sir, The fort of Cuddalore
being entirely surrounded by
the Enemy; Intelligence also
having been received that they
have marked out the ground for batteries
and a French officer with a flag of
Truce having approached the west-
ern part of our town, relating
to the order of the Right Honble
the President Council the
future Commander of this Fort
and Garrison devolves on you
We have the honor to be
Sir, your most obt Servts
Cuddalore C W Tailfield
3d April 1782 Hownie

Cuddalore
3d April 1782

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The fort of Cuddalore being
this morning entirely surrounded by Hyder Ali Cawn's army united with
the French Troops under Mons.r De Cheneau and the force of
Hyder from Porto Novo intelligence also having been received
that they had marked out spots for erecting three Batteries and
a French officer with a Flag of Truce having approached
the South West Angle We agreed to send the enclosed letter to
Capt.n Hughes the Commandant which we hope you Honble
S.r will approve. We have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servants
C W Tailfield
R Gray
R Hepburn

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7th Sent the following Letters

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

&c. Members of the Committee of assigned Revenue

Gentlemen.

To the Committee of assigned Revenue accepting the proposals for renting of the Nellore Palmanad and Ongole districts —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 4th instant with your proceedings of the same date and to inform you that having maturely considered the several proposals together with your opinions upon each they have resolved to accept of the following Viz.t

For the district of Nellore and Serapully Palmanad —

Boonamallee Venkatarow for five Years

Mayepully Rajenah for five Year with the security of Nergedoss

Ongole

Ram Chunder Rauze for one Year. he paying the revenue of the present Year within a limited time to be fixed by them according to their discretion and you will observe by the accompanying Letter that Mayepully Rajenah has increased his offer to 50,000 Mad.a Pagodas and the Select Committee accordingly desire that you will cause to be drawn up and recommend to them the form of a proper Cowle to be granted by his Highness the Nabob to the said Renters.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen.

Your most Obed.t

humble Servant

John Huddleston

Fort St George

9th April 1782

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To Sir Eyre Coote K B &c &c

To Sir Eyre Coote enclosing what appears upon record respecting Mr Brents dispute with Colonel Harper

Dear General,

I am very unwilling to trouble you upon a subject which I had imagined you had forgotten and which after what passed some time since in the presence of Sir Hector Munro I should not have called to your remembrance but as you have mentioned it in your Letter of the 6th inst. I fear you may think me inattentive if I do not say a few Words on the Subject. Having wished to forget as much as possible the dispute between Mr Brent the Company's Chief at Cuddalore and Colonel Harper the commanding Officer of the Troops there, I was under the necessity of examining the Records, and now beg leave to communicate to you what appears upon them. Whether an Officer ought to consider himself as drawn from his Station by a communication of the Government's instructions is no longer a matter for me to determine upon. But if I understand those instructions. But if I understand those Instructions, even supposing they were now in full force, Colonel Harper on a time of Danger like the present had he remained at Cuddalore would certainly have not been under the military orders of Talbot Field, or of any other civil Servant of the Company there

I am truly sorry to intrude into more minute with the detail of this Matter but it proceeds from my anxiety that every information should be conveyed to you as accurately as possible

I have the honor to be with great truth & regard

Dear General

Fort St George
9th April 1782

Very sincerely Your's
Macartney

Memorandum

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Memorandum relative to Lieut.t Colonel Harper

Lt Col. Harper having disagreed with the Chief at Cuddalore
an extract of the proceedings at that place, relative to the disputes
was transmitted to the Presidency. a Copy of the above warrant
to Col. Harper, to which his answer was required. On the
20 October Col. Harper addressed the Committee in vindication
of his Conduct, enclosed copy of a Genl order, as his Authority
for taking on himself the Command of Cuddalore, in answer to
several Complaints relative to the Confinement of Clark
people and their bringing Grain into the Garrison. The
Committee furnished Mr Dent with a Copy of the above Letter
to which he replied on the 17th November stating that Col Harper
never delivered him any return of the Troops in Garrison, that he
imprisoned Conagaba Pillai, that he interfered in the disposal
of the Grain brought into the Garrison, that he took the keys
of the Grain Godowns, that the Colours were not hoisted or a
Salute fired or the Guard turned out on his leaving the
Garrison to proceed to the Presidency. That Col. Harper sent
Sepoys to seize some Four tom Peopler who were employed by the
Chief and Council, that he kept the Surgeon of the Battalion
under his orders 8 days

The Select Committee having taken into
consideration the above letters wrote to Col. Harper on the 9th
December, informing him that it appeared to them there had
been an unnecessary interference on his part, even supposing
him invested with the powers given to the Commanding Officer
officer when the place is attacked. that they observed a
disrespect apparently intended to the Chief on this embarking
for the Presidency, and in any case unjustifiable, that they
enclosed for his Guidance in future, Extract of the minutes of the

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1st Comm.r 12th Dec.r 1778 drawing the line between the authority of the Civil and military Servants, are earnestly recommended to them to unite cordially for the future for the advancement of the publick Service. Mr Dent and the Gentlemen at Cuddalore were at the same time furnished with Copies of the above.

On the 17 Dec.r Col. Harper acknowledged the receipt of the above letter and promised implicit obedience to the orders of the Board. On the 9th Jan.y a letter from the Secretary by order of the Select Committee who supposed Colonel Harper able at Cuddalore was written to the Gentlemen at Cuddalore desiring them to consult with Col. Harper how to destroy the boats at Pondicherry, and implicitly to adopt any measures recommended by him for the accomplishment of that service.

In Consequence of the Capture of Col. Braithwaite. Lt Col. Harper was on the 26 Jan.y appointed to the Command of the Southern Troops, shortly after a letter was received from Mr Tallofield advising that Col. Harper had embarked at Negapatam on the Chapman to proceed to Madras, which was the first official information the Government had received of Col. Harpers having quitted his post at Cuddalore.

To Lieut.t General Sir Eyre Coote. K.B

Commander in Chief in

India

Sir,

As the Gentlemen at the subordinate Settlements and our Garrisons to the northward in consequence of former orders still continue to collect new formed Bullocks to the Establishment we request to know whether you have already a sufficient number with the Army, or how many more you wish to be supplied with that

write

To Sir Eyre Coote — desiring to know what number of Bullocks will be required for the use of the army —

Continued

7th that we may issue orders accordingly.

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

Fort St George
7th April 1782

8th Recvd the following Letters

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

From Mr Holland -
enclosing letter from Mr
Washington at Poonah

My Lord,

I have herewith the honor to enclose your Lordships copy of a letter from Mr Washington

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant
John Holland

Nizam's Camp
Pattoor 23 March 1782

To John Holland Esqr

Sir,

I Rct the pleasure of writing you under date the 3d and 6th instant. The latter inclosing some extracts of news, which I hope came to hand. The time prescribed by the Mahratta Minister for my stay as explained in my former Letter being now expired, I have applied for and obtained permission to return to Bombay; for which place I propose setting out the 12th instant. The cause of my repeated and the necessity I found myself under of complying with the ministers wishes to remain 25 days longer have been already mentioned to you, and the same reason which induced me to request you I would

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to

I would take the trouble of communicating these matters to
the Gentlemen o/c the Board of Corramandel encourages
me to solicit the like favor at present. permit me therefore
to beg you will acquaint them with the Circumstance of
my return to Bombay and at the same time mention
"that I have this Day an Audience in appearance most
"friendly with the every amicable assurance on their part that
"as a proof of this Disposition they have yielded many solici-
"tations in favor of Capt Baillie an officer of the Madras
"Establishment, and delivered him up to me together with
"a young Man his Companion named Mc Shaw both
"of whom will accompany me to Bombay and the
"Mahratta Minister has informed me of the arrival of
"advices from Scindia which tho' if minute and particular
"as he expected was however generally expressive of the
"Satisfaction occasioned by what has passed between him
"and Mr Anderson favorably to the early attainment of
"the Object of the Peishwahs wishes in a treaty of peace and
"lasting alliance with the English.

Whilst perfectly assured of your attention
to every thing by which the public Interests may be assisted
I cannot help suggesting to you from my own experience,
the Satisfaction as well as benefit, which Mr Anderson will
derive from the frequency of your Letters, and knowledge
it may be in your Power to communicate to him.

Sincerely wishing you health and Success.

I remain

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

J. D. Watherston

Poonah
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From Cuddalore
inclosing terms of
capitulation offered to
the Garrison by the French
General

8th To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B
President and Governor of
Fort St George

My Lord,

This Morning a Flag of Truce and
two French officers approached the Westward Gate of the Fort
They were admitted into the Fort thro' Cramoisy Gate with
Handkerchiefs over their Eyes and afterwards conducted to the
Commandants House one of them proved to be Le Vicomte
de Fontdetal Brigadier General and third in Command of
the French Troops in India. He gave proposals inviting
to Capt Hughes the purport of which was that the Fort
should be surrendered to Mons.r Duchemin at five this
Evening and the Inhabitants to be allowed terms similar to
those granted to the Inhabitants of Pondicherry Capt Hughes
in answer said he would defend the place 6 days, befor the
Expiration of which if it was not relieved he would treat
with them Or they did not consent to this they returned to
their Camp at two o'Clock. The Revd Mr Genicke at his
own request accompanied them back to Mons.r Duchemin
Jun.r as he thought by his knowledge of German which
the Vicount as well as Mons.r Duchemin both Spoke
he might be able to prevent any accidental misunderstanding
He says Mons.r Duchemin recd him very genteely, offered
to shew him all his Troops and Artillery and declared to
him on his honor he had 21.00 effective from the with Prisn
that he had made an agreement with Tippo Saul who
wanted the Fort of Cuddalore that he should save his
Endeavours to obtain the place for himself by Capitulation
but if that did not succeed and the place should afterwards be

treat

afterwards

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8th be taken. Then the fort only was to be given to the French and all the Garrison and European Inhabitants were to be Prisoners to Hyder and Tippoo Saib people were to be allowed to Plunder the Town. Mr Gualtier returned at six this Evening accompanied by the Viscount de Souillac and by the first Major and another officer of Dumont's a Flag of Truce. Copy of the proposals they brought with them for Fortitude have informed your Lordship that when the Viscount this morning found that 5 days were required before Capt Huyghes would treat, he tore the writing he had drawn out of the original signed by Mons Duchemin (Then the hour to which he had for your Lordship) As Capt Huyghes has declared he has not communicated for three days, nor 600 good Sepoys in the fort among three or four European Artillery Men. I have not the smallest doubt, but that he will communicate the terms now offered and deliver up the Fort to Mons Duchemin at six tomorrow morning. As the proposals mention that nothing is to be sent out of the place I take the opportunity of addressing your Lordship before the Capitulation is signed.

I have the honor to be most respectfully,

My Lord,

Your most obedient humble Servant

E H Fallofield

Cuddalore
3 March 1782

Proposals offered to the Garrison and Inhabitants of Cuddalore by Mr Duchemin Brigadier General in his most Christian's Majesty's Service and Commander in Chief of the French Troops in India

The Gates shall be delivered over to the French Troops at six tomorrow morning at furthest

The French Colours shall remain

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8th Flying upon the Ramparts 'till that time any all Hostilities shall cease.

The Commandant must engage that nothing shall be conveyed out of the Fort either by Sea or Land, and any neglect in this Article must be considered as an infringement of the Capitulation as any effects thus conveyed out of the Fort must belong either to the King or the English East India Company as I promise security to all Private property of the Officers or Inhabitants.

The Garrison shall be considered as Prisoners of War, and the Europeans shall be sent to Madras, to be exchanged for an equal number of French Troops of the same Rank.

Individuals shall remain in possession of their property, but all the effects belonging to the King or the English East India Company shall be faithfully delivered over after inventories shall have been taken by the French Commissaries appointed by me and the smallest breach of this Article shall be considered as an infringement of the Capitulation.

The Garrison shall march out with the honors of War and shall deposit their arms upon the Glacis

The Garrison shall be furnished with provisions and an escort to Madras by the shortest route by the shortest route either by Sea or Land at my option

Individuals who may not wish to remain under the French Government shall have passports and an escort to Madras granted them & those who chuse to remain, must within three months take an Oath

Of

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8th of Allegiance to his most Christian Majesty

The free Exercise of Religion shall

also be granted them

On the Surrender of the Fort I

promise to secure to every English Individual his

Property whether within or without the Town

Dated in Camp at Cuddalore 3d April 1782

Dutchman

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

Governor and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Major Maule requesting permission to purchase some mathematical instruments for the use of the Engineer Department

The great want of

Mathematical and Surveying instruments for the service

of the Engineer Department induces me to request that

your Lordship &c will allow me to purchase on account

of the Company several useful articles brought from Europe

on the Ships of this Season amounting to about 100 Pagodas

I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your very obedient humble Servt

Fort St George

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Jno. Maule

Lt Engr.

Resolution thereon

Agreed that Major Maule be permitted

to purchase the mathematical Instruments mentioned in

his Letter on account of the honorable Company for the

use of the Engineer's Office, amounting to Pagodas 100/-

and that they be drawn for by bills on Bengal

Sent the following Letter to the Surgeon General

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2 To James. Anderson Esqr.
Surgeon General

To Mr Anderson. Mr Mein to apply there the proper channel for his arrears of pay.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Presidents and select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 26th March, enclosing one addressed to you by Mr. Mein, on the Subject of his Arrears of pay, and am to inform you that applications of this Nature ought not to be addressed directly to Government, but to the proper officers in the several Departments. I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servt
John Huddlestone
Secretary

Fort. St George
8th April 1782

9 Received the following Letters

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord,

From Sr Edwd Hughes with a view of the Capture of Trincomalee on the 11th Jany

I have the pleasure to inform you the Forces under my Command have themselves masters of this Dutch Settlement the 11th of this instant, by assaulting Fort Ostenburg and carrying the Same with some of Mers — killed and wounded on both sides. I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant
Edwd Hughes

Trincomale Back Bay
Augst 16th January 1782

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

From Sir Edwd Hughes informing that a Sufficient number of Bullocks may be collected at the Subordinate Ports

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I am honored with your Letter of

loss

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D^o of the 7th instant

The Operations which were planned when I applied to you for a number of Bullocks, having been necessarily laid aside, and the present Services requiring no more than have been lately sent to the Army, I have only to observe to you that as the expected Reinforcements might be wanted to be equipped on their arrival, and as we ought to be prepared for any other exigency which may occur, it appears to me advisable that Bullocks should still be collected at the Cantonments as far as may be found practicable without distressing the Country.

I mean to make a movement of the Army Tomorrow morning, and to take up fresh Ground some Miles from hence. I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Eyre Coote

Head Quarters Great Mount
the 9th April 1782

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

From Mr de Bergen explaining his reasons for resigning the Company's Service

My Lords

I have had the honor to receive the permission of your Lordship and the Select Committee to resign the Service and the favor of your promise to obtain for me from the Supreme Council of Bengal a pass to return to Europe by the way of Delhi and the Caspian Seas my intention being to reenter the Russian Service in which I have friends and prospects: I beg leave to assure your Lordship that these are the Motives for my quitting the Service of the Honble Company in the present time and not with a view to serve with the French as some bad intentioned Men may suspect. I am not of that Nation nor inclined

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St inclined to them, having had always the most perfect attachment to the English Government and proposing myself to be for ever in the same opinion, I must avow to your Lordship upon a strict examination of my Conduct since I have had the honor to be admitted in the Service, I have not found myself deserving of the second Letter directed to me, by order of the Honble Board; I hope My Lord, you'll be so just to me as to believe me incapable of so ungenerous Sentiments as to do any thing contrary to the welfare and prosperity of the Honble Company; all my vows being for their Success and yours. I am with great Respect

My Lord,

Your most obedient & Hble Servant

B. de Boigne

Fort St George
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Dispatched the following Letters

To Major George Maule,

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of Yesterday, and to inform you that you have their permission to make the purchase you recommend of mathematical Instruments.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed. hble Servt

John Huddleston
Secretary

To Major Maule has permitted to purchase the mathematical instruments which he recommends

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To Captain Edmonds
Commanding at Engole

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble

To Capt. Edmonds Instructions should be given respecting his Prisoners

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9th Honble The President and select Committee to inform you that Sir Eyre Coote has laid before them your Letter of the 8th April and that agreeably to your recommendations orders will be sent for exchanging such part of your provision as may be in danger of becoming unserviceable.

I have the honor to be,

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Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
John Huddlestone
Sec.

10th Agreed that Captain Tod of the Rockford be allowed 2500 Pagodas by Bills on Bengal for his Expence and Trouble in accomodating the Duke Poit Servants with a Passage from Negapatam to Madras, the amount to be carried to the Head of Secret War against Hyder Ally.

a Bill on Bengal granted to Capt Tod for accomodating the Duke persons with a passage fr. from Negapatam.

Issued the following General Orders.

The Honble The Court of Directors having been pleased to appoint William Prescott Esqr a Captain of Engineers and Captain John Pudmore a Captain of Infantry to rank as such from the Day of their arrival at Fort St George, they are accordingly to rank as Captains in their respective Corps from the 31 March 1782

Wm Prescott and John Pudmore Esqrs appointed Captains by the Court of Directors.

Received Letter from his Highness the Nabob as entered in C C. N° 42

Received the Town Majors Report of the arrival of 21 Bullocks

Received the following Letters

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10th. To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President &c Members of the Select Committee
of Madras

From Major Abingtons
account of the Capture
of Calicut on the 13th Febr.

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to inform you That I decamped from My late plains on the 9th instant & march against Calicut, and on the 12th in the morning arrive within three miles of it. The next morning we forced the Town and took post within two hundred Yards of the Fort with the loss of near one hundred and fifty killed and wounded. The same Evening we got some of our heavy Guns and Mortars ashore and erected a Battery; and about 10 o'Clock this morning a shell fortunately blew up the Enemy's grand Magazine, in consequence of which the Fort capitulated. The terms granted them shall be transmitted to your Lordship &c by a future opportunity. — upwards of one hundred and Twenty Guns besides a large Quantity of powder, Shot and other Stores have fallen into our hands.

I beg leave to congratulate your Lordship &c on this fortunate Event and remain with respect

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servant
W Abington

Calicut
13 february 1782

From Mr Light with an
account of the arrival of
the Transports at Anjango

My Lord,

I have this instant received Letters from Anjango, informing me the San Carlos Capt. Smith with Col. Humberston on board and the Transports arrived there on

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10h on the 9th inst. in the afternoon, but upon receiving notice that the French fleet were expected on India, they sailed on the 11th at Night to the Northward. I am with Respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships Mo. ob. Servt

Wellm Lyttle

Pullomcotah
15 feby. 1782

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

From Mr Raine inclosing a list of prisoners at Bangalore and recommending his sons to the favor of the Committee

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit by your Lordships a list of the Officers, Prisoners at this place, the poor unhealthy state of their health and the latter on their Recovery from bad provisions and long confinement. There has not been one Casualty among the Officers since they entered the Prison and only three among the Soldiers since I attended them. On the 18th of last december an order came from Hyder to take me out of prison and to take off my Irons, in consequence of the service I entered to the Hellidars Family, and Inhabitants in General in the line of my profession. This Step I took soon after my arrival here for sake of good treatment to myself and my unhappy Companions, at last I succeeded. When I came out of Prison, I judged this a happy Event for the Soldiers, who were dying without any medicinal aid. I stretched my Nerve to visit them. As for the how charitable an act it would be in the Hellidar to allow me to attend them, if it was only once in 4 or 5 Days. at last by repeated importunities and telling forth the Number of Lives I had saved belonging to Hyder and cures to others, he then consented I should visit the Prison. I leave your Lordship to form an Idea of the Joy those unhappy people felt on seeing me enter the prison to their relief, your own Judgment will far surpass any Representation I

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10th of inime; Capt. Huddle of the Nabob's Service, is my interpreter he understands perfectly all the eastern Languages and thro' him I transact allmy Business with Secrecy and Dispatch. I am allowed to receive money from those who are not Civil Servants, with this money I purchase Medicines & give relief to those who are almost naked, my constant Study is to shew every kind act I am able to these distressed people. my duty and humanity I shall not lose sight of particularly at this time of universal distress. Permit me my Lord to recommend my Son to the select Committee during my Imprisonment. I intended him for the army have educated him with great Care and Expence and I hope he will prove worthy such favor you may be pleased to confer upon him. Your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee may rely on me in pursuing the plan I had adopted for the general benefit of the Officers & Soldiers Prisoners at Bangalore

I am with all possible deference

Your Lordships

Most obedient humble Servant

W Baine

Bangalore Prison
17th March 1782

A List of Officers and No. of men Prisoners at Bangalore

Captain Jones
Le Motte
Goudie

Lieut.s Campbell
Forbes
Dalrymple
Smith
Mercer
Melville Kings reg.t
Mr. Neil
Fallerton
Reid
Haley Bengal
Macdonald ... do.
Bussley ... do.
Pierson ... do.

Ensigns Fowler
Berg
Gordon
Gibbons
Forbes
Connor
Lang
White
Mackay
Faunt
Young
Nash
Lt. Leaf ... Quarter Master
Mr. Smith and Gunner
Mr. Latham Judge Advocate
Baine Surgeon
Goldie ... do. Mate

Cadets Gorey
Cuthbert

Hodges

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16th Cadets Hodges. 76 Soldiers on the Barrack at Bangalore

Captain Dupre
Huddle } Nabob's officers

The Kings Sailors to the N° 8
And Companys Soldiers --- 17 } Total 25 sent to Sport B
weeks ago
W Raine

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney

From Capt Byres requesting that his subsistance may be remitted to him at Tranquebar

My Lord,

I did myself the honor of writing your Lordship the 10th inst. from Porto Novo thro' the hands of Monr Le Chevr de Suffren, informing you of my having been taken by on his Majestys late Ship Hannibal and requesting your Lordship to arrange matters so, as to get me exchanged as soon as possible.

I was sent on shore at Porto Novo the 22nd & along with the Major Russell & Capt Young both on the Bengal Establishment, on my parole, but as I have no subsistence whatever allowed me by the French General and have no money with me, Necessity obliges me to request that your Lordship will be pleased to order my subsistence to be remitted home here, until I am exchanged, which I hope will be soon, as I most earnestly wish to get to my duty and as there is a Mons. Moras at Porto Novo who is properly authorized by Mr de Suffren for the Exchange of Prisoners, I have not a doubt but your Lordship will take every necessary step for that purpose.

May I presume to implore your Lordships protection for a young Lad named Antonio Moss a Cadet on the Madras Establishment and a nephew of mine, by my Capture he is deprived of the only friend he has in this part of the World

I

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10th I beg your Lordships forgiveness for encroaching so far upon your time and have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

My Lord

Your Lordships most obed
& most humble Servant —
Jn Byres
Capt in the Corps of Engineers
Fort St George Establishment

Tranquebar
26th March 1782

B.S. I have taken the liberty to inclose a verbatim copy of the Bond which the other Prisoners and I have signed. I shall be infinitely obliged to your Lordship to authorise Mr Peter Baltgen Merch.t here to pay me my Subsistance who has promised to advance it on your Lordship's Letter, to whose Care if your Lordship honors me with an answer I beg you will direct it JB.

To Lord Macartney
Governor of Madras

From Capt Byres requesting when a Cartel takes place he may be among the first exchanged

My Lord,

I did myself the honor to write your Lordship from Pondicherry informing you that I was unfortunately captured by the French fleet near the line on the 22.nd June. I now beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that Mons.r Suffren granted me with some other Prisoners Leave to come to this place on our parole of honor the 22.nd instant When a Cartel takes place I beg your Lordship will let me be among the first exchanged.

I have the honor to be a Captain's Commission on the Company's military Establishment on Bengal I

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10th

I have the honor to be with Respect
My Lord

Your Lordships most obed.t
and humble Servant
Geo Young

Tranquebar
26th March 1782

To The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney
Governor &.c &.c Fort St George
My Lord.

From Capt Bate representing his destitute situation, and desiring that his arrears may be remitted to him

I think it my Duty to acquaint your Lordship that returning from the Seige of Negapatam with leave of absence from General Sir Hector Munro, that I was taken prisoner by the French fleet off Madras that I remained on board until the day before yesterday when the French Admiral permitted me to land at Porto Novo to proceed to this place on my parole of honor to remain here during the War except exchanged, a circumstance I flatter myself though your Lordship's means will soon take place. I arrived here penny less and without any Cloaths having lost all I had; depending now solely on a remittance from Madras having sent Mrs Bate my arrears of Pay, Bills, for many months back in hopes your Lordship will be pleased to order them to be paid as absolutely necessary for her subsistence here & mine during my stay here as also to enable me to buy a Coat and a few Shifts of Linnen depending on your Lordships favor I have the honor to subscribe myself

Tranquebar
2d March 1782

Your Lordships most obedient and
most humble Servant
Robt. S. Bate

My

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10th My Lord

From Capt Cuppage acknowledging the receipt of 1000 Pags. supposed an excess of provisions

I had the honor to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 29th ult. with 1000 Pagodas for the use of Garrison a receipt was sent for it by a man of Mr Ogilvies. I now send two of the same people and hope your Lordship will continue to supply the Garrison by every opportunity. As I am under the necessity of paying my independant Companies of Sepoys Lascars &c. a Batta the monthly expence of the Garrison will amount to at least 3500 Pags. & in quarters it is impossible to do with or for them to exist without getting their pay regularly. As it is great numbers are deserting. We have begun to cut the dry Grain round the Fort but the Paddy will not be ready before the latter end of the month. If I can but get meat for the Europeans and your Lordship supplies me with money I will not need the assistance of the Army for upwards of two months. The letter which your Lordship mentions having wrote the 5th Ult. is not yet come to hand, nor have I received but one from your Lordship since the Army was here. On the 25th ult I sent Capt Sale with all the Sepoys I could possibly take from the Hill Forts for one night the whole making about 500 with 30 Europeans and 3 6 pounders to surprize a Convoy of Provisions of the Enemy's which halted at Calgherie about three o'Clock in the morning he got into the heart of them without being discovered when he ordered my Sepoys and some others to go and seize the Bullocks and as them but instead of obeying their orders they began to plunder & plunder cutting open the Bags and strewing the Grain about all I got was about 110,000 Measures 340 Bullocks, by their

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W^th their infamous Behaviour an opportunity was lost of getting at last 14 months Provisions for the Garrison — Yesterday a very large Convoy of at least 12000 Bullocks halted at the same place. Sent the same party they got thro about three o'Clock in the morning, the whole wagons laft Sal^r marched through their Camp but they has got the start & went off taking their horses, Cattle and every thing with them I am now much afraid that they will go such wides knowing that it will be out of my Power to compose them If Hyder does not send a greater force than there is at present in the Valley I hope to meet with an opportunity of paying some of their Convoys and do assure your Lordship that I will let no opportunity slip that I can attack them with safety I send your Lordships a letter which I received this morning from Doctor Raine the Man who brought it says Hyder has ordered the Roads to be cleared to the Mysore Country & that they are under great apprehensions from an Invasion from our troops on the Malabar Coast

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant
John Cuppage

Vellore
3 April 1782

From Genl Coote in reply to the President's letter respecting Mr Dun's dispute with Col. Kaspar

My Lord,

I am favored with your Letter of the 7th Inst accompanied by the memorandum respecting Col. Kaspar. I shall not take up much of your Lordships time, or separate or animadversions on what has passed on the said Subject it would be unprofitable Labour to both of us, but you must permit

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10th permit me to remark, I ought to have been made acquainted with many Circumstances, in the memorandum alluded to at the period of their happening. they are now tome, though now entirely out of time. It is for want of the regular established mode of Service & Communication beings attended to, that misunderstandings arise. Colonel Harper was put in Command of Cuddalore by my orders. It was a matter thoroughly understood, and Mr Dent subscribed before General Stewart and myself to the necessity of it, that Colonel Harper should be considered in the uncontroled military Command of that Garrison. Giving out Parolls &c.
2d. On these terms I left Colonel Harper at the Station of Cuddalore and he afterwards quitted it by my leave. As to Mr. Dents not being saluted when he left the place Col. Harper obeyed my orders in not saluting. I wished the powder to be kept for better purposes I was not saluted myself. The articles of Capitulation prove they had no powder there to trifle with or Salute. It is my ardent wish to cooperate in the fullest sense of the Word, with the select Committee collectively; or separately with your Lordship. as Presidents and that in the most confidential manner. But I must beg it to be remembered, I expect to be made acquainted with all military Correspondence to the different Posts of the Army, that it may be necessary for your Lordship or the select Committee to enter into: and I must desire your Lordships constant attention to this very material point. Believe me with true esteem

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obed.
humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Head Quarters
St Thomas's Mount
8th April 1782

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10th Dispatched the following Letter
To Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote
Commander in Chief &c &c

To Sir Eyre Coote desiring to know what number of Bullocks he would wish to have kept in readiness

Sir,

We have been honored with your Letter of the 9th instant.

Our President understood from the Town Major that you would approve of stopping the collection of bullocks for the present but were desirous that 1000 should be kept at Madras as a store to supply casualties. We wish to know if you judge that number sufficient, or how many more you would have kept in readiness at that may issue orders accordingly without delay.

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Mcpherson
&c Committee

Fort St George
10th April 1782

11th Received the following Letter

My Lord,

From Mr Light respecting the arrears due to the Troops in the Tinnevelly Country

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of Your Lordships Letter of the 8th December by Captain Bidcliffe and shall with great pleasure give him every assistance he may think requisite for the advantage of the Companys Interests and the execution of your Lordships orders, and I earnestly beg you will believe that I have made every possible exertion and shall continue to do so for the publick Service hoping I stand acquitted in your Lordships opinion of

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11th of being in the smallest degree instrumental in the many difficulties we now labour under, from a want of that necessary oeconomy which the state of the Country and our resources pointed out as incumbent upon us to observe —

I conceive it my particular duty to acquaint your Lordship, that at the time, the two Batts. of Nabobs Sybendys were taken into the Companys Service, from the great arrear of pay then due to them, and the very undesirable change of life of ease and indulence, to that of strict discipline, required particular attention to punctual paymnts. in order to attach them to our Service, and to prevent the consequences of their clamours for arrears of pay which could not be immediately complied with, I have been under the indispensable necessity as their was by the commanding officer, to raise money at any interest and upon such terms, as it could be procured, not from any view to my own private Interest or advantage or from any desire of wantonly lavishing away the publick money: but as I was obliged in every thing to depend entirely on my own resources for the paymnt of the troops / who were kept for several months within half a mile of the Garison upon full field allowance / consisting of upwards of 4 Batts. of Sepoys and as I had without hesitation given up every advantage which the usage of the Service and the indulgence of the Board entitled me to from my office, I do not doubt, but I shall stand acquainted for having raised Sums of Money on an extraordinary interest and that your Lordship will make me the same allowance as I have for the Companys use paid

to

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11th to Sowars and others

In the letter I had the honor of receiving from the Secretary of the Select Committee I was told with pain I having promoted Capt Edmonstone to keep the Bullocks of the detachment from the manner which he refused me even the assistance of Sepoys to bring them in from the Country, and I foresaw without these aids, all my Endeavors to procure them forage for their Subsistance and to keep them in serviceable order would not without many difficulties be in my power to accomplish That therefore made a sacrifice of every emolument I might derive from them rather than the least delay should be laid to my charge that might have prevented the carrying into execution those orders he might have received from the Board and which would perhaps have been attributed to the delay I had sustained from a failure of the Bullocks.

I am sorry to observe to your Lordship that the arrival of Capt Bidcliffe with the Detachment of this Garrison and Madura has occasioned upon me by a timely representation of these Circumstances to your Lordship to avoid future Censure, upon an estimate of the arrears due to the Corps in this Garrison alone I find there is now due upwards of 10,000 Pags and Mr Procter assures me he has little or no money in the Cash Chest for them. Altho' I have heretofore upon my own credit been able to supply the Garrison with money as pressing for its immediate demands, and could still find resources, yet the necessity there is for giving high premiums to Sowars for money and the loss I shall sustain should the Board allow me no more than 8 p Cent for such Sums as I have already advanced to

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11th to the troops, will point out to your lordship the impossibility of raising money for them at present.

A Swiss officer formerly a cadet in our service but now in the Dutch, sent me a plan of Colombo which I meant to have forwarded to your Lordship, but on the arrival of our Fleet at Anjengo I thought it better to send it to General Meadows. I hope it will reach him in time. I had likewise a return of their stores, but it was totally unintelligible, I wrote to the General giving him an acct of the number of their Troops, the Dutch having left Tutacorin will prevent me in future from gaining information. I took the liberty with the concurrence of Capt Biddulph to represent to the General our situation in this Country and of the utility of having a few Europeans, even if only sufficient to make a Piquet to each Company of Sepoys. I flatter myself if I have done wrong Your Lordship will forgive me. I have not a doubt if I can raise Money sufficient to get the Troops into the field a large Sum may be collected from the Poligars, the Renter is now in the Country settling with them, but it must be Capt Biddulph and the Troops which must make them pay the amt of their Bonds.

Should the army be distress for tents I could make up any Quantity in this Country and as I have every reason to expect assistance from Capt Biddulph. I believe had I your Lordships orders I could likewise procure Bullocks for the Army. I remain with much respect

Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Light

Tallam Cotah
7 February 1782

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11th To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor and President &c. Select Committee
My Lord,

From Capt Biddulph sends a party to take possession of Tutocorin a dispute arises between Mr Proctor and the Aumil

I have the honor to acquaint you of the capture of Tutocorin which surrendered at discretion to Lieut Wheeler whom I detached with the Battalion of Light Infantry to take the place. The Garrison consisting of Seyraid and six private Europeans five Topasses and seven Sepoys were made prisoners. Seventeen Guns and fifty four Stand of arms were found in the place. Collapdh Boma Naig, a neighbouring Polygar, sent two hundred of his men to assist the Dutch but they fled on the approach of our troops, this Polygar has taken from them some Guns and Stores which I shall get an account of as soon as possible

I am sorry to inform your Lordship that there are great disputes between Mr Proctor and the Aumil relative to the collecting of the Revenues the Aumil says that it is his business to collect the Money and Grain and the deliver it to Mr Proctor, but this point Mr Proctor does not chuse to give up but continues to collect the Customs &c. and keep Sepoys over some of the Nabobs Servants which gives the Aumil much offence, it seems to be necessary for a line to be drawn between them by the Select Committee as I apprehend Mr Proctor thinks your Lordship's Letter not sufficient as he was appointed by the select Committee. If this is not speedily done I fear the Revenue will suffer much. I write this for your Lordship's information not by way of complaint

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most
obedient Servant
J Biddulph

Palamcotah
21 feby. 1782

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11th To The Right Honble Lord Macartney KB
President &c Members of the Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mr Michell relative to the supplies of Grain to be expected from the adjacent districts

Enclosed I have the — honor to transmit the third bill of lading of the military stores shipped on board the Chapman Capt Walker

In consequence of your orders to Messrs Cochran and Digby, they will deliver home about 6,500 Candies of Paddy, which they inform is all the balance remaining due to the Company from the Nagore and Negapatam districts Whatever quantity is received shall be carefully placed in good Godowns until I am favored with your directions as to the disposal of it. The Renters have upwards of 4000 Candies of their private property, besides which some grain belonging to Individuals is taken into the Granderies the Company may hereafter have occasion for it. At this time our supplies from the Country are very small, the villages being infested by parties of Horse and the inhabitants of — Heevalore having agreed to pay the Enemy forty thousand Chuckrams for the present keep on the Ground

I have the honor to be with great Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
W Michell

Negapatam
30th March 1782

Brass Guns — 12
Iron do — 205
Brass Mortars 1
Iron do — 29
Empty Shells — 381
Round Shot — 2369
Grape Canisters — 9

From Capt Johnson receives from Lieut Hughes a supply of 200 Barrels of Gunpowder

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Our fleet appeared off Trangquebar the 4th instant and the Nonsuch Packet anchored in our Roads the 5th In

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15th on the afternoon as I found our indents for powder was not complied with immediately imbarked with thirty Seamen of the Hannibals for the fleet and got on board the Superbe the 16th at day break while the fleet was getting under way. The admiral was so obligeing as to have one Two hundred barrels from the fleet which we got safely landed the same Evening

Sir Edward was well in great spirits and in hopes of fallowing in with Mr Suffren who hoped this place the 26th ultimo at back bay, as we have had strong northerly winds ever since I doubt not but the fleet has reached Trincomalee ere this.

I am sorry to acquaint you my Lord and Gentlemen that our intercourse with Tanjore is almost entirely cut off the last account from that place was dated the 7th the Enemys horse were then round the Fort taking every means to cut off their supplies of provisions from the Country. The Transports from Mocha arrived at Bombay the 6th ult with the 42d Regt Col. Horn and Col. Cosh were on board of that Fleet

Last month some black officers formerly in the dutch Service were employed by the French to enlist men at Negapatam and if possible persuade our Sepoys by promises of high pay and promotion. The first notice I had of it was the desertion of Seven Sepoys within a few days of each other a Jemadar disguised with some bounty men were sent to take Service with them in order to discover them. They were entised and the Evening they intended to march a party of Sepoys seized the Principles. After an Examination before the principle officers of the Garrison their guilt appearing plain and their own confession in concurrence with the opinion of those Gentlemen Condemned me

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If one main to be hanged two other principles are still in Irons — class
and two of an inferior class were flogged out of the bounds with
a Tom Tom to attend them I have ordered the Jemmedar the
Bank and pay of a Subidar till your pleasure be known
which I hope may meet with approbation.

The French certainly marched the —
beginning of the month for Cuddalore. I have requested
Capt. Corner of the Basket to look into that place as he passes
for Madras. if he thinks he can do it without too great a
risk, on board of the Brig. on board of the Brig I have sent six
of the French Surgeons. Mr Michell likewise goes by the same
conveyance to whom I refer your lordship and Gentlemen —
for all particulars respecting this Garrison

I have the honor to be with very great Respect.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient
and most humble Servant

Jn Johnson

Negapatam
8th April 1782

John

P.S. This instant I have intelligence of a party of horse being
arrived at Nagore they frequently visit us in the Day but
have not hitherto ventured to encamp or dress their victuals
nearer than Trivalore.

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B
Prudent 8th Select Committee
Fort St George.

From Capt Johnston
The Snow Ganges from
Bengal taken by the
French fleet with —
600 Barrels of Gun —
powder on board and
2000 Bags of Rice.

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have just received intelligence
from Tranquebar that Capt Young there has received a letter
from General Duchemin dated the 2d inst. before Cuddalore
in answer to a letter he wrote demanding subsistence which
the

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If the French General refuses unless he was with their Army. &c
Sibbendies have this instant brought in five Sepoys with prisoners
from Cuddalore they belonged to the Flotta but were put in charge
the Ganges River drove on shore off that place by our fleet. The
Brave was from Bengall with Rice and 500 Barrels of
Gun powder taken with another about 30 Leagues S.E. of the
fleet. Suffren took out all the powder except 26 Barrels. The
Rodney taken the Snow on her way to protect the Boats &
sent for what they can get and to set fire to her a small party
of horse attacked the Sibbendies but were drove off. Reports from
Tranquebar say that Cuddalore has surrendered which I
hope is not true. I have required Capt Connor to look into the
place for Intelligence if he can without hazard a visit.
From the motions of the Enemys Fleet I suspect their object is
Tanjore. I have the honor to be with the very great respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient
and most humble Servant
Jas. Johnstone

Negapatam
8th April 1782

My Lord,

In consequence of your orders I proceed
to Cuddalore, but unfortunately found it impracticable owing to the
French; I am sorry to inform your Lordship, that by a letter
from Tranquebar from Mr Hoveas, that the French fleet
have taken a Snow from Bengal with 600 Barrels of powder
and two thousand Bags of Rice for this Presidency, Suffren
took all the powder out of her and sent her with a Corvette
escorted on the General Coote Snow riding at an Anchor under
the protection of the Guns at Tranquebar however as the French
Capt.

from Capt Robertson
finds Cuddalore in the
possession of the French the
Snow General Coote captured
by a French Corvette

11th Captain had some doubt with regard to the Legality of the Seizure, he took the Capts. out of the Snow, left them at Tranquebar, and proceeded towards the fleet, who were to anive from that Port 25 Leagues S.E. fortunately our fleet fell in with her and chased her on Shore a little to the South.d of Tranquebar; Admiral Hughes put the Captain of the General Coote in possession of his Vessel again, and remonstrated to the Governor of Tranquebar the impropriety of letting an English Vessel be taken out from under their Guns: The Rodney Basket was dispatched with 40 men to reinforce Negapatam. Our fleet were at Tranquebar the 6th and as they received the intelligence that the French fleet were only 20 or 25 Leagues to the S.E. I hope they are up with them long before this. I return your Lordship the Basket for Cuddalore

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordships very obed.t Serv.t
J D Richardson
Capt. Com.r the Yarmouth

Ship Yarmouth
Madras Roads
11th April 1782

Received the following Letter from the Committee of assigned Revenue, with extracts of their proceedings of the 8.th Inst.t (lodged in the office) and the papers therein mentioned.

From Committee of assigned revenue inclosing extracts of their minutes

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Accompanying this we have the honor to lay before your Lordship &c an extract of our minutes of the 8th instant together with forms of the writings for the Renters and a paper specifying the particular Lists that have been agreed

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It agreed to by the Rentes of Bahraich

We have the honour to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient and

most humble Servants

Chas. Oakeley

&c Committee

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Received Letters from Vizagapatam with
returns of Troops for March/as entered in the Miscellany
Book No 5/

Received Letter from Capt. Walker
of the Chapman/as entered in the Miscellany Book No 5/
requesting Payment of Rup. 1437.33. by Bills on the
Court of Directors being the amount of Sundry Provisions
supplied the Garrison of Negapatam

Bills granted on the
Court of Directors to
Capt Walker for
Rup 1437-33

Received Letter from Mr Howell/as
entered in the Miscellany Book No 5/ earnestly requesting
permission to go and reside to the Northward; Agreed that
his request be complied with on Condition the Company
shall be at no further charge on his account

Mr Howell permitted
to go and reside to the North

charge

Dispatched the following Letter to
Bengal with the several papers therein mentioned.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs.

We have received the honor of
your letter of the 11th ult. and shall pay implicit obedience to all
your Commands therein contained.

To Bengal will pay
implicit obedience to their
letter of the 11th March
respecting the motions of
the Army

Sir

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11th

Sir Eyre Coote moved the Army Yesterday morning, and encamped last night about eight miles to the Southward of the Mount.

Enclosed We have the honor to send you the copy of a letter we have this moment received from Capt.n Richardson, commanding the Company's Ship Yarmouth which we has dispatched together with the Success Galley to the relief of Cuddalore. He brings an account of that place being in the hands of the French, an event which we had reason to apprehend for some time. We herewith transmit to you the last letter from Mr. Talbot field covering the Capitulation proposed by the Enemy. Captain Richardson's letter also gives the latest accounts of the Squadron.

We have the honor to be,

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t hble Servants

Signed Macartney

Fort St George
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S.t Select Committee

We transmit you copies of two letters received since writing the above.

Despatched the following letter to Sir Eyre Coote with Copy of the Letter from the Governor General and Council of the 11th ult.o

To Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Sir,

To Sir Eyre Coote inclosing copy of the Letter from the Governor General & Council transmitting to him all the power in military matters

Tho' the Letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal of the 11th ult.o has been laid before you in the course of Circulation. We think it necessary to transmit to you a copy of it for your particular information.

It is our sincere wish to

Conform

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We conform ourselves as far as may be practicable to the recommendations therein contained from a sense of duty to our employers who have directed us to follow the Lead of the Governor General and Council of Bengal at this Crisis of their affairs. You are therefore accordingly invested with all the Powers, Authorities and Responsibilities which the Governor General and Council of Bengal have on their said Leet directed you should respect.

You will observe, that the Governor General and Council mention their having received Complaints from you relative to our interference in your General Command. As you never did us the honor of communicating to us any of your Letters to Bengal, we know not the particulars alluded to, and consequently feel ourselves at a loss what to say upon the subject. As our whole Correspondence and all our proceedings have been ever open to your inspection, we flatter ourselves you will no doubt be so obliging as to favour us with a copy of such dispatches as you may have written expressive of your dissatisfaction of our conduct, that we may have an opportunity of explaining it, and of justifying ourselves to the Government of Bengal and our Employers at home.

We are

Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

Macartney

Lt. Select Committee

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Dispatched the following Letter to the Paymaster of the Army

Letter on Bengal Bills given to the Cavalry officers for their increase Salaries

To Thomas Welch Esq.

Paymaster of the Army,

Sir,

I am directed by The Right Honble

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11th The President and select Committee to inform you that the officers commanding the Regiments of Cavalry having requested Bills on Bengal for their contract Balances to the end of January 1782 the Select Committee are of opinion that the pay and Charges of the Cavalry should keep pace with those of the rest of the Army and when the Select Committee know the amount they will grant Bengal Bills for it to you on your requisition and the Cavalry officers will give you receipts which will prevent any confusion or irregularity in your Accounts. I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obed.t hble Serv.t

John Huddleston
Sec.r

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12th Received the following Letter

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord,

From Mr Henshaw enclosing a letter from the Governor of Bombay

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter from the Governor of Bombay received yesterday evening The Locko, Asia Latham & Ostorly Company's Ships arrived at Bday the 5th instant. The Transports with the Troops on board returned to Calicut from Anjengo and have landed at that place upwards of one thousand Infantry and there prevails a report here that Cochin is taken by our Troops. A French Privateer of 50 Guns commanded by the Sieur LaRoche an Irishman who left Mauritius the 2nd August last, was burnt at Madagascar in October last by accident, and the better part of the Crew perished ere they arrived at Mauritius.

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Goa
18th March 1782

Your Lordships most obt hble Servant
Rt Henshaw

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12th Ser.

Yesterday I was favored with yours of the 16th Jany. 82 with its enclosures for the Court of Directors, I wish it had come a day sooner as I dispatched to the Chairs Deputy the 5th the account of the Fr. Fleet's arriving on your Coast the 5th Feby off Nellore, which account was dated 11th Feby from Masulipatam and transmitted hither by Mr. Holland from Hydrabad the 16th and arrives here the 3d instant one of the arrival here of the Locko, Asia Latham and Bentley this Line from Hyderabad not Mocha as was before said. Cuddalore was taken by Major Abington the 13 Feby our loss was killed and wounded abt 150 a shell thrown into the Fort blew up the Magazine on which they capitulated. There were some Vessels belonging to Hyder on the Stocks building and near finished & Hope Lady Alms would join Sir Edwd at Tuticorin as the Essex spoke them off Galle the 25th or 26th Jany. The Saw Sailor with six armed Ships got the news of the French fleet having left Mauritius the 7th Decr at Day. by a Portuguese ship that left that Island the 22nd on which he thought it prudent not to proceed round but returned to Calicut on Tuesday the 15th Inst. I am afraid for the Sultan and Magnanimes with the Ships under their Convoy as they might be expected about the middle of Feby. I am, Sir,

Your most obed. Hble Servant
Wm. Hornby.

Bombay
6th March 1782

X From Bengal. Three regiments of Sepoys ordered to the Coast — refuse to march and mutiny other corps shew the same disposition —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The Service of the War on the Carnatic has

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12th has subjected us to many and great distresses. One we have recent experience in. An instance which furnishes the occasion of this Letter. In conformity to your earnest and repeated applications that we would send a strong detachment into the Northern Circars we ordered a detachment to be formed.

The Regiment of Sepoys which were to compose the first, which received the order to march, refused and mutinied. The contagion spread to the Rest, which have shewn symptoms of the same licentious spirit, altho' it has not been productive of an open declaratory act. The Regements are quartered in the neighbourhood of the Presidency where our whole force in Europeans is but two hundred and fourteen infantry and two hundred and Twelve Artillery fit for duty, altogether only four hundred and twenty six which are in the last resort, should we be reduced to so desperate an extremity as to be opposed to a body of four thousand. Whatever may be the issue of these appearances the fatal consequences to which the interest and property of the Company are exposed by the Native Corps of our establishment will still remain the same. As it is in the superiority of the former that we must depend for our essential security, and as we understand that all the Troops belonging to his Majesty's Service which were sent out under the Command of General Meadowes have been received and landed at your Presidency. We do therefore request you will immediately return to us by shipping all the Europeans of our establishment who were detained for your service, with such an addition from your own as will make up the compleat number of five hundred effective Men. Or that you will take such other means of supplying our deficiencies as the Commander in Chief shall professionally advise

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12th advice.

We entertain a reasonable hope that you will be better able to answer this requisition by the arrival of the forces which were embarked on the Fleet dispatched from England on June last. At all events your deficiencies are not those of effective strength, but of other requisites: Nor should we presume on the occasion which has urged us to demand, now make it, if we had the slightest suspicion that it would add to your embarrassments

We recommend that you observe the most profound secrecy upon the subjects of this letter, which for the same purpose we shall keep apart from our record. And that every possible precaution be taken to ascribe your compliance with it to any cause which may conceal the true one. We are

Fort William
25th March 1782

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
&c Council

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

My Lord

From Mr Michell the French Fleet another in sight of Negapatam

The French Fleet consisting of twenty one sail twelve of which appear to be of the line came in sight of Negapatam yesterday evening they were at an anchor most part of this day, and are now hull down standing to the SE It is generally believed this Squadron are going to Colombo, or Trincomalee — Captain Johnson has wrote this intelligence to your Lordship with

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12th Instructions to the Calamaraam people to deliver the like Accounts to Sir Edward Hughes in case but Fleet are on their way to the Southward I hope your Lordship had heard of the Chapman as she would be of great importance to the Enemy if she fell in their hands. Captain Walker had determined to keep well to the Eastward where he left this Place and to Proceed to Bengal if he had reason to believe the Enemys cruizers were off Madras. I have the honor to be

Negapatam
26th March

My Lord

Your most Obedient humble Servt
W. Michell

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

From Genl. Coote enclosing intelligence respecting the motions of Hyder and the intentions of the Marattas on the subject of Bullocks

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you that I marched from the mount on the Morning of the 30th Instant and took up ground that day near Tamerum from whence I yesterday move to my present Encampment having first ordered a party of Cavalry to the Mount to escort to Camp sixty thousand Rupees which I was told were sent thither for the Troops and which the Paymaster received at 2 o'clock this morning We have as yet seen only a few of the Enemys Straggling Horse. who did not come near enough either to do as any Mischief or to receive any themselves. I shall halt here this day and move again tomorrow morning unless something now unforeseen prevents me I avail myself of the occasion now to acquaint you with some interesting intelligence which I have learnt — Hyder continues at or near Tallak as most Judicious

12 judicious situation — He may there be joined in a very short time by the French. He is there in readiness to check my operations and from thence He may with equal ease go against either Wandewash, Carangoly or Permacoil Tiptoo with a strong Detachment from the Main body is encamped on the Bank of the River near Cuddalore — Hyders own intentions were to have moved to the Southward with a view to possess himself of the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Countries. but a French Officer of rank who arrived in his Camp immediately after the fall of Cuddalore represented in a conference, that it would be highly improper to attempt any thing to the Southward until they should be Masters of Permacoil Carangoly and Wandewash the Mahrattas that have made great rejoicing on the arrival of the French in India and Hyder has very lately received a letter from Nana Furnes assuring him in the strongest terms that there will be no peace with the English that something decisive for their mutual advantage will speedily take place and that he may prosecute the War in the Carnatic with vigor and confidence — Let us now advert to our own situation relative to that of our Enemies alone stated — The weak state of this Army is well known to you, but the distresses which it has long suffered from want of money to pay off arrears is inconceivable — of the accident that has happened to the Action Frigate you will doubtless have heard it will cause a very great delay in the receipt of those supplies which were expected by that conveyance and I therefore trust that other means will be found of procuring cash for the support of the Army since without it you must be sensible how totally impossible it will be to carry on the Service at this very alarming crisis Our Sepoys are in such a state as renders every attention to them absolutely indispensable — They go off in numbers every

12th every day — no less than twenty six, nineteen of whom are from Bengal have deserted since the night I left the encount, and there is no saying how long this spirit may prevail among them — notwithstanding the Number of Europeans Sent to the Hospital the day before I marched. we have now many carrying in Doolies and they seem to increase hourly — under all these circumstances it behoves us to act with the utmost caution — we have an Enemy to cope with superior to us in almost every respect — and although it were disgraceful by any want of exertion to betray our inferiority Yet viewing in a just light our present real condition and reflecting how much the reinforcements we expect must mend it to attempt any vigorous operations at this period would seem if not rash at least very injudicious —

On your parts my Lord and Gentlemen I am Persuaded no efforts within your reach will be wanting to enable the Army to effect those purposes on which the honor and interest of the Nation and the Company principally Depend — I need not then recommend to your very particular attention the care of their Majestys 78 regiment I shall only apprise you that it is possible I may have occasion for them at an hours warning and that I wish to have them held in readiness accordingly every assistance from Government will be requisite to equip them properly at their first setting out and we shall be much distressed if a considerable Numbers of Doolly Boys be not ready

I am &c are not timely secured Your letter of the 10th Instant reached me yesterday morning mine to you of the 9th was as explicit as I could make it, and you will allow me to repeat that as we must expect casualties among the Bullocks now with the Army and ought to be prepared for every possible exigency a certain Number (Mr Ross) the Agent told me that he could not well feed

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12th more than 1000) should be kept at Madras, and as many as can be procured without distressing the Country at the Subordinate Settlements to the Northward from whence they may be sent for when wanted — The Bullock People in Camp not having received any money for several Months are driven to play tricks which might prove of serious detriment to the Service, however I am endeavouring to detect some of them and do not despair of putting a Stop to such practices

My Lord and Gentlemen I have a weight upon my Shoulders that almost bears me down, worn out in constitution I feel myself unequal to the constant fatigues and anxieties attending my situation — I shall however endeavour as far as lays in my power to stem, the torrent that seems almost ready to overwhelm Us, not doubting of your exertions to assist my Labours I have the honor to be

Camp near
Monumunglam
12th April 1782

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servt
(signed) Eyre Coote

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

From Committee of assigned Revenue enclosing Extract from their Proceedings regarding the reduction of the Expences of the assigned Revenue —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Agreeable to the orders of your Lordships &c. communicated to us in Mr. Secretary Cuddalore's Letter of the 4th Instant, we have taken into consideration the Expences at present allowed in some of the Countries assigned by the Nabob, and we now have the honor to enclose an extract of our proceedings

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12th proceedings relative to the reduction of those Expences.

We shall as soon as possible proceed to propose in the same Manner our opinion of reductions which may be made in the expences of the other Countries.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obed.t & most Hble.
Servants
Chas. Oakeley
" Eyles Irwin
Hall Plumer
David Haliburton
George Moubray

Fort St George
11th. April 1782

(Signed)

Captain Phillips who was captured Some time since with his Vessel by the French Fleet, arrived here to day from Tranquebar: and the President having requested of him to furnish whatever Intelligence he could of the French Fleet, the following Letter was in consequence received from him.

To John Hudleston Esq.

Sir,

From Capt. Phillips with an account of the proceedings of the French Fleet during the time he was on Board.

Agreeable to His Lordship's Request, I now transmit You every Transaction that had reached My Knowledge relative to the French since My being Captured by them, which was on the 7th. of February Ult.o

After their taking His Majestys Ship the Hannibal, they found that 2 Sail of the line with Seven Indiamen were to leave St Hellena 4 or 5 Days after the Hannibal on which a Consultation was called whether it was best to proceed direct to Madras, or to Cruize off Achin, and to try to Intercept them, Admiral Suffrain was for the Cruize, but as Admiral

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12th

Admiral D'Orves was then alive, it was Carried against Suffrain, for each Admiral had his party in the Fleet the French Fleet Made the Land of the Armegon the 8th February & Admiral D'Orves Died the 9th February, it was a lucky Circumstance for Madras they trifled their Time away so long to the Northward as they did, for they knew that Admiral Sir Edward Hughes was not the 8th, At Madras, by Vessels they had Captured, and were in great Spirits, and were sure of being Masters of the Carnatick in a short Time, on the 15 in the Morning we made Madras in great Spirits, but about 8 in the Morning being near, and seeing the English Admiral with Nine Line of Battle Ships drawn in a Line with Springs on their Cables Ready to receive them, their Surprise was not a little, and their Courage was Damped: they Anchored and a Consultation was held, and it was judged most advisable to defer an attack and to go to Porto Novo, and Land their troops and Stores, Admiral Suffrain giving it as his Opinion, that should an Accident happen in loss of Masts it would distress them, they having no Port or Supplys to Repair & Refit at: at 11 they weighed, and stood to the Southward in the afternoon, seeing Admiral Hughes weigh and follow them, Admiral Suffrain, by Signal, ordered all his Transports a head with the La Porvoyeuse and Subtle Frigate as their Convoy, which was done: the Convoy steered along shore Course all night, and Suffrain steared S.E. & S.E.b.E. all night, at Sun rise their Convoy was not to be seen, but they saw the English Squadron to the W.S.W. and had got between Suffrain and his Transports and in chase, which gave them great uneasyness, for they looked on their transports as gone, they made all the Sail they were able After the English Squadron, and was nearing them, which Sir Edward saw, & about Noon called all his Ships in, by 4 P.M. formed his Line, but the French being at so great a distance as

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12th no Action took place that day, the Next Day the Squadrons being at no great distance from each other, but light Breezes & Calms till 2 P.M prevented their Closing, when a Breeze Sprung up, the French Ship which was to lead sailed heavy, which Obliged Admiral Suffrain to lead himself, which he saw, if he had not done So, No Action could have been that day, at 10 Minutes before 4 P.M Admiral Suffrain began the Action by giving Commodore King a Broad Side, & Crouded Sail till he Reached Admiral Hughes, where he Stopped and would not Suffer any of his Fleet to head him. So that only 5 Sail of the English Squadron Came into action, & had the whole of the 12 Enemys Ships on them. & the fire of the French was exceeding heavy, but they began at too great a distance, & before it was dark I was in great distress for Commodore King, for I Expected he would have been Cut off, a little before dark the Brilliant Came up to the Exeter with an intention to Board her, & the Flamond, the Commodore, gave her 3 Broad Sides / they being then at pistol Shot, which killed & wounded 3/4 of the Brilliants people, & set her on fire which Made her Steer off, & after that the Flamond being on the other Quarter She made her Shew off likewise which ended the Engagement, it falling Dark, the French wore to the Westward, & made Sail about 3/4 of an hour, then Brought too for the whole Night, in the Morning saw Nothing of the English Squadron, the French then proceeded to Pondicherry, when we arrived there the French from the Shore informed us that the English Squadron past the day before to the Southward, & that 3 of the Ships were dismasted, which I was afraid Might be the Case, tho' whilst it was light I Saw None of our Fleet Dismasted, the French got to Porto Novo the 25th February, & the 25th 3 or 4 of their Transports joined them, & it was the 8 or 10 of March before they Landed any of their Stores & Troops, being all that Time settling Matters with Hyder: on the 12th March they dispatched My Vessel, the Betsey, for Mauritius with a Paquet. they Landed at Porto Novo about one half of their Troops & Stores. that

12th that they brought from the Island, which was at first Near 4,000 Troops, 1200 Europeans & 800 Coffres were landed, the others being taken & fled to Pt delGalle in the missing Transports. on the 23d March they suffered me to go on my Parole to Tranquebar. on the 26th the French Fleet past Trenquebar to the Southward, in all 22 Sail, 3 of their Transports were destined for Batavia, the others & the Chaser for the Islands. on the 31st a Snow arrived at Tranq. which they had captured, the Price Master knew, & he informed me that it was spoke with great Confidence in their Squadron when he left it, they at That Time being at No great distance from Tringuenamalle, that Admiral Suffrain intended sending into Tringuenamally Seven Sail of his Line of Battle Ships to Batter the fort & the other five to remain outside

About the 27th March a dispute arose between the French & Hyders people at Chilleambrum Pagoda, the French wanted to hoist their Colours on the Pagoda & the Prey the Braman informed them he could not admit it, without an order from his Master, on which a french Officer drew his Sword & Cut the Braman in two or three places: upon which an Account was sent to Hyder, his answer was, to turn them & their Stores out of the Pagoda: which they did; and the French without the help of Cooleys were obliged to drag their Cannon back to Porto novo, the Troops in general are greatly dissatisfied & are falling down, for the Water at Porto Novo is exceeding bad, there is among the Troops about 4 or 500 Germans, which are determined the first Opportunity to desert to the English.

The 4th Instant Admiral Hughes appeared with his Squadron standing to the Southward, a Small french Cruizer, which Came from the Islands with a Pacquet & Suffrains Commission to the Chief Commana, she was but 3 Months from Europe to Mauritius, when she left it, there were no Men of War

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war there, about 6 or 7 Transports were there; this small Cruizer had left Tranquebar 2 Days before to Join Admiral Suffrain, but light winds & a Strong Northerly Current She had made no progess, & on Seeing the English Squadron took it for their own, & Stood towards them, & that Pretty near before She found her Mistake, the Monmouth gave Chace & run her on Shore 2 Miles to the Southward of Tringuebar & burnt her, the people & packet got Safe on Shore. Sir Edw. left Tranquebar the 6th in the Morning with a fine wind in Pursuit of the Enemy in the highest Spirits, & I think I may pronounce without Vanity that, if both Fleets Meet, Sir Edward will give a good account of Monsieur. I went on board of Sir Edward the 5th & gave him every information I Could, & the winds which he has had since Its my Opinion he would reach Tringuenamalle the 9th or 10th at farthest, I am,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

David Phillips.

Madras
12th April 1782

Minute on the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

The Committee having attentively perused and Considered the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, entirely approve the Papers they have drawn out for the Renters, and of their Reasoning on the Subject, and the President is requested to wait on the Nabob for his approbation, and to obtain his Signature to the Perana Chits.

Dispatched the following Letters with the Enclosures therein mentioned

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.
&c. Members of the Committee of
Assigned Revenue.

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Gentlemen

To the Committee of
Signed Revenue —
approving of the arrange-
ments they have made

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to the Select Committee of the 11th accompanying extract of your minutes of the 8th Instant, and to signify to you their entire approbation of the Papers you caused to be drawn up for the Renters and of your reasoning on the Subject. I now return your minutes above mentioned with the original Papers, and have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble
Servant
John Huddleston
Secretary.

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

and Commander in Chief of
all the Forces in India

To Sir Eyre Coote enclosing two Letters the Company's Granary takes fire.

Sir.

Herewith we have the honor to enclose you Extract of a Letter from Captain Richard Scott, and likewise one from Captain Richardson, and a Note from Mr. Brodie, by which you will perceive that one of the Company's Granary's took fire, but luckily was extinguished without much Damage — We have the honor to be

Sir.

Your most Obedient and humble
Servants,
Macartney
& Select Com.

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13th Received the following Letters,

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To: Mr. Secretary Hudleston,

Sir,

From Mr. Cochrane & Digby prevented by the Enemy's Cavalry in their endeavours to Collect Grain

You will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that in Consequence of their orders you transmitted us under date the 10th February last we instantly applied ourselves to the collecting in of Grain from the Districts of Negapatam Nagore and Karrikal, but our endeavours were immediately Checked by the Enemy's Cavalry dispersing over the Country, and using every severity with the Inhabitants to prevent them giving us assistance, nevertheless we have delivered over to Mr. Michell 6,500 Cullums of Paddy, principally collected from the Negapatam Villages, and still send out Parties by night whenever we hear the enemy move out of reach, but the quantity thus Collected is trifling, and the Inhabitants that remain are secreting great part of what the Enemy cannot carry away.

The Enemy's Amildars have likewise made collections in Money in the several Naganums, which they will continue doing so long as they have a force to protect them at Trevalore & Manargoil, that has cut off our Communication and prevented Mr. Cochrane Proceeding to Tanjore.

We have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient

& humble Servants

Negapatam
8th April 1782

Barbe Cochrane

Thos Isn Digby

From Sir Edwd Hughes, supplies Negapatam with 200 Barrels of Powder, a French Corvette drawn on Shore, & set fire to by the Seaforce.

My Lord,

Superbe off Trinquebar 6th April 1782

I had the Honor to address your Lordship yesterday by the Rodney, who joined me again this morning from Negapatam

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13th Negapatam with some of the recovered men of the Hannibal. I have only to add that finding by Capt. Johnston that Garrison is very destitute of Powder for it's Defence, I have spared him 200 Barrels The Seahorse set sail to the Expedition, from the Islands in January, which the Monmouth & Hero drove on shore of Trimlewash just by this place the night before last. She had Dispatches from Europe for Mons. Duchemin and the French Admiral, but the Captain and crew, 100 men, escaped. I am proceeding with the Squadron to Trincomale, where I think its probable I may meet with that of the French.

I am always with much esteem,

My Lord

Your Lordships most obt.

Humble Servant

Edw. Hughes

I hear Mr. Boyd is returned from Candia, and not ill received, which I hope to find the Case.

To Right Honble Lord Macartney KB
Vc Vc Vc

Read Letter from Negapatam with Return of Troops for February & March, as entered in the Miscellany Book (N. 35)

Translation

+ X Lord Macartney, K.B. &c &c &c

at

Madras

From the French Lieutenant on the Subject of an exchange of Prisoners.

My Lord,

The Commander in Chief Mr. de Suffren had the honor of addressing you before his departure from Porto Novo, proposing an Exchange of prisoners captured on the Indian Seas. No Answer has hitherto been received to this Letter — Perhaps you

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13th you were not informed that Mr. de Suffren on his departure nomi=
=nated me Commissary of the proposed exchange — and that he has
delegated to me the necessary powers to treat either with you, or with
the Committee of Madras — and has in consequence authorized
me to open the Answer he expected to receive from you; I conceive
it incumbent on me, both from a Sense of duty and humanity to
advise you of it, that I may, to the extent of my ability, mitigate
the horrors of war between our two Nations. — but I have at
the same time the honor to observe to you, that the first clause
of the proposed exchange ought to be the release of the Surgeons —
taken on the Hospital Ship, who are detained at Negapatam
contrary to the 21st Article of the Cartel of exchange, which declares
them free without restriction — and ought to be in force in India
as it is in Europe —

I will not make a merit to you of the condescension of
Mr. de Suffren, who at the time he experienced delays in obtaining
what was just and proper, permitted eight English Prisoners to
remain at Trangubar on their parole untill the exchange takes
place —

I have the honor to remain
with all respect. —

Cuddalore.
10th April 1782 —

My Lord
Your Very humble and
very obedient Servant
(Signed) Motairdenarbonne
Intendant of the French
Army

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council
at Fort William
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Honble Sir and Sirs,

F. Bengal will send by the earliest opportunity the recruits for Bengal I shall endeavour to enlist some Foreigners for the Service of their Presidency

We have received the honor of your most secret letter of the 26th of March, and shall without delay send to you by the earliest opportunity all the Company's Recruits destined for your Government, & now on this Garrison, over them only we can pretend any authority, but we have transmitted a copy of your Letter to Sir Eyre Coote, and we shall be happy if he thinks it expedient to add to their Number. We do not at present know where the Generals, not having heard from him since the Army marched, but we shall inclose to you his answer on the subject the moment we receive it — The Elizabeth sails to morrow for Calcutta, and will take on board five Corporals and fifty two privates completely disciplined, and there are upwards of twenty five in the Hospital whom we shall send the moment they are recovered — The Rhinebrooke, Deptford, or Lord Mulgrave will carry all the rest, the number we believe scarcely exceeds thirty, so that unless the General can make up the deficiency, we can only express the regret we feel at not being able to do it ourselves — if we can inlist any Dutch, Germans or other Foreigners for you, we shall endeavour to do it, and send you the fruits of our success without delay —

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient Servants
Macartney
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P.S. We have the honor to enclose you copy of a Letter from Captain Phillips —

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Remarks on the Letter from the Cont.e of a.d Revenue 12.th Instant.

The Committee entirely approve of the Reductions proposed by the Committee of Assigned Revenue to be made in the expences of the Assigned Countries, which are Accordingly resolved on, & the Committee have the best ground to hope that the present System properly supported & persevered in, will equally redound to the benefit of the Nabob and the Company ——

Received the following Letter from Capt.n Eidingtoun, together with Copy of the Correspondence between him and M.r Light as entered in Miscellany Book ——

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney,

President and Governour &.c Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs

From M.r Eidingtoun — inclosing his Correspondence with M.r Light, who objects to the measure used by Captain Eidingtoun in the delivery of Caddy ——

Having Applied to the Storekeeper to receive the Charge of the Caddy I brought into the Fort last April, by what remained being measured, the reply to my message was, that there was no Occasion to measure it, as M.r Light's Conciesly knew what was in Store, that he would take charge of it as it was, but this I would not Agree to, as the Renter had complained to me of the people who were sent to receive it from the Sircar, having caused the measure to be overrun, by which means the Account given by them was less than what had been delivered to them by two thousand odd hundred Cottahs of Caddy, and on Enquiry I found it was actually as the Renter represented, but as the Grain was there all

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14th all lodged in the Store Houses, I told him as it would be delivered out by the proper measure to the Troops, he had Conveyeys over it, consequently there could be no embezzlement without their knowledge, and in the end the Account would be right.—

The Caddy actually in the Store over and above what W. Light wants to receive it at, will, agreable to the Company's Allowance, supply two thousand Men for two months, amounting in value at the present market price, to between three & four thousand Star Pagodas.—

I herewith enclose Copys of notes that have passed between W. Light and me on the Subject, by which it appears he means to write Your Honble Board; a circumstance that renders me to take the same Liberty, Assuring your Honors that my only motive is the Duty incumbent on me of giving the Reliving Officer the necessary knowledge of the Grain I leave in Garrison, and to prevent so large a quantity of Paddy from being unaccounted for, which would be charged against me by the Sircar, and my second note to Mr. Light, points out the Absurdity of the Companys' being losers — I shall now Apply to Captain Bilcliff to certify the quantity of the above Paddy I leave in the Store, and which will amount to at least ten thousand Cotahs, and of consequence Grain for ten Months for two thousand men — I have hitherto been in hopes of orders being sent here for a Court of Enquiry to be held on my Conduct, but now begin to fear I shall be obliged to leave this without having that Satisfaction

I have the honour to be.

Palamcotah
18th February 1782

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Respectfull and obed.t
Servant J. Caillaud

Rec.d

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Received the Town Majors Report of 75 Bullocks arrived from the Northward—

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal with the Inclosures therein Mentioned—

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.

Governor General &c. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

To Bengal, enclosing Letters from Sir Eyre Coote and Sir Edw. Hughes—

Since writing our letter of Yesterday, we have received the enclosed from Sir Eyre Coote, representing his Situation and his Sentiments thereupon; you may rely upon it that nothing shall be left undone by us that remains in our power to do for the advancement of the publick Service,—

We have the honor to send you a letter from Sir Edward Hughes to our President, and flatter ourselves with hopes soon receiving some very good news from that quarter—

We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Macartney

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Committee.

P.S.

We have the honor to enclose you Return of Recruits embarked on board the Snow Elizabeth for your Presidency—

Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Aligned Revenue

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To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

&c. Members of the Select Committee of Assigned Revenue.

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue, approving of the reductions proposed by them in the expences of the Assigned Countries.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th. Instant accompanying extract of Your minutes of the 12th Instant, and to inform you that the Select Committee entirely approve the reductions you have proposed in the expences of the Assigned Countries, and they have the best ground to hope that the present System properly supported and persevered in, will equally redound to the benefit of the Nabob and of the Company. I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George,
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Dispatched the following Letters to Tranquebar.

To Captain John Byres.

at Tranquebar.

To Captain Byres Jany & Bate, grant them authority to receive Money.

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Macartney to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo, and to inform you that agreeably to your request, his Lordship has authorized

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Mr Battger at Tranquebar to pay you, and also the other English Officers at Tranquebar your monthly Subsistence, receiving your Bills as Vouchers for the same — His Lordship has not received your Letter of the 16th Sept: nor any message whatsoever from Mr Suffren, or any French Commander relative to a cartel or exchange of prisoners —

I am Sir,

Your most Obedient and

humble Servant,

J. Hudleston

Secretary.

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a Similar Answer to be written to Captain Young and Capt. Bate, leaving out the words 'agreeably to Your request'

To Mr Peter Battger

at Tranquebar —

Sir,

To Mr Battger desiring him to advance money to the English Prisoners at Tranquebar & to draw Bills for the same —

Captain John Byres, who is a prisoner on his parole at Tranquebar, having requested of Lord Macartney to authorize you to pay him his Subsistence, intimating that in such case you are willing to advance it, I am directed by his Lordship to signify to you his request that you will furnish Captain Byres and the other English Officers who are or hereafter may be prisoners on their parole at Tranquebar, with the amount of their subsistence, receiving their Bills as Vouchers for the same, and whatsoever Bills you may in consequence draw on this Government, Lord Macartney has directed me to

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14th Assure you shall be duly honored.

I am
Sir

Your most obedient Servant
John Huddleston
Secretary.

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Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote.

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

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote — on various Subjects —

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 12th Instant —

Your Intelligence relative to the Marattas if true is very alarming, but we hope the facts have been exaggerated to you — the Marattas, we doubt not, wish to see our power so far reduced as to preclude the apprehensions of any future Interference from us in the Affairs of their Government, but it is impossible they should see either their Interests or safety in the aggrandisement of their former Rival and inveterate Enemy; the enclosed Letter from Sir Edward Hughes —

precludes

. . . . . affords us well grounded hopes of a decisive action between the Fleets, the event of which will operate effectually towards a peace with the Marattas, and at the same time greatly assist your measures —

We are extremely concerned at the desertions of

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of the Bengal Sepoys, and share the uneasiness you will feel on perusing the Letter we sent you yesterday, giving an account of the mutinous Spirit that has discovered itself among the troops at Calcutta —

We are perfectly sensible of the Justness of the picture you have drawn of our situation — the present is a crisis of complicated difficulty and danger, which calls for the utmost exertion: we wish you to be assured that all which depends on us, and comes within the Compass of the power left in our hands shall most chearfully be done to assist your endeavors. Every pagoda that was in the Treasury has been sent to Camp: there yet remains a Lack of Rupees in the Mint, which shall be ready for your orders; but this is all we can answer for at present: we request you will point out to us any measures or expedient by which you judge Money can be obtained, and we shall immediately embrace them. To alleviate the distresses of the Army, we have twice opened our Treasury for Bills on England, and altho' the terms were extremely favorable for the Remitters, you know the amount of the Subscription was very inconsiderable; should the Detree be detained, we hope part of her Treasure will be sent to us on the Resolution — we entertain hopes also that M.r Daniell will shortly have collected a considerable Sum, we shall endeavour to obtain a loan by mortgaging the expected supplies, but cannot answer for effecting it.

We have sent fresh orders about Bullocks, and believe there will be no deficiency in that article

You may rely on our utmost attention to the 78th Regiment they shall have every thing in our power to supply

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to equip them for the field — Cooley Boys and Lascars are scarcely now to be procured in any number, but new exertions shall be made in that article, In fine we entreat you to be assured that the wants and distresses of the Army are the subject of our unceasing solicitude, and that all our time and attention are employed in devising means for their relief —

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble

Servants

Macartney &c

Select Committee.

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

To Sir Eyre Coote enclosing Copy of the Letter from Bengal &c mentioning the mutinous Spirit which prevailed among their Sepoys —

Sir

We have the honor to enclose to you a most secret letter, which we have this day received from Bengal, and beg leave to recommend the contents of it, as far as it particularly concerns your department, to your most serious consideration.

The Company's Recruits destined for Bengal will sail from hence by the earliest opportunity, but how the number wanted by the Governour General and Council can be supplied, you must be the best judge.

We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble

Servants

Macartney &c

Select Committee

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The 15th Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

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

From General Coote — enclosing a Letter from the Resident at Tanjore

My Lord

I Yesterday did myself the honor to address the Select Committee; permit me now to acquaint you that I moved from Manimungulum this Morning, & reached this Ground about 10 o'Clock, without seeing any of the Enemy, except some parties of Cavalry at a great distance: — my present Situation I think an eligible one. I have just learnt that Hyder has sent for the French to join him immediately, but I shall know more of this Tomorrow & shall move accordingly. Inclosed I have the pleasure to transmit you Copy of a Letter I this day received from Mr. Sulivan at Tanjore —

As it is impossible for me in the present State of things to afford any Relief to Vellore, Your Lordship will doubtless assist that Garrison with Money, which they must stand greatly in need of — it surely cannot be very long ere we receive some Accounts from the Admiral; I have a presagefsion that they will be favorable, but I cannot help growing rather impatient for them — you have by this time, I hope, got the better of your Indisposition — for my own part I cannot bear the Heat of the Sun so well as I used to do — I am much concerned to inform you that Coll Campbell had a fall from his horse this Morning, by which he broke one of his Arms, the same that had been hurt before; so Unlucky an Accident happening at this particular period

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period distresses him beyond Measure - and I regret it infinitely the more myself, from having placed great dependance on his ability & Activity in the Command of the Cavalry —

I have the honor to be with the perfect Esteem,

Camp near
Vadicapatah
the 13th April 1782

My Lord,
Your Lordships most obt
humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Bills granted to Lt Thomas Underwood on Vizagapatam.

Ordered that Bills on Vizagapatam be granted in favor of Mr Thomas Underwood to the Amount of Pags 160 - 60 - being for his Arrears of Pay —

16th Received the following Letter from Captain George Campbell Commanding at Nellore —

Nellore 11th April 1782

From Captain Geo Campbell mentioning an offer of Black Merchts or to Collect & supply the Camp with several thousand Bullock Loads of Provisions, if exempted from the Customs

My Lord

I did myself the honor of Acquainting your Lordship in my Letter of the 1st Febry that some of the Nabobs dismissed Black officers had begun to raise recruits on my promising to recommended them for the Company's Service.

Three Subidars have undertaken to raise 75 men each, 2 Jemidars 38 men each, the Havaldars 10 men each, the Naigues 5 men, so that each Company will consist of 150 men - They have already got 350 men, but are much distressed for want of Pay, as I have not yet been empowered to promise them Commissions -

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16th I request therefore to know whether they are to be received into the Service, and if so to have an order for their pay.

There are 9 Horses brought here for Sale, between 2 and 3 Years Old, and more are on the way; I wish to know whether they are to be bought for the service.

Some Lumbady people and other Merchants here have offered to collect several thousand Bullock load of provisions of different kinds, and carry at to the Army, if they meet with encouragement; what they propose is, to have the Company's protection, and to be exempted from all customs, or at least to pay only half the Usual customs while they continue to supply the Army — I request to know what Answer to give them —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships Most Obed.t Humble Servant

George Campbell

Received the following Letter from Anjengo —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney,

President & Governor &.a Members

of the Select Committee at Fort St George.

From Anjengo — with advice of major Abingtons Success against Calliat —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Pleasure to acquaint your Lordship &.a of our Success against Calliat, which was taken the

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16th 19th Instant by the Honble Company's Troops under Command of Major Abington.— I now forward to Palamcotah an address from that Gentleman to your Lordship, &c. received this Morning, being with the greatest Respect,—

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

J. Hutchinson—

Anjengo
18th February 1792—

Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident of Tanjore.—

John Sulivan Esq.

Dear Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore,

approving of the Rajah's Conduct since Col. Braithwaite's Defeat.

enclosure

I am to thank you for your Letters of the 2d. february mentioning an enclosure from Mr. Orpen which has by some how or other been forgot, as it has not reached me — two of the 4th March and one of the 19th with a post Script acknowledge the receipt of mine of the 6th — all three have come to hand since I wrote you under date the 21st. March last.

I am very glad to find Mr. Orpins diligent and attentive to Business as you represent him, and shall with great pleasure give him every encouragement in my power to persevere in so laudable a conduct,—

Should you meet with any further embarrassments from the Commanding Officers making applications to the Rajah for Money, you would do right, I think to remonstrate to them publickly on the subject; and if that prove ineffectual, on your informing me, an order from the Select Committee shall be sent to put a stop to such proceedings

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17 proceedings —

Your dispatches of the 26th February, containing Copies of the Letters from Major Abington and Captain Bileliff, I never received — the Original come to hand with your Letter of the 4th. Ult.mo —

The Rajah's Conduct upon the occasion of Colonel Braithwaite's defeat was extremely meritorious, as it also was in shewing himself to his people & to the Troops at your request — I beg you will return him my warmest thanks for these proofs of his Attachment to the Company; and assure him that they shall be properly represented in our next dispatches to Europe —

The chearful assistance also which you received on the same occasion from the Gentlemen of the Garrison does them great honor, and shall not pass unnoticed — the engagement you have entered into for the repayment of the Money that was advanced, has the entire approbation of the Select Committee, and shall be strictly fulfilled —

As the attention of the Enemy seems to be engaged on this Side the Coleroon, I have hopes you will still be able to secure part of the Revenue of the Tanjour Country — In all events I have the satisfaction to know that whatever is practicable will be effected: your exertions hitherto assure me of every assistance to the Company's Affairs to the southward, that can be derived from the most active and judicious conduct. It will not be displeasing to you to know that we have done justice to those exertions in our General Letter by the Swallow, and I doubt not but the Directors will Consider them in the light they merit

I heartily wish you may succeed in your endeavours

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16 to free the Rajah from the Influence of his Ministers, and to engage him to see with his own Eyes, and to rely on the Company alone — it would certainly operate for his own Security and happiness, than to their Interests —

Captain Alcock was appointed a Major in the general promotions that took place the 4th Instant, in which you will also find an arrangment established (at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief) for the Tanjore Sibbendy, but with regard to the post of Paymaster of Sibbendy I do not I believe enter into your exact meaning, for is it not already held by Mr. Harry Taylor, or did you propose that there should be two paymasters of Sibbendy? in which case there would be three paymasters at Tanjore —

The Missionaries shall be accomodated with any small Sums on their application agreably to your request — I cannot but approve the endeavors you are using to put another Army in the Field to the Southward in the room of that we have lost, and I should also much approve its marching towards Anjengo to meet and reinforce Coll. Humberston, by which he might be enabled to effect considerable conquest in the Madenore or the Mysore Country but the determination of all these points rests with the Commander in Chief, in consequence of an order received from Bengal, to which we are directed from home to pay implicit obedience —

Therefore wish you to write to him, & endeavor to engage his Concurrence; I confess that my Interest does not seem to be very strong in that Quarter — Colonel Harper having declined proceeding to Tanjore, the Command of the Southern Troops has devolved upon Colonel Nixon —

Sir Eyre Coote is at present encamped with the Army near Chingleput — he has received Intelligence of the french Troops with Tippoo Saib having joined Hyder, and of their intending to attack Pennacoil and Wandewash, In consequence of this Intelligence the General has written for the 78th Regiment to join him, together with

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16 with another Battalion of Sepoys —

We are in hourly expectation of good news from the fleet,
the last we received (which was from Negepatam) you doubtless had
before us —

I am with great regard &c —
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant —
Macartney

Fort St George
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P.S. Enclosed I send you a copy of a Paper of Intelligence
just received —

Received the following Dispatches from Mr.
Holland —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of
Fort St George.

From Mr. Holland enclosing Copies of 2 Letters to Bengal, whatever assistance may be expected from the Soubah will entirely depend on the success of Mr. Anderssons Negociation.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I did myself the honor to address your
Lordships &c. on the 25th Ultimo, enclosing a Copy of a Letter to the
Honble the Governor General and Council of the 22 — I now
enclose you further Copies of two Letters written since that date,
by which you will observe that whatever assistance is to be expect
-ed from this Quarter, will depend entirely upon the success
of Mr. Andersons Negociation at the court of Poona: —

I received on the 27th Ult. your Command

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I[st] of the 17th, and immediately forwarded the Letter which was inclosed in it to Mr Anderson. Your Letter of the 12th Ultimo never reached me —

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble
Servant,
(Signed) John Holland

(Copy in Cipher)

To the honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General &c &c Council of
Bengal.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I received yesterday your commands of the 7th Inst. enclosing the Governor Generals Letter for his Highness the Nizam.

Your Honor &c were informed by the letter which I addressed to you on the 22d Instant that, as the resolutions of the Court appeared entirely to depend on those of the Court of Poona and as his Highness had mentioned to me his intention of marching to that place, I had conceived not only that it would have been useless and ineffectual to declare your assent to the five papers of propositions his Highness had delivered to me, transmitted in my letter of the 12th December, but that it might have had an unfavorable effect in embarrassing me and persons negotiating at Poona —

As it appeared to me from the tenor of your Letters above mentioned, that the purpose of the Letter inclosed for the

the Nizam, of which no copy was sent, was to make to him an unqualified offer of the whole of Hyder Ally's territories, I thought it my duty, previous to my delivering it, to try, altho' I expected no effect from it, if a declaration of your assent to the five above mentioned papers of propositions would be sufficient to satisfy or tempt his Highness's ambition; with this view I waited on his Highness yesterday evening, and carried with me copies of the five papers.— After some conversation, in which I repeated to his Highness all my former Arguments, unnecessary to be here recapitulated upon the expediency from the attention due to the interests of his own government, of his immediately joining the British army, I produced the papers, and declared to his Highness your full assent to the matter they contained — His Highness in reply desired me to recollect that certain articles relative to the surrender of the person of Ragonaut Row, the restitution of the collections of the revenues from the Guzerat province, the restoration of all the Maratta Countries &c.a &c.a had formed also a large part of the conditions on which he had intimated his intention of assisting us, besides which an important change, which also had formerly been pointed out as likely to be an obstruction to an arrangement with the Marattas, had since taken place, in the face of publick affairs by the arrival of a large force of french troops and their junction with Hyder Ally Cawn — his Highness went likewise into a renewal of the declarations made to him by the Peixr agents relative to Ragonaut Row &c.a and desired me to inform him passing over my former instructions, which I had repeatedly declared upon that subject, whether I had received since the communication of the matter that had passed in conference, as reported in my letters of the 1st November and 13th December, any recent orders from you upon these interesting points. I replied that the Surrender of the Person of Ragonaut Row, and the other demands contained in the papers delivered by

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16th by Hishen Row Bullant, conformably to the opinion I had at the time of receiving them delivered to his Highness, have been considered and declared by you to be wholly inadmissable. His Highness then said that the proposed offensive alliance against Hyder Ally Caun was impracticable. he added, that it was strange the Company should at so serious a crisis be so neglectful of their most important interests that the opinion which they might entertain with respect to the danger which threatened his government were ideal, that in any event the Company would fall first, but that notwithstanding the hazard they were so evidently exposed to, they seemed obstenately determined to persist in their protection of Ragnout. Bero, and, contrary to all wage, not to yield even for the purchase of friends at a time of so much danger the smallest particle of possessions which in effect they had no right to, and yet that they expected others would volunteer in their service without any compensation but any offers of countries not in their hands, and bills upon futurity - I said that, independent of the Maratta claims, you had annexed to the whole of his Highness's demands, that as his Highness by an alliance with us would have a well grounded hope of obtaining a large accession of territory, I did not know on what Ground he could return our offers of friendship unproductive, and begged he would explain himself; his Highness, by a pause, made room for Moyanall Doula to take this task, and after a renewal of the complaints of his Highness's just demands for the Circar Gentoosh being left unsatisfied, whilst Bhonsla and Scindia, for having armed against us, had received large Sums, he stated that in the draft of a plan of a common league and combination against the encroachments of the British power, certain advantages had been chalked out for the several Members of it, who were in effect all the princes of Hindostan. and I now for the first time, had the mortification to

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dry

to hear the mention of his Highneſs's claims to the Northern Circars as part of the portion allotted him — his Highneſs added, that I no doubt recollected his having predicted the invaſion of the Carnatic, that the ſame troubles and diſtreſſes that had happened to us there, would probably befal our Bengal provinces, and that it ſeriouſly behaved us to determine to ſatisfy his and the Marattas wiſhes —

His Highneſs in the courſe of the converſation ſhewed me a letter from Hyder ally Cawn to Moyeen ul Dowla in which mention is made of the arrival of forty french Ships with a large army of french ſuccors, and Hyder's expectations of the arrival of twenty Ships more, and Moyeen ul Dowla is earneſtly requeſted to come to him to conſult upon the ſubject of their common intereſt. I cannot allow myſelf for a moment to ſuppoſe that a prince of his Highneſs's good underſtanding does not ſee the danger of Hyder Ally's great encreaſe of power, he mentioned to me that Hyder had offered to pay him an annual rent for the Circars of forty Lacks of rupees, but to this and to all his other arguments relating to a union of intereſts with Hyder, I oppoſed ſtrongly that there was ſuch a natural and indefenſible oppoſition between his Highneſs's views and pretenſions, and thoſe of that aſpiring leader, that I could clearly believe his Highneſs to be ſerious in what he ſaid upon that Subject. I ſaid that the points for his Highneſs's conſideration were not a ſmall addition of revenue, or any ſuch minute object, that if he had an entire confidence in Hyder Ally Cawn, and believed that he ſhould annually receive from his Son Tippoo Saheb, or any other officer acting under Hyder in the Circars, the annual Sum of forty Lacks of rupees, without any danger to the ſecurity of his government, and the honor

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Shortly

To honor of his hereditary pretentions, his Servants and well wishers would undoubtedly one and all join in recommending so advantageous an arrangement; that for my own part I thought the contest between his Highness and Hyder Ally, if the latter should succeed in the Carnatic, would be very hortly, not for an addition of a small district or limited revenue, but for the sovereignty of the Deccan; that the whole of Hyder Ally's conduct shews him to be a very restless and ambitious leader, that it was far from me to imagine there could be any ground for comparison in all primely accomplishments between his Highness and Hyder Ally, but it would nevertheless be acknowledged that the latter by the mere force of a hardy and laborious constitution, the Terror of a cruel and unrelenting disposition, — and the perpetration of ferocious and savage acts of punishment, had brought his army into very strict discipline, and made it capable of very formidable atchivements, that upon the grounds of former experience, the armies of the Marattas and other princes could not expect equal success, until they had in their form and discipline under gone a similar change: that if any idea should prevail among the princes of India, of the possibility of giving the British power any serious wound, it would, I was sure, prove to some of them a fatal mistake, that such was at present the state of affairs in the Deccan that we were evidently the natural allies of his Highness government against Hyder ally and the French.

Nothing that I could say appeared to produce any effect, and the conference was concluded by his Highness declaring that, until you condescended to accede to the demands of the Marattas and other allied powers, no league could be

formed

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16th formed against Hyder ally —

Occasion was taken by Moyeen ul Doula to allude to the late treaty for the division of the Carnatic, that had been made between the Company and the Nabob Walaun Da, but I put off the subject by observing, that I had understood it to be a merely temporary arrangement —

I shall wait again on his Highness to deliver your Letter in four or five days, an interval which I propose to intermit as a means of preserving my personal credit with his highness, who might otherwise be led to suppose that the letter had been in my hands at the preceding visit — you will then be ultimately informed of the grounds there may be for expecting assistance from his Court: as his Highness had by writing declared so far as the division of conquered territory was concerned, what his expectations were, I thought it my duty, previous to any further concessions, at least to make known to him your assent to them — It is my opinion that connection with the Marattas will not be sacrificed, and indeed his Highness plainly declared to me, that however well we might for the present appear pleased with his joining us against Hyder Ally, he was sure that the abandoning his friends the Marattas would be considered by us as an unworthy piece of conduct, and could not fail hereafter of subjecting his honor and good faith to the severest reproaches — I am,

Nizams Camp
Pattoor
23d March 1782

Honble Sir & Sirs,
with great respect
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) I. Hollond

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To

The Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council of

Bengal.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

His Highness marches the first and second Instant, & I delivered to him this day the Governor Generals Letters of the 7th Ultimo, which, as it made no mention of the Poona Affairs nor suggested any plan for satisfying the Mahrattas regarding Ragonaut Row and their other Claims, was received with apparent marks of discontent — His Highness said that the answer to it was the same he had declined to my propositions, at the last Conference, that he could not consent for the sake of a new and uncertain Connection with us, to forsake his other more ancient and better established Alliances — that to join us he must not only do this, but even take a hostile part against his former Friends — that it would be a Conduct that neither Policy nor Honor would justify, that if it were possible for him to think of adopting such a System, it would be necessary for him to raise a second army to defend his Country against the Mahrattas, whilst he may be acting in concert with us to the Southward — that independent of the disgrace of abandoning without any cause or colour of pretence his former Connections, and the ruin, which in his absence his Country might be subject to, from the Ravages of the Enemy,

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16th The large augmentation, which in adopting our plan it would be necessary for him to make of his Establishment, might eventually, in case of the failure of the Southern Enterprize, subject him to the most serious Dangers from the Mutiny of our Army, dissatisfied and clamorous for their Pay —

Not having the good fortune to succeed to the extent of your Wishes or my own Desires in forming a seperate Alliance with this Court, which from all appearances is too closely and sincerely connected with that of Poona, to be capable of being engaged on any terms We have to offer, and under the mistrust of Us, which prevails to act independent of the Maratta States, I have conformably to the permission which you were formerly so good as to grant me, determined to resign this Station, which I have for some time past been induced to hold under a very imperfect State of Health, solely from the hope of obtaining relief for the Carnatic; an object which I most heartily hope may be attained by the more fortunate efforts of my Successor. Pursuant to this intention I informed His Highness at the close of yesterday's Conference, that my affairs and my Health required my return to my Family and Friends, and I requested to have permission to wait upon His Highness on any day he might appoint to take my leave — I at the same time made his Highness — acquainted with the desire you had of adopting any eligible means of cultivating a constant good understanding with him, and that for this purpose it was your intention if it should be agreable to His Highness, conformably to the Custom invariably established

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16 among all friendly Courts in Europe, to appoint a Gentleman to attend his Highness in my room. His Highness in reply re= ferred to the period of my coming to Hyderabad, and said it was no doubt fresh in my Memory, that he at that time had objected to the proposal made by the Governor and Council of Fort St George of sending a Person to remain as a constant Resident at his Court, but that after my arrival, altho' uninvited, a variety of Circum= stances had occasioned my remaining here, that mere Letters of Civility did not require the residence of a public Agent, and that it would be a proper period for any other Gentleman to be sent, when Business might require — I strongly recommended an arrangment highly useful & particularly at this juncture to both parties, the System of having a Servant of the Company residing at His Highness's Court, and shall again previous to my taking leave, earnestly urge to His Highness all the Argu= ments that may occur on the subject.—

As the advanced Season of the Year makes it highly probable that no Operations can be under-taken either by His Highness's Army or that of the Marattas for many months to come, as His Highness therefore, whose supposed progress towards Poona is now said to be laid aside, will of course return to pass the Rains at Hyderabad, and there will consequently be sufficient time for any further Negotiation you may have in view at this Court, my Departure from hence at this Juncture cannot, as I conceive, be attended with any inconvenience to the publick Service — I shall not fail to request His Highness's written answer to the Governor General's Letter, but in any event you may

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16 I think depend on it. that the Marattas must be satisfied before any assistance can be obtained for the Carnatic from this Court.

The repeated manifestations of Confidence and Favor with which during my Residence at this Court you have been pleased to honor me, call strongly on me to express in the warmest Terms the grat and thankful sense I have of your Good= ness, and I remain with the truest Sentiments of Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) John Hollond

Nizam's Camp Peplepar,
Banks of the Maayera,
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April 4th 1782

Received the following Letter from Lieut: Crawford Commanding at Carangoly —

Right Honble Lord Macartney,

My Lord,

From Lieut Crawford,
collects 2200 Cullums of Paddy in the Fort of Carangoly, — an equal Quantity withered for want of Rain. —

We have now pretty near got in all the Paddy that is to be found amounting only to about Two Thousand two Hundred Cullums, there has been near as much lost in different parts for want of Water to bring it to maturity, & some has been plundered by the Enemy in distant & open Places, which it was impossible to prevent; this will serve this Garrison till near the end of July: there have come Village men / for there is very little depen= dence to be put on the Aumildar / offered that, if I would keep a

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a Guard at Vanzatoor, a Place about four Course from this, where there is ... some water, & leave them and, they are to before the 15th July lay into this place Two Thousand Columns more. I have accordingly sent a Jemidar & Twenty men there, and they are now sowing; this will serve to the end of September, before which time I hope We shall have water enough to get more. This Guard Yesterday morning picked up two Frenchmen who say they had escaped from Madras, & were going to Pondichery. I shall send them to Chengleput by the first opportunity. Hyder marched from Vellor towards Pondichery the day before yesterday — I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Sir

Your Lordships

Very obt Humble Servt

Arr. Crawford —

Carrangooly,
13th April, 1782

Received Letter from Negapatam, entered in the Miscellany Book No. 43 enclosing Invoice of the Cargo of the Snow Lord Macartney —

Dispatched the following Letters to

M. Hodges.

To James Hodges Esqr.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to enclose you the accompanying Letter to

To M. Hodges — enclosing him Letters to be forwarded to Mr. Hollond & Mr. Bissle

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Ito to Mr Holland and Mr Biddle, and to desire you will forward them by the safest, and in the most expeditious manner possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obdt Servant,

J. Hudleston

Secretary.

Fort St George,
17th April 1782

To Mr Biddle

at Normaul.

Sir,

To Mr. Biddle enclosing Letters to Chetticham Jung & Rustum Ally Cawn.

I have been favored with your Letter of the 24th Ult.o with Letters of the same date from Chetticham Jung and Rustum Ally Cawn, to which agreably to your request I now enclose my answers.

However disposed I may be to accept the offers of Chetticham Jung, it is not as yet in my power to return him a positive answer, or immediately to send a Gentleman to conclude the proposed Treaty of alliance, in matters of so much importance, the System of the service requiring that I should consult with the Governor General & Council of Bengal. I have accordingly long time since written to them on the subject, enclosing Copies of the Letters your delivered to me, and when their answer arrives, I shall be enabled to come to a final determination.

In the mean while I hope you will use your endeavors to prevent Chetticham Jung from entertaining any doubt of my disposition to promote his welfare, and to

Continue

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16th continue and perpetuate the friendship which subsisted between his Father and the Company - As Chetisham Sung does not seem to approve of sending his letters thro' the Channel of M.r Biddle, I shall always be glad to receive them directed immediately to the Presidency — I am,

Sir

Your most obedient Serv.t

Macartney.

Fort St George
15th April 1782

To Chetisham Sung.

To Chetisham Sung informing him of his having written to the Gov.r Gen.l & Council on the subject of the proposed alliance —

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 5th March, and am extremely glad that my Letter to you by Mr. Biddle gave you so much satisfaction. —

It will at all times afford me great pleasure to hear of your Welfare, and to meet with any opportunity of proving the value I set upon your friendship, but you must be sensible that what we wish to do is not always in our power, and you will not therefore, I hope, doubt my good disposition and sincerity on account of the Delay in sending a person to you to conclude the Business between us. —

The orders of the Company oblige me on all important occasions to consult with the Governor General and Council of Bengal, I have therefore long since sent them the agreable Intelligence of the offers you have made to me, and of your sincere desire to continue and encrease the friendship which subsisted

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16th subsisted between them and your illustrious Father —

I am impatient to receive their concurrence, that I may write you further on the subject of our mutual wishes; as soon as it arrives, which I daily expect, not a moment shall be lost in transmitting it to you —

As it is not agreable to you to send your Letters through Mr Holland, I am willing that you should send them direct to me here, but I have great pleasure in assuring you that Mr Holland is well Disposed to favor your Interests at the Soubah's Durbar —

Doubtless you have heard of the safe arrival of the numerous Troops and Ships which the King of England has sent to punish our Enemys, and of the Destruction of half the French Troops by sickness and other disasters; many also have deserted to us, and our Prisons are full of French and Dutch Soldiers —

Our fleet is gone a second time in pursuit of the Enemy, and I expect every moment to hear of our having gained a compleate Victory. As soon as I receive the news, I shall Dispatch a Letter to acquaint you of it. —

May your prosperity encrease to the end of time!

What can I say more?

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April 15th 1782

Macartney

To Rustum Ally Cawn

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To Austrum Ally Cawn
on the Same Subject

I have received your friendly letter of the 25th Ult.
It is always matter of concern to me when I cannot as speedily as
I desire comply with the wishes of those who are sincere friends of
the English Nation, and I regret therefore that it is not as yet in
my power to do what you desire relative to the sending a person
to Chittisham Jung —

I have long since communicated to the Governor Genl.
and Council of Bengal the friendly offers of Chittisham Jung, and
the Sentiments of Friendship and attachment which he entertains
for the Company; and when their concurrence arrives, I shall lose
no time in sending it to you. In a man of your knowledge and
experience, I need not observe that in matters of great importance
it is not possible to Determine hastily, and without due consider-
=ation, and I am therefore under no apprehension that you will
Doubt my friendship for Chittisham Jung, on account of the
unavoidable Delay that has happened in prosecuting the business
between us —

The Almighty, for the punishment of our
Enemys, put it into their thoughts to go to war with the English,
and they suffer for it every Day —

I have informed Chittisham Jung of the arrival
of the Ships and Troops from England, and I shall continue to
send him regularly accounts of our success —

May you always preserve his favor, and may
his affairs for ever prosper! What can I say more?

Macartney

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To John Holland Esqr

Sir

I have already acknowledged the honor of your Letter of the 1st Ulto and I now return you my best thanks for having so fully communicated to me your sentiments of the character and situation of Chitticham Jung, and the conduct proper to be observed towards him — The particulars you have mentioned give me a more perfect knowledge of him, than I before possessed but it was never my Idea that his power and resources bore any comparison with those of the Soubah; or that it would be eligible to enter into a treaty of alliance with Chitticham Jung, while there should remain any hopes of effecting one with the Soubah, or even of maintaining his Neutrality —

To John Holland Esqr with the Presidents Sentiments with respect to the alliance proposed with the Company by Chitticham Jung —

The intentions of the Soubah towards us appearing very Doubtful, I judged it prudent to encourage Chitticham Jung as far as could be done without entering into any positive engagement, and the same reason still subsisting, I now dispatch Letters to Chitticham Jung and Rustum Ally Cawn, which are adapted to that plan, copies of them go enclosed for your information —

I am in Anxious expectation of hearing of the event of your negociation with the Soubah, the present state of our affairs is such as to render eligible almost any terms that will obtain for us his active assistance, Intelligence of the capture of Cuddalore has already been

sent

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16 sent to you, and by the enclosed Letter from Sir Eyre Coote, you will observe that Wandewash, Carangooly and Permacoil are threatened, and that the General thinks it would be imprudent to attempt any thing against our Enemies untill the arrival of our expected reinforcement —

We have however the most well grounded hope of good news from the fleet — Sir Edward Hughes was off Trincomalee the 6th Instant, intending to proceed to Trincomalee, where he expected to find the French fleet —

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient humble Servt

Macartney

Fort St George
15th April 1782

At a Select Committee present,

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney,
K. B. President and Governor;

Anthony Sadleir Esq.
Alex. Davidson Esq.
Morgan William Esq.

Tuesday 16th April, 1782

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote absent on service — Sir Hector Munro indisposed — John Holland Esq. absent at the Court of the Nizam —

Minutes of last Committee Read and approved —

1040. Fort St. George, 17th April 1782.

Read the following Letters —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George.

From Genl. Coote enclosing a Paper of Intelligence & two Letters from Wandewash, his intention to blow up Carangoly — orders the 78th Regiment to join him.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I had the honor to write you the 12th Instant, and yesterday I moved to this ground, which I think an eligible situation. Having just received two letters from Wandewash, I beg leave to transmit Copies of them enclosed — There is great reason to believe that Hyder is now joined by the French, which renders the utmost caution and Circumspection necessary on our part, as they will form combined too formidable a force for this Army in its present state to face with confidence. I write by this conveyance to Colonel Stuart commanding his Majesty's 78th Regiment to join me with as many of his Corps as he may find fit for Duty. I have given him the Route he is to take, and I persuade myself that you my Lord and Gentlemen, will do every thing in your power in order that they may come properly equipped in every respect. The Agent has my directions to apply for such quantity of Rice, provisions, Cattle for slaughter, &c. as will be necessary for the army to be supplied with. I long for news from the Admiral and the Malabar Coast, as much depends on those operations. The Enemy's going against Permacoil before Wandewash in my opinion a favorable

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Circumstance for us —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient &

humble Servant,

Eyre Coote,

Camp near Vadeca=
petah 14th, April 1782

P.S. I had almost forgot to mention that I have upon mature consideration found it necessary to give orders for having the Garrison of Carangooley withdrawn, and the Fort blown up.

Enclosed I have the honor to send a paper of intelligence just received —

E.C.

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Sir

I have received information that Hyder is at Peto Sippoo and the French to join him at Permacoil, which place it is said they are making preparations to besiege. Wandewash is mentioned as the next place they intend to attack. I beg leave to inform you that the Ditch is almost dry, and no possibility of getting water into it. Some Guns were fired at Permacoil this Morning. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedt & humble Sr

(signed) William Flint —

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

Duplicate

Sir

This morning Hyder with the whole of his army marched to the Southward. He was expected to encamp at Tindavanum, for some days past Rice has been scarce in his Camp — I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t
humble Servant
(Signed) William Flint —

Wandewash
11th April 1782

Intelligence Paper 14th April 1782 12 Clock noon.

The Bearers of this paper are just come in, and were unfortunate enough to be taken up by a Guard of Captain Flints Sepoys, who carried them before Captain Flint, by whom they were examined, and afterwards promised a letter, but which Captain Flint determined to send by his own People —

In consequence of their having gone round by Carangoly, and not knowing exactly where the Army was, they have lost, in some degree the merit of their Intelligence, by being three hours later than the others —

These men say that Hyder marched with his Army on Thursday morning (the 11th) to Tindavanum Tavy to

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to which place they accompanied him, and observed what was going on in the course of that Day, which was hastily employed by Hyder's people in cutting down milk Hedge for Faccines, of which there were also 1,000 made at Velemodapettah before Hyder marched. They do not hesitate to say that those Faccines are intended for the Siege of Cornacoil, and that Tippoo Saib, Lally, and wholey the French men were at the Red Hills on their way to join Hyder. Lieutenant Plaw has sent away all the inhabitants of Cornacoil, except the two principal men, whom he has carried up to the Fort. They mention the Disputes between Tippoo and the French, respecting the Capitulation of Cuddalore, and of the French Generals often having represented to Tippoo Saheb the impolicy of his and his Fathers cruelty to the Natives of the Countries that are almost in their power; Wandewash they say is certainly to be the object after Carangooly, A report prevails that Calliecut is retaken by a Detachment of Hyder's Army. They left Tindevanum on Friday morning (the 12th) and on their way to Wandewash they heard and saw the smoke of ten Guns fired from the Rock of Cornacoil.

They left Wandewash the night before last, and have travelled since Friday Morning upwards of 70 Miles.

(Signed) John Pringle
Captain of Guides

A true Copy
Wm Tierney
Secretary

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My Lord

From the Town Major enclosing a Letter from the adjutant Genl recommending by the desire of the Genl that the 78th Regiment may be provided with every necessary to march & that one of the Black Town Battns may be sent to Tripassore to relieve the 2d Battalion

I have the honor to send your Lordships the enclosed Letter which I have this instant received from Lieut Colonel Malcolm, and should you think proper (in Consequence of the Generals Desire) to direct that one of the Madrass Battalions be sent to Garrison Tripassore — I beg leave to submit to your Lordships Consideration whether it would not be advisable to Recruit two Companys of Sepoys in the room of those sent from the Madrass Battalions to Trincamale, as there will otherwise be a very slender and insufficient Defence for the Black Town, and the different Out posts after one of the Battalions has been Detached to Tripassore.

I am with great Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships Obedient
& Very humble Servant

Wm Sydenham

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

P.S. Sydenham — The General writes by this opportunity to the Committee, and to Colonel Stuart concerning the March of the 78th Regiment, and expects that you will exert yourself to the utmost to provide them in every respect

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respect that they may move as ordered by him with the least possible Delay — Doolies and Tents you know are the Essentials they more immediately stand in need of. He desires that this Detachment may bring with it to the Army as much Rice as you can possibly find conveyance for on Coolies, Bullocks &c. and as they will require a party of Sepoys until they are met by a Detachment from hence at Taumaram the first Day's march from the Mount, He thinks that the Party under Lieut Orr, will best answer this purpose. He is also very Desirous that some more Horses to mount our Troops may be sent if they can possibly be procured; in all these Matters he trusts a good Deal to your Zeal and exertions. Write me frequently to say as near as you can guess when the 78th will be ready to move; no time must be lost. The General likewise Desires that every recovered man belonging to the Army proceed with the 78th to join us — some good trained Artillery men if possible. You cannot leave yourselves too bare to cover us at this time.

Camp at Vaddicapett.
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Yours truly.
Henry Malcolm

Since writing the Above Sir Eyre desires me to say that it becomes absolutely necessary that he should be strengthened as much as possible at this time, and to effect this he thinks one of the Black Town Battalions, at least 300 men under good officers, may be sent to garrison Tripasore, as the 2d Battalion now there, the only Corps near Complete on the Service, will be

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Service will be a very capital addition to this Army, the General thinks that this may be done with ease to the Service and that Your Garrison cannot suffer very Materially considering the numbers you have daily recovering from the different Hospitals; should they be wanted, the Garrison of Carangooly, about 600, Men will be ordered to join you — You will of course shew this letter to Lord Macartney by the General desire — Two of the French Officers who broke their Parole at Madras, are taken at Carangooly on their way to Pondicherry — Sir Eyre has ordered them to Chingleput, and from thence to Madras. The General would have written himself to Lord Macartney on the above subjects; but is not very well, and you will easily believe anxious & hurried. Don't fail to forward the inclosed ——

The Committee conciderthe parting with a Battalion of the Force which at present constitutes the Defence of Madras as a matter of serious moment; but as the Governor General and Council have instructed them to invest Sir Eyre Coote with the entire Conduct of the war, and the unparticipated Command over all the Company's Troops, & as he has accordingly been invested with those powers, the Committee have no choice, but to comply implicitly with all his Requisitions —— Agreed therefore that one of the black Town Battalions be immediately ordered to Trippasore ——

Minute thereon

The Committee were always of opinion that the Enemy would endeavor to distress us by taking advantage of our divided Force, and possess themselves of the inland Forts one after another, but we hope they will be disappointed in their present Designs —

The Presidentis requested to issue orders for equipping

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equipping the 78th Regiment for the Field with the utmost expedition and it is resolved that an advertisement be issued requesting the Gentlemen of the Settlement, to dispose of their Horses to the Company at this critical Juncture to assist the publick Service.

Two Companys of Sepoys belonging to this Garrison being sent to reinforce the Garrison of Trincomale, it is agreed that two Companies be raised in their Room—

Read the following Letter from Sr Eyre Coote with its Enclosure ——

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

From General Coote, enclosing a Letter from the Chief Engineer and recommending Promotions—

My Lord & Gentlemen,

As there are vacancies on the List for the Cadets arrived on the Juno Fleet, including Messrs Thomas Limerick and John Markham Covenant, already in India, and who appear on the list transmitted by the Court of Directors to be senior to any in the Juno Fleet, I beg leave to recommend that they be appointed Ensigns — the ranks of the whole to be settled as soon as their standing is correctly authenticated — Messrs Dawson, Baillie & Robertson the two former having held commissions in his Majesty's Service and the latter having held a Commission in the Militia, to appear first on the List ——

Mr Dudley Archard Macklin being a Cadet of the Year 1780 to have his rank accordingly — Mr

first

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Mr. Robert Watson Cadet is proposed by Major Maule for the Engineer Corps for the reasons he has assigned in the inclosed letter to your Committee. I recommend his being promoted thereto —

Mr. Mathew Ford Cadet having signified his desire to serve in the Artillery, I recommend his being removed thereto with such other Cadets who shall prefer that Corps to the Infantry —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servt.

Eyre Coote,

Head Quarters,
Camp near Mamimungulam
12th April 1782

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c

President & Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Mr. Watson a Cadet on this Establishment being qualified from his knowledge of the Mathematics, Drawing, &c. to render the Company Service in the Corps of Engineers, I take Leave to recommend him, with the Approbation of the Commander in Chief, to your Lordships &c. for a Commission as Youngest Ensign in that Corps —

I have the Honor to be,

My

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My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant
G. Maule
Chief Engr

Agreed to

Agreed that the Promotions recommended in the above Letter from the Commander in Chief, do accordingly take place —

The President informs the Committee that in consequence of their resolution of the 12th Instant, he sent the Mushulas and the Porana Chits to the Nabob with the following Letter

To His Highness the Nabob

May it please your Highness!

To the Nabob — informing him that the President had appd Renters &c enclosing the Poroanah's for his Highness's Signature

I have the honor to inform you that according to the Agreemt between your Highness and me on the part of the Company, I have appointed Poonamalee Venkatrow to be Renter of Nellore, and Seemapully Mayapetty Rajence to be Renter of Calnaud and Ramchundrapuze to be Renter of Ongole for the Fesiahs and upon the Terms specified in the enclosed Porana Chits, which have been drawn out for those Renters respectively, agreeable to the usual Form for your Highness's Signature & Seal. Mushulhas are taken from the several Renters conformably thereto, as your Highness will perceive by those Papers herewith sent for your Highness's perusal —

As it is necessary that the Renters shall

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should be dispatched without loss of time into the Country, I beg leave to recommend that the Porana Chits may be immediately signed by your Highness and returned to me —

I am extremely sorry it has not been in my power to pay my compliments to your Highness for some time past on account of Indisposition —

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(Signed) Macartney

The President further acquainted the Committee that it was his Intention to have waited on the Nabob with the Papers himself, but being much indisposed he sent them by the Secretary Mr Hudleston and Mr Haliburton the Persian Translator. On the 16th the following Answer was Received —

From the Nabob to the Governor

Dated 15th April 1782
Received 16th Do at 6 o'Clock in the afternoon by the hands of Mr Binny —

From the Nabob refuses to sign the Porunna Chits and disapproves of the Writers appointments.

Your Lordships Letter dated the 13th April 1782 was delivered to me yesterday by Mr Haliburton the Persian Translator, and I understand what your Lordship mentions of your appointments of persons to some of the districts — Your Lordship has also sent Porna Chits or Summuds which you say are drawn agreable to the usual form which you desire I may sign and seal immediately —

Mr Haliburton had in his hand the Muchulkas which your Lordship says have been taken from the several persons, but he refused to leave them with me, or to give me Copies of them, as he has not your orders for it, My Lord, it was my intention to have Written you fully upon this subject and I was employed in doing it this morning when Your Secretary and the Persian Translator came and delivered me

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me your threatening Message signifying that if I did not sign and seal Sorana Chitty bond before tomorrow noon and send it back, you would take some other steps —

I was struck with astonishment at the requisition. When your Lordship has for near five months delayed all the manage-ment of the revenue, and conceals from me the Measures you meant to adopt, the quality and responsibility of the persons you meant to employ, and what security your Lordship has obtained from those persons for the Revenues. Yet I am not allowed a few hours to consider of the busi-ness you have sent me, though I am the Prince of the Country, and the person affected by every advantage or loss, and of course ought to have the fullest and best information, which your Letter and the papers you sent me do not give me — Yet notwithstanding this your Lordship desires me to affix my seal and signature immediately without having any information —

The Agreement entered into between your Lordship and me upon the basis of the Bengal treaty, expresly says that the appointment of all renters so first to be from the Governor, but to be confirmed by me, and that Sunnuds are afterwards to be given by me in the usual form, with a clause declaring that all moneys are to be paid to the order of the Governor only —

It was thought necessary that there should be this conjuntive power in the appointment of the renters to the districts because your Lordship being newly arrived in this Country has no know-ledge of the disposition of the inhabitants, and perhaps improper people might come to you through the recommendation of those who are my enemys at Madras, or of interested designing persons, whereby my affairs and those of the country might be ruined — When I made the agreement with your Lordship, I thought it absolutely necessary to reserve to myself the power over your appointment of renters, in order that I might

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might be well acquainted with the qualities of the persons that might be recommended for offices of such trust, on which not only depend the settling the business of the revenue, but also the safety of the lives and property, and the happiness of the Ryots —

Your Lordship has given me the names of some persons you have appointed renters, and have sent me the Sunnuds, requiring from me with a threatning message, that I should sign and seal them immediately — Your Lordships requisition surprizes me very much — It is necessary I should represent to you many circumstances respecting the persons you have appointed Renters and they are such as will clearly shew to your Lordship that it is not proper for me, and not in my power to approve, or confirm them. When Your Translator brought me your extraordinary message this morning, he consented to give me Copies of the Muchulkas which your Lordship tells me you have taken from the renters, And I have now received them, at the instant I am writing this letter —

It is necessary I should inform your Lordship that the Sowcars Chittys and Muchulkas are not made out in any way agreable to the established forms, and further they are totally contrary to the agreement between us — I was employed in writing you fully in proof upon all these subjects, of the impropriety of the appointments your Lordship has proposed, and the unfitness and insufficiency of the persons you have mentioned for the management of my countries, But the threatning message you thought proper to send me this morning, has left me only time to say this much for the present — I am employed in writing you fully upon these subjects, and my letter shall be sent you as soon as possible —

What shall I say more? — As

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Minute Reason

As His Highness the Nabob in several parts of the foregoing Letter has thought proper to assert that a threatning Message was delivered to him the President desired Mr. Sadleston and Mr. Haliburton to draw up each an exact relation of all that passed, which they accordingly did, and Mr. Sadleston now lays before the Committee the following Papers ——

Declaration of Mr. Secretary Sadleston, with respect to what passed on his being sent by the President to wait on the Nabob ... with a Letter

Declaration by the Secretary Mr. Sadleston of what passed on Monday the 15th Instant at the Nabobs' Durbar, to the best of his Mr Sadleston's knowledge and recollection —

On our Arrival at the Durbar we sent word to the Nabob that we were come to wait on him from the Governor, and that we hoped to have the honor of seeing him —— the person who carried this Message very soon returned with the following Answer, all that was to be said on the subject the Nabob had already said to Amen al Omrah and Ajum Cawn, and we might go to them: after some time the same person told Mr. Haliburton that the Nabob, long before we came, had left orders that if two Gentlemen should come from the Governor, the above message must be delivered to them — suspecting that our message had not been delivered, Mr. Haliburton repeated it in a persian Note, which was sent to the Nabob - about half or three quarters of an hour afterwards the Dooney arrived, and at my request went to the Nabob to solicit for me the honor of seeing him, he returned and spoke to me exactly in these words — "Nabob give Compliments to Lord Macartney — why he send you — no occasion, better write than and send message" — I replied that the Governor had already written, and we were only come to repeat the request contained in his Letter that the Nabob would sign the paper — the Amer went again to the Nabob, and on

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on his return said that the Governor had sent Letter, and the Nabob would send Letter Also — wishing much to receive an answer from the Nabobs own mouth. I then made it a particular request to the Ameer that he would obtain for me the honor of seeing the Nabob, as (I told him) I was afraid that if I should be obliged to return to me from the Durbar without having had the honor, it would be supposed that his Highness was displeased with me — the Ameer went again and told me on his return that the Nabob would be very glad to see me, but at some other time.

Declaration of Mr. Haliburton on the same subject —

I went by the order of Lord Macartney on Sunday the 11th. instant — about 1/2 past six in the morning to deliver a Letter from him to the Nabob - and acquainted the Arzbeggie that I was come for that purpose.

He answered that the Nabob was retired, and could not be spoke with. Seyed Ajum Caun came shortly after, and was admitted. — when he returned to the outer hall where I was, he told me that Ameer ul Omra had been sent for, and as soon as he came I should see the Nabob, or I might deliver my letter to him. I answered that I had orders to deliver the letter to the Nabob himself, and would wait — Omdatul Omara, the Nabobs eldest son, came about two hours after, and I told him the business I was come upon — He went in to pay his respects to his father, and I suppose told him I was waiting for an audience, for I was immediately after called in with Mr. Binny. The Nabob took the letter from me, but did not open it — he enquired after the Governors health, I told him he was indisposed, which had prevented his waiting on him himself — that he had sent by me some papers, meaning the Muchulkas, to which the letter I had brought referred for his perusal — He said, he was not well enough to give attention to them, but I might carry them to his Son Amurul Omra, and

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and Ajeum Cawn, and without opening the letter before me, he returned and left me with Omdat ul Omra & Ajeum Cawn — the latter said it was too late for the Amir to come, but if I pleased I might come with the papers in the afternoon — I went accordingly about 5 to Amir ul Omra, and found him & Ajeum Cawn and Mr. Benfield — Mr. Brodie and Mr. Douglas came there afterwards, and I could not find an opportunity for some time to speak upon the business — As it was growing late I asked the Amir at last whether he chose to look at the Muchulkas I had brought — he said that if they were intended for their office I might leave them, but if not, there was no necessity for his seeing them — I told him I had brought them for the perusal of the Nabob, and wished to have an answer from himself, upon which he said he would carry me to him — Mr. Brodie and Mr. Douglas were present during this, and heard what passed, as the conversation was in English — I waited till he had said his prayers, expecting to go with him to the Nabobs, but he told me that his father was indisposed, and I should not be able to see him — he then requested I should shew him & Ajeum Cawn the Muchulkas, which I did, Ajeum Cawn observed that the tenor of them shewed they were indended for the Governor, and not for them —

I told them they might take copies of them before me, but that I had no orders to leave them — The answer they gave was, that there was no Mutaceday at hand to copy them, but I might bring them in the morning, upon which I took my leave

Mr. Hudleston and myself went the next morning about 9 to the Nabobs, but were told that he was retired, and could not be seen, but that he had left orders, in case we came there, to tell us that

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that he had delivered his sentiments to the Amir and Assum Lawn, and referred us to them — As we had no orders from the Governor for this, I wrote a note to the Nabob, expressing a desire of being admitted into his Presence; it was sent in, but no answer came — About half an hour after this, the Ameer, who I believe had been sent for came, and Mr. Hudleston told him that we wished to see the Nabob, as we had a message to deliver to him from the Governor — The Ameer went in to his father, and soon after returned, and told us that his father wished the Governor would send him any thing he had to say in writing — Mr. Hudleston answered that there was no occasion, as the message we brought was only to repeat what the Governor had requested in his letter, which was to have the Torana Chitty signed by the Nabob — The Amir went in again to his father, and told us when he returned, that since the Governor had wrote a letter, he would write one, and sent the papers, I said that the letter should be sent to morrow morning, or as soon as possible — The Ameer asked me for the copies of the Muchulkas, which were delivered to him — I did not see the Nabob after the first time that I was carried by Amdat ul Omra to him, and delivered the Governor's letter — Nothing more passed between the Ameer and me, than what I have here given an acct.

of.

David Haliburton

Fort St. George,
17th, April 1782

As it is obvious from the Nabob's Letter that he has no intention to sign the Torana Chito and as much time has already been lost — and the season of the year is so far advanced that

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The Porana Chitta signed by the President & delivered to the Renters with the usual Presents of Betle &c.

any further delay in sending the several Renters to take charge of their Farms would be attended with considerable Loss of Revenue;

It is Agreed that the Porana Chitta be now signed by the President and delivered to the Renters before the Select Committee. The Renters namely, Bullah Vencatarow on behalf of Ram Chunder Rauze, Renter of the Ongole District, Ponamala Vencata for the Nellore, and Mukti puthy Rajanah for the Palnaud Countries, are accordingly called in, and the Porana Chitta being first signed by the President are delivered to them respectively with the usual Presents of Betle &c. and it is agreed that they be immediately put in possession of their respective Farms and that all the power of Government be exerted, if necessary to establish and support their authority —

A letter to be written to the Nabob informing him herewith —

The President is requested to address a Letter to His Highness the Nabob informing him of this measure, and the reasons which have induced the Select Committee to adopt it —

The President lays before the Committee several Papers relative to the Debts of the Nabob & Rajah of Tanjore

The President begs leave to lay before the Committee some papers relative to the Debts due to British Subjects by the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore — These papers were meant merely as the Ground Work of a Plan upon which, at a proper Season, the Company, the Creditors and the other respective Parties might meet to concert a proper Arrangement. They were sketched so long ago as the months of August last, & were sent to England in October following by the Admiral Hughes Packet to be submitted to the Consideration of our Employers —

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Plan of Arrangement of the Rajah's Affairs 1781

Papers relating to the Debts of the Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore also a plan of the Revenue & Expences of Fort St George

The Net Annual Revenue of the Tanjore Country
computed to be at least Porto Novo Pagodas 1,300,000

Annual Disbursements

The Annual Subsidy to the Company's Car Pags 400,000
or C. N. C. 440,000

The Annual Peishcash to the Nabob 130,000
570,000

For the Expences of the Rajah and his Family ... 200,000
770000

Debts due by the Rajah of Tanjore

Arrears due to the Company about 300,000

Deposit Money 300000

Peishcash due to the Nabob, ... 600,000. 900,000

Debts due to Individuals 600,000

Pagodas .. 1,800,000

Interest on the Debt of 600,000 at 6 ℔ Cent ℔ annum 36,000

To be paid at 5 ℔ Cent on the Principal 30,000
66,000

For the Company's Arrears due 300,000

On Account of the Deposit Money & Peishcash ... 164,000 464,000 530,000 1,300,000

N.B. The Arrears due to the Company will be discharged in the 1st Year —

The Deposit Money and the Peishcash are amount to 900,000 Pagodas.

In

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In the 1st Year will be paid in part	166.000
In the 2d Year will be paid	166.000
In the 3d Year do	272.000
Pagodas	900.000

There will remain in Cash in the 3d Year

Pagodas 192.000

to be appropriated to form a publick Treasure	192.000
The 4th Year	166.000
The 5th Year	166.000

At the End of the 5th year there will be in the

Treasury, Pagodas — — 11.20,000

The Debt of 6 Lacks of Pagodas agreable to the above Arrangement at the end of the fifth Year there will be paid (exclusive of the Interest) about Pags 160.000

The overplus Revenue of the 6th Year applied to the Discharge of the Debt 464,000

Pagodas 624.000

Thus from the above arrangement, the Tanjore Country will in a few years be cleared of all Incumbrances, and there will be a publick Treasure of 11 20.000 Pagodas provided against Emergencies —

Plan of Arrangement for the Nabobs Affairs 1781 —

The Neat Annual Revenue of the Nabob if properly collected, may be fairly computed to produce in time of peace, Star Pagodas — — — 3,000,000

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The following Annual Disbursements

For the Current Expences Troops, Stores, &c. including all Military charges whatsoever in the Nabobs Dominions to be paid annually to the Company	1,200,000	
For the Nabobs Expences and Jaguires to all his Sons &c. &c.	400,000	
		1,600,000

Nabobs Debt.

The Balance due to the Company & the Expences of the present War, computed at about	3,000,000	
Debt owing by the Nabob to all other Creditors	7,000,000	
Star Pagodas	10,000,000	
Interest at 6 P. Cent on the 7,000,000 Pags due to the Creditors	420,000	
To pay the Creditors 5 P. Cent on account of the Principal Annually	350,000	
	770,000	
Toward the liquidation of the Nabobs balance to the Company & the expences of the War computed as above at about 3,000,000	630,000	
		1400,000
		3000,000

NB The amount of the Expences of the present War as aforesaid about ——— Pagodas 3,000,000

From the Carnatick every year to be received in part 630,000

The Peshcash payable to the Nabob by the Rajah of Tanjore C. N. Pagodas 130,000, in Star Pags	120,000	
Star Pagodas	750,000	

Thus the above debt of 3,000,000, will be discharged in four Years, and then the same Amount of 750,000 to be appropriated to the formation of a Cublic Treasure for the

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the use of the Carnatic, which in five years will accumulate to 3750.000,
and on the tenth Year, the said sum of 750,000 Pagodas to be applied
towards the discharging the Nabob's Debt to Individuals —
The Yearly Overplus of the 6 ℘ Cent allowed for the Interest of the
debt due to Individuals to be added to the 3 ℘ Cent allowed to discharge
the principal of the said debt, by this made on the 9th Year two thirds
of the Debt will be paid, and with the addition of 750,000, As foresaid
on the 15 Year the whole of the debt, and Interest of 6 ℘ Cent will be paid
in the 12th Year, From the Arrangement of the Revenue of the Payen
Country, the distribution of the Annual Peishcash has been accounted
for as a foresaid. but, the deposit Money and Peishcash due, which
both amount to ..... Pagodas 900.000

In the 1st Year will be received ... 164.000.
In the 2d Year 164.000
628.000
In the 3d Year the Ballance ..... 272.000 ..... 900.000

This sum may be appropriated to pay the Cavalry Debt of 400.000 Pagodas
due by the Nabob, and the Arrears now due to his Sepoys &c. in the Country
which alone, as above will amount to every near 500.000 Pagodas —
From the above statement the Nabob, at the End of the 12th Year from
the day the arrangement takes place will owe nothing, there will be
about 3,750,000 Pagodas in the Treasury, and on the 13th Year, the whole
Revenue of 3,000,000 Pagodas ℘ Annum, will remain clear of any
Incumbrance —

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Dr. The Nabob to the Company ..... Cr.

To the Amount supposed for Balance to the Company and Expences of the War	3,000,000	By the Cayment from the Revenue the 1st Year	630,000
		By the Resheash of Tanjore	120,000
		1st Year	750,000
		2d Year	750,000
		3d Year	750,000
		4th Year	750,000
Pagodas	3,000,000	Pagodas	3,000,000

Dr. The Public Treasury for the Use of the Carnatic ... Cr.

Remains in the Treasury at the end of the 9th year of this Arrangement	3,750,000	By the Revenue of the Carnatic & the Resheash of Tanjore aforesaid appropriated for this purpose every Year 750,000 Viz.	
		The 5th Year	750,000
		6th Year	750,000
		7th Year	750,000
		8th Year	750,000
		9th Year	750,000
Pagodas	3750,000	Pagodas	3750,000

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Dr. The Debt due to Individuals ..... Cr.

To the total Debt 7.000.000

By receipts of every Year
350,000 on Account of the
Principal for 9 Years 3,150,000

By overplus of the Interest
reckoning from the 2d Year to
the 9th Year — Viz.t —

The 2d Year 21.000
3d Year 22.260
4th Year 23.595
5th Year 25.071
6th Year 26.575
7th Year 28.170
8th Year 29.860
9th Year 31.651. 208.182

By the receipts on the 10th Year
The Sum at 5 ℔ ct 350.000
The overplus of Interest
on the 10th Year 33.550

The 750,000, to be appro
priated on the 10th Year
to the discharge of the Debt 750.000 1.133.550.

The 11th Year the sum
as aforesaid 1.133.550
The overplus of Interest 68.025 1.201.575

The 12th Year 1.279.281
6.967.188

7.000.000

(signed) J. Huddleston
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Observation—

A Publick Treasure has by the Experience of all Ages been found to contribute to the Permanency of a State, by enabling it to withstand the shock of sudden attacks. But it is not meant by the establishment of a Treasury that large quantities of Specie should in the interval of publick Exigences be uselessly locked up. on the contrary it is intended that the Money should be circulated in such a manner as to encrease the Stock of the Company with perfect Security, and at the same time to promote the Commerce and consequently the Riches of the Country —

For this purpose the Treasury should be a kind of Bank or Lombard. One third of the Stock to be always in Specie untouched, and two thirds to be employed in discounting good Bills, and to be lent on valuable pledges at an Interest never to exceed 6 P. Cent P. Annum —

Thus Madras, instead of being a Shop of pitifull Usury, would become a City of honorable Commerce of Opulence instead of Misery, and of real resource, not of temporary expedient —

These Ends are much promoted by the facility of throwing personal effects into Circulation. Thus the bonds to be given by the Nabob and the Rajahs should be subdivided into such Sums as are daily transferable in the ordinary Course of Trade, bearing Interest, and perfectly secured by the present Arrangements. They will be preferred, like India Bonds in England, to the possession of unproductive Specie. If the Bonds were divided into several Classes according to the priority of the demands for which they were given,

or

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or in a fixed proportion to the amount of each Creditor, and that periods were settled at which the Bonds of each Class should be received as Money in the Company's Treasury, it would by approaching them to the Nature of convertible Specie, still add to the activity of their Circulation. This is a point to be considered hereafter.

As the Sum allotted for the Nabobs expences may be considered as too small, I propose to encrease it by 2 Lacks of Pagodas. It seems but reasonable that the tributary Rajahs & Polygars of the Carnatic should pay a proper proportion of their Revenues to the state whose protection they enjoy.

I should therefore think that in addition to what they now pay, a new Assessment of 2 Lacks should take place under the sanction & Guarantee of the Company, which should remain the rate for ever here after, beyond the Nabobs power to augment it. In order to obtain such a security, the Rajahs and Polygars would, it is thought, readily consent to the proposed Assessment.

Thus then the Nabob would stand with respect to the Rajahs as 6 to 2 in respect to the Allowances, and as 30 to 8 with respect to Revenue.

It may perhaps be asked why the Rajahs Creditors are to be paid in 6 Years and the Nabobs in 12. The only reason now to be given is, the Nabobs debts are so much larger than the Rajahs, that they must necessarily take a much longer time in paying.

NB. In the general Plan as above if the Revenues which are estimated from the best information that could be obtained should fall short a proportional reduction of all the Sums allotted to particular purposes must take place, except the Sum appropriated to the payment of

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payment of £6 ℘ Cent Interest, which ought to remain inviolate —

Thus, if the Revenues produce one third less than they are compected at the allotments to the Nabob and the Rajah the allotments for reducing the principal due to the Creditors, and for discharging the Sums due to the Company must also be one third less respectively, than they are stated at in the above Arrangement —

(signed) J. Hudleston
Secretary

Dr. . . . The Revenues of Fort St. George . . . . . Cr.

Total Net Revenue (Cinars included)	1500,000	Old Military Establishment and Charges of all kinds in Time of peace as in 1780 before the War . . .	1600,000
From the Nabob towards the Military Expences of the Carnatic	1200,000	Add 5 Regiments of Cavalry of 540 each, with 2 six pounders Gallopers drawn by Horses, and proper proportion of Black Artillery, Light Infantry &c. . . .	540,000
From the Rajah of Tanjore to Ditto	400,000	To Investment & Civil Establishment & Charges	960,000
Pagodas	3100,000	Pagodas	3100,000

N.B. Each Regiment of Cavalry to consist of . . . . 540 Horse
80 Artillery
410 Light Infantry
1030

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The President also wishes to lay before the Comm.
a short abstract of the State of this Presidency made up to the
1st March last, which from the pains he has taken with it he has
reason to believe is pretty correct. — It may appear at first sight to
differ some what from the regular technical accounts drawn up
in the publick Offices but upon comparison it will be found essen-
tially to agree with them —

The President lays before the Committee a short abstract of the state of the Presidency —

From these Papers will appear the necessity
of endeavouring to keep the Nabob strictly to his Engagements
in order to realize as much as possible of the remaining Revenues
towards the support of the Company now engaged in a most expensive
War for the defence of the Carnatic

Sketch of the Revenues of Fort St. George March 1st 1782

Sagpire	324.000 —	now in the hands of the Company having been given up by the Nabob the 31st Jany 1782 the greatest part of it waste from the devastations of the Enemy.
Poonamalle	44.350 — —	
Beetle and Tobacco Farm	49.000 —	also in the hands of the company given up by the Nabob at the same time & on the like situation with the Sagpire
Arrack and Toddy Licence	18.240 — —	Let from the 1st March 1782 for 5 years at 49.000 Pag. for the first year 50.000 for the 2d & 3d 60.000 for the 4th & 5th
Trivatore, Egmore Perrembore Farms	3.721 — —	These farms in a great measure waste from the Enemys incursions
St Thome	6500 —	
Paddy Fields and Salt Pans	855 —	
Measuring Duty —	4.100 — —	
Banksal Duty	650 —	
Ruby Brockerage —	700 — —	
Town Brockerage	315. 31. 70	
Mint Customs	5.854. 32. 15	Two calls arising from the Quantity of money coined.

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Land Customs	1.640.. 23. 6	Vari able formerly much more, the sea Customs particularly greatly reduced on Account of the duty on Imported Grain being suspended
Sea Do	6.943. 2.20	
Town Conicoply's Duty	90.— 40	Vary but little
Quit Rent & Scavengers Duty	10.840. 20.30	
Cuddalore Farm (Devicotah included with the variable Revenue	28.591. 36.78.	Produce little since the war, the Country being over run by the Armies, and frequently plundered.
Pondichery Farms	22.190. 5.—	
Nagore Farms	50.724. 23.—	
Carrical Do	10.434.29.—	
Mufulipatam Do	155.312.—	
Vizagapatam Do	170. 81. 15.14	
Mafulipatam — 3 Circars Viz.t		
Rajahmundry, Ellore, & Mustaphanagur	620,075.18. 9	
Vizagapatam Circar of Chicacole	210,285.25.27	
Tanjam district of Tschapour	130,000	
	1.722,517. 9. 19	
The Nabobs Stipend for Current Charges of his Forts, Garrisons, &c. and for the pay of 10 Battalions of Sepoys were formerly estimated at 30,000 Pag.s P.r month but now usually exceed 40,000 —	480,000.—	
Subsidy from the Rajah of Tanjore	400,000.—	
	2,602,517. 9. 19	
Deduct the Pesheash to the Nizam for the Circars	142,857.—	
	2.459660. 9. 19.	

Sketch of Arrears of Revenue due to Fort St George and the Nabobs and Tanjore Rajah's Balances, March 1st 1782.

Nabobs Arrears for the Saghire and Connamalle to 31st Jan.y 1782	713030.	.		The Nabob has not paid a Pagoda to the Company since the Commencement of the war, either for the Saghire or Connamalle.
Paupah Brahmeny formerly Renter of Trivatore, Perrembore & Egmore due 1st August 1777	2,550	—		able to pay
Sanacooty Pillah late renter of Egmore, due 28th Aug.t 1780	20,970.	11		Insolvent
Vagapah Chitty and Birmmah Chitty present Renters of Trivatore, Perrembore & Egmore, due 28 Feb.y 1782	4,961.	12		Able to pay

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Mooperaul Cachavah Renter of the Ruby Brockage, due 1st February 1782	700	Able to pay
Chocapah Chilly, Renter of the Arrack and Toddy Licence due 1st February 1782	2640	Able to pay
Tyde Nada Moodly and Nagapa Chitty late Renters of the Betle & Tobacco Farm due 1st February 1782	3933. 12	Able to pay
Panaganjary Tevangadam Cillah Renter of the Measuring duly due 31st Dec.r 1781	8749	insolvent now to a new
	756933. 35	756933. 32

Balances from the Circars
December 31st 1781

Masulipatam	due on the Farms	269,782. 10. 38.	
	due by the Zemindars & Renters	1100104. 33. 65	1369887. 8. 23
Vizagapatam	due from the Zemindars & Renters of Chicacole	309,315. 34. 74	
	due on the Farms	10,744. 30. 17	320,060. 29. 11
Ganjam from Ichapour &c.			465,033. 19. 54

Nabobs Balance on Account Current due 28th Feby 1782 1,692,573. 1. 9

from which is to be deducted the amount of money & Grain &c. collected in the Tinnevelly Madurra, Trichinopoly and Nellore &c. Countries and what was taken at Tripetty since 30 September, no particular Account of which has been received by the Superintendt but may be about One Lack of Pagodas — 169573 1. 9

Subsidy of Tanjore Rajah as supposed to be now due — 335754 3. 43

	S. Pagodas 4,840242. 24. 60

N.o 13

The the Nabobs balance on account appears to be less than 16 Lacks of Pags, yet his real balance must be considered as a great deal more, For if the Extra funds provided for the support of this war amount to upwards of 30 Lacks of Pags as P N.o 7 the largest Share of that Sum ought to be charged to the Nabobs Account Nro. if he were debited with only one half his whole debt to the Company, consisting of that half, and of his balance on Account Current and his arrears for the Tanjore would fall but little short of 40 Lacks of Pagodas

With regard to the Rajah of Tanjore, his real debt must be considered also as much more than stated above, because he also ought to be charged a proper proportion of the Extra funds provided for the war in defence of the Carnatic

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Real Quick Stock of Fort St George Presidency March 31st

Cash in the Treasury, Bullion in the Mint &c about		68,145. 27. 39
Value of Goods in the Import warehouse	207,336. 13,20.	
Cash in the import warehousekeepers hands	2316. 20,55.	
Debts due to the Import-Warehouse	8364. 3,74.	218,222. 1. 69.

NB. there is a deficiency of Cash & Goods due by the late Import-Warehousekeeper W.m Firth. of 26.085.32,58. (not included in the above)—

Value of Goods in the Export-Warehouse	73,972. 18,2	
Cash in the Warehousekeepers Hands	3919. 24.31	
Debts due to the Warehouse and money advanced	44,074. 16. 27.	121,966. 23. —

NB. The Grosvenor's Cargo now in the Road valued at Pag.s 164,106, 1.64 not included in the above.

Deduct a Debt due by the Export-Warehouse	9,823. 27. —	112,142. 32. —
Cash in the Land Customer's Hands		275. 7. 32.
Cash in the Sea Customer's Hands	200. — —	
Notes outstanding in the Sea Customer's hands	27,267,3448	27,467. 31. 48
Balance due by Captain Woods' Estate		1,500. — —
Captives of Pondichery		1666. 29. 24

Masulipatam December 31st 1781

Cash in the Treasury in the hands of Warehousekeeper Storek.r & Garrison Storekeeper	26,570,2949	
Goods in the Warehouse	22,296, 6.27.	
Sundry Bills not yet paid	441,886, 11,62	
Company's Merchants 13,485. 31. 8. allowing only one half to be good Debts	6,742. 33,44	497,496 9. 22.

Vizagapatam, December 31. 1781

Cash in the Treasury in the Hands of the Paym.r Paym.r at Chicacole, Import W.h.r and Storek.r	19,134,1323	
Export Warehousekeeper Goods under his Charge	1612, 8,54	
Import — — — Do : Do	7,586,12.40	
Balances due from Various Persons	4354, 10,50	32,687. 9. 9.

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Ganjam December 31. 1781.

Cash in the Treasury in the Hands of the Paymr.

Paymr. in the Tchapour District & Stores Dr. ... 5598.23.29

Goods & Warehouse debts due by solvent persons 4261. 7. 30.

Field Charges due by the Zemindar 5612.35.75 } 2806.17.75. 12,666. 12.74

allowing only one half to be good Debt ...

Ingeram December 31st 1782.

Cash in the Treasury ..... 309. 15. 79.

Goods in the Warehouse ..... 9126, 17. 56.

Balance due by Merchants & Weavers &c:

24,001,13,3. allowing only one half to be good debt } 12,000,26.61 21,936. 22.17.

N.B. no Accounts have been received from Ganjam since 30th Nov.r last, at which time the Presidency was rather in Debt to that Settlement. 5 Pagodas 9.24.87. 3. 14

Estimate of the Charges Civil of Fort St. George Presidency; on the Establishment which took place on Lord Macartneys Arrival

Peons and Servants Wages

Court of Requests,

Charges Diet

Charge General

Charges Extraordinary.

Mayors Court

Gratuity to Mr. Brithendern,

Charges Merchandize

These Articles reckoned the same as in the Years 79. 80. ... 73.246. 1. 8.

N.B. Of the above the expence under articles 1st 2d and 5th may be some what reduced

Presents for which Money is paid did not fall within these last six Years, cased ..... 8.95.

Repairs of Buildings, Furniture &c Charges under the

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the inspection of the Engineer & Company's Steward ought not to exceed		12.000.— —
Salary to the Governor P. Annum	40.000.— —	
to Sir Hector Munro	16.000.— —	
D°. and Gratuity to the Second & 9 Councellors	20.500.— —	
D° to the Servants under Council	13.000.— —	89.500.— —
Civil Charges at the Subordinate Settlem.ts Viz.t		
Masulipatam	9.000.— —	
Vizagapatam	7.500.— —	
Ganjam	6.000.— —	
Ingeram & Maddepollam	5.500.— —	
Cuddalore	7.500.— —	
Nagore	6.500.— —	42.000.— — —
Total P. Ann.m estimated Star Pag.s		217.416. 1. 8.

N.B. There are Allowances made to the Officers of Hers Majesty's Squadron since the Year 1770, which Amount to about 12.000 Pagodas P. Ann.m

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Pay of the Military & Sepoy Establishment
Compleat in the Carnatic and Tanjore Country

8 Companies of Artillery Pay & Gratuity at 488.28.40 P. month	3910.12.	P Month	P Year	
4 Compleat Battalions of Infantry at 3236.35.40 P. Month each	12,947.34.	16,858.10	202.299.12	
European Invalids			19.600.	
Do Pensioners			4.930.	
16 Companies of Lascars		2100	25.200.	
16. Compleat Battns. of Sepoys in the Carnatic at 2061.24.40, P. Month each	32986.32.			
5 do at Tanjore at do	10,308.14.40			
2 Battns of Sibbundy at Do	2250.	45.545.	10,40,546,543	18
Sepoy Invalids			41,000	
Ditto Pensioners			1.200	
Ditto Recruits			1.200	
Gratuity to the Field Officers			14,427	
Pay to General Munro as Commander in Chief			5,000	

Pagodas 8704,99.30

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Abstract of the Military Charges of the Presidency of Tanjore, Garrisons in the Carnatic & Circars in time of Peace.

Pay of the Troops as P Account particular		870499.30
Pay to all other Military Charges in the Circars		348.000 — "
Expences of the Nabobs Garrisons exclusive of Pay to the Troops	170,000 — "	
Deduct the amount of Europe Stores, no money being disbursed for such	26,000 — "	144.000 — "
Ditto of the Garrison at Tanjore	84.000 — "	
Deduct the Amount of Europe Stores no money being disbursed for such	12.000 — "	72.000 — "
Charges Garrison at Fort St. George		10.000 — "
Hospital Charges at ditto		30.000 — "
Charges General & Extraordinary under which heads are charged the Staff of the Army, Peon, Oil & Stationary Allowances to Officers & Bounty Money to Soldiers, the Expences of the Garrisons in the Jaghire, Viz.t Poonamale, Chinglepet and Trippasore &.a &.c		60,000 — "
Batta to Europeans, Sepoys, & Lascars over and above what is charged in the Nabobs & the Tanjore Accounts		10.000 — "
At Cuddalore the Garrison, Hospital & other Military Charges		7.000 — "
At Nagore & Karrical d.o exclusive of Batta to Sepoys which ought to be paid by the Renter		6.000 — "
All such Military Stores, Gunpowder &.c as are made & paid for in the Country and used in the Company's Account		30.000 — "
Total Estimated Amount of Arcot Pagodas		1587.499.30

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Arrears due by Fort St. George March 1st 1782

To Governor & Council for Salary about	98.297.	11.14
To Civil Servants under Council Do	25.483.	—
To diet money & other Charges Do	50.594.	—
To the Military Storekeeper Do	32.166	—
To the late Agent Victualler	42.000	—
To Gratuity to field officers	42.292	—
To Hospital Expences at Madras about	37.562	—
To Arrears of Pay due to the Army exclusive of the Bengal Troops	503.650	—
Amount of Bills accepted by the Superintendant and military Paymaster	49.202	33
Arrears Do due to the Garrison of Fort Saint George	81.300	—
Other Accounts & demands which cannot be now ascertained, owing to the Accounts not having come in from the out-Garrisons &c.	100.000	—
Bond debt bearing Interest	933249	7.39
Interest due thereon about	59.539.	19.58
To Accountant General of the Mayor's Court &c being Debts due to the Estates of deceased Persons	4.201.	11.5.
The Peishcash due to the Nizam for the Circars		

		Rupees		
Arrears for	1777	4.933		
Do for	1778	500.000		
Do for	1779	500.000		
Do for	1780	500.000		
Do for	1781	500.000		
Do for	1782 to this date	80.869		
		2.130.802	608623.	15.34
25% in the Treasury				
Pagodas		2659940	26.10	

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Amount of Extra Funds provided since the Present War which commenced July 1780 to March 1st. 1782

Drafts upon England in October	515,450.	9.	76
Ditto in consequence of the Advertisement published in M.r Smiths Government in January 1781	107,349.	14.	35
Ditto in consequence of the advertisement of the 28th december 1781	190,570.	22.	48
Borrowed upon Bond	610,599.	17.	35.
Bills on Bengal	315,051.	4.	49.
Money consigned to General Goddard at Bombay from Bengal stopped by M.r Smith for the use of this Government	59,314.	6.	71
Money received from Bengal consigned to Sir Eyre Coote	563,206.	4.	70
Money received from Bengal consigned to the Governor & Council	311,539.	15.	10
Estimated value of Provisions received from Bengal	367,964.	30.	69.
S. Pagodas	3,074,043.	18.	63

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Abstract of the State of the Presidency of Fort

Revenues of Fort St George consisting of the Saghire the Farms, the Circars, the Nabobs Heirs for Current Charges and the Subsidy from the Rajah of Tanjore as Pr No 1	24,59,662	9	19
Arrears due to Fort St George from the Saghire the farms, the Circars, the Nabobs Heirs, and the Subsidy of Tanjore as Pr No 2	18,40,212	26	60
Real Quick Stock of Fort St George Consisting of Balance of Cash, Bullion in the Mint, Goods in the Import & Export Warehouse, Balances in the Land and Sea Custo-mers hands, Debts from private Persons at Fort St George, and the Subordinates, as Pr No 3	90,18,07	3	64

NB The Dead Stock of the Company Consist-ing of its Fortifications, buildings, Military Stores, Debts due, Factories and Settlements &c is valued in their Books at upwards of 61 Lacks of Pagodas, but it seems to be a mere fanciful Valuation, and the greatest part not convertible into Money is not inserted in any of these Papers

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Estimate of the Civil Charges of Fort St. George Presidency on the Establishment which took place at Lord Macartney's Arrival as P. No. 4	217,416	1.	8
Military Expences of the Presidency of Fort St. George including the Establishment and Charges of the Garrisons of Tanjore, of the Carnatic and Ceded in time of Peace as P. No. 5	758,799	30	—
Arrears due by Fort St. George as P. No. 6	265,960	26	10
Amount of Extra Funds provided since the present War, which began July 1780 March 1st 1782 as P. No. 7	307,043	18.	63.

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Read the following Letter and enclosure from Captain Ogilvy —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. ——

From Captain Ogilvie enclosing an extract of a Gen.l Letter from Bengal & requesting a passage to Europe on Board the Dartmouth.

My Lord,

I had the honor of waiting on your Lordship, and of presenting for your perusal a copy of a Paragraph in the General Letter from Bengal to the Court of Directors recommending me to their Notice, at the same time I took the liberty of requesting an order to be taken on board the Ship Dartmouth, in order to proceed to England, altho' the Voyage of this Ship be postponed for some time, permit me still respectfully to request that I may be enabled to proceed when her departure takes place, had it not been that I expected to have found the Grosvenor in the Madras roads, I would have been able to have secured a passage at Bengal, and therefore not under the necessity of giving your Lordship so much trouble —

I beg leave respectfully to request the Copy of the above mentioned Paragraph.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect, My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obed.t and most Humble Servant

W. Ogilvie

Fort St. George
15th April 1782

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Extract of a General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Dated 9th January 1782 p. Dartmouth

Captain William Ogilvie who was Dismissed the Company's Service by Sentence of a General Court martial while under General Sir Eyre Coote in the Carnatic, has applied to us to be restored with his rank, but as we had received no information respecting him from the General, by whom the Sentence of the Court had been confirmed, nor any power to redress him in the Situation he was in, we allowed him to follow the alternative of returning to England to lay his petition before your Honble Court, but we think it incumbent upon us to remark for your information that by the proceedings of the Court which he laid before us, he appears to have been rather harshly treated, as the original charge was not for any serious offence, & the Crime in itself, if fully proved, too trivial in our opinion to deserve so severe a punishment

Agreed that Captain Ogilvy be ordered a Passage on the Earl of Dartmouth as a Charter Party Passenger

Granted.

Read the following Letter from

M.r Duchemin

Translation

To Lord Macartney. K.B. &c &c &c

My Lord

From M.r Duchemin regarding that the french surgeons may be released in consequence of a Cartel established in Europe, &c

About a month since I had the honor of addressing you a joint letter with the Commander in Chief Monsr de Suffren,

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If preparing that a Cartel shall be settled for the exchange of Prisoners.

Mons. de Suffren, to represent that some Physicians and Surgeons of the Army, taken on the Tuscany, were detained prisoners at Negapatam. — In every Cartel it has always been agreed that Medical Gentlemen should not be detained prisoners, but permitted to join their respective Corps — This article is explained with the greatest precision in the Treaty of exchange now in force between the two Nations in Europe —

I shall be obliged if you will please to issue your orders in consequence, that they may be permitted to join me as soon as possible —

You have some French officers, prisoners at Madras, by name, M. M. De Savornin, La Renaudie, La Bouchonnière — Palerme, De Chaavigny — Ramé and Rozon — I take the liberty of recommending them to you, and of requesting you will please to furnish them with such Necessaries as they may want. I transmit enclosed a Letter for M. De Savornin, which when you have perused, you will please to forward to him —

In the Joint Letter I had the honor of addressing you with the Commander in Chief M. de Suffren, we proposed an exchange of prisoners — if you approve of it, Sir request You will inform me — and we can act agreable to the Cartel.

I have the honor to be with the most perfect regard, —

My Lord

Your very humble and very obed. Servant —

(signed) Duchemin

Manargoudam
16th April 1782

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The President informs the Committee that he has already sent orders for the French Surgeons to be permitted to go where they please — His Lordship is requested to consult Sir Eyre Coote relative to Mr. Duchemin's proposals on the Subject of a Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners, & to return such answer to his Letter as his Lordship shall judge proper —

Minute thereon

Read Letter from Ensign Hart (as entered in the Miscellany Book No 12) requesting Bills on Bengal for the Amount of some Bonds in his possession — Signed by the President and Factors at Tellicherry

Ordered to lie on the Table, & the Secretary to enquire of Ensign Hart the amount of the said Bonds —

Read Letter from the Town Major (as entered in the Miscellany Book No 3) representing the great want of Cloathing for the Black Town Sepoys and requesting, as there is no ordinary red Cloth in Store, that Aurora may be Issued for that purpose, which is accordingly agreed to —

The Situation of Affairs having made it necessary to stop all Payments whatsoever, excepting those for the Army, or its support, it is Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be ordered to do the same — Mr. Daniell in his Letter to the President of the mentions his having collected and sent to Masulipatam 137,000 Pagodas. Agreed that the Gentlemen there be directed to keep all that can possibly be spared of that Money, 'till they receive orders

A letter to be written to Masulipatam to stop all Payments 'till further orders except for the Army

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relative to the Disposal of it, which will be sent from the Civil Department.—

The Proposals for renting the Assigned Countries to be translated —

Several Proposals having been received for renting the Assigned Countries to the Southward — Ordered that they be delivered to the Persian Translator to be translated, & then sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue for their opinion.—

The President lays before the Committee a Certificate signed by Mr. Ram of sums advanced advanced by Buckingee Dos to him whilst Resident at Trichinopoly, amounting with Interest to the 1st of March to the Sum of 3070 Pagodas—

These are to certify that whilst at Trichinopoly I borrowed of Ravalgee, Gomastah to the House of Buckingee Coyee Dos for the use of the Honble Company, the following Sums as stated in an Account delivered in to the Right Honble President & Gentlemen of the Select Committee, the 11th of February 1782 Viz.t

1781,				Pay.ble
28th November	500	Interest @ 12 ℘ Cent to 1st of March 1782 is	15.	—
22 December	500	Do Do Do	11. 6.	32
24 Do	2000	Do Do Do	43. 14.	24
Interest above 70 to the 1st of March 1782			70-	nearly
Star Pagodas	3070			

N.B Ananta Gomastah to the said house, wants absond from the Company for the above sum from 1st of March

G Ram

G Ram

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For my Account referred to on the other side —

The Honble Company are made Drs to Buckinjee for the stated Sums — I apprehend the Company must have Credit for the Bond when given L. Ram —

Ordered that a Bond be granted to Cnamsunta Naieck Gomastah to the said House, for the Amount bearing date the 1st March 1782 to be carried to the Debit of the Superintendant —

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17th Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor of

Fort St George.

My Lord,

I am at a loss to account for not having

From Sir Eyre Coote enclosing a Paper of Intelligence concerning the Intentions of Hyder and of the Enemy. complaining of the present Arrangements. per; and desiring that a further Supply of Provisions may be sent into Cuddalore, and that the Garrison of Trichinopoly may be relieved.

heard from Madras these three Days. Inclos'd to the Commdr. the 12th and 13th Instant, and to your Lordship the 13th If the weather clears up, I shall to morrow move the Army across the Pelar, and there take up Ground so as to cover Chingleput until I am reinforced which your Lordship will endeavour to expedite as far as lies in your Power. There being scarcely any Room to doubt the Junction of the Enemy with Hyder, and that their joint Plan is to possess themselves of Permaut. Carangoly, and Wandewash before they attempt any thing to the Southward. I however flatter myself we shall shortly receive News from the Admiral as may possibly disconcert their Measures, and I trust that at all Events he will soon return that part of Colonel Fullarton's Regiment which I ordered him with, which I now stand in great need of myself. It is with great reluctance I find myself thus early under the Necessity of acquainting your Lordship that the present Grain keeper (this a very good young Man) is by no means equal to his Duty. Notwithstanding the Order I gave before I left the Mount for the Followers to be provided with eighteen Days Rice. About this Morning that Mr Pechell did not give any to the Bullock Drivers, and upon questioning him upon the Subject, he could give me no other answer than that the Dubash was lazy and would not sit up to serve

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57th The Reason that This is an Omission of so many a Nature that it might prove the ruin of the Service and actually frustrate an intention I had formed with respect to its movement, by taking from the Stock of the fighting Men at least one Day and a Half's Provision to supply the Deficit of many of whom have already happen'd. Therefore must recommend that some more proper Person be appointed to Store things of so essential an Use as To require a robust Constitution and an active bustling Disposition, for on short Allowance of Employment on which Occasions frequent Lazy or Sickly Persons with the most good Character, Care or Address that means will be found to throw some Provision into Chargle for bringing a matter of the utmost Consequence at this Time, a relief to the immediate relief of the Garrison of Tuticorin under that the Battalion may join without the smallest Delay.

I have the Honour to be

Your most Obedt

Humble Servt

Eyre Coote

Camp at Vadacapatch

15th April 1702

Intelligence Papers. 14th April 1702

12 o'Clock Noon.

The Bearer of this Paper one first came on and was unfortunate enough to be taken up by a Party of Captain Flint's People who carried them before Captain Flint, by whom they were examined, and afterwards promised a Letter which Captain Flint

17th afterwards determined to send by his own People.
In consequence of their having gone round by Carin-
goly, and not knowing exactly where the Army
was, they have lost in some Degree the Merit of
their Intelligence by being 3 hours later than the
Others. These Men say that Hyder marched with his
Army on Thursday morning 9/10th to Tindevanum
Gary, to which Place they accompanied him, and
observed what was going on in the course of that
Day, which was busily employed by Hyders People
in cutting down Milk Hedge for Fascines, of
which there were also 1000 made at Vilimodapetta
before Hyder marched. They do not hesitate to
say that those Fascines are intended for the Siege
of Permacoil, and that Tippoo Sahib, Sally, and
the whole of the Frenchmen were at the Red Hills
on their Way to join Hyder. Lieutenant Blair has
sent away all the Inhabitants of Permacoil, except
the two principal Men whom he has carried up
to the Fort. They mention the Disputes between
Tippoo and the French respecting the Capitulation
of Cuddalore, and of the French generals often
having mentioned to Tippoo Sahib the impolicy
of his and his Fathers Cruelty to the natives of the
Countries that are almost in their Power. Wandewash
they say is certainly to be the first Siege. Carangoly.
A Report prevails that Calicut is retaken by a
Detachment of Hyders Army. They left Tindevanum
on Monday morning the 12th and on their Way to
Wandewash, they heard and saw the Smoke of 10
Guns fired from the North of Permacoil. They left
Wandewash the night before last, and have travelled

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17th since Friday morning upwards of 70 Sail

A True Copy — John Pringle

Jer Taylor — Capt A Gruder

Dispatched the following Letter

To Monsieur Duchemin

Marechal Decamp & and Commander of the

French Troops on the Coast of

Coromandel.

Sir.

To Mr Duchemin informing him that his Letter proposing a Car: Bel, has been forwarded to Genl Coste: inclosing a List of French Prisoners, and requesting a List of the English Officers in their Hands.

I have received the Honor of your Letter of the 1st Instant, from Pangaicoupan, which is the first that has reached my Hands from You. The Letter which You mention to have written to me in common with Mons. De Suffren must have met with some Accident on the Way, as it never arrived here. I should be much obliged to You to inform me, by what conveyance it was sent, whether by Land or by Sea, whether through the Hands of any Country Power, or by a Flag of Truce, that proper enquiry may be made in what manner so important a Dispatch miscarried. The Commandant of Negapatam, to which Place the Prisoners taken on board the Tuscany were carried, was not apprized of the Voyage with Troops and the Medical People, and consequently sent some of them hither, I immediately as soon as I knew their Situations gave directions that they might be released. The Officers now at Negapatam will be set at Liberty without Delay. Several Officers taken on board the Sauriston were sent to Pongal as being a Residence likely to be more agreeable to them than Madras, which was already crowded with other Prisoners.

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I have sent to Sir Eyre Coote Nelson. Commander in Chief of our Land Forces, a Copy of your letter in order to concert with him the measures of the Detail you propose, and shall transmit to You the result as soon as I receive it. I shall forward your letter to Mons. De Suffrein, by the earliest Opportunity. All the French Officers who have fallen into our Hands are paid according to their respective Ranks in the same manner as those who were taken at Pondicherry.

Enclosed I send You a List of the French Officers our Prisoners, among whom You will perceive several of them have broke their Parole of honor; particularly a Mons. De Chavergny whom I mention, separately to You, on account of a Letter which I received from him, of which I transmit You an exact Copy. I shall say no more on this Subject, but leave to You to judge of him.

I request to be furnished with a List of our Officers now in your Hands on this Coast, and wish particularly to know whether the Captain of the Hannibal be actually with You, or at any neutral Settlement.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Macartney.

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17th In consequence of the Ingenious Contrivances & Representation of the great want of Horses for the Cavalry, the following Paper is circulated in the Settlement.

Fort St George 18th April 1782

Advertisement respecting Horses for the Cavalry.

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee being desirous of purchasing Horses for the Use of the Cavalry, request that all Gentlemen and others who may have Horses to dispose of, will send them to Messrs Plumer & Storey, who will settle the Price with them and Bills on Bengal will be immediately paid for the Amount.

By Order of the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee
John Sudleston
Sec.

Bills

Resolved that a List of Bills on Bengal be granted to Mr Taner for the Sum of 3500 Pagodas payable to Mr Alexander Cuthbertson Esq under the Amount to be carried to the Head of Military Paymaster.

18th Agreeably to the Intimation of Yesterday the following General Orders are now issued

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April 18. 1782

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General Orders.

All the Cadets late ly arrived at Madras to be Ensigns.

Mr Dudley Archibald Macklin a Cadet of the Year 1780 who embarked on one of the Company Ships captured by the Combined Fleet of France & Spain being now arrived at Fort St George he is appointed an Ensign, and is to take Rank agreeably to the List received from the Court of Directors.

Ensign Richard Powis being also arrived from England, is to rank as he stands on the List of the Army.

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The following Gentlemen Cadets of the Season are promoted to Ensigns, their Rank to be settled hereafter, in the mean Time they are to rank as follows.

Wm. William Dawson
Benjamin Baillie
Henry Robolier
Thomas Lawrenich
John Markham Lovedenant
Thomas Grant
Stratford Powell
Arthur Ford
Thomas Baillie
Allan Grant
Nicholas Hamilton
Adam Ormsby
John Stevenson
Robert Stuart
William Youngson
Thomas Blakemore
Johnson Browne
Thomas Brown
John Urquhart
Charles Godfrey
Andrew Brown
John Leonard
James Robert Prescott
Thomas Stanley
Patrick Grant
Arthur Maxwell
Samuel Crane
Jeremiah Simons
Lilly Watson

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Majr James Bruce
William Cunningham
Alexander Carmichael
John Taylor
Edward Otterell
Andrew Boyd

Majr Daniel Jemmings and Robt Watson are appointed Practitioner Engineers and Mr Matthew Ford a Lieutenant Fireworker Date of Rank to be settled hereafter.

Received the following Letter and Enclosures from Masulipatam

Military Department

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

We have had the honor to receive your

From Masulipatam
desiring to know
whether the Batt.
Talions are to be
remitted, on the
Departure of the
Supernumeraries
for Bridras &c.
. closing a Letter
from Capt Lysaght

Commands of the 3rd Instant agreable to which We have directed that all the Supernumeraries & Malcontents of this District above the Establishment be assembled at Ellore, in order to march from thence to the Presidency, and We now request to have your Orders whether upon the Departure of these Men we are to direct the Battalions to recruit their until they are again completed to the new annexed Establishment, or until they are equal to the Strength of the Troops on the District previous to the Two when two Battalions proceeded therefrom with Colonel Pearse to the Southward, or only to keep

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18th them complete to the Old Establishment.

We are Respectfully

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient,

humble Servants.

James Hodges

John Peter Boileau

Thomas Barnard

Alexander Pringle.

Masulipatam.

13th April 1782.

To James Hodges Esqr.

& Council

Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am favored with your Letter of Yesterdays Date, and have issued Orders to the different Commanding Officers Corps in the Divi: -sion, agreeably thereto, but on referring to my last returns to your Board, you will perceive that the 4th Circar Battalion was the only one that had Supernumeraries, and that Corps had then only twenty nine, with respect to Volunteers I am apprehensive that the high Price of Provi: -sions to the Southward will prevent many from offering who otherwise would, I therefore beg leave to recommend that a small Gratuity (perhaps six or eight Rupees) be given to each Sepoy who shall voluntarily offer to join the Circar Battalions doing duty at the Presidency, or as Sepoys are known to be generally attached to particular Black Officers or the Corps they belong to, it may answer to pitch upon a good Jemidar, a Havildar, four

18 Nairques and four Sepoys in each Corps to form a Company of One hundred Volunteers and to proceed and do Duty with them to the Southward. Those Officers and Non Commissioned Officers on their Arrival at Madras with their Companies, to be promoted to the Rank immediately above that they now hold in the Service, but to prevent the Establishment from being burdened with any additional Expence, Vacancies as they happen in the respective Corps to be kept open for the Officer and non commissioned Officers so serving to the Southward.

I have the Honor to be,

Ellore 31st March 1782

Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,
Arthur Lysaght

A true Copy
signed Alex Dingle.
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Received the following Letter from the Committee of Inquiry and Revenue with their minutes of the 28th Instant, lodged in the Office

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The Renter lately appointed to Nellore and Suryapetty having proposed some Queries that he might first be Conducted in that Office we have the Honor to enclose You our Opinion thereon, and have to request that your Sentiments may be made known respecting the Recommendations contained therein.

From the Committee of Inquiry and Revenue containing their Opinion on some Queries, to proceed to them by the Renter, appointed to Nellore & Suryapetty.

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N 18 as soon as possible, as the Renter is justly anxious to repair to the Country entrusted to his management tomorrow or next Day.

We have the Honor to be with Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your Lordships faithful,
humble Servants.
Charles Oakeley
Eyles Irwin.
Hall Plumer.
David Haliburton.
Geo Monbray.

Fort St George
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Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

Charles Oakeley Esq.
&c. Members of the Committee
of Assigned Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish You with the accompanying Extract of their Minutes of the 17th Instant.

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing Extract from the Minutes of the Select Committee.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedt
humble Servant
John Hudleston
Secretary

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18th Dispatched the following Letter to Lieu Eyre Coote

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote
Commander in Chief &c &c

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive Your Letter of the 11th and that to the President of the 12th Instant with their Enclosures.

We were always of Opinion that the Enemy would probably endeavour to distress us by taking advantage of our divided Force, and prosecute themselves of the Island Fort one after another. But we hope and trust they will be disappointed in their present Designs.

The 73d Regiment is equipping for the Field with all possible Diligence and Expedition, and we hope it will march in a Couple of Days.

We are extremely concerned at the misconduct You mention in the Paymaster's Department. We wish You to prevent any Thing of that Kind from happening in future, by appointing such Person or Persons to that Office, as You think can be depended on. In consequence of the Powers transferred to You by the Governor General and Council of Bengal, the entire Conduct of the War is entrusted to You, and in such a War as the present the Care of the Grain is no small Part of that Trust. We therefore hope and request that You will appoint some Person to the Office of Grainkeeper, whose Diligence and Capacity you are acquainted with. You may rely on our paying the utmost Attention to every Thing that comes to us with your Recommendation.

We send You a Copy of a Letter from Mons. Du Chemin, together with our President's answer, and

To Sir Eyre Coote.
Desiring him to appoint some proper Person to the Office & Grainkeeper, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mons. Du Chemin, & requesting his Sentiments thereon. The 73d Regiment on the Point of marching.

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18th we request an early Communication of your Opinion with regard to this Proposal.

We have as yet received no News from the Admiral. Three Dutch 50 Gun Ships are said to be arrived at Point de Galle.

We have the Honor to be,

Sir.

Your most Obedt

humble Servants.

Macartney

& Select Committee

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Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote

Commander in Chief &c &c

Sir.

In compliance with your Requisition signified to the President, by a Letter from the Adjutant General to the Town Major received Yesterday orders have been issued for one of the Black Town Battalions to march to Tripasore that the 2nd Battalion now there may join your Army. At the same Time We think it right to mention that the Troops now stationed here, and in the Black Town are scarcely sufficient to afford a Relief for the daily Guards.

In To Sir Eyre Coote advising Time of the 2nd Battalion in Tripasore, having been relieved by one of the Black Town Battalions.

We have issued an Advertisement requesting the Gentlemen of the Settlement to dispose of their Horses to the Company at this Critical Juncture, to assist the Public Service, and we will try every other expedient that can be suggested to procure Horses.

We have the Honor to be

&c. Macartney

& Select Committee

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18 Dispatched the following Letter to Vellore.

To Captain Cuppage

Commanding at Vellore

Sir

To Vellore, with a supply of 1000 Pagodas, and a Promise of sending more.

I am to acknowledge the favor of your Letter of the 3d Instant and have only Time to inform You that I now send You one Thousand Pagodas in four Bags of two Hundred and fifty each. They go by two Country Havildars, who were lately promoted from the Sepoys to that Rank on account of their Fidelity and Dispatch in carrying Money to Vellore on former occasions. I flatter myself they will arrive safe. You will be good enough to send them back and I shall load them again. I shall not let slip any Opportunity of supplying the Wants of your Garrison to the best of my Power and am &c. Sir.

Your most humble Servant.

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Macartney

PS. I take it for granted that You hear from the General regularly. By the last Accounts he was between Chinglepat and Waindewash. It is probable he will soon have an Action with Hyder and the French who are now joined. Cuddalore fell on the 6th Inst.

Dispatched the following Letter to Negapatam.

To Captain Johnston.

Commanding at Negapatam.

To Negapatam, directing him to release all the French Medical Persons, who were

Sir,

Inclosed We send You a List of Physicians Surgeons & Apothecaries now supposed to be Prisoners at Negapatam.

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in the Tuscany. 12th 58

We desire that You will release them and give them Permission to proceed whither they please, without Molestation. And for your further Direction we are to inform You that according to the Usage in Europe, which we mean to follow here. No Medical Persons in the Service of the Hospitals ascertained to be such, are to be considered or detained as Prisoners

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,

humble Servants

Macartney

& Select Committee

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19th Received the following Letter from Negapatam.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney.

Governor and President &c &c

Fort St George.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to forward Your Lordship a Letter from Mr Sullivan, which arrived too late for the Rodney Packet. There are Letters from Tanjore as late as the 10th inst. no News. Nor do I find that any Party has yet taken the Field from that Garrison. Mr Sullivan writes me they intend attacking Manamcoil, and establishing a Post at that Place. Which if he can effect, and we can at the same Time get Possession of the Pagoda at Tiravalore may be able to open a Communication between Tanjore and this Place, and by that means collect some Part of the Grain. We get in here

From Negapatam enclosing a Letter from the Resident at Tanjore. A Report prevails that the French and Tippoo Saib intend to attack Negapatam. a small Quantity of Grain is collected in the Pagoda of Thirtural; a

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Party from Tan. for the intend marching against Manarcoil.

No 59 what we can from the Companys Districts, and have a small Post in a Pagoda at Chichut 4 four Mile to the Westward which is of some Use to us, however what we collect will go but a small Way on the Payment of the Europeans and Sepoys of the Garison, and but for the Hopes of being able to get some Money which is due from individuals of the Dutch, to the Captors, I fear I should find it difficult in the present Situation of Affairs, to keep our Men in proper Order. The maintenance of Prisoners adds considerably to our Expence.

The French at Tranquebar give out that their Army with Tippoo Said mean to march for this Place, but little dependence is to be put in the Reports they circulate. No News of our Fleet, or that of the French. If any material Intelligence arrives, I shall lose no Time in dispatching it.

I have the Honor to be,
with great Respect
My Lord,
Your Lordships most Obedt.
and most humble Servant.
James Johnston.

Negapatam
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Intelligence respecting the two Fleets

Received Intelligence of the Fleets & entered in Miscellany Book N 3 advising that the French Fleet had been seen the 12th Instant near Trincomallee, and the following Day the British Fleet pursuing them.

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19th Received the following Letter and Enclosure from the Town Major

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

Governor &c, &c, &c

My Lord

I have the honor to send Your Lordship the enclosed Letter, this moment received from the Adjutant General, & am with great Respect.

Your Lordships most obedient Servant

Wm Sydenham

Town Major.

From the Town Major enclosing a Letter from the Adjutant General requesting by Fort St George. The Generals Orders that Provisions for the Army of every Kind, may be sent by Sea to the 7 Pagodas that a Supply of Grain for the Cavalry may be also forwarded. &d Whither.

19th April 1782.

Dear Sydenham,

We arrived at our present Encampment about ten this Day, and lay about West from the Fort, between it, and the River. The General wishes me to lose no Time in communicating his Desire that Provisions of every kind for the Army, Awark, Biscuit, Rice, Grain, Every Stuff, and in short every thing, You think We want be dispatched by Masoola Boats with the utmost Expedition and Secrecy to the Seven Pagodas, or Manveliveram lying about 34 Miles to the Southward of Madras and about 16 Mile distant from Chingleput where he will have a Detachment and Bullocks to bring them to Camp, the Rice to be put in Bullock Bags, at least Twenty Days for the fighting Men and the followers in the Pay of the Company, and as much more as possibly can be sent. The two Bengal Vessels (I know not their names) under the General Orders to be employed for this Purpose if required, and he desires You will signify his Orders to the Commanders accordingly. You are not to wait

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SG until all the Vessels or Boats are loaded, but to
Dispatch them One by One as ready. Advising
me constantly and frequently of their time of
Sailing, and what they contain. Careful, answerable
Men to be sent in Charge of the different articles,
with the necessary returns or Information of
what is on board each Vessel or boat. Officers
Commanding Cavalry Corps have Orders to
advise their Agents at Madras of this measure, that
they may apply to You for an Order to have the
Grain they write for received on board the Boat
or Ships. He desires at the same Time that You
will at all Events see that Grain is sent in Case
You find the Agents of the Cavalry Deficitory. The
Cloathing for one Battalion under Keating is
also to be sent to the Seven Pagodas, this You
can settle with Bodie, who will readily lay aside
Some to expedite the Service. The above arrangement
is not to be Seen on any account the Quantity of
every thing directed to be sent with the Detachment
under Colonel Stuart. The General requests You
will lose no Time in communicating to Lord
Macartney his wish on this Subject, convinced
that his Lordship will take up every speedy
and essential Method of forwarding the Service.
As the General is much hurried not in perfect
Health and very anxious he desires You will say
to his Lordship, that he takes this method of conveying
his sentiments not only as it saves much
Time and Trouble in transmit, but from a belief that
Lord Macartney will meet his Views with that
readiness and exertion so necessary for conducting

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59 the public Service with any Chance of Success at
this interesting Period of the War.

Camp near Chungleput.
17th April 1782.

Yours, Truly,
Henry Malcolm.

minute thereon — The President is requested to Order every thing to be done, that is pointed out in the foregoing Letter

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

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Sir.

From the Comm[e] of Stores, with their Proceedings of the 15th of April.

I am directed by the Committee of Stores to send You their Proceedings of this Date, and to request that You will lay them before the Honble the Select Committee.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt
humble Servant,
Charles Floyer Junr
Sec[y] to the Com[e] Stores.

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19th Fort St George 19th April 1782.

At a Committee Present.
Colonel John Kennedy.
Major George Mackie
Bryan Scottney Esqr

The Committee
having examined two
Tenders from Vizagapatam
and Ellore deput. Agree that
they be complied with
conformably to the Re-
marks of the Commissary
as far as the State of the
Stores in Garrison will
admit thereof.

reports

The Commanding
Officer of Artillery report
that the Guns upon the
Works require to be clinked
and the Trail Carriages
repaired upon the Works
to be painted, as necessa-
ry for their being in
good Order and Preservation

Approved

The Committee
having examined six
18 Pounder Trail Carriages
and one Gun brought
from the Contractors Yard
and finding them finish'd
equal to the Standard

Contractors

Approved

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19th Agree that they be received into the Honble Company's Stores

The Commissary of Stores reporting to the Committee that six 6 Pounders, Brass Guns, having been received from Europe by the Ships of this Season, the Committee recommend that six new Field Carriages with Limbers and Tumbril complete be made for them.

Approved

six

Limbers

The Committee recommend that the Remainder of the Cabols Pouches Carriages be altered as soon as possible.

Approved

Pouches

John Kennedy
George Maule
Bryan Scottowe.

A Letter from the Nabob to the Council and by them referred to the Select Committee

Received Letter from the Nabob of the 18th (as entered in C. C. N° 47) addressed to the Council and referred by them to the Select Committee.

To the Nabob enclosing Depositions received from Vellore.

Sent Letter to his Highness the Nabob (as entered in C. C. N° 48) with the Depositions received lately from the Tuning at Vellore relative to the Death of the mutinous Sepoys.

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Bills on Bengal granted to the Junior Civil Servants for their Arrears of Pay

20th

The Junior Civil Servants being very much distressed in Consequence of their not having received any Pay for many Months, it is agreed that their Arrears be discharged by Bills on Bengal.

Received the following Letter from Masulipatam.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Masulipatam with an account of the Quantity of Grain in Store there.

We have been honored with your Commands of the 6th Instant, and in Compliance therewith beg Leave to acquaint You that We have now in Store here nearly 1500 Candies of Rice and 800 of Paddy and that by 5th August next estimating according to the Receipt of Grain since the Orders were issued for bringing it in, there will be an additional Quantity of Paddy delivered here of 12,00 Candies, whereof 500 or 1000 Candies before the said Period may be beat into Rice, agreable to this Calculate we may reckon upon 2000 Candies or 20,000 Bags of Rice being in readiness about the beginning of May, wherein however is included our Garrison Stock of 657 Candies or 6570 Bags of Rice.

We judge it necessary to acquaint Your Lordship that upon our receiving Intelligence of a French Fleet appearing off the Coast in February last, We thought it would be highly expedient to increase the Stock of our principal Articles of Garrison

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20th Provisions from 6 Months to 12 for a Garrison of 200 Europeans and 2000 Sepoys agreable to the accompanying Statement. As Opportunities sometimes offer of sending Provisions to Madras, at a short notice, we request to be favored with your Orders how far it may be proper to comply therewith, by shipping off a Part of our Garrison Stock to be afterwards replaced from the Country: hitherto We have taken a Latitude of doing this, whenever it appeared to us from Circumstances, that it might be done with Safety, but the Situation of Affairs being somewhat altered from the Arrival of an Enemys Fleet upon the Coast, We think it proper to submit this matter now for your Decision. We further beg your attention to the Statement of Provisions herewith enclosed, both as to the numbers which are provided for therein, and with respect to the Quantity. That if any Alteration be judged expedient we may have your Orders for that Purpose: We have deviated from the Statement forwarded from the Presidency in 1778, by reason that many Articles mentioned therein were found unnecessary in this Country, not making any Part of the Common Subsistence of the People here, and because we wished to contract the Expence where it might be properly done.

We are Respectfully,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obed[t] hum[e] Servants

James Hodges.
John Peter Boileau.
Thomas Barnard
Alexander Brangle

Masulipatam
12th April 1782

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381 Bullocks arrived 20th from the Northward.

Received Town Major's Report of
the Arrival of 381 Bullocks from the Northward.

Sent Letter to the Nabob as intended
in C. C. No 49 in answer to his Highness's Letter
of the 15th Instant.

Despatched the following Letter and
Enclosure therein mentioned to Sir Eyre Coote.

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote
Commander in Chief of the Forces in
India

To Sir Eyre Coote enclosing Copy of Capt Lyeraghts Letter to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, and requesting his Opinion thereon.

Sir,

Enclosed we send You Copies &c
Letter from Captain Lyeraght to the Chief and
Council of Masulipatam and of a Letter from
them to us of the 13th Instant, and we request You
favored with your opinion on the Contents.

We have the honor to be

Fort St George.
20th April 1782.

Sir
Your most obed Humble Servants
. Macartney
Select Committee.

Despatched the following Letter with the Enclosures therein mentioned to the Committee of Inquiry and Revenue

To Charles Oakley Esqr.
&c Members of the Committee of Inquiry & Revenue.

To the Committee of Inquiry & Revenue &c. in favor of their Sentiments on the Representation of the Amildar of Bellore and desiring their Opinions on the enclosed Proposal from the Tinnevelly Country.

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknow-
-ledge the Receipt of your Letter and Copy &
your Proceedings of the 18th Instant and to signify
to You their entire Approbation of your opinion
and Observations on the Representations of the

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No 20 of the Journal of Fellows.

Inclose several Proposals received from the Tanjore Country, on which the Select Committee desire to be furnished with your Opinion.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant
John Hudleston.
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Fort St George
20th April 1782.

Dispatched the following Letter with the Enclosure therein mentioned to Bengal.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have the honor to enclose You a Return of Recruits for your Presidency shipped on board the Lochford.

We have the Honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servants.

To Bengal enclosing a Return of Recruits embarked on the Lochford for Bengal.

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No 20 Dispatched the following Letter with the Enclosures therein mentioned to Bengal.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have the Honor to enclose You a Copy of a Paper of Intelligence received last night. We also enclose to You Copies of a Letter from Our Dubashemin the French General to our President with his Answer. As his Superiors were so obdurate to your Commands gratified with the entire Conduct of the War to the utmost possible Extent of his Wishes & as the Exchange of Prisoners might be thought by him, to be a Part of his Province, We did not venture to close with Our Dubashemin's Proposals, but we hope the General will accede to them, in that Case we shall give You the earliest notice, that You may be relieved without Delay from the French Prisoners now with You, which nothing but absolute Necessity should have induced us to send to You.

To Bengal enclosing a Paper of Intelligence respecting the Fleet, the Proposal of the French General for an Exchange of Prisoners referred to his Superiors

notice

We enclose an open Letter for the French Colonel Brown De Savonin.

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

Fort St George
30th April 1782