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Dispatched the following Letter to the Northern Subordinates —

To James Daniell Esqr.

Chief &c. Council of Masulipatam

To the Northern Subordinates directing them to Collect Dooley Boys & forward them to the Presidency with all Expedition —

We have constantly experienced great difficulty in furnishing the Army with a sufficient Number of Dooleis for the Sick & Wounds and great Disappointment by the frequent Desertion of a Number of the Bearers in consequence of their being un generally collected by compulsion. It therefore becomes necessary to encourage these People to enter the Service thro' Choice, and We desire You will without Loss of time endeavour to entertain 217 Dooley Boys for six Months certain, allowing 9 to every two Dooleys, and one Master to every 6 which makes 68 Dooleys compleat — Each Boy will be allowed 4 Star Pagodas P Month & the Masters 2½, and they will receive a proportion of it in Rice in the same manner as the Troops in the Field, these terms being more advantageous than any Yet proposed to them. We trust You will not have any difficulty in getting the Number we want and in forwarding them to Madras with all possible Expedition —

Fort St. George
17th May 1782

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

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308. Bags for 66 Dooleys to be got Ready from the Vizagr.
=patam and the same Number from the Ganjam Districts
In all 200 Dooleys Compleat

8th Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned
Revenue with the Extract therein mentioned —

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
Receipt of Your Letter of the 6th Inst. with Extracts from
Your Proceedings of the 4th Inst. and to furnish You with
the accompanying extract of the Minutes of the Select
Committee of the 7th Inst containing their Resolutions
and Orders in Consequence.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Hudleston Secy

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.
&c. Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue
enclosing Extract of the
minutes of the Select
Committee of the 7th
May —

Fort St. George
8th May 1782.

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal —

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Govr. General & &c Council — Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have had the honor to receive
Your Letter of the 1st 28th April and agreeably to Your

To Bengal — inclos.d
an Indent of Provisions
wanted from thence &
Requesting frequent
Supplies of Gunpowder.
have entertained 122
Europeans for that
Presidency —

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Sent You in all 122 Europeans, we have 5 of your Recruits Remaining of which 3 are in the Hospital we have as yet received no Authentic news of the Fleets Sir Eyre Coote is advancing towards the Enemy the last advices from Camp were dated at 4 Miles from Chittapet Hyder was encamped at Permacoil Pagoda at Sindavanum and Mr. Duchemin with the French Troops at the Pettah, we Have the honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedt
humble Servants
Macartney
& Select Committee

Fort St. George
8th May 1782

Indent of Sundry Articles of Provisions & Stores for the use of the Garrison of Fort St. George to be provided in Bengal & Sent

Rice	2,000 Bags of 2 M
Peas	1,000 Ditto
Red Gram and Doll	1,000 Ditto
Chillies	160 Candies
Tamarine	200 Ditto
Ginger	15 Ditto
Sugar	60 Ditto

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D. A. Brodie
Garrison Store Keeper

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Dispatches the following Letters—

To Captain Edmonds—
Commanding at Orgole

Sir

To Capt.n Edmonds directing him to support the new Punter in his Authority & to entertain such of the Nabobs Sepoys as are willing to enlist, forbidding all Company's Servants from interfering or having any Money Transactions in the District or Customs upon Arrack &c.a

The Cutchery of Mahepatty Rajena the new Aumil, and Punter of Palnaud has Represented to the Committee of Assigned Revenue that the Phouzdar of Palnaud has received Orders from the Nabob not to give the smallest Assistance to the New Aumil his Master, nor to permit the Old Aumil to give up his Accounts — Also that the Phouzdar has Refused to suffer the Nabobs Sepoys to proceed to Orgole to be entertained in the Companys Service — As it is our firm determination to maintain, and persevere in the System which we have been compelled to adopt we desire that you will consult with Captain Campbell, the Commanding Officer at Nellore and in conjunction with him take such measures as shall appear necessary to establish the Punters authority throughout the District, and to Yield him the most effectual Support

In the mean while however that no time may be lost You will furnish the Punter on his application with such Assistance of Sepoys as You can safely spare from Your Garrison, should the Punter Require it You will

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Secure the former Shumsheer, and keep him in confinement until he shall have rendered up his Accounts. You will also enjoin the late Phouzdar at his peril to interpose or throw any Obstruction in the way of the Renter, and should he disregard such Injunction you will in that case confine him also untill you receive our further Orders. But this last Step only to be taken in the last extremity when the Companys Interest shall render it Absolutely Necessary — with Respect to the Nabobs Sepoys we desire You will entertain as many of them as may chuse to enter into the Companys Service, and Dismiss the Rest informing them that they are to receive no further Pay from the Company these you keep to be formed into independent Companys of 100 or 150, Men each.

In giving You these orders we depend much upon the prudence and circumspection of your Conduct — You will see clearly that our only Intentions are to give the Renter the Countenance and Support of Government so far as to enable him to fulfill the Objects of his appointment which are the Realizing the Revenues of the Country and Appropriating them to the Support of the Army and the general good — You firmly pursue such Measures as Your Knowledge of these Instructions shall Dictate We recommend to You cautiously to avoid all unnecessary Severity and to prevent

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prevent to the utmost of your power every kind of Injustice, and Oppression, so that the change of Government which produces Solid and permanent advantage to the Company may also prove a Blessing to the Inhabitants and herewith is proper to apprize You that the experience we have had of the ill consequences arising from the undue Interference of Company's Servants in Matters of Revenue, and their connection with the Renters has made us come to the Resolution to forbid the Commanding Officers and Paymasters in the Several Districts of the Assigned & Countries from having any Money Transactions whatsoever with the Renters by loan, or otherwise, or interfering directly or indirectly, in the Affairs of the District or in the Receipt of any of the Revenues or Customs particularly the Customs on the Sale of Arrack on pain of Absolute Dismission from the Company's Service — We shall inform the Paymaster of your Garrison of this Resolution and we desire You will make it known to the Gentlemen under Your Authority —

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Macartney

&c Select Committee

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To Captain George Campbell
Commanding at Nellore

Sir

To Captain Campbell
with Similar Instruct

In consequence of a complaint from the Master of the new Nabob and Hunter of Palnaud that the Phouzdar had Received Orders from the Nabob not to give the Smallest Assistance to the New Nabob his Master nor to permit the Old Nabob to give up his Accounts, we have Desired Captain Edmonds to consult with You and in Conjunction with you to take such Measures as shall appear necessary to establish the Hunters Authority throughout the District, and to Yield him the most effectual Support We accordingly Desire that you will give Captain Edmonds Your best Assistance

Altho we have not as yet received any complaints from the Hunter of Nellore, and hopefully, we think it not improbable that Similar attempts maybe made in those Districts to frustrate our Intentions, and we shall therefore provide against them by giving you Instructions to the same effect with those which we have sent to Captain Edmonds

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It is our fixed determination to maintain, and persevere in the System which we have been com-pelled to adopt, and we therefore desire that You will if required furnish the Renter with Company's Troops and with every other Assistance that shall be necessary to maintain the Authority entrusted to him, and you will enjoin the persons lately employed by the Nabob at this Port to throw any Obstructions in the way of the Renter and whoever shall presume to disregard, and act contrary to such Injunctions we desire that you secure, and keep in confine-ment until You receive our further Orders, any severe Step to be only taken when the Company's Interest renders it unavoidable.

You have already received Orders respecting the Nabobs Sepoys, such as are willing to serve the Company you will continue to entertain and dismiss the Rest informing them that they are to receive no further pay from the Company.

In giving You these Orders we depend much upon the prudence and circumspection of Your Conduct. You will be clearly that our only Intentions are to give the Renter the countenance and support of Govern-ment so far as to enable him to fulfill the Objects of his appointt.

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appointment which ever the realizing the Revenues of the Country and appropriating them to the support of the Army and the general good at the same time therefore that You firmly persue such measures as Your knowledge of these Intentions shall Dictate we Recommend to you cautiously to avoid all unnecessary severity and to prevent to the utmost of your power every kind of Injustice, and Oppression, so that the change of Government while it produces Solid and permanent advantages to the Company, may also prove a Blessing to the Inhabitants and here it is proper to appraize You that the experience we have had of the Ill Consequences arising from the undue Interference of Company Servants in Matters of Revenue, and their connection with the Renters, has made us come to the Resolution to forbid the Commanding Officer and Paymasters in the several Districts of the Affiliated Countries from having any Money Transactions whatsoever with the Renters by Loan or otherwise or interfering directly or indirectly, in the Affairs of the District, or in the Receipt of any of the Revenues, or Customs particularly the Customs on the Sale of Arrack, on pain of Absolute Dismission from the Company's Service. We shall inform the Paymasters of Your Garrison of this Revolution and we desire You will make it known to the Gentlemen under Your Authority.

We are &c

Your most Obed. Hble Servts

Macartney

&c. Select Committee

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To Mr Robert Gardner

Paymaster at Ongole

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon:ble the President and Select Committee to inform You the Experience of the ill consequences arising from the unsafe Interference of Companys Servants in Matters of Revenue, and their Connection with Renters, has induced the Select Committee to come to the Resolution to forbid the Commanding Officers & Paymasters and all other Companys Servants paymasters in the Several Districts of the Assigned Countries from having any Money Transactions whatsoever with the Renters by Loan, or otherwise, or interfering directly or indirectly, in the Affairs of the Districts except by Orders from the Select Committee or in the Receipt of any of the Revenues, or Customs, particularly the Customs on the Sale of Arrack, on pain of Absolute Dismission from the Companys Service

To Mr William Irving and Mr Gardiner forbidding their having any Money Transactions, or interfering in the affairs of the District

Fort St George
8th May 1682

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Hudleston
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The same to Mr William Irving at Nellore

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Bills granted to Mr. Anderson —

Ordered that Bills be granted in favor of Mr. James Anderson to the Amount of 565 Pagodas

The Ceres arrived from Trincomalee and brought the following Letters from Admiral Sir Edward Hughes — and from Captain Bouverie

From Sir Edward Hughes — containing an account of his proceedings since he left Madras, with the particulars of his Engagement with the French Fleet on the 12th. April. — Sails to Trincomalee to refit — Desires the Rodney may be immediately dispatched to him with Powder — Mr. Boyd taken by the French with all his Papers &c.

My Lord and Gentlemen

My last Letter to You was dated the 30th March, the Day on which I was joined by the Sultan and Magnanime and Ordered the Seven Company's Ships under their Convoy to make the best of their way to Madras Road

Having determined to proceed to Trincomale, direct, and land the Reinforcement embarked on the Squadron for that Garrison, without either seeking or shunning the Enemys Squadron, I stood with this Majesty's Squadron under my Command to the Southward and the Wind continuing to blow fair Easterly anchored between Arangueba and Negapatam on the 6th. April, Ordered the Rodney Packet into Negapatam Road there to land the Military Stores, & Reinforcement destined for the Southern Provinces, and then Return to Madras Road, On the 8th. Captain Johnston the Command

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Commandant of Negapatam joined me on the Rodney, and most earnestly solicited a Supply of Gun Powder, declaring himself in no condition to defend that place, from the want of that Article, Should it be attacked by the Enemy; which he had great Reason to believe would be the case, in this Situation I Ordered Twenty thousand pounds of Gun Powder to be draughted from the Ships of the Squadron, Vizt. on the Rodney for the Service of that Garrison, a Supply that I could ill Spare at that time The same day I stood with the Squadron to the S.E. From the 8th. about Noon came in sight of the Enemy's Squadron consisting of 18. Sail in the N.E. Quart.

I continued to steer with His Majesty's Squadron towards Trincomallee, on the 9th. 10th. & 11th. the Enemys Squadron was still in sight, From the 11th. having made the Land about 15 Leagues to the Southward of Trincomalee I Bore away for that place. On the 12th. at day light, having altered the position of the Enemys Squadron I gave them the Wind by bearing away, I saw it crowding all the sail they could after us, & their Copper bottom Ships coming fast up with our Rear, on which I immediately determined to Engage them. At 9 in the forenoon I made the Signal for the Line of Battle ahead on the Starboard Tack at two Cables length distance.

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The Enemy's Squadron then bearing NbE distant about 6. Miles, & the Wind at NbE, they continued manœuvring their Ships & changing their position in their Line till 15. Minutes past noon when they bore down to Engage His Majestys Squadron, 5 Sail of them stretching along to engage our Ships in the Van, & the other 7 Sail steering directly on our Center the Superb, with the Monmouth her Second ahead, & the Monarca her second astern at ½ past 1. the Engagement began in the Van of both Squadrons But 25 Minutes after 1 made the Signal for a General Engagement, the French Admiral and his Second astern bore down on the Superbe with their Pistol shot when he continued giving & Receiving a severe fire for 9. Minutes, & then stood on, greatly damaged, to attack the Monmouth at that time engaged with another of the Enemys Ships, and made room for the Ships in his Rear to draw up to the Attack of our Center where the Engagement was warmest, at 2. the Monmouth lost her Main and Mizen Masts, & drew out of the Line to Leward of our Squadron, at 40. Minutes past 3 being near the shore I made the Signal for the Squadron to wear and haul their Wind in a Line of Battle ahead on the Larboard Tack, still engaging the Enemy, at 40. Minutes past 5. being in shoal Water and fearing the Monmouth might

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might drift too near the Shore I made the Signal for the Squadron to prepare to Anchor Hauled down the Signal for the line of Battle, at 40 Minutes past 6 the Enemy's Squadron in great disorder drew off to the Eastward and the Engagement ceased, at which time I anchored with His Majesty's Squadron in order to Repair our Damages which on board the Superb and Monmouth were very great indeed, both Ships Hulls, Masts, Sails & Rigging,* The List of the Killed and Wounded on board the several Ships follows

* nor had any one ship of the squadron escaped without great injury in her Hull & masts & all were much torn in their sails & rigging

Killed

Superb	2 Lieut.s 1 Master & 56 Seamen &c.a		59
Exeter	4	Ditto &c.a	4
Monmouth	45	Ditto	45
Monarca	7	Ditto	7
Worcester	1 Lieut.t 7	Ditto &c.a	8
Burford	6	Dito	6
Hero	2	Ditto	2
Isis	6	Ditto	6
		Total Killed	137

Wounded

Superb	Officers and Men	96
Exeter	Ditto	40
Magnanime	Ditto	7
Monmouth	Ditto	102
Monarca	Ditto	28
Worcester	Ditto	26
Burford	Ditto	36
Eagle	Ditto	22
Hero	Ditto	13
Sultan	Ditto	9
Isis	Ditto	51
	Total Wounded	430

&c

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Port St George

1st May 1810

On the morning of the 1st. at Day
I saw the Enemy's Squadron anchored in great dis
apparent distress, without ours, about 5 Miles, to
had lost no Lower Masts, both Squadrons were bu
employed in bringing into Order for Defence, they
=bending and Attacks from Ours, I & myself unco
they would not endeavour to renew the Action, th
might get hold of the Monmouth, in this situa
the same time Repairing their Damages both Squa
continued at Anchor till the 10. in the Morning
the Enemy got under Weigh, & stood to Seaward
about Noon put about & stood in for the Bay o
Squadron as if with intent to Attack, but after com
within two Miles of it and finding it properly pr
to Receive them, they again tacked and stood to the
=ward on a Wind, & have not since been able to le
where they are gone, but hope to Soon hear

By this time the Enemy had m
such Progress on board the Sultan and Magnanim
well as the Fleet, Monmouth and Psyc, that th
Ships, were scarce in a condition to defend them
and our Wounded on board several of the Ships
threatned a Contagious disease from their hea

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Stench, under these circumstances I Ordered the Cumbra-
tion Fireship to be fitted for Receiving on Board her the
Worst of the Wounded Men, and sent 400. of them on her
to be landed and taken care of at Trincomallee, and having
got up Fury Main and Mizen Masts on Board the
Monmouth, sailed with His Majestys Squadron for
this place on the 22d. and anchored here in the evening
of the same Day, immediately landing the Reinforce-
=ment and Militatary Stores destined for the Garrison.
At this place 1462 Sick and Wounded
Men have been landed from the several Ships of the Squadron,
and I am sorry to inform you 110. of them have already died,
& I fear for the Lives of many more, although every possible
care is taken of them, many of the Men affected with the
Scurvy recover fast, & I am in hopes, in three Weeks or a
Months time, I shall be able to get Seven or Eight hundred
of them sufficiently recovered to Return to their respective
Ships, but till this is effected, I am sorry to inform You
the Squadron is in no condition to proceed on any Service,
Several of the Ships the Sultan, Magnanime, & Monmouth,
in particular not having 30 working Men in each of
them, in the mean time all the Artificers of the
Squadron able to work are closely employed in making a
Main Mast for the Monmouth and fitching the
damaged

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Damaged Masts of the other Ships of the Squadron.

I have forwarded this Letter by a Mr. Greenley the Master of a Longlick Vessel taken by the Enemy, who goes for Madras on a Country Boat laden with Fire Wood, and have my most positive Orders to Destroy the Packet if she be in danger from the Enemy, if he arrive Safe & the Packet be delivered You, I request, my Lord and Gentlemen, you will dispatch to me here the Enemy Packet immediately, with what Intelligence of the Enemy Squadron, and other Matters that concern the Public Service have come to Your knowledge since my departure with the Squadron from Madras Road, and as our Gun Powder is greatly exhausted by the late long Engagements, as well as the Supply granted to the Garrison of Negapatam, I do insist you send me on the Packet or some other swift Sailing Ship or Vessel a Supply of one hundred thousand Pounds of Gun Powder, including what remains at Madras of the Gun Powder taken in the Laurestan, with positive Orders to the Commander of the Ship or Vessel which carries it, to damage the whole with Water if he be in danger of being taken by the Enemy.

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Fort St. George 9 May 1782.

I am sorry to inform you that the Transports from the Malabar Coast have not yet arrived here, I mean so that His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, as I have already informed you, is in no condition at this time to Cruize for their protection, if the Enemy's Squadron be cruizing to the Southward, the Danger of the Transports falling into their hands is certainly great, if not on that Station, I shall expect them here in safety in a few days, be the Event what it will I am conscious of my having done every thing in my power for the Public Service

I in my way to the Southward with the Squadron fell in with and Chased a French Ship East from the Mauritius, which Ran on Shore near Tranquebar, and the Officers and Men belonging to her escaped on Shore with Dispatches from France, as I found it impossible to get this Ship, named the Expedition, off, I ordered her to be burnt

It is with real concern I inform You that Mr. Boyd, a few hours after he left this place in a Country Snow, was taken by the Enemy's Squadron and with him all his papers. as he had not taken the proper precautions necessary to destroy them, he once had an Opportunity to have escaped as Mr. Greenley will inform

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inform You, but lett it Slip I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
(Signed) Edwd Hughes

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Knight of the Bath &c. and Lieut Committee
of Fort St George

Superb in Trincomale
1st May 1782

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

Right Honble Lord and Honble Sirs

I wrote by the 23d Ultimo I was honoured with
Your Commands of the 25th March with all its inclosed

I hope your Lordship and your
Honors have been pleased to embark on Board this Majesty
Fleet for the Reinforcement of this Garrison and Lands here at
the same time, but deficient 95 from the Original Number,
they being killed in the Sea engagement of the 12th last Month as
Inclosed return No 1.

The Clothing half mounting, Military
Stores &c. Your Lordships and your Honors have been pleased to
send to this place by the same Conveyance have also been safely

Landed

From Captain Bonneaux
much distress for provisions
to subsist the Fleet by
the King of Candy having
forbid his subjects to
supply any

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landed and Received. Your Lordships and Your Honors Directions on that Head shall be most attentively obeyed.

I have delivered Your Lordships and Your Honor's Letters to Lieut. Abbott, and at the same time ordered him to embark for the Presidency by the first Opportunity.

The other Commands of your Lordships and Your Honors regarding the Dutch Civil Servants shall be punctually obeyed.

I am now to inform Your Lordships and Your Honors, that Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. B. &c. having had an Engagement with the French Fleet, about 40 Miles South of this place, on the 12th of last Month which lasted 5. hours with considerable loss on both sides 600. on ours, and no decisive Victory on either, sent to this place the 19th all his Sick and Wounded to the Amount of 500, by His Majestys Ship Sombuston which arrived safe and Anchored here in the Bay the 20th at Noone.

I assisted to my utmost, the Landing of those distressed unfortunates, who found the utmost attention [illegible] with an immediate Relief. except 15. who being so bad, Died on Landing.

A Post of Communication to procure Refreshments to the Fleet was that instt established with the Troops I had off Duty, but the Admiral Sailing to this place rendered this ineffectual, the Admd anchored here in Back Bay the 23d. and has since landed 1300 Sick.

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Since the arrival of the Fleet on this plan an Epidemical Disorder is raising among white and black and by it alone we have lost at least 50 Europeans, with as many Blacks, it is a Cramp and Malignant, which stops those in best Health, and dispatches them to the other World in less than 36 Hours, this, the wounded and Scorbutick were at first Sights a distressing Aspect, but on the whole the Sick in the Hospital grow sensibly better and better, and I am in great hope Sir Edward will be able to sail again in less than a Month the time the refitting the Monmouth requires, she having lost two Masts in the Engagements

The providing for such a Fleet gives me and all those concerned trouble I cannot describe, I all under my command both Old and New comers are harrassed to Death, Parties of Armed Men are sent to all the Neighbouring Districts to get Bullocks, Provisions &c. the Parties are ordered to pay for every thing they get, but notwithstanding that I am sensible there are many abuses committed & the King of Candy naturally jealous of the Districts formerly under the Dutch, must look upon our manner of entering his Country now in the most Hostile Light, however I am happy in informing Your Lordship

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and Honors that his Resentments are not to be much
Dreaded, and should He suffer from the present Excursions,
I think He is not to be pitied from his Hostile Intention
towards us, for even since the Return of Mr. Boyd, I believe
forbid his Subjects any Communication with us, and
particularly supplying us with the Necessarys of Life, &
if I could make bold to offer my Advice, I would think this
a very proper Opportunity to keep possession of the three
neighbouring Districts formerly, under the Dutch described
in my former Respects, Without which this Harbour
can only Shelter Ships without affording them Refreshmt.,
however I shall at all events take no Step by myself,
and until I am honoured with your Lordships and
Honors orders on this important point, I shall be
guided by what the Admiral shall think proper to order
for the indispensible Necessity of subsisting his Fleet.

I am sorry to inform Your Lordships &
Your Honors that Mr. Boyd who left this the 8th April
last in the Gloucester Snow was unfortunately taken the
Day after by the French Fleet, part of which we saw from
hence that Day about noon. N. 2. is the last account
I have had of Mr. Boyd by a Prisoner on board the same
Ship who fortunately made his escape by jumping on
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Board the Isis and who is the same Person I shall deliver this Letter to Sir Wm Lyes Governor of Negapatam/ the Admiral no doubt will write by this Opportunity to your Lordship and your honors I for my part for fear of making him wait, have only time to conclude with the utmost Respect

Right Honble Lord and Honblesirs,

Your most Obedient and most Humble Sert.

Signed ..... P. L. Bonneaud

Trincomalie
3d May 1782.

A Servant belonging to Colonel Brathwaite arrived with the following Letters

From Genl. Coote encamped on the South Bank of the Palar The French take the Field Seiges Price may be sent to Chingleput

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.

My Lord

I have had the honor to renive your Lordships letter containing Extracts from Mr Sullivans letter at Tanjore, and your Lordships query thereon, I intend to answer it to morrow or next Day — This will be delivered to You by a Servant belonging to Colonel Brathwaite, who has under his Charge a letter from his Master to you he also brought me one to me which by what Colonel Brathwaite mentions being an exact counterpart of that to You I do not trouble you with a Copy. I have already sent a short answer to the one I have received

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Fort St. George 2 May 1782.

I intend this night to address a few lines to Your Lordship just to say I have crossed the River Palaw, and encamped on the South Bank about four Miles from Chinglepuk I have received what I esteem authentic Intelligence of the French having taken the Field & Encamped on the Banks of the Pennicoopang River — Intelligence from Hyders Camp says that about 10. or 12. Days ago an Engagement happened between the two Fleets, that the French Fleet had been defeated and we had taken one Ship — I should rejoice to have it confirmed from better authority, as the I think some degree of credit is due to any news which may come from that quarter favourable to our Interests — Permit me here to remind Your Lordship of the great importance of sending further Supplies of Rice to Chinglepuk even if it were but 150. or 200. Cooleys load of a Night —

I have the Honour to be with true Esteem & Regard —

My Lord —

Camp South side of the Palaw, Mahauradoor 4th. 2 May 1782

Your Lordships most Obedient Hble Servant Eyre Coote

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

My Lord.

It being settled that the letter which

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From Col. Braithwaite with an account of his situation & treatment & the purport of Conversations between him & Hyders principal Ministers

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Port St. George May 1782.

I have now the honour to send to your Lordship what shall be considered as a private letter from one Gentleman to another. I trust your Lordship will admit it as such and excuse any informality or abruptness in the stile. Since I have been a prisoner I have suffered much from Sickness and extream heat, but have received from the Brahmines who manage the Bahaudurs Business such assistance and relief that I recover my health every day. Cloaths and money has been sent to me by the Sircar, and I am permitted to purchase things in the french Bazar, but it being thought necessary to keep me a close Prisoner, I have no News whatever, and my not hearing any thing of our Army gives me great uneasiness. I have often been sent for by the Brahmines above mentioned, and at these times as they are very good Men, we have talked like private Friends upon the unhappy and ruined state of this Country and the remaining few inhabitants, and it was with sorrow we observed the Country to be three parts depopulated & destroyed. Hardly indeed one fourth of the Inhabitants or of cultivation now remaining. In the course of these conversations it occurred to us how Melancholy a thing it was for the People that two such great powers as the English and the Bahaudurs should be at war, both rich and powerfull in so great a degree that there appeared to be no end to the Contention. The

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English having the Sea open to them there was no end of their Supplies in Men Money and Provisions, the Bd. Saader having the whole Country open behind him could also be furnished with Men Money and Provisions, so that it was Elephant fighting against Elephant, sometimes one would appear to get the better, sometimes the other, though in truth both would get worse, no prospect of any thing decisive to end a War between such great powers, but the ruin of the poor People and Country certain, what a pity it was that the Friendship formerly subsisting between these now powerfull Enemies could not be restored' every good effect might be expected from Such a Friendship' I observed that I wished much from humanity that it were possible to make a Peace between the English and the Bahauder, could I see how it could be effected consistintly with the honor of both, but that I feared it was impossible as to my knowledge the English has been making such vast preparations for carrying on this War with vigor, which would be now Daily arriving that it could not but be expected that they would employ them; the Brammines observed how was the Bahauder to be satisfied for the great expences he had been at, I replied how was the English to be satisfied for the expences they has been at, how indemnified for the Ruin of this Country, which cannot be repaired in Ten Years,

Sir

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In short we both saw difficulties on every side, but hoped that a lasting friendship between such great powers might be deemed a superior consideration, as both were able to carry on the War many difficulties occured to prevent a Peace, the English were rich and powerfull, the Bahaudur was rich and powerfull no end on either side of the means for carrying on the war, but if Peace could be made, it would be charity to stop the Burn and Devistation as soon as possible, From mere humanity to the distresses of the Inhabitants I write this letter to Your Lordship, and I sincerely wish this beginning may produce a strong and lasting Friendship between the English and the Bahaudur, and thereby relieve the distresses of the People, and I venture to hope an Answer from your Lordship indulging me with your sentiments as a private Gentleman by which I shall judge whether there is room to expect such an event, and the Braminies will perceive whether they can do any thing in the Business, as they say as yet that the Bahaudur knows nothing of these Conversations, we have had many as private Friends, the last was this day when they gave me leave to send my Servant to Camp and to Madras with letters. I shall not think from what I see of the Bahaudurs Power and greatness, I am convinced that the Braminies act like myself solely from the motives of humanity to the poor People, and I shall feel myself very happy if I can

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I have taken should finally tend to relieve them

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship

that I am permitted to send a counterpart of this letter

to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

I have the Honor to be with the greatest

Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships very Obedient

& Humble Servant

[Signed] John Braithwaite

Camp near
Permacoil April 20. 1782

To be referred to General Coote

Resolved that the foregoing Letter be referred to Sir Eyre Coote agreeably to the late Orders from Bengal

Received the following Letters from Sir Eyre Coote

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Sir Eyre Coote moves beyond Chinglepute — reports respecting the Fleet road open between Chinglepute & Madras. recommends employing the Vancalgery &c. Polygars to escort grain to that place Hyder Scouts came over to him

My Lord and Gentlemen.

I had the honor to address you fully under the 1st & 2nd Instant, in Reply to Your Letters of the 20. 24. and 25. Ultimo. Yesterday Morning I moved the Army across the Palar and encamped on the South Bank about five miles from Chinglepute, as well for the sake of obtaining better forage for the Cattle, as in the hope that it may by its effects, lead me to form some Judgment of the Enemy's intentions, which I cannot from any Intelligence I obtain — I wish most

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most sincerely I could be assured by advices for from the Fleet, of the Coast being safe for the transportation of Provisions by Sea, that I might with that security by approaching still nearer to our Enemys be better enabled to ascertain their Views, or embrace any favorable opportunity which might fall out of gaining an advantage over them. Accounts which I conceived to be authentic, have been received of the French having taken the Field and encamped on the Banks of the Sriavoopang River, nevertheless it is confidentially asserted that nothing as yet has been conclusively settled between them and Hyder — Intelligence from his Camp by a Man who left it three days ago mentions that news had come from Cuddalore of an Engagement having happened about 10. or 12 days ago between the French and English Fleets, that the former had been defeated and that we had taken one Ship — A small Detachment from the Cavalry with which I went out before day this Morning in hopes of surprizing a Party of the Enemy, supposed by our intelligence to be at no great distance from us, discovered on its return towards Camp about half a Mile on our left a Body of the Enemys Horse in number about nine hundred, Immediately — Ordered the European Troop, and a Troop of Black Cavalry to advance upon them quickly whilst I followed with the Remainder of the Detachment to their Support, the Enemy

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Retiring upon their Approach, they pursued wounded two or three Men and took three Horses — One of the Men who was shot thro' the Body and has been brought to Camp and likely to do well, proves to be a Jemedar of two hundred Horse, named Syed Nazeer the property of himself & Son, in the Resalla of Sultan Sing, composing part of the Detach-ment under Kurrum Sahib — Upon examining him I learned that the said Detachment was near to Singavarum and that it was probable it would proceed to join Hyder This I hope will leave the Road between Madras and Ching-leput free from all Interruption and enable You to send a further Supply of Rice to the latter Place — If the Circata-ghurry Rajah and the Son of the Rajah of Calistry have not yet left Madras, I would recommend their Polygars being employed in escorting what Grain — You may send to Chingle-put — On the 2d Instant six European Deserters from Sally's Corps came into us, four French Men and two Germans, I sent them off the 3d at Night with 2 Guides to Madras — I have the honor to be — My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Eyre Coote

Camp at Mawandore
5th May 1782

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

My Lord and Gentlemen —

I have had the honor to receive the Duplicate of your Letter of the 30th Ultimo which came last Night

From Sir Eyre Coote does not wish the Chesterfield to be retained if other Vessels can be procured for that Service — recommends that a Body of Polygars be kept up in the Vandalore Pollams —

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Sir

I sent together with your Letter of the 2d. Instant — My sentiments on Mr. Duchimins Complaint about sending the French Officers to Bengal entirely correspond with Yours — Any Applications which Mr. Duchimin may make to me in consequence of Your having referred him to me relative to settling of a Cartel or any other Subject, shall be communicated to You — I am fully sensible of Your earnest Endeavors to procure a supply of Horses, and Regret much to find from Your Letter now before me that they have not been attended with the Success they deserved — I have myself repeatedly informed the Bengal Government of the great advantage which might accrue from any recruit or Addition to our Cavalry I am persuaded therefore from the liberal Aid it has Already contributed in Troops Money and Provisions for the Support of our Interests on this Coast that if practicable it will also Relieve our Necessities as to Horses.

I cannot express to you the anxiety with which I wait News of the Admiral and of the Return of the Fleet to the Coast, for until that Event happens as things are at present circumstanced, it is impossible to come to any positive determination on the Measures most proper to be adopted for the future Operations of this Army, I am truly concerned in being Reduced to this State of Suspence, as it puts it out of my Power to express my wishes Regarding the Destination of the Ships which You have been

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pleased to set apart for the Transportation of Provisions -
I am the more hurt on this Account as I observed the very
useful manner in which You intended employing the
Chesterfield Indiaman — I am informed of the Burthen
of the Yarmouth cannot therefore form an Opinion whether
or not she in Conjunction with the two Bengal Schooners
would be Sufficient for the probable Service to be wanted
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Answer our present Exigencies is certainly an Object of Real
Importance, and You may rest assured that no Man
can be more desirous of promoting Your wishes in that
Respect than I am — If therefore You can depend upon
procuring other Conveyances for sending Provisions by
Sea at the shortest Notice, I beg you to be Satisfied
that it is the furthest from my Wish You should
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way between St. Thomas's Mount and Chinglepute has on Many Occasions since the Commencement of the present War, been found extremely useful as an Asylum to People going to and fro on the publick Service to the Southward and in particular when it was found necessary to send any Supplies to Chinglepute By making that a Stage after the first Night, the reaching of Chinglepute the next Night, in safety amounted almost to a certainty.

I am uninformed whether the small Body of Polygars Vencatachellum used to keep up for the protection of the Pollams are still there, if they should not I would beg leave to recommend it as worthy of Your Attention reviving of a similar Establishment of that Vencatachellum kept up under his Successor, or if the Litigation which I have been informed is now depending as to the Right of Inheritance, should for the present render that Channel impracticable, then any other person who may shew an equal Readiness to promote the Success of our Interests as Vencatachellum

I have the Honour to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t

humble Servant

[Signed] ..... Cyrd Coote

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord—

From General Coote containing his sentiments on the Negociation with the Warriapolliam and Arrialore Polygars and relative to the Powers which Mr. Sullivan requests may be granted him to the Southward— desiring that Cattles may continue to be employed at Sripperumbore & Poonamalee & to erect a temporary Hospital at Chingleput

I have had the honor of Your letters of the 28th Ultimo and 2d Instant — What Mr. Sullivan has stated to You Regarding the Polygars of Warriarpolliam and Arrialore, is in substance similar to what was reported to the Select Committee, by Messrs. Davidson and Jourdan when on the Deputation last Year at Sanjore — The Records of their Proceedings which they delivered on their Return, I am perswaded will be found explicit on the two above mentioned as well as on other Subjects relative to our general Interests to the Southward — A careful examination of these I should humbly conceive would not only enable Your Lordship & the Members of the Committee to form a very Comprehensive Idea of the Real State of Affairs there but to lay down such a Plan and frame such Instructions as were to tend to promote one uniform System of Management, I mean as to the Acquisition either of Revenue or Military Aid from the Polygars — who unless brought to act conjunctly and with one Mind I am afraid they might separately be unequal to Repel those Attacks which it is to be expected would be made upon them — Nevertheless if they are themselves contented distinctly to hazard those apparent

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habits, by want of Food incapable of doing so much as they ought in the course of the Day, he employed such of the Troops belonging to the Garrison as would Work on that Duty and allowed them the same pay as is usually given to day Labourers, by which (means the work was not only carried on with greater dispatch, but the sum of Five given to each Cooly daily was saved for the Use of the Garrison — Captain Bishop further acquaints me that what remained to be done when he left Trippasore must by this time be nearly finished — The Fort of Ponnamalee being equally exposed to that of Trippasore for want of a Glacis, and the Officer in Command having represented that the Ditch was not only almost dry, but stood much in want of Cleaning, a Work which at the same time it was necessary to be done would add greatly to the strength of the Place, I authorized him in the same manner as I had done the Officer at Trippasore to employ a certain Number of People in the Execution of these Services, and which I conclude must by this time be also nearly completed — No Man is more averse than I am to involve the Company in any unnecessary or superfluous Expence, and did not the Security of the two aforesaid Posts, appear to me an Object of importance I should never have thought of strengthening them. — I am at this moment employed in a Business of no less Utility to the Public service than the foregoing Viz. — Erecting a temporary Hospital in the Garrison of Chingleput — so miserable and unwholesome an Apartment was the Building which had been made use for that purpose that no less than a number of 56 European Men died in it within those two Months — The Barracks too from want of cleaning and some necessary Repairs had become likewise very unhealthy, these have been cleared out

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I am hopeful by means of them and the new Building now erecting in addition to the Hospital, the Sick which are already sent & will be sent in from the Army will be pretty well accommodated, Notwithstanding they are so numerous being of which upwards of one Hundred are Europeans mostly men belonging to the 78th Regiments — the expence which the Company will be subjected to on these Accounts will be very trifling, as the work has been done chiefly by People belonging to the Army, and at any Rate whatever may be the disbursement it cannot be put in competition with the safety which may be thereby given to the lives of so many Men whose services are at present so much value to the Public — Permit me again to remind you of the importance it is of to send Rice to Ellingtepat by every possible Means — We heard a good deal of firing in the Madras quarter this Morning — I cannot suppose it to have been any thing else than a Salute for some good news, otherwise I am sure Your Lordship would not have failed to have sent me the earliest Intelligence — Hyder by all Accounts still continues on the same ground, and my information of the French being at Arnicopong has been Repeated —

I have the honor to be with true Regard —

My Lord —

Your Lordships most

Obedient humble Servant

Signed/..... Eyre Coote

Camp at Mawandore

the 9th May 1782

From Capt. Eddington stating his reasons for collecting Bullocks & receiving Money for Grain Encloding an account thereof

Recieved the following Letter

To John Stratton Esqr. Military Secretary

Sir

I have recieved Your Letter of the 7th Inst.

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and request You will acquaint the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, that has the Paymaster states matters fully when he thought fit to trouble them on the Subject of Bullocks employed here, and Money received by me on Account of Grain. I flatter myself I should not have been Accused of irregularity having first Indented to him for Bullocks which as he could not procure, I was obliged to send to different parts, got the Number wanted for draught and paid the Inhabitants their price for them & hired Carriage Ones, after which I asked the Paymaster if he chose to keep the Management of them, he told me he did not wish to have any thing to do with them, Starting difficulties in getting Straw, adding I would be my own Paymaster when I took the field &c.ª however he always Mustered them — I drew only Agreeable to the Ds Regulations, and when it's considered that the Draught Bullocks that were Killed and missing on Service, was my Loss, that I had to keep them at my own expence after they were struck off the Companys Pay untill I could dispose of them, hope drawing at the lowest Rate published, will not be Objected to. — What occasioned any Money being Received by me on Account of Grain was because the Paymaster did not think proper to Allow the Rajah of Travancore's Troops doing Duty here, Paddy at the same rate the Companys Troops received it; and having had Orders from the Board to give all Encouragement to the Travancore Troops, I thought it incumbent on me to take this on myself; which together with what I sent with different Detachments and supplying the —

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen of the Garrison when Grain was not to be had elsewhere, Amounts to two thousand Sixty three Cotahs thirteen Markals, & four Measures, of which I enclose a particular Account, as well as here the Money received for that Paddy, has been Disposed of; Vouchers I will bring with me to Madras, —

I have the Honour to be

Sirs

Your Most Obedient Servt

/Signed/ ..... James Eidington

Palamcotah
16th April 1782.

To be sent to the Pay-master of Palamcotah

The Account of Paddy entered in the Miscellany Book
Ordered to be sent to the Paymaster of Palamcotah

From Mr. Sulivan enclosing Letter from Mr. Hornby with Extract of News — Col. Humberston takes possession of the Pass of Paliacherry & Major Douglas defeats a Body of Mysore Troops & Offers of the Sons of the Confidts of the Rajah of Mysore

My Lord:

I sent your Lordship a large paquet with the Detachment that went from hence the 27th Inst. I now enclose Copy of the Letter from Mr. Hornby to you in one to me of the same date the acknowledges the receipt of the public Letter your Lordship forwarded to me in Feby — I should lament most heartily the Line proposed by the Bombay Committee to Colonel Humberston, if a Letter from Colicut of the 9th Inst. to the Resident of Angengo has not dissipated my fears — for it says, that the Colonel had marched to take possession of a pass in the Hills about eighty miles from Calicut which was supposed to be Paliacherry and that Major Douglas with 300 Europeans and 3 Companys of Sepoys

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Sepoys has defeated a very considerable Body of Hyders killed 200. and taken 100. with 150. Horses, I have sanguine hopes that his progress have been too Rapid to be checked by any obstacle whether of opinion or force, and I am in hourly expectation to hear of Col. Humes arrival with the Highlanders at Palecaty — In a former letter I mentioned to Your Lordship that I has in the house with me two sons of the person possessed all the confidence of the Rajah of Mysore at the time of Hyders usurpation - they are now entrusted in the same manner by his Widow - in consequence of conversations between us they wrote to her and Yesterday came to acquaint me that they had received orders to offer for the Company three Lacks of Pagodas to be paid as soon as the enemy should be driven from the Carnatic or Country another Lack as soon as we enter Mysore a fifth as soon as we take the capital and two Lacks monthly for our expences during the War conditions of protection &c. &c. &c. to be left to us — I will send Your Lordship in a few days a more particular account — I think You will approve the Outline & that You will order the arrangements necessary for perfecting the Work — I have the honor to be with the truest Regard —

Your Lordships faithfull
humble Servant
John Sullivan

Tanjore
29 April 1783

/signed/

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Sir

By letters received from Mr. Holland the 3d Instant dated in Camp near Hydrabad and the 4th Inst. he informs me of the arrival of the French Fleet off Pallore the 6th Inst. consisting of 12 to 14 Sail of large Ships with about 16 Smaller Sail, also of the arrival of the Sea horse the 8th in the morning and in the evening of the same day Sir Edward Hughes at Madras from Trincomaley, and that Captain Alms of the Monmouth, with the Hero, Isis, and Manilla transport had been spoke with by the Sea horse, which I have since heard had joined Sir Edward Hughes, which is a very fortunate circumstance, as it enables Sir Edward to get between the French fleet and their Transports, that he took two of their transports, the rest dispersing that 9 of them had got to Tranquebar where they had hauled in as close to the shore as possible, that their Hospital Ship had run into Negapatam Road for protection from the Dutch, not knowing it was taken by us - and that the Chapman had made a prize of her, on board this Vessel which was formerly the Britannia know they found the Surgeon and forty men part of the English Hannibals crew, which Ship was

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Captured off the North part of Sumatra, a very unlucky circumstance — I hope the Sultan and Magnanime will be so fortunate as to arrive safe, and they might be expected in all February or very early in march. I have seen in the Public Papers that the Nassau returned to Plymouth the 6th. July with the loss of her fore top Mast, having parted Company with the above Ships the 2d. of that Month in a gale of wind and that on the 6th. or 7th. three other Indiamen had got into one of the Southern Ports of Ireland being separated by the Gale, and being chased by some of Admiral Darby's Squadron which the Indiamen took to be the Enemy's Ships and mention is made of the Lanton and Chesterfield being spoke with off the Western Islands the 12th. July all well, As I hear there were 4 or 5 Indiamen with the Sultan and Magnanime at St. Helena I suppose those Ships had again joined them there, otherwise there could only have been two Indiamen with them at St. Helena. — Rochelle 17th. September the Chevalier de Lorgot just sailed in a 74 Gun Ship in company with one of 64. Supposed for India 18. September from Brest a Special commission preparing for Admiral Hotte Squadt appointed

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appointing him Governor General and Commander in
Chief of Mauritius &c. in the East Indies and also
of the fleet and the Army there with full power —
without any Limitation, to enter into any contracts
or agreements with any of the Country Powers in the
Interest of France, and to assist them against the force
of Great Britain in any manner he may think proper —
London 29th September. It is asserted as a fact in some
letters from Paris that the french Squadron in the
East Indies is to be reinforced with four sail of the
Line which and to convey the Troops that are to be
sent to India under the command of Mr. Bussy, and
are to sail before the end of November — London 9th
October Four Ships of war which belong to the French
East India Company sailed privately and singly
from Port L'Orient for Mauritius in the course of
last month, and were to wait for each other at Madeira.
In these four Ships are one Regiment of the Kings
troops now Lieut and a thousand of the Compagnies Recruits
including Officers &c. Brest 17th Septembr — a private
Armament is fitting out at Rochfort which will consist
of one Ship of 50 Guns one of 40 Guns two frigates of

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32 Guns. each and some Corvettes — this armament
is to carry merchandize to the East Indies & the —
Regiment of Nouvron to Ceylon — London 15. Oct.
The convoy that is to sail with the first division of
the East India Company's Ships are to consist of 6 Ships
of the Line and three Frigates on account that the french
Squadron at Mauritius being greatly augmented Lord
Hawke dead &c. See the London Chronicle to the 1. of Nov.
An armed Neutrality entered into by Prussia —
Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Prussia and acceded
to by France and Spain — The Emperor it is said is
included to accede to it. The Queen of Portugal will not
nor will she permit of any American Ships entering
her Ports — A Scheme is said to be on Agitation at
Petersborough into which if the Empress is able to bring
the Emperor of Germany, there is no doubt of its —
immediate success — It is to declare all the Continent
of North and South America Independant of any
European Sovereignty, and if great Britain and the
House of Bourbon, but chiefly the latter, do not agree
to it, to attack and oblige them to comply with all the
forces of this grand Alliance. A free trade for all the
World with the new States of America to be the seat and

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Basis of the plan Lord North and the Chancellor
it is said are decidedly of Opinion that we ought—
immediately to embrace this System, and his Majesty
has no Objections provided France is made to lose as
well as Spain, and that her Sugar Islands be placed
also in the same situation — The outward bound
East India fleet are all ordered round to Portsmouth
before the 20th November several are gone thither
already as the Convoy are preparing with the greatest
expedition, are expected to Sail about that time — The
Convoy will consist of 14 Ships of the Line and three
Frigates The Military Reinforcements about to embark
is Ordered to be encreased to 5000. effective Men, the 23d
Regiment of Light Dragoons are drafted off for the East
Indies Messrs Bensley and Thos. Povey appointed Direc-
tors in the Room of Stables and Peach — 27. Ships
taken up in September by the Company

It would have been fortunate had we
known the Wishes of Sir Eyre Coote with Respect to
General Meadows and the Troops under his command,
or that Orders had been lodged here for him signifying
the same, but neither being the case General Meadows
I suppose could not have ventured to employ Troops on

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this side, nor could I urge it to him — But I said twice in conversation to him that the most essential Service that could be done with his Troops would be to attack Mangalore in conjunction with our Troops — But I could not get him to enter into discourse about it as he always waved it — I suppose from thinking he has it not in his power — I therefore forbare saying any thing again on the Subject — But it was an excellent time to have undertaken it as the season was proper, but now the season is so far advanced, & our own troops too far off to collect in time for such an expedition, nor do other circumstances favorit — the want of Money and the Bengal troops who are near at hand and People that will not embark on board of Ship, therefore are not for distant service by Sea, nor did General Goddard, & Matthews seem to be on the most cordial footing — but I was not surprised at that, they seem to be very different Men — I dare say You are not uninformed of Goddards Character — The Highlanders who are now here will leave this place on the transports in a few days and proceed to Calicut in Order to receive Colo. Humberston and his Troops, and proceed either directly round to Madras, or land at

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Cochin 15. Leagues to the Southward of Anjingo

as Intelligence they may receive at Anjingo may

dictate — Cochin is about 79 Miles from Palam-

-cotah — Any intelligence You may have to send —

hither after the receipt of this letter, I would recom-

-mend that you forward to Mr. Holland, and direct

him to send on to Surat to Mr. Bodam. Should you

have any interesting Intelligence to communicate to

the Court of Directors or the Secret Committee in Leaden

Hall Should be lodged at Anjingo, made up about the

Shape of a Pack of Cards to go by the Way of Bussora in

Duplicate, it must be at Anjingo by the 1st. July at

furthest, when I will order the Ship which I shall

dispatch to Bussora the 25th. July, to lay off that Port

to receive any Advices they may have to communicate

to the Company — The Weather is generally boisterous

there at that Season — I am with Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient hble

Signed ..... William Hornby

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

President and Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Bombay

31st. May 1782.

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Fort St. George May 1782

From Majr. Cochrane & Digby receiving acknowledgment from the Agent for the Captures of Negapatam which they will remit to Mr. Sullivan, after deducting the Expences of Capt. Scott's Detachment

My Lord and Gentlemen

In consequence of Directions from Mr. John Sullivan President at Tanjore, we have received from the Agent for the Captors of Negapatam the Sum of Thirteen Thousand Star Pagodas on Acct. of the Honble Company and given our Receipt for the same. Half of the abovementioned Sum we shall remit him the first Opportunity, deducting one Months Subsistance to the Detachment sent from thence under the command of Capt. Scott which we shall disburse to them here amounting to about four thousand Pagodas -

We have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

humble Servants

Negapatam
4 May 1782

Signed { Basil Cochrane
Ronalm Digby

Received Letter of the 5th Inst. from Capt. Byres, & entered in the Miscellany Book N. 25. requesting to be included in the first Exchange of Prisoners, that may be made with the Enemy -

Dispatched the following Letter to Capt. Byres Coto with Copy of the Admirals Letter of the 1st Inst.

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Fort St. George 2 May 1782.

Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Your several letters of the 4, 5, 6, & 7th Instant have been received and shall all be duly acknowledged, at present we hasten to acquaint You that this day at noon a Vessel arrived and brought a Dispatch from the Admiral dated at Trincomaly the 1st Inst. by which we learn that on the 12th of last month there had been an Engagement between his Fleet and that of Mr de Suffren off Trincamale which lasted several hours For the particulars of which we refer You to the Admirals Letter of which we transmit you a Copy—

The Rodney Packet arrived here last night from Masulipatam We propose sending her together with the Yarmouth to Trincomalee laden with as much Gun Powder as they can carry according to the Admirals requisition—

The Treasure brought by the Rodney does not exceed the value of 30,000 Pagodas, but we have received advice from Bengal that 6 Lacks of Rupees were to be sent to us on board the Revolution Captain Mercer whose arrival we shall expect in about ten days—

The place allotted for the Coinage of Silver bullion

Sr Eyre Coote—
inclosing the letter
from the Admiral the
Rooney arrives with
treasure from
Masulipatam to be
immediately dispat.
with the Yarmouth
to the Admiral with Gun
powder, submitting
the propriety of
sending Rupees being
made current in
Camp on account of the
delay in receiving
them, enclosing letters
from Mr Hornby.
with intelligence.
Rice to be sent to
Chingleput—

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9. Fort St George 9 May 1782.

in our Mint is so small & become now so inadequate to the purpose that we have lately found the greatest Diffeculty in getting the Bengal Treasure coined into the Currency of the Coast — Our Supplies from thence were formerly always sent in Gold which prevented our feeling the same inconvenience, but the Governor General and Council now send us no other Species than Sicca Rupees we have often not been able to furnish you with Money for the Disbursements of the Army so expeditiously as we could have wished merely from the Delays in the Mint we therefore think it a matter for Your Consideration, whether it might not be practicable for the Paymaster to issue the Sicca Rupees in payment at Camp establishing such a Rate of exchange — between them and Arcot Rupees as would prove not more disadvantageous to the Receivers than if they were coined into Arcots and at the same time turn out no loss to the Company we wish to be favored with Your opinion on this point If it can be effected we have now in the Treasury upwards of 172000 Sicca Rupees equal to two Lacks of Current Rupees ready for the use of the Army which if it be necessary to remain there will probably not be delivered from the Mint in less than a Month

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1377 / 9 Fort St. George May 9th 1782 -

A plan has been proposed at Bengal of providing an Investment by private Subscription of 200. Shares have been offered to the Gentlemen of this Presidency in hopes of raising a supply of Money for our Demands, we shall send You a copy of the Scheme, but we are afraid from what we can learn that no very sanguine expectation should be formed upon it we are using our best endeavours to send Supplys of Rice to Chinglepute as You desire we inclose a Letter from Mr. Sulivan concerning Mr. Hornby's late Intelligence at Bombay -

Fort St. George
May 9th 1782

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
Macartney &c. Select Committee

Dispatches the following Letter to Bengal with Copies of Mr. Sulivan's last Letter and Enclosure -

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Gov.r Gen.l &c. Council.

Fort William -

To Bengal enclosing Letters from Mr. Sulivan, with one from Mr. Hornby -

Honble Sir and Sirs.

We have the honor to enclose You copy of a Letter from Mr. John Sulivan our Resident at Tanjore enclosing one from Bombay.

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Fort St. George May 4th 1782

Fort St. George
9th May 1782

We have the honor to be

Honble Sirs &c.

Your most Obd humble
Servants
Macartney
&. Select Committee

Dispatched the following Letter to Mr. Robert Andrews
at Poichinopoly with the Account of Expences of that
District and the Committees Orders thereon, as in
Committee of the 7th Inst. and the same to Majr.
Light and Proctor with the accounts and Orders related
to the Districts of Madura & Tinnevelly

To Mr. Robert Andrews -

at Poichinopoly -

To Mr. Robert Andrews
with directions on
the subject of the
assignment of the
Poichinopoly Country -
and forbidding him
to have any Money
Transactions -
enclosing an account
of the present Expences
of the Poichinopoly
District

Sir

Having taken the assigned Countries
of the Carnatic under our own exclusive management
and controul, as the only means left us to realize the
Revenues and apply them to their just end, we proceed
to give you such information and directions on the
Subject as relate to the Employs at present under your
charge.

We have appointed Renaty Soubiah Pointer
of the Poichinopoly country for four Years exclusive of
the present Year during which he is to manage with the

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Annany, that is account to the Company for the Actual Collections, as the next Step towards rendering effectual the System we have been compelled to adopt as far as regards the Trichinopoly Country we have taken into consideration the enormous expences that have hitherto swalled up its revenues, and we now enclose you an account of those expences with our orders respecting them to which we enjoin your strict attention.

We doubt not but on this occasion many complaints and petitions will be preferred by the dismissed Servants of the Nabob and without giving the least encouragement to the parties to hope that they will be attended to, we direct that you transmit Copies of them to us pointing out such persons as from particular circumstances are fit Objects of compassion

You may hereafter receive further directions from us on these Subjects — we shall for the present confine ourselves to one point to which for your own Sake as well as that of the public we hope you will stedfastly adhere, as in the present situation of Affairs no consideration whatever would screen you from the consequences of a Breach of our Orders

Sincerely

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9 Fort St. George 1782

Sincerely solicitous for the Success of our present endeavors for the Relief of the public distresses we considering how it could best be promoted we have adverted to the ill consequences that have arisen from the undue interference of Companys Servants in matters of Revenue and their connections with Renters, and to prevent such in future we have come to the Resolution to forbid the Commanding Officers and paymasters and all other Companys Servants in the several Districts of the Assigned Countries from having any Money Transactions whatsoever with the Renters by Loan or otherwise, or interfering directly, or indirectly in the Affairs of the Districts / Except by Orders from Government / or in the receipt of any of the Revenues or Customs, particularly the Customs on the Sale of Arrack on Pain of absolute dismission from the Companys Service -

We are

Sir

Your most Obd.t Servt.s

Macartney

The same to Majr. Light & Brodie & Select Committee for the Tanjore & Madurah Districts

Fort St. George
9. May 1782

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Account of the present Expences of the Trichinopoly District ---

Orders of the Select Committee respecting them

Pay to the Nabb Phonsen and 14 Servants P month	2184 6	To be discontinued
D° to 5 horsemen Horses	163 10	Orders are sent to Colonel Nixon to be paid monthly part
D° to 120 Sroopers	2119 15	of their arrears until the whole be discharged to the
D° to 10 dismounted Dragoons	230	day of their dismission or of their being taken into the
D° to 1885 Europeans & Sepoys	11832 7	Company's Service
D° to 300 artillery & Topasses	1500	

D° to 29 writers	763 2	To be discontinued, in time of
D° to Peons Masolgies	210 10 3/4	peace the Company have
D° to 267 Lappy Peons	1460 8 1/2	established Lappies they have
D° to 140 Lascars	985 8	also Lascars and artificers for
wages to Smiths & Carpinters	798 2	the service of the Garrison —
		when more are wanted those
		of the Nabob may be entertained

Charges of feeding Elephants & Horses	1355 15	To be discontinued — Orders are sent to Colonel Nixon to deliver them to the Nabob as he may have occasion for them
D° of feeding horses in Regiments of Cavalry	730 16	
D° of feeding Prisoners	310	Allowed to be paid by the Pay Mrs
Oil for the Fort	28 9	mens of the number of the Prisoners and their crimes to be
Pay to Cammatties and Labourers	1172 3	sent to Select Committee
Making Powder &c	108 5 1/4	to be discontinued when repairs are necessary for the fortifications the Commatties &c may be employed

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Received for the use of the Rupees and
Rebeliaunah ..... } 8..5 .. Allowed

Full enquiry to be made whether this sum has been actually distributed in charity and if it has whether it may not be deemed to be continued however for the present explanation to be given regarding the nature of this ceremony to be continued in the event while of a mahometan

Daily Charities to the Poor 2862..6½

Charges of a Mahomedan Ceremony 7..12½

Monthly Charges Rupees 97571..12..½
or Annually 450861..0..

Charges of Sibbendy
&c. &c. Annum ..... } 130000..11..½ Shou charges to be borne by the Nabob

Allowances to Pagodas
& Annuities ..... } 51600..5.. A strict enquiry to be made whether there be any existing charge if so what deduction can be effected in it no alteration to take place yet.

Repairs of the
Bank of the Cavery } 11000 ..... To be allowed the Nabob if
credit given him for it in the
account with the Company

Present Annual
Charges Rupees } 613962..7½

By Order of the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee

John Huddleston
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To Majr. Light & Procter.

Gentlemen,

Sent same to Majr Light & Procter with accounts of the expences of the Madura and Tinnevelly Districts

Having taken the assigned Countries of the Carnatic under our own exclusive management, and Controul, as the only means left us to realize the Revenues and apply them to their just ends, we proceed to give you such Information and directions on the Subject as relate to the employ at present under your charge.

We have appointed Tremolepa Maudely Renter of the Tinnevelly, and Guedelore Vencatrow Renter of the Madura District, each for four Years exclusive of the present year, during which they are to manage the Countries by Annamy, that is, account to the Company for the Actual Collections, as the next step towards rendering effectual the System we have been compelled to adopt, as far as regards the Tinnevelly and Madura Districts we have taken into consideration the enormous expences that have hitherto so much impaired the Revenue — and we now enclose You an Account of those expences with our orders respecting them, to which we enjoin Your strict attention.

We

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9th Fort St. George May 1682

We doubt not but on this occasion many complaints and petitions will be preferred by the dismissed Servants of the Nabob, and without giving the least encouragement to the parties to hope that they will be attended to, we desire that you transmit copies of them to us, pointing out such Persons as from particular circumstances are fit objects of compassion.

You may hereafter receive further Directions from us on these Subjects — we shall for the present confine ourselves to one point to which for your own sake as well as that of the Publick, we hope you will steadfastly adhere, as in the present situation of affairs, no consideration whatever would screen you from the consequences of a breach of our Orders.

Sincerely solicitous for the success of our present endeavors for the Relief of the publick Distresses, in considering how it could best be promoted, we have adverted to the ill consequences that have arisen from the undue interference of Company's Servants in matters of Revenue, and their connection

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with Renters, and to prevent such in future, we have come to the Resolution to forbid the Commanding Officers and paymasters and all other Company's Servants in the several Districts of the assigned Countries from having any Money Transactions whatsoever with the Renters by loan or otherwise, or interfering directly or indirectly in the Affairs of Districts except by Orders from Government, or on the Receipt of any of the Revenues or Customs, particularly the Customs on the sale of Arrack, on pain of absolute Dismission from the Company's Service.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t
Servants
Macartney
&c. Select Committee.

Fort St. George
9th May 1782.

Account of the present Expences of the Madura District	Chuck	C.s	Fan.	Orders of the Select Committee respecting them
Pay of Foujdar & Monthly	500			To be discontinued
Ditto of Aumil Managers Sumpters, Naiks &c. for 12 Months	1250			One Thousand Chuckrums to be allowed.
Charges of the Pagoda	500			to be allowed
Daily Pensioners	220			To be allowed if an actual Disbursement
Reward or petty Charges & Paper Batta &c.	60			Allowed
Monthly Charges Chuck or Annually	2523	4		
	30280	8		

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	Chuck			
Pay of two Killedars & Aumildar	7	45	3	2	To be discontinued
Ditto of 192 Mogul Horsemen Ditto. 207 Horses	3	43	46	5	Orders are sent to Capt. Gibbings to be paid Monthly part of their arrears until the whole be discharged to the Day of their dismission or of their being taken into the Company Service.
Pay of 11 Troop Sepoys	3	57	5	7	Ditto
Ditto of 4 Sibendy Do.	2	58	3	12	To be Discontinued
Ditto of 10 Mutsoodies	2	35	1	14	Ditto
Ditto of 3 Naiks		33	3		Ditto
Ditto of 745 Infantry Sepoys					Orders are sent to Captain Gibbings to enlist such Horsemen and Sepoys as are willing and dismiss the rest to receive no further pay except the arrears due to them
Ditto of 339 Golas, Massalgies &c.	7	40	8	½	To be discontinued
Pay of 12 Lascars		32	4		
Do. of 6 Commalies		16	4	7	To be discontinued
Do. of 2 Mussaulchis		5	9	6	4
Charges of a Religious Ceremony		8	4	3	14	Allowed

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9 Loss sustained by the Circar in giving ... Sheep to the Gentle=men of the Fort ...	510	8	7½	Orders sent to Captain Gibbings to remove it by taking care that the Officers do pay for the Sheep at the price current in the District
Oil for the Fort ...	35	2	0	To be discontinued
Annual Charges Chuck	109	05	6	14

By Order of the Right Honble the Presidt and Select Committee

John Huddleston
Secretary

Expences of the Tinnevelly Distt Chuckr &c		Orders of the Select Committee
Pay to the Phouzdar Commn ...	500	
Ditto to Nagif Cawn of Palamcotah ...	57	9/16
Ditto to Meirul abuddeen Cawn Killidar of Wada ... gunny ...	70	3 11/16
Ditto to Mahomed Ismael taken Daroga of stores ...	40	4 1/16
Do to Custum Ally Buxy ...	16	2 5/16
Do Mahomed Ally Daroga of Cutchery ...	50	
Do to Syed Jaffer ally Cawn Killedar of Calicad ...	103	5 3/16
Do to Mahomed a dismounted horseman ...	3	7 9/16

To be discontinued

Do orders sent to Captain Beleliff—

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		of those 1041 have been
		put under the Company's
		Order — concerning the
Pay to 2692 Sepoys 7799.—		rest. — Orders are sent to
		Capt. Biddulph to be paid
		their arrears to the day of
		their dismission or of their
		being taken into the Comp.ys
		Service —
Pay to 27 Monshys and writers.	351.4 17/18	To be discontinued
Do. to Mr. Hammond commanding the Fort of Calicut and to 13 Sepoys	343.7 19/18	To be discontinued Orders are sent to Capt. Biddulph
Do. to 99 Servants of various kinds	216.11.—	Discontinued
Do. to 29 Lascars	110.6 11/16	
Do to Mahomed Kanif Cawn commandant	95.—	
Do. to Mahomed Naubdy & servants	182.4.—	
Do. to 2022 Carnatic Peons	2363.8 17/18	Allowed the Paymaster to charge it to the Comp.y
Do. to Sappy Peons	200.—	Discontinued
Monthly Chunkrums	12505.6 11/18	
Or Annually	150067 5	
Allowances for feeding the poor	1695.9 1/18	To be allowed — if an actual disbursement
Charges of feeding Horses Camels & Elephants	1476.5 7/18	Discontinued — orders are sent to Coll. Moore

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Lamp Oil	87-2.10/16	To be allowed
Mahomedan religious Ceremony	541.9-6/16	to be allowed
Feeding Draught Bullocks & Batta to Prisoners	39288	The Bullocks discontinued the Batta paid by the Paymaster and a list of the Prisoners sent with their Crimes
Charge on Powder & Store Magazine	2203,8	Discontinued the Storekeeper to make powder if necessary.
Pay to Gibbony	39319	to be allowed the Renter out of his Rents
Charitable Allowances	15282.4.3/16	Allowed for the present but Mr. Light and Mr. Procter will make the fullest enquiry and inform the Select Committee what Deduction can be effected
Charges for paper cadjans and Batta &c	6072,2 6/16	to be allowed if found an enquiry to be an actual Charge

Present Annual Charges Cal. 250705.9.13/16

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

Dispatches the following Letters

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Fort St. George May 1782

To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon.

Commanding at Pulicatmopoly.

Sir

The conduct of the Nabob having compelled us to take the assigned Countries under our exclusive management and Controul, we have appointed Renters for the several Districts and now proceed to furnish you with such Instructions respecting that in which You command as appear to us necessary to maintain the System we have adopted, and to Ensure it effectually

First with Regard to the Nabobs Troops which are or appear to be stationed in the Pulicatmopoly Country and for which we find in the Account are now more monthly charged upon the Revenue amounting to upwards 20,000 Pags. We Direct that you entertain such of them as are willing to serve the Company and dismiss the Rest, informing them that they are to receive no further pay, except the arrears due to them. The Corps You entertain to be formed into independant Companys of 140 or 150 Men each, and Returns of them sent to us and to the Commander in Chief. The Troops are to be entertained in that Capacity and sent with their Horses

So Colonel Nixon – to entertain such of the Troops as are willing to enlist to support the new renter in his authority, and forbidding him and all under his command from having any Money transactions &c. &c.

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Horses to Sanjore, or Employed with the Troops You command as You may judge expedient, such of the Horses as are their own property and to be purchased of them, and those that belong to the Nabob, his Highness is to be Credited for in the Accounts at a fair Valuation — The Nabobs Elephants and to be delivered to the Phoujdar, to be maintained by him for the Nabob, or otherwise disposed of as his Highness shall please to Direct.

Concerning the Execution of other expences pay to Writers, Sarcars &c. we have wrote to Mr. Andrews, the acting Paymaster at Srichinopoly, with whom we desire You will cooperate in the execution of our orders.

We have appointed Vincata Soubiah Renter of the Srichinopoly Country for five Years, and we desire that You will on his application, furnish him with every assistance that he shall require as necessary to establish his authority throughout the District/ Company's Troops excepted, which are not be granted but in case of absolute necessity/ and as from what has been experienced in the assigned Countries to the Northward,

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Ft. Fort St. George May 1762

there is reason to apprehend the same will be bent to the Southward, and that attempts be made to entrap and distroye him, We desire that You will enjoin the Nabob Phousdar and all other persons lately employed by his Highness at their peril to not interfere or throw any obstructions in the way of the Renter, and whoever shall presume to disregard or act contrary to such injunction, You will secure and keep in confinement untill You receive our further Orders.

Should the renter requireth You will secure the former Aumil or Renter and keep him in confinement untill he shall have rendered up his accounts.

In giving you these Orders we depend much upon the prudence and circumspection of your Conduct — You will see clearly that our only intention are to countenance and support the Renter so far as to enable him to fulfil the Objects of his appointment which are the Realizing the Revenues of the Country and appropriating them to the Support of the Army and the General Good, At the same time therefore that You

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You firmly pursue such measures as Your knowledge of these intentions shall Dictate, we recommend to You cautiously to avoid all unnecessary severity, and to prevent to the utmost of your power every kind of injustice, so that the change of Government, while it produces solid and permanent advantages to the Company may prove a blessing to the Inhabitants, & have its Right to approve You that experience of the ill consequences arising from the undue interference of the Company's Servants in matters of Revenue and their connection with Renters has made us convinced to a resolution to forbid the Commanding Officers and Paymasters of Garrisons, and all other Company's Servants in the several Districts of the Assigned Countries, from having any Money transactions whatsoever with the Renters by Loan, or otherwise or interfering Directly or indirectly in the Affairs of the District or in the receipt of any of the Revenues or customs, particularly the Customs on the Sale of Arrack, on pain of absolute Dismission from the Company's Service—

We shall inform the civil Servants in Your Garrison of this Resolution, and we desire You will

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will make it known to the Gentlemen under
Your authority —

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

(signed) Macartney &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
9th May 1782 —

To Captain Gibbings —

at Madurah

To Capt. Gibbings
on same subjects

Sir

The conduct of the Nabobs having
compelled us to take the management of the assigned
Country under our exclusive authority and manage-
ment, we have appointed Renters for the several
Districts, and now proceed to furnish You with
such instructions respecting the Madurah District,
as appear to us necessary to maintain the System
we have adopted and to render it effectual —

In the accounts of the expences of the
Madura District we find are charged 190 Moguls
Horsemen with 207 Horses, 11 Sircarpeons and 745
Infantry Sepoys — Each of these Horsemen and
Sepoys as and willing to enter into the Company
Service

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Service we desire you will entertain and dismiss the Peshk informing them that they are to receive no further pay except the arrears due to them. The Sepoys you entertain are to be formed into independant Companies of 140 or 150 Men each, and Returns of them sent regularly to Lieut. Colonel Nicoll the Horsemen are to be entertained in that Capacity and sent with their Horses to Lanjore or to the Officer commanding the Troops advancing from Anjingo should he come your way, and have use for them - such of the Horses as belong to the Horsemen themselves are to be purchased of them at a fair Valuation, and those that are the property of the Nabob his highness is to be credited for in the Accounts

The pay of the Two Killedars charged in the Madura accounts at 7½ Chuckrs Pannum is to be discontinued, but if you think their fedelity can be depended on, and think them Officers of Merit they may be admitted into the Company's Service at Your recommendation till further Orders

We find charged in the Madura accounts a Loss sustained by the Circar in giving Sheep to the Gentlemen

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Gentlemen in the Fort if there has been Really such
also we desire you will remove it by taking care
that the officers of your Garrison hence forward pay
for Sheep the price current in the District.

Concerning the reduction of other
expences, pay to Civil Officers &c.a we now write to
Mr. Light the Paymaster of Palamcotah the Pay-
master of your Garrison being absent; and to Mr.
Preston the receiver with whom we desire you will
cooperate in the execution of our orders.

We have appointed Guddaloor
Venkatachelum Penter of the Madura Country &
we desire &c.a &c.a as in the Letter to Col. Nixon &c.
to you the preceding year

We are

Fort St. George
9. May 1782

Sir

Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

To Captain Bileliffe
Commanding at Palamcotah

Sir

The conduct of the Nabob having
compelled

To Capt.n Bileliffe
on the same subject

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compelled us to take the assignment under our exclusive management and controul, we have appointed Pinters for the several Districts and now proceed to furnish You with such instructions respecting that in which You command as appear to us necessary to maintain the System we have adopted, and to render it effectual.

We find in the accounts of the expences of the Tinnevelly District a monthly charge of 1799 Chuckrums for the pay of 2692 Sepoys of these Sepoys 1041 have already been put under the Comp.ys orders and are included in the late arrangement issued in the General Orders of the 4th April - and we desire You will entertain as many of the Peons as chose to enter into the Company's service, and form them into independant Companies of 144 or 150 men each sending returns of them regularly to Lieut. Colonel Nixon - such as are not willing to serve the Company you will discharge and inform them that they are to receive no further pay except the Arrears due to them. The pay of Meir ul Abbedin Jawn Killedar of Woodagurry Seyd Jaffeir Ally Jawn Killedar of Calcaud, and Mahomed Hanif Commandant is to be discontinued but

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but if you think them officers of merit and that they may be depended on for fidelity to the Company they will at your recommendation be taken into the Company's service. Mahomed a Dismounted Horse-man may be entertained in the Company's Service. The pay to Mr. Hammond cannot be changed to the Company, but we believe the Commander in Chief intends to propose to us an arrangement relative to the Nabobs Officers.

The Horses belonging to the Nabob are to be taken for the Company at a fair valuation and sent to the Orders of Colonel Nixon, or to the Officer commanding the Troops advancing from Arcot as should he have use for them. The Camels and Elephants are to be delivered to the Storekeeper and maintained by him for the Nabob on disposal as His Highness shall be pleased to Direct.

Concerning the Evacuation of other Provinces, pay to Monsieur, and other civil Officers Lascars &c.a we now write to Mr. Light the Paymaster at Palamcotah, and Mr. Proctor, the Receiver, with whom we desire you will cooperate in the evacuation of our Orders.

Mr

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We have appointed Srinivasa Moodely Renter of the Sunneerbly Country and we desire &c. &c. as in the Letter to Colonel Nixon. Ref to the preceding Letter

We have the honor to be.

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Macartney &c. &c. &c.

Select Committee

Fort St. George
2d May 1782

Order for Bills on Bengal

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Mr. Robert Wilson, to the Amount of 210 Pagodas, being for Medicines and attendance on a Division of his Majesty's 78th Regiment and some of the Company's Recruits on board the Blandford, and to be carried to the head of account Current & Sundry.

The same to Mr. Chas. Jennings of the Lantar for 60 Pagodas.

The same to Mr. Maitland of the Lord Mulgrave for Pagodas 212. 17.

The same to Mr. Henry Gifford of the Deptford for Pagodas 272 1/2.

The same to Mr. Thomas Clerke of the Chesterfield for Pagodas 217. 18.

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The following Papers are referred to the Select Committee from the Civil Department

Extract

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to

Fort St. George May 1782

Extract of the Minutes of Consultation of May 10th 1782. —

The President delivers in the following letter from Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K.B. to the Right Honble Gen. Lord Macartney K.B. President and Governor &c. Council — of Fort St. George

Extract of the Minutes of Council on the subject of a letter from the General complaining of his not having been acquainted with their Correspondence with the Nabob and the Resolutions taken in consequence

My Lord and Gentlemen

I received this morning a letter from his Highness the Nabob Wawlaw Saw, transmitting for my information the following papers Copy of a Letter from Lord Macartney to his Highness the Nabob, dated 13th. April 1782. Translate of a letter from his Highness the Nabob to Lord Macartney dated 1st Summadalawal 1196. or 15. April 1782. Translate of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to the President and Council of Fort St. George dated Summ. 1196, on the 18 April 1782 a Copy of his Highness the Nabobs protest to the President and Council of Fort St. George dated 4th Summadalawal 1196. or April 1782. Copy of a Letter from Lord Macartney to his Highness the Nabob Dated 20th. April 1782. Copy of a Letter from the Presd.t & Council to his Highness the Nabob Dated 22 April. 1782 —

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob to the President and Council of Fort St. George, Dated 9th Summad.

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1796. or 23. April 1782. - Translation of a letter from his Highness the Nabob to Lord Macartney dated the 10th Jemmadelaw or 24th April 1782.

I Remark that in my Name stands second at the head of the Nabobs address to Your Council of the 18th Ultimo protesting against the Right Honble the Presidt and all those who may bear a part in what His Highness is pleased to distinguish by the remarkable Epithets of Usurpation and Violence,

I should have hoped that upon an occasion for such interesting public Concern, and wherein I stood in the Predicament of being personally involved, you would have favored me with your sentiments and communications thereon, I am confident that an omission of this kind could only have arisen from mere oversight, & this with the utmost Concern and Regret I have observed in the Course of perusal of the abovementioned papers, that a warmth of discussion has arisen between the Right Honble the President and his Highness the Nabob, & is reasonable to suppose that in a business of such importance, and wherein the Interests of the Company and the Nabob are so materially blended, no arrangement could promise more to promote its Success than a joint and confidential cooperation in the Execution -

It has unfortunately however produced a Crisis of a most delicate nature, and which may be heightened into

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into a Compleation by the vague accounts that may be
conveyed of it to the Native powers which may have the
most prejudicial effects upon our present important
Political negociation in a quarter where from the
advantage we are sensible they must be to our affairs we
unanimously wish them succes I am persuaded therefore
that what has been done to the exclusion of those Rights
which appeared to have been secured to His Highness
the Nabob in every former, as well in the late agreement
has been a Measure of the last necessity and adopted after
having carefully investigated this offer of giving responsible
Security to the Company for the whole of his Revenues &
after being convinced from the Exhibition which was
Doubtless required to make thereof that the Securities were
both insufficient and inadmissable

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
(Signed) Eyre Coote

Camp Mawandore
4.th May 1782.

Agreed that a Letter be addressed to Sir
Eyre Coote acquainting him that the not communicating
to him, the papers recd from his Highness the Nabob, as
entered in consultation the 22.d and 27.th Ultimo did not arise
from any oversight, Disrespect or inattention to him, but
because

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because it had not been the usage of the Service in similar instances, as the Management of the Nabobs assignment has hitherto been under the Select Committee — Resolved that the General be referred for an answer to the other matters contained in his Letter to them, and that they be immediately furnished with a Copy of it accordingly —

A true Extract —

(Signed) Charles Freeman
Secy.

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

Sir

We have received the honor of your Letter of the 4th May in return to which we beg leave to inform you that our not communicating to you the Papers you mention did not arise from any oversight, Disrespect, or Inattention to You, but because it has not been the usage of the Service — We beg leave to refer you, as to the other Matters contained in Your Letter to the Select Committee, who have had the Management of the Nabobs Assignment —

We have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient humble
Servants.

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& Council

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The Committee having considered the above letter from Sir Eyre Coote Referred to them by the Council etc. agreed that the following answer be returned to it

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote on the Subject of the late Correspondence with the Nabob - with the Reason of its not having been transmitted to him

We have the honor to receive Your Letter of the 2d. Instant, Referred to us by the Council &c large, Our Reason for not sending to You a Copy of the Correspondence with the Nabob relative to the Assignment of Revenue proceeded, neither from inattention to You nor from any Desire of concealing the smallest tittle of what has passed on the Subject We meant to entrust it to take the first favorable opportunity of communicating the whole with many other matters to You, but as the correspondence and other papers Relating to it are voluminous we thought it might be too hazardous in the present State of the Country to transmit them to you; You are well acquainted with the causes that led to the Assignment procured from the Nabob, and we have only to assure You that the steps taken by us have been merely such as appeared necessary to make that Assignment effectual, without the smallest intention of interfering further in the Nabob's Rights &c of honor our proceedings are fully justified by the strongest recommendations and powers from the Governor General and Council of Bengal, and we flatter ourselves when You

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Reflect on the inconveniences which You so early experienced, and complained of in carrying on Your operations, You will allow that nothing less than the Company's having the entire management and controul in the Country, could ensure You any part of the few Resources which the Enemy has left in it.

When you peruse the correspondence, You will perceive that no warmth of discussion has ever appeared on the part of your Presidents.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient humble

Servants

Macartney

for Selct Committee

Fort St. George
to
10. May 1782

Received the following Letters.

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

President and Governor &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord -

From Capt. Johnstone
Capt. Scotts Detachment
returned to Chicul
on Tipus Saibs
moving into the
Sanjore Country -

This will be delivered to your Lordship by Major Gillis together with the dispatches which I received from Sanjore by the Detachment under Capt. Scott who marched from hence the first in the Evening with the Stores and Reached Trivalore the 2d. where he received Orders to return immediately for this place if he could not reach Sanjore by the Night of

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of the 3d. in consequence of these Orders Captain Scott
countermarched, and he with the Detachment is now
at Chiout, a Fort about three or four miles West of us
I have wrote to him to disencumber himself of all his
Stores, Baggage &c. but to remain out till we have
further Intelligence, — Capt. Alcock writes that he
has certain intelligence of the Enemy's moving into
this Country in Force under Lippoo Saib — we have
likewise intelligence here that 9000. Horse and 4000.
Foot passed the Coleroon the 1st Instant and halted at
Pandamalore.

We have no certain intelligence of the fleet,
but Strong Reports that the French have met with a
Serious Defeat — the wreck of a large French ship
drove ashore near Jaffanapatam Many Dead Bodies,
Coffrees and Europeans were seen floating about.

I delayed writing this letter to Your
Lordship in hopes of further intelligence of the Enemy's
motions and Strength &c.

In consequence of Mr. Sullivan's
application I entertained three of the French apothecary
Surgeons — twenty of the Prisoners entered the
Service Voluntarily, and marched with the Detachment

I have the honor to be with the greatest
Respect My Lord Your Lordship's most Obed. & humble
servant Jal Johnston

Negapatam
4th. May 1782.

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Bills on Bengal granted to Mr. Ogilvie

Agreed that a set of Bills on Bengal to the Amount of 12,000 Pagodas be granted in favor Mr. Thomas Oglevie, 11500 Pagodas of which are to be carried to the head of Military Paymaster General and 500. to the head of Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements.

Recieved the following Letters from Lieut. Coote

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

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee.

Fort St. George

From Lieut. Coote recepies the Palaw in consequence of Hyder Saibs detachment marching towards Madras with a view near the Presidency desires to be supplied with as much Rice as possible.

My Lord and Gentlemen.

After writing the Letter I had the honor to address to the Right Honble the President last night, the intelligence that was brought me by various hands, Altho' I had none immediately from the Presidency, having served to convince me almost beyond the possibility of a Doubt, that the firing that was heard in the morning was occasioned by a Peak attack that Hyder Saib had made upon the Environs of Madras & that he had it also in view to attempt the Black Town I judged it absolutely necessary to Recross the Palaw with the Army, which I did this morning and came to our present Ground of encampment about Noon In this movement I had in view two Objects the one to endeavor to intercept Hyder Saib's Detachment in

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Detachment in its retreat and at the same time to
take that Opportunity of drawing a further supply of
provisions from Madras the quantity we have —
remaining being insufficient for any movements to the
Southward even had circumstances fallen out to render
such a step advisable, whilst we have no management
to the Southward, and we cannot pronounce ourselves
masters of the Coast, so as to depend upon drawing our
Supplies by Sea, I can see no other consequence likely
to arise from such a Measure, but what might in the
Result end most fatally to our interests, It would drive
the French and Hyder into that union which certain
Ceremonies and the Distrusts of each other have hitherto
kept off, — but which my advancing would render
necessary for the interests of both. an action would most
probably be produced, of which no man can possibly
say what would be the issue. But even allowing it were
successful, if we could neither from want of a
sufficiency of provisions pursue the blow or keep our
Ground we should be obliged to retreat, and thereby not
only discover our weakness but draw upon ourselves
a degree of discredit for which all the honor and advan-
tage to be acquired from a Victory could not compensate
These being my sentiments, and as the movement

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I have made will evidently appear to our Enemies to have been with an intention against Karrikal Detachment. an object that we may yet be fortunate enough to effect, provided we can get any good intelligence of this situation this night. I shall march again to morrow and encamp at Manemungulam from whence I shall dispatch all the Carriage and followers of the army under an Escort to the Mount, to bring out as large a Supply of Grain as possible. I intreat therefore my Lord and Gentlemen, You will give the necessary directions for contributing every assistance in Your Power to make the quantity go along with us as ample as the means we possess for carrying it may enable us, and that with the utmost expedition, as it is absolutely necessary I should return to the position I have quitted, in Order to check any Operations the Enemy might be at liberty to undertake against Your Garrisons of Permacoil, Carangoly and Wandewash, were Sir Eyre Coote at a greater distance, Hyder by the last account to lay encamped on his Old Ground, and the French at Pulicatt ready to embrace an union of necessity, which no friendly propositions have yet by all I can learn be sufficient perfectly to establish.

I had the honor to address You on the 5th & 6th instant, both of which letters I hope have come safe to hand.

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

Camp Vedacapullah
8th May 1782.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Genl. Coote requests a large quantity of Rice may be immediately sent to the Mount & that the Bazar People may be encouraged to go thither. The Army 6 months in arrear. 2 Lacks of Pagods will at least be necessary to afford them relief. Haxin Saib returns to the Southward, by the way of Peram. Chaccam & Conjeveram.

I enclose Duplicate of the Letter I had the honor to write to you Yesterday and agreeable to the information therein contained I marched the Army this morning to where it is now encamped, Not having had the honor of receiving any Line from the Presidency which I must impute either to the infamous behavior of the Hircarahs or some other accident befalling them, to inform me of Haxin Saibs motions and not having by every endeavor I have myself exerted been able to gain the smallest intelligence of him, my View of intercepting his Detachment has prov'd abortive. Any that may hereafter come will arrive too late for my taking advantage of it, as the news of my march will have long since reached him, and induced his moving beyond the possibility of any Sudden attack or surprise, that the Cattle of the Army may be as little harassed as possible in bringing the requisite Supply of provisions I shall move a few miles nearer to the Mount tomorrow morning and upon the same principle, and that the risk from late experience to be apprehended of further loss of Bullocks between there and Madras may if possible be avoided I would beg to recommend by every means of carriage

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You may possess or can be obtained Your sending immediately a large quantity of Rice to the Mount — and that every encouragement be given to Bayard People to come further from Madras, that those Gentlemen who have any Money may the more easily supply themselves and Servants with what they are in want of I say such Gentlemen as have money for so great is the distress prevailing among the Subaltern Officers of the Army on that account that to assist, may in some degree to enable them to execute my Orders for carrying on the Service, I have been obliged to issue orders for their making out indents for themselves and followers for twenty days Rice to be supplied them from the public Stores, These when presented will I have no doubt be complied with

The value of which can be recovered when the Arrears due to them are paid that you may know exactly how the Army is situated with Regard to their Pay, I beg leave to lay before You the following Statement to wit

The Officers have received their full pay and allowances for the Month of November last & Staff allowances have also been paid for that month, so that they are now going on the Months in Arrears. The non Commissioned and Private Europeans their full pay for last month — The Black Troops artificers Lascars &c. their full pay for December and half pay for the month of January, so that they may now be reckoned to be four Months in arrears, The Bullock

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People have received in full for September and something in part for October. so that they are now seven months in Arrears, I have been thus circumstantial that you may be convinced of the absolute necessity there is of sending money to obtain which I am well satisfied every possible Exertion will be made, Two Lacks of Pagodas would I conceive put it in my power to afford both Officers and Men such Relief as might enable them to supply themselves in such manner as to pursue with some little comfort the fatigue-ing operations which they may be engaged in during this trying weather

I must here Repeat that it is absolutely necessary I should Return to the Southward with all possible Dispatch, between this & that time money must be sent to them - since the Distress which the want of it so obviously exposes us to, may be attended with the worst of consequences

It may be a matter of no small surprize, how the Troops under such Heavy arrears have been kept so well together, and in such Order and Discipline

I have the honor to be

Camp at Nanimungulum
9th May 1782
Nine O Clock.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
Eyre Coote

* P.S. Since writing the above some people who were sent out to bring Intelligence of Hyder Saheb have returned. By them I am informed that in his Retreat from Madras he kept to the Northward of Ponamalee, passed Perimbaucum and went from thence to Conjeveram on his way to the Southward. A Route so distant as effectually to evade the danger he no doubt apprehended from our falling in with him

Eyre Coote.
Nine o'clock.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen Fort St. George

From Genl. Coote the Paymaster sent to confer with the President on raising a sum of money, applauding the behaviour of the Admiral and Coll. Letter from the Officer commanding the Detach. at the mount.

In the course of Yesterday evening and this forenoon, I had the honor to receive Your Letters of the 6. 7. 9. and 10. to which I shall Reply more fully hereafter, and only for the present only speak to those points which seem to call for my immediate attention — Along with the Detachment which went to the Mount Yesterday Evening I Order'd to Madras the Paymasters to both the Coast and Bengal Troops to express my Readiness to adopt any practicable mode of circulating the Bengal Sicca Rupees in payment to the Army and further to confer with the Right Honble the President for raising a temporary loan for our immediate and pressing Services upon the Credit of the said Lacks of Rupees coming from Bengal. I should hope that on the Strength of such a certain and secured reimbursement properly secured to the Monied People, they might be easily be prevailed on to advance a sum which with the amount already in your Treasury would complete the two Lacks of Pagodas which are so much wanted to afford that Relief to the Officers and Men so absolutely Requisite at this important juncture. My Sentiments Regarding the Northern Expedition were at this general immediately applicable to the points

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points in reference to me from your Committee and not meant to counteract any prior resolution you had taken of drawing the Supernumeraries from the Northward, and which I shall be happy you find of that utility you expect towards reinforcing Your Garrison which I must say, that even with the Troops already in it, I did not apprehend to be in any Danger while I was with the Army in the field — I have pursued with admiration the very Spirited exertions made by Sir Edward Hughes with his Majestys Squadron under his Command — The severe conflict in which his own Ship bore a very considerable Share does equal honour to his Bravavery and good Conduct — The fleet merited a greater Share of success than has fallen to its lot — Struck however it will yet ride triumphant on the Indian Seas / The impossibility from the heavy loses the Admiral has sustained and other circumstances of his being in a condition for some time to put to sea has not a little disappointed my expectations in the Countenance and Vigorous Assistance I hoped to derive to the probable operations of this Army, by having Supplies sent by Sea, This not impossible but event to may yet favor this Measure, with your convenience therefore I am still desirous Vessels should be in Readiness for transporting a supply of Provisions — The manner in

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which You mean to dispatch the Admiral by dispatching to him the Rodney and Yarmouth with the Supply of provisions he has so earnestly Requested, must meet my most hearty approbation I beg that if another fast sailing Vessel be necessary for that Service, that You will make use of one of the Bengal Schooners

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

Camp near
Pondelour 11. May 1782

(N.B. This letter ought to have been entered on the 9th Inst: ——)

/Signed/

P.S. just as I was about to dispatch this Letter the Adjutant General brought me a Letter from the Officer who is Commanding the Detachment sent to the Mount, the following is a copy, and whereby it is with much concern I observe the Detachment is likely to be detained five days, and still more so that the Bullocks belonging to the Army must suffer severely for want of Nourishment.

To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm.
Adjutant General.

Sir

I Request you will be pleased to inform the General that Capt. Sydnham has by a Letter this moment

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I Moment received acquainted me that Rice cannot be Ready in less than five days because Gunny Bags are difficult to be got, and the warning has been short — The Bullocks will be nearly starved for I see nothing like Grass on any part around us —

I am.

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Thomas Trent

Camp at the Mount
11th May 1782 at past Six

Received the following Letter from the Attorney General

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

From Mr Benj. Sulivan containing his opinion with respect to the disposal of the Prize Goods taken at Negapatam

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have agreeable to Your directions perused the Letter written by Your Order to Mr Alex. Cuthbert, as also the joint answer from him and Mr Anthonie DeSouza on behalf of the Captors of Negapatam, which has given occasion to Your Lordship &c. to desire my Opinion what further Steps it may be advisable to pursue in order to Secure the Rights of the Company

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In my letter of the 3d. February last I had the honor to inform You that the Right to all Booty and plunder was inherent in the Crown, but those Gentlemen regarding it in another point of view do not hesitate to tell You that they conceive "the sole right to the captured property to be legally invested in the Captors agreeable to precedent and extant authorities, which precedent and authorities they have not thought proper to offer to your consideration

Before I proceed to Report to You my Opinion of what further Steps it may be adviseable to take on this occasion it will not be improper to consider whether in this indecent Contest his Majesty can be Supported either by the Law of Nations, or the Law of England, that your Lordship &c. may be the better enabled Should you think fit to remove so very vain an Idea, and which in its consequence may prove so injurious to the Captors, as perhaps by drawing on them the Kings displeasure, to exclude them from any share in the captured property at all.

It was a Rule in the Roman Law from, which and the common Law the Law of Nations is in General collected that what was taken from the Enemy, immediately became the property of the Captors, this by being

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being misunderstood has led many into an error and may
in the present instance be the Ruin of the Captors of Negap.m
persevering in their claim to an absolute and exclusive
property in the booty and plunder found there.

The Word Captors here was not confined to
that collection of individuals which formed the Army at
ing the Capture it comprehended the whole body of the State
which employed them the Publick itself being construed by
another. That whatever was performed through the agency
of Servants was to be considered as the Act of their Masters
the Roman Soldiers were deemed Servants of the State and
as such accountable to the State for every thing belonging
to the Enemy abroad The Value 2/3 pence half penny that fell
into their hands questers being appointed to collect and tell
the Plunder and pay the produce into the publick treasury
I would not be understood to infer from this that they were
precluded from all participation in the plunder, they were
often allowed as share, but such only as the State thought
proper to grant them, where indeed they fought & without pay,
they were permitted to keep whatever they could take, but
being paid they were entitled to nothing more, and Puffendorff
/B.8 Ch.6 fo.21/ expressly says mercenary Soldiers have no
Right to any thing but their Pay, what is given them abroad
is matter of Bounty

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By the Law of Nations then the Captors of Negapatam are not entitled to the captured property, neither are they by the Law of England. The King having by his Royal Prerogative the sole power of making War and the sole Right of Reaping the advantages accruing from it in Virtue of this Right it was that he granted to the Company all Booty and plunder taken by forces raised and paid by them alone, and reserved to himself the Distribution when taken by his own forces in conjunction with theirs

The Captors seem to have lost sight of their being in certain and Regular pay, and consequently of their falling under the Discription mentioned by Puffendorff or they would surely with dutifull forbearance and modest expectation awaited the determination of the King in whom Sole Majestatis the property is Vested

In my former letter I had the honor to recommend it to your Lordship &c. to detain the Booty and plunder found in Negapatam untill the Kings pleasure be known, as Conceiving the Company bound to observe all the restrictions in their Charters fully observed for certainly where the Responsibility is there ought to be possession, but this having hitherto been impossible By reason of its detention by the Captors, and their Agents not only refusing to

exceed

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Accede to any terms proposed by your Lordship &c that actually disposing of the plunder without any other authority than the Orders of their principal You desire to be informed what steps it would be advisable to take in Order to secure the Rights of the Company

That the Company have an undoubted claim to considerable Share of the Booty, as bearing a Considerable share in the expence of the expedition, no person I believe, except the Captors can entertain a doubt but as their Share is to be determined by his Majesty, they can have no certain right until that determination take place, and to them the entire property must be supposed by law, Wch in him what therefore I think were to be most advisable, would be to take no further notice of the Agents for Doubt much if they are legally appointed, but to address the two Commanders jointly demanding in his Majestys Name, and as Guardians of his Rights under the Charter possession of the Booty and plunder, until he shall be pleased to signify his pleasure in what manner it is to be disposed of Should this demand meet with a Refusal, as most probably it will, I see but two measures left for securing the future Rights of the Company Vizt that of force, and that of protest which of these is most eligible I can not take upon me to determine, the most moderate is the

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the best Secure, and the most effectual may lead to discon-
-tagement and Discontent

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obed.
humble Servant
Benj.n Sullivan

Fort St. George
10. May 1782

[signed]

Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Braithwaite
by his Dubash

To Colonel Braithwaite

Sir

I have had the pleasure to receive your
Letter of the 30. Ultimo and am happy to hear the recovery
of Your Health, and that You are so well treated in Your
present Situation, In Regard to the Subject on which You
have written, I can only say at this time, that it will give
me great pleasure to see the restablishment of peace
Sir Eyre Coote who is well acquainted with the views
and wishes of his Government and is entrusted with
ample powers, will I am confident have expressed all
that is necessary in his answer to the Letter You wrote
him, and to his answer I beg leave to Refer Yours, If any
thing occurs further on this point, You will be
pleased

Col. Braithwaite
referring to the Gen.l
the subject of his
Letter and desiring
him to communi-
-cate any thing
further that may
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pleased to communicate it immediately to the General

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Macartney.

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10 May 1782.

Signed

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote

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

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote complying with all his requisitions, & and inclose an account of the Cash in the Treasury

We have regularly written to You, and advised You of every thing. The miscarriage of your letters which have all gone in Duplicate equally surprizes and distresses us. Triplicates are making out with all expedition and shall be forwarded to You.

Last night we acknowledged the receipt
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of Your several Letters of the 4.th 5.th & 7.th and sent You a Copy of the Admirals Letter inclosed — We mentioned our intention of dispatching the Rodney and Yarmouth to him and shall transmit to him by that opportunity such Letters &c.a as You may wish to have conveyed to him, We received your Letter of the 8.th this morning at 7 o'Clock
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and Your Letter of the 9.th at ½ past nine, Orders were immediately issued for sending to the Mount as large a Supply of Grain as possible, the few Corps we have been able to procure

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procure since Condore misfortune were intended to
proceed this day to Chingleput but will now be employed
in the more immediate service which You require

Inclosed we send You the Treasury note,
by which you will see the State of our cash, very far am of
which is at Your disposal, as indeed is every thing else of
every kind that we have, that you think may be of use
to Your Operations –

We have given directions related to
the Bazar People, and to every other object of your letter

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney
&c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
10th May 1782.

Balance in the Cash and Treasury in fanams and Current Pagodas – } ..... Pagodas 24000.

In the 4 tenths A°R. 9000. ..... 2400.

In the Treasury A°R. 172,413. ..... 46000.

Madras Pagodas. 19,947. ..... 21547.

Fanams 36,142. or ..... 803.

Northern A°R 20,450. ..... 5400.

Pagodas. 97,147.

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10. may 1782.

Chas. Freeman
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To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Sir

To Genl. Coote—
conceive the settlemt.
with the Warriarpt.
and Arrealore—
Polygars to be new
within this province
and desiring him to
signify to Mr.
Sullivan his intentions
on that Subject—

We have carefully perused your Letter to our President of the 7th Instant which he has laid before us for our Opinion and Advice whatever may have been the former proceedings of this Government relative to the Wariapollium and Arialore Polygars, We conceive that it is now entirely within Your province to conciliate them, and to arrange such settlement with them as You may judge expedient according to the Letter from Bengal of the 11th. March, of which the enclosed paragraph we conceive was meant to apply to a case like the present one, for this Reason our President on the Receipt of Mr. Sullivans Letter on the Subject informed him of the powers vested in you, and desired him to address all such matters to You for the future, whatever therefore may be your intentions with Respect to this business we request you will please to signify them to Mr. Sullivan, at such time and in such manner as You may judge best for the public Service, with Respect to the Number of persons employed on the works at Ponnamalee and Poiapoor, no change whatever has been made in them, and the pay masters are enjoined to continue them according to Your directions

We have the Honor to be

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Yours most Obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
&c. Select Committee

Dispatched the following Letter to Mr. Holland
with a Copy of the Admirals Letter of the 1. Instant

To John Holland Esqr.
at Hydrabad

Sir

At a time when the Company are
engaged in a Dangerous War against the Combined
powers of India, and when so much advantage is
taken of every action, that can be wrested to their
prejudice, we deem it expedient to guard against the
effect of the misrepresentation which it is probable
the Nabob may circulate, representing our Conduct
upon the Assignment lately made by him to the
Company of the Revenues of the Carnatic for the
support and Expence of the War &c.a

With this view we inform you that
at the period of Hyder's invasion, altho' the Company were
in the utmost Distress for Money and other Supplies
to put their Troops in the field they received no Assistance
from

S. Mr. Holland -
informing him of
the Ships that had
been taken respecting
the Nabob and
enclosing the -
Admirals Letter
giving an account
of his late engagem.t
with the French
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from thence Nabob that the Army continued under the like discouragements for the Space of eighteen months, before any Remedy could be applied. That the Nabob at length, after much solicitation came under engagements, whereby he assigned to the Company the Revenues of this Country, with certain Reservatives to himself. But these engagements not being in any one instance observed on his part and the Revenues as before still misapplied, we found ourselves under the necessity with the Support and Concurrence of the Gentlemen at Bengal to assume the temporary management of the Country ourselves in Order to save it from utter destruction. The Nabob inattentive to or forgetting the Obligations he is under to the Company and their unvaried attachment to him and encouraged probably by the Spirit of the times complains loudly against this Act, as an infringement of his Sovereign Rights. But the Act being meant purely to preserve his Safety as well as the existence of the Company and having no further view upon his Rights or honor, the Nabob was bound by every tie of Friendship and interest to acquiesce in it.

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Having given You this Recital you will be prepared in case of necessity to Remove any prejudices that may arise from misconstructions

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We enclose you a Copy of Sir Edward Hughes's late Letter to us, which was received Yesterday, We have no advice of the French Fleet being on the Coast, and are rather disposed to think that they are gone to Achin or Batavia.

Reports are strong of a Maratta Peace, but as we have no authentic information of it neither have we heard anything of the Dispositions or motions of the Nizam since Your Letter of the 6. April

We are

Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

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9 May 1782.

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal by the Ceres with 5 Black Prisoners as p Return lodged in the Office

To The Honble Warren Hastings, Esq.r

Governor General &c. Council

of Fort William

Hble Sir and Sirs

To Bengal enclosing a Return of prisoners sent thither

We have the honor to enclose

You

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Your Return of Black Prisoners shipped on board the Eyres Captain Bayne and beg leave to Recommend that they be Set at Liberty on their arrival at Bengal—

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t

humble Servants

Macartney

&c.a Select Committee

Fort St. George

10th May 1782

11th Received the following Letters—

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord

From Mr Daniell thinks Chittickan Jung should be detained till circumstances will admit of an Embassy to him will return part of his force into Garisons— encloses a letter from Sweat

I have been honored with the Receipt of Your Letter of the 24th Ultimo— Your Lordship will have perceived by my letter of the 18th Ultimo in which I enclosed a copy of a Letter to Mr Biddle, that I have anticipated Your wishes by adopting Mr Hollands opinion, I take the liberty however of mintioning to Your Lordship, that while the answers to your Letters are coming from Bengal it may not be unnecessary that You should detain Chittickan Jung with the expectation of seeing somebody from your Lordship as soon as time and circumstances will admit of the Embassy, for I am informed he has already paid — fifteen Lacks of Rupees to the Soubah, and of course his apprehensions

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Apprehensions from the Enemy are by so much decreased and the desire of treating with our Government abated in proportion If your Lordships will be pleased to forward Your letters to him, by the Peppel under cover to me by the sake of Expidition, I will dispatch them by express Hircarrahs accordingly

On my arrival at Muglatore, I shall be able to inform Your Lordship with some degree of certainty when I shall return to Masulipatam, but unless Your Lordship has any particular Reason for my return thither. I could wish soon to send away part of the Battalion and the 12 Prs. now with me into Garrison, and keep the other part with the two 6 Prs in the field some little time longer for the sake of expidition in the collection in the Amount of the Peice and hastening the Grain to Masulipatam where I could not exert myself so effectually, surrounded with a Council, as when I am alone with no impediment to my endeavours, and having hitherto succeeded so much to Your Lordships satisfaction I wish to leave nothing undone which is in my power to accomplish

I have the honour to be very Respectfully
Your Lords Most faithfull Obt. Servt.
J. Daniell

Camp near
Rajahmundry
5th May 1782

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P.S. The accompanying letter for the Select Committee is this moment arrived from Surat

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. &c.

My Lord,

Fort St. George

From Captain Johnson Capt. Lecke detachmt marches in Negapatam that Garrison greatly distressed for money and Grain

In Consequence of Capt. Lecke's Letter from Sanjore and his own intelligence he has marched his detachment into this Garrison — We have various accounts of the Enemy's force in this Country — Captain Lecke's Spies bring him accounts of 5 or 6 thousand Horse having entered the Sanjore Country — The People I have had no way as many hundred in addition to their former Strength — Their principle Object, whatever there numbers are, is to cut off his Retreat to Sanjore — and I do believe their force sufficient for that purpose we shall find it difficult to support so many men here, who are already complaining of want of Pay, and being so much in arrears, as we have but little grain and less cash — No exertions in our power shall be wanting to procure both the one and the other, however if we are not assisted very soon from Madras with both I fear, we shall be but badly off —

The Fleet have had a short engagement

I shall not however pretend to take up so much of Your Lordships

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Lordships time as to give You a discription of it, as three masters of Country Vessells who were in the Action go by this Ship, which carrys this Letter and have dispatches for Your Lordship

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Obedient

humble Servant

Negapatam
11th May 1782

(signed) Jas. Johnston

Bills on Bengal granted to Mr. Stanley

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Mr. John Stanley payable to Mr. William Baintrigg. to the Amount of Pagodas 1198.. 25-16.. being for his arrears as Chaplain at Vellore

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12th Received the following Letter from Sir Eyre Coote

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Genl. Coote the Enemy besiege Permacoil complains of the delay in sending Recht Col. Owen sent to expedite this Service

In proof of my apprehensions of the Event of my quitting my position at Chinglepat which became necessary as I have already more fully informed You in Order to obtain a supply of provisions and Money, I have this instant received the intelligence of the Enemys having laid Siege to Permacoil I also

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advised You of the absolute necessity there was of my
Returning to my former Station, with Boat expedition;
and Requested no time should be lost in delivering out the
Supplies I desired.

I wrote You last night acknowledg-
-ing the Receipt of Your late letters, and transmitted
You Copy of a Letter from the Officer commanding the
Detachment at the Mounts, addressed to the Adjutant
General, desiring he would acquaint me that he had been
informed in a letter from Captain Lydenham, that the
Rice would not be Ready in Less than five days, because
Gunny Bags were difficult to be got, and the warning had
been short.

In answer to these pleas of delay
in the Public Service at this most Critical juncture
I must here beg leave to Recognize my own Repeated
Solicitations to your Agents, to have always a number
of good Bags in Readiness and further to acquaint You
that the Quarter Master General by my desire both
verbally and by Letters Apprized your Agent Wm Roy,
before marching from the Mounts on the 10. Ultimo
that an entire new set of Gunny Bags would be wanted,
as those then in use were not only bad in quality, but
would be very soon unfit for Service.

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I now dispatch Lieut.t Colonel Owen to Madras, to expedite the present most important business of Supplies.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant

Camp Tamaram,
near Vandalore.
12th May 1782.

Signed ..... Eyre Coote

Intelligence of the 2d. 4th and 7th Inst.

Received 12th May 1782

The French Troops have died to the number of one third of their original strength at landing and are still very bad — They intend to attack Permacoil in ten days, and have raised 4000 Black Troops. 7th Instant, their actual force at present can not exceed 1200 effective Europeans, and 3000 Natives They are at Villanore — Most of Lally's Troops have left him and have gone to the French Army, He has remaining only 32 Troopers and about the same number of Infantry. A Letter has been received from the Division under Mons.r De la Motte Piquet who is arrived at the Isle of France with General Bussy and 5000 Men, and will be on the Coast in June. Their present fleet

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Fleet on the Coast will not fight till it is joined, but it is not however to fly from the protection of the Army. There are four Transports at Ceylon.

Dispatches the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote with Copy of the last Letter from Capt.n Bonneaud.

To Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Dear General

To Genl. Coote. The Chesterfield retained respecting the Vindal & Pollam enclosing letters from Allord and Negapatam very cautious made to supply the Army with Money & enclosing Letter from Captain Bonneaud with opinion on his Conduct

I this morning received your letter of the 16.th from Marvandore and Your letter of the 11.th from near Vandelore, both which are referred to the Select Committee, and laid them before it, As the Chesterfield can carry near 10,000, bags of Rice, and it is almost impossible to procure craft here, I think it would be better to obtain her at all events for any possible occasion of employing her for the use of the Army, in case it should move to the Southward, With respect to the Pollam of Vandelore I have made the proper enquiry about it, It was formerly guarded by Lamba Vincata's Polygars, they are now at the Mount and if they can be spared from it, may be sent to the Pollam. Sundapak and some of his People are at Cheikara. Coty, and shall be Ordered to the Mount to Replace Vincaty's Men, if they can be persuaded to go to Vandelore, which I am told they wont much like,

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as it is not improbable that the Enemy may make a
point to destroy them as soon as they are found to be
useful to us however as You desire it the best endeavors
shall be used for the purpose. Mr. Powney and Mr.
Welch will inform You of the exertions made by us
for procuring money and I hope they will not be unsuc-
-cessful, enclosed I send You Copies of letters I have rec'd
from Vellore and Negapatam I take it for granted
that you must have duplicates, but lest some accident
might have intercepted them I transmit to You those
which I receive — I shall do my best to continue supply-
-ing Vellore, but at this time there is not a Pagoda in the
treasury as I directed it to be drained to the last rupee in
Order to answer Your Demands You will herewith receive
a Copy of Captain Bonneaux's Letter to me, and here I beg
leave to mention that as Tranquebar is become a Place
of the utmost importance, it will be proper for us to
pay uncommon attention to it. If I recollect, You did
not seem to entertain so high an Opinion of Captain
Bonneaux in some respects as others did — His situation
is difficult, and altho' he seems to have acquitted himself
with great Spirit and Ability in the Attack and subsequent
Command of the Place yet as he is a foreigner & there have

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been misunderstandings in the Garrison perhaps You might think it proper to relieve him, by sending some other Officer better known to You to that place

By former letter Capt. Bonnoeau did not seem to like his situation very much, and probably would not be displeased to quit it, especially if You would allow him to join the Army under your command and attend You to the field. All these matters I submit to Your consideration, and if You should have any Orders to communicate on the Subject, they may be conveyd by the Rodney and Yarmouth, which will be ready to sail tomorrow Evening

I have the honor to be with great truth and Regard

Dear General

Fort St. George
12th. May 1782.

Very truly Your's
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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President &c. &c. &c. Select Committee
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My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Bengal
Colonel Morgan
appointed to the
Command of the
Detachment on
the Malabar Coast

The Cessation of Hostilities with the Marattas has afforded us the occasion of attending more particularly than before was in our power to the Oeconomical Control of the expences of the Troops belonging to this establishment which and our Service on the Malabar Coast and being persuaded of the necessity of appointing a person to the Command of these forces whose sole time and attention could be confined to the Duties of this Station, and whose local residence should afford him the best means of carrying our intentions into execution, we have appointed Colonel Chas. Morgan to this trust, and have desired Brigadr. General Goddard to deliver over the seperate Command of the Detachment to him considering him in future as the immediate and Chief Commanding Officer of that Corps and only subject to his General Authority as Commander in Chief of the Forces under the Presidency of Bombay

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedt.
humble Servts.
Warren Hastings
Edwd. Wheler
John McPherson

Fort William
24. April 1782.

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

My Lord.

From Mr Hollond enclosing a letter to Mr Daniell approves of the measures taken by Government thinks Chitickaw Jung should adopt a trimming Course with the Nizam Marattas negociation is carried on at Seindias Capital.

I have since I had the honor of addressing Your Lordship and the Committee on the 6th received Your commands of the 30th March and 15th Inst. together with the several papers enclosed, for the communication of which I beg leave to return Your Lordship my most sincere thanks.

The Situation of our publick affairs appear to me truly critical, as far as I can presume to judge of them at this distance — I must acknowledge it will give me pleasure to learn that Your Lordship has determined until the arrival of fresh succors to adopt a temporizing System, which in an Idea assumed principally on this ground that the first defeat we suffer will terminate in the total destruction of our whole Army — It appears probable that the Company must now throw themselves upon upon Governm.t

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Government and as our strength at sea affords a well grounded hope of our obtaining a greater superiority of European forces, a few small Forts falling into the Enemys hands will not probably materially injure us — The grand contest must be in the field and if there be any hope of our being able to encrease our Army — Hyder notwithstanding his personal abilities will still I think be found to be too much of a Table mole to withstand the vigour of our discipline — I hope Your Lordship will pardon my intruding an Opinion when I am persuaded it is not wanted, but if it should coincide with Your own I may perhaps on general principles be allowed to flatter myself that it may have some use in confirming your own preconcerted plan.

The Letter for Chittickam Sung & Rustum Ally Cawn which Your Lordship has done me the honor to communicate to me are well calculated to keep a Door open for future Negociation, it would I think be our interest that Chittickam

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Sung should at this juncture if he can do it with-
out making too great sacrifice adopt a trimming
course with the Nizam.

The most important object at
present in view from his Highness the Nizams
keeping the field is to second a Negociation which
Moyeen ul Dowla is now carrying on with Chetisham
Sung towards engaging him either to join his
highness's Standard or at least to compliment him
with such a sum of Money as may serve to avert the
storm which they no Doubt tell him is Ready to
break on him, His Highness as I am informed has
demanded a crore of Rupees, but he will I think be
satisfied with less — as the advanced season of the
Year whatever might be the Suggestions of his
Resentment, will certainty render it imprudent for
his highness to commence at this period an attack
against the strong force in Chetisham Sungs —
possessions — Chetisham Sung is busily employ'd
in making preparations against the menaced
invasion — I shall do myself the honor to give
Your Lordship further information concerning
the event of Moyen ul Dowla's negociations

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I have not lately received any material news from Poonah Mr Anderson's Negociation, I believe to be conducted not at that City but at Scindia's capital.

The Duplicate of the inclosing Letter of the 12th March is come to hand, but that in which the news of the fall of Cuddalore was communicated is not yet arrived

Copy of a Letter to Mr Daniell is herewith enclosed — I do not propose taking leave of his Highness's Court until his Return to Hyderabad —

I have the honor to be —

My Lord

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

John Holland —

Nizam's Camp —
near Knowlee —
30th April 1782 —

To James Daniell Esqr

Dear Sir

As his Highness the Nizam's disposition towards us is very doubtful and as it is highly probable that he will endeavor to derive all the advantages he can from my being at his Court, my Residence here has no doubt been and still employed

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employed as a Means. I submit it therefore to
Your consideration whether there may not be a
temporary use in that Answer's being privately
informed of my intentions of my taking my leave
at this Court & leave his Highness in a fluctuation
of Councils and may possibly be able to prevail on
him to give the consent which he at present refuses
to a successor taking my place, but at any event as I
know his Highness is at this period busy in employ-
-ing Arts to engage Chitties hand Sung to join him,
the circumstance of my Departure if made known
to the latter may perhaps be attended with the
good effect of strengthening the wise resolutions
he seems to have taken of keeping himself at
home.

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Dear Sir

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
John Holland

Kistna's Camp.
Pyllepaud 9. March 1782.

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/Signed/

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

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Lrom Adjt Genel.
the General proposes
a Plan of raising
Sibbendies and
recruiting the
Army from them

I have the honor to address Your Lordship by the
desire of the General on the Subject of Sibbendy Sepoys for
the Collection of the Revenues to give your Lordship the
Ideas concerning the arrangement and formation of this
body of Men at the present period— The General is of
opinion that by taking into the pay of the Company a
body of Sibbendy Sepoys the inconveniency now arising
to the Service by granting Commissions to Men for the
Sepoys they Raise, and who are afterwards incorporated
by Companies with the Regular Battalions may be
avoided not but, that the Service will suffer less materi-
-ally by the Regulars Corps being recruited from the
Sibbendy Sepoys in the manner he proposes than
by granting Commissions to new Men who come into
the different Battalions over the heads of Old and
deserving Soldiers, the new Men thus Commissioned—
being satisfied with Raising a Certain Number of Men,
by whose Means they are received with Rank and pay
into the Service and whether those Men Remain or
desert, the Establishment, or rather the Army, is
burthened with a set of Subidars and Jemidars who
have never seen a Shot fired while Brave Veterans
execute their Duties with Spirit and alertness
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without the smallest Chance of promotion, and thereby destroying professional Ardor and emulation add to this that the oryginal intention of recruiting our Weak Battalions is not effected as has been experienced in the late levies sent from Pongole for the Corps in Camp.

The General is of opinion that an arrangement to the following effect will answer the Double purpose of having a Sibbendy for the Collection of the Revenues, and Men disciplined & Ready to be drafted to compleat our Battalions. Viz.t

That independant Companies of Sibbendy Sepoys Should be Raised in the manner following, and of the following Strength to be taken into the pay of the Company for the collection of the Revenues in the Several Districts or Countries where Sibbendy Corps are not already established —

Strength & manner of Raising the independant Sibbendy Companies —

1 Subidar	—	to Raise	50 Men
4 Jemedars	—	Do. to 11 Men	44 Do.
8 Havildars		Do. to 3 Men	24 Do.
8 Naigs		Do. to 2 Do.	16 Do.
2 Drummers and Fifers			
123 Sepoys			

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One Havildar Major and one Drill Havildar to be allowed to each Company exclusive of the above, total of one Company will then be 1 Subidar — 4 Jemidars 2 Drummers and Fifers 1 Havildar Major — 1 Drill Havildar and 150 Rank and file —

That for the present the Sibbendy inde-pendant Companies shall be Raised under the Command of and to be disciplined by the Commandants of the principle Garrisons in each District or Pro-vince, to be furnished by them for the collection of the Revenues on the Requisition of the Company's Civil Servants, or others intrusted by Government with that Duty — That the independant Companies of Sibbendy shall be cloathed, armed and accoutred, disciplined and paid in the same manner as the Regular effective native Battations, and to be Ready to execute all Garrison and field or other Military Duties they may be Ordered on, and in particular that they are to be liable to a draft of the private Sepoys to recruit the effective Regular Corps if required. This article to be most carefully and pointedly explained to the Natives — Officers and Sepoys before they are admitted into the Company's Service, acquainting them at the same time that after Drafts are made from the Sibbendy

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Sibbendy Companies to the Regular Battalions —
Desertions from such Battalions will be punished
in the most exemplary manner — That the Com.
-mandants of Garrisons are to be injoined to the
most Strict and minute enquiry to prevent —
Desertions, and to punish the offenders when
apprehended and to enable them the more exactly
to execute this part of Duty, it becomes necessary
That they inform themselves thoroughly of the
Age, country, Village, marks, and connections of
every Man enlisted, and that Repeated and accurate
Scrutiny be made after them from the Sibbendy
Companies have been drafted, to see that the Drafts
do not Return, and are again intested in the Sibbendy
Companies, a practice very likely to be carried into
Effect by the connivance of the Native Officers on
Account of connections, whether local or otherways
That the Sibbendy Independant Companies be mustered
and enrolled and Returned in every Respect in the same
manner as the Regular Corps That they be cloathed
in proportion to the Sepoy Battalions / Carnatic /
that is with Blue, Green or Yellow facings according
according to the number of Battalions cloathed as above,
the Drafts will be Ordered accordingly, by which means the
Sibbendy Sepoys will join their Corps completely uniformed

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The General desires me to say that the above contains the outlines of his Ideas concerning the formation for the present of Sibbendy Sepoys. Officers he says cannot at this time be obtained for them and that therefore they cannot so well be embodied in Battalions it remains to be ascertained what number of Sibbendy Companies of the above Strength will be required for the collection of Revenues in each District or province, one fourth more may be Ordered to be raised which number it is to be hoped will answer to Recruit our Sepoy Battalions and by that Means there will be a Ready Supply of Men in all quarters the Army may move to — the additional Number to be raised on account of Recruiting the Army cannot be clearly fixed until the exact Strength for the Collection of the Revenues is known and of this the General thinks Your Lordship will be able soon to inform Yourself with certainty—

I have the honor to be with much Respect My Lord—

Your Lordships Most Obedient Servant

(signed) Henry Malcolm

Head Quarters
Camp near Chingleput
26th April 1782.

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To The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

From Mr. Hodges the Supernumeraries will march on the 9th may the State of the Treasury the same as when he left it will enclosing an extract of a letter from Mr. Hamilton will reply to the Comm.ts Letter relative to the Price of the Grain, purchased by Mr. Daniell on Receipt of a letter from him

In my address of the 2d. Instant, I had the Honor to Acquaint you that our Supernumeraries / about twelve hundred Strong / would March in a Day or Two, but they have been delayed a little by Chance Impediments I suppose, and are now detained for a few days at Ellore by us on Acct. of Mr. Daniells being able without Prejudice to his Affairs to Spare the Supernumeraries from the Troops under him, which we were not so well assured of - when I had the honor of last writing to Your Lordship, the Return we have not yet received, but I conceive about fifteen hundred fighting Men will be mustered at Ellore, - and am just informed from Captain Lysaght that they will march from thence on the 9th.

Our Treasury on the 1st and at this Moment is in the same Situation as when we embarked the Treasure, Soon as we Receive any from Mr. Daniell we will not fail immediately to Advise Your Lordship &c.

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We have my Lord wrote to Mr. Daniell Requesting he will inform us at what price was purchased the Grain he Agreed for with the Sow. -cars, and at what Rate Donnalos can be brought here for from the Countries around him Soon as we Receive his Reply we will answer the Boards letter on this Subject

I deem it necessary to furnish you my Lord with Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter from Mr. Hamilton at Ingeram, and to Request Your pleasure thereon

As the Southerly winds render the Remittance of Companys Specie to Madras a — tedious & uncertain Operation, I wish very much that Your Board would write to Madras and obtain Leave to give me Cash for my Bills to any Amount; to remove all Scruples, I will give an obligation under any penalty your Board thinks fit that no Companys paper shall be offered in payment of my Bills nor any thing but hard Money.

I am

My Lord

Very Respectfully

Your most Obed.t & most

Humble Servant

James Hodges.

Masulipatam

7th May 1782

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Recd Letters of the 10. and 11. Instant from Mons.r De Bristel to the Governor as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 47/49. P 50. informing his Lordship of his having, by Order from Mons.r Duchemin, sent to Madras the Garrison of Cuddalore, agreeably to the Capitulation for the Surrender of that Place

Dispatched the following Letters to Bengal.

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

Honble Sir &c.s

A few days ago a Servant belonging to Colonel Brathwait arrived here from Hyder Ally's Camp, and delivered the enclosed Letter to our President, the Subject of which we immediately

To Bengal enclosing Letter from Colonel Brathwaite.

Referred to Sir Eyre Coote, agreeable to Your late Order

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs -

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
&c.a &c.a Select Committee

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c.. Council

of Fort William

Honble Sirs &c.

We forwarded by the prince William,

Privateer, Sir Edward Hughes's dispatches to Your

Government stating to You, we presume the

Operations of his Majesty's Squadron since it left

this port this late well disputed action with

Monsieur Souffren, tho' not decisive nor attended

with Success adequate to the hopes we had formed,

has we trust disappointed the views of the Enemy,

since we may reasonably expect that their loss has

been at least equal to ours, and that they must be

too much disabled to attempt any thing effectual

against us for some time -

Sir Eyre Coote is now encamped with

the Army about five miles to the Southward of the

Mount, he had taken a position beyond Chingle-

put, but returned two days ago for a fresh supply

of provisions and Money, which he thinks necessary

to enable him to march again towards the Enemy.

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Ld Bengal - advising of the Return of the Army for a fresh supply of provisions - Medicines destroyed for Grain and Money requesting to be favored with instructions on the Subject of Chitticham King's Proposal desiring to be supplied with a number of Horses and a quantity of Gun powder

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the former we shall continue to supply till the last Bag of Rice be expended and as to the latter the last Rupee is already gone to hand from the Treasury, but the whole that by the most strenuous efforts we have been able to collect, is not sufficient to satisfy the Troops were for the present, or to remove the immediate distresses which the Officers labor under — we have therefore as the only expedient authorized the paymasters of the Army to issue Notes to be paid out of the Money which You have Shipped for us on the Revolution, and we must hope that something decisive in our favor will be effected by the time these Supplies shall be expended as beyond that period, we do not see the possibility of keeping the Army in the field. The necessity of making you this representation rendered doubly painfull by the sense we entertain of your unwearied exertions in our behalf, but we should be wholly without excuse, were we to conceal any part of our Distresses from You, who, should the remedy even be attainable, alone have power to apply it. If You should not, when this shall reach Your hands, have answered our letters of the — enclosing Letters from Chittickaw Jung, and Tuatcum ally Cawn, We beg leave to repeat our request that You will favor us with Your instructions on the subject of the proposals contained in those Letters

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We enclose You a Duplicate Copy of our Letter from Mr. Hornby with the Letter from Mr. Sullivan which we received with it the Intelligence in the Letter of Col. Humberston having begun to Act against the Enemy on that side and of the expected arrival of Col. Stone and Boss with the Highlanders at Anjingo has given us great pleasure, as in our Opinion nothing can be more clear than the good policy of attacking Hyder on the Malabar Coast, and making his Country in its turn the Seat of the War.

As in the event of the continuance of the War, we shall be much distressed for Stores for Cavalry, having failed in our endeavors to procure some in the Carnatic and the Circars we beg leave to Recommend to Your Consideration the sending a Number from Bengal either by Sea or Land as You may judge most Convenient.

The Admiral having urged upon the most pressing terms to send him an immediate Supply of 100,000 lbs of Gunpowder we are under the necessity of Repeating our application to You upon that Subject.

We informed You in our Letter of the 4th Inst. of our having sent You 192 Europeans We send You by the Hinchinbrook, Ceres, Prince William & Deptford more as by the inclosed Returns.

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last Bag of Rice be expended and as to the latter the last
Rupee is already gone to him from the Treasury, but
the whole that by the most strenuous efforts we have
been able to collect, is not sufficient to satisfy the
Troops were for the present, or to remove the immedi-
-ate distresses which the Officers labor under — we have
therefore as the only expedient authorized the paymasters
of the Army to issue Notes to be paid out of the Money which
You have shipped for us on the Restitution, and we must hope
that something decisive in our favor will be effected by the
time these Supplies shall be expended as beyond that
period, we do not see the possibility of keeping the Army
in the field. The necessity of making you this representa-
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of your unwaried exertions in our behalf, but we should
be wholly without excuse, were we to conceal any part
of our Distresses from You, who, should the remedy
were be attainable, alone have power to apply it. If
You should not, when this shall reach Your hands,
have answered our Letters of the — enclosing Letters
from Chittickam Sing, and Rustum ally Lawn, We
beg leave to repeat our request that You will favor
us with Your instructions on the subject of the propo-
-sals contained in those Letters

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We enclose You a Duplicate Copy of our Letter from Mr. Hornby with the Letter from Mr. Sullivan which we received with it The Intelligence in the Latter of Col. Stuart's having begun to Act against the Enemy on that side and of the expected arrival of Col. Stuart and Boyd with the Highlanders at Anjingo has given us great pleasure, as in our Opinion nothing can be more clear than the good policy of attacking Hyder on the Malabar Coast, and making his Country in its turn the Seat of the War.

As in the event of the continuance of the War, we shall be much distressed for Stores for Cavalry, having failed in our endeavors to procure some in the Carnatic and the Circars we beg leave to Recommend to Your Consideration the sending a Number from Bengal either by Sea or Land as You may judge most Convenient.

The Admiral having urged upon the most pressing terms to send him an immediate Supply of 100,000 Lbs of Gunpowder we are under the necessity of Repeating our application to You upon that Subject.

We informed You in our Letter of the 4th Inst. of our having sent You 192 Europeans We send You by the Hinchinbrook, Ceres, Prince William & Deptford more as p. the inclosed Returns.

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last Bag of Rice be expended and as to the latter the last
Rupee is already gone to hire from the Treasury, but
the whole that by the most strenuous efforts we have
been able to collect, is not sufficient to satisfy the
Troops were for the present, or to remove the imminent
distresses which the Officers labour under, we have
therefore as the only expedient authorized the paymasters
of the Army to issue Notes to be paid out of the Money which
You have shipped for us on the Revolution, and we must hope
that something decisive in our favor will be effected by the
time these Supplies shall be expended as beyond that
period, we do not see the possibility of keeping the Army
on the field. The necessity of making you this representa-
tion rendered doubly painfull by the sense we entertain
of your unwaried exertions in our behalf, but we should
be wholly without excuse, were we to conceal any part
of our Distresses from You, who, should the remedy
were be attainable, alone have power to apply it. If
You should not, when this shall reach Your hands,
have answered our Letters of the — inclosing Letters
from Chatteham Jung, and Rustcomally Cawn, We
beg leave to repeat our request that You will favor
us with Your instructions on the subject of the propo-
sals contained in those Letters

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We enclose You a Duplicate Copy of our Letter from Mr. Hornby with the Letter from Mr. Sullivan which we received with it The Intelligence in the Letter of Col. Humberston having begun to Act against the Enemy on that side and of the expected arrival of Col. Horne and Boy with the Highlanders at Anjingo has given us great pleasure, as in our Opinion nothing can be more clear than the good policy of attacking Hyder on the Malabar Coast, and making his Country in its turn the Seat of the War. —

As in the event of the continuance of the War, we shall be much distressed for Stores for Cavalry, having failed in our endeavors to procure some in the Carnatic and the Circars we beg leave to Recommend to Your Consideration the sending a Number from Bengal either by Sea or Land as You may judge most Convenient.

The Nizam having urged upon the most pressing terms to send him an immediate supply of 100,000 lbs of Gun powder we are under the necessity of Repeating our application to You upon that Subject.

We informed You in our Letter of the 4th Inst. of our having sent You 192 Europeans We send You by the Duke of Buckinghamshire, Ceres, Prince William & Deptford more as by the inclosed Returns.

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the former we shall continue to supply till the
last Bag of Rice be expended and as to the latter the last
Rupee is already gone to hire from the Treasury, but
the whole that by the most strenuous efforts we have
been able to collect, is not sufficient to satisfy the
Troops were for the present, or to remove the imminent
distresses which the Officers labour under, we have
therefore as the only expedient authorized the Paymaster
of the Army to issue Notes to be paid out of the Money which
You have shipped for us on the Resolution, and we must hope
that something Decisive in our favor will be effected by the
time these Supplies shall be expended as beyond that
period, we do not see the possibility of keeping the Army
on the field. The necessity of making you this representa-
tion rendered doubly painfull by the sense we entertain
of your unwaried exertions in our behalf, but we should
be wholly without excuse, were we to conceal any part
of our Distresses from You, who, should the remedy
were be attainable, alone have power to apply it. If
You should not, when this shall reach Your hands,
have answered our Letters of the — enclosing Letters
from Cheticham Sing, and Nuseem ally Cawn, We
beg leave to repeat our request that You would favor
us with Your instructions on the subject of the propo-
sals contained in those Letters

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We enclose You a Duplicate Copy of our Letter from Wm. Hornby with the Letter from Mr. Sullivan which we received with it the Intelligence in the Letter of Col. Humberston having begun to Act against the Enemy on that side and of the expected arrival of Col. Stone and Boss with the Highlanders at Anjingo has given us great pleasure, as in our Opinion nothing can be more clear than the good policy of attacking Hyder on that Malabar Coast, and making his Country in its turn the Seat of the War. ~

As in the event of the continuance of the War, we shall be much distressed for Stores for Cavalry, having failed in our endeavors to procure some in the Carnatic and the Circars we beg leave to Recommend to Your Consideration the sending a Number from Bengal either by Sea or Land as You may judge most Convenient.

The Admiral having urged upon the most pressing terms to send him an immediate Supply of 100,000 lbs of Gunpowder we are under the necessity of Repeating our application to You upon that Subject.

We informed You in our Letter of the 4th Inst. of our having sent You 122 Europeans We send You by the Princhumbrook, Ceres, Prince William & Deptford more as by the inclosed Returns.

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We have the Honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

&c Select Committee

Fort St George
13th May 1782.

paymaster

Mr Michell appointed pay-master at Trincomalee, -mallee and to take charge of the Revenues dependant thereon

The Committee judging it Necessary that a proper Person should be sent to Trincomalee this Day Agreed that Mr Wm Michell be appointed to that employ and that he also be entrusted with the Charge and Collection of whatsoever Revenues may arise from the Lands annexed or that may be annexed to that Settlement

Sent the following Letters in consequence to Mr Michell

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To Mr William Michell

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You that they have been pleased to appoint You Paymr & Storekeeper at Trincomalee and that You are also to have the Charge and Collection of whatsoever Revenues

To Mr Michell
advising him of his appointment and that Sir Edward Hughes has been requested to furnish him with a sum of money of which one third must be sent to Negapatam

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Revenue may arise from the Samoosannaes, or
that may be annexed to that Settlement

The Select Committee have requested of
Sir Edward Hughes to advance You a sum of Money 20,000.
Pagodas if possible for the payment of the Garrison of Trinco-
-malee, and 10,000 Pagodas to be sent to Negapatm by the
Rodney and delivered there to the Orders of Mr Sullivan—
(possibly it may not be convenient to Sir Edward Hughes
to furnish both these sums, and in that case whatever
Sum he may furnish You with, you will
take two Third parts,
and send the remaining third to Negapatam— You will
give Sir Edward Hughes Receipts for the Money he may
advance You, specifying in them that the Government
of Madras is to give Bills on the Company for the Amount.

We desire You will observe the strictest
Oeconomy in the publick expences of Trincomalee and
allow of no Charges that is not Authorized by the
Regulations except in cases of absolute necessity. There
are Shipped on the Yarmouth 1500 Bags of Rice, of
which you will land and keep at Trincomalee suffi-
-cient to last the Garrison two Months and send the
Remainder to Capt Johnson at Negapatam

I am
Sir
Your most Obed Humble Servt
/signed/ J. Huddleston
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Dispatches to the Admiral at Trincomale
the Rodney Packet and the Company's Armed Ship
Yarmouth with 572 Barrels of Gun Powder from
the Company's Stores Besides a quantity of that which
was sent on the Lawrestons.

Sent the following Letters by the Rodney

To
Rear Admiral Sir Edwd Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief of His Majestys
Ships
in
India

Sir

We have had the honor to —
receive your letters of the 1st Instant and
are much Obliged by the particular Account
You have been pleased to give us of the Operations
of His Majestys Squadron since it left this
port.

We are happy to express our sense of
the new services rendered by the Squadron to
their Country in the late long and obstinate
engagement when the honor of the British
Flag

Lo Sir Edward Hughes complimenting him on the gallant behaviour of the squadron in the late action, the Rodney and Yarmouth dispatches to him with powder — advising him of Mr Macleod's appointment to Trincomalee & requesting he will furnish him with a sum of money — acquainting him with the operations of the Army, and Coll Humberston — inclosing Copies of letter from Mr Hornby & Lo Cornl Boddewandt

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The Flag was again maintained against the Superior
force in a manner that reflects the highest Credit
on You and all under your Command — We trust the
Enemy tho' their Superiority of numbers and the
sickly condition of several of Your Ships prevented
the Action from being more decisive, are too much
disabled to keep the Sea, and cruise for our Transports
from the Malabar Coast, or effect any thing Close to our
prejudice, before You are again sufficiently Refitted —

Agreeable to Your desire we now
dispatches to You the Rodney Packet, Mr. William
Michell embarks on her as Paymaster of the Garrison
of Trincomalee, and we earnestly Request You will
if in Your power advance him a Sum of Money
/20,000/ Pagodas if possible to pay the Troops there for
which Bills on Europe shall be given to your Order
immediately, on the Rodneys Return she is to
proceed from Trincomalee to Negapatam and we
shall be extremely glad if you can furnish the
Commander with 12,000 Pagodas to be delivered
there to the Order of Mr. Sulivan for which also
Bills on Europe shall be given you in the same
manner

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Your Letter contains the only intelligence we have received of the Enemys Squadron — Sir Eyre Coote with our main Army is now encamped about five Miles to the Southward of the Mount, he has proceeded beyond Chingleput, and returned two days ago to get a fresh supply of Provisions, and as soon as that is effected he intends to advance again towards the Enemy Hyder Ally is encamped at or near Tindevanum, Lepipo Sahib with a considerable force is farther to the Southw.d, and the French are said to be Entrenched on the Red Hills difficulties being still in the way of their junction with Hyder. By a Letter from the Southward we understand that Colonel Humberston has marched to take possession of a Fort 80 Miles from Calicut, that Major Douglas with 300 Europeans and three Company of Sepoys had — Defeated a considerable force of Hyders with great Slaughter and that Colonel Stuart and Boyd were daily expected at Anjingo with the Highlanders of the 42d Regiment — We enclose you copy of a Letter lately received from Mr. Hornby You will

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You will observe he makes no mention of a peace with the Marattes, private Letters however from Bengal give us great hopes of that event soon taking place — We Inclose also Copy of a Letter from the Gov.r General, and Council of Bengal with Extract of a Letter from Sir Eyre Coote containing his answer to us upon the Subject. we have since the receipt of the above mentioned Letter sent 192 Europeans to Bengal a Supply which we could ill Spare, but which the situation of things there rendered absolutely necessary. We have not as Yet received any public advices regarding the Mutinous Spirit which has so unhappily among the Sepoys at Calcutta: but private Letters say it has Subsided. We also dispatch to You the Company's Armed Ship Yarmouth, with all the Gun powder that remains of the quantity taken in the Lauriston and 578 Barrels from our own Stock, The Commander is strictly ordered to damage the whole, should he be in Danger of being taken by an enemy — This Supply is nearly equal to your demand, and we hope our sending You so much out of 1072 Barrels which are the whole we have at present in Store, will convince You that it can never be necessary to insist on any aid & Support that we can possibly afford You our intentions and Yours

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Yours have the same object and motive of public duty and personal Regard equally inclined to cooperate with You for its advancement

We have with great pleasure at the desire of Capt. Carpenter sent Orders to the Commander of the Roamey & Yarmouth to receive on board 120 recovered Seamen and convey them to You at Trincomalee

We inclose Copy of our Letter of the Date to Capt. Bonnevaux and we Request the favor of You to assist him with Your Opinion and advice and to give him any directions that You may judge necessary to forward the public Service

We have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St. George
13 May 1782

Your most Obed.
humble Servants
Macartney
& Select Committee

To Captain Bonnevaux
Commanding at Trincomalee

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 3. May, with its inclosures & the King of Candy &

To Capt. Bonnevaux with Directions for the conduct to be observed with the King of Candy — & during the Stay of M. Thurlow appointed

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Enemy and his subjects behave hostily and Refuse
that assistance which we have desired with offers of
our Friendship & Alliance

We consent to your taking possession
of the 3 districts you mention, if approved by the adms
whom You must previously consult and without whose
participation we think such a measure should not
be adopted. These districts having formerly belonged
to the Dutch afford an additional Plea for our availing
Ourselves of such advantages as they can furnish either
for the safety or Maintainance of Your Garrison.
After this step shall have been taken it will be of
the utmost consequence that the Inhabitants should
receive an early Impression of the mildness and
equity of our Government, and be encouraged to invite
others to come and settle under it. We desire
therefore that You will treat them with the utmost
lenity, and Indulgence, and do them Justice against
all who may attempt to injure or oppress them and
the more to endear them to our persons, and to attach
them to our Government we direct that You
neither exact Yourself, nor suffer others to
exact any customs or duties whatsoever upon

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Fort St. George 10 May 1682.

Any Article of Trade or provisions that they may bring for Sale or otherwise to Trincomale or the Districts abovementioned.

We have appointed Wm Mew Michell Paymaster and Storekeeper at Trincomale and he is to have the Charge and Collection of whatever annual to it.

We have requested Sir Edwd Hughes to advance Wm Michell a Sum of Money for the expence of Your Garrison and we earnestly recommend the utmost economy in the use of it.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Macartney

& Select Committee

Fort St. George
10th May 1682.

P.S. Shee are Shipped in the Yarmouth 1500 Bags of Rice of which Sufficient is to be kept at Trincomale to Cast the Garrison 2 Months and the remainder sent to Negapatam

Sent the following Letter to the Commanders of the Company's Ships in the Road

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To Captains Peaue Maxwell, Elkington Bowcer
Piatt and Atmatom

Of the Honble Companys Ships Blandford.
Hinchinbrook, Nicholas, Chesterfield
Tartar and Lord Mulgrave

Gentlemen

To the Captains of the Indiamen requiring them to make Search on Board their Ships for 8 European Deserters and to deliver them up to the Town major

Eight European Soldiers as described in the accompanying paper having deserted since the Coming of the 12th Instant, and there being great Reason to suppose that they are gone on board the Indiamen or other Ships in the Road I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to require You to cause Search to be made on board Your Respective Ships for the aforesaid Deserters and to deliver up to the Town Major any of them that may be found and I am further directed to inform you that the Select Committee expect from you the strictest obedience to this notice, and are determined to dismiss from the Companys service any Commander that shall be proved to have disregarded it.

I have the honor to be.
Gentlemen

Your most Obt Servt
John Pudleston
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Fort St. George
12 May 1682

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Fort St George 10 May 1682.

Any Article of Trade on provicions that they may bring for Sale or otherwise to Trincomale or the Districts abovementioned.

We have appointed Wm Wear Michell paymaster and Storekeeper at Trincomale and he is to have the Charge and Collection of whatever Revenue may arise from the Lands that are or may be annexed to it.

We have requested Sir Edwd Hughes to advance Wm Michell a Sum of Money for the expences of Your Garrison and the carrying on the Works with the utmost Oeconomy in the use of it.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Macartney

Elected Committee

Fort St George
10th May 1682.

P. Thirsk are Shipped in the Yarmouth 1500 Bags of Rice of which Sufficient is to be kept at Trincomale to Cast the Garrison 2 Months and the remainder sent to Negapatam

Sent the following Letters to the Commanders of the Company's Ships in the Road

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To Captains Peaue Maxwell, Elkington Bowcle
Fiatt and Armistom,

Of the Honble Company Ships Blandford,
Hinchinbrook, Nesbitt, Chesterfield
Tartar and Lord Mulgrave

Gentlemen

To the Captains of the Indiamen regulating them to make Search on Board their Ships for European Deserters and to deliver them up to the Town major

Eight European Soldiers as described in the accompanying paper having deserted since the Evening of the 12th Instant, and there being great Reason to suppose that they are gone on board the Indiamen or other Ships in the Road I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to require You to cause Search to be made on board Your Respective Ships for the aforesaid deserters and to deliver up to the Town Major any of them that may be found and I am further directed to inform you that the Select Committee expect from you the strictest obedience to this notice, and are determined to dismiss from the Company's service any Commander that shall be proved to have disregarded it.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obt. Servt
John Hudleston
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Any Article of Trade or provicions that they may bring for Sale or otherwise to Trincomale or the Districts abovementioned.

We have appointed Mr. Wm Mitchell Paymaster and Store keeper at Trincomale and he is to have the Charge and Collection of whatever Revenue may arise from the Lands that are or may be annexed to it.

We have requested Sir Edwd. Hughes to advance Mr. Mitchell a Sum of Money for the expence of Your Garrison and we earnestly recommend the utmost Economy in the use of it.

We are

Fort St. George
13. May 1682.

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Macartney
Elected Commitee

R. Shrubsall Shipped in the Yarmouth 1500 Bags of Rice of which Sufficient is to be kept at Trincomale to Cast the Garrison 2 Months and the remainder sent to Negapatam

Sent the following Letters to the Commanders of the Companys Ships in the Road

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To Captains Peaue Maxwell, Elkington Bowcer
Piatt and Armstrong

Of the Honble Companys Ships Blandford,
Hinchinbrook, Hertford, Chesterfield
Tartar and Lord Mulgrave

Gentlemen

To the Captains of the Indiamen regarding them to make Search on Board their Ships for 8 European deserters and to deliver them up to the Town major

Eight European Soldiers as described in the accompanying paper having deserted since the Coming of the 12th Instant, and there being great Reason to suppose that they are gone on board the Indiamen or other ffr. Ships in the Road I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to require You to cause Search to be made on board your Respective Ships for the aforesaid deserters and to deliver up to the Town Major any of them that may be found and I am further directed to inform you that the Select Committee expect from you the strictest obedience to this notice, and are determined to dismiss from the Companys service any Commander that shall be proved to have disregarded it.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obt. Servt
John Fredeston
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Port St. George
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Recvd the following Letters.

To John Sumbertson Esqr

Secretary to the Select Committee

Fort St. George.

Sir

From Mr. John Sulivan dispatches an express to Anjengo and Colonel Humberston with the account of the junction of our Fleets.

I had Yesterday the Honor of receiving

Your letter of the 21. Ultimo in Dupt. with Bond from the Select Committee which came inclosed together with two for the President at Anjengo which I immediately Dispatched. The Committee's original letter of the 18th and Dupt. of one from Lord Macartney of the 11th recvd brought to me at the same time the news of the junction of our Fleet the 1st instant & is not arrive here till the 10th I immediately dispatched an express to Anjengo with a letter for the Select Committee at Bombay and Sent the account in Dupt to Col. Humberstone.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed. Hble

Servant

(Signed) John Sulivan

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My Lord.

From Capt. Richardson
desiring the Yarmouth
may return to Madras
and requesting
instructions in case
the admiral should
detain her with the
Fleet

In consequence of your Lordships inti-
-mation that the Honble Companys Ship Yarmouth
under my Command is to proceed to Trincomaley
with provision for the Fleet, I take the liberty of
suggesting to your Lordship, that the Ship had better
return to Fort St. George (as it cannot make a diffe-
-rence of more than three or four Days) in order to
procure intelligence, and grant convoy to such of
the Country trade as may be bound for the Straights
of Malacca more immediately as I am in hopes
of being able to return to Madras, within the
limited period of my instructions, from the
Honble the Governor General and Council of Forth.
William.

But in the Event of the admiral ordering
the Ship to be detained with the Fleet I should be
glad of Your Lordships orders how to act.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships
Very Obedient Servt
(Signed) J. D. Richardson
Capt. Comm. of the Yarmouth

Fort St. George
13th May 1782.

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Sent the following Letters to the Commanders of the Yarmouth and Ranger

To Captain Richardson.

of the Honble Companys Ship Yarmouth.

Sir

To Capt. Richardson directing him to proceed to Trincomalee with Gunpowder and from thence to Negapatam unless the Admiral should require his further Service

You are hereby directed to receive on board your Ship 1000 Barrels of Gunpowder 1500 Bags of Rice or more if you can and 120 Officers and Seamen belonging to his Majestys Squadron you will then proceed with all possible expedition to Trincomalee and deliver the Gunpowder to the Order of Sir Edward Hughes of the Rice you will land such part with the remainder to Negapatam unless Sir Edward Hughes should require you to continue at Trincomalee in which case You will consider Yourself under his Orders when at Negapatam you will take on board (should there be sufficient time) some Timber and Plank Ready to be shipped at that place and any thing else that Capt. Johnston may have to send to Madras, and return hither with

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with the utmost expedition. You will be pleased to accomodate the following Gentlemen with a passage to Negapatam. Viz.t

Wm. Falk

Wm. Muir

Wm. Watherston

& Lieut.t Jordan.

By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

John Hudleston
Sec.y

To Captain Cornet.

Commanding the Rooney Packet

Fort St. George
14. May 1782.

Sir

To Capt.n Cornet directing him to proceed with dispatches to the Admiral and from thence to Negapatam & to land the Men on Board

You are hereby directed to repair on board Your Ship and proceed with all expedition to Trincomalee where you will deliver the accompanying dispatches to Admiral Sir Edward Hughes and wait his answer — having received the admirals Commands You will proceed to Negapatam and deliver the enclosed Letter to Capt.n Johnston with the Men you have received. You will then return to this place unless any extraordinary circumstance should induce Captain Johnston to detain You —

You are to take on board Mr. Mitchell

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and Wm Falk & Lard Hume at Trincomalee or

Negapatam as they may desire

Fort St George
14th May 1782

By Order of the Right Honble the

President & Select Committee

John Hudleston
Secy

Dispatched the following Letters by the Rodney

under the Charge of Wm Falk

To Wm Falk

Sir

To Wm Falk inclosing Copy of a letter to Wm Norris desiring him to forward the accompanying letter

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, to furnish You with a Copy of the accompanying Letter to Wm Norris and to send you the inclosed Letters for Sanjore, Trichinopoly Madura and Pallamcotah which they desire you will forward by the safest hand in the most expeditious manner possible

I am

Sir

Your most Obed. Servt
John Hudleston
Secy

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14th May 1782.

To Wm Stevens Norris

Sir

To Wm Norris inform

I am directed by the Right Honble the

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informing him that the Post of receiver in the Pulicat district ceases by the appointm.t of a new Renter and directing him to deliver over the Cash to Mr Palmer Mr Andrews

The President and Select Committee to inform you that as they have made an arrangement for the Business of the assigned Revenue and appointed a new renter for the Pulicat district the charge you hold in the Absence of Mr Ram ceases of course, and the Select Committee desire you will on receipt hereof deliver over the Cash you may have in hand to the paymaster Mr Palmer should he be absent to Mr Robert Andrews

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
John Hudleston
Sec.y

Fort St. George
14th May 1782

To Mr William Light
Paymaster at Pallamcotah

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copies of a Letter and account received from Capt.n Pidington and to desire an early communication of whatsoever you may wish to offer on the Subject

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Hudleston
Sec.y

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To Mr. Light enclosing Copies of letter and account received from Capt.n Pidington and desiring his answer thereto

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To John Sullivan Esqr.

President at Tanjore

Sir

To Mr. Sullivan will defer the consideration of the offers made by the sons of the Mysore Rajahs confidential servant investing him with the direction of the Companys Business to the southward and directing him to abolish the Office of Paymaster to the Subsidies as unnecessary

Our President has laid before us your Letter to his Lordship of the 20th April.

× Your intelligence from Lieutt of Colonel Humberston having at last begun to act against the Enemy on that side, and of the success of Major Douglas, affords us great satisfaction with regard to the offers made you by the sons of the confidential Servant of the Rajah of Mysore, as you promise a more particular account in a few days we shall defer entering on the subject till its arrival — In the mean while we have great pleasure in assuring You that we entertain a quick sense of your considerate attention to every thing that affords a prospect of advantage to the public Service.

× We have lately been obliged to take the assigned Countries of the Carnatic under our own exclusive management, and controul, and have appointed Renters for the several Districts and resolved on a very considerable reduction of the expences of Collections, and other unnecessary charges which under the Nabobs Government nearly swallowed up the Revenue — we enclose You copies of our Orders

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on this subject to colonel Nixon the Commanding Officer and to Mr. Robert Andrews the acting Paymaster at Sriehimopoly, and as that place is but a short distance from Sanjore if the duties of Station will admit of it we wish you to proceed to Sriehimopoly and hereby empower you to assume the direction of the Company's affairs there as far as regards the business of Revenue & the execution of our Orders on that subject — we enclose copies of Letters to Colonel Nixon and Mr. Andrews informing them of your having invested you with this Authority

As a new arrangement has been adopted respecting the Sanjore Sibbendy and published in General Orders the 4th April, it is no longer necessary that there should be a seperate paymaster for that Corps, and we accordingly direct you to abolish that Office

We are Sir

Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
Macartney
&c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
14th May 1782

To Captain Johnston
Commanding at Negapatam

Sir

I have received your Letters of the 4th and 7th Inst.t — I doubt not but the Enemy's late Sailings

To Capt.n Johnston
advising him that
the Navy will
call at negapatam
on her return from
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President at Tanjore

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We are Sir

Your most Obed.t
Humble Servants
Macartney
&c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
14. May 1782

To Captain Johnston
Commanding at Negapatan

Sir,

I have received your Letters of the 4. and 7.th Inst.t — I doubt not but the Enemys late Success

To Capt.n Johnston advising him that the Bomby will call at Negapatan on her return from Trin

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in

I am enabled with a supply of Rice and that the Admiral has been solicited to furnish him a sum of money

Success on the Tanjore Country encouraged him to entertain hopes of putting off Captain Little's Detachment

his marching into Negapatam was a very prudent measure I am enable such an addition to your Garrison tho' at present scarcity may in a short time add to your difficulties and you may be assured that nothing in my power shall be left undone to assist you

the Rodney and the Yarmouth now sail for Tranquebar and will proceed from thence to Negapatam

The Yarmouth has some Rice on board a part of which she is to deliver to you and I earnestly request to

have

of Sir Edward Hughes to advance Wm Nichol 10,000 Pags to be Delivered at Negapatam to the Orders of Wm Sullivan I am also endeavouring to remit you money by Bills on Negapatam or Tanjore, But as these Supplies are very uncertain I must recommend to you the utmost economy and good management

I approve your having entertained and sent to Tanjore 2 French Surgeons assistants

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obt

humble Servant

Macartney

Fort St. George
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14. Dispatched the following Letters to Sir Eyre Coote -

To Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Dear General -

To Sir Eyre Coote enclosing the report of Serjeant Francis relative to the numbers of the French and the strength and resources in Cuddalore at the time of its capture as much as possible the delivery of the articles wanted for the Army

I have this Moment seen Mr Tollefield who is just arrived from Cuddalore - I desired him to write down such particulars relative to that place as he imagined you might be either desirous or interested to know. I shall transmit them as soon as I receive them -

Inclosed I send you the Answer to a few Questions I asked a Serjeant of Artillery from Cuddalore whilst I wrote this Mr Wilkins is come with the intelligence you ordered him to communicate -

In the Course of the Evening I had heard a vague rumor Vandewash being attacked immediately doubled the Orders for expediting every thing that could forward your Operations

I have the honor to be with great truth and Regard -

Dear General

Your most Obedient humble Servant Macartney

Fort St George
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Questions asked of Serjeant Francis by Lord Macartney May 14 1782 - Relative to Cuddalore

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How many men had you? 100 Topasses. 8 European Artillery, in all 925 Europeans able to do duty. Invalids. Pensioners and others - 562. Topays

How many Barrels of Powder ..... } 233 Barrels in the Magazine - 24 Bills Camp Stores - 15. in Laboratory - the Barrels of Co D: -

How many rounds of shot? Vide Returns -

Was the place in as good order when the French appeared as when Colonel Harper left it? } Much Better

What Provisions? Cant say — some salt provisions belonging to the Camp - - Some Rice -

How many French there do you think? ..... 2000 Landed, not 800 now on the field 250 sick at Newtown. 100. in Cuddalore. 600. Dead - Sick at Pallamcotta 500.

/Signed/ T Francis.

Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Fort St. George May 14th 1782

Dear General

I write this short note to inform you

To Sir Eyre Coote —

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100 Polygars proceed to the Pondore Pollam Capt Hughes on his arrival from Cuddalore. ordered to wait upon him to make his Report hopes the present Exertions to supply the Army with Cash will prove successful

You that your wishes with regard to Nuncatachelum's pollam are fully complied with — 100 Polygars proceed tomorrow morning to that Station, they have a small Gun and are under the Direction of three Steady Black officers — I hope that they will not be cut off, but continue long usefull in the manner you desire —

Capt.n Hughes arrived this morning from Cuddal.r and I immediately directed him to wait upon you at Camp: to make his report & receive your orders — Mr. Sullivan will have informed You of our exertions to supply all your demands, particularly in the Article of Money. I flatter myself we shall at last prove successfull at least in some degree. If we fail it is not our fault, I can venture to say — I have the Honor to be with great truth & Regard —

Dear General

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
Macartney

Mr. Sullivan to assume the management of the Company's Revenue at Trichinopoly

Agreed that Mr Sullivan the President at Tanjore be vested with Power to assume the management of the Company's Affairs at Trichinopoly, as far as relates to Matters of Revenue and our late Orders on that Subject

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Received the following Letters.

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

My Lord.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 12th with the several enclosures for which I Accept my thanks — I have received a similar Dispatch to your own immediately from Capt Cuppage — I rejoice at the success his late endeavors have been crowned with — I am sensible that the Fears the Poligars entertain about coming to Tinnelly's Pollam are not without foundation, but if practicable the prosecuting of a Post of that kind would doubtless be of singular use in facilitating the sending of Grain to Tinnelly but I am confident your Lordship will have used every possible Exertion to procure the Amount of Cash so much wanted with the Army — The Importance of Tinnevelly to us at this Juncture is such as certainly deserves every attention we can pay it. and no doubt would fully vindicate any arrangement we might resolve on for its greater Security The Commanding Officer of Garrison not being on good Terms with those under his Command is by no means an agreeable circumstance, and which

From Sir Eyre Coote
thinks it will be
improper to
remove Captain
Bonnie unless
by his own desire or
at the Instance of the
Admiral who wishes to
have a reserve of
trained Bullocks on
Pendings receive
intelligence that
Pondicherry is invested
and that the Enemy
is marching towards
Vandewash Wintinks
therefore to move
immediately to the
Southward —

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I should be very glad were I removed — but when it occurs to me that Sir Edward Hughes is the Person who not only deserves the most public Confidence but must necessarily have the greatest Intercourse with that Garrison, and is also the person who has so highly commended the Ability and activity of Capt. Bonnevaux I confess that I think any present Idea of Removing him ought to be adopted, lest we might not be fortunate enough to select a Man who will give equal satisfaction to Sir Edw.d — I should scarcely apprehend that in a case of Danger any private animosities would influence men of Honor to Act otherwise than should appear to be consistent with their Reputations as Soldiers and to Testify their Zeal and Regard for the Interests of their King and Country — If Capt. Bonnevaux were to express a desire thro' the Admiral of being Removed from his present Station it would make every thing easy, and relieve us from every difficulty in resolving on a Change — In a Letter which Colonel Owen wrote me last night he acquainted me that by your Lordship told him three or four Thousand untraced Carriage Bullocks could be had in 12. days — There is every reason to wish to have an Aid of this kind in

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Reserved, and to have them rendered fit for service as soon as possible seeing that those now in use are liable to be so much reduced by the Casualties of the Campaign and other accidents.

I have the honor to be with true esteem and Regard

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obd.t humble Servant

Camp Tamaren Near Vendalore 14. May 1782.

(Signed) Eyre Coote

P.S. Intelligence just received from Caringaly confirming my former Accounts of the Attack on Permacoil & of Hyder being about to March against Vandewash — I have therefore ordered every thing to be brought to from the Mount with all possible expedition, & instantly they arrive I shall move to the Southward &c.

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

My Lord —

From Wm. Tillotson containing an acct of the Loss of the Transport

Agreeably to your Lordships Order I shall endeavour to give you every information in my

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Troops with their resources of money Stores &c.

power relative to the French Army since the loss of Cuddalore.

After the place was taken they moved all their sick into the Fort, but it proved so unhealthy as they lost sometimes 10, & 12. of a Day / that they were obliged after a Week to remove the Hospitals to New Town, from this time till the time of their departure to Killanore, they lost about 5. every day.

All their boats have been constantly employed in bringing their Stores from Porto Novo to Cuddalore as well as the sick / About 200 / that were left in Porto Novo — Large Guns and Mortars were brought by Land, and in general they took about 25. Yoke of Oxen to each.

I believe they have carried from 20. to 25. field pieces / mostly 6. Pounders / with their Carrs. Five or Six 24 pound Guns & seven or twelve Eighteen Pounders with three Mortars and two field Forges mounted on large Carriages are left at the Factory House in Cuddalore together with 37. or 800. Shells, mostly very large & a quantity of Shott. sorted in Rows which almost occupy the whole of the Ground extending from the South face of the Factory to the late M.r Huttemans House and from the Road or Street in front of the Factory

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Factory to the Sea Line — in the Churchyard

Converted into a Powder Magazine they have lodged

as near as I can conjecture 3000. Barrels of Powder

they say all their Stores are now arrived from Porto —

Novo and Chillembrum tho' there were Boats

coming three days ago with Shot & Shells & Powder.

M.r Duchemin and most of the French

Officers declared they landed 2500. Europeans — that

they left about 150 Sick Soldiers at Porto Novo — that

they lost 100. in the March to Cuddalore & 150 during

their Stay at Cuddalore —

They left about 200 Sick behind them

at New Town where they now remain — from these

Accounts I should imagine they has about 1800, Effectives

when they left New Town — but it is said at Cuddalore

they had suffered greatly by Sickness at Pedlamore

from whence Capt.n Gee informed me they were to

march towards Permacoil on Saturday last and act

in Concert with Hyders Troops Against that Fort

The Garrison of Cuddalore consists

now of 2 Companys of Sepoys 140 or 80. Sailors &

about that Number of Coffries & 10. French Officers —

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Hyder supplies the French with Beef, Rice, Mutton and Ghee, but they have not any quantity in store, he supplies them with good draft and Carriage Bullocks — But they are obliged to buy all their Horses —

The best part of their Army is a Battalion of the Regiment of Asturias commanded by the Count de Flers — they have five Generals including Mons.r Duchemin — the uniform of the above Corps is white of the Bourbon Volunteers Blue —

Their Army was paid the beginning of May in Dollars — but I believe they will be very short of money if their Squadron does not appear, as they say their Treasure is at Ceylon —

The Dutch are to pay all the expence of the Squadron that Sailed from France under Mons.r Suffrain all the Officers of the Regiment of Asturias say they dislike the Service and think if Mons.r Suffrein arrives soon, it is probable they will embark for Ceylon Das they blame in general Mons.r Bevern for advising them to come to the Coast it seems not to have been a Plan laid in Europe —

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but to have been done in Consequence of the promises and Offers made them by Hyder.

They have not yet hoisted their Colours in Pondicherry, Considering it at present as belonging to the English.

I hope your Lordship will pardon the want of method and Order in the above Account; I have set down in haste such particulars as occured, but should there be any Mistakes, I believe they will not be very material as excepting the Number of their Troops, I was a Witness of most of the other Circumstances.

I have the honor to be most respectfully,

My Lord,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

E. W. Fallofield

Cuddalore
15th May 1782.

The Yarmouth and Rodney not having yet Sailed for Trincomalee, the following Letters are sent on Board the Rodney.

To the Honble Basil Cochrane

Sir

Enclosed I send you a bill drawn by

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To W. Cochrane

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enclosing a Bill on the Gomastah of Buckingee Cause Dose for 5000 Pags

Buckingee Causee Dose on his Gomastah at Tranquebar for 5000 Pagodas, payable to You, twenty one days after sight Dated April 28. 1782

I am

Sir

Your most Obed. Servant

Macartney

Fort St. George
15. May 1782

To John Sullivan Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir

To Mr. John Sullivan enclosing Bills to the amount of 5000 Pags on Putchapah and on the Gomastah of Buckingee Causee Dose.

I have the honor to inclose you triplicate of a Bill drawn by Buckingee Causee Dose on his Gomastah at Tanjore for 5000 Pagodas, payable to you thirty one days after sight, dated 28. April 1782.

another Bill drawn by Narrain Pillay on Putchapah at Tanjore for 2000. Pagodas payable to you, six days after sight, dated 28. April 1782.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed. Servant

Macartney

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To Lieut. Colonel Nixon
Commanding to the Southward.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to empower Mr. Sullivan the Resident at Tanjore, to proceed to Trichinopoly and assume the direction of the Company's Affairs there, so far as Regards the Business of Revenue, and the Select Committee doubt not but you will Zealously and chearfully cooperate with him for the advancement of the publick Service

I have the honor to be.

Sir

Your most Obedient humble
Servant
John Hudleston Jun.r

Lt Colo.l Nixon advising him of Mr. Sullivans appointment to the management of the Company's Revenue at Trichinopoly and desiring he will Zealously Cooperate with him.

Fort St. George
15th May 1782.

To Mr. Robert Andrews
at Trichinopoly

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have

L.r to Mr. Andrews on the same Subject and desiring him to attend to all instructions received from the Southward.

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have been pleased to impower Mr Sulivan the President at Sanjore to proceed to Trichinopoly, and assume the direction of the Companys Affairs there, so far as regards the business of Revenue, and the execution of the Orders that are now sent to you upon that Subject, and the Select Committee desire, you will give Mr Sulivan every assistance in your Power and attend to whatsoever Instructions he may think proper to give You.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

John Hudleston Jun.

Fort St George
15. May 1682.

Sent the following Letter to Captain Richardson

To Captain Richardson.
of the Yarmouth.

To Capt. Richardson, directing him to destroy the Powder on Board his Ship in case he should be attacked by the Enemy.

It being of the utmost consequence to prevent the powder falling into the hands of the Enemy. The Select Committee desire you will make such prepa-ration and be in constant readiness, in case of being attacked and that you find you cannot escape being taken, to damage the powder so effectually, as to render it unserviceable, your own Judgment, and the Part or Parts of the Ship in which you stow the power, will best direct you in the means of destroying or rendering it unfit for Service, in case the circumstance

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circumstance abovementioned should make it
necessary.

I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant.
John Hudleston Jun.r

Fort St. George
15 May 1782.

Sent the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote.

Sir Eyre Coote

Dear General

I am to thank you for your letter
of the 11th. Instant and entirely agree with you as to
the delicacy to be observed towards Sir Edward Hughes,
respecting Captain Bonnevaux. My Desire was by no
means that the least change should take place
unless it were more agreeable to Sir Edward, than the
present arrangement. One of the grounds for my
mentioning it was a Report that Sir Edward was not
now quite satisfied with the Captain, but I confess to
you I build very little on these vague informations,
& therefore have in my private Letter to the Admiral
Asked him how that matter stood. The Sumbril went off
late last night with all the Money that we could possibly
collect. When you know the various difficulties which
we

To Sir Eyre Coote
agree with the
General in his
sentiments respecting
Capt.n Bonnevaux
advising him that
Pagoda had been sent
to Camp.n on the subject
of the Nabobs assignment
and of schemes for
raising Money
Cautions owing to
provide the Reserve
of Bullocks wanted
by the General, and
desiring his sentiments
respecting the destination
of the Waterfield

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we encountered you will be as much astonished as I confess myself to be.

I have only to regret that neither your private Credit nor mine could enable us to make up the deficiency which we wished to supply. Now Indeed I feel the justice of the Bengal Government's censure of our delicacy to the Nabob, for if the strong line had been taken earlier, we should have got the little revenue of the Country which the Enemy & the Ameer or his Servants had left in it — From the papers which I shewed you, you are no Stranger to the tricks that had been played in order to cheat the Company and Defeat the Assignments; but I trust that the due execution of the Instructions from Bengal relative to this Business and which we shall endeavour to carry thro' to the best of our power, will Remedy the Evil for the future, & ultimately prove the Salvation of the Company, the Creditors and the Nabob himself.

Every nerve has been strained as the whole world can witness, and every nerve shall be strained to provide resources for your Demands, but after what I have seen within these three or four days, I own I am a good deal staggered, If however we should meet with any decisive Success, I think our Credit

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Credit would revive, but at this moment I think no operation of finance or schemes of Money lenders would procure much, but on the contrary leave the patient still weaker than before. I have heard the projects of money Revenue Quacks here but I always found that there was no certain advantage to be depended on from any of them and the Basis of them all was that the projector, instead of the Company should be the Treasurer for what have all the Bengal Schemes for raising Money what have been sent to us produced either there or here not a single Rupee. I hope we shall do well yet. In what I said to Colonel Owen relative to the Bullocks. My meaning was this that I knew where Bullocks might be collected in less than a fortnight, but to do it, the Country must be pretty clear, and we must have 2 or 3 Companys of Sepoys to escort them. This may be done if You desire it, when the Supernumeraries arrive, but when we have got the Bullocks here, we have no means of feeding them — the Country about Madras is all a barren Sand, and the expence of Grain is enormous. I understand from Mr. Roy that the Army will now take all the spare Bullocks he had

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had, so that we must begin again to procure anew
Stock, I shall give directions accordingly — In
short you may be truly convinced that tho' there
will be delays & disappointments sometimes in every
service, this branch as far as I am a judge, is —
managed with uncommon Spirit and abitity. And
if all others were as Zealous and careful as Mr Rose
You would not be teized and interrupted with so many
Complaints at times when your attention is more
importantly engaged.

I wish to know your Ideas about the
Chesterfield, If your Idea be to proceed far to the Southward
I think it would be advisable that she should take a
windward Station, so as to be able to join you at any
place on the Coast — when you required her — We have
no Garrison nearer than Negapatam, but from Negap.m
a Vessel can come always along the Coast at this Season, to
any given place within a certain Number of hours.
I should therefore think the best way would be to —
Order the Chesterfield Some of the Schooners to take on
Board what Rice Stores &c. You are likely to want and
remain at Negapatam for your farther Orders which you
may send by Hircarrahs or other good Conveyance. The
other Schooner may remain here to be employed as you
may

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may have otherwise occasion for her — I wish much to have your precise opinion and direction upon this and every other point where you think we can assist You. I shall probably be able to write to you again ..... upon some other points tomorrow but at present I feel very much out of Order. — I am with all esteem & Regard

Dear General

Your most Obedient humble Servant Macartney.

Fort St. George
16 May 1782

The Committee having perused the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue of the 13 & 14 Inst., as lodged in the Office — The following Letter is dispatched to them —

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having perused your Minutes of the 13th & 14th Inst. directed me to signify to you their approbation of them, and of the measures you have recommended with respect to the Dapoy Bussy buoys, the Select Committee observe, It appears that at any Rate it must

Committee of Assigned Revenue their minutes of 13th Instant approved of the sentiments of the Board on the Dapoy Bussy buoys

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must be to the prejudice of the Nabob & the Company, for if subsequent, as is pretended to the Commencement of the War and previous to the Assignment of the 2 Dec. 1782, it is clearly so much Revenue cut off from the General publick service for the profit of an Individual, who has not enjoyed it for Several Years before — If subsequent to the Assignment, as there is Reason to suspect — It was evidently meant to defeat the Nabobs own Engagements. In any light that it can be considered, It seems very improper to Allow it at present — but the Claims of the Dejoey People may be Heard hereafter, and their grievances, if any there be, will meet with Redress.

I have the honor to be.

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t

humble Servt.

John Huddleston Jun.r

Fort St. George
15th May 1782

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This day in the afternoon arrived his Majestys Ship San Carlos with three Armed Transports, having on Board Colonels Horn and Ross. Major Douglas and Captain Kelsall with the Men of the 98th Regiment.

The San Carlos &c.a arrive with Colonels Horne and Ross, and part of the 98th Regiment

Received by the San Carlos the following Letters and Inclosures from the Select Committee of Bombay — and Chief and Factors of Tellicherry —

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To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney

President and Governor &c. Members of the

Select Committee

at

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Tellicherry Transports arrive there Army Command in a few days to attack Callicut.

I enclosed am to triplicate your address of the 9th Ultimo and Duplicate of our last.

Yesterday imported here his Majesty's Armed Ship Pondicherry, Capt. Samuel Graves from Bombay — and this morning the Carlos Commanded by Comodore Smith & other Armed Ships and two Ordenance Store Ships who now all proceed to join the admiral

Our Army here have been hitherto prevented from Marching to the Southward, owing to the collection of Pepper in the neighbouring districts which it was necessary they should protect, but will now proceed in a Day or two for the Reduction of Callicut.

We remain with the greatest Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t

humble Servants

Wm. Fullerton

M. Scott

Signed { J. B. Scott

Tellecherry 4th July 1782.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Bombay—
four Indiamen
arrive there Calicut
taken by Major
Abington

We have the pleasure to acquaint
You that the Ships Locko, Latham, Asia
& Osterly, arrived here the 4th Instant

The San Carlos & Transports on
advice of the departure of a French Fleet from
the Mauritius returned from Anjengo to
Calicut, which place has been taken by the Troops
under Major Abington with a part of Hyders
Fleet — We have advised Captain Smith to return
with the Troops & Transports to Bombay — General
Goddard has received advice from Mr. Holland of the
French Fleet being actually arrived on your Coast.

We are
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Wm. Hornby
D. Draper
Thos. Goddard

Bombay
6th March 1782.

[Signed]

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Bombay
is hopes of being able
to attack Hyders
possessions on the
breaking up of the
monsoon their
number of Europeans
sufficient with Account
of Cash &c. &c. &c.
advanced to Col. Boon
& Nop &c.

On the 29. Ultimo we had the Honor to receive the Letter from your Lordships &c. &c. dated the 5th Febry with the Dispatches from Bengal of the 2d December.

Our last Letter dated the 1st Ultimo has already been forwarded by several Routes and as the Transcript is now enclosed. We also acquainted You on the 27th January by his Majesty Ship Sandwich, which then proceeded with an Intention to join the Admiral, having the Troops and Stores under Convoy, but at Anjengo receiving intelligence of the French Fleet Captain Smith judged it best to return with the Ships to Bombay, and Colonel Humberston landed the Troops at Calicut where lately received by Major Abington.

Colonel Humberston proposed to us from Calicut to employ the Detachment under his Command in conjunction with the Company's Force

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Forces in an expedition against Mangulore &c &c.

His Letter arrived at Bombay the 12th of March when it was too late in the Season to think of undertaking an Expedition upon this Coast as by the time the necessary preparations could be made & the Ships and Troops from Bombay & Calicut brought to the Scene of Action the Monsoon would be very near setting in. The last Expedition against Mangulore left Bombay the 27th of February which was judged very late in the Season.

There were besides other unsurmountable Objections to our engaging in an Expedition at this time, tho' we had the most earnest desire to take Advantage of this accidental Reinforcement to distress the common Enemy — We could neither furnish Money, Provisions or many other necessary Articles at two short a Notice, & we are still upon an uncertain Footing with the Marattas, no Treaty being concluded with them, & Mr. Anderson not having even got beyond Scindia on his Journey to Poonah.

We trust that a Peace with the Marattas & a Recall from Bengal will remove these Objections, and that We shall be able early in the

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Season to make a vigorous Attack against the Dom-
-inions of Hyder Ally on this Coast — In the mean
time we have recommended to Colonel Humberston if
possible to effect a Junction with the Madras Troops,
as a considerable part of the Season is still left for
Action on your Coast: & for your more full Inform.n
-tion We beg leave to Refer Your Lordship & the
Committee to the Copies of the Letters We have
written to him —

If We had been at liberty that the
expected Reinforcements were arrived at Madras, it
might perhaps have been more eligible for the
Kings Troops to have remained on this Coast for
Service after the Monsoon, but as matters are circum
-stanced, and as they may be usefully employed on
Your Coast for some months We did not venture
to make such Requisition to the Colonel — You must
be sensible We shall require a considerable Body of
Europeans more than our Establishment can furnish
for the Attack of Hyders Possessions. The Total of
Infantry Fank & File on our General Return including
Sick & all Detachments amounting only to 730 Rank
& File
withstanding the Number We have gained by
Transfer from Colonel Browne's Battalion, to which We
have since added about one hundred Recruits intended for

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Your Presidency, received by the Locko, Latham, Asia and Osterley

We shall take into early consideration the Arrangements necessary to be made for an Attack upon Hyder's Possessions, so far as the Concert & Assistance of the other Presidencies are requisite, and send timely Advice to Your Lordship &c.a & the Governor General & Council. At present We can only acquaint you as beforementioned that We shall require an additional Body of Europeans, which as the Reinforcements from England are directed to your Presidency, We trust you will be able to furnish, & that the Squadron will probably afford a conveyance for bringing them round.

In the meantime We shall not impair our Force by prosecuting further Operations in the Malabar Country, which in other Respects We do not think would be attended with adequate advantage, & that your Lordship &c.a may be fully acquainted with our Ideas on this Subject, We inclose Copies of our late Orders to Major Abingdon

We hope the advice from Captain Watherstone of his Recall from Poonah and of the Cause thereof have reached you, and will prevent any Alarm upon Rec.t of this Measure, in the propriety

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which We have since been confirmed by Instructions from the Governor General and Council.

The four Indiamen will remain here till from Intelligence We judge they can proceed with more Safety; as it is much too early for them to pursue their Voyage to China. The Lattham is in such a bad Condition that there is a Necessity for taking out her Cargo which Day will as those of the other Ships are not considerable.

We send by the Sampford two Boxes containing the Private Letters received from those Ships, and have also the Honor to inclose one of the Letter Packets.

We likewise inclose a Packet for the Honble the Governor General and Council containing Copies of the present Dispatch, and Accounts of Money advanced here to Colonel Storre and Majr Hartley Gunter mun, for which they are to account at your Presidency.

We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedt.

humble Servants.

Wm. Hornby

D. Draper

Tho. Goddard.

(signed)

Bombay Castle.
6th April 1782.

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List of the Packets to the Right Honble
Lord Macartney and the Select Committee,
at Fort St. George, by his Majesty's Ship
Sanfarlow

1 Letter dated this day -
2 Ditto dated the 6th Ultimo
3 Copy Letters to Colonel Stumberstone dated the 23d
31st Ultimo
4 Ditto Ditto to Major Abington Do. Do
5 Account advances made to Colonels Horne and Ross.
6 Ditto to the Officers and Cadets for Madras -
7 Company's General Letters to the Presidency -
8 of Fort St. George dated the 2d Dy. February 1781.
9 Two Packets received the 24th Inst. last
10 from Fort Marlboro

Bombay Castle
6 April 1782.

Packet No. Bengal No 11.

Sd. Batley
Dy Sec.y

N.B. The Packets received by the Locke, Asia, & Osterly
will be forwarded when those Ships sail, as will the
remaining Numbers in the Packet to Latham

Select Committee

To
Colonel Fr. Mackenzie Stumberston.
Commanding a Detachment of His Majestys Troops
in

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Lord St. George May 1782.

Sir

We have had the pleasure to receive your Letter dated the 22nd. Ultimo

We regret most sensibly that our Situation and Circumstances together with the shortness of the Time now left for Action will not permit us to unite with You in an Attack against the Enemy's Possessions on this Coast — We feel a just Impression of the Zeal and Regard for the Public Service which dictated your Proposal, but the objections which lay against undertaking a distant Expedition, hazarding the Ships & Troops so near the approach of the Monsoon, are of so unsurmountable a Nature that they must prevail with us to relinquish for this Season every Thought of an Attack against the Enemy's Possessions on the Malabar Coast.

As there will be no Service at present on this Coast for His Majesty's Troops, We cannot but very much approve of your Resolution of using every possible Effort to reach Madras, where their Service may be very material. We are sorry that it is not in our power to give you precise and distinct Information respecting the Fleets on the Coast of Coromandel, but We think it not improbable the French

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French Fleet may leave the Coast towards the
end of this Month on account of what is termed the
little Monsoon, which would present a favorable
opportunity for your prosecuting the Voyage. — Before
the Ships proceed to Calicut We may perhaps have
later and more certain advices, but if from circum-
stances & Intelligence You should not judge it
prudent to proceed round Ceylone, it will only then
remain for You to make Option either of landing
the Detachment at Anjengo & joining the Madras
Troops in the Southern Districts, or of returning to
Bombay to wait for a more favorable Opportunity.

We have the pleasure to inclose a
Copy of the Hon^ble Company's Orders respecting the
Allowances to His Majesty's Troops sent to us at the
time Lord M^c Cleod's Regiment came out, which are
the latest Orders we have received.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed^t humble Serv^ts

Bombay Castle
23 March 1782

P.S. In case you should resolve upon landing
the Troops at Anjengo, We beg leave to recommend to
You to send immediate Notice to M^r Shuldham —
whom we have directed on receipt of such notice to
settle measures with the King of Travancore for the

Passage

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No 16.

Passage of the Troops thro' his Country & to give the
necessary Advice of Your Intentions to the Commander
of the Madras Forces in the Southern Districts

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 1st
Instant, We have already in our Letter of the 29th
Instant made you acquainted with Our Determi-
nation on your Proposal communicated in your
Letter of the 19th Ultimo, and that unsurmount-
able Difficulties opposed our undertaking any
Expedition on the Coast this Season. We entirely
agree with you that an Attempt against Mangalore is
preferable to either of the other Plans proposed, &
are so well convinced of the Importance of that
Object, & that it is from that Quarter alone that Hyder
can be effectually annoyed, that We have determined to
desist from all inferior Attempts & to collect our Force at
Bombay for that important undertaking.

We have accordingly given Directions
to Major Abington not to prosecute further Oper-
ations in the Malabar Country, to relinquish
Calicut, & to return the Troops to the Presidency.

We have now only to recommend
You will perform a Junction with the Madras Troops as
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early as possible and in Preference by the Route of Anjingo, as the late Defeat of Colonel Brathwaite's Detachment may render the Service of the Force under your Command very Material on the Southern Countries, & this Route will be attended with less Hazard than carrying the Troops by Sea, unless Admiral Hughes shall have obtained some very decisive advantage.

We have the honor to transmit three Papers which contain the latest intelligence We possess of the State of Affairs on the Coast of Coromandel, and may be of use to You in forming your Determination respecting the mode of effecting the desired Junction. These Papers were received by the way of Anjingo, and We may therefore hope You will obtain later intelligence there. General Coote & the Army were near Madras the 5th February.

We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Bombay Castle
31st March 1782.

True Copies

Copied Thomas Fleming.

Sd. Hatton
Dy Secy

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To Major William Abington

Sir

We have now given full consider-
-ation to your Letter of the 21st Ultimo and shall
acquaint you with our determination
We cannot reconcile in your proposal
for keeping possession of Calicut, and establishing our-
-selves in that Country, as such Conduct would not
be consistent with Our professions and the Princi-
-ples we have avowed, and by alarming and dis-
-gusting the Country Powers when they saw that we
only rescued their Countries from Usurpation,
to annex them to the Company's Dominions would
add them to the Number of our Enimies — Nor are
your proposal avoiding more immediately from attention to our
possible Operations against ourselves.
and circumstances, we have our own Defence to attend to,
which would be too much weakened by sending the
Reinforcement you desire. The Monsoon is approaching
which would make it imprudent to detach our Troops
to a Station from whence we could not recall them if
we should want their Services, Instead of depa-
-rating we judge it proper to collect our Forces,
if we should find ourselves in a Condition to undertake
distant Operations, it is our intention to pursue
more

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more decisive and effectual measures against Hyder, than attacking his Malabar Acquisitions
We have ample reason to be satisfied with the
Success which you have already met with, which
has much exceeded our most sanguine Expectations,
& do not think that enlarging our views in the
Malabar Country, or making that the Scene of
action can produce advantages equal to the hazard
& Expence, much less such solid Extensive advan-
-tages as may be derived from the Exertions of our
Troops in another Quarter.

We now signify to Coll. Humberston,
that it is too late in the Season for us to unite
with him in an Attack against the Enemy's
Possessions, and we conclude he will proceed to
Madras as soon as the Transports arrive at
Calicut.

It therefore only remains for us to
give Directions for Your Conduct, You will now
sufficiently understand our views and intentions,
which Are shortly are not to engage in Measures of
any extent, or magnitude in the Malabar Country;
but to collect and preserve our Forces in readiness
for a more important undertaking — To draw what
present

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present advantage we can from the acquisition
of Callicut, in Supplies of Timber, Naval Stores, or
other Articles, & thereto relinquish the Place, and
withdraw the Troops to Bombay, when we shall
have full reason to be satisfied with the success
of the Expedition.

We accordingly direct that you
place the Samorine in possession of Callicut if you
judge he is in any condition to maintain it, leaving
in the Fort such Articles as are necessary for
Defence, endeavouring at the same time to give him,
and the other Country Powers, a due Impression of
the Justice and equity of your proceedings — But
if you shall judge the Samorine cannot maintain,
and that Dyer should have a force in the Country
sufficient to regain it, we then direct that you
withdraw the Artillery and Stores and demolish
the Fortifications as far as you may be able, after
removing the several Articles above mentioned.

If the countenance and assistance
of Shipping will be necessary in the execution of
these Orders, we shall shortly dispatch the Royal
Admiral Neptune, and on their return you
are to embark on Board of them, and such of the
Officers

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Cruizers as we may send, the whole of the Detachment sent down in December last, and to return Your-self to resume your Command at Tellecherry.

We enclose a Duplicate of our last Letter of the 16th Instant and are

Bombay Castle
23d March 1782.

Your loving Friends
(signed) William Hornby
& Select Committee.

True Copies,
Jno Hatley Sec.

Sir,

We have received your Letters of the 28th Ultimo and 1st Inst. The evident proofs you have given us of the total inability and Backwardness of the Malabar Powers to reestablish or maintain themselves in possession of their former Dominions after the Decisive blows you have struck in their favour, so far from convincing us of the Necessity of reinforcing the Detachment under your Command as you propose, confirm us in the propriety and Wisdom of our Resolution not to prosecute further operations in the Malabar Country, but to remain satisfied with the Success we have met with in that Quarter, as we plainly perceive that the Company must bear the Expence & Burthen of any further Exertions in favor of the Malabar Princes, and are clearly of opinion that such Exertions can produce, neither adequate

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adequate advantage to the Company, injoy to Steyer,
or have any very material influence on the operati-
-ons and Event of the War, which must be the
Chief and Leading Object of all our Measures—
We have therefore Resolved to adhere to
the Directions contained in our Letter of the 2d.
Instant, which are hereby confirmed—

We are

Your Loving Friends

Bombay Castle
21st March 1782—

Signed ——— Will.m Hornby
&c.a Select Committee
Jas Mattey
Dep.y Sec.y

Two Copies—

Bombay to Fort St. George

Bombay 4th April 1782.

Account of Allowances made to the Passengers
for Fort St. George Viz.t

1782			
March 21st	To Colonel Matthews Hornd 1000 Pagodas	3500	—
Do. 30.	To Colonel Patrick Ross 500 Ditto	1750	—
April 4.	To Colonel Matthew Hornd 500 Ditto	1750	—
		7000	—

Rupees

Robert Taylor
Sub Treas.r

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A List of Three Months Pay advanced to the Officers and Cadets for Madras Vizt.

1	First Lt. of Artillery Daniel Hendley		260	1 —
1	Ens. of Engineer Wm. Collins Tyson	180 —		
2	Ens. Gabriel Doveton	180 —	360	— —
1	David Blair, Cadets	90 —		
2	John Butler	90 —		
3.	L. J. Lonblanque	90 —		
4	Richard Hall Freer	90 —		
5.	William George Palmer	90 —		
6.	Robert Wm. Grant	90 —		
7.	James Jones	90 —		
8	Alex.r Maitland	90 —		
9.	David Kirkbride	90 —		
10.	Thomas Gellum	90 —		
11.	William T. French	90 —		
12.	Poole Wickman Vesey	90 —		
13.	William Hamilton	90 —		
14	Thomas Green	90 —		
15.	John Norris	90 —		
16.	William White	90 —		
17.	James Balfour	90 —		
18	Francis Pagle	90 —	1620	— —
			2240	1 — —

Rupees

Bombay 5th April 1782

E.o Robert Sparks

Military Paymr.

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The Account of advances to Colonels Horne and Ross and of three Months pay advanced the Majors Officers and Cadets entered in M. B. No. —

Dispatched the following letters to Wm Holland — that to Bombay open for his perusal

John Holland, Esqr.

Sir

Captain Smith Commanding his Majesty's Ship San Carlos with 3 Transports arrived here this afternoon and in consequence of the Information he has given us the Committee have written the enclosed Letter to Bombay, which I send open for your perusal, and beg you will lose no time in forwarding it by the quickest Route together with Copy of Sir Edward Hughes Letter of the 1st May, which was sent to you a few days since. I have received your Letter of the 30th Ultimo with its enclosures — our situation is certainly critical, but I trust we shall yet do well. Yet were undoubtedly to be wished that all our expected Succours should be added to the main Army before we attack Hyder reinforced by 2000 french Troops — but on the other hand we have not the means of maintaining the Army much longer in the field

To Wm Holland — Transports arrive from Bombay forwarding Letter for that Presidency — the state of the War in the Carnatic, Sir Eyre Coote invested with the intire management of it — to temporize etc. Etisham Jung.

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nor any prospect of procuring them — immediate action therefore seems all that is in our choice; but were the case otherwise, this Government has no voice or Influence in the conduct of the War, or any Military measures.

The Government of Bengal having invested Sir Eyre Coote, not only with the entire and unparticipated command of the Army but trusted him with a general implicit discretion for such other acts as do not fall within the descriptive line of Military Command, but which may contribute to the success of its operations.

In consequence of what you have said of the present conduct and language of the Nizam it is become more advisable to keep a door open for Negotiation with the Chief of Sunp, and I shall pursue the advice which you have given relative to that purpose, and convey to him such information as will, I hope induce him to keep himself disengaged till we hear from Bengal upon his subject which I expect very soon,

having

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16 having written thither for Instructions many
weeks since

I have the honor to be -

Sirs

Your most Obed. Servant

Macartney

of S. Committee.

Fort St. George
16. May - 1782 -

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.

President &c. Members of the
Select Committee of Bombay -

Honble Sirs -

Captain Smith of his Majesty's

Ship San Carlos arrived here this afternoon

with 8 Transports having on board 180 Men of the 98th

Regiment, and delivered to us your Letter of the 6th Inst.

with its enclosures, which were found to agree with

the List of the Packets -

Captain Smith made the Coast of

Ceylon on the 10th Inst. he saw the whole French

Squadron at anchor about 20 Leagues to the Southward

of Trincomalee, they immediately got under way

and pursued him, but fortunately the Night coming

on, he changed his course and proceeded in safety to

this place with 5 of the Transports. The Porpoise stood

To Bombay Transports
arrive from thence -
to be dispatched to
Trincomalee with
Stores & Provisions
of the intended Expedition
against Mangalore.
Unable to furnish
Europeans - enclosing
List of the Packets &
Ships Names

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Store Ship separated from them according to Instruc-
tions, but Captain Smith is of opinion she is in no
Danger and she is expected every moment. —

We have desired Mr Holland to forward
to you a copy of Sir Edward Hughes's letter to us, giving
an Account of his action with the French Squadron on
the 12th Ultimo. — as it appears that notwithstanding
the severe loss they must have sustained, they still
keep the Sea - we are extremely glad to find it was
your intention to detain the Indiamen until you
should have received further intelligence of the fleets.
It being of the utmost consequence that the Admiral
should be equipped as soon and that as little should
be left to risk as possible, we have determined to
distribute on board the San Carlos and the Transports
1000 Barrels of Gun Powder, and 120 Recovered Seamen
which had been embarked on the Romney and Yarmouth;
they will accordingly sail the Day after tomorrow for
Trincomallee, and we hope arrive there in a few days
as they are all coppered and good Sailers, having
consulted on the Subject with Captain Smith this
arrangement appeared to be the best that could be
made at this Juncture. The addition of men to the

Admirals

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Admirals force will be very considerable, notless than 2500 together with the recovered men above-mentioned, and the Bednore Corps which amount to upwards of 1500: with this assistance we trust Sir Edward Hughes will shortly be in a condition to attack the Enemy again and bring them to a decisive Action.

We observe with great pleasure your intention to undertake an expedition against Mangalore, and to attack Hyder Ally vigorously on that side of his dominions for we think nothing will so effectually put an end to the War or at least draw Hyder from the Carnatic - but we are very apprehensive it will not be possible to furnish you with the addition you require to your European force. Our own European Corps are much reduced, and as the French have probably before this time joined Hyder with near 2000 men and a train of Artillery; if the contest is to be decided in the Carnatic Sir Eyre Coote will be glad to have every European that can be added to his Army — he is now encamped about 5 miles to the southward of the Mount, and intends to march tomorrow morning to take a position

with.

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nearer to the Enemy who are now besieging Wandewash
and Permacoil.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Macartney

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P.S.

List of Sir Edward Hughes's Squadron.

Superb — Monmouth, Monarca,
Hero, Burford, Worcester, Exeter, Eagle,
Magnanime, Sultan, Isis, Sea Horse
and Cumberland —

1 Ship Carlos
3 Coppered Transports
Porpoise Store Ship

List of French Squadron — Hero, L'Orient, Sphynx, Brilliant, Hannibal,
Artesian, Severe, Vizanne, Ajax, Flamand, Hannibal, Le Vengeur
Souverain, Consolant, Le Fine, Bellona, Subtile.

Sent the following letter to Sir Eyre Coote —

Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Dear General

About two hours ago Captain
Smith commanding his Majestys Ship the Dan
Carlos with three armed Transports having on board
Capt. Kelsal commanding the remainder of the 98

Regt.

Sir Eyre Coote
Transports arrived from
Bombay — the body the
Bengal fleet off Ceylon —
to sail in a day or two for
Trincomalee with
Troops and Stores and 500 new Colls
on board and Nepean with
Party of 98th Regt arrive

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16 Regiment consisting of 140 Men arrived here. Having made the Friars head on the Island of Ceylon, they saw the whole french Squadron at Anchor about 20 Leagues to the Southward of Trincomalee, which immediately got under way & pursued them, but fortunately the night coming on, they changed their course, & proceeded in safety to this place. The Porpoise Store Ship separated from them according to Instructions, but in the opinion of Captain Smith, is in no Danger. She is expected every moment, & by Jobs is just now in sight which is probably her. As it is of the utmost moment to equip the admiral as soon, and to leave as little to risk as possible, we have thought it best to send the Rodney and Yarmouth, the latter of whom which has on board Capt. Smith & the Transports & distribute it on board Capt. Smith & the Transports in Order to proceed the Day after tomorrow for Jaffanapatam, where they probably will be able to arrive in a few days being all prepared, & in general good sailors besides being secure against any Frigates of the Enemy which may be cruizing in that Neighbourhood, the Rodney will accompany them & go ahead to look out

Having consulted with Captain Smith upon all these points

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points. This arrangement seems to be the best
that could be made at this juncture - The addition
of Men to the admirals force will be very compleable,
not less than 350 Men, together with the recovered
men of the Hospitals, The Merchant crew, which will
amount to 150 More Sepwards - Colonel Horne &c.
Rfs are arrived in the Sanfarloo and will undoubtedly
write to you tonight. We propose tomorrow to land the
Men of the 98. Regiment, they are pretty healthy,
having only lost one Man on the Passage from Bombay.
Captain Smith says that he saw three large Ships
in Trangquebar Roads which all hoisted Dutch
Colors, but he rather takes them to be Indiamen than
regular Ships of War -

Herewith I send you Copies of the Bombay
Letters Enclosures, and have the honor to be with
great esteem and Regard -

Dear General

Your most Obedient
humble Servant.
G. Macartney.

Fort St. George
May 16th. 1782 -
a.t.o. P. M.

Received Letter from Mr. Hepburn one of
the Dutch Civil Servants, requesting Leave to go to
Batavia or Columbo, which is accordingly granted -

W. Hepburn permitted
to proceed to Batavia
or Columbo

1510 Fort St. George May 9th 1782

17th

Received the following Letter from the Paymaster of the Army.

To John Huddleston Esq.r

Military Secretary.

Sir

In consequence of your Letter of the 11th Ultimo
I applied to the Captains Commanding the different
Regiments of Cavalry for their Contract Accounts to
the end of January 1782. but none of them
seemed inclined to take Bengal Bills for their
Ballances except Captain Jourdan, whose Accot.
I have adjusted to the above mentioned period,
and there remains a Balance due to him of three
thousand eight Hundred and forty five Pags. for which Sum he requests the Right
Hon.ble the President and Select Committee will
grant him Bills on Bengal.

I Remain

Sir

Your most Hble Servt.

Welch
Paymaster.

From Paymaster of the Army - Capt. Jourdan requests Bills on Bengal for the Ballance of his Account.

Camp at Tanmondan
10. May 1782

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Granted

Agreed that Captain Jourdan be granted Bills on Bengal for the Amount of his balance being 3,845 Pagodas

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Captain Edmonds
Commanding at Ongole

To Capt. Edmonds at Ongole the Superan. an insurance to march without delay to the Presidency

Sir

I am directed by Lord Macartney to inform You that the Supernumeraries on their way to this place from Masulipatam being much wanted in this Garrison, his Lordship desires you will direct the Officer Commanding them to pursue his march with all possible expedition.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Huddleston. Secy

Fort St. George
17th May 1782.

The same to Captain Campbell.

James Hodges Esqr.
at Masulipatam

Sir

I am directed by Lord Macartney to acknowledge your Letter of the 7th Instant and to inform

To Mr Hodges —
The Supernumeraries to march to the Presidency without —

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to wait without delay — to accept of Mr Hamilton's proposal of remitting money to the Presidency — Loans port to arrive from Bombay

inform you that his Lordship is exstremely anxious for the arrival of the supernumeraries / as they are much wanted in this Garrison / and therefore Desires that you will write to the Officer who commands them and direct him to pursue his March with

With respect to Mr Hamilton's proposal his Lordship being desirous that you should embrace every safe opportunity of remitting money to the Presidency, cannot possibly object to your accepting it

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Hudleston. Secy.

Fort St. George
the 17. May 1682.

P.S. His Majestys Ship Sanfarloe with three Comp.s Loans ports having on board 140. men of the 98th Regt arrived here Yesterday and will proceed tomorrow with a strong Reinforcement to Sir Edward Sturgeon at Princemallee Colonel Morne and Colonel Ross — and arrived in the Sanfarloe —

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To The Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council

of Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

To Benga's Transports arrive from Bombay to proceed to Trincomalee with Stores and men for the Squadron, approve of the scheme of attacking Mangalore, and of the Indiamen being detained at Bombay

Yesterday in the evening Captain Smith Commanding his Majesty's Ship Sanfarlos arrived here with three Armed Transports having on board Colonel Stormont and Boss, Major Douglas and Captain Kelsal, with the remainder of the 98. Regiment consisting of 540. Men - Captain Smith having made the Friedrichsoord on the Island of Ceylon, saw the whole French Squadron at Anchor about 20 Leagues to the Southward of Trincomalee, they got under way and pursued him, but fortunately the night coming on he changed his course and proceeded in safety to this place - The Porpoise Storeship being a heavy Sailer separated from the rest according to Instructions, but Captain Smith thinks her in no Danger, and expects her every moment -

As it is of the utmost moment to equip the Admiral as soon, and to leave as little to Risk as possible, we intend to distribute, 1000 Barrels -

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No 17. Barrils of Powder and 120 recovered Seamen who had been embarked on the Yarmouth and Rodney in the last Letter and Dispatches, in Order to proceed tomorrow for Trincomalee, where we hope they will arrive in a few Days being all coppered and good Sailors — the Rodney will accompany them and go ahead to look out, having consulted with Captain Smith this arrangement appeared to be the best that could be made at this juncture: the addition of men to the Admirals force will be very considerable, not less than 350 together with the recovered Seamen from the Hospital and the Merchants Crews, which will amount to 150 more. the Dispatches have likewise each a quantity of Stores on board which will be very acceptable to the Admiral.

Captain Smith saw 3 large Ships in Trangueba road which all hoists Dutch Colours, he rather takes them to be Indiamen than Ships of War. We transmit you a Packet which came inclosed with our Dispatches from the Select Committee at Bombay — as it doubtless contains every particular that they have communicated to us, we need not enlarge on the situation of affairs on

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on that side of India their plan of attacking
Mangalore and carrying the War into that part of
Hyder Allys dominions we have always been of opinion
is the only one that can effectually relieve the Carnatic
and destroy the Enemy; but unfortunately the Season
of the Year obliges them to defer the execution of it
to a distant period.

Colonel Humberston we find intends
to Cantoon his Troops at Calicut until after the
Monsoon. Sir Eyre Coote removed the Army the
Morning intending to take a position nearer the
Enemy, and oblige them to raise the Siges of Parma-
-cool and Wandewash &c

We observe with great satisfaction
that the Gentlemen at Bombay have detained the
St. Indiaman till they should receive further Intelli-
gence of the Fleet. we wish Captain Michel had
done the same respecting the Victuallers which
Captain Smith informs us had sailed from
Bombay, and we think there is great Danger of
their falling into the Enemys hands.

We have had the honour to receive
Your Letter of the 24th Ultimo, and are much
Obliged by the communication it contains of Colonel
Morgans

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Morgans appointment &c. Praised Mr Lamotte

Request was not to deal with the reinforcements for

India till January – But a postpon of Intelligence from

Camp says, that Bussy with 5000 Troops were

already arrived at the Mauritius, as no intention is

made of this, we presume the news is premature).

We have the honour to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obed.t

humble Servants

Macartney

J. Committee.

Fort St. George
17th May 1782

John Sullivan Esq.r

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

Captain Smith commanding his

Majestys Ship Sandwich arrived here yesterday

with 2 armed Transports having on board Colonels

Stone and Ross and Major Dowglas with the 1st

Men of the 98th Regiment &c

Captain Smith made the French

shoot on the Island of Ceylon, and saw the whole

french Squadron at Anchor about 10 Leagues to

the Southward of Trincomalee of Battacaloe; they

got under way and pursued him, but fortunately the

Resident at Tanjore
transports arrive from
Bombay, to transmit
Duplicate of Letter to
Bombay to write to
Admiral Hughes to Appraize the
Retreat of the French
fleet

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the night coming on he changed his course and proceeded in safety to this place, with 3 of the Transports. The Porpoise Store Ship separated from them according to Instructions but Captain Smith expects her every moment and there is a Vessel now in the Offing which we suppose to be her.

I inclose open for your perusal a Duplicate of a letter which we dispatch to day to Bombay by way of Hyderabad; you will observe that the Indiamen are detained at Bombay; but I learn from Captain Smith that the victuallers for the Squadron had sailed, and he thinks there is great danger of their falling into the Enemys hands. You will therefore be so good as to dispatch Letters express to Anjingo, and any other place where you think it possible they may be met with to apprise them of the situation of the Enemys Squadron.

Sir Eyre Coote moved the Army from Vendilour this morning intending to take a position nearer the Enemy and Oblige them to raise the Sieges of Permacoil and Wandewash the

former

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Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t

humble Servants

Macartney

J. Committee.

Fort St. George
17th May 1782.

John Sullivan Esq.r
President at Tanjore.

Sir,

Captain Smith commanding his Majestys Ship Sandwich arrived here yesterday with 2 armed Transports having on board Colonels Horne and Ross and Major Douglas with 1140 Men of the 98.th Regiment.

Captain Smith made the Squadron of French Squadron at Anchor about 120 Leagues to the Southward of Trincomalee of Battacaloe, they got under way and pursued him, but fortunately the

1 President at Tanjore Transports arrive from Bombay, transmit Duplicate of Letter to Bombay to write to Ships to apprize the Return of the Enemies fleet

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former of which he had prefixed -

I am with great truth and Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Macartney.

Fort St. George,
17. May 1782 -

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted

Bills granted to Col. Kennedy

in favor of Colonel John Kennedy to the amount

of £2403 - 12 - 2d. being for his arrears of Pay -

18. Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President & Council -

at Fort St. George -

My Lord and Gentlemen -

From Bengal, with Invoice and Bills of Lading of Treasure taken on the Active Frigate - request that Genl. Coote may be always supplied with Specie upon the consideration of your letters of 22d Sept. & 2d Feby

Enclosed we have the honor to transmit you a Bill of Lading and Invoice for Current Rupees 6.18.588,, 4.. 1. consigned to You in Specie by the Active Frigate Captain Mackinzie

Although we came to the Resolution of consigning all the Treasure which we should be able to spare for the use of your Presidency and of our Army on the Coast of Coromandel to your Government instead of sending any part of it to the address of the Commander-

in

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in this we might be absent from Madras; this is
nevertheless our wish and intention that General
Sir Eyre Coote should be able to command so much of
it at least, as may be necessary for the support of the
troops of this Establishment. We therefore request
that you will constantly honor his Drafts for the
same to the extent of the Remittances which you
may receive from us.

We have received your Letters of
the 20th January, 2d, 10th & 12th February — We have several
Letters from General Sir Eyre Coote of the same dates.
As the papers to which you respectively refer, are
long and require an attentive perusal, we must beg
you will excuse our not answering them by this
Opportunity, but we shall take an early occasion to
consider them.

We have the Honor to be

Fort William
the 4th March 1782.

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Edwd Wheler
John Macpherson

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My Lord

I Sent Hilsover with Dispatches made in hopes of reaping the Crop of Rice but the Fort Grain in Garrison for 15 Days only — The Enemy very watchful

I had the honour to receive your Lordships of the 2d with 1000 Pagodas for the use of the Garrison, it could not have come in better time, as the Money which the General left with me was done. I shall take care to send the same people back as your Lordship desires, as soon as they are able but at present they are so lame that they can't go, and hope your Lordship will get some others to bring us supplies, as it is impossible those two Men can bring us sufficient for the necessary wants of the Garrison, One of the two which I now send has been long employed in that way, he is one of the Head Dues which your Lordship ordered to be promoted for his fidelity the other I Believe is equally trusty. The Enemy as yet has not given us any trouble, and am in great hopes they will let us reap our Crop in quietness, what is now in the Garrison would only serve for 15 Days, but there is enough coming in for the daily consumption, and by the 10th of next month I hope to get as much as will nearly last us for 2 Months, our greatest want at present is meat for the Europeans, every

Effort

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Effort possible has been made on my power to get a supply, but the Enemy are too much on their guard, and their convoys go too great a distance past us for me to attack them with safety. On the 23. I observed a number of Cattle feeding round their Camp at Calgheree, I sent Captain Sale about 12. O'Clock at night to attack them, but when he got within two Miles of them, he was discovered by their Videts who immediately gave the Alarm and the whole was off, taking their Cattle &c. with them. I thank your Lord-ship for the news, we had not heard before for certain that the Army had Marched.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

most Obed. Servant

Vellore.
2d. April 1782.

Duplicate /Signed/ ..... John Cuppage

My Lord.

I am now on my March I can only just acknowledge Receipt of your Lordships letter of the 16. I approve highly of the arrangements you have settled with Captain Smith — The Men of the 98.

From Sir E. Coote approves of the measures taken with Captain Smith and orders the men of the 98 to be duly victualled on board.

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12th

82d Regiment shall have Orders to do duty in Your Garrison & I trust you will have them accommodated in the best manner the times will admit of. I propose myself the pleasure of writing to your Lordship more fully when I reach my next Ground.

I have the honor to be,

Your Lordships very
Sincere and Obed.t Servt.

[signed] Eyre Coote.

On the March
17th May. 1782
5 O'Clock P.M.

My Lord

I do myself the Honor of writing you this
from General Coote
with copies of letters
from Gaudaloy — in
apprehension of the
fall of Permacoil —
is impeded by the
insufficiency of
Bullocks & Coovy
Fair — recommends
this plan of the Town
major for transporting
Rice to Chingleput

may march this morning, Acknowledging Receipt of your Letters of 16th Inst. and that I should Reply to them more fully from my present Encampment, but this I find myself obliged to postpone till tomorrow, the sole purpose of this is to forward to you Copies of two Letters which I have received from the Officer in Command in Caringoly in the Course of this Evening; from which you will perceive the great Reason there is to apprehend the fall of Permacoil as two belonging to that place who left it three days ago give such an account of the progress of the Enemys Operations, as

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serves strongly to confirm Lieutenant Crawfords
Suspicions and makes me fear the worst, I will not
however give over all hopes of its safety, if it is gone
all I can say is that the Event could never have
happened had it been in my power either to have
remained in my position at Chengleput, or to have
returned to it with that expedition which I equally
wished and expected.

I have sent Orders to Captain Select to
do duty in Fort St. George with his Detachment until
further Orders, and to deliver in your Returns as Governor
of the Garrison.

I have the honor to be with the true
Esteem & Regard
My Lord
Your Lordships
most Obedient humble
Servant
(signed) . . Eyre Coote

Camp Near
Chungleput
17th May 1782.

P.S. — We have been obliged for want of Carriage to
leave one Tice in Vincattah Pollam and some few
bags have been lost by the dying of the Bullocks owing to
the harrassment they have endured in bring the Supplies
from Madras to the Mount during which time they

could

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Port St. George

could have received little or no Nourishment from your
Lordship will use your utmost endeavours to convey
the Supplies to Shingleput agreeably to the Plan
Major Sydenham informed Colonel Owen had been
settled for that purpose. This abusing of the last
importance and I doubt not therefore will command
your Lordships Particular attention.

For the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K.B. &c. &c. &c.

Gun Powder to be
transhipped from the
Yarmouth to the armed
transports

The Right Honble the President having
consulted with Captain Lovett of his Majestys Ship
Sanfarlos, it was judged advisable to remove the
Gunpowder from the Yarmouth to the Armed
Transports — and Captain Lovett determined to sail
after them for that purpose — He was furnished
with the following order to the Commanders of the
Yarmouth and Rodney.

To Captain Richardson
Of the Honble Company's Ship Yarmouth

Sir

Capt. Richardson
to put himself under
the Orders of Capt. Lovett

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee to signify to you their
Desire that you should put yourself under the Orders of
Captain

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Captain Smith of his Majestys Ship San Carlos, and
follow implicitly such as he shall be pleased to
give you until your arrival at Trincomalee—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant.
John Huddleston. Secry

Lord St. George—
18. May 1782—

The same to Captain Lorner of the Rodney—

Dispatched the following letter to Mr. Daniell with
the inclosure to Mr. Biddle—

James Daniell Esqr.

Chief of Masulipatam—

Dear Sir.

I am directed by Lord Macartney to
acknowledge your Letter of the 5th Instant— this Lordship
is convinced of the good policy of keeping the Door open for
negotiation with Chelsham Smyth— and I now inclose a
letter open for your perusal to Mr. Biddle, which is
calculated to produce that effect— You will be so good
to seal and forward it—

His Majestys Ship San Carlos—

Captain Smith arrived here Yesterday with three
Armed

Lord St. George approves of Temporizing with Chelsham Smyth with Letter to Mr. Biddle— Transport to arrive from Bombay— to proceed— to Trincomalley—

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Armed Transports having on board Colonel Stevens and Rose, and Major Douglas with 540 men of the 98. Regiment; they will sail tomorrow with a strong reinforcement of Seamen and a supply of Gunpowder and Stores for the Admiral at Trincomalee. Capt. Smith made the Friars head and saw the whole fleet Squadron about 20 Leagues to the Southward of Trincomalee they got underway and pursued him, but fortunately night coming on he altered his course and proceeded in safety to this place. The Porpoise Store-Ship separated according to Instructions, but she expects her every moment.

I am with great truth and Regard

Dear Sir

Your most humble Servt.

Fort St. George.

17. May 1782.

John Huddleston Jun.

To Mr. Biddle

Sir

Lord Macartney apprehensive that Chittisham Jung may form some unfavorable conclusion from his Lordships apparent delay in sending a definitive Answer to his proposal of Alliance with the

For Mr. Biddle
accounting for the
delay in writing to
Chittisham Jung
during the Engagement
between the Fleets
fleet gone to Trincomalee
Supposed to receive from
Bombay, to proceed to
Trincomalee with stores
for the Fleet.

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The Company has desired me to address you on the Subject and to answer you, and through you Chitteshaw Jung, that the delay proceeds from no other cause than the not having yet received an answer from the Governor General and Council of Bengal — his Lordship however is in hourly expectation of the answer, and when it arrives he will not lose a moment in writing to Chitteshaw Jung.

Lord Macartney has for some days past been very much indisposed, which has prevented him from advising Chitteshaw Jung of the Engagement which happened the 12th April between the English and French Fleets — The superiority of force was on the side of the Enemy and several of our Ships were so weakened by Sickness that they had scarcely a sufficient number of men to work the Guns. The French had also the advantage of the Wind, notwithstanding all which Four of their Ships were beat out of the line, and their Admirals Ship the Heros was so damaged that he was obliged to quit her in the Action, and she was with great difficulty Towed off by Frigates. We had 569 men killed and wounded — the Enemy had double that number — Our fleet after the Action put into Trincomalee to land the sick and Wounded,

and

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and very fortunately his Majestys Ship Sandwich
with 2 armed Transports laden with Troops and
Stores arrived here the day before Yesterday, by which
we are enabled to reinforce our Removed with Supplies
of 500 Seamen and naval Stores of all kinds. Lord
Macartney knowing it will afford Sir Richard Jones
pleasure to hear of our Success, desires that you will
communicate to him all these Circumstances

I am

Sir

Your most humble Servt
John Hudleston Secry

Fort St. George
16. May 1782.

#19 Received from Sea a Packet addressed to the Secretary of the Council of Fort St. George

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Council

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I had the honour of your commands respecting the Female Surgeons and others belonging to their Hospital which was immediately attended to.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

My

Send Capt. Copies of Letters to the Admiral respecting the French Surgeons

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Dindigul
10th May 1782

Your most Obedient
and most humble
Servant
/Signed/ Jas. Johnston

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

My Lord

From Angolie with Directions of the Nabobs Troops in the Palmaud District no Orders sent respecting them wishes to have the Artillery in that Garrison

Herewith I have the honour to send your Lordship a Return of the Nabobs Troops in the Palmaud Country; Its distance from hence & the great reluctance shown by the Nabobs People to give the smallest information, induced me to send Ensign Boisdaune there, in order to obtain an exact account as well of their situation as numbers — He informs me that none have been discharged since the change in Government took place, and the Nabobs People assure him no Orders have been sent them for that purpose, that the whole of these Troops express much satisfaction at his coming, and conceive it is to make some regulation among them for the better

J.

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we are enabled to reinforce our Armies with Supplies
of Men Cannon and naval Stores of all kinds. Lord
Macartney knowing it will afford Satisfaction pleased to hear of our Success, desires that you will
communicate to him all these Circumstances

I am

Sir

Your most humble Servt

John Hudleston Secry

Fort St. George
18th May 1782.

19th Received from Vizagapatam return of the
Troops there for the Month of April.

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I had the honour of your commands
respecting the Female Surgeons and others belonging
to the Hospital which was immediately attended to.
I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect-
ally

From Capt. Sutherland
complaining of the Behaviour
respecting the Female
Surgeons &c.

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Negapatam
10th May 1782

Your most Obedient
and most humble
Servant
Jas. Johnston

/signed/

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

My Lord

From Angole with Detachments of the Nabob's Troops in the Palinaud District no Orders sent respecting them wishes to know the Artillery in that Garrison

Herewith I have the honour to send your Lordship a Return of the Nabobs Troops in the Palinaud Country; the distance from hence & the great reluctance shown by the Nabobs People to give the smallest information, induced me to send Ensign Boisdauné there, in order to obtain an exact account as well of their situation as numbers. He informs me that none have been discharged since the change in Government took place, and the Nabob's People assure him no Orders have been sent them for that purpose, that the whole of these Troops express much satisfaction at his coming, and conceive it is to make some regulation among them for the better.

J.

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and very fortunately his Majesty's Ship Sea Horse with 3 armed Transports laden with Troops and Stores arrived here the day before Yesterday, by which we are enabled to reinforce our Armies with Supplies of 500 Seamen and naval Stores of all kinds. Lord Macartney knowing it will afford Lieutenant Jung pleasure to hear of our Success, desires that you will communicate to him all these Circumstances

I am

Sir

Your most humble Servt

John Hudleston Secry

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor of your commands respecting the French Surgeons and others belonging to their Hospital, which was immediately attended to.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

My

From Capt. Sutherland complies with the orders respecting the French Surgeons

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Negapatam
10th May 1782

Your most Obedient
and most humble
Servant
(Signed) Jas. Johnston

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

My Lord

From Cuddalore with Detachments of the Nabobs Troops in the Palmaud District no Orders sent respecting them wishes to have the Artillery in that Garrison

Herewith I have the honour to send your Lordship a Return of the Nabobs Troops in the Palmaud Country; the distance from hence & the great reluctance shown by the Nabobs People to give the smallest information, induced me to send Ensign Boisdaune there, in order to obtain an exact account as well of their situation as numbers — He informs me that none have been discharged since the — change in Government took place, and the Nabobs People of whom no Orders have been sent them for that purpose, that the whole of these Troops expressed much satisfaction at his coming, and conceive hopes to make some regulation among them for the better

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I shall not recall him till honored with your Lordships answer, the distance is such, should they be ordered to be discharged or whatever regulation may take place among them. It is necessary our Affairs should be present — as the artillery can be of very little service in that Country, should it be inconsistent with the nature of the service that they are continued. I could wish them ordered to this Garrison having no persons except a few Lascars capable of managing the Guns — — The whole of these Troops are under the Command of the Phousdar and subject to Orders only from him —

I am with great Respect

My Lord —

Your Lordships

Most Obedt & humble Servt

Edward Edmonds

Capt. Commandt

Ingole —
11th May 1782 —

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

My Lord —

I think it necessary to request Your Lordship will be pleased to have an Indent for

From Mr Hodges request a supply of Paper —

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for paper Complied with as fare and as soon as is possible, as have we not speedily a supply, our business here will be absolutely at a stop for want of it.

A Book of Regulations for the Pay-master, is, my Lord, much wanted here, I am told, applications have been made for it both publickly and privately, but that it was never sent, permit me to request of your Lordship to direct that we may be furnished with one.

I am

My Lord

Very respectfully
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servt.
James Hodges.

Masulipatam
15. May 1782.

My Lord

I am this Instant favored with your Lordships Commands, of the 10th Instant and immediately Dispatched the enclosed Packet to Mr. Holland.

I have My Lord this moment received the enclosed Letters from Hyderabad.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Lordships most Obt.
& most humble Servant
James Hodges.

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19. Agreed that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Mr. Alexander Brodie or his Order to the amount of 1250 Pagodas, being for Hous rent due to Lieut. Colonel Malcolm

Bills granted to Mr Brodie for Colo. Malcolm

20. Received the following letter from Sir Eyre Coote—

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

My Lord and Gentlemen Fort St. George

In the last letter I had the honor to write you I informed you of the Enemy having laid siege to Permacoil. Notwithstanding all the Supplies Presidency has not arrived nor the Detachment I had sent to the I had sent for to the Mount yet returned, having received further Intelligence of Hyders resolution to prosecute the Attack upon that Place with all possible Vigour; & of his intending also to go against Wandewash that the effects of my moving to the Southward might be produced as early as possible, on the 16 in the morning I advanced the 2d Brigade with His Majestys 78 Regt under Command of Lieut. Colonel Stuart, a few Miles, ending

Sir Eyre Coote prevented from moving to the Relief of Permacoil by the Monsoon setting in — Scarcity in the Carriage Cattle — with Returns of the Loss of Bullocks — mistake respecting Expenditure — Colo. Humbertstone unable to decipher his letter — his sentiments on the present Affairs — requests a Copy of the Letter may be transmitted to Bengal —

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sending under their Convoy a large Proportion of our Provisions and Stores. In the Course of that Day the Detachment with the Remainder of our Supplies arriving from the Mount, enabled me to put in execution my Resolution of following with the main Body on the 17th in the morning, and of joining the Advance under Lieut. Colonel Stewart at the present Ground of Encampment; which I accomplished Yesterday about Noon — I intended proceeding again this Morning and to have endeavored by a forced March to have Crossed the Palaw, as the Intelligence I had received from the Officer in Comm. at Jarringoly by two Letters of the 16th alarmed me exceedingly for the safety of Pomaical; But to my small mortification the monsoon broke in upon us about 12 Oclock last night, with a squall & heavy Rain which levelled almost every Tent in the Camp. The Weakness of our Carriage Cattle to transport the Provisions and Camp Equipage in its wet state, rendered it absolutely necessary to postpone our march for two or three hours, until the Tents should be a little Dry; but the Rain setting in with redoubled

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redoubled violence and as continued thro' the whole

Day, which has put a total stop to my moving, for

which I had kept every thing in Readiness — I trust —

however that the Weather will clear up, and that

I shall be able to march tomorrow morning — But

I fear much our Losses in Bullocks will be heavy,

as their strength will have been greatly impaired by

the severity of last night and this day, nor does it

appear that this night will be free from Rain, so

that the fatigue of a march will most probably

cause the Death of many —

In the course of Yesterdays march

by the extreme heat of the weather and a great want

of Water from most of His Majesty's 73 Regiment

died on the Road, and about 60 were taken sick, I

not less than from 80 to 100 Sepoys in each Battal-

lion fell down — they have all been brought up,

but under we to encounter two or three other such

Days, accompanied with the like inconvenience

on the score of Water the Army would diminish so

much in its effective Strength, as to be inadequate to

any grand Operations —

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It was my intention on this occasion to have furnished you with Similar Returns of the Bullocks, and of the Supplies now received as I had done of the former, but the nature and quick-=ness of my movements added to the badness of the weather have rendered it impossible to take musters — I fear however that a great deficiency will be again found in the Carriage Cattle in the Department of the Grain keeper, as there was not found Carriage sufficient to bring the Rice off the ground Yesterday morning, altho' by every previous calculation we had made of their Numbers, there appeared to be enough. This obliged me to leave some in Vincattahs Polam, and to put a Bag or two on each Limbril and Piece of Ordnance in the Line — these however are expedients which cannot be adopted on all occasions, & what we ought not to be subjected to at a time so critical, and when every thing may depend upon the Celerity of our motions, in Particular in the Artillery Department, that we might as soon as possible be free from every unnecessary incumbrance and that you might not

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not be long deprived of an opportunity of employ-
-ing the services of the Fleet in sending Grain to
Chingleput, which is of the last importance, I
sent them on this morning with an Escort to that
Place to deposit their Loads, and to return with all
expedition; I also sent on all the sick of the Army
Alarmed as I am for the safety of Pennavil Pannah
injurious to myself omit observing that had I either been
able to have kept my Position at Chingleput or
returned to it with that expedition I equally
wished and expected, that Garrison could not have
been exposed to its present danger — I had written
three for, intending them to have dispatched my
Letter, but purposely deferred it in the hope of be-
able to apprize You of my marching this morning
but the Rain has continued to fall with unusual
Violence and almost without the smallest intermis-
-sion whilst thus obliged to halt I directed the
Quarter Master General to endeavor to collect Returns
of our Losses in Bullocks and Grain in the Departmt
of the Grain Keeper, he in consequence delivered to me such
as he has been able to obtain, of which the inclosed are
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Copies, whereby you will perceive, that the Loss of Bullocks in the Grain Employ by Casualties since the last muster, are reported to be 519. of which not above one third, if Even that, ought to be dismissed by the last Muster Returns, so that the other two thirds are real Loses to both the Company and the service, which are equally destitute of the means of compensation, because the System is without any established Responsibility — You will also Observe that in a N.B. annexed to one of the Returns, it appears Mr. William Pojo should have sent to the Grain keeper Mr. Erskine two Carts loaded with Tarpaulins, but which he reports he has never received — One or other of these Gentlemen must clear themselves to the Public who are not only likely to suffer present Loss by the quantity of Rice damaged for want of those necessary protections against the Weather, but by the injury the Service must receive from any diminution of the Supplies of this Army, to which a days Rice more or less may decide the Fate of the British Empire in India, which I have repeatedly declared,

and

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and I believe it is generally allowed, hinges entirely upon the successful Operations of the handful of men now under my command and with whom I have hitherto been so fortunate as to support the honor of the British Arms, notwithstanding I have been without Magazines any where (excepting the Presidency towards which I have on every occasion been obliged to move the whole army to have recourse to, and without the Country to which my operations have been limitted being in a capacity to afford me the smallest assistance. To conduct a War under these circumstances to which may be added the heavy arrears due to the Troops, and that too against a formidable, Vigilant and active Enemy, whose resources are ample in every respect, is to attempt what to every reasonable and impartial mind must appear an impossibility — while for had no European Enemy to oppose, while we could Command the Coast and thereby had the Communication by Sea open to convey supplies, and which we had a Force to the Southward on which I could depend for any cooperation tending to favor and facilitate the movements of this Army, I did not consider our situation

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Situation at the a most embarrassed one, as without the chance of retrival, but now that the French are arrived in Force & neither of those Rays of light are open to us, owing to the late Disaster which befell the Detachment in the Canjore Country and the Superiority by Sea being yet undecided; I confess it appears to me desperate. The more especially as I observe the Bombay Govt. have suspended for the present all offensive operations against Hyder on the other Coast, and from whence the most favourable effects were to be expected to our Affairs here, add to this my being disappointed in the Reinforcemt. I looked to from the coming of His Majestys Troops under Lt. Colonel Humberston on the Transports now arrived. As I have received no information whatever from that Officer, I know not his motives for declining the opportunity which he thereby had of coming round — I can ascribe it to no other cause, than the south wind which may have arisen as to the substance of the Letters from the Admiral and myself which I am informed he has received but could not read owing to their being in Cipher —

If

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If this be the case I have only to regret that the Channel thro' which I understood these dispatches were to be forwarded, purposely to deviate what is said to have happened, has not been adhered to — I have ever believed them to have been transmitted to the Resident at Anjengo, who being possessed of the Cipher was either to have opened and deciphered them or to have accompanied them with a Copy of the Cipher — All the foregoing circumstances combined serve strongly to testify the justice of the opinion I have already given of the very precarious State of the British Interests in India, depending entirely upon the Fate of this Army. I enclose you Copy of a Letter I have this instant received from the Officer in Command at Caringaly which you will observe conveys the disagreeable news of Permacoil being given up to the French on the 17th in the morning — Some intelligence I have myself received from Bycara Camp tends to corroborate that account, and further say that the French had joined Hyder on his — contracting to put under their Command Eight Thousand Seapoys, together with what Artillery and Store they

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they might stand in need of. It is likewise settled that as the present mode of obtaining Provisions is very uncertain, they draw their Supplies from Hyder's Magazine at Chillumbrum — These Occurrences give our Affairs a more gloomy Aspect than ever — I shall march tomorrow if possibly can, and pursue with Caution and to the best of my Judgment such steps as in the present most important Crisis, may seem most for our Interests —

I request that a Copy of this Letter may be immediately forwarded to the Gov.r Genl. and Council for their Information —

I have received Intelligence of Hyders having Ordered a Body of Horse and Infantry to Congeveram, perhaps with the same View as the late Detachment under Kamun Sait, and tempted the sending of Supplies to Chingleput —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen —
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Eyre Coote.

Camp near
Chingleput
19.th May 1782.

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His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir
Eyre Coote

Sir.

I am sorry to inform you that
Permacoil was given up about Ten o'Clock Yesterday
morning to the French, who had joined Hyder the day
before — those Stragglers also inform us there is a
large Body of Infantry with Guns and some Horse
gone towards Vandewash: I have sent those Men
with this Letter and Have the honor to be
Your Excellencys
most Obed.t humble
Servant
Arth.r Crawford.

Carrangoly —
18.th May 1782 —

Return of Bullocks belonging to the Grain
Keepers Department, Dead and Lost, on the March
of the 17.th May 1782.

Carriage Bullocks ——— 30.

(Signed) John Davies
D.y M.r General

Camp.t Chinna Permacoil
19.th May 1782.

N.B. The Grain keeper reports that there are Dead
Lost, and dismiss'd the Service in his Department since
the last General muster 519 Carriage Bullocks.

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Return of Rice left in Vandelore Pollam, Kept

on the March the 17th May 1782.

Bullock bags left in Vandalore Pollam — 16 1/2

Do. lost on the March ..... 11.

Do. lost in going to Chingleput ..... 5.

Signed John Davies

Dpy Mr. General

Camp Chinna Bermacil

10th May 1782.

N.B. In a Return of Mr. William Rose's of the 25 April

1782. there appears to have been sent on that day

to the Gram keeper two Carts with Tarpaulins for

Covering the Rice, which Mr. Crosbie reports he

has never received —

True Copies — Geo. Lyter

Aid. de Camp.

Dispatched the following Letters.

Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K. B.

Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

I have inclosed is a Copy of a Note from

You to the Nabob's Second Son Ameer al Omrah

which has been communicated to our President.

The conduct of the Ameer for some

time

Do. Sir Eyre Coote with Copy of note from Hyder to the Ameer containing Hyders Promise of complying with the Ameers request on that head.

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time past has been such as to afford the strongest
reason to believe, that he is not so well disposed towards
the Company and their representatives as might be
wished, and considering also certain other circumstances
we Submit it to you whether we can with any degree
of safety or propriety supply him with Arms and
Military Stores, or consent to have any ~~ammunition~~ of
that kind made an Act of our Government. We submit
to you also the danger to which Military Stores may
be exposed at the Ameer's Gardens in case of any
Vigorous Incursion of the Enemy, which your Army
might be at too great a distance to prevent, and
which in the present weak state of this Garrison
we might find it difficult to Repel. If the Stores are
wanted only in the Town they cannot be so safe
any where as in the Arsenal. we have mentioned
these things from attention to you, as well as from
Regard to the public Service, observing you at the same
time that if you differ from us in Opinion on this
Subject, the Respect we Owe to the Commands of the
Supreme Government will lead us to deliver without
hesitation to your Offices whatsoever Military Stores

or

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or indeed whatsoever Articles of any kind for Military
Service you may require.

Our President has communicated
to us your Intelligence retative to Permacoil
of the 17th Instant, which gives us great concern.

We have the honor to be
Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
Macartney
&. Committee.

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Sir Eyre Coote returns his best respects to Nabob
Ameer ul Amrat Bahauder with the two Indents he
enclosed him for Militaey Stores, all of which he gives
his ready assent to the Nabob Ameer being supplied
with, and begs that his Excellency will communicate
the same to the Right Honble Lord Macartney who Sir Eyre
Coote is assured will immediately Order the delivery
of them. Sir Eyre Coote requests the Nabob Ameer
Omrah will present his best respects to his highness
& that he will do himself the honor of answering his
Highness's last obliging Letter, as soon as he can find a
leisure moment from the necessary Duties of the
Army, part of which is already marched, and the remainder
is to follow tomorrow morning.—

Camp near Vendalore
the 21st May 1782.

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c. Council

of Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

To Bengal — with Copy of last Letter from Genl Coote

We have the honor to inclose you by desire of General Coote copy of a Letter just received from him —

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedt

humble servants

Macartney —

&c. &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George
20th may 1782.

Captain Edmonds —
Commanding at Angola.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 11th Instant enclosing a Return of the Nabobs Troops in the Palmaud District.

To Angola — The Nabobs Troops to be taken into the Company's service — with directions respecting them — the Artillery to be employed to the best advantage.

As any Order sent from this Government to the Phougdary would be Ineffectual, I request you will direct Ensign Boisdaune to acquaint

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acquaint the Sepoys, that they will be taken imme-
diately into the Company's service, and be as regularly
paid, as the other Sepoys on the Establishment; but
that if they do not entertain they must not expect to
receive any Pay or Allowance whatever — It appears
from a Letter written by you to Captain Lydenham,
that the Plan of forming the above Sepoys into 5.
Companys of 150 each will not be altogether practica-
ble on Account of the Number of Black Officers who
will remain unemployed, and you therefore propose
that they be established into 5 Companys consisting
of 1 Subidar 1 Jemedar 2 Havildars, 2 Naigues, and
100 Sepoys each — Sir Eyre Coote has recommended
that the Nabob's Sepoys be formed into Companys of
1 Subidar 4 Jemedars, 8 Havildars 8 Naigues 2
Drummers 2 Fifers & 134 Sepoys, and that to each
Company an Havildar Major and Drill Havildar
be allowed exclusive of the above. I leave it therefore
entirely to your Judgement to carry into execution the
Plan of these two, which appears best calculated
to answer the End proposed — If that of the General
can be be adopted, I should prefer it, but the imme-
diate Object is to take the Nabob's Sepoys into the
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Company's service, and to form them into Independant Companies; and you will be pleased to send such Directions to the Officer at Palmaud as shall effect that object as speedily as possible — It is however to be particularly explained to the Native Officers and Sepoys before they are admitted into the service that these Companies will be subject to have Drafts made from them occasionally for recruiting the regular Battalions, and that after such Drafts are made, Desertions from them will be punished in the most severe and exemplary manner.

The Artillery at Palmaud may likewise be employed to be either stationed there or at Dingole as you shall think most to the Advantage of the service.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt
Servant
Macartney.

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The same to Capt. Campbell. 4

Lieut. Colonel Nixon

Commanding at Trichinopoly

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To

Lt Colonel Nixon
Capt Gibbons and
Bidulph with
additional Instructions
relative to the Nabob's
Sepoys.

In addition to the Orders lately sent you on the Subject of entertaining the Nabobs Sepoys in the Company's Service, we now direct that they be formed into Independent Companies upon the following Plan which is nearly what is recommended by the Adjutant General—

1 Subadar
4 ..... Jemadars
8 ..... Havildars
8 ..... Naigues
2 ..... Drummers and Fifers
134 ..... Sepoys—
1 ..... Havildar Major &
1 ..... Drill Havildar to be allowed to each Company Exclusive of the above, Should there be any particular objection to this plan respecting the number of which each Company is to be composed, or from any other cause, you have our permission to alter it in such manner as will render it more practicable and Convenient.

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Each Company is to be disciplined, cloathed armed accoutered, paid and returned in the same manner as the regulare effective Battalions, and it is to be particularly explained to the native Officers, and Sepoys before they are Admitted into the Companys service that these Companys will be subject to have Drafts made from them occasionally for recruiting the Regulare Battalions, and that after such Drafts shall have been made desertions from them will be punished in the most severe and exemplary manner.

The cloathing will be determined upon as soon as the number of Companies in each District is known, and the Information as far as relates to the Southern Countries, we expect from You and you will send it also to the Commander in Chief. The Troops cannot at present be Spared for these Companies it becomes the more necessary to form them on the above plan, especially as it will not interfere with the Promotion of the deserving Black Officers in the Regulare Battalions since it is intended that these independent Companies shall be kept distinct and that only the private Sepoys shall be drafted from them

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from them to complete the effective Corps on the Establishment

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Sir

Your most Obed.t
Servant
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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The same to Captains Gibbings & Bilcliffe

desiring them to inform Lieut.t Colonel Nixon of what Number each Company raised in their respective Commands consists

Captain Cuppage

Sir

Herewith we send you one Thou.d Pagodas which

To Vellore
1000 Pagodas sent thither

we hope they will arrive safe. They are divided into four Parcels, of 250 Each. We have just received the News of the fall of Pennacoil to the French on the 17th Instant

We are with great truth

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants
Macartney
&
Committee

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To Edward Cole Esq.

President & C. Select Committee

at Fort, Marlboro

Hond Sir and Sirs

You have been informed from
our Civil Department of our having opened your
Dispatches addressed to the Governor General and Council
by the Prince William Privateer

At this particular Juncture
Intelligence very interesting to the Company's Affairs
on this Coast may reach you from Batavia and other
places long before we can receive it here, we therefore
earnestly recommend to you to purchase a small
swift sailing Vessel for the purpose of conveying to us
such Intelligence, and we inclose a Cypher which we
request you will make use of in your Correspondence
with us

We transmit for your Information
Copy of Sir Edward Hughes's Letter to us, containing the
particulars of his late action with the French Squadron.
By the fortunate arrival of his Majesty's Ship Isis
Carlos and Armed Transports we have been enabled
To

To Fort Marlboro
respecting Intelligence
may be forwarded
respecting the Dutch
at Batavia — enclosing
Copy of the Cypher and
of Sir Edwd Hughes
account of the engagement
Transports arrive from
Bombay

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20th enables to send him a Reinforcement of upwards of
500 Seamen.

Sir Eyre Coote with our main Army is
now on his March towards the Enemy, who are
advancing to the Attack of Wandewash, having already
reduced Permacoil.

We have the honor to be -

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.
humble Servants
Macartney
&c.
Select Committee.

Fort St. George
20. May 1782.

21st Received the following Letter -

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Bengal recommending a Cartel of Exchange with the French Prisoners sent thither a great Inconvenience.

We have received your letter of the
25th Ultimo
& we understand from the information
of the French Colonel who arrived here a prisoner of War
by the Resolution, that the French at Porto Novo are
in possession of a great number of English prisoners
most of whom were the officers & Seamen of the Hannibal,

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we recommend it to treat for an Exchange of
Prisoners, a measure which appears to us the
most advisable, because the Lieutenant under Sir
Edward Hughes is much in want of Seamen, &
because it is attended with very great inconvenience
to us to find accommodations for the prisoners
whom you send to Bengal, and it is besides impos-
-sible to prevent those who may be so inclined
from communicating intelligence or committing
acts of the most pernicious tendency without using
a degree of rigor towards them which in all cases we
should wish to avoid; and nothing less than the strong-
-est suspicion of delinquency could justify — We
are sensible of the difficulty which you must experi-
-ence in accommodating & subsisting these
People at Fort St. George, but we at the same time
see so many objections against their being sent to
this place, that we must earnestly request of you
to desist from sending us any more

We likewise request that you
will desist from sending any more of the Prisoners
who may be taken from Hyder Ally to this place,
as we deem it not only needless expence to provide
passages for them, but attended with the additional
inconve-

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inconvenience on the arrival, of sending down
Craft, which are always difficult to be procured,
to bring them up to Calcutta: Being set at liberty
in a Strange place without the means of subsis-
tance they must necessarily become Vagrants or
Thieves —

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Signed ..... { Edw.d Wheler

Fort William
the 15.th April 1782

My Lord

From Vellore
1000 Pagodas received
there, got cattle from
the Enemy by our prizing
a Convoy —

I had the honor to receive your Lordship's
Letter of the 23.d Ultimo, and now send back the two
Men which brought the last 11,000 Pagodas. I hope
your Lordship will continue to supply the monthly
expence of the Garrison, in every other respect we
will do very well for some time, having been very
lucky in getting a good supply of Cattle from the Enemy.
I often observed a number of Cattle grazing about four
miles down the River belonging to Calgherie and having
been foiled in two or three night attempts, and as it
would be impossible for Infantry to take them in the
Day,

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Thers

Day I mounted all the officers horses with 4 peons and other I could get; making a Troop of 22, the scheme answered, and before they took the alarm they were surrounded and brought in 31 Bullocks – I have further the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship that Captain Dale completely surprised a large Convoy of provisions the 30th Ultimo at Bringeveram. I had intelligence in the Evening of their halting about two Miles on the otherside of the Pagoa, the Detachment left this at 11 Oclock and about half past three got into the midst of them without being discovered, he brought off upwards of 300 head, but a large body of Horse and foot coming down a great many got away. If he had had five or three hundred sepoys more, the whole Convoy would have been taken which consisted of at least 1,000, on his return he was briskly attacked by a vast number of Canaties and about 500 Horse, our loss was only Lieut. Rutlidge slightly wounded, with 1 Havildar and 7 Sepoys, who I believe will do recover, the Enemy suffered severely both from Grape and Musketry. We brought in 120 fine Bullocks, as yet the Enemy has not given us any trouble, and hope in 10 Days to have the greatest part of our corps each, I shall take care to obey your Lordships directions in

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in acquainting Sir Eyre Coote in every respect with
our situation and distresses—

I have the honor to be

My Lord—

Your Lordships
most Obed.t Serv.t

[signed] John Cuppage

Vellore—
2.d may 1782—

My Lord

I had the honor to advise your Lord.p
ship the 26.th Ultimo and 2.d Inst.t dis-
patches sets of my
most faithful People, and now send duplicates, I am
extremely sorry to inform your Lordship that none
of the best of them returned this morning cut and very
much bruised by the Enemys Horse at Nagary. he
with two others were taken, but the fourth Sharan
Cawn, Hadidar was fortunate to escape, and hope
he is since arrived safe at Madras, and that your
Lordship has found others to supply me with
Money, otherwise I do not know what will be the
consequence, Grain I have not to give the whole of the
Garrison, and the money now remaining will not pay
my independent Company's, Lascars &c.a batta longer
than

From Vellore—
in want of grain and
money—Regard Corps
round the Fort,
transmits letters from
the Nabob to the Polygars—
the Enemy's plunderers
frequently in the
Pollams—

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than this month, and indeed without the whole
Black Troops of the Garrison get pay regularly it
is impossible for them to exist, as Rice still sells
for 2 l 2. and 3 measures the Rupee. The greatest
part of our Crop is cut, for these 20 days past we
have been living on it, and by the nearest calculation
I can make, it will last the 5th Battalion 8 European
50. Days from this day; But shall acquaint your
Lordship & Sir Eyre Coote when it is off the Ground.
If this Garrison is to be maintained a supply of provi-
sions must be sent in by the Army by the time
our present Crop is come; otherwise it is not in my
power or in the power of man to find grain to
support it for four months to come. We cannot
expect the least assistance from the Ground round
the fort, when I hope to get a good Crop of small
Grain. Yesterday I received a letter from Sir Eyre Coote
enclosing four from one of the nabob's sons to the
different Poligars Northward of us, which letters
I forwarded last night accompanied by one from
myself demanding a supply of provisions for
this Garrison in proportion to the means they
possess agreable to his Instructions. I am almost
confident there can be no reliance put on them, or

have

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have they the means to comply, there scarce a week passes, but a party of the Enemy is in the Pollams plundering the Inhabitants and living in the Hills, and not a field cultivated, notwithstanding the extravagant price grain bears here. There has not been a Bullock in for 25 days past — and when they do bring any thing, it is brought th from 50 to 100 miles from us — and mostly in Bullocks Country. In short my Lord, there is not a possibility to find Grain for the Maintenance of this Garrison after the present Crop is done; but by the assistance of the Army — The two Men whom I now send were recommended to me as fit persons to be trusted with bringing Money for the use of the Garrison —

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships
most Obedient humble
Servant

(signed) John Cuppage

Vellore
10. May 1782.

" Dispatched the following Letters to General Coote —

To Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K. B.

Sir —

Enclosed I have the honor to send you

To Genl. Coote —
with

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with copy of letter from Sulivan

a letter just received from Captain Sullivan

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t

humble Servant

Macartney.

Port St. George
21. may 1782.

Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Sir

We have received the honor of your

to Sir Eyre Coote
referring to a former
Letter concerning the
Bullocks, and the Grain
Keeper's Department
Concerning her Letters
sent to Tanjore — Ahout
of the Enemy appear near
Pt. Mounbrays Garden
hope she has given Orders
to Officers commanding
Gorrisons — the Supplies
remaines from the Pirates
sent — the Weather
prevents the Transports
from getting to the
Southward

Letter dated yesterday informing us of the loss of Pennacool and the difficulties which occur to you.

You are sensible that as far as lies in the powers of this Government we have used every exertion to provide against them, or remove them — With regard to your losses of Rice and Bullocks, we can only refer you to what we have already said upon the Subject; but particularly in our letter of the 6.th Inst.t We do hope indeed you ha obviated all complaints in the Grain keeper Department by your appointing such a person to that employment, as you mentioned to us in your dispatch of the 22.d of April last.t If that has not been done we surely can incur no blame

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We conceive that every person employed with the Army has an established responsibility on his office, Let him be called by what name he may, whether Company's Agent, Contractor, Grain keeper, Commissary &c.a &c.a If he fails in his Duty, it will be proper for you to employ a more effecient man upon the Spot, as infinite mischief may arise from delay.. & it will be proper for us on your Complaints to punish any delinquents as far as we are authorized to do.

We observe what you mention relative to the Letters signed by you and the Admiral, which were sent to Anjingo, and received there by the Resident, as Captain Smith of the Saint Carlos informs us. They went by the Government Bencarrabo as was desired, but we were ignorant of the Contents. had it been thought fit to impart them to us & to have them cyphered in the office, it is possible the difficulty you mention might not have occured — as we have corresponded with Anjingo on the same Cyphers & met with none — At the admiral's request we sent him our Cypher with Anjingo, & there all our knowledge of this business ends, but we are disposed to imagine that the Key of the Cypher has been long since been

received &

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received and that your Letters have been forwarded
to Colonel Stumbiers tower

This morning a large Body of Horse
appeared near Mr. Maubrays Garden, but the River
having much risen with the Rains they did not
Attempt to cross it, we Shall now probably have frequent
visits from them; As the pictures which you have
drawn of your affairs is a very gloomy one, we are persuaded
that you have taken your measures and given
your orders to the different Officers commanding in
the different Garrisons of Chinglapuck, Vellore & Arnee
and Conamallee & Elsewhere, in what manner they
Should act in case of any accident or misfortune
happening to the main Army, or its removal to such
a Distance as to leave this place in any degree exposed.

We are sorry to acquaint you that by
a Letter from Captain Lysaght there has been a great
desertion among the Supernumeraries of the Circar
Battalions which were intended for this place; It was
therefore not thought advisable that the remainder
should proceed. The weather has been so bad for these
three days, that Captain Smith has not been able to
put to sea: We attempted it this morning, but was
obliged to put back. A Vessel is in sight which from
her

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her appearance we take to be the Resolution Capt.
Mercer. The three Ships in Cranquebar roads seen
by Captain Smith this said are the French Hospital
Vessels with their Sick and wounded from the last
Engagement. Cranquebar seems to be a French port
in almost every Respect.

We have only loaded that we must
sincerely wish you every honor & success in the Conduct
of your operations, and to assure you of our most
hearty endeavors to assist you to the utmost extent
of the powers remaining in our hands.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
Macartney
&c.a S. Committee.

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P.S. Private letters from
Bengal mention a Maratta
Peace as certainly concluded, but
we have no official Accot. of it.

Bills granted to Capt.n Brevington

Agreed that Bills on Bengal be
granted in favor of Captain George Brevington, to the
amount of Pagodas 1426 11 5 being for his arrears
of Pay, and one Years Cloathing to the Fort Militia

A.t

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Fort St. George May 21st 1782.

Tuesday the 21st May 1782.

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President—

——————— Anthony Sadleir — } Esqrs

——————— Alexr Davidson — }

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote absent on service, Major General Sir Hector Munro indisposed, and John Holland Esqr. Resident at the Court of the Nizam—

Minutes of last Committee read and approved—

Read the following Letters with the Letters from Captain Nixon to Captain Lyraught, and from Capt. Lyraught to the Chief and Council, as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 9. 10. 11. 12. relating to the mutinous behaviour of the Supernumerary Sepoys, that has been ordered to the Presidency.

Military Department.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Committee

of Fort St. George &c.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Herewith I have the honour to transmit you Copy of a Letter received last night from the

Loom Mauritius Capt. inclosing a Letter from the Commanding Officer advising of the Desertion of

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of the Detachment, Ordered to Presidency - desiring the Orders of the Committee thereon, and in what manner the Deserters who have been seized, are to be disposed of.

the Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District, with the several Enclosures accompanying it. By which your Lordship &c. will be fully informed of the great desertion and mutinous behaviour of the Draughts ordered to the Presidency, after their having marched from Ellore —

Captain Nelson in his letter of the 11th to Captain Lysaght mentioned that many of the men who then remained with him were demanding their Discharges, we judged it necessary to direct that they should continue at Madoor until further Orders. We beg your Lordship &c. will determine whether those who are left shall proceed to the Presidency or not. Your Lordship &c. will be pleased to observe by the Return there are now with Captain Nelson only 332. and that nearly half the Corps of Volunteers for this Service are amongst those who mutined. This Circumstance had great weight with us in ordering the Detachment to remain where it is for your Orders, as it was very improbable after so great a proportion of those who had voluntarily offered themselves to proceed to the Southward had behaved in this manner, that any of the present small remainder of those who proceeds against them will perhaps, should reach Madras.

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Captain Leyaght mentions in his letter that he had already taken up neare one hundred of the Deserters and others of them have been seized in the neighbourhood of this place and confined here; we beg to be furnished with your Orders how they are to be disposed of.

We are Respectfully
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard.
Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
12th may 1682.

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

From a Masulipatam
ones Letter from
Capt Leyght the
Supernumeraries
ordered back to Ellore
receiving Instruction
respecting them.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Since our address to your Lordship &c.a of the 10th Instant, we have received a letter from Captain Leyaght, Copy of which we judge it necessary to lay before you, finding therefrom, that no Reparation could be placed on the Draughts, continuing with Captain Nelson that were ordered to Masor, until your pleasure

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please we should be known respecting them. We have directed them to march back to Ellore, and beg leave to recommend to your Consideration the Subject of Captain Lysaghts letter and to have your Orders in consequence. —

We are Respectfully —

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedt humble Servants

/signed/ — { James Hodge
John Peter Boileau
Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
15th May 1782 —

Minute thereon —

The Committee can scarcely conceive it possible that any Troops whose Discipline had been properly attended to could proceed to such an extremity, for no other reason than their being Ordered upon Service, & they are concerned that some severe example were not made upon the Spot, which has been done in similar instances; and must always have a better effect, than any Punishment a Distant Court Martial can inflict — Agreed that Copies of the Papers be sent to Sir Eyre Coote, and that he be requested to give such orders upon the Subject, as he may judge the publick Service requires — in the mean while it is resolved that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be directed to let the remainder of the Sepoys remain at Ellore.

Read

1676 Fort St. George 23 May 1682

Read the following Letters from Captain Bilcliffe with a Letter from Mr Preston as entered in the Miscellany Book, N. 8.

My Lord

Upon being in possession of Tutocorin I ordered the out works which the Dutch had erected to be destroyed, and the four Angle Bastions of the Fort to be mined ready for destruction on the shortest notice but not to be destroyed until your Lordships pleasure and that of the Board shall be known, unless the Dutch should send a large force into this Country; in that case I have ordered it to be blown up. Report says that the Dutch are fitting up Vessels at Columbo in order to land one thousand men at Tutocorin; but I cannot give credit to the Report. There are some publick & private Buildings at Punnycail, and Manapar, two of the Dutch factorys on this Coast which they have destroyed

From Capt. Bilcliffe Tutocorin minded Peons Instructions whether that Place and the two Dutch Factories of Punnycail and Manapar must be destroyed the Dutch pretending to land 1000 men on the Kimmendy Country. A Polygar named Sheveram Tellivan rebelled erected a mud fort, and plunders the Country. A Detachment sent to destroy his fort. Cuttapa Naig makes professions of friendship to the Company, the Troops sent for want of Pay—

Manapad?

A Polygar named Sheveram Tellivan having erected a mud Fort near Tuticorin thirty miles from this place, and was plundering the Country. I sent a Detachment to take and destroy the said Fort which has been done with the loss of five Sepoys Killed and ten wounded. This Polygar has just now sent to request the matter may be settled amicably, and says he is very sorry for what he has done. I have

perused

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desired him to come to me and lay all his complaints before me, and if I find he has been injured, I will lay his grievances before your Lordship and you will give redress; this man has but a few People, and is not a person of Consequence.

Cattapah Naig, the Polygar near Sutteerim sent some of his People to join my Detachment on this occation, which secured his Interest for the present, He now calls himself the Company's Polygar, but no great dependance is to be put on what he says. I shall keep upon good terms with him if I can, as he might do much harm; and I have not a force sufficient at present to reduce him should he prove refractory. The Sweeps have a much in arreares and Mr Proctor says he cannot get Money to Pay them, which much surprize me, they desert very fast, not being able to support themselves & families without pay.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most Obed.t & most humble Servt

J. Bidcliffe

Palamcotah
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To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

Governor and President &c. &c.

Fort St. George.

My Lord

Inclosed I send your Lordship a Letter addressed to you by Mr Proctor which he sent to me upon Perusal on the Subject of Mr Michael Scoby, to be forwarded with such Letter as I might think your Lordship on that Gentleman's Subject.

From Capt. Kelleher inclosing Letter from Mr Proctor recommending Mr Scoby, with his own Opinion of that Gentleman, and requesting that he be appointed a Volunteer.

Upon the taking Possession of Sutteerum Mr Scoby by the favorable Character that was given of Mr Scoby by the Gentlemen here who were best acquainted with him, together with the great want of Officers at this Garrison and Mr Scobys knowledge in Drawing and the Engineering Branch, I thought it necessary to employ him at Sutteerum as a Volunteer with the Companys Troops in the Distruction of some Buildings and Works that the Dutch had erected there and on which Duty Mr Scoby continues to be employed at present, and has given me entire Satisfaction therein, and from the Talents and Inclination that Mr Scoby seem to possess for the Military Line and attachment to the English, I cannot avoid recommending him to your Lordship, to be entertained as a Volunteer in the Service, till such time as from the Experience

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Experience of his Service may prove his meriting
of being promoted to an Officer. I purpose accordingly
therefore continuing to employ Mr. Scoby as a Volunteer
in the Service till I may be favored with your Lordships
and the Select Committee's Orders concerning him.

I am with Respect

Your Lordships

Palamcotah
9th April 1782.

most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) ..... John Belcliffe

Agreed that Captain Belcliffe desired to endeavour to obtain further Information of the designs of the Dutch, and should he find the Intelligence confirmed of their intending to land Troops at Tuticorin, to blow up the Fortifications immediately. The Committee approve of Captain Belcliffe having attacked and destroyed the Mud Fort erected by Sheveram Sullivan Polygar, and are well pleased to find that Cossopah Naigue is at length returned to his Duty.

Tuticorin to be destroyed should the Dutch land any more.

Approve of Captain Belcliffe sending a detachment against Sheveram Sullivan

In consequence of the very favorable mention which Captain Belcliffe has made of Mr. Michael Scoby, the Committee will appoint him a Volunteer, should there be occasion to appoint any more after those from England provided for in the

Mr. Michael Scoby permitted to act as Ensign for the present.

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mean while) It is agreed that Captain Wedderburne be
permitted to order him to attend Consign for the
present.

Read the following Letter from the
Committee of Assigned Revenue, with their Proceed-
ings of the 14th Instant and lodged in the Office.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to lay before
your Lordship &c. An Extract of our Minutes of the
14th Instant the Subjects of which await your
Determination.

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
most Humble Servants
(signed) Chas Oakeley
Eyles Irwin
Wall Plumer
David Haliburton
Geo. Mountenay

From the Committee
of Assigned Revenue
Enclosing their Proceedings
of the 14th May

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The Committee entirely approve of the
measures recommended by the Committee of Assigned
Revenue

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Approve of the measure recommended by the Committee of Assigne Revenue

Revenue — Orders have already been sent to the Commanding Officers in the Assigned Countries, to prevent their interference in matters of Revenue, and they have also been directed to give the Renters the most effectual support — Agreed that the other Orders recommended by the Committee of Assigned Revenue be forthwith issued. —

Read the following Letters from the Agent with his Report of Rice Provisions and Bullocks supplied the Army the 16th. Instant as entered in the Miscellany Book N.2.

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

My Lord

From the Agent enclosing an acct. of Rice, Provisions & Bullocks supplied the Detachment at the Mount & desiring that the Bullocks may be mustered & reported on immediately after their arrival in Camp

I have the honor to present your Lordship with an Account of the Rice Bullocks and provisions furnished for the Army which accompanied the Detachment that marched from the Mount on the 16th Instant. —

I beg to inform your Lordship that the Rice delivered at the Mount was transmitted there without any assistance from the Grain Keeper

Bullocks

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Bullocks, and that the other Bullocks which accompanied the Detachment made but one Step in which they corrugd 725 Bags.

As from the Reports of the Commissary to the Army lately received by your Lordship, appears that Deficiencies have arisen in the number of Bullocks sent to camp, and that many of them are in bad condition, I have to request that your Lordship will be pleased to direct that the Bullocks sent from hence now and upon all future occasions be mustered and reported upon by the Commissary immediately after their arrival in camp, that the condition in which they are received may be known to Government, and to the General, and that I may suffer no Responsibility beyond the date to which my Office is limited. A few days delay in mustering the Bullocks may occasion such a considerable difference in their appearance that many which go from hence in good condition may be reported unserviceable. I hope your Lordship will therefore see the propriety of ordering that a speedy Report be made of them.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships Most
Obed. & most hble Servt
Signed William Nash
Agent

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

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From the Agent — complaining of the scarcity of Northern Gunnies and requesting that Bills on the Northward may be given him for the amount of the Gunnies furnished from thence.

I beg leave to present to your Lord. ships &c. that for some Months past the scarcity of Northern Gunnys (which is the only thing proper to make Bullock Bags) has been so great that I have been Obliged to use double Bengal Bags as a substatute, which tho' double are very inferior in quatity to the other, likewise, that the consumption of Bengal Bags has been so great, that I have had considerable Difficultty in procuring enough of them for immediate Service, and that this Scarcity will probably increase

I have in Consequence written to Masulipatam and Vizagapatam to know what Number of Gunnys can be purchased there, but as I am furnished with no Money from the Company for the publick Service I hope your Lordship &c. will be pleased to consent that my Attornys be permitted to make a Demand upon the Company's Treasury at those places respectively for

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For the price of the Gunnies they purchase for the consumption of my Office; and that you will direct the Chiefs and Council to pay the Bills for the above purpose when presented: the Amount of which they be brought to the Debit of the Agent at Masulipatam.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t
and most faithful
Servant
William Bolts
Agent

Fort St. George
21 may 1782.

Agreed that positive Orders be sent to the Commissary of the Army in future to muster that Master Thweon (may be sent from hence) immediately on their arrival in Camp, and Report their number State and condition to the Commander in Chief, and to the Select Committee or to the Right Hon.ble the President: and that when we Imagine Occasion may prevent his the Commissary attending the Muster in person, he direct the paymaster or the Deputy Agent to attend in his stead. Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be directed to discharge any Bills for Gunnies that may be tendered by Mr. Bolts Agent there.

Read Letter from Mr. Robert Gardner with Copy of his Correspondence with the Chief and Council of Masulipatam / as entered in the Miscellany Book

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Book, No. 5. on the Subject of his accounts, and the meaning of the Orders to pay only the Troops.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be directed to furnish Mr. Gardner with Money as usual for the present.

Read a Letter from Captain Vigors (as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 6) requesting his Battalion may be allowed Batta as well as the other Black Town Battalion. Agreed to accordingly but the Sepoys must be apprized that this Indulgence is to last only during the War.

Read the following Letter from Captain Campbell.

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

My Lord.

I have had a message from the Troops in the Forts of Carnvair and Pampoon that they are much distressed for Provisions not having one Days Stock, which alarms them as there are Daily reports of a Body of the Enemy coming this way. The Aumuldar tells me he has no Orders on the Subject — There are only

From Capt. Campbell the Forts of Pampoon and Carnvair distressed for Grain — requests the Aumuldar may be ordered to furnish what is wanted, &c. put under the Charge of Mr. Living.

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only 15 Days Grain laid in for the fighting Men of this Garrison, which is far from being a sufficient Stock; and therefore I request your Lordships orders to the Admiral to provide what is wanting, and to put it under the Charge of Mr. Swing, as those who are now in Charge are not to be depended upon should any Party of Horse come into this Country, the whole Crop is in Danger of being destroyed, as the Inhabitants have not got Permission to beat out the Grain yet.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed.t humble Servant

Signed ..... Geo. Campbell

Agreed it be proposed to the Committee of Revenue that Orders may be sent to the Admiral to Supply Grain for the Forts of Pamporee and Covelong

Ordered accordingly

1507 Fort St. George, May 1702

22d Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote.

To Lieut. Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote K. B.

&c &c.

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote, advising of the arrival of the Myrtle Transport, and inclosing return of Troops on Board.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Myrtle Transport is just arrived, and we inclose you a return of the Troops on board.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George, 22d May 1702.

Sir,

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

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

Sir

To Sir Eyre Coote inclosing Papers relating to the Mutiny among the Northern Topoys ordered to the Presidency, desiring him to give the necessary orders in consequence, and requesting his opinion with respect to the Topoys who have not mutinied.

Inclosed we have the honor to transmit you several papers (Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 5.) relative to a Mutiny and desertion among the Supernumerary Companies of Topoys belonging to Masulipatam, in consequence of their being ordered to the Presidency, and We request you will give such order upon the subject as you judge the public Service requires.

We wish also to be favored with your opinion

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22D opinion with regard to the remainder of the Ships
who have not mutinied, whether or not to enforce
the order for their proceeding to the Presidency, for
the mean time we shall desire the Governour et
Council to detain the Ships, till
they shall receive our further directions, which we
shall send them as soon as We know your opinion.

We have the Honor to be,

Sirs,

Your most obedient
humble Servants,

Macartney
Wm Lisle Edmondstone

Fort St George
9th May 1709

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

Sir,

To Sir Cyre Coote
enclosing the Agents'
Letter, and Account of
Bullocks and Provisions
sent with the Detachment
from the Mount.

We have the Honor to transmit you
Copies of a Letter we have from the Agent, and his Account
of Provisions and Bullocks which were sent by the
Detachment of the Army that marched from the
Mount the 16th Instant.

Agreeably to the Agents' request,
We now send orders to the Commissary of the Army
to muster the Bullocks that may in future be sent
to the Army from hence, immediately on their
Arrival in Camp, and to report their Number, state,

and &c

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22d and condition to you and to this Committee.

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

Fort St George
22d May 1702

Read Letter from Cruger Roth
as entred in the Miscellany Book Folio 23 inclosing
Certificate of his ill Health, desiring leave to proceed
to Sea for a recovery, and requesting an order to receive
five years arrears of Pay. Agreed that his request
be complied with.

Dispatched the following Letter

To Captain Billcliff,
Commanding at Palamcotah.

Sir,

To Capt Billcliffe, directing him to blow up the fortifications at Tuticorin, should the Dutch attempt landing any Men — approve of his having destroyd the Fort erected at Sheviram Tellivan, desiring him to conciliate the attachment of all the Polygars &c Sailors entertained Volunteer, to act as Enseign for the present

The President has laid before us your Letter to his Lordship of the 2d and 9th Inst.

We desire you will endeavor to obtain further Information of the designs of the dutch, and should you find the Intelligence confirmed of their Intention to land Troops at Tatacorin, you will in that case immediately blow up the fortifications.

We approve of your having attacked and

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22d and destroyd the Mud Fort erected by Sheroaw Tolliwan Poligar, and are well pleasd to find that Cabapah Naig is at length returnd to his duty—

We rely on your utmost exertions to reconciliate the Poligars in general, and to attach them to the Company's Government, assuring them on all occasions of our desire to protect them in the enjoyment of their rights, and to hear and redress their Grievances—

In consequence of the very favorable mention you have made of Mr Michael Darby, We shall appoint him a Volunteer, and you have our permission to order him to act as Ensign for the present, and should he continue to merit your good opinion, he will hereafter be appointed to that Rank—

We are.
Sir.
Your most obedient
Servants,
G Macartney
Wm Elliot Committee

Fort St George
26th May 1702

James Daniell Esqr
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 13th and 15th Instant with their Enclosures—

We are astonished at the particulars those papers contain of the mutinous behaviour of the Supernumerary

To Masulipatam:
advising being
at the mutinous
behaviour of the Supra
numerary Ensign the
remainder being ordered
to allow him Lodging
the Paymaster at Bengal
with Money—

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22d Supernumerary Seapoys that were ordered for the Providence, and we can scarcely conceive it possible that any Troops whose discipline had been properly attended to, could proceed to such an extremity for no other cause than the being ordered upon Service; in all wch the public service can receive no benefit from such Troops —

We are concerned that some very severe examples were not made upon the spot, which has been done in Similar Instances and must always have a better effect than any punishment a distant Courtmartial can inflict —

We shall shortly write you further on the subject, in the mean while we approve of your having given directions for the remainder of the Seapoys to return to Cleave where they may remain for the present —

We desire that you will for the present continue to furnish the paymaster at Angle with Money for his monthly disbursments as you have done hitherto, we shall soon make an Arrangement, by which he will be supplied from the Revenue of the Ongole Province —

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants

Fort St George
22d May 1702

Macartney
Wm Pulicat Committee.

William

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William Jackson Esqr

Commissary to the Army

Sir,

To Mr Jackson
directing him to muster
the Bullocks imme-
diately on their arrival
in Camp, and to report
their number and
strength to the Commander
in Chief

In consequence of the deficiencies which have been found in the Bullocks sent to the Army, and complaints of their state and condition, I am directed to signify to you the positive orders of the Select Committee that in future you muster the Bullock that may be sent from hence immediately on their arrival in Camp, and report their number, state and condition to the Commander in Chief and to the Select Committee, or to the Right Honble the President: the Select Committee expect the strictest observance of this Order, and they direct that whenever Indisposition may prevent your attending the Muster in person you will depute the Paymaster or the Deputy Agent to attend in your Stead.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Fort St. George
29th May 1702

Your most humble Servant
Peter Haddelston

Expect

Received the following Letter from Mr Rop

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

My Lord

In answer to the Paragraph

From Mr Roper's answer to the Council

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complaint of want of Tarpaulins, and mentioning that two carts loaded with Tarpaulins were sent to the Mount.

22d. you were pleased to read to me respecting Tarpaulins from Sir Eyre Coote's Letter to your Lordship I beg leave to inform you that I saw two Carts loaded with Tarpaulins at the Mount, which came from Madras on the Evening of the 25th April, and to the best of my recollection I pointed them out to Mr Erskine, telling him they were for him. Mr Erskine in a letter to me dated 15th May says, he recollects perfectly my having mentioned to him that I sent 9 Tarpaulins, and his directing, in my presence, that proper care should be taken of them, but that he made no enquiry about them, until his arrival in Camp, when he was surprized to learn from his People that they had received none at the Mount. In answer to Mr Erskine's Letter, I told him where I thought he might inquire for them with most success, and I persuade myself, as the Tarpaulins were with the Provisions for the Europeans, that if a Scrutiny is made amongst the People in trust upon that march for Mr Erskine, they may still be traced — from what I have said, I hope your Lordship and the General will be persuaded that the Tarpaulins were sent to the Mount, and after being delivered there to the proper officer, I do not conceive myself any longer accountable for them.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordships most Obt.
and most humble Servt.
William Rob.
Agent.

Fort St. George
22d May 1702

1592 Fort St George, 22d May 1702

William Jackson Esqr
Commissary to the Army

Sir,

To Mr Jackson
directing him to muster
the Bullocks immediately on their arrival
in Camp, and to report
their number and
strength to the Commander
in Chief

In consequence of the defficiencies which have been found in the Bullocks sent to the Army and complaints of their state and condition, I am directed to signify to you the positive orders of the Select Committee that in future you muster the Bullock that may be sent from hence immediately on their arrival in Camp, and report their number, state and condition to the Commander in Chief and to the Select Committee, or to the Right Honble the President: the Select Committee expect the strictest observance of this Order and they direct that whenever Indisposition may prevent your attending the Muster in person you will direct the Paymaster or the Deputy Agent to attend in your stead.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Fort St George
27th May 1702

Your most humble Servt
Peter Huddleston

Received the following Letter from Mr C

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

My Lord

In answer to the Paragraph

From Mr Robinson
answer to the General

1593 Fort St. George, 27th May 1702

complaint of want of Tarpaulins, and mentioning that two carts loaded with Tarpaulins were sent to the Mount.

22d. you were pleas'd to read to me respecting Tarpaulins from Sir Eyre Coote's Letter to your Lordship I beg leave to inform you that I saw five Carts loaded with Tarpaulins at the Mount, which came from Madras on the Even.g of the 25th. April, and to the best of my recollection I pointed them out to Mr. Erskine, telling him they were for him. Mr. Erskine in a letter to me dated 15th. May says, he recollects perfectly my having mentioned to him that I sent 6 Tarpaulins, and his directing, in my presence, that proper care should be taken of them, but that he made no enquiry about them, until his arrival in Camp, when he was surprized to learn from his People that they had received none at the Mount. In answer to Mr. Erskine's Letter, I told him where I thought he might inquire for them with most success, and I persuade myself, as the Tarpaulins were with the Provisions for the Europeans, that if a Scrutiny is made amongst the People in trust upon that march for Mr. Kinlow or Dy. they may still be traced from what I have said, I hope your Lordship and the General will be persuaded that the Tarpaulins were sent to the Mount, and after being delivered there to the proper Officer, I do not conceive myself any longer accountable for them.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most Obt.
and most humble Servant.
William Dobbs.
Agent.

Fort St. George
27th. May 1702

1594 Fort St. George, 22d May 1702

22d Sent the following Letter.

To Captain George Campbell
commanding at Nellore.

Sir.

To Capt. Campbell
informing him that the
Subject of his Letter
of the 17th may will be
referred to the Committee
of Assigned Revenue

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 17th May, and to acquaint
you that what you have therein set forth will be referred
to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, who will be
desired to take the necessary measures.

I am,
Sir.
Your Obedt Servant
Thomas Kinnycastle
Dep. Secy.

Fort St. George
22d May 1702.

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross.
Chief Engineer.

Sir.

To Lt. Col. Ross,
directing him to
examine into the
state of the Fortifi-
cations, and report
thereon.

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee to signify
to you their orders that as soon as shall be convenient
you proceed to examine into the state of the Fortifications,
and deliver into them a report of the same.
I have the honor to be,
Sir.
Your most Obdt Servant
John Hudleston Secy.

Fort St. George,
22d May 1702

Lent

1595 Fort St George, May 1702

22d Sent Letter to Mr William Ross / as entered in the Miscellany Book No 21. / informing him that Order will be sent to Masulipatam to discharge his Bills for Gunnies.

23d Sent the following Letter to the Commitee of Aforegnd Revenue.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr &c Members of the Commitee of aforegnd Revenue

Gentlemen,

To the Commitee of aforegnd Revenue inclosing Letter from Capt Campbell and desiring they will take the necessary measures in consequence.

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit you copy of a Letter received from Captain Campbell at Nellore and am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Commitee to desire you will take the necessary measures in consequence.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Hble Servant

Thomas Kingscote

Dep. Sec.

Fort St George

23. May 1702.

Received the following Letter from Capt Campbell.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K B.

President & Governor &c Select Commitee

Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Capt Campbell

I was yesterday morning favord

1596 Fort St. George, 6 May 1702

Instructions respecting the Disposal of the 760 of the Nabob's Troops, and directing to know what Troops are to Garrison the 2 Forts and Forts shall be dismissed, and on what terms they are to be dismissed.

23d Inst. I received with the Duplicate of your Letter of the 8th Instant, the original never came to hand, although we had a regular Dawk every Day.

I shall readily Capt Clavering every Assistance he may require in supporting the Palmar Renter, He has not as yet applied for any Aid of Peons to me he has met with no obstruction from the Phouzdar; the Perwannah in the execution of his office from the Phouzdar or any of the Nabobs Servants. If they should attempt any thing of this kind, I shall render the Assistance in my power, and attend to your Lordships &c. other orders on that Head. From a paragraph in your Lordships &c. Letter of the 2d Instant that orders had been sent to me by you to dismiss the Nabobs Troops. I never received the orders, but upon receipt of your Letter yesterday, I ordered all the Nabobs Troops in Garrison, amounting to 760, to the parade, and acquainted them with your orders, and made them lay down their Arms and dismissed them. I previously acquainted the Phouzdar, who readily submitted to every thing required. I have told the Amuldar to order in all those employed by him in the Country for the same purpose. There is one Company at Carwar & Dah, one at Rampour, one at Kundacour, and one posted in the Village of Ballon.

I request to know whether they are to be dismissed also and if so, how those Forts are to be garrisoned. I understand Rampore is a large place, and would require two Companies. There is a Company of Native Artillery and a dismounted Troop here also, I request to

23d. to know what is to be done with them, they have all offerd their Services on the present footing — It appears to me absolutely necessary to take the Artillery into the Service, Officers and all, and to augment them to 100 strong, as it will be necessary to send some of them to the out Forts. The Troop has about 60 serviceable Horses. I also request to have your Lordships Orders whether I am to entertain any of the Seapoy Black officers, or only the private men, and if so, on what terms they are to be admitted. I understand the Soubadars raise their own Companies, and have great influence over them, but they seem to be totally ignorant of Military Matters. There are one English Serjeant & Seapoys & French Men, and 3 old Topasses here, I request to know what is to be done with them — There is a Quantity of Military stores here, and in the out Garrisons belonging to the Nabob, and also some which I am told is the property of some Gentlemen at Madras. I have given the Phouzdar Guards for them 'till your pleasure on that Head be known.

The Amuldar requires a much greater Number of Troops than I can possibly spare him from the Garrison Duty, especially of the out Forts are to be garrisond with Company's Troops, and cannot carry on the duty without them. I request to have particular instructions on this Head, and to what extent I am to comply with his requisitions. It takes 300 Men for the daily Duty, and the Number cannot well be reduced considering the extent and defenceless state of the Works, and the number of Guards requisite for the Stores and provisions scattered in small Houses — The Duty is mostly

1598 Fort St George, 23d May 1702

mostly done by the 11th Battalion, as the 3 Independt Companys are not yet compleat in their Discipline, and the Troops that may enter from the Natchiveria will be no Ease than Recruits, and must be some time Drill before they are fit for any Duty — If Troops are sent to the out Garrisons it will be necessary to send orders to the Amuldar to lay in provisions for them.

The Amuldar wants Arms for his Silladys, which cannot be spared, as we have not a sufficient Number for the Recruits, and the Store-keepers indent to Mr Scaling for 800 stand has not been yet complyed with, I have been obliged to arm the 3 Independt Companys from the Natchiveria —

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedt

Humble Servant

Geo Champbell

Vellore
25th May 1709

Read the following Letter from General Cooke, enclosing Letter from Mr Crokine requesting permission to resign the Office of Grain keeper, and of his having nominated Captain Heavey to succeed him in that Employ —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Enclosing it necessary to have

From Genl Cooke &c.
has appointed Capt Heavey

1599 Fort S. George, May 1702

23d Have an Officer of Rank, Experience, and ability to command the Southern Troops, and to conduct the Military operations in that Quarter, I have made choice of Colonel Horne for those Services. I have in consequence sent him such instructions as appeared immediately necessary, and directed him to hold himself in Readiness to proceed thither, and have allotted him one of the Bengal Schooners as a conveyance, & should none other offer, which might be safer, or he would prefer. In order to obviate any Inconvenience which may arise to the Service by the Gentlemen at the Head of the Civil and Military Departments not knowing the Duties which respectively belong to their Stations, I request your Honour will be pleased to furnish Col. Horne with every Communication which you may think necessary for his guidance in that particular, and that you will also favor him with instructions on any other points which you may be desirous should claim his Attention. I have the Honor to transmit you inclosed, a muster Return of Draught and Carriage Bullocks in the Department of the Grain Keeper, whereby you will perceive that the Losses which have been sustained since the Muster on the 30th of last Month are 946 Bullocks. I likewise enclose you Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Mr Perkins, the Grainkeeper, requesting leave to resign that Charge, in consequence of which I have for the present nominated to it Captain Searsay, who also acts as Baggage master to the Army, and from whose indefatigable Activity in the Execution of that Office, I am willing to flatter myself will likewise acquit himself with Success in the

to the command of the Southern Troops, inclosed, a muster return of Bullocks, and a Letter from the Grainkeeper requesting permission to resign his employ. Captain Wearsay appointed to succeed him — the French join Hyder — the Gent intended marching towards the Enemy, and leaving his Luggage in Cawrangoly.

Fort St. George, May, 1782

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the discharge of the other — I am so sensible of the Force of the Reasons which Mr Cockine has urged for resigning his office, and of the difficulties which his Youth and Inexperience exposed him to in the discharge of so arduous a Task that I cannot avoid taking this Occasion to express my hope that his failure therein may prove no impediment to his future Employment in his own more immediate Line of Service, and for which I doubt not he will be found well qualified —

I do inform'd you in my Letter of the 19th I marched on the 20th in the Morning and crossed the Palar, and Yesterday Morning reached this Place, where I found it necessary to halt to day, not only to refresh the Bullocks, which beside being weakened by the two days March were much jaded by the badness of the Road, but to endeavor to ascertain, before I should proceed further, the Enemy's motions and Intentions. Hyder's Encampment has been discovered from one of the Hills at the distance of about 20 Miles on the Road from Permacoil to Vandewash, and by the Report of a Person belonging to the former Place, sent by Lieut Flaw, now a Prisoner in Hyder's Camp, we learn that the French joined this Morning, and took up ground betwixt Hyder and Typoo's Encampment — I shall leave all the Baggage I possibly can in Carriages, and march tomorrow morning towards the Enemy, taking the Road to Vandewash — I trust you are using every Endeavor to send Rice to Chingleput.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen

your

1601 Fort St George 1 May 1702

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Camp at Caringoly.
27th May 1702

Your most obedt
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote

To His Excellency Lieut Genl Sr Eyre Coote K. B.
Commander in Chief in India

Sir,

During the two Months I have held the Offic of Grainthegler, as many Difficulties have been thrown in my way by the Variety of Servants belonging to the Department, that it is with Regret I observe it has been entirely out of my power to give your Excellency the Satisfaction you wished for. No Cautions on my part have been wanting to give that Satisfaction, but I find it not only requires a person well skilled in the Language of the Country, and perfectly acquainted with the Customs and Genius of the Natives, but also three or four able assistants to act under him, who having a proportionable Charge allotted them, may have it in their power to defeat any imposition * which Regiment your Excellency will forward —

I have the Honr to be,

Sir

Your most obedt
Humble Servant
J. Erskine

Camp
20th May 1702.

A

* been so flattering to me as to have given Satisfaction in this Employ, but as I find it will be impossible from the reasons I have mentioned, I hope your Excellency will be pleased to accept of my Resignation — accompanying is a Letter to the Select Committee,

1600 Fort St. George, May. 1782

23 the discharge of the other — I am so sensible of the Force of the Reasons which Mr Cochrane has urged for resigning his office, and of the difficulties in which his Youth and Inexperience exposed him to in the discharge of so arduous a Task, that I cannot avoid taking this Occasion to express my hope that his failure therein may prove no impediment to his future Employment in his own more immediate Line of Service, and for which I doubt not he will be found well qualified —

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I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your

1601 Fort St George 1 May 1702

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Camp at Caringoly,
22d. May 1702

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Eyre Coote

To His Excellency Lieut Genl Sir Eyre Coote K. B.
Commander in Chief in India

Sir,

During the two Months I have held the Offices of Grain keeper, so many Difficulties have been thrown in my way by the Variety of Servants belonging to the Department, that it is with Regret I observe it has been entirely out of my power to give your Excellency the Satisfaction you wished for. No Exertions on my part have been wanting to give that Satisfaction, but I find it not only requires a person well skilled in the Language of the Country, and perfectly acquainted with the Customs and Genius of the Natives, but also three or four able Assistants to act under him, who having a proportionable Charge allotted them, may have it in their power to detect any impositions that are made. Nothing could have * which I request your Excellency will forward

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedt
Humble Servt
J. Erskine

Camp
20th May 1702.

A

* been so flattering to me as to have given Satisfaction in this employ, but as I find it will be impossible from the reasons I have mentioned, I hope your Excellency will be pleased to accept of my Resignation — Accompanying is a Letter to the Select Committee,

1602 Fort St. George, May 1702

23d

A Muster of Draught & Carriage Bullocks &c under the Charge of the Grainkeeper & the Army taken the 22d Day of may 1702.

	Present	Dismist	Total
Draught Bullocks	231		231
Cattle	70		
Carriage Bullocks	3275		
Do dismist being totally unfit for Service		127	3460
			3370
Draught and Carriage Bullocks for Service			

Camp:
22d May 1702

Wm Jackson,
Commissary to the Army.

30th April 1702.
Draught and Carriage Bullocks fit for Service at the Muster 3674

this day
Recd from the 1st May Carriage Bullocks 500
do Draughts 50
4075

Bullocks Lost, taken* by the Enemy, and discharged since last muster 946
Remaining this Day fit for Service 3370

30 April Cattle 60
Recd since 2
70

*NB the Number taken 90.

William Jackson
Commissary

Since

1603 Fort St. George, May 1702

23d Dispatched Letters to Masulipatam and Vizagapatam
as entered in the Miscellany Book No 24, desiring
they will discharge any Bills that may be presented to
them by Mr Ross's Attornies for Gunny Bags.—

24th Received the following Letter from Mr
Coshine as entered in Miscellany Book.

Received the following Letters.

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

My Lord,

From Mr Holland inclosing letter from Col. Forde and Mr Hinshaw with News from Europe. The Nizam on his march to Hydrabad and making a Settlement with Chittisham Jung.

I have herewith the honor to enclose
your Lordship two Copies of Letters from Colonel Forde
and Mr Hinshaw; it appears by the latter, that Mr
Hinshaw intended to have sent a Letter for your Lordship;
but it has been omitted; the Letter mentioned for Mr
Pherson was regularly enclosed under cover of
mine, but yours was missing, on my asking the
Hircarras, if they had any other Letter in their Possession,
they said they had only received the two they had delivered,
of which the above mentioned are Copies.

His Highness the Nizam Capt Howlay,
a Fort belonging to a Zemindar to the north of Bider
on the 6th Instant, and is now on his march towards
Hydrabad, which he will probably reach in a bout a Week.
I have not heard the particulars of the Settlement with
Chitisham Jung, but it is said he is to receive a
handsome

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24 handsome vers from him, and he has Shiar, made some small Collections in his Progress —

I have the honor to be with great Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most
Obedient humble Servant.

Nizams Camp Dalghurry
8th May 1702.

John Hollond

/Copy/

Dear Sir,

Imbrace this opportunity of addressing a few Lines to you by the way of Goa, it is necessary to inform you that I arrived at Bombay the 4th March in the Lark with those other Indiamen, Viz. the Ilsea, and Lathom in the Lark with those other Indiamen, Viz. the Ilsea, on board of which was Colonel Ross, the Deputy Governor. I have been informed by Governor Aungier of the Intelligence you have forwarded to him since my arrival; the last of which he received two days ago, giving an account of our Fleet and the French having had an Engagement. Yesterday Col. Ross and myself imbarked on board the San Carlos to proceed to Madras. Captain Smith who commands the San Carlos has under his Command the other Transports lately arrived from England, on board of which the Highland Battalion is now with us, and the remainder of his Majesty's Troops now at Calicut under the Command of Lt. Col. Kimberton will be taken on board on the arrival of the ships at Calicut. The Committee of Bombay recommend the Colonel

1605 Fort St. George, 6 May 1702

Lt. Colonel to send the Troops near Anjengo, and to march them up to Palamcotah, Madura and Trichinopoly, the measure I think will depend on the intelligence we shall obtain of the French fleet on our arrival at Anjengo: for my own part I foresee many inconveniences that must arise to Troops quite raw from Europe undertaking such a march as well as danger, should Tippo Saib still remain to the Southward of the Coleroon, and more particularly if he has been joined by the French Troops that were in the transports that got into Tranquebar Road. Colonel Ross and myself will be obliged to you, if you'll inform Lord Macartney of our leaving Bombay on the San Carlos, in order to proceed to Madras, by your first dispatches.

I am with much Regard,
Dear Sir,
Your's &c,
signed J. H. Horn

On Board the San Carlos.
11th April, 1702.

Goa 20 April 1702

Dear Sir,

Your Letter of the 25th ultimo reached me the 5th current; the Transports are yet on the coast, and also the Troops under Colonel Dunbarton, but are now to proceed round Ceylon, or land at Anjengo, as may be judged most prudent — We are in very anxious Expectation of news of the Squadron and its operations. We have accounts of 2 Transports being taken with a General Officer and 1,200 Men on board,

and

1606 Fort St George. May 17th 02

24 and sent into Madras; at the time mentioned by you, I must doubt, as it is much wished to have come from Madras under 6 Weeks, two days prior to the date of your Letter from thence by Bramaker is arrived, and being very busy, always me to present his respects to you; the Letter to Mr Macpherson & so obliging as to forward; also the one for his Lordship. By News from London your ships of the Line three frigates with 15 Indiamen and Transports, enough for conveying ~~from~~ five to six thousand troops on board, were to leave England in November, and that the Indiamen were then ready at Portsmouth. No particular war news from Guzerat; any Event taking place I will not fail advising you thereof.

I remain with Esteem,

Your very obd. Servt.

Robt Hawkins.

To John Holland Esqr

To the Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney,

President and Governor &c Select Committee,

Honble

The ongoing reporting Mr

Dobbs complaints I attended on the 15th instant, as I suppose for the last time; It has been a very tedious business, much more so than I expected, or I think need to have been, however it was luckily for me that I attended, for I never otherwise have had the opportunity it gave me

From Capt Livingston on the subject of the inquiry held in consequence of Mr Dobbs complaints. Mr Light refuses to give receipts for the paddy

1607 Fort St George, 6 May 1702

24th gave me of convicting Mr Dobs Evidences of the Renter and his dependants from their own mouths of palpable falsehoods, as well as by the Evidences of Captain Hammond, and Lieutenant Jacobs. I was very uncertain at present when the Proceedings, which are Voluminous, may reach Bradras, neither shall I be made acquainted with the opinion that may be sent you thereon, tho' I think it impossible that after the proofs I have produced, any attempt can be made to fix Blame on me; notwithstanding the Majority of the Gentlemen I may venture to say have hitherto acted more like Council to Mr Dobs than impartial Inquirers — I hope your honours will do me the Justice to believe the Renters' Complaints equally void of foundation; — as the above shew plainly what length he will go. His Highness the Nabob has sent Firmi Orders I am informed to get his Complaints proved; after a months fruitless application to the principal Inhabitants of Tinnivelly, he has at last, by way of proof, got a paper countersigned by his own dependants, and Circar Servants, who could not longer refuse, as their Pay depended on him.

I wrote your Honor the 23d of February, inclosing Copies of Note from Mr Light with my Answer in regard to what remains of the Paddy I brought into the Fort last April, which he refused to give his Receipt for; Unless measured differently than what he received it to the Sepoys; by Which means there would have been Less by upwards of two thousand Cotahs than the Renter said. I therefore had it measured over, to ascertain the exact Quantity which turns out one thousand and fourteen Cotahs more

than

1608 Fort St George. May 1702

24th than Mr Light have to account for; thirdly from this must be deducted, which is all that has been damaged of the whole — As Mr Light still persists in not giving his Receipt, I have taken the Receipt of the Linear Carriage & one other who saw it measured — I this day wrote the Military Secretary an Answer to his of the 4th Instant, and have inclosed him an Account which will shew I have no money of the Company in my hands, which makes no doubt on my Arrival at Madras, which shall be as soon as possible, of clearing my thing up to the satisfaction of my Superiours, and in the mean time beg they will not think me capable of making unjust Charges.

I have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sirs & Sirs

Your most faithfull and

Obed't Servant

James Lidingtown.

Palamcotah,
16th April 1702.

24th Wrote the following Letter to Mr Gardiner Paymaster at Engh —

Mr Robert Gardiner

Paymaster at Engh.

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Commitee to acknowledge your Letter to the President of the 13th Instant with its inclosures,

For Mr Gardiner advising him that orders have been sent to Masulipatam to supply him with Cash, & desiring him to observe the greatest Oeconomy

26. Enclosures, and to inform you that orders are sent to the Gentlemen at Masulipatam to furnish you with Money as usual for the present, but the select Committee desire you will observe the strictest Oeconomy in your Disbursements, and not allow of any charge that is not authorised by the Military Regulations.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble Sert.

John Hudleston

Secry.

Fort St. George,
26th May 1702

27th Dispatched the following Letters to Captain Campbell and to Masulipatam —

To Captain George Campbell
Commanding at
Vellore.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 25th Instant.

It was not our Intention that the Nabobs Peopoys should be disarmed. We wished you to enlist such as were willing to enter the Company's Service, and disband the rest only. You will now act in conformity with this Instruction. Such of the black Officers may likewise be entertained as you think deserving and capable of serving in the Ranks they fill

To Capt. Campbell, directing him to entertain as many of the Nabobs Peopoys as are willing to enlist — particularly the native Artillery and their Officers, the Garrisons of Curwarcotah and Rumpour to be maintained as usual; Instructions respecting the Nabobs Horses and Lumgrawers in his Service at Vellore; desiring him to indent to the Comptroller for a Stock of Grain for Vellore and the out Garrisons.

1610 Fort St. George, May 1762

27, 28th. We desire that Garrisons may be continued at Cuwarietah and Rampore and the other posts maintained on the same footing as at present. The Company of Native Artillery we would have you entertain with their Officers. We have no occasion for the dismounted Troopers, but if they will serve as recruits them. Whatever horses they may Sepoys you may be in a condition to serve, We would have sent hither.

The English Sergeant, if he will enlist should be entertained, but with respect to the four Frenchmen, We desire to have some account of them, and to know the time they have served the Nabob, after which you shall have directions concerning them. The three Topasses, if fit for Service, may be entertained as Gunners.

If the Nabobs people are willing to deliver over the charge of the Nabobs Stores to Mr Turing he will give a Receipt for them. If they have no authority to deliver them, you are to allow them to remain with those in whose custody they now are, and appoint the usual guards to take care of them.

As we have desired you to entertain such of the Nabobs Troops as wile enlist, We hope you wile have Sepoys sufficient to give the Amildar the assistance he may require.

The Amuldar wile have Orders to put Grain in the Out-Garrisons as well as in the Fort of Nellore. We think a Stock of 3 months for the fighting People at Nellore will be

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27th be sufficient — You will accordingly indent to the Amuldar for that quantity, and desire him to put it in the different Forts, under the charge of Mr Turing. This grain must be sold when it begins to decay, and a fresh quantity laid in Store. — We desire you will inform us what Stock of Grain is now at Nellore belonging to the Inhabitants, and what quantity the Amuldar has usually had there at Market —

We are,

Sir,

Your Obedt Servts.

Fort St George
27th May 1702

J. Macartney
for Select Committee.

James Daniell Esqr
Chief &c Council of Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

In your Letter of the 12th April you requested to be furnished with orders relative to the shipping off a part of your Garrison Stock of provisions for the Presidency, the Right Honble the President and Select Committee direct me to inform you in answer, that they wish you to send hither by the first opportunity as great a part of your Garrison Stock of provisions as can with certainty be replaced from the Country in a short time

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen

To Masulipatam directing them to forward to the Presidency as great a part of the Garrison Stock of Provisions as can with certainty soon be replaced —

1612 Fort St. George, 1st May 1702

27th

Gentlemen,

Your most Humble,
Servant
John Pudleston

Fort St. George
1st May 1702

22d Sent the following Letter to General Coote.

To Lieutenant General Sir Cyrll Coote Kt B.
Commander in Chief, &c &c

Sir

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 22d Instant with the inclosure —
The Commanding Officer at Tanjore
is already furnished with a Copy of that part of our
Instructions to the Resident in which a precise line is
drawn, between their respective powers and duties, and
We shall communicate the same to Colonel Howe before
his departure —

As you have chosen Colonel Howe
for the Command of the Southern troops we wish to
know whether or not you have issued the appointment
Orders, and if so, whether it be your Intention in future
to issue such appointments in General Orders, it is
necessary we should be informed on the head, that
We may avoid clashing in the most remote degree
with orders you may issue seperately from the
Government — We shall also be glad to be made
acquainted from time to time with the appointments
you

To Genl Coote, will furnish Col Howe with a Copy of the Instructions sent to the Resident at Tanjore, desiring to know whether the General in future intends to issue Orders or G O. that the Government Orders may not clash therewith, the Resident is to make enquiry & report upon the appointments, But endeavours not to send Peons to Chinglput the Chiefs of such waiting for Orders; approve of his appointing a Gentleman to the Office of Storekeeper.

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If you may think it necessary to make, that we may know what officers are employed in the several Out Garrisons and Districts —

We have used our best endeavors to send provision to Chingleput since your Departure, and shall continue them; the Chesterfield and other Vessels are ready to proceed to such place as you may judge expedient —

We are extremely glad to find that you have at last appointed to the office of Grain keeper, a Gentleman whom you think equal to the discharge of its Duties.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed.t
Humble Servants.

Fort St. George
28th. May 1782

Macartney
Sec.a Select Committee

Recvd the following Letter from General Coote.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

The last letter I had the honor

From General Coote
the Army encamped
between Pennacoil and

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and Rob. Giles desiring the Committee to act as they think proper respecting the Medicines required to be furnished with Mr Hay at Tanjore on the subject of the Gunners Mate employed request the opinion of the Committee relative to an Indent given to the Comd.r of Forts, visited the Polygars to supply Vellore with provisions, recommends sending provisions from Madras to Vellore and Capt. Flints Conduct

28th I have the honor to address you, bore date the 22d instant, from Carringoly & therein acquainted you I should march Eastward the Enemy the following Morning, taking the route by Wandewash & have I arrived on the 24th in the morning, and encamped about a mile to the NE of the Fort — I marched again yesterday morning and took up ground about five miles to the Southward, thereby approaching nearer to the Enemy, who upon hearing of my advancing from Carringoly is said to have immediately moved to a position about nine or ten miles more distant — By what we have yet been able to discover from the Summit of the Wandewash Hill, their Encampment appears accupy the Ground lying between Permacoil and the Red Hill near Pondicherry. I have halted this day in order to make some necessary arrangements in the Fort, and for a movement tomorrow which I hope will oblige Hyder to some discovery of his Intentions. A report prevails in his Camp that the French have been soliciting him to proceed to the Southward. I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 4 and 20th Instant. The former enclosing Copy of a Note from me to the Nabob's second Son I am sorry it is not in my power to send you Copy of the one to which it was in answer, having left it with my other papers at Chinglepat — However it will be sufficient my informing you that the purport of it was to request

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1615 Fort St. George, 1st May 1702

28th my consent to his being supplied with some Military Stores, without which the Right Honble the President (to whom he said he had applid.) gave him to understand they could not be delivered to him — Considering the application as one from his Highness the Nabob, and conceaving it further to be such as he had not only been accustomed to make, but your Government to acquiesce in, I had no doubt about approving my Concurrence, not apprehending that a request unimportant from its being limited, could possibly have been liable to the serious objections you have been pleased in your letter to make to it — As a matter in which your Government feel a more immediate concern than I can do at this distance, you will of course act in this Business as may seem most proper — I apprized you in my last of the Change which had taken place in the Office of Grainkeeper, in consequence of Mr Eskins resignation of that Employ — As opportunity may offer I shall continue to furnish you with returns of the Occurrences in that Department, meaning thereby that you should by a Comparison with the Returns at the Commencement of the present Campaign inform yourself of what will be required to keep up the Number of Bullocks then in that Line of Service with the Army, and less than which would not have been equal to the very limited operations it was at that time intended it should perform, and which as they extend and are carried to a greater distance from our Source of Supplies,

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28th Supplies will unavoidably stand in need of additional Carriage for Provisions. The Casualties which have happend in the Grain Department since the Receipt of your Letter of the 6th which you are pleasd to refer me to, serve to wince how much both the Service and the Companys Interests stand in need of the adoption of such a System as shall give a positive claim to Compensation in Case of Losses arising from obvious mismanagement or Neglect. I shall on occasion to mention that which to me appeard the most eligible mode for the Security both of the Service and the Companys Interests. It rests with yourselves to embrace or declare it, and for me to prosecute the Service in best manner the Line you pursued might enable me; at the same time I shall not hold myself wanting in Duty to the Publick in general and my Employers in particular, did I omit informing you of Circumstances which, in the prosecution tended to shew its inefficacy or Defects. The Supposition you have made of my having given Orders to the officers commanding the several Garrisons how to conduct themselves in case of any Accident or misfortune befalling the main Army is on Sea altogether inapplicable to those Sentiments I wish equally to entertain and promulgate amongst our inferior Agents in the Service, that I have carefully avoided betraying in my intercourse with them the most distant apprehension of the kind, whilst I have both by my personal exertions and precautions endeavored to inspire a Spirit throughout my military Dependency of a Complexion very foreign to that of Despondency. But as

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Vth.

as I am desirous in all arduous Cases to have the benefit of your Communications, I shall be glad to be honored with your opinion as to the Orders which in the Event, you have supposed should exist. In a Letter from Captain Cuppage commanding at Vellore addressed to the Right Honble the President, by whom it was sent for my Information, I observe what he says on the subject of the Provisions, and the necessity there will be of it's being again relieved by the Assistance of the Army. His wants may Ultimately be supplied by that means, but in the present position of the Enemy, and whilst I am obliged to watch their motions, it is an operation cannot be undertaken without drawing upon our Affairs the most injurious Consequences, and which we should be highly culpable, were we to expose them to, whilst we have it in our power to apply an Alternative by sending Money, and which I am satisfied you will do by every possible means. I have written Repeatedly to the Polygars, to exert themselves in sending in Provisions to Vellore, and those Letters which Captain Cuppage speaks of, as from me to His Highness the Nabobs Sons, were Letters from myself to the Polygars. Captain Cuppage has been led into the Mistake by the Titles on my persian Seal being the same as those of one of the Nabobs Sons. Whilst the Army is in this part of the Country and Hyder at so great a distance I conceive it might be practicable even to send a Supply of Rice from the Presidency to the Polliams to Vellore under escort of the Polygars belonging to the Rajah of Vencadagery, and the Son of the Rajah of Calastry, both

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