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The Select Committee understand-
-ing by a letter from M^r Robert Andrews that there
are Stores at Trichinopoly belonging to the Nabob
which his Phouzdar keeps locked up, they desire
you will require the Phouzdar to deliver over the
said Stores to the Charge of the Company's acting
Storekeeper M^r Robert Andrews who will give
exact receipts for them and should the Phouzdar
refuse to deliver them and they should be wanted
for the safety or defence of your Garrison or for the
public Service carrying on to the Northward on the
Success of which the Nabob is equally concerned with
the Company, the Select Committee desire that in either
of these Cases you will take possession of the said
Stores and deliver them to the Company's Storekeeper.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble Serv^t

John Ruddleston
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11th July 1782.

12th Received the following letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney R^tB.

President and Governor &c^o Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I think it necessary

to inform you that I have received Intelligence from
Hyder's Camp of his having prepared a body of Troops
Infantry and Cavalry to the number of about 8000
to proceed to the Northward at a moment's warning
and

From Genl. Coote, advising
that Hyder intended sending
a large body of Horse to the
Northward.

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12th and whose Instructions are to burn plunder and destroy the Countries of Nellore Ongole &c. It will be proper that the Officers in Command at these places be advised of this and that they be prepared to act against them. This Gentlemen I must request of you to do and to correspond with them on the subject as it is impossible for me in my present situation to keep up that constant intercourse which may be necessary. I request that no time may be lost in sending Rice to Chingleput. There has been a good deal of rain for these days past, but this morning being dry I am just going to march.

Camp, Tennerly
10th July 1782, eight o'clock

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

Letter to Ongole
following Letter

Despatched Copies of the foregoing
Letter with the

To Captain George Smith

Commanding at Pulicat

Sir,

Enclosed We send You a Copy of a letter which We have received this moment from Sir Eyre Coote to which we desire You will pay the utmost attention and give notice to all those under your Command to observe the same conduct. You will regularly transmit to the General and to us an account of affairs in

To Ongole, Pulicat and
Nellore enclosing copy
of the above letter

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12th in your District and of every thing material that occurs

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We are

Sir Your most obed^t Servants

Macartney

Sec^y Select Committee

The same to Captain Campbell
at Nellore & Capt^r Edmonds at Ongole

Despatched the following Letter to Sir Eyre Coote

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K^tB

Commander in Chief of the Forces in India

Sir,

We have the honor of acknowledging
your letter of the 10th Instant and of acquainting
you that We instantly sent copies of it to the Commanding
Officers of Pulicat Nellore and Ongole and recommend-
ing to them to pay the utmost attention to its contents
and desiring they would not fail to communicate
constantly with you and with this Committee - The
Garrisons in those places are weak and you know it
is not in our power to reinforce them. If any other
means should be within our reach for their
assistance and relief we shall most zealously exert
them. As to Money you know the State of our
Treasury which was almost exhausted by the 20,000
Pagodas issued for the Camp Paymaster a few days
ago in compliance with your desire communicated
by M^r Welch to M^r Saunders. We shall transmit
as quickly to you as possible whatever advices
We may receive concerning this threatened Attack
of the Enemy, and We doubt not that if any
Instructions

To Sir Eyre Coote - enable
to reinforce the Southern Garrison
by supply money, advising
of the arrival of the despatches
and the intelligence they bring

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12. Instructions connected with your plan of the Operations of the War may be useful to regulate the conduct of the Officers in Command. The ^{with} ^{there} ^{you} will forward such to them either directly from Camp or by the way of Madras

We are

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
S^c. Select Comm^r

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PS Since writing the above His Majesty's Ship Sceptre one of Sir Richard Bickerton's Squadron is arrived in these Roads - that fleet sailed the 6th February and the Sceptre parted company by accident the 12th after endeavouring for six days to rejoin the fleet without effect she proceeded to Rio Janeiro the place of rendezvous she found the Medea Frigate of 28 Guns, and after remaining there one month they both sailed together. Off the Cape she fell in with and captured a large French Transport laden with Naval Stores and having on board fifty Soldiers of the Regiment of Pondicherry. The Sceptre and San Carlos will sail tomorrow to join our Fleet at Negapatam with Ammunition Stores and Provisions

Agreeably to the Resolution in Committee of the 9th Instant the following Letter is now dispatched to Bengal with the several inclosures therein mentioned.

To

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r

Governor General &c. Council of Fort William
Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have the honor to send
to You the Copy of a letter which our Military
Paymaster General has received from the Paymaster in
Camp a few days since containing a demand for money
made by Sir Eyre Coote's Order. We also transmit to
You our letter to the General on the occasion accompanied
by Statements which We think equally necessary to
lay before your Board. We add an account of
mittances of Cash from Bengal received here since
accession of our President to this Government
and of the Sums delivered since that Period to the
Army under the immediate Command of Sir Eyre
Coote. When you will perceive that the latter are
about double the amount of the former, you will not
only be confirmed in the confidence you placed in the
fidelity of our application of your Supplies, but
you will be able to judge how far we have availed
ourselves of the scanty resources within our own reach.
We have indeed in these times of Hostility and Invasion
given a decided preference to the Calls which have been
made upon us by the Military before those of the
Civil Establishment, and notwithstanding the
sacrifices we have made in these instances and the
consequent hardships suffered by the Company's
Civil Servants. The maintenance of this Fortress in
a proper posture of defence and of the Troops left in it
the

To Bengal - on the
subject of the Expenses
of the Army - complaining
of fresh interruptions from
the Mahratta - mentioning
that a report prevails
that the Affair is
to be surrendered to the
Mahratta - Natives of
the Province
charge of the a
Districts, when
be evacuated

they shall
by the Enemy

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12. which we confess we had not foreseen, and therefore had no objection to the Nabob's sending any of His Ministers or Servants where he pleased. But the Event has brought to our minds the Wisdom of the Court of Directors in expressly requesting His Highness to confine his Communications with them to the Channel of the President and Council of Fort St. George: a rule which Your Board may from what has now happened be inclined to adopt in future. We are assured that His Highness the Nabob from having lately appointed Embassadors to the Court of Great Britain, His Majesty's Ministers declared they would receive no representation from His Highness ^{but} through the East India Company. Such a resolution not precluding the Nabob from ^{even against} complaining the Company; nor on our parts should we be able were we inclined to stifle any Complaint lodged against our Proceedings, tho' our Board were to be the only Channel for its communication. These Precautions on the part of Administration and the Court of Directors seem to arise from their conviction that delegated Authority loses the Weight and influence necessary to the purposes for which it was intended, if Recourse can be had at pleasure and without its knowledge or intervention to the superior or superintending Power.

We think it our Duty on the prospect of an approaching Peace with the Marattas including their Allies to observe to You that the conclusion of the War will not immediately terminate

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12. terminate the extraordinary Charges it has
 occasioned; nor will that event open ^{or enlarge} our Resources
 for some time to the degree of being able to subsist
 without the continuance of your aid. The Troops
 cannot be disbanded, suddenly removed out of this
 Presidency - they will expect not only their growing pay
 but their long subsisting Arrears - The very arrange-
 -ments of Peace will occasion Expences and Advances
 The Assignment indeed of the Revenues of the Carnatic
 is a sure and growing fund and is to continue to the
 second of December 1787 being the Term of five years
 and the observations just made are alone sufficient
 to evince how necessary it became not to have confined
 it to the continuance of the War. Much however
 cannot be got at once from conquered and despoiled
 Provinces - The Committee of Assigned Revenue has
 recommended and our President with our concurrence
 has appointed Natives of the best character and
 most experience for the purpose of taking charge of
 the Districts of Arcot and other places now possessed
 by Hyderas soon as he shall retire from them. The
 expences formerly attending the Administration of
 those Countries, and which absorbed much the greater
 part of the public Revenue shall be reduced by the
 same Rules and with the same Economy which
 have been practised in the Districts already in
 our possession. We are certain of obtaining for such
 measures His Highness the Nizam's approbation
 and thanks whenever he shall recover from his
 present delusion not only because it will in common
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12th with the rest of the present management of the Revenue redound to his benefit, but because such Reduction was particularly pleasing to him when first undertaken in regard to Nellore, and was particularly pointed out by His Son and Minister the Amier ul Omrah, who observed the convenience of getting rid of a vast load of useless Pensioners and Retainers thro' the authority of the President which their Connexions Interest and Importunities at the Durbar would have rendered impracticable for His Highness alone to effectuate. By a steady Perseverance in such a management during the remaining term of the Assignment under the direction of the Committee of Assigned Revenue not only the first Objects of the Assignment, the Reimbursement of the Expences of the War will be effectually accomplished, but a part of that immense load of debt may be discharged, which His Highness had contracted at the time he was in full enjoyment of all the Revenues of the Carnatic.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Serv^t
Macartney
To^o Select Committee

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13th Received letter from the Rajah of Travancore as entered in Country Correspondence N^o 69.
Received the following Letter from
the Agent

To.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor of Fort St George,

My Lord,

On the 11th Instant I dispatched
2214 Coolys with 2132 Loads of Rice for Chingleput
in consequence of the Orders I have received - they
proceeded on their Journey that night from the Mount
but were obliged to return owing to a heavy fall of Rain;
on the following day some people came in who were cut
and wounded by the Lories on the Road from Chingleput
and the terror occasioned by this Spectacle so prevailed
over the minds of the Coolys that neither the threats or
promises of Lieutenant Orr or my Servants at the
Mount could induce them to proceed, - their Loads having
been deposited at the Mount they last night returned
to Madras.

I have this morning assembled
all the Cooley Maistrys and have with great difficulty
persuaded them to return to the duty they have left -
today and tomorrow I expect to collect and pay 1500
Coolys which shall be dispatched the following morning
with them I shall send 250 Bullock Load of Rice and
the whole may be expected at Chingleput the morning
of the 16th - no further supply can be dispatched from
hence until these Bullocks and Coolys return.

I have the honor to be

My Lord
Your Lordship's most obedient
and most faithful Servant
William Ross
Agent

Fort St George
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From the Agents advising
of the Coolies having
deserted, but is in hopes
of being able to prevail
upon them to return to their
Duty.

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13th

His Majesty's Ship Sceptre arrived in these Roads and her Commander Captain Greaves and Captain Smith of the San Carlos determined to sail as soon as possible to join the Fleet at Negapatam with Ammunition Stores and Provisions and the reinforcement of Seamen which before embarked on the San Carlos.

Agreed that the Mercury Packet be dispatched back to Bombay and that she proceed in Company with His Majesty's Ships with Orders to go first to Sir Edward Hughes with our letters to him and receive his Dispatches for Bombay.

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

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

To Bengal - advising of the Capture of the Fortitude and of the arrival of the Sceptre with the Intelligence she brings - Two French Ships of the Line and three Dutch Ships arrive at the Cape on their way to Mauritius

It is with infinite concern We inform You that the Honble Company's Ship Fortitude is captured by the Enemy - The loss of the Supplies which you had laden on her for this Settlement is a very serious misfortune - that of the Gunpowder in particular is of great consequence as our Stock is much reduced by considerable Supplies lately issued to the Fleet and Army, and other necessary Expenditures. We therefore earnestly request that You will if possible send us a quantity of Gunpowder by every Ship coming to this Port.

We

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs

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13.th July 1782.

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
Sec^y Select Committee

P.S. We learn by a Danish Ship just arrived here from the Cape of Good Hope that a French 74 and a 50 Gun Ship Man of War with three Dutch Ships laden with Provisions and Warlike Stores sailed from thence on the beginning of May last bound as was said for the Island of Mauritius - Monsieur de Bussy was on board one of the Men of War.

Since writing the above His Majesty's Ship Sceptre one of Sir Richard Bickerton's Fleet is arrived in these Roads - that Fleet sailed the 6th February and the Sceptre parted Company by accident the 12.th after endeavouring for five days to rejoin the Fleet without effect she proceeded to Rio Janeiro the place of Rendezvous - She found there the Medea Frigate of 28 Guns and after remaining there one month they both sailed together off the Cape she fell in with and captured a large French Transport laden with Naval Stores and having on board 50 Soldiers of the Regiment of Pondicherry The Sceptre and San Carlos will sail tomorrow to join our Fleet at Negapatam with Ammunition Stores and Provisions.

14.th The following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes was written previous to the arrival of the Sceptre and the

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the following Letter added afterwards

To Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

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

Sir,

On the arrival of the late dispatched
here from Europe, We immediately directed the Mercury
Packet which brought them to be in readiness to convey
to your Letters with every other Intelligence We could
collect and such Stores as she could carry, and she
was ready accordingly to sail for Trincomalay on the
22^d of last month when Captain Clerk brought your
Letters of the 28th announcing your intention of
departing from thence in three or four days and of soon
coming to Madras. We have been since in the utmost
impatience and anxiety about you all We heard of your
Heroic Action with the Enemy's superior Fleet which had
terminated so much to your honor and to the advantage
of the State and of the Company. To your Conduct and
Spirit is now entirely owing the Preservation of
Negapatam and Trincomalay in the conquest of which
you had so great a share and of the importance of
which possessions the Enemy seems by their desire of
retaking them to be as anxious as We are. We now
send to you in the Mercury as much Gunpowder as
she can carry, and as she is a quick Sailer, We flatter
ourselves ourselves she will get safely to you. We think
it our duty at least to run the hazard for the honor

To Sir Edw Hughes -
the Mercury dispatched
to him with Powder -
congratulate him on his
late Victory - enclosing
Despatches from Europe
Bengal and Bombay and
advising that a French
Armament had sailed
from the Cape to the Mauritius
and of a Maratha Peace.

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14th of giving you a Supply of which from the expenditure
in the late engagement you must stand in need; and We
likewise think it material to convey to You if possible
your dispatches from Europe together with Copies of those
to us from Europe and Bombay most of which contain
contain matters connected with your Station, and we
have also to inform you that we learn by a Danish
Ship arrived last night from the Cape of Good Hope
that a French 74 and a 50 Gun Man of War, ^{with 3000 men} laden
with Provisions and Warlike Stores sailed from
thence in the beginning of May last bound as was
said for the for Island of Mauritius. Monsieur de
Bussy was on board one of the Men of War. The
Letters We transmit to You from Bengal will
acquaint You of the important event of Articles of
Peace between us and the Mahrattas having been
signed by the respective Representatives of the Parties.
We are in daily expectation of ^{receiving the} ratification from
Poona. Hyder who is included in the Treaty by his
Allies, has not as yet signified as far as we know his
intention of acceding to it. His Army and that under
Sir Eyre Coote are now in the field; and the General
has been informed that he intends to spread his
devastation to Nellore and Ongole which had
hitherto received from him but little Injury. Captain
Smith of the San Carlos is now recovering from a
most violent illness; and no doubt will join the
Squadron very soon.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your

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14.

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

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P.S. We have the pleasure to inform you that ^{this} Evening His Majesty's Ship Sceptre of 64 Guns Captain Greaves is just arrived in this road. She parted by accident from Sir Richard Bickerton's Squadron not far from the Coast of Ireland. The Rendezvous being at Rio Janeiro Captain Greaves waited there a month during which time he was joined by the Medea Frigate, which had just back dismasted. Sir Richard Bickerton not arriving in that time at the Rendezvous the Sceptre and Medea sailed from thence the 23rd of April, and took a French Transport near the Cape, laden with Naval Stores and having on board 96 Men of the Regiment of Pondicherry. The Account given by the Master of the Prize is that she was one of 25 Transports conveyed by four line of Battle Ships and two Frigates and having 4000 Troops destined for India and had left Brest the 12th of February. Captain Greaves finding his Prize a slow Sailer left her in the Canal of Mozambique under the Care of the Medea, and hastened on to join you. His Ship and Crew are in good condition and he has remaining about 400 Men. He proposes taking in water Provisions and Gunpowder and sailing if possible from hence tomorrow evening together with the

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14th the San Carlos to put himself under your Command in which he will have our most zealous assistance. He mentions that Sir Richard Bickerton sailed in company with several Ships of the line not bound to India, of which however he had the option of taking one with him, the Assistance, if he should think it necessary, and which the separation of the Sceptre from him may probably induce to do.

There is a report of a large Ship being driven ashore at Olamparva said to be the French Hero of 74 Guns, but it requires confirmation - We have dispatched a Catamaran for that purpose.

Write the following Letters to be dispatched by the Mercury.

To Sir Edward Hughes KtB

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

Sir,

His Majesty's Ships the Sceptre and San Carlos now sail to join you at Negapatam with 1000 Barrels of Gunpowder and a quantity of Stores and Provisions - We send with them the Mercury Packet whose Commander has Orders to receive your Dispatches for Bombay and then to proceed thither with all Expedition. We are thus early in dispatching the Mercury back to Bombay in consequence of the following Extract of a Letter from M^r Hornby to

To Sir Edw. Hughes
a quantity of Powder
sent by the Sceptre and
San Carlos.

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14th our President - "This Vessel (the Mercury) has been
"put immediately under my direction by the Gentlemen
"of the Secret Committee in England for certain purposes
"and until I receive their further Orders respecting her.
"But having no Vessel here belonging to the Company I
"was obliged to send her with Dispatches for the Company
"to Bussora and the want of a proper Vessel to send to
"convey the above Gentlemen to Madras I have
"accommodated them with her round - I have therefore to
"request that you will dispatch her back to me as soon as
"possible by the Southern Passage as I shall be much in
"want of her Service to fulfill the Committee's Directions
"regarding her, more especially now that We have been
"deprived of no less than five of the Company's armed
"Vessels or Cruizers by the Gales of Wind which We
"have had in April and May last."

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants

Macartney
V^o Select Committee

Fort St. George,
14th July 1782

To the Honble William Hornby Esq^r

President V^o Members of the Select Committee

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Fort Bombay

We wrote to you the 11th
Instant and enclosed an Extract of a Letter which our
President had received from Tranquebar giving an account
of a third Action between the Flats. We now transmit
you

In Bombay according to
the arrival of this Letter
with the Intelligence which
brought

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14th Your Duplicate of that Letter and have further the pleasure to inform You that His Majesty's Ship Sceptre of 64 Guns one of Sir Richard Bickerton's Squadron arrived yesterday in these Roads - That Fleet sailed the 6th February and the Sceptre parted company by accident the 12th - after endeavouring five days to rejoin the Fleet without effect she proceeded to Rio Janeiro, and found there His Majesty's Ship the Medea Frigate of 28 Guns - they remained one month at Rio Janeiro and then sailed together - off the Cape of Good Hope they fell in with and captured a large French Transport laden with Naval Stores and fifty Soldiers of the Regiment of Pondicherry

The Sceptre and San Carlos now sail to join Sir Edward Hughes at Negapatam with Ammunition Stores and Provisions and Misericord the Mercury with them with directions ^{Sir Edward Hughes} to receive dispatches for Your Presidency and then proceed to Bombay with all expedition - We enclose Duplicates of our Answers to your Letters received by the Mercury and those received before by the San Carlos, as also of our Letter to You of the 13th ultimo and of that from the Governor General and Council which accompanied it.

We learn by a Danish Ship which arrived here yesterday from the Cape of Good Hope that a French 74 and a 50 Gun Man of War with three Dutch Ships laden with Provisions and Warlike Stores sailed from thence the beginning of May last bound as was said for the Island of Mauritius. Mons^r de Bussy was on board one of

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14 of the Men of War.

Our Army under Sir Eyre
Coote is encamped near Conjeveram whether or not
Hyder intends to acquiesce in the Terms stipulated
for him in the Treaty concluded between Mahadja
Scindia and Mr. Anderson we are entirely ignorant.
The Military and Political Powers of this
Government are vested in the Commander in Chief
of the Army in consequence of Instructions from
Bengal, and it is said he is or has been negotiating
with Hyder Ally with what success We can only
conjecture by a letter from Sir Eyre Coote which
informs us that Hyder Ally has a Body of 8000
Men prepared to enter and lay waste the Northern
Provinces.

We have the honor to be
Able Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

Secy. to the Command

Fort St. George,

14th July 1782.

P.S. In addition to the above We have to inform
you that the French Prize taken off the Cape by
the Sceptre was one of the following French
Armament and separated from them only the day
before.

The Pendant and Argonauct - of 74 Guns each
The Alexander & another Kessel 64 Guns armed on the
The Frigates Cleopatra, Apollo, and Najar of
44, 36 and 22 Guns - and 27 Transports having

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th 14 Having on board 6000 Land Forces - It was reported at Rio Janeiro that an English Man of War had arrived at Bahia de todos Santos in Brazil with a French Frigate named the Apollon which she had taken.

To Brigadier General Goldard

Commander in Chief of the Forces at Bombay

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th April and are much obliged by your attention to ours of the 25th February to Captain Wetherston.

Long before this can reach your hands you will have heard of the Treaty concluded between Mahadjee Scindia and M^r Anderson of which the final ratification will leave us at liberty to exert our united efforts to reduce the overgrown power of Hyder Ally should he refuse to accede to the Terms stipulated for him by the Marattas. In such case a very considerable part of that important Service will fall to your Share and We doubt not but you will acquit yourself in it with the same success and honor that have hitherto distinguished your Operations.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servants

Macartney
Esq^r Select Committee

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To

To Gen^l Goldard informs
him of a Peace being
concluded with the Marattas

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To William Digges Latouche Esq^r
at Bussora
Sir,

To W. Latouche -
acknowledging the receipt
of the Packets he forwarded
from Bussora

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letters of the 9th May with the
Packets therein mentioned from the Committee of
Secrecy and to express to you their thanks for your
obliging attention

I have the honor to be

Fort S^t George,
14th July 1782.

Sir
Your most humble Serv^t
John Huddleston
Secy

15th

Received the following Letter from
the Agent.

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney KB
President and Governor of Fort S^t George

My Lord,

From the Agent -
despatched a large quantity
of Rice to Chinghaput.

I have the honor to inform
Your Lordship that I attended this day at the
Mount and have despatched 2288 Cooly Load and
265 Bullock loads of Rice from thence to Chinghaput
the Escort left the Mount at four O'clock in the
Evening

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Fort S^t George,
15th July 1782

Your Lordship's most obedient
and most humble Servant
William Ross
Agent

Received

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15th Received letter from the Commanding Officer at
Nellore / as entered in Miscellany Book N^o 2A.)
recommending the repairing the Barracks.

Received letter from M^r Hodgins as
entered in Miscellany Book N^o 52.

Received the following Letter from
Sir Eyre Coote.

To the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord. Macartney
President and Governor &c Select Committee
Fort S^t George
My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have been honored by
receipt of your letter of the 7th in duplicate. The night
before last I sent a Detachment to Chingleput to
bring from thence a Supply of Rice which wishing to
render as considerable as possible, and relying that the
Store in that Garrison might by the time it would
arrive have been made sufficiently ample by
additional Supplies from Madras I dispatched all
the Carriage which could be spared, but no additional
Supplies having arrived the Detachment returned
this morning with only about 2000 Bags, which
excepting about 50 or 60 Bags which were left for
immediate expence was the whole Stock of Rice in the
Garrison. I hope some will speedily arrive otherwise
the Garrison may be in distress, and the Army for want
of a sufficient Store in that place be obliged to return
much sooner to the Neighbourhood of Madras than
is at this time consistent with our Interest it should
or

From Sir Eyre Coote
a Detachment sent to Chingleput
returns with only 2000 Bags
disembled the report of the
French sending a Detachment
to the Northward. receives
intelligence that Mysore
troops have crossed the
Coleroon - desire to know the
Admiral's further Intentions
complains of M^r Phipps Master's
Ship employed in strengthening
Orme and Chingleput. Intelligence
from Pondicherry.

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15th as I could wish - The Intelligence which I wrote you on the 10th had reached me from Hyder's Camp I cannot from my subsequent advices discover, that there were any good grounds for, however the Amildars and people in charge of the Northern Districts ought to be instructed to look well out upon their Borders lest contrary to expectation any of the Enemy should be sent that way - I have the pleasure to inform you that I have this day received pretty authentic accounts of Hyder's Force in the Tanjore Country having recrossed the Coleroon and fallen back towards Chellamburam, I hope this will prove the means of releasing the Detachment under Captain Scott from Negapatam and of affording Lieutenant Colonel Nixon an opportunity of assembling a respectable Force which he writes he has hitherto been incapacitated from doing by the absence of that Detachment and by the Communication with it having been cut off - I hope also that this favorable juncture, whilst the falling of the Rivers must obstruct all the Enemy's Operations will be embraced to throw an ample Supply of Provisions into Negapatam. Altho' I have received no publick advices of Sir Edward Hughes's late Success over the French Fleet under Monsieur Suffren, and on which give me leave to congratulate you yet the private accounts have come so well authenticated that this morning a Royal Salute was fired in honor of his Victory - I shall be anxious however every hour until I am informed of his further intentions

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15th if they shall be to visit Madras which for many reasons I think highly probable, it is absolutely necessary I should have the earliest notice thereof that I may endeavour to have a personal Interview with him in order to concert such a Plan of mutual Cooperation as seems so very essential to the final and effectual accomplishment of that important and desirable object the extermination of the French from all footing or Interest on this Coast. I rely upon the promise given me in your letter of the 7th of sending Grain to Chingleput and that it will be ample. I am assured that people have for these last ten days gone and come between Madras and Chingleput without meeting the least interruption - The Grainkeeper has just reported to me that the Bullock Masters in his Department appointed by and in the Service of Your Agent M^r Ross have contrived to create a Loss of upwards of 100 Bullocks on the abovementioned Detachment to Chingleput altho there was not the face of an Enemy to be seen or heard of on the Road. I have directed him to write M^r Ross the particulars of this infamous piece of Conduct. By my latest intelligence Hyder continues on his old Ground between Chummar Gurr and Dobey Gurr and has got a great number of people employed in strengthening the forts of Arnee and Chittapet. Some of our own Hircarraks who come in speak positively of Tippoo with Meer Sahel's Son having marched from the Grand Army to Wogapund from whence it was supposed he would again soon move, but which way they could not tell.

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Camp near Sheveram
12th July 1782

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Cyre Coote.

SS. Since writing the above I have received the following Intelligence from Pondicherry dated the 11th Instant - "That on the 10th a Detachment of 140 Sepoys with four Guns arrived here - they fired a morning and an Evening Gun and are for the protection of the Mint and Hospital, the rest of the Army marched to Cuddalore. They are going to join Hyder as soon as the Fleet sails which will be in three or four days - They have broke four Captains for Cowardice - There is a Ship here putting her keel ashore for the poor families. It appears by the bearers of the above Intelligence that other dispatches had been before forwarded to me which accounts for there being no mention made of the Action at Sea.

E. C.

Wrote the following Letter to M^r
Digby to go by the Ships under dispatch

To Kenneth Digby Esq^r at Tranquebar
Sir,

To M^r Digby - highly
approving his Conduct
and desiring him to purchase
the necessaries of all the
Indians should a Cartel be
established for that purpose

I have received with much pleasure
your letters of 4th and have at present only
time to assure you of my entire approbation of your
conduct

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15th Conduct regarding the Wine and of the perfect sense
 I entertain of your zeal and activity on every occasion
 The public Service has greatly benefited by your
 exertions and you may rely on its being properly
 noticed in our next General Letter to England. Continue
 to take such Steps as You judge prudent and necessary
 and write to me often.

I find a Cartel is said to be
 established in Europe between us and the French in
 which it is stipulated that Officers of the Rank of
 Captain and below it may be released on paying the
 sum of £6 Sterling and in proportion for Soldiers
 reckoning three for one Officer. Be so good to make
 enquiry and if You find it really so offer in the
 name of this Government to purchase the releasement
 of all our Officers and Soldiers that have been captured.

I am with regard

Sir Your most humble Serv^t

Macartney

Fort St. George, 15th July 1782

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal.

To the Hon^{ble} Warren Hastings Esq^r
 Governor General &c^a Council of Fort William

Hon^{ble} Sir and Sirs, Since our letter of the 14th

Instant we have learnt that the French Prize
 taken by the Sceptre off the Cape of Good Hope was
 one of the French Armament destined for India
 and consisting of the following Ships which she
 separated from the day before.

To Bengal - advising
 of the Force of the
 French Armament
 destined for India.

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The *Tendant* and *Argonaut* of 14 Guns each captured.
The *Alexander* and another Ship armed on flutes.
The Frigates *Chopatra* *Apollo* and *May* of
44, 36 and 22 Guns and 27 Transports having on
board 6000 Land Forces. It was reported at Rio
Janeiro that an English Man of War had arrived at
Bahia de todos santos in the Brazil's with a French
Frigate named the *Apollo* which she had taken.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Serv^{ts}

Macartney

Yr^{ce} Select Committee

Fort St George,
15th July 1782.

Sent the following Letter to the Chief
Engineer.

To Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Rofs

Chief Engineer.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right

Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of the 29th June and 1st July
and to express their satisfaction at the account you
have given them of the improved State of the Fortifi-
cations - with respect to the Work necessary to
complete them, the Buildings you have recommended
and the measures requisite to put the Black Town
Wall in a proper State of Defence. The Select Committee
will shortly take those points under consideration
and furnish you with Instructions regarding
them. As to the Cisterns having been examined
long

To the Chief Engineer -
will take into consideration
the Points recommended by
him - desiring his opinion
relative to the Cisterns - &
approving of his Distribution
of Engines, and referring
to the Govt of Directors his
application respecting his
Rank.

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15th Long before Major Maule thought them sufficiently
dry and their having been ^{orally} filled at an earlier period
than could have been wished, the Select Committee
are desirous of knowing more precisely your
sentiments on those points.

The Select Committee approve the
distribution of Engineers which you have recommended
observing only that they wish to have the Services
of Captain Johnston at Sanjour when they can be
dispensed with at Negapatam, and the necessary
Orders will be issued accordingly.

If any mistake has been made
respecting the rank of M^r Tyson it will be rectified.

With respect to that part of your
first letter ^{of 3rd Inst^y} which relates to your Rank, the Court of
Directors having positively forbid the granting Brevets
the Select Committee can only refer it to their decision.

I am
Sir Your most humble Serv^t
John Huddleston
Secy

Fort S^t George
15th July 1782.

Sent the following Letter of Instructions
to the Commander of the Mercury Packet with the
several Dispatches for the Southward and Bombay.

To Captain Augustus Joseph Applegarth
Commander of the Mercury Packet
Sir,

You are hereby directed to repair
on board your Ship and proceed to Admiral Sir
Edward

To Captⁿ Applegarth
to proceed to Sir Edward Hughes
and afterwards to Bombay

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16th Edward Hughes at Negapatam. Should you find on your arrival at that place that the Fleet is gone to Tranquebar or Trincomalay, you will proceed to Sir Edward Hughes at either of those places and deliver to him the packet you have received to his Address. You will then request his Commands to Bombay, and as soon as you shall have received them proceed to that place with all expedition, and deliver to the Honble William Hornby Esq^r the Packet which you have received from me. Should the Fleet be at neither of the places above mentioned, you will land Sir Edward Hughes's Packet at Negapatam, and proceed on your Voyage to Bombay.

Dated Fort St. George 16th July 1782.

By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee.

John Hudleston
Secy

The Sceptre, San Carlos, and Mercury
Packet sailed this Evening.

17th The Rodney arrived from Negapatam with the following dispatches from Trincomalay and from the Fleet.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

Right Honble Lord and Honble Sirs,

My last Respects in answer to Your Lordship's and Your Honor's letters of the 25th March

From Captain Pennycuik
advicing of his drawing 2
Bills on the Committee -
his Garrison much reduced by
the Supplies furnished the
Squadron, mentioning the
departure of the Governor and
Royal

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Charlotte, the French
Fleet sail from Batavia.

17th March was dated the 3rd of May and sent by a small Boat, and by this opportunity I send a Duplicate thereof.

I am now to inform Your Lordship and Your Honors that Sir Edward Hughes Rts has ordered me the further Supply of 16000 Star Pagodas for the Payment of the Troops here which Sum I have received from Arthur Cuthbert Esq^r to whom I have granted a Set of Bills in Triplicate on your Honorable Board dated the 3rd Ultimus.

I have also drawn another Set of Bills of the same date on Your Honble Board for the sum of Rs 8946^{rs} 14^{as} 56^{ds} in favor of the said Arthur Cuthbert Esq^r for captured Stores wanted on this Garrison as per Return for the same N^o 2.

+ The Vouchers for Payments made since the beginning of this Expedition to the 30th April last, and the Honble Company's Account Current I have put under Cover of William Hamilton Esq^r Paymaster General; but being uncertain whether I am right in so doing, I have left the Letter and Packet for Your Lordship's and Your Honors pleasure under N^o 3.

N^o 4 is a Return of the Troops for the Months of March April and May; and

N^o 5 contains sundry Indents of Articles essentially necessary for the support and welfare of this Place, which permit me to request of Your Lordship and Honors to order as soon as possible.

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I am happy in informing Your Lordship and Your Honors of the considerable Resources the British Squadron has met in this Place. His Majesty's Ship Monmouth has made new Masts and the rest of the Ships have refitted the Damages sustained in the last Engagement - but what is more, both Sick and Well have been supplied with fresh Provisions all the time. However I think it my duty to represent to Your Honble Board the ruinous situation it has reduced this place to, and with due submission shall take the liberty to mention that nothing but Rice being brought here in Plenty and sold for a while at a very cheap rate can give it a chance of affording the like resources in future.

Lieutenant Abbott is embarked on board His Majesty's Ship Monarca for the Presidency, but Captain Meek who came from Madras for his health died the 31st Ultimate.

The *Radolphus* a Sloop fitted up here to carry Captain Sutton and his Officers to Europe sailed from hence the 14th Instant.

The *Grosvenor* East India man sailed the 13th and the *Royal Charlotte* Transport with General Mowbray sailed the 16th.

The French Fleet remained at Batavia 18 Leagues to the Southward of this, till the 2^d Instant when they sailed having buried a considerable number of their Men.

I have the honor to be with

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17th

With the utmost respect

Right Honble Lord and Honble Sirs

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant

Trincornalay
18th June 1782

[signed]

P. D. Bonnevaux

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

Right Honble Lord and Honble Sirs,

My last respects to Your Honble

Board were dated the 18th Instant, and as they went by
the Opportunity of Sir Edward Hughes who sailed for
Madras the 24th. I shall not trouble Your Lordship and
Your Honors with Duplicates, and only say that my
Packet enclosed the Honble Company's Accounts and
Vouchers to the 30th April last leaving a balance in
my hands of ^{Rs.} 605, 33.53.

I am now to inform Your
Lordship and Your Honors of the arrival of the Rodney
Packet Captain Corner on the 26th Instant with M^r
Michell on board who at landing informed me of his
being appointed Paymaster and Storekeeper of this
Place, and supposing Your Honble Board's Commands
on that head must have miscarried not having been
honored with a line on that Subject, I have on sight
of M^r Hudleston's Letter to M^r Michell allowed M^r
Michell to hold the Posts therein mentioned and
gave the same out in General Orders.

★ On the same footing I have
likewise delivered to M^r Michell the Balance in
my

From D^r delivered to M^r
Michell the Charge of the
Cash and Stores - employed
in strengthening the Fort

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17th my hands 14005.33.53 as abovementioned leaving to him the payments for May and June altho some part of these months were already paid by me leaving to him the inspection of these payments. I have also carried M^r Michell to the Civil Storehouses for his inspection of the warre, and as the remains of Rice cannot be so suddenly ascertained exactly, I shall only say that there is two months Provision of that. Arrack for the Troops in that Place and three months Salt Provisions for the Europeans which I got from the Admiral at parting. Arrack and Curry Stuff are the scarcest Articles there being only seven Leagers purchased on the Company's account since the beginning of the Expedition, and a very small quantity of Curry Stuff received at Negapatam which I have spun out to the best advantage.

Permit me to add that since the departure of His Majesty's Squadron which restored to me the use of my men I am most ardently at work and at Drill with hope to weather great Strength by temporary work and industry, but this place proving of so material consequence requires more than is in the power of my present situation to bestow on it; nevertheless give me leave to assure Your Lordship and Your Honors that all that man can do shall be done for its defence to the last.

It gave me the utmost concern to be informed that it has been reported to Your Lordship and Your Honors that owing to duty being levied in this place Provisions were very scarce, this being most

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1st most injuriously propagated without foundation, the greatest proof I can give of it is the uncommon refreshment His Majesty's Squadron had during their stay in this place, which the smallest attention to former times will clearly demonstrate. However to leave nothing equivocal on so material a point, I instantly proclaimed by Tom Tom and gave it in General Orders as also posted on the Gates the enclosed Proclamation translated into Country Language which will be most attentively attended to.

There is no material alteration since my return for May. I forgot & mentioning that the Admiral spared twelve ~~Cannades~~ Cannades to this Garrison, which with Industry I hope to render serviceable. The precariousness of the times and the want of Ordnance in this Fort (Trincomalay) makes me hope also this will meet Your Lordship's and Your Honors Approbation.

I have the honor to be with the
utmost respect,
Right Honble Lord and Honble Secs
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
P. D. Bonnevau
(signed/)

Trincomalay
28th June 1782

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney Secy.
Governor of Fort St George

My Lord,

The Rodney arrived here the 26
Instant meeting on the course of her Voyage with very
hard

From M. Michell. takes
possession of his Comptrol of Bayne
and Storekeeper. requests a supply
of Rice. keeps the money entrusted
for Nagapatnam. desiring to be furnished
with Orders on that subject.

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17th Hard weather which caused her to leak much and tore her rigging greatly. By some mistake Captain Bonnevau did not receive any notice of my appointment by the Rodney but makes no scruple to deliver over to me the Balance of Cash amounting to Pagodas 14,000 which he received from the Admiral. The Grain I have inspected into particularly the Rice which I shall cause to be measured before I take possession, but I have reason to believe there is not more than sufficient to last the Garrison for more than two months. One hundred and seventy Bags was the whole of the Stock lately received from the Royal Charlotte out of the 1500 Bags shipped on board the several Transports bound to this place the greatest part having been thrown overboard by the San Carlos at the time she was chased by the French Fleet, of which Your Lordship is well informed.

In this situation Your Lordship will see the necessity of sending us a supply of Rice (which is the only thing we immediately stand in need of) by any means. If a train of unfortunate circumstances had not opposed the arrival of the Transports, we should not have been pressing on this point, and Your Lordship's care had been attended with the happy success which it deserved.

The Inhabitants of this place from various causes have fled their habitations but principally from the want of Rice. Captain Bonnevau has spared some small quantities to retain them, but the Garrison Stock will now admit scarcely any Supplies, and when I take charge of it, the

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17th the security of the Garrison itself will be my primary object.

Captain Bonneraux has since my arrival published an Order inviting the Inhabitants to return under promise of every protection and support, and severely prohibited any persons whatever from molesting those who will bring provisions into this Garrison. I hope it will be attended with the wished for effect.

Your Lordship and the Select Committee ordered me in case I received a Sum of Money from the Admiral to keep two thirds for the Service of the Garrison and the remaining third they directed me to send to Negapatam to the Order of M. Sullivan but as I am positively assured the Admiral will touch at Negapatam, and the arrival of the Rodney may be attended with risk I have thought it prudent to keep the money here as the Troops cannot remain long in Arrears at Trincomalay owing to the dearth of Provisions. I have consulted the Commandant on this occasion and what I have done will I hope meet with the approbation of Your Lordship and the Select Committee, however I wish to have your Orders on this subject by the first opportunity - for tho' it is immediately necessary to have three months pay in hand I shall at any event send what You desire.

The Sepoys find great difficulty in getting Curry Stuff, which is a material Article in their subsistence - Your Lordship may be assured

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17th assured that I shall endeavour to conduct myself both in the care of the Stores and payment of the Troops to the utmost of my abilities for the benefit of the Public Service - The Garrison Expenses amount monthly to 4000 Pagodas and upwards and the consumption of Rice is about 650 Bags, if about 200 Bags were added and could be spared for the poor Inhabitants who are absolutely necessary in the place when the Squadron may arrive, and Trincomalay would be in a happy situation. Four or five thousand Bags of Rice would answer all other purposes, and with the present Garrison Stock be sufficient for eight months.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your Lordship's most obedient
and obliged humble Servant
William Michael

Trincomalay
28th June 1782

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney K.B.
Governor of Fort St. George.

My Lord,

I had the honor of writing to Your Lordship by the Porney since which nothing material has happened at this place. Upon my arrival I began to examine the situation of the Stores in this Garrison and tho' it was generally imagined a sufficient Stock of Rice remained in the Garrison for three months at least, upon receiving the whole quantity we find not more than will serve us to the end of August. Indeed on this supposition

From Mr. Michael -
Rice sufficient only for
6 weeks - thinking of Candy
forbids the Natives from
supplying the Garrison.

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th 17. supposition some of the families still residing here who were desired by the Admiral to remain and were of essential Service to the Squadron were served out a small quantity from the Stores (on paying for it and which Sum was carried to the Company's Credit) particularly as the Garrison expected a Supply from Madras - but ^{from} our present Stock and the representation I made to Captain Bannerman the Inhabitants and Coolies employed on the Fortifications cannot expect further assistance from us than to the end of this month, however we may feel for them as private men the general importance of this place must force us to deny them.

The Troops with the Officers and their Servants consume monthly about nine Garce of Rice; allowing 65 Bags for a Garce (as they seldom come full) it is ^{about} 585 Bags p^r Month.

The Troops with a few ~~and~~ Inhabitants and Coolies consume 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Garce or 682 Bags.

In case of Distress We must shorten the Allowance as each man receives a measure p^r Day which very few can eat. the many Sepoys have their families or some Rice is given for Fish, Ghee or other necessaries from the Country the people coming from the Country often refusing money.

I am very particular in this to Your Lordship that You may be acquainted not only with our present Distress but our future Demands

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17th Demands - Experience has taught me that much has been lost from a want of a true representation of facts to the Presidency and districts arrives to your ears when it is too late to relieve it.

Capitain Bonnevause delivered delivered to me on my arrival 14005 Less Pagodas, and he having begun to make payments for May to the Troops &c I requested him to receive from me sufficient to discharge that month amounting to 14 Pagodas 47/47 - 5 - 47 - The Sum that I received from him on the Companys account was therefore Pagodas 9257. 36. 33 which with the 5000 from the Military Paymaster at Madras amounts to 14257. 36. 33

The Expences of the Garrison amount to Pagodas 4500 p. Month at the least - The Troops are allowed full Battal nor can they possibly subsist without it because every Article is very dear and many of them are obliged to send their pay to their families in the Coast.

The King of Candy wants to see the event of the War rather wishing to incline to one side or the other. As he is on more immediate fear of the Dutch I believe he has promised to withhold all assistance to the English and has given orders in the Districts adjoining to Trincomalee for that purpose however the Inhabitants of those and the inland Countries appear to be under no apprehension on this account, and I have reason to believe he will not persecute those who endeavour to supply us with

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17th with Provisions.

Trincomalay
12th July 1782.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Lordships most obedient
and faithful Servant
William Michell

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

Right Honble Lord and Honble Secs,

From Capt. Penneraia
puts Captain Sutcliffe under
arrest and desires to may be
tried by a Court Martial
requests an immediate supply
of him a Detachment
sent to man the Bunkers

I am much concerned
to inform Your Lordships and Your Honors of my having
been under the necessity to put Captain Sutcliffe of the
Artillery under an Arrest for the accompanied Crime
N^o 1 which is word for word the relation of his
Conduct on the 8th Instant.

The Paper N^o 2 which is
an exact copy of all that has passed on the Subject
will shew the situation of this Affair at present
and I have only to add my earnest request that You
will be pleased to send an Officer of Artillery to relieve
Captain Sutcliffe and order him to the Presidency to
answer for his Conduct before a General Court Martial;
which I beg You will grant in justice to the Service in
general and to myself in particular.

I also think it my duty to
mention that in justice to the Service as well as to
protect Captain Sutcliffe; It is necessary I should be
relieved by an Officer of some weight to take the
Command of this place in my room, and that he may be

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17th be furnished with Orders to allow the Manifests I have to produce to proceed along with me.

There being no other Rice for the subsistence of the Troops and Inhabitants but what is in Store which at the utmost is not more than sufficient two months for the Troops only, permit me to request in the most earnest manner that You will be pleased to send some without loss of time. I have hitherto expected the San Carlos which I am told is loaded with Rice but that Ship has not yet appeared.

I have just now had the news from Cottoor that a Detachment of 170 Malays with two Officers are arrived at Batticala to reinforce that place. This is the only news brought to me for some time past which is no way alarming.

The Garrison is very sickly of late as You will see by the accompanying Return of Troops for June N^o 3.

Your Lordship and Your Honour may rest yourselves assured that no private Motive shall ever alter my Conduct, should Captain Luttrell break loose again, the safety of this important place being my first duty and Care.

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect,

Right Honble Lord & Honble Sirs

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant

J. D. Bonnevaux

J. D. Bonnevaux

Trincornalay

11th July 1782.

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17th P.S. Since this letter was wrote Lieutenant Troubridge of His Majesty's Ship Superb sent by the Admiral in a long boat from Negapatam to ~~the~~ communicate the news of his last Victory is arrived and with the Admiral's Letters has delivered to me Your Lordship's and Your Honors Letters of the 13th May. In answer to which I have only to say that the Orders therein contained shall be punctually obeyed.

My respects of 28th of last month by the Rodney Packet which I find arrived safe to the Admiral will inform Your Honble Board of the arrival of M^r Mitchell and of my delivering to him the balance of money in my hands. In my next I shall enclose my final account.

J. D. Bonnevau.

12th July 1782.

N.B. Please to excuse the Return not being ready Lieutenant Troubridge's stay not allowing time for it the material part of it is that there are now near two hundred sick.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney N.B.

President and Governor and Select Committee

Fort St George.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The Rodney Brig joined me on the 30th of last month, last from Trincomalay and brought me your Letters of the 13th May and 2nd June with their Inclosures.

I had the honor to address you by Letter of the 20th of last month by the Combrustion and

From Sir Edward Hughes
desiring to be paid on ~~the~~
sums which he had advanced
on the C^t account - advising
of the Expense of the Packet
and Resolution - recommending
that Trincomalay should be
reinforced - on the subject of
the Negapatam Fort & Army.

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17th and since on the 26th the day after my arrival with His Majesty's Squadron in this Road, in both which I signified to You my intentions to occupy this Windward Station for the purpose of watching the Enemy's Motions and covering the arrival of our expected Ships from England so long as the Circumstances of the Squadron will admit.

I now proceed to answer to the Matters contained in your several Letters, and on the Subject of Advances of Money, am to acquaint You that I did order an advance to the Commandant of Trincomalay a short time before I left that place of 10000 Pagodas which was paid out of the Public Money then on board for the Service of the Squadron, and another advance of 10000 Pagodas to the Commandant of Negapatam who declared to me in the most earnest terms that without such a Supply of Money he would be obliged to destroy the Fortifications and retire with the Garrison - this makes the whole Sum advanced by my Order out of the Money for which Bills have been granted by the Public Officers of the Squadron 67,933 Pagodas and as the Public Officers of the Squadron are accountable for all Sums drawn for by them, and it is my duty to see that such Sums be not diverted to any other use than the immediate Service of the Squadron the Public Officers inform me and I am myself fully convinced that they cannot with safety either to themselves or me accept Bills on the Company for the aforesaid Sum advanced, but that it must actually be repaid and

expended

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Ist expended for the Service of the Squadron before they can draw Bills for any further Sums on the Public Boards, under these circumstances My Lord and Gentlemen I must desire you will repay the Sum advanced being Pagros 67,933 into the hands of Mess^{rs}. Alexander Cuthbert and Antonio Desouza the Agents of the Public Officers of the Squadron at Madras, or hold it in readiness to be paid to them on the arrival of the Squadron there, and unless I am at a certainty this will be done I cannot order any further advances to be made on any account whatever.

You will no doubt have heard ere now of the unfortunate capture of His Majesty's two armed Transports the *Raikes* and *Resolution*, and I am sorry to inform you that of all the Gunpowder sent from Madras for the Service of the Squadron only 200 Barrels by the *Royal Charlotte* have as yet reached me, this is a most unfortunate circumstance as our Stock of Gunpowder is much too small for our situation.

It gives me concern to observe by your Letter that the Word insist used in my Letter to You of the 1st May has given cause of offence, it was meant to express the urgency of our want and to prevent if possible your refusing a Supply of Gunpowder as was the case on a former occasion when the Squadron was in Madras road, but as this word has dissatisfied you will please erase it, and write must desire in its room, for I consider the present to be an improper Time for you and me to be jangling about

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expended

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17th expended for the Service of the Squadron before they can draw Bills for any further Sums on the Public Boards, under these circumstances My Lord and Gentlemen I must desire You will repay the Sum advanced being Pagos 67,933 into the hands of Mess^{rs}. Alexander Cuthbert and Antonio Desouza the Agents of the Public Officers of the Squadron at Madras, or hold it in readiness to be paid to them on the arrival of the Squadron there, and unless I am at a certainty this will be done I cannot order any further advances to be made on any account whatever.

You will no doubt have heard ere now of the unfortunate capture of His Majesty's two armed Transports the Raikes and Resolution, and I am sorry to inform you that of all the Gunpowder sent from Madras for the Service of the Squadron only 200 Barrels by the Royal Charlotte have as yet reached me, this is a most unfortunate circumstance as our Stock of Gunpowder is much too small for our situation.

It gives me concern to observe by your Letter that the Word insist used in my Letter to You of the 1st May has given cause of offence, it was meant to express the urgency of our want and to prevent if possible your refusing a Supply of Gunpowder as was the case on a former occasion when the Squadron was in Madras road, but as this word has displeased you will please erase it, and write must desire in its room, for I consider the present to be an improper Time for You and me to be jangling about

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¹⁷ about Words.

I have read the Letter of the 25th March last from the Governor General and Council of Bengal to your Board and am truly sorry to find our difficulties multiply. I have also seriously perused the Extract of Sir Eyre Coote's Letter of the 18th April last, but My Lord and Gentlemen if you consider that since the 300 men of the 98th Regiment were last furnished to enable the Squadron to act against the Enemy, 137 Men have been killed in action and more than 380 Mended of Wounds and diseases it will appear very clearly to you that the Squadron instead of landing the Men of the 98th Regiment are in want of a farther Reinforcement of Men which had I been so fortunate to meet with the *Tranque* with the Troops on board I should certainly have taken from on board them.

male
Your Orders to the Commandant of *Trancornalay* regarding the treatment of the Inhabitants of that place and the adjoining Districts as well as granting a free intercourse without any Imposts of any kind are certainly most judicious and I hope they will be punctually obeyed. The getting possession of that Place seems to me to be the Point the Enemy have at present in view and unless it is protected by our Squadron it must fall into their hands for the Garrison now there is in no condition to defend it long if at all. Should the Enemy effect the possession of that Place the
consequences

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th 17. consequences will be of the worst kind; they will then be in possession of a Harbour where they can winter from October to January and whilst our Squadron without any place to shelter it on this side of India is at Bombay their Cruizers will cut off entirely all communication between Madras and Bengal, this is a point of View in which I fear you never saw the possession of Trincomalay else more attention would have been paid to its being well garrisoned in case of Accidents.

Your Letter of the 2.^d of last month addressed to Sir Hector Munro K.B. and myself is. My Lord and Gentlemen I am sorry to say it, a very poor performance in a very bad causes, till now I never heard or imagined that you were on the part of the Company the Guardians of His Majesty's Rights against his Will expressly declared in his Proclamation of the 22.^d December 1780 which Proclamation as an Act of His Majesty by and with the consent of His Privy Council is a tantamount to the Letters Patent, and no Charter granted the Company in the 31.st year of the last August and an express declaration of his will regarding the reserve therein contained and which you refer to. But as I carry to sea with me no Counsel or learned in the law, I shall conclude my answer by observing to you that the unheard of Demand contained in your letter of the 2.^d of last month is a most ungrateful return to Sir Hector Munro and myself for advancing to the pressing exigencies of the Company's Service the

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17th the Sum of 68,237 Star Pagodas for which Sum the Agent for the Captors plainly tells me, ^{that he} Sir Hector Munro and myself accountable to him as advanced by our Orders, and I shall therefore so far from ordering any farther part of the produce of the Capture of Negapatam to be paid into your hands take measures with Sir Hector Munro for compelling the repayment of Pagodas 68,237 We so injudiciously have pledged ourselves for to the Captors of Negapatam against the declared sense of every Officer of the Company's concerned in that Capture particularly, who loudly exclaimed against the transaction at the time.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant
Edward Hughes

Superb in Negapatam Road,
5th July 1782.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
President and Governor and Select Committee
of Fort S. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From D. - enclosing an account of the Operations of the Squadron, mentioning his intention of returning to Madras - expressing his concern at the Capture of the Fortitude and Germant.

I had the honor to address Your Board by Letter of the 5th of this month intended to have been immediately forwarded to you on the Rodney Packet You were so obliging to send to the Squadron with Dispatches for me but the French Squadron coming in sight the same day and having an Engagement with them

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th 17. *thm* the day following has induced me to detain her for a time until I could prepare the necessary Dispatches for England as well as give Your Board and the Governor General and Council of Bengal an account of the Transactions of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command on this occasion which is herewith enclosed.

I am happy to inform You that in this last Engagement His Majesty's Squadron gained a decided superiority over that of the Enemy and had not the Wind shifted and thrown His Majesty's Squadron out of Action at the very time when some of the Enemy's Ships had broken their line and were running away and others of them greatly disabled I have good reason to believe it would have ended in the Capture of several of their Line of Battle Ships.

I congratulate You My Lord and Gentlemen most sincerely on the Peace ~~and~~ concluded between the Company and the Marattas of which I was informed yesterday by the Commandant of Negapatam, I have not a doubt the good effects of this measure will soon become evident.

As the Provisions and Ammunition of the Squadron are now nearly exhausted and every Ship is in the greatest want of Stores I shall in a few days proceed with the Squadron to Madras for a full Supply of every Article wanted for further Service.

I have heard with infinite
concern

214th.

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17th concern of the Capture of the Yarmouth and
 Herbitude by the Enemy, at this rate and under such
 management the Enemy will be fully supplied with
 every Article they stand in need of, which ought
 most carefully to be guarded against, and which
 the change of the Active's Destination has put
 totally out of my power.

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble servant

Edward Hughes

Supers of Negapatam

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An Account of the Transactions of His
 Majesty's Squadron in the East Indies under the Command
 of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B. on the 5th, 6th
 and 7th July 1782

On the 5th July 1782 His

Majesty's Squadron as p. Margin were at
 anchor in Negapatam Road for the purpose
 of watching the motions of the French Squadron
 which had anchored in Cuddalore Road about
 22 Leagues to the Northward of Negapatam

At one o'clock P.M. The same

day the French Squadron as p. Margin came in sight

At 3 P.M. the Land Wind unexpectedly continuing
 and the Enemy nearing us fast I made the Signal

for sailing. At 5 minutes after made the Signal
 to weigh, at 30 minutes past 3 weighed with the

Squadron and stood to the S.ward close on the Wind

At 6 made the Signal and tacked with the Squadron
 and continued standing off and on all night.

Superbe

Herc

Magnanime

Monmouth

Monarca

Burford

Eagle

Saxter

Sultan

Worcester

Scipio

Superbe

Herc

Monmouth

S. Orient

Brilliant

Sovere

Hope

Bizarre

Venger

Sphinx

Artisan

Flamand

English Monmouth

La Fave

Belona

Naut

Diligent

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11th

On the 6th at day light the
Enemy's Squadron being at Anchor bearing N.N.E.
distant about 7 or 8 Miles Wind at S.W. At 50
minutes past 5 A.M. made the Signal for the
Line of Battle abreast and bore away towards the
Enemy at sea observing the Enemy getting under
Sail and standing to the Westward hauled down
the Signal for the Line of Battle abreast and made
the Signal for the Line of Battle ahead at two
Cables length distance. At 10 minutes past 7 our
Line being well formed made the Signal to bear
down on the Enemy each Ship in our line against
the Ship opposite to her in the Enemy's Line. At 20
Minutes past 8 the Enemy's Squadron tacked
with their heads to the Southeastward their Van
Ships first and so along their Line. I then hauled
down the Signal to bear down to the Enemy and
hauled to the Wind. At 15 minutes past 9 the Enemy's
Van having stretched along as far as our Rear made
the Signal for the Line to tack the Rear to tack first.
At 25 Minutes past 9 finding the Enemy past
fast by our Line I made the Signal for the whole
Line to tack together, our Line having all tacked
at 45 minutes past 9 I made the Signal again to
bear down upon the Enemy each Ship in our Line
against the Ship opposite to her in the Enemy's
Line. At 40 minutes past 10 ^{the Enemy's Line begins to fire} I made the Signal
^{upon ours at 45 minutes past 10.} for Battle and at the same time the Signal for
a close Engagement. At 11 made the Hero's Exeter
and Isis Signals to comply with the Signals then

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17th then abroad and they obeyed and bore down on the Enemy accordingly. At 10 minutes past 11 I made the Magnanimous and Eagles Signals to make more Sail to close up the Rear which they did accordingly, same time made the Menarcas (my second astern) to close up to me. From this time till 35 minutes past noon the Engagement was general from Van to Rear in both Lines mostly very close. The Enemy's Ships seem to have suffered severely both in Hulls and Masts, the Van Ship had been away out of their Line and the Brilliant the French Admiral's second Ship ahead had lost her Main Mast. At this time the Sea Breeze set in at S. S. E. very fresh and several of the Ships in our Van and Centre were taken aback and paid round with their heads to the Westward, whilst others of our Ships, those in the Rear in particular who had suffered less in their Tugging paid off and continued on their former Tack. Some of the Enemy's Ships were also paid round by the Sea Breeze with their heads to the Westward, the Admiral's Second ahead in particular, which I supposed to be the Ajax but proved to be the Severe, fell along side the Sultan and struck to her, but whilst the Sultan was wearing to join me made what Sail she could, fired on and raked the Sultan without showing any Colours, and then got in amongst her own Ships, At 50 minutes past noon finding the Worcester Eagle and Burford still continuing on the former Tack and nearing the Body of the Enemy's

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17. Enemy's Squadron very fast, I made the Signal to wear and hauled down the Signal for a Line purposing to make the Signal for a general Chace, but the Captain of the Monarca having hailed and informed me that all his standing Rigging was shot away and the Ship otherwise so much disabled as to be ungovernable and the Hero on the contrary Tack hauling in for the Land with the Signal of Distress out and the Enemy's Ships having were and come to the Larboard Tack those left disabled forming to Windward of the others to cover their disabled Ships, and endeavoring to cut off, I made the Signal at 20 Minutes past one o'clock to wear and stood to the Westward the Engagement still continuing partially wherever our Ships were near the Enemy's and the Eagle had pressed by two of the Enemy's Ships. At 1/2 past one o'clock I made the Signal for the Line of Battle ahead on the Larboard Tack and made the Orders Signal to come within Hail and directed him to take his Station astern of the Sultan. At 2 P.M. the Enemy's Squadron was standing in shore and collecting their Ships which I was also endeavoring to do as our Squadron was very much dispersed and continued on different Tacks, the Ships being greatly disabled and in general ungovernable, at 1/2 past 4 I hauled down the Signal for the Line of Battle ahead and made the Signal for the Line to prepare to anchor and at 1/2 past 5 I anchored with the Superb in 6 fathoms water between Negapatam and Nagore.

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17th Nagore, the other Ships of the Squadron anchoring as they came in with the Land and the Worcester the day after.

The ^{French} Having collected their Ships into a close Body, anchoring at 6 P.M. about 3 leagues to leeward of our Ships during the remainder of the day and all night our Ships were closely employed in securing their lower Masts almost all their standing Rigging being shot away splicing the old and rearing new running Rigging and getting serviceable Sails to the Yards.

On the 7th in the morning the damage sustained by the several Ships of the Squadron appeared to me so great that I gave up all thoughts of pursuing the Enemy and at 9 A.M. the French Squadron got under sail and returned to Cuddalore Road, their disabled Ships ahead and those left^{so} covering their Retreat in the Rear.

At 10 A.M. I sent Captain Watt of His Majesty's Ship Sultan in the Rodney Brig disarmed with a flag of Truce and letter to Monsieur Suffren containing a demand of the Surrender of the French King's (the Ajax). Captain Watt came up with the French Squadron the same evening and my letter was forwarded to Monsieur Suffren who returned an evasive answer saying ^{it} was the French Ship Severe who had the Halliards of his Ensign shot away as frequently happens in Action by which means it came down but was never intended to be struck.

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57. An Account of the Killed and Wounded
in the Engagement with the French Squadron on
the 6th July 1782.

Superb
Killed

Captain Macdellan - - - - - 1
Petty Officers, Seamen and Marines - - - - - $\frac{6}{7}$

Wounded

Petty Officers Seamen Marines and 98th Reg^t - - 19

Hero
Killed

Lieutenant Henry Chapman - - - - - 1
Petty Officers Seamen and 98th Regiment - - - $\frac{11}{12}$

Wounded

Petty Officers Seamen Marines and 98th Reg^t - - 23

Magnanime
Killed

Petty Officers and Seamen - - - - - 2

Wounded

Lieutenant Thomas Henry Willson - - - - - 1
Captain Marines William Adam - - - - - 1
Petty Officers and Seamen - - - - - $\frac{15}{17}$

Monmouth

^{Wounded}
Lieutenant Sabine Gascoyne - - - - - 1
Petty Officers Seamen and Marines - - - - - $\frac{11}{12}$

Monarca
Killed

Petty Officers Seamen Marines & 98th Regiment - 8

Wounded

Master M^r Francis Corru - - - - - 1
Captain - - - - - Abbot Company's Officer - - 1
Petty Officers Seamen Marines and 98th Reg^t - - $\frac{14}{26}$

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17th

Burford

Killed	Captain Vracholmou Jenkinson 98 th Reg ^t	1
	Petty Officers Seamen Marines & Lascars	<u>6</u> 7
Wounded	Master M ^r Low ^d Derby	1
	Boatswain M ^r Richard Daniel	1
	Petty Officers Seamen Marines and 98 th Reg ^t	<u>32</u> 34

Eagle

Killed	Petty Officers and Seamen	<u>4</u>
Wounded	Lieutenant William Wood	1
	Petty Officers Seamen and Marines	<u>8</u> 9

Exeter

Killed	Petty Officers Seamen Marines & Lascars	<u>11</u>
Wounded	Master M ^r Thomas Cribbin	1
	Boatswain M ^r William Cunningham	1
	Petty Officers Seamen Marines & 98 th Reg ^t	<u>22</u> 24

Sultan

Killed	Petty Officers Seamen and Marines	<u>16</u>
Wounded	Lieutenant John Dren	1
	Lieutenant Marines Richard Williams	1
	Petty Officers Seamen and Marines	<u>19</u>

Worcester

Killed	Lascar	<u>1</u>
Wounded	Lieut ^t Marines Johnston	1
	Petty Officers Seamen and Marines	<u>8</u> 9

Isis

Killed	Petty Officers Seamen 98 th Reg ^t & Lascars	<u>9</u>
Wounded	Petty Officers Seamen & Marines	<u>19</u>

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Abstract of Men killed and Wounded in
His Majesty's Squadron under the Command of
Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes KB in the Action
with the French Squadron off Negapatam the
6th July 1782

Ships. Names	Total	
	Killed	Wounded
Superb	7	19
Hero	12	23
Magnanime	2	17
Monmouth	1	12
Monarca	8	46
Burford	7	34
Eagle	4	9
Exeter	11	24
Sultan	16	21
Worcester	1	9
Isis	9	19
	77	233

Edw. Hughes

The Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney KB.

My Lord,

I have had the honor to receive
by the Rodney Your Lordship's three very obliging
letters of the 14th & 21st May and 8th June with copies
of the Governor General and Council's Letters to Your
Select Committee and that of Bombay

I hope Your Lordship's forgiveness
that

From Sir Edward Hughes

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th 17th that I did not write You a separate letter by M^r Greenley from Trincomalay but indeed the situation of the Squadron at that time was such as left me no thought of any persons or things except its refit and the restoration of the health of our numerous Sick and Wounded and the whole tenor of the Service for some time past scarce affords me any interval free from care and anxiety; under these circumstances I have seldom any inclination to write and if I had want in general the means of doing it in a Ship constantly kept clear for Action

I had the pleasure of a letter from Sir Eyre Coote by the Rodney dated the 13th May but it contained his sincere Congratulations only nothing of the Service or of the State of Affairs with You. I have since heard by the way of Tanjore that he was successful in an attack on some part of Hyder's Army on the 2^d of this Month but I have no particulars. M^r Sullivan wrote me several letters from Tanjore on my first arrival on this Coast from Trincomalay replete with schemes and Projects and wishing my approbation of them, but as in my answers to him I declined giving my judgement on the propriety of them he has not written to me of late.

th Your Lordship will find I had done in Money Matters both at Trincomalay and Negapatam as You wished, and had not our Stock of ready money on board been small I should probably have exceeded Your Lordship's wishes, but My Lord I must tell You in all friendship that the
several

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17th several Sums of the Public Money advanced by M^r Cuthbert under my written Orders must absolutely be repaid him or on passing his Accounts it will be thrown over me, and I must make it good out of my own private fortune if I be able, for altho' my Orders are binding upon every Officer of whatever denomination serving under my Command yet my meddling with the disposal of the Public Money leaves me alone accountable in the end.

I must also take the same friendly liberty to tell Your Lordship I am by no means pleased with Your Select Committee^{of the 2^d June} last claiming possession of the Negapatam Proze Money, and I must tell Your Lordship that in my opinion it would have been much more consistent and infinitely more becoming on the part of the Company's Servants at Madras to have been silent on this subject even had the Company an honest Claim to a part which I positively deny.

Consider My Lord who the Men are You mean to injure: the very Individuals who are sacrificing their lives for Your and the Company's Protection and to whom You look up My Lord and sometimes call aloud for that protection, but I have done on this very disgusting subject, to me my pittance of Proze Money is not immediately necessary but it is and will be much wanted by many of the Squadron. His Majesty's Grant by His Proclamation respecting all Captures made from our Enemies is clear and decisive and might well have parried any Claim of the Company's Servants

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17th Servants had justice and prudence prevailed in
their Councils. N

I am now to trouble Your Lordship
with a Complaint of a different nature - The letter
of the 1st April last from Your Select Committee
announces to me your enclosing with it a Letter in
Cypher addressed to me that came in your Packet
and it is there said "as I have N^o 10 You do not not
send it me decyphered.

This Letter of your Select Committee
together with the letter in Cypher I now return to
Your Lordship enclosed with this, and only beg Your
Lordship to look at the Cypher Letter which
continues in the exact State I received it, and see with
your own eyes whether or no this letter has been
decyphered where the mute Cyphers are expunged
thro^o the whole, and most certainly was not so
forwarded from the Secretary of State's Office. This
Transaction My Lord I can consider in no other light
than a daring Insult on me as the Commander in
Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in these Seas whose
cyphered Letters ^{from the Secretary of State} are opened and decyphered by the
Company's Servants without my Authority indeed
without any competent Authority for that purpose.
For this Insult My Lord I expect from Your
Lordship's justice ample satisfaction on the Person or
Persons who presumed to open and decypher the letter
in question, and I request Your Lordship will give
the most peremptory Orders that the Letters to my
Address be not even opened much less decyphered
on

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on any pretence whatever.

Of all the Armed Transports that so impudently left Madras Roads to join me at Trincomalay in the face of the Enemy's Squadron abounding with many strong and fast sailing Frigates the Royal Charlotte only effected the purpose, had that Ship been laden with the Gun Powder intended for the Service of the Squadron and filled up with such Stores as might be supposed wanted by the Squadron and then dispatched alone, she would from her fast sailing have had a moral certainty of reaching the Squadron and furnishing the Supplies so greatly wanted by it; the Plan pursued was infatuation, and did not carry with it even a prospect of Success.

As my public Dispatches as far back as the month of February last were still with the Squadron on the Company's Ship Grosvenor I thought it best to send the Royal Charlotte with them to England, and on her went General Meadows and the Captains Douglas and Hart, Pafurgers

Since my arrival on the Coast I find not only the Resolution and Racket captured, but the Yarmouth also, and that the San Carlos narrowly escaped, and the Squadron from the want of a well judged Supply is now in the greatest want of Ammunition and Stores.

I congratulate You My Lord most heartily on the Peace concluded between the Company and the Marattas from that day I date the restoration of the Company's Affairs in India. It will

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[#] 57 will not surprize me if Hyder should lend a willing ear to an Accommodation with You provided proper means are used. I think the defeat of his friends on the 6th of this month must convince him he has not much to depend on from them. As I have enclosed to your Committee a particular Account of that day's work I beg leave to refer Your Lordship to it.

I particularly note the Postscript of Your Lordship's Letter of the 14th. May last regarding Captain Bonnevaux and assure You My Lord I know nothing to his prejudice or that disqualifies him for the Command of Trincomalay. I understand from good authority that every Officer of the Company endeavors at making money whilst in a separate Command, and some of them not always by the honestest means, of this last I am pretty sure Captain Bonnevaux is innocent, and I can truly say that at all times when the Squadron was at Trincomalay he strained every nerve to assist and forward the Public Service in general, and was very particularly attentive and obliging to every Officer and Man in it as far as lay in his power, but My Lord he is a German and Your Lordship knows both from your own observation and inquiry that We Englishmen never serve with pleasure under the command of any Foreigner and this in my opinion (altho' I know no other good reason) will justify Your Lordship in the appointing some steady able ^{Officer} to succeed Captain Bonnevaux, and on my arrival with the Squadron at Madras I will if Your Lordship

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17th Lordship desires it send the Seahorse to carry him and some other Articles necessary to that place & especially an able Engineer.

I have forwarded my letters for Your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Presidency as well as those intended for England in the same Box Packet and request the favor of Your Lordship to direct some trust worthy person to transfer my public Dispatches for England as well as the private letters into the Company's Packet to go by the Rodney.

I have the honor to be with great regard,

My Lord

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Edward Hughes

Superb off Negapatam
13th July 1782.

Received Letter from M^r Cochrane acknowledging the receipt of the Bill of Exchange on the Agent of Buckanjo at Tranquebar for 5000p. and his having received the amount.

Received the following Letter from Colonel Nicorn.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that with a Body of the Company's Troops something less than 3,000 I gained a trifling advantage over the principal part of Hyder's Force yesterday. Having encamped ^{at 29} on the bank of a River opposite Shawcottah the Enemy assembled to the number of 5000 and posted all their Infantry in a deep

Nulla

From Col. Nicorn gains an advantage over the Enemy preparing to lay siege to Shawcottah.

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17th Nulla which runs parallel to the River, the same night, and on the morning commenced a very heavy fire on our Picket and Advanced Guards which made me resolve to detach 1000 Men to drive them from the Water Course, but on my taking a nearer view of the Enemy's position countermanded the Order. sent ^{all the} ~~my~~ Tents and Baggage into Combuconum and retired a quarter of a mile intending to induce them to quit their post. This motion nearly effected my purpose, strong Detachments of their Horse and Foot passed the River upon whom our line advanced with great spirit and drove them ^{from} the Tents and Banks they occupied with some execution. Our loss in Killed and wounded did not exceed 60 men, the Enemy must have suffered considerably. I contented myself with the advantage I gained till the arrival of Captain Scott's Party which I had ordered to advance by Carical Road, and they joined me fortunately at two o'clock this morning. I wish to commence the Siege of Shawcottah the Enemy having retired in great confusion from that place but as it may take some time to bring Stores and Guns for the Siege, I shall move about a little to know the Enemy's Intentions.

I have the honor to remain
Your most obed^t humble Serv^t
Eccles Nixon

Camps near Shawcottah
1st July 1782

Dispatched the following Letters with
the enclosures therein mentioned.

To

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r

Governor General &c^o Council of Fort William
Honble Sir & Sirs,

To Bengal enclosing
a copy of the Admirals
Letter with Account of
his Operations.

We have the honor to
enclose You Copy of a letter we have just received
from Sir Edward Hughes with an account of the
Operations of the Fleet on the 5th 6th & 7th July
We have the honor to be

Fort S^t George,
17th July 1782.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants
Macartney
&c^o Select Committee

To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote KB

Commander in Chief of the Forces in India
Sir,

To Sir Eyre Coote
enclosing account of
the Operations of the
Squadron.

We have the honor to enclose
You copy of an account we have just received
from Sir Edward Hughes of the Operations of the
Fleet on the 5th 6th and 7th July; we shall write You
more fully tomorrow

We have the honor to be
Sir

Fort S^t George
17th July 1782

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Macartney
&c^o Select Committee

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Received the following Letters

My

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My Lord,

I had the honor to acquaint
Your Lordship the 15th and 16th Instant of the arrival
of the Detachment under Ensign Byrne with very
little loss. On the 15th about 8 o'clock P.M. they left
this and am extremely sorry to acquaint Your Lordship
that the whole was cut off the next morning by Tippu
Saib near to Sholingur only a few were killed. I have
taken the most exact account of the Rice and find that
it will only serve the Europeans and 5th Battalion of
Sepoys with what was before in the Garrison two months
from this day. Yesterday I acquainted Sir Byre Coote that
there was an encampment about 7 miles South of us
but this day it was very much increased and to
appearance seems to be Hyder's whole Army, report
says that he is coming here, if so it will make a
very material alteration in our daily expence as it will
be impossible for me to continue my Independent
Companies of Sepoys Lascais &c on dry Batter, and to
do without them is out of my power. I hope the
General will not suffer him to sit down before the
Hills for any time as my Strength is by no means
adequate to the defence of the whole - I send you a
list of the money I have received for the use of the
Garrison since I have had the honor to command as
also an account of the Provisions by the Detachment -
There is some mistake in the last money I received
from Your Lordship; in your letter of the 7th Instant
You say you have sent me 1000 Pagodas for the use
of the Garrison and 500 for the Officers Prisoners
with

From Captain Cuppage
Ensign Byrne's Detach.
arrives safe, but on their
return are cut off by Tippu
Saib - Hyder's Army
encamped near Villore
including an account of
money received by him
received only 500 Pagodas
instead of 1500.

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18th with Hyder. I only received the latter and the Golah
Peers declare they got no more, there was only two
letters for me and none from the Paymaster General
to the Paymaster here as was usual. I dispatched
my people the 8th Instant but they returned sick
and are now so ill that they cannot go, and hope
Your Lordship will get others to supply us with
money.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obed^t Servant

John Cuppage

Vellore

20th June 1782.

Account of Money received from Madras
for the use of the Garrison of Vellore

	Page
1781 - December 4 th Cash	1000
1782 January 12 th d ^o	1000
March - 29 th Ditto	1000
April - 23 rd Ditto	1000
June - 4 th Ditto	1000
d ^o Ditto	1000
9 th Ditto from the General	200
14 th Ditto	1000
	<u>7200</u>

Vellore, 20th June 1782

John Cuppage

Capt^l Commandant

Received the following Articles by Ensign Byrne for
the use of Vellore 14th June 1782.

1917 Coolie Loads of Rice
146 Bullock Loads d^o
60 Casks of Arrack
61 d^o Pork
63 Draught Bullocks
107 Carriage

John Cuppage
Capt. Comm^d

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had the honor to write

You on the 12.th Instant in duplicate to which I beg leave
to refer.

I have now to acknowledge receipt
of your letters of the 9th 10th and 11th with their several
enclosures - That in the last from Lieutenant Orr
to the Town Major is what has most attracted my
notice and concern, as I am afraid the Difficulties
which have arisen to check the sending of Rice to
Chengput may expose that Garrison to much distress
whilst the want of the ample Store I have long
wished to have had deposited at that place must &
unavoidably disappoint and probably frustrate every
effectual Operation from this Army and at a Crisis
of the Public Interests when no cause should exist to
check or impede its motions. I rely on your promised
endeavours to surmount the difficulties which have
occurred, at the same time I hope the present experience
of them will be allowed its due weight in proving the great
necessity there is for forming a separate and exclusive
Establishment of Bullocks at Madras for these &
occasional Services. I have perused the several Statements
You have been pleased to furnish me with of Bullocks
Rice and Cash supplied the Army mentioned in Your
letter since the 1st January last. I conclude You meant
to

From General Coote -
is concerned at difficulties
which have occurred in
sending Rice to Chengput
suspecting the several
Statements transmitted
to him - encloses Estimate
Artillery sent the Coast
Troops - hopes the Bengal
Government will make
some arrangements
respecting the Match -
requests their Sentiments
on the Matter at Madras
may be transmitted thither
intelligence regarding the
French and Hyder - requests
a large quantity of Ammunition
may be sent to the latter

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18. to say from the 1st December last in which month it appears from the account of Cash remitted the Supply was more than double the amount of any other month, a circumstance which if not attended to might produce an error in comparative Calculation of Demands and Disbursements formed upon the Sum total to the present time which in a general review of such extensive accounts is liable to happen from a want of regard to internal Dates. Having directed the Paymaster to compare your account of Sums remitted with his receipts I learn from him that they correspond, and that they include payments which were due for money received and disbursed at Cuddalore 14 or 15 months ago. It is only left for me Gentlemen to regret that the result of your utmost endeavours ^{*} to defray the common expences of the Army which you will observe by the enclosed Statement will be in arrears at the close of this month on account the Madras Establishment Star Pagodas 879, 634; on account the Bengal Establishment (exclusive of Contractors Charges and Extra Batta paid by Bills on Bengal) Star Pag^{ts} 298, 623, 34 - making in all Star Pag^{ts} 1178, 257, 34 which Sum of Arrears you will observe exceeds the whole amount of Supplies of Cash furnished from the period stated in your Account S. Pag^{ts} 144, 345 - a circumstance which whilst it testifies the seasonable Economy with which it has been disbursed cannot fail to excite surprise how an Army only half paid and undergoing the most harassing Service which ever an Army did should have been kept so well together and so obedient to their

^{*} However cheerfully & strenuously exerted, & added to the liberal assistance from Bengal, has not proved adequate to defray

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th 18. *this duty* - If my personal attentions have had any share in the accomplishment of so essential and unusual a public Service I shall experience an ample recompence and gratification in the secret reflection that my zealous endeavours in the cause of my Country have not been destitute of beneficial effects.

The Supplies of Rice and Bullocks sent your Agents being a business entrusted entirely to their care and management they can no doubt furnish you with satisfactory accounts of - Lest you should at any time think proper to enter upon an investigation of these Departments I must in justice to - whomsoever is particularly intrusted with the Bullocks take this occasion to recognize the heavy and only loss which was sustained from military neglect on a Convey in March last between the Point and Chengloput by the misconduct of an Officer who was in consequence tried by a Court Martial and dismissed the Service.

I am sorry that to account for present errors in the conduct of the Durbar you should have any occasion to recur to the Impediments or inconveniences I at one time felt my Operations exposed to from the illjudged measures pursued whilst the Army lay towards the close of the last Campaign in the Pollams, as had the desire I then so strenuously urged of having matters at that period thoroughly investigated and redressed been complied with all source of future contention or Complaint might have been avoided - However as such jarring Interests whether

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th 18 whether real or artificial can be of no good to the public Cause I trust the Bengal Government will establish such Arrangements as shall prove an effectual remedy to every present and future evil.

When You first made a reference to me on the subject of the late Mutiny amongst the Circar Troops which was accompanied with a letter from Captain Lysaght to the Council of Masulipatam containing his opinion as to the modes of punishing them I gave you my sentiments at large thereon with a view that they should have been transmitted to Captain Lysaght to whose discretion I then said it should be left to decide on the objects most deserving of being made examples of as well as the line most proper to be adopted in their local situation and circumstances for suppressing all future Cabals and bad consequences - That Captain Lysaght might be competent ^{to act} in all these matters I forwarded to him a power for holding General Courts Martial - As from the copies of the letters You have now sent me ^{touching that subject} ~~it~~ does not appear that my former ^{sentiments} have been communicated to Captain Lysaght. I request You will be so obliging as to forward a Copy of them and of what I have now written to him for his information. The several accounts You have forwarded to me of Sir Edward Hughes's Success over the French Squadron have afforded me much satisfaction and induce me to repeat my Congratulations to You on an event which much as it redounds to the honor of the

Admiral

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18. Admiral and the Fleet promises abate & terminate in a manner essentially advantageous to the security of the British Interests in India. My Intelligence from Pondicherry says that in the late Action the French burnt eight Officers and 340 Private and landed at Cuddalore upwards of 400 Sick and Wounded - that four or six of their Line of Battle Ships had all of them lost some mast or other - that they were taking Masts out of other Ships to replace them in the best manner they could and that about the 20th of this month they intended to sail leaving their Land Forces behind which were then to join Hyder.

On the 12th Instant by letters which I have received from the Officer at Mandavath I find Tippoo Saib with 5000 Horse and 3000 Infantry had arrived at Chittapur said to be so far on his way to the Tanjore Country, where by various accounts which have reached me I have reason to believe that Colonel Nixon has been successful against the Enemy - I immediately dispatched letters to both him and M^r Sullivan to inform them of Tippoo's supposed intentions and to put them on their guard - I trust they will reach them in time, altho' I can hardly imagine in the present state of the Rivers that the Enemy can approach with so much facility as to effect any sudden surprize.

I am this moment informed that Tippoo Saib has marched and taken the road by

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18th by Ganges to Trivady Pancooty. And that Hyder had quitted his ground at Dobey Gurr and encamped on the same ground we were encamped on the night after the last action and that he has sent the French a lack of Rupas to induce them to join him. Notwithstanding the very circumscribed state of my provisions I intended this morning to have marched across the Palas but was prevented by the very heavy rain which fell during the night. I shall however march tomorrow unless detained by a similar cause. As there is now an appearance of the access to Vellore being easy and the road free from the Enemy I hope it will be put in the power of the Commanding Officer by means of money of money to supply himself amply with Provisions, which by every account there is no doubt of his being able to purchase.

I have just received your Letter of the 12th Instant with a Postscript of the 13th conveying to me the agreeable news of the arrival of the Sceptre man of War Captain Graves belonging to Sir Richard Bickerton's Squadron, and of her being to sail the next day day in company with the San Carlos in order to join Sir Edward Hughes, which I most sincerely hope they will do with safety. As the Intelligence ^{from Pondicherry} with other concurrent circumstances seem to afford an early prospect of the Coast being clear of an Enemy, I request that Vessels with a large Supply of Rice and Provisions be put in readiness to sail to the Southward at a moment's warning together with a proportionable number

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18 number of Boats which will accompany them for the purpose of landing the Provisions.

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Pyre Coote

Camp near Sheveram,

15th July 1782

Estimate of Arrears of Pay Batta and other Allowances which will be due to the Coast Troops in the Field at the close of the present month under the Command of His Excellency Lt General Sir Pyre Coote K^tB

Field Hospital Charges - - - - -	5000	
Field Batta to Officers - - - - -	7000	
Charges General - - - - -	3200	
Charges Extraordinary - - - - -	9000	
Gratuity Fund - - - - -	1200	
Cavalry Contract and Cloathing - - - - -	8000	33400 .
March Military Charges - - - - -	5000	
Gratuity Fund - - - - -	1200	
D ^o to His Majesty's Troops - - - - -	900	
Sepoy Payments - - - - -	32,000 .	
Lascars Pay and Batta - - - - -	7,200	
Hospital Charges - - - - -	5,000	
Field Batta to Officers - - - - -	6,000	
Charges General - - - - -	3200	
Regiments of Cavalry - - - - -	25000	
Charges Extraordinary - - - - -	9000	94,500 .
April Military Charges - - - - -	5000	

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April. Gratuity Fund	1200	
Ditto to His Majesty's Troops	900	
Seapoy Payments	32000	
Lascars Pay and Batta	7200	
Hospital Charges	5000	
Field Batta to Officers	6000	
Charges General	3200	
Regiments of Cavalry	25000	
Charges Extraordinary	9000	94,500 ..

May. Military Charges	5000	
Gratuity Fund	1200	
Ditto to His Majesty's Troops	900	
Seapoy Payments	32,000	
Lascars Pay and Batta	7200	
Hospital Charges	5000	
Field Batta to Officers	6000	
Charges General	3200	
Regiments of Cavalry	25000	
Charges Extraordinary	9000	94,500

June. Military Charges	5000	
Gratuity Fund	1200	
Ditto to His Majesty's Troops	900	
Seapoy Payments	32000	
Lascars Pay and Batta	7200	
Hospital Charges	5000	
Field Batta to Officers	6000	
Charges General	3200	
Regiments of Cavalry	25000	
Charges Extraordinary	9000	94,500 ..

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July Military Charges	6000	
Gratuity Fund	1200	
Ditto to His Majesty's Troops	900	
Sepoy Payments	37000	
Mascars Pay and Batta	7200	
Hospital Charges	5000	
Field Batta to Officers	6000	
Charges General	3200	
Regiments of Cavalry	25000	
Charges Extraordinary	9000	95500 " "

Agent's Employ

for November	20000	
December	22000	
January	33000	
February	35000	
March	36000	
April	38000	
May	38000	
June	38000	
July	38000	298000 " "

1 st Regiment	Contract and Clothing from April 1781 to January 1782	80000 " "
3 ^d Ditto		
4 th Ditto		
Boby Guard		

Advanced in part 15266 " 64734 " "

Hospital Charges for the months of Oct. Nov. Dec. 1781 10000 " "

Camp near Cheveram
15th July 1782.

Pagodas 879634 " "

(Signed) L. Welch
Paym.

A true Copy
George Tyler
Apt. Secy

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &c^a Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

In answer to your

Commants of the 14th Instant by M^r Secretary Hudleston

I have the honor to inform You I am acquainted by Major Maule that the anxiety of the Honble Board to have the Cisterns put in a State to receive water with all possible expedition made it necessary for him to order

them to be chumamed before the Walls were so dry as it was wished they had been before it was done: new walls

of such a thickness as those of the Cisterns are particularly when under ground requiring a long time to be

exhausted of their moisture before which it is not in

general considered advisable to lay on the fine Chumam

and even then, this Cement requires to be very well

dried likewise before Water is let into them, but the

Exigencies of the Service did not admit of these

precautions or of their standing empty that length of

time which is requisite to have prepared them to the

best advantage. I have however the pleasure to find

they answer the purpose for what they are intended very

well and that the Work to all appearance continues

sound and good and does not seem to have sustained any

material injury from the Cisterns having been filled so soon

after their construction.

I have the honor to be with respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient Hble Serv^t

Patrick Rops

L^t Col & Chief Eng^r

Recd

Fort St. George
18th July 1782

From Colonel Rops
respecting the State of
the Cisterns.

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18th

Received the Report of the arrival of 475
Bullocks

Despatched the following Letters

To Captain Cuppage

Commanding at Vellore

To Capt. Cuppage with
a supply of 1000 Pagodas

Sir,

I now transmit you 1000 Pagodas
for the use of your Garrison.

I am

Fort St George,
18th July.

Sir, your most obed^t Serv^t
Macartney

To James Daniell Esqr

Chief &c^a Council of Masulipatam
Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam -
directing them to order
the Sloop Adventure to
proceed hither.

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to desire you will
permit the Sloop Adventure to proceed hither - If
she makes a good offing to the Eastward it is hoped she
will be safe - The French Fleet is at Cuddalore
scurrowed at Negapatam but soon expected here.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Fort St George,
18th July 1782

Your most obedient
humble Servant
John Hudleston
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19th

Despatched the following Letter to
Sir Eyre Coote.

To

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To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote KB
Commander in Chief of the Forces in India
Sir,

We have had the honor to receive
Your Letters of the 12th and 15th Instant.

To Sir Eyre Coote
advising him of having
contracted for 15000 Bags
of Rice, and that some
Bullocks have arrived. On
the Subject of Money - The
Chief Clerk and Intelligence
taken with Rice and waiting
his Orders - enclosing several
Letters and Extracts - on the
subject of reinforcing a
Sircarnahy and requesting
his opinion.

You have already been informed
of our endeavours to carry Provisions to Chingleput
and of the Dangers and Difficulties which obstructed
them from a want of the means to furnish proper
Escorts for the protection of the Coolies and Bullocks.
We sent you also with our letter of the 9th Instant a full
account of our situation with regard to Rice Bullocks and
Money. Since that time We have agreed for the purchase
of 15000 Bags of Rice. Some Bullocks also have arrived
and more are expected. As to Money We are in the
greatest distress. The Demands of your Army, those
of the Garrison here, of Tripapore Ponnammallu and
Chingleput and Bellore and other military demands
(for scarcely any but military have been attended to)
have entirely exhausted us. how we shall find Funds
for these three months to come We are totally at a
loss. We have received no letter upon the subject of
money from Bengal for a considerable time past. Part of
the Supply from the Circars has already been anticipated
by Bills from hence, and it will be November next before
we can expect much more revenue from the Assigned
Countries. We communicate these circumstances of our
Situation to you as We did those in our last letter, that
you may be aware how little chance there remains of

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19th of getting money from hence at present for every means to procure it that we could devise have been exhausted. - As to Bills on England the late Act of Parliament just arrived will not facilitate that mode of Supply and in the present State of things here we see little prospect of any other.

The Chittorfield and Intelligence are both loaded with Rice and have been so these two months waiting for your orders. As the Squadron is soon expected to return here, there will be probably a great demand of Boats for its use, but You may rely on having as many as possible. We request You will inform us in your next letter what quantity of Rice You wish to have shipped in readiness to be sent to the Southward and the number of Boats. You know the quantity of Rice We have in Store - it does not exceed 55000 Bags including the 15000 abovementioned which is under the proper Stock. The Enemy's Fleet by continuing so long on the Coast has hitherto prevented our receiving the Supplies which We had provided in the Circars. The loss of the ~~and~~ Fortitude is also a great misfortune.

We sent You last night the Admiral's account of the action of the 6th and We now send You a Copy of the Letter which accompanied it as also Extracts of other letters to us and to our President. We entirely concur with the Admiral as to the importance of reinforcing Trincemalay without delay and request You will appoint such a force of Troops in Europeans and Natives as you judge necessary for

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19th for that purpose. We fear it may be difficult to get
Seps to embark. We also request to be favored with
your Sentiments with regard to another Commandant
for Trincomalay and whom you would wish to send.
You will charre the Admiral orders a Conveyance for
the Reinforcement to Trincomalay.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servants

Macartney

&c^o. Select Committee

Fort S^t George
19th July 1782.

Dispatched the following to Masulipatam
with Extracts of Sir Eyre Coote's Letter
concerning the mutiny of the Circar Sepoys.

To James Daniel Esq^r

Chief &c^o. Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to furnish You with
the ^{inclosed} Extracts of Letters to them from the Commander
in Chief which they desire You will forward to
Captain Lysaght.

To Masulipatam
inclosing Extracts of
Letters from Sir Eyre
Coote to be forwarded to
Captain Lysaght.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

John Ruddleston

Secy

Received

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20thReceived the following Letter from
M^r Sullivan

My Lord,

From M^r Sullivan
will exert himself in
fulfilling the object of his
new Commission

I had the honor two days ago
to receive the Commands of the Committee under date
the 14th of May - My utmost exertions shall be
employed in fulfilling the objects of the new Commission
You have been pleased to charge me with. M^r Norris
has shown me the Copies of his Correspondence with
your Lordships on the subject of the Trichinopoly
Revenue and has given me very satisfactory
information relative to that Country.

I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect,

Tanjore

4th July 1782

Your Lordships faithful and
most obedient humble Servant
John Sullivan.

Despatched the following Letter to Carangooby

To Lieutenant Crauford

Commanding at Carangooby

Sir,

To L. Crauford - the
Amuldar to be directed
to lay on provisions for the
Garrison - 3000 Pagodas sent
to him thro' the Paym^r
at Chingleput desiring
to know what Sum is due
to the Troops

I have received the favor of your letter
of the 16th Instant. Fresh Orders shall be given to the
Amuldar to exert himself in getting Provisions for your
Garrison - Three thousand Pagodas are issued to
M^r Taver Paymaster of Chingleput to be sent to
you towards the payment of the Arrears of your
people.

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th 20 people - I wish to know how much You imagine
may be due to them.

I am

Sir

Your most obed^t Servant

Macartney

Fort St George,

20th July 1782

Saturday

20th At a Select Committee Present

The Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney K.B.

Anthony Sadler

Alexander Davidson

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote

and Major General Sir Hector Munro absent

John Holland Esq^r President at

the Court of the Nizam

Minutes of last Committee

read and approved.

Read the following Letters

Gentlemen,

I would wish to trouble You as

little as possible with any matters concerning me
(particularly in a pecuniary way) but should hold
myself inexcusable if I quitted this Country without
claiming the emoluments which other Captains of
the Navy enjoy from the Company - I do therefore
request I may be paid the same other Captains have
for the time His Majesty's Ship *Des* has been in
this part of the World - Having made the above
demand I cannot ~~silently~~ pass over the particular
situation

From Captain Sutton
requesting he may be
paid the Allowances
usually granted to His
Majesty's Captains.

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situation I have stood in for these 15 months last
past through the caprice of a Commanding Officer.
At Praya Road the Island of S^t Jago Commodore
Johnstone thought proper to appoint an acting
Captain to His Majesty's Ship Isis, but suffered me to
remain on board and sent me forward to this Country
By the custom of the Navy a Captain of a Man
of War is entitled to the Pay of his Ship with every
emolument untill such time as he is dismissed from
her by the Sentence of a Court Martial; on this
ground I conceive my Claim just and am

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Evelyn Sutton

Vipary
17th July 1782

My Lord and Gentlemen,

In the month
of August last when I had the honor of being appointed
to the Command of the Detachment stationed at the Spur
Tank, Captain Scott the Officer I then relied delivered
over to my care M^r Taswell's Houses and Garden, which
had been allotted by Government for the accommodation
of the Detachment by the consent of M^r Taswell
the Owner. at the same time Captain Scott gave in
charge to me the Ammunition Tents and other
Stores of the Detachment which were deposited in
a small out-house of M^r Taswell's.

The nature of the Service on
which I have been since employed has frequently
occasionally

From L^t Col. complaining
of M^r Vaughan's having
broke open the Store Room
at the Spur and removed
all the Stores belonging to
the Detachment.

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occasioned my sudden removal from one Post to another, but these removals have been temporary, as the Detachment was always ordered to its former Station at the Spur, when the Service it was sent upon had been effected. These circumstances put it out of my power to carry with the Detachment all its Stores & without great inconvenience and expence and I sent occasionally to the Spur for such Supplies as I wanted.

I am very sorry that I am obliged thus publickly to lay before your Honble Board the following conduct of M^r Vaughan one of the Honble Company's Civil Servants.

I went yesterday morning to the Spur and opened the Store Room door where I found every thing in good order, after having taken out some necessary Stores, which I gave in charge to a Naigues Guard, who came to convey them to the Mount, I locked the Door and returned to Madras. I had not been there many minutes until a Sepoy followed me from the Spur with an account, that M^r Vaughan (who resides at M^r Taswell's Garden) came to the Store Room Door immediately on my absence and broke it open, which effected, he and his Servants with the assistance of the Cooks under my Guard, who M^r Vaughan employed by force, removed all the Stores of the Detachment from the Store Room, and left them in the Garden and threatened to burn the whole if my Sepoys would not assist in carrying them rest of the Garden.

On this representation I went to

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to the Spur and found all the Stores thrown on the public Road, and every thing in the situation the Spy had described, upon which I waited on M^r Vaughan and told him his Conduct must answer for what he had done, as I would lay the whole Transaction before the Board. Every circumstance I have mentioned will be proved by the Guard of Spies if necessary.

19th July 1782.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant
John Orr
Lieut Comm^d at the Mount

To the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney K^B:
President and Governor &c^t Select Committee
of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From M^r Kinderley
applying for a
reimbursement of his
Expences in learning
the Persian Language

Having for near two years applied to the Study of the Persian language with a view to render myself of Service to the Hon^{ble} Company when called upon, I request Your Lordship to will (according to the established custom) be pleased to reimburse me for the expences I have been at in acquiring a knowledge of that language, of which I have the honor to enclose an account.

I beg leave to add that there have been instances of the Hon^{ble} Company not only having reimbursed the money expended by their Servants in studying the Persian, but also, when they

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they have acquired some degree of proficiency, in that language of rewarding them with a compensation for their trouble and expence of time.

As the Persian Translator can best judge how far I merit such recompence, if Your Lordship &c^{ts} will be pleased to call upon him for his opinion, I am ready cheerfully to abide by his judgment and ^{your} generosity.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Nath^l C. Kindersley

Fort St George,
13th July 1782.

Agreed Captain Sutton

be informed that the Committee cannot take upon them to determine whether Mr Captain Lumley be entitled to the allowance as Commander of the Isis and can only therefore refer his claim to the Admiral.

That Copy of Lieutenant Orr's letter be sent to Mr Vaughan for his answer, and that the Persian Translator be furnished with a Copy of the letter from Mr Kindersley and desired to report to the Committee what proficiency he has made in the Persian Language and how far he is entitled to the recompence he claims.

Read Letters as in Miscellaneous Book

from Captⁿ Kelse of His Majesty's 98th Regt.
enclosing Bill for the amount of losses sustained by the capture of Baggage on the Malabar Coast and

Captⁿ Sutton's Claim to be referred to the Admiral.

Copy of L^d Orr's letter to be sent to Mr Vaughan

Copy of Mr Kindersley's letter to be referred to the Persian Translator.

from Captⁿ Kelse requesting to be repaid his losses

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Letter from L^t. Munson
on his name

and expressing his hope that the Company will make
them good From L^t. Munson claiming Batta
and amount of his Baggage lost on the Malabar Coast.

from Capt^m Sullivan

From the Paymaster in camp mentioning an
application from Captain Sullivan for a Bond for the
Arrears due on his Contract for feeding the Horses of his Troop

from the Surgeon Gen^l

From the Surgeon General recommending the
appointment of three Surgeons and enclosing petition
from the Hospital Butchers complaining of Duties
being taken by M^r de Souza on the Sheep brought for
the use of the Hospital.

The Charges made by
Capt. Kilsa and L^t. Munson
inadmissible.

Capt^m Sullivan's Contract
to keep pace with those
of the Company Officers of
the other Regiments

The Sheep supplied the
Hospital to be exempted
from Duties

Letter from D. Simoons
requesting to be appointed
a full Surgeon

App^d full Surgeon

Agreed that Captain Kilsa

be informed his charge is unusual in this Service
and therefore inadmissible - the same answer to L^t.
Munson relative to the loss of his Baggage but his
Claim of Batta allowed - that the Paymaster at Camp
be informed that the arrears of the Contract for Captain
Sullivan's Troop must keep pace with those of the rest
of the Army, - and that the Hospital Butchers shall
pay the Duties regularly and that on producing at
the beginning of every month an account signed by
the Surgeon General of the number of Sheep supplied
by the Hospital in the preceding month the Duties
for that number shall be returned.

Read Letter from Doctor

Simoons representing that he has been in the
Company's Service 16 Years enclosing various certificates
of his Abilities and good Conduct from those under
whom he has served and requesting to be appointed a
full Surgeon. - Agreed that he be appointed a full

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Full supernumerary Surgeon on this Establishment.

Read the following Letter and
Proceedings from the Committee of Stores

To John Hudleston Esq^r

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir,

The Committee of Stores request you
will lay the accompanying Proceedings together with a
report of Madras Gunpowder made the 11th Instant
before the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee

I am Sir

Your most obed^t Servant

Charles Floyer Jun^r

Clerk to Comm^{tee} of Stores

Fort St. George,
17th July 1782.

Fort St. George, 13th July 1782

At a Committee of Stores, Present
Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross
Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy
Bryan Scottney Esq^r

Minutes of last Committee read & approved, together
with the orders of the Select Committee thereon.
Read letter from M^r

Deputy Secretary Kingscote
dated the 5th Instant

accompanying an extract
from Admiral Sir Edward
Hughes's letter to the Right
Hon^{ble} the President and
Select Committee relative
to

from Comm^{tee} of Stores
with their Proceedings

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to His Majesty's Ship the
Combustion; immediately on the
receipt thereof it was sent round
to the Members of the Committee
and orders were then issued for
the speedy preparation of the
Combustibles which the
Commanding Officer of Artillery
and the Company of Stores
report will be ready to go on
board by the latter end of next
week.

Orders of the Select Committee

Approved

The Committee beg
leave to observe with respect
to the supplying an other
field Train that it will be
necessary to detain the remainder
of the 6 Pounders belonging to
the Presidency of Bombay
for which this Committee
wish to receive the permission
so to do from the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee

To detain them as
proposed.

The Military
Storekeeper reports to the
Committee that after
supplying His Majesty's Fleet
with one thousand 100 Barrels
of Gunpowder as now ordered
there will then remain in

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Orders of the Select Comm^{rs}

in Store only six thousand
60th Barrels which are 9000
Barrels short of the Garrison
Complement, and that he
cannot depend upon the Garrison
being supplied with more than
the additional quantity of
2000 Barrels before the rains
set in, unless the remaining
Stampers ordered some time ago
(which will make an increase
of seven Barrels p Day) be
completed.

M^r Garrow to finish
the other Stampers as soon
as possible

The Committee
observing the quantity of
Gunpowder consumed considerably
since last report ^{the Military Store-keeper} informs them
the undermentioned Powder
has been sent on board His
Majesty's Ships by Order of the
Governor viz^t

13th May. Shipped off to the ^{No 13th}
San Carlos & Transporte } 578

11th June. Ditto Yarmouth. 200

13th July. D^o San Carlos. 500

To be shipped off tomorrow

14th July. to the Mercury. 500

Total 1778

+ The Powder for the Mercury
was countermanded

The above quantity
is equal to 2663th Barrels of
Madras.

The

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The Commanding
Officer of Artillery lays before
the Committee a proof of
Madras Powder made the 4.th
Instant which is good and
above proof.

Patrick Rofs
John Kennedy
Bryan Scottney

Read the following Letter and
Enclosure from M. Holland

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From M. Holland
enclosing copy of a
Letter to Bengal - proposes
proceeding thither to lay
before the Governor Genl.
several Subjects relative
to his Embassy

His Highness having
thought fit repeatedly to recommend to me as a measure
which he thought would be expedient and useful towards
a final adjustment of our present various Contests that
I should go to Bengal in order to have an opportunity
of personally explaining to the Governor General in a
more full and satisfactory manner than can be done by
letter, the numerous and various matters that have
passed in conference during my Residence at his Court,
I have deemed it advisable to declare to His Highness
my intention of complying with his wishes. Being
consequently unavoidably engaged in deference to His
Highness's request to proceed to Bengal I flatter
myself

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myself that this measure so far as it may appear connected with the obedience which I owe to Your Lordship &c.^{as} as a Servant of the Madras Establishment will be honored with the Sanction of your licence and concurrence.

I have herewith the honor to ^{an} enclose to Your Lordship &c.^{as} a Copy of my letter of this day's date to the Hon^{ble} the Governor General and Council of Bengal.

I took leave of His Highness on the 7th Instant.

I have the honor to be with ^a great respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble Servant
John Holland

Hydrabad.
10th July 1782.

To the Hon^{ble} Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General &c^{as} Council of Bengal.
Hon^{ble} Sir and Sirs,

I took my leave of the ^{the Honor} Nizam on the 7th and herewith do myself to enclose a letter from His Highness for the Governor General of which His Highness told me he proposed sending a Copy as a means of quicker conveyance thro' Mordaja Bheensala. His Highness having earnestly and repeatedly proposed to me to go to Bengal in order to be the better enabled to state fully and clearly to You the many important considerations which His Highness hopes may induce You to accede to such conditions in favor of the Marattas and

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an
and himself as he and they affect to think equitable
towards establishing an active Alliance against Hyder
Ally Khan, I have been induced to comply with his
request, but at the same time assured him that the Points
which His Highness and the Marattas are desirous of
obtaining as stated in the Papers His Highness had
formerly delivered to me, and which his Highness has
continued to insist upon in later conferences can never
be granted, and further that as my Successor would be
invested with the same powers and with the same
commission with which you had honored me, His Highness
might be assured that he would be decisively and without
further reference instructed on all the important points
in question.

I beg leave here to submit to your
consideration whether it might not be proper in
acknowledging the receipt of the accompanying Letter
at the same time to inform His Highness that I had
represented to you very fully all that had passed in our
conferences to the 25th of Rajib the day of my taking leave and
that you had in consequence fully and decisively and without
further reference instructed Mr. Grant upon all necessary
points. I take the liberty to suggest this Idea merely as
a means of putting an end to His Highness's expectations
and thereby of inclining him in case you should still
want his assistance to accede to such conditions as you
may be disposed to grant him. I am not however
without hopes, from the accounts I have heard of the
Maratta Peace that we are become independent of
His Highness's friendship. I was very happy upon
what

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what appeared to me to be good authority, to be enabled to hazard the reporting to His Highness the news of that event, but altho' I insisted upon it as a certain fact and His Highness had himself received accounts from his own Hircarras of the Salutes that had been fired at Madras and Masulipatam on the occasion he either really disbelieved or very artfully put on a countenance of disbelieving it, and he decisively with a great appearance of seriousness and without reservation declared it to be wholly and absolutely impossible unless indeed as he said it should hereafter appear that the Peace had been settled upon the Terms he had before proposed with the additional one of the restitution of the four Northern Circars to himself. This last extravagant idea has been brought forth but very lately and never before as on this occasion in a direct and open manner from the Nizam, but it will I hope soon die away in disgrace.

To say only, that His Highness is disposed to obtain for himself the best conditions he can in the hour of our distress would not adequately convey the idea I have of his Sentiments. After laying together with the whole of His Highness's observations and declarations in numerous conferences together with his expression of countenance and manner on the reports I have at different times made of important public events and on various other occasions during a long course of residence I am inclined to believe that his disposition towards us is inimical. I think that from the respect he has for our military Character he will not heedlessly precipitate himself into a war with us, but I heartily hope we shall not be reduced to the necessity of resting our security solely upon his friendship or assistance: I should even advise the taking all such measures in

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as might in case of a reverse in the affairs of the Carnatic appear necessary for the security of the Circars. His Highness's uniform and very gracious personal attentions towards me would naturally incline me to wish that I might be mistaken in the idea I have formed of his hopes and views, and I shall be happy if my Successor should have it in his power so far to conciliate his good will as to be enabled to make a more favorable report of his future disposition towards the British Government. As the inclinations of Princes are governed and guided by political and public considerations, His Highness may possibly undergo a change and his present inveterate mistrusts and prejudices which in some respects are founded on irremediable jealousies and in others will perhaps on a candid examination be allowed to admit of some reasonable pleas, may possibly by a continuance of your late conciliatory acts and attentions be made to yield to more friendly and more cordial Sentiments.

Hydrabad
10th July 1782.

I am with great respects
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant
John Holland

Minute thereon

From the particular circumstances represented by M. Holland the Committee cannot disapprove of his intention to proceed to Bengal to give such explanations to the Governor General and the Council as he thinks may promote the public Service but they wish M. Holland may think himself at liberty to proceed first to Madras where he might make himself acquainted with various matters relative to the Conduct and transactions of this Government, its difficulties and embarrassments, a knowledge of which might render his presence at Bengal still more beneficial to the Company.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with Extracts from their proceedings of the 10th

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10th and 13th Instant as lodged in the office

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President &c^e Select Committee of Fort S^t George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

in the Committee of
assigned Revenue enclosing
Extract from their
minutes.

We have the honor to lay
before Your Lordship &c^e an Extract from our Minutes of the 10th
Instant containing an abstract of Proposals given in for renting
the Districts of Setwar &c^e with our remarks on them; also a Statement
of the gross produce of these Districts for five years preceding the War.

We likewise lay before Your Lordship &c^e
our proceedings of the 10th Instant relative to the Company's Jaghere.

We are with great respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient and

most humble Servants,

Charles Cakeley

Cyles Irwin

Hall Plumer

David Haliburton

George Moubray

Agreed that the Committee of Assigned
Revenue be desired ^{to perform and} more precisely which of the proposers for the
Districts of Setwar &c^e is most fit to be appointed the renter under
the present circumstances and situation of that Country. With
regard to the Cavalry Salook ^{as per} we entirely concur with the Committee
of Assigned Revenue that ^{it} is a part of the Company's Jaghere and
it is agreed that they be desired to put it accordingly under
the management of M^r De Souza.

Minute thereon

Applications on the subject of Accounts

being still made to the Select Committee instead of the proper
Departments

Bills and Accounts to be
laid to the Company's
order.

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Departments, it is agreed that until further Orders
all Bills whatsoever shall be referred to the Commissary &
General and the Committee having the utmost reliance on his
knowledge and integrity entrust to him the ultimate decision
upon them, at the same time leaving him at liberty to apply to
the Select Committee in any case where from particular
circumstances he may be in doubt as to the propriety of the
charge.

Agreed that Lieutenant

L^t. Anderson's Accounts
to be discharged.

Anderson's Accounts be discharged and that the Adjutant
Paymaster extract the Articles which should have been
paid by others, Engenax &c^o, and send the Extracts to
the Officers of the several Departments respectively as Checks
that the Disbursements may not be twice charged.

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21st Diary

Received Letters as entered in Miscellany Book
from Captain Richardson late of the Yarmouth advising
of his having been captured the 15th By the La Poudre French
Frigate.

From Major Meock requesting payment of
315 Pagodas advanced by him in the Year 1779. for
building Houses and Sheds.

From M^r. Hamilton enclosing Letter
from M^r. Suvoit desiring his Release.

From Chief and Council of Ganjam with
Return of the Troops and List of Dooley Boys sent for
the Army.

Dispatching the following Letter to Bengal
with Extract of that part of the Admiral's Letter of the
4th Inst. wherein he recommends the reinforcing
Trincomallee.

The Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r.
Governor General & Council
of Bengal.
Honble Sir and Sirs

To Bengal - on the
Subject of Reinforcing
Trincomallee.

We have the honor to inform you
that Sir Edward Hughes arrived here Yesterday with the
Fleet. He missed the despatches and San factors, but as they
are aware of the French Fleet being at Fussalore we hope
they

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they are in no danger.

We have already sent you copies of the Admirals account of his operations and of the letter which accompanied it, and we now enclose extract of another letter which we have received from him.

Perfectly concurring with Sir Edward Hughes as to the great importance of reinforcing Trincomalee we immediately forward same extract to Sir Cyreforte and Requested that he would appoint such a force of Europeans and Natives as he might judge necessary for that purpose, And as your Opinion must have the greatest weight and Influence with him We doubt not that you will communicate it to him without delay on the subject and give at the same time any Instructions that you may think the public Interest Requires.

Had we been possessed of the powers formerly vested in this Government we should certainly have endeavored to find as large a force to Trincomalee as would be sufficient to secure it, but as you have thought fit that the unparticipated Command of the Army & the whole conduct of the war should be transferred to Sir Cyreforte to the utmost possible extent of his wishes, and as we earnestly desire to preserve ^{harmony with him} we could not venture to take any measures that might bear the slightest appearance of encroaching upon, or interfering with his powers.

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We have the honor to be

Humble Servants

Fort St. George
21. July 1782.

Your most Obedt.
humble Servant
Macartney
W. Select Committee

I received the following Letter

John Buddleston Esq.

Sir

Fort St. George

From M^r Light
enclosing a letter
from Capt. Lidington
on the subject of
paying the Troops
supplying Bullocks
for the Detachments

I have been honored with your letter
of the 8. ultimo enclosing me one for Capt. Lidington.
which I immediately forwarded to him. but not hear-
ing any thing satisfactory from him for many days
and the Troops being very clamorous, I was under the
necessity of writing to him &c. his Answer &c. comes
enclosed, the conclusion of this Note, like most others
of Captain Lidingtons, when he wants arguments to
convince, consisted of loose charges and personal invectives
unnecessary to trouble the Honble Board with - It
is probable Captain Lidingtons mode of Reasoning
will neither be thought conclusive, or will it convince
them because I found myself under the necessity of
declining taking charge of the Bullocks, the Reason for
which I took the liberty of acquainting the Right

Honble

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Honble President / that he could have any Right to charge more than the contract price or if he had done it, ought it to intitle him to keep such over-charge, especially as he promised me, if he drew for more than what was allowed by the Company, he would return it without which I should not have paid him — I flatter myself the Board will not

suppose I am swayed by personal resentment to make a Complaint against Captain Lidington not founded on Reasonable grounds — but I must Request You, Sir, will make it known to the Government, I have now the same Mullocke Mastrey who was employed by Captain Lidington and who thinks himself amply paid by receiving the contract higher for each Mullocke.

I certainly refused covering the Traversers Seapeys with Passy for the Months of November & December because they had not Money at the time to pay for it and I could not take upon myself the Risk of trusting them especially as Captain Lidington had saved them for 6 Months, from the Company's Passy but this could not intitle him to carry the whole into his own Park instead of paying it into the Company.

I know not how Captain Lidington would have had me Represent his Conduct or when there is so plain an Account given to the Board against him

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him how he will make it appear the money demanded was not due, I am not acquainted with any accounts he has without he calls so a charge for ~~Stores~~ made up by him at Langore. The Bill was dated in March and sent to me sometime in October or Novem^r. likewise another charge for new casting a Bell as I looked upon this last as a useless and wanton expensure of the Publick Money at this time of general distress, I positively refused paying it. With respect to Horses I know a Number were slain in the Sennevelly district but I have every reason to suppose that few or none of them were paid for, or if they have, it must have been since the orders were sent Captain Casington to return the Money he had received to me. The Honble Board will be the judges how far he had a right to do this, or if he had their orders so to do - I have wrote to him for his acct^s and have waited some days for them, I have not received them or his answer, should he think proper to send them to me, I shall forward them to you. I am

Sir

Yours most Obed^t & Affec^t Serv^t

William Light

N^o 1.

Copy of a letter to Captain James Casington.

Dated the 21st April 1782.

Sir

The exigencies of the service require me to
apply

Pollamfottah
28. April 1782.

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Apply to you for the amount of the Over Charge of your Bullock account as well as for such sums of money or the produce of any Grain Received by you from the Revenues of the Pallamottah or Sinnerelly Districts. Agreeable to the Orders of the Honble President and Select Committee forwarded you by me the 28th March.

(signed) William Light

N^o 2.

Copy of an Answer from Captain James Ridington
Dated at Pallamottah 21st April
1782.

Sir

In answer to your Note of this date, ^{which} have to observe that had you Represented matters to the Select Committee as you ought, when you thought proper to trouble them on my Conduct, there could have been no Order sent me to Repay Money that was not due — You know I went through the necessary forms with you in respect to Bullocks, and by your Refusing to ^{with} ~~pay~~ ^{pay} the Lawrence's Seapoy, doing duty here, at the rate the Company's Seapoys receive it at, that money was paid to me which I have again paid for Horses, and some small Charges you Refused to pay — Upon the whole therefore there is a Balance due me by the Company, which if you will send your Dubash to mind he may see
to^o to^o to^o

(signed) James Ridington

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

Para 1.

Some time since Captain Melcliffe

informed me that he had received Orders from your Lordship
 &c. to take all the Sibbundy of the Nabob in this country
 into the company's service and to form them into two
 Battalions, and which Captain Melcliffe acquainted the
 Phousaw here of in my presence, desiring to know if he
 had received Orders from the Nabob for that purpose &
 if he would accordingly comply therewith - to which the
 Phousaw replied that he had not received any Orders
 from the Nabob for that purpose and that he could not
 till such time comply with his application, and
 although I understand your Lordship &c. have repeated
 the Orders to Captain Melcliffe on this subject yet I do
 not find upon enquiry that the Phousaw has to this
 time received any Orders from the Nabob hereon.

Or

If no orders from the Nabob should be
 received by his Phousaw here to deliver over all the
 Sibbundy to the commandant of Ballamittak to be
 formed on such Establishment as Your Lordship &c.
 may have directed and your Lordship &c. should upon
 being informed of the Reasons that have prevented the

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From Mr. Proctor
 relating to taking the
 Sibbundy Corps into
 the Company's Pay
 the Nabob has sent
 no Orders to the
 Phousaw on that head.

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Compliance with the Orders apply to the Nabob for Orders to his Phousdow here for this purpose, I cannot avoid submitting to your Lordship &c. as consideration the Expediency of directing that the negotiating the Compliance of this Order with the Phousdow principal Officers and other servants of the Nabob here be left entirely to me so far as respects the obtaining of the Officers and Sepoys dispersed in the different Parts of the Country for the purpose of their being put under the Command & Authority of the Commandant of Pallamottah.

The last Paragraph of the Instructions of the late Select Committee to the Commandant of Pallamottah dated the 3^d March 1781, on my appointment Receiver of the Revenues of this Country on Account of the Company was as follows Vizt — "And We also strictly enjoin that none of the Troops under your Command be employed directly or indirectly in any Business respecting the management of the Country or collection of the Revenues otherwise than upon the Requisition of the Receiver in the manner above prescribed." It may justly be apprehended that compliance with the Order for forming all the Nabob's Sibundy and other Troops in this Country in the Company's Service may meet with many Difficulties and obstacles on the part of the Phousdow, principal Officers commanding the Sepoys and other servants of the Nabob, and though management and a due attention to Taxes and

Cicum

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Circumstances on the Spot may be required not to enforce a compliance of the Order with a rigor that may be attended with prejudicial consequences, still the essential Interests of the Company are to be considered before other less important Objects, and it may therefore become necessary to employ in some measures the Military to obtain the compliance of the Order but if the Commandant of Pollamcotah or any other Person but the Receiver of the Revenues of the Country on account of the Company is vested with an authority to employ the Company's Troops in any Affairs respecting the Revenues and internal management of the Country or respecting the Rentee, or any servant of the Nabob his authority from that moment will be contumacious by the Rentee, and he cannot flatter himself in the most distant degree of the Rentee's complying with the orders he has received to pay him the Revenues of the Country on account of the Company till he receives orders from your Lordship &c. to the contrary.

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A.

I find myself embarrassed at present in not knowing what Establishment your Lordship &c. have directed the Nabob's Subbinder in this Country to be formed on under the Company's Orders, and in what manner their Services are to be employed to support the Rentee in collecting the Revenues of the Country that I might be able to express my sentiments to your Lordship &c.

with

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with certainty and precision thereon, so far as they might appear in particular points to operate to the advantage or Prejudice of the Company's Interests in this Country but your Lordship's Co.^d not having judged it expedient to afford me any Information on the Subject, I am discouraged on that account from applying to the Commandant of Palamcottah for this Purpose. My Duty however obliges me to represent to your Lordship's Co.^d that whatever they may be ordered to be formed on this Establishment I took the Liberty to point out in the 5.th 6.th and 7.th Paragraphs of my letter to your Lordship and the Board the 4.th December last, or on the footing of all the Battalions of Sepoys in the Company's Service, in either case their Services when necessary to be employed in supporting the Rentee in collecting the Revenues of the Country should be obtained upon the application of the Rentee to the Company's Receiver only and the receiver's application in consequence to the Commandant of Palamcottah or to such Officer as may command the Dragoon Corps when formed under the Company's authority - if your Lordship's Co.^d should constitute it an independent command from that of the Commandant of Palamcottah, and though the aid of these or any other Troops of the Company might be with equal Utility employed for the protection of the Country and security of the Revenues if the Rentee were permitted to apply immediately to the Commandant instead of the Receiver.

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Receiver for this purpose, yet it would be such a stroke upon the Receiver as would effectually annihilate his authority and prevent his taking any effectual measures to see that the Printer duly complied, or that he complied as much as circumstances admitted of with the engagements he may have made your Lordship &c. for the Printing of this Country.

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Your Lordship &c. will be fully informed from the several Letters I have addressed the Right Honourable the President of the Difficulties and opposition continually experienced from Dalaway Trimalappa Mordalgar in executing the Company's Business in this Country. These continued with equal force and obstinacy on his part, and equal Prejudice to the interests of the Company to the 22^d Instant, when he received a letter from his Lordship the President acquainting that he was appointed to be the Printer of this Country for four Years from the 1st July next. It may be unnecessary here to enumerate past Difficulties. I wish a due sense of gratitude for the office and Trust your Lordship &c. have reposed with him may operate in such a manner as to render him a faithful and disinterested servant of the Company and that it may be found more expedient to relax than strengthen the Hands of the Company's Receiver, for necessary as the Letter may become, it

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it will perhaps always be rather a proof of the unfav-
-orable than favorable Situation of the Company's Inter-
-ests in these Parts, but if I cannot on sufficient
grounds express any favorable hopes of his future good
management and conduct on account of the Company
I shall offer no conjectures to the contrary, lest they should
carry the appearance of any Resentment or Ill will
towards him, - His subsequent conduct will perhaps
speedily speak sufficiently Plain for itself.

I received His Lordship the President's
letter of the 21st February with a letter accompanying it
from the Secretary, inclosing me the advertisement of
your Lordship V^o of the same Date for reviewing of
proposals for the Renting of this and all the other countries
assigned by His Highness the Nizam to the Company for the
term of five Years the 21st Ultimo, and Duplicate letter
from His Lordship dated 2^d Ultimo the 23^d Instant,
and shall accordingly Reply to the several Matters they
contain by the earliest Opportunity.

Guideloon Vincat (Now whom your Lordship
V^o have appointed Renter of the Madura Country, has
appointed one Rama Swamy a Braminy to manage
the Affairs of the Country in his absence, and which have
accordingly been delivered over to him by Ranga Rao the
late Renter.

I am

My Lord and Gentlemen.

Your most Obedt^e servant

(signed) George Proctor

Res^d

I am very
Yours
23rd June 1782

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To John Muddleston Esq.

Military Secretary

at Fort St. George

Sir

From Captain
Gibbins the enemy
are retreating
towards Dindegul.

I have received your letter of the 5th ultimo.
Respecting the small forts in the Maswa Districts, it is
true that during the Nalob's management those forts
were garrisoned by his troops, but ever since this country
has been made over to the Company I have had possession
of them and put as many of the Company's troops into them
as I could possibly spare from this garrison, and as I
had not a sufficient number of Company's troops, the
Nalob's people did duty with them.

I request you will acquaint the Honble
the President and Select Committee that Ayders troops
from the Sanjore Country entered this country in great
force on the 9th instant; I was obliged to order all the
out detachments to come to Maswa which they effected,
except one Nalob's guard who were at Limungul
in a small fort there: they had not time to get away and
the greater part of them were killed and taken.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you
that I have this moment received intelligence that the
Enemy are retreating towards Dindegul.

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I am

With the greatest Regard

Dear Sir

Madras
14 July 1782.Your most Obedient
humble servant

[Signed]

Robert Gibbings

P.S. I understand that some Orders are sent for me,
from Madras which I have not received.To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K.B. President and Governor &c. Select CommitteeFort St. George.
My Lord and GentlemenFrom Gen. Scoote
with intelligence
of Mysore motions
and the French Fleet.
has not above 10 days
since receives some
small vessels to be
sent to the southward
with grain &c. for
the Troops.

Since writing you under date the 15th
I have received Intelligence that Mysore instead of having
come as there is mentioned to the ground on which I
encamped the night after the action of the 2^d ultimo,
has crossed the Cannimaddy Pass and marched towards
Vellore - whether with an intention to attack it is
impossible to say but I should think not, and that he
has no other immediate view, than by alarming me
for the safety of that place, to favor Tippoo Saib's move-
ments, whether they be to cover the Junction of the
French with his main Army or to proceed to renew
the attack in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Countries -
all of which I could with facility counteract, had I but

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a sufficiency of Provisions, upon examining my stock
 I find that the quantity of Rice remaining is barely equal
 to ten days for the fighting Men - I am now encamped
 within about five miles of Manduwa and could I be
 but sure of my supplies I would not hesitate amount
 in pursuing my route to the Southward. By a Hircan,
 -rah who left Cuddalore the day before yesterday, I am
 informed that the French Fleet were still there, and
 that three of their ships had not yet got their masts
 replaced which were making on shore - I have not a
 doubt but that so soon as Sir Edward is joined, by the
 Jupiter and St. Carlos, which I trust will be in two or
 three days, he will immediately move down upon
 the French and render the business very decisive -
 From present appearances I think that this event
 on their departure from the coast must happen in the
 course of seven or eight days; I therefore request that
 some fast sailing small vessels be immediately
 loaded with Rice and grain and the necessary Articles for
 the Europeans and dispatched to the Southward with
 directions to keep as close in with the land as they can
 with safety, and to call at Saorag, ^{I shall} send Orders to meet
 them for their further guidance. It is not forget that
 you have for some time past had a quantity of Rice
 laden on Board the Chesterfield for the purpose of sending
 her

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How to attend the Army, but when I was last at the
Presidency the Commandor of her Captain Boswell gave
me so unfavorable an account of her sailing, which he
says he also apprized the Right Honourable the President
of that I could place no reliance on her getting down
in the time she might be wanted. She however may
as Circumstances may point out be ordered to follow.

I give me leave to demand you of sending a sufficient
Number of Boats for landing the Provisions - My
Accounts which I have received from Pondicherry it
is said the French have some intentions of delivering
over our Prisoners to Hydrabad - Well informed as they
must be of the cruel Treatment they have received from
that Tyrant, I cannot believe they would be guilty of
so base an Act - Still as it corresponds with the
Report which has for some Days past prevailed of their
having sent them to Chellamburam, it seems to deserve
some share of Credit - Should it hereafter prove to be
a fact, I shall without Scruple Request of you to put
every one of the Prisoners now in your power under
a similar Constraint.

I have the Honor to be

My Dear and Gentlemen,

Yours most
Obedt^{ly} & humble serv^t
Eyre Coote

(signed)

Camp
Archanemungalum,
the 17th July 1782.

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My Lord,

From Captain
Prescott - offering his
services at Trincomalee

I hope your Lordship will not think me too forward in the liberty I now take of offering my services to you; the times and present position of Trincomalee may perhaps justify me in seeing that along course of very active service has given me some pretensions to think I might be serviceable there, and I have only to add that if upon any conversation with Sir Edward Hughes, you might be of that opinion, I am ready at an hour's notice, in any conveyance whatsoever that can be procured, to go thither, either to serve there for the immediate moment under Captain Bonnewaux, or in any way your Lordship may be pleased to Command me.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Lordship's
Most faithful
Obedient Servant
(signed) W. Prescott

Port St. George,
21 July 1882

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. P. M.
President and Governor of
Port St. George.

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My Lord.

From Mr. Pross -
with Report of
Price sent to
Chingleput.

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship
that the Price dispatched from the Mount on the 15th, was
delivered at Chingleput on the 16th with the deficiency of 12
Bullocke Pags, which I hope will not appear surprising
to your Lordship, considering that the Bullocks are but
lately trained, and that they marched upwards of 40 Miles
during the Day and Night.

The Coolies and Bullocks returned on
the evening of the 18th - the former with such additions as
I could make to their number were assembled and paid on
the 19th - and Yesterday I dispatched 2782 Coolies load of
Price for Chingleput, which left the Mount on their
way thither before 5 O'clock in the Evening.

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord

Your Lordships
most Obedt. and most
humble Servant
William Pross -
Agent.

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21. July 1882.

Sent the following letter to Sir Edward Hughes
with copies of our dispatches from England &c. &c. &c.
To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. P.
Esq. Esq. Esq.

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Sir,

to the Admiral -
with Copies of our
Dispatches from
England & the
Mercury -

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee to send you copies of
Dispatches from the Committee of Security, and from
the Select Committee at Bombay which they lately
received by the Mercury Packet among the former and
a letter to you in cypher from Lord Willoughby
and its translation.

Other Copies of these Papers with two
Letters from the Select Committee were sent to you by
his Majesty's Ship Sceptre and the Mercury Packet, and
the Select Committee hope you will soon receive them.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedient
humble servants
John Hudleston
Jcty

Dispatched the following letters.

Lieutenant Genl; Sir Eyre Coote K. P. B. C.

Sir

Fort St. George
21st July 1882.

General Coote -
The Chestnutfield is ready
to proceed to that station.
The Price and Provisions -
is unable to proceed
small vessels for that
service.

Yesterday Sir Edward Hughes with his
Squadron arrived here - and this morning came on shore -
From what we understand it will scarcely be possible for
him

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him to leave this place in less than three weeks.

Conformably to your desire as expressed in
Your letter of the 1st Inst. We desired our Secretary to
write to Samp the News of the Admirals arrival and be
immediately dispatched a letter to Mr. Graham to that
purpose for your information. This morning we received
your favor of the 17th Instant and gave orders according to
Your Request for preparing ships to go to Saoras on
their way to the Southward - loaded with Rice and Provisions.

With respect to small ships one Person
who has exerted himself in endeavouring to procure some
received the enclosed Letter from the Lord Major whom
he had employed in the business and was a few days since
that not above eight or ten of those could be got none of
which could contain above 90, or 100. bags at most.

The best measures were then adopted which our circum-
stances admitted and we now acquaint you that the
Chesterfield with upwards of 4000 Bags of Rice together with
a suitable proportion of other articles is ready to proceed.
an additional consideration operated upon us with regard
to the Chesterfield which was that she is ready loaded &
it will take up a good deal of time to tranship her cargo
into other ships even had we been able to procure proper ones
which was not the case.

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We have spoke to Mr. Linnay with respect to the Intelligence and believe he means she should go also — The Admiral seems to be displeased to give a line of Battle ship as a conveyance and we therefore have put the Chesterfield under his Orders. Having thus complied with your Requisition to the best of our power, we have only to express our hopes that the supplies we have furnished will answer all your intentions and Expectations

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Macartney &
J. Committee

Shore and ten Masula Boats to proceed with the Chesterfield and the Dominian Snow will soon follow.

To James Daniel Esq.

Chief D. Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

To Masulipatam
acquainting them of
the Squadron's
arrival and desiring
them to dispatch the
Indiamen without
delay.

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acquaint you that
Sir Edward Hughes with the Fleet India has arrived
and to desir you will dispatch the
Indiamen

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on 21; I ordered to the Presidency without delay.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

John Hudleston Secy

Fort St George
21st July 1882.

I have come to Vizagapatam

Sent letters to the Surgeon General, Captain
Sutton Mr. Haliburton Captain Kelso, the paymaster
to the Army, Mr. Vaughan Mr. Simons, and Mr. Munro.
Agreeably to the Minutes of the 20th

22nd I sent the following letters.

To Mr. Hastings.

Dear Sir

To the Governor
General enclosing
letters from Mr.
John Sullivan

Enclosed I transmit your letter from Mr.
John Sullivan with copies of several of his letters to me and
to Sir Eyre Coote. Those of 28th June and 1st and 8th July
are sent as you will observe at his particular request
and I have added the others as they equally tend to show
the importance of the object which he has so much at
heart and to explain the motives of his conduct which
seems to have been guided by the most disinterested zeal
for the service of the company.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Sir

(signed) J. Macartney

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Sir Edward Hughes K. B.

Sir

H. H. H.

To the Admiral—
acquainting him
that the Chesterfield
is ready to proceed to
the Southward and
Requesting that he
will order a passage

We have the honor to acquaint you
that the Chesterfield Indiaman laden with Provisions
for the Army is now ready to sail for Sabrao according to
Sir Eyrefoote's Requisition contained in his ^{latest} letter to the
Select Committee, a extract of which are now enclosed—
We understand that the Intelligence which is also laden
with Company's Provision for the Army but whose
motions depend particularly on the General's directions,
is ready to be dispatched by Mr. Linnay and to proceed
in company with the Chesterfield, as soon as you are
pleased to Order a passage for them. We wrote to Sir
Eyrefoote last night to acquaint him with these cir-
cumstances.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt^l Servant
J Macartney,
D^y
Select Committee

To Charles Cathley Esq^r

D^y Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue
Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble

To the Committee of
Assigned Revenue
Respecting

The

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respecting the Renting
of the Districts of
Sitwaan &c.

The President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant with the enclosures therein mentioned.

Respecting the proposals for renting the Districts of Sitwaan &c. the Select Committee wish to know more precisely than they can discover from your remarks, which of the proposers is most fit to be appointed the Renter under the present circumstances and situation of the country.

With regard to the sale of Salak the Select Committee entirely concur with you in opinion that it is a part of the company's baggage and accordingly desire that it may be put under the management of Mr. De Souza.

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble servant

John Huddleston

To John Holland Esq.

Sir

We have received your letter of the 10th Instant enclosing one of the same date to the Governor General and Council.

At

L. M. Holland
desiring him to visit
this Presidency before
proceeding to Bengal
if he thinks himself
at liberty so to do.

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At the same time that from your Representation of the particular circumstances attending your situation at the Vizam's Court, we cannot disapprove of your intention to proceed to Bengal to give such explanations to the Gov^{rs} General and Council as you judge may promote the public Service.

It would give us pleasure if you should think yourself at liberty proceed first to Madras where you might make yourself ^{acquainted} with various matters relative to the conduct and Transactions of this Government its difficulties and embarrassments, a competent knowledge of which might render your presence at Bengal still more beneficial to the Company.

We have the honor to be

Yours most Obed^t
 humble servants
 Macartney &
 J. Committee.

Received the following letter from Captain Pyres.

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

My Lord

As I am to hope that the termination of my present unfortunate situation is not very remote, I am led to take the liberty of this intrusion with a view most anxiously to solicit your Lordship's protection

and

From Capt Pyres
 setting forth his
 hardships and
 requesting to be
 appointed to —
 Trincomallee when
 released from his
 parole.

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and favor, that whenever that much desired moment may arrive, I may be placed in some situation where I may have an opportunity of exercising whatever professional knowledge I may be possessed of, as far as my abilities will lead me, to the Interest and advantage of my Humble Employers.

That your Lordship may not consider this as too presumptuous an anticipation of an event as yet undecided. I beg leave to offer in my justification, or at least in extenuation of this intrusion, the consideration of the peculiar hardship and calamity in which my present situation is involved.

The general arrangement of the corps, to which I have the honor to belong, having lately, as I understand, been definitively settled, I feel myself precluded from the expectation of any appointment to those Stations, generally esteemed the most beneficial, some of which are now filled even by Pension Officers, & to which, I had not my captivity afforded an exception, I might have looked forward as an honorable Provision for myself, and a Family solely dependent on my professional Success, under the auspices of your Lordship's Government.

Of this my Lord I do not presume to complain, I feel it to have been necessarily incident to my unfortunate situation - Yet from this consideration I
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am nevertheless prompted, even at this early moment,
to intrude my hopes that should the Station of Princesallee
hereafter admit of the appointment of an Engineer, when
I may have the good fortune to be liberated; I then may
be permitted to make the Offer of my services for that
garrison - and in such event I will further hope that
the disappointments I have received and the hardships
I have suffered will readily find in the Humanity of
your Lordship and the Committee, some additional Recd.
for consideration.

Fully aware of the great importance of
the Station to which, I have ventured to aspire, I feel
it incumbent on me / & I hope without presumption / to
mention the name of Colonel Sullarton as a gentleman
& Officer to whom my professional Character is not
unknown, such a testimony, combined with the
favorable prepossession of your Lordship / for if I may
presume to draw an inference from the kindnesses
I have received, I may flatter myself that I am not
without your Lordships favorable Opinion / will I
trust Operate with the Committee as the best recommen-
dation of my hopes, if candidates of more merit or of greater
professional Ability are not interposed - in that event
my own wishes, however flattering, must give place
to Propriety and Justice.

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With every Reliance on your Lordships favour
and forgiveness for this intrusion.

I have the honor to be with every sentiment
of Real Gratitude and Respect.

My Lord

Fort St George
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Your Lordships most
Obliged and most

faithfull Obed^t Servant

John Pyres

Sub-director of Eng^l Captain

Whenever Captain Pyres shall be freed from
his present situation as a Prisoner of War the Committee
will be glad to show him the attention due to his Rank and
Merit.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney R^{ts}

My Lord

From Major
Manting requests
that Orders may be
sent to Mr Proctor
to supply with
Money and Grain
for the use of the
Troops in the
Mammoth district

Since my last address to your Lordship
I have been ever here to the greatest distresses imaginable
for the want of Money and Provisions to satisfy the Troops;
finding no other method of keeping this Place, wrote
to Mr Proctor the 29 of April and represented to him
the circumstances of my distresses and the Danger that
this Place and Province was in of falling into the
Enemy's hands, should we not be able to render me some
assistance; Mr Proctor having the good of the service
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and the true interest of the Company at heart, sent me
 a supply of 3000 three thousand R. N. Bagls with which
 I satisfied the Troops at that time; the above supply
 was on the Company's account for which the Rajah
 sent me his Receipt certified by me agreeable to Mr. Proctor's
 Desire. Mr. Proctor writes to me he cannot prudently
 grant me any further supply until such time as he
 gets your Lordship's approbation to the above and Orders
 for future assistance; my present situation is such
 as renders it extremely necessary your Lordship or
 Committee, should send up Orders to Mr. Proctor to
 that effect, particularly a supply of Grain; two or three
 thousand fotahs of Passy by Boats, now that the
 wind is favorable would be a very considerable supply;
 because to be at the mercy and discretion of villains
 for a Days Provisions as I am at present and have
 been for these 12th Months past, it is a cruel
 Circumstance. The 10th instant I received an Order
 from Colonel Nicolson to send by Sea whatever force I
 could spare to join Capt. Scott at Negapatam; I intended
 to send between four and five hundred a Men but for the
 want of faculty can only send 300. Sepoys and Sepoys,
 they are to embark tomorrow, then then that the Rajah has
 at the Head of Affairs are such intricate villains as I cannot
 describe to your Lordship; they have been now 10 Days to get
 and

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my Boats &c. for to send off the above small Detach-
ment, which should have marched and embarked two
or three Days after I received the order.

Mr. Anthony De Souza who is
perfectly acquainted with this country, the nature
of its inhabitants and the mode of Government and of
its present state, should your Lordship think proper,
he will be able to give your Lordship a proper information.

I have the honor to be with Respect,

Your Lordship's
most Obedient most
humble Servant
H. Martiney

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21 June 8/82.

23 I received the following letter from Sir Edward
Hughes

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the admiral -
has ordered the
monmouth as a
convey to the ships
going to the south
with Rice & Provisions.

I was honored Yesterday with your Letter
of that Days date with the three inclosures that accompanied
it and immediately ordered Captain Adams of His Majesty's
Ship Monmouth to take the company's ship (the sterfield,
the intelligence snow, and ten shore Boats under his
Orders and Protection and to proceed with them to Sacras,
thence to land the Rice now laden on them for the use of
the Army.

I have the honor to be

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Edward Hughes

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

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From the Admiral
requesting that the
Money advanced by
the Officers of the
Squadron for the
Public Service may
be immediately
repaid them.

The Public Officers of His Majesty's
Squadron under my Command having today applied to
me requesting that the several Sums of the Public
Money advanced for the Companies Service by them,
in consequence of my Orders might be repaid them, so
that I would give them the necessary Orders for
making Publication for Money on their Bills on
the several Public Boards.

I therefore request the favor of you
to Order such Sums as have been so advanced to be
immediately repaid to the Public Officers, that His
Majesty's Service may not suffer by unnecessary
Delays.

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I have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

(signed) Edward Hughes

Fort St. George.
the 23^d July 1782.

The President
requested to commu-
-nicate with the
admiral on the
subject.

The President is Requested to endeavor to settle
with Sir Edward Hughes some mode of discharging the
sums advanced by the public Officers of the Squadron,
and to assure him that we are willing to do every thing
in our power to effect it.

Dispatched the following Letter.

Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Sir

Agreeable to our letter to you of the 21st

Instant the Chesterfield and intelligence are sailed for
Saras under convoy of his Majesty's Ships Monmouth
and Scarborough.

The sceptre is just returned.
We have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient humble
servants

Fort St. George
23^d July 1782.

We enclose the Agents Report of
provisions shipped on the Chesterfield & Co
from the Admiral.

Macartney, Esq^r
Select Committee

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In Account of Rice, Arrack, Raisins and Salt
Shipped on board the Chesterfield and the Intelligence.

		Pays.
Rice	Intelligence	670.
	Chesterfield	
Rice		9651. 10321.
Raisins		50
Salt		60.
Arrack, Thwids & Hogsheads		40.

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23 July 1883.

William Ross
Agent

To Captain Suppage
Commanding at
Mellore

Sir

I now send you 2000 Pagodas for the use

of your Garrison.

I am,

Sir

Yours most Obedt Servant

Macartney.

Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R. P.
President & Governor W. C. C. of Port St George

Honble Sir

I have received your Lordship's letter of

From Capt. Gibbings -
approved

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approves strongly
of the choice in a
new Pensioner

of the 2. At times acquainting me that the select committee
had appointed Guidobor Penatachelum Sumid of
Madura, which gives me great satisfaction, as I think
myself the company's business will be better conducted
by him, than it has hitherto been by the late Sumid -

I shall give every assistance in my
power for the security of the revenues of this country -

I am with the greatest Respects,
Honble Sir

Madura
June 26. 1882 -

Your most Obedt.
humble servant
Robt. Gibbings.

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

I am M^r Andrews -
M^r Sullivan has
desired the Pensioner
not to pay any
sums to him for the
use of the Garrison:
request to have
if that be the
intention of the
Committee

I had the honor to receive the 8. Inst^{nt}
adjective from the Right Honble the President and
Select Committee dated 8 of May, inclosing their
Instructions with regard to the servants of the
Nabob, a copy of which I sent to M^r Sullivan at
Sancor, understanding by a letter from M^r Macartney
that he was appointed to assume the Direction of the
Company's affairs here, as far as concerned the business
of

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of Revenue and therefore not willing to act without his instructions, but no answer from him as yet arrived. Mr. Sullivan has taken upon him to direct Vincent Subab not to pay any sum for the use of this Garrison to me without his express Order, which I presume is not your Lordship's intention as in the Instructions given to the Rentee he has directed to pay such sums as are requisite for the Disbursements to the paymaster, and to take his Receipt, the Rentee informs me he has addressed your Lordship on this subject. Your Lordship's Orders for my taking charge of Mr. Norris's Employ have not reached me which makes me somewhat at a loss how to act. I am of opinion your Lordship will find the Public account of the Revenue far exceeds what the Real Expence has been, as I have got some Acc'ts privately from different People which make it appear great peculation has been carried on, the particulars I shall transmit to your Lordship when finished.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most Obedient

humble servant

(signed) W. Andrews

Trichinopoly
11. July 1882.

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To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
H. B. Resident & Governor &c. Secret Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Col. Nicolson
is preparing for the
Siege of Shawfottah.

Since I had the honor of addressing you
I have received Intelligence that the forces we had driven
out of this country are assembling at Dindicut and intend
joining the party at Forsser, which has committed several
depredations round Entallam, and is now in its Neighbour-
-hood. I therefore propose setting out for Trichinopoly
with a party of the Troops here in order to stop their progress.
I am sorry to acquaint you that Capt Scott has received a
Wound in the thigh while summoning the Fort of
Shawfottah to surrender, the Governor in this instance
have acted contrary to all the Rules of War and Laws of
Nations - firing at the Flag of Truce they were determined
to stand the Siege, and I have made the necessary
preparations for that purpose immediately. The conduct
and management of which I have committed to Major
Plecock with Orders to proceed directly on to take
Pandemalore, and take that place in the same manner.
We drove the Enemy's full force from Lumbocorum
Manarfoil, Patacottah and Arduney. The Rajah's and
Company's Troops are in possession of all those Posts,
in all of which we found either Guns or Provisions
in some both. I am with the greatest Respect

My

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My Lord and gentlemen

Camp near
Manarcoil
15. July 1882.

Your faithful and most
Obedient humble servant

Signed/..... Eccles Nixon

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

My Lord

From Mr. Holland
the Nizam wishes
to establish Sappers
thru' our Districts.
He has some muskets
coming from some
part of our forces -
requests that orders
be issued not to stop
them.

His Highness, upon the ground as I
supposed of an apparent right from the circumstance of
our having Sappers established thru' his country from
Condapille to Hyderabad, has desired me by a written
message through Shumseul Mulh, to inform your Lord.
That in order to be enabled to have early information
of Movements of Nizam Ally Khan, he wishes to establish
Sappers thru' our country to Maoras and other places, and
from the consideration above mentioned of our having
Sappers regularly stationed thru' his Highness's Territories,
it was as your Lordship plainly perceived absolutely
impossible for me to do otherwise than promise my
Compliance with his Highness's Request. His Highness
will probably wait in expectation of hearing your
Sentiments upon this subject, but lest he should not
I think it my Duty to inform you of this application;
that if the above arrangement should be attempted your
Lordship

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Lordship may be acquainted with the grounds of it.

His Highness likewise thro' the same Channel, and also by a written Message informed me that he had Muskets coming from some part of our Circars, and desired that I would write to the Chief of Masulipatam to Request that they might not be stopped on the Road by the Officers of our Government.

I do not know on what his Highness can justly found a Pretension of this kind, but being upon the Point of Departure, I thought it better to avoid explanation, and consequently upon this Article have been silent.

I have just received information from Masulipatam of your Lordship and the Committee's having done me the favor to comply with my Request for two companies of Sepoys, and I beg leave to express my most sincere thanks for this Mark of your Lordship's Attention and Regard.

I have the honor to be with great
Respects

My Lord

Hydrabad
July 11. 1882

Your Lordship's
Most Obedient

humble Servant,
John Holland

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K. T. B. President and Governor V. C. Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen Port St George

From Genl. Coote.
cannot proceed to
Cuddalore for want
of provisions
intends to march
the Army back to
Madrass - is convinced
that Hyder is
determined to support
the French Interest.
incloses copy of a
letter from
Colonel Nixon.

I had the honor of addressing you on the
17th wherein I informed you of my having received Intell.
gence of Hyder's having marched through the Carnatic
-buddy Pass towards Bellary - This Intelligence I have
since had confirmed from undoubted authority, and
that he had encamped with his Army about Seven
Miles West of that Garrison on the Banks of the
Palaw. This movement although I still think it
cannot be with any serious intention of attacking
that Place, will however have the most injurious
effects by destroying every possibility of any Supplies
going in from the Country, whereby there is too much
Reason to apprehend that the Garrison will again
be soon in distress for Provisions, with which while
Hyder keeps that position it will be altogether
impossible to supply it, unless by a movement of the
whole Army. The probability that such an operation
may become necessary, adds to the information I have
had from the General that he will soon beat Madras
to left, which leaves no room for me to hope that
I shall be able to draw any immediate assistance
by

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by Sea, likewise my desire of having an interview with him to concert a plan of future operations, all contribute in some degree to reconcile me to the disappointment which I experience in being checked by a want of a Sufficiency of Provisions in my service of proceeding further to the Southward, and in being under the necessity of once more returning to the neighbourhood of Madras to obtain Supplies. With every aid I could draw in this way from the Garrison of Madras I found I could not muster enough to enable me to persevere in the Object I have long had in View, an Attack upon the French at Cassaloré, and to return to my only source of Subsistence. I am therefore of necessity Obliged to march tomorrow and to take the route towards the Presidency. A man who left Cassaloré yesterday morning as well as others who left it the preceding day, say that they saw only ~~one~~ large Ships in the Roads there, and that they know nothing of what had become of the Rest. This circumstance makes me strongly apprehend that a Detachment may have been made to intercept the Sceptre and San Carlos. I trust however they will join in safety, and that if the Admiral should happen to leave Negapatam before that time, he will fall in with them in his way to Madras.

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I enclose you copy of a letter which I have
 received from Mr. Colonel Nixon whereby you will
 be informed of his success against the Enemy, and
 the fortunate junction of Captain Scott's Detachment
 from Negapatam - I trust that whilst the heights
 of the River favor his Operations, he will take
 every safe Opportunity of distressing what part of
 the Enemy may yet remain in the Tanjore -
 Country - As the Detachment under Lippoodah,
 Sally, and Mow Sabi's Son, which in a former letter
 I apprized you had proceeded to the Southward, is now
 said to be encamped near Phillimbrum, no doubt
 waiting the fall of the full moon in order to cross - I
 have written very strongly to Colonel Nixon to be
 upon his guard and prepared against accidents -
 I have received authentic Intelligence from Hyder's
 Camp that since the Action between the Scots, the
 French Agent Mons. Diveron has been to visit
 him to solicit assistance in both Money and
 provisions, and to desire to know whether in case
 our Army moved down to attack them they would be
 supported - Hyder in compliance with the first
 part of his application gave him 10,000 Pagodas, and
 issued Orders to his Amildars at Gingee & Phillimbrum

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to supply the French daily with 5000 Sacs of Rice to the latter part he assured him that he would find Orders to his son Syipoo Saib who was then laying near to Killimbrum to Support them if occasion required.

These are such striking proofs of Hyder's disposition to support that Interest, that I cannot but be persuaded in my own mind that whilst the French can remain in any force upon this coast, and his own Country is not powerfully invaded from the other side of India, he will not entirely relinquish his Views upon the Carnatic. He pretends to have had no intimation of the late Treaty concluded between us and the Marattas, that his communications with the Poona Government give him Reason to believe that no such thing has happened, and that he is the more confirmed in that Belief as no application from thence had been made to him on the Subject, without which he does not conceive a business of the kind could possibly have been settled.

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I have the Honour to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedt^h
humble serv^t

/signed/ - Eyre Coote

Camp near Vandewash
21 July 1882.

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Sir

As your Excellency may have exaggerated accounts of Yesterdays Action - I take the earliest opportunity of transmitting a clear state of the Business. We encamped the 29th Attimis on the South side of Comboconum in a Parallel direction to the River, which separates Shawfottah from this Place; I chose to encamp as near Shawfottah as with prudence I could, on purpose to confine the Enemy as much as possible who were assembling in great force to the Number of 1500, Horse, 4 Battalions, 2000. Matchlock Men 400 Chittising Swordsmen 3 Companies of Snafes, some Guns and a vast number of Country People; my whole force was under 3000 Men. During the night of the 29th they lodged a large Body of Foot in some water houses along the opposite Banks of the River which kept up an incessant Fire on our District and Troops posted in our Front all the morning of 30th, about nine I ordered 1000 Men to pass the River and attack them in the water houses, but on taking a nearer view of the Enemy's situation, found I should lose more Men than I could gain - Advantage by the attempt; therefore countermanded it and sent all our tents and Baggage into Comboconum, and Retired about a quarter of a Mile with an Intention

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to induce the Enemy to quit their strong post which
 had nearly the effect for a part of them directly crossed
 the River and seemed to advance with a good deal of
 confidence, when I ordered our line to advance in front
 which they did with great spirit and drove them across
 the River from the Lanes and Banks they had possessed
 themselves of on this side, with considerable execution,
 We must have suffered very severely in passing the
 River which was very deep, under their fire. Therefore
 contented myself with the advantage I had gained till the
 Junction of Captain Scott's Party which was fortunately
 effected the Night of the action. Our whole loss in killed
 and wounded is sixty, and well persuaded the Enemy
 must be at least double. They retreated in the Night
 under the greatest apprehensions towards Mangalore,
 and I intend to lay siege to Shawhatt as soon as I can
 get stores and ammunition from Bangalore for that
 purpose. I remain with the greatest respect your

Excellencies most faithful
 and Obedient servant,

(Signed) Eccles Nixon.

A true copy

George Sylv

Ass^t Secy

Dispatched the following letter.

To Lieut. General Sir Lyric Pote H. B.
 Commander in Chief V.C.

Sir

Since

Camp
 at Cumbaconum.
 July 1st 1882.

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To General Coote,
and apprehensive for
the safety of Trincomalee;
Request that you will order
reinforcement for it.

Since writing to you on the 21st our
apprehensions for the safety of Trincomalee are
much increased by having learnt from Captain
Graves of his Majesty's Ship Sceptre, that he saw the
French fleet or a considerable part of it steering for
Porto Novo; we think it therefore our Duty to Repeat
to you our Request that you would order a reinforce-
ment for the Garrison of Trincomalee as soon as
possible, and we submit to you whether it might not
be eligible to employ on that service his Majesty's
Troops now quartered at St. Thome. Sir Edward Hughes
will give his best assistance to convey them to Trincomalee
immediately. His own stay here will probably be
several days longer.

We have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble servants,
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

The following letter having been prepared in
Answer to the Admirals Letter of the 5th and 12th Inst.
is now read and approved and Ordered to be dispatched.
Admiral Sir Edward Hughes.

Sir

The

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24 July 1813.

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Sir

The Pooney Packet arrived here ^{the 17th} Instant and brought your letter of the 5th ^{12th} Instant for this Committee.

The decided superiority gained by His Majesty's Squadron under your command on the 12th Instant, on which we have the honor to Congratulate You is fully manifested by the Effect it has had to frustrate the Expedition undertaken by the Enemy against Negapatam; and thereby in fact to preserve the Country of Tanjore, of which the possession depends in a great measure on the possession of the Port and Forts of Negapatam. There are few, if any instances of three Engagements in the course of a few months maintained by the same Squadron with so favorable an issue against a force superior in Number of Ships ~~and~~ Guns and Men, but such exertions were to be expected from the Spirit which led not only not to avoid but actually to go in pursuit of such a Superior Fleet, when it sailed from the Neighborhood of this Road in February last.

We desire to convey to you also our Acknowledgments for the Seasonable advances of Money you directed to be made to the Commandants of Trincomalee and Negapatam. We are sorry it does ^{not}

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on the Subject of the
Negapatam Prize
Money &c.

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not shut the Officers of the Squadron to take Bills on the company which was the condition on which in ^{your} one late letter, we made the Request for those advances. We shall endeavour to repay them in specie with as little delay as possible; But our Treasury was reduced, by the last issue for the Army to so low a sum as 8400. Pagodas, and we are not certain when it will be augmented.

We are much concerned at the capture of His Majesty's armed Transports the *Princes & Revolution*; It is however some consolation to us, that as we foresaw the possibility of the loss of some of the vessels bound to Trincomalee, we took the precaution of dividing the *Risks* into the *Gumpowder*, which you pressing demanded to be sent to you immediately; there being thus a great chance that a part at least would arrive safely: which proved to be the case with regard to what was shipped on board the *Royal Charlotte* and *Pradney*. In fact no supply of the *Cuina* and no capture of Transports would be an evil equal to your want of *Gumpowder*. As the armed Transports were not under our Orders, we have not the merit of having sent them to you; Had they been so, we should certainly not have exercised our own judgment in Opposition to Yours in such matters, but would have thought

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Ourselves precluded from weighing any consideration of Risk, by the necessity of endeavouring, in compliance with your express desire to supply you with essential stores, of which you declared you were greatly exhausted, and which you insisted should be sent to you immediately, in the face, as you now declare, of the Enemy's Squadron abounding with many strong and fast sailing frigates. Indeed it was not, at the time, known how that the French Fleet or frigates had left Batavia, in which case the Passage to you would not have been unsafe. If the fastest sailing Transport, laden with stores, had been met by the fast sailing frigates of the Enemy which you mention, she would have little likelihood of escape. A single frigate, which would have taken a single Transport, might have been effectually resisted, by three armed Transports. The Royal Charlotte and Rodney in her last voyage met no Enemy, and cannot therefore positively be said to have been indebted for their safety to their fast sailing. If those which were met by the Enemy and those which were not had happened to have changed their respective Routes, their fate would have probably been reversed, and then the departure from hence of the Princes and Resolutions would perhaps not have appeared to be such an infatuation.

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But we submit all these considerations to your
 Superior Judgment; We presume not to go out of our
 own Province to judge of that of others, but merely to lay
 before You our motives for approving, which was all
 we could do, of the departure of those Vessels: and from
 our Intentions, at least, to justify the several
 measures taken to supply your pressing wants.
 But we take upon us all the blame of the departure
 of the Active Frigate for Bengal in January last,
 for we solicited in the strongest manner, Capt.ⁿ
 Mackenzie to deviate on account of the pressing
 exigency of our Situation, from the Orders he had
 received. We had flattered ourselves that as the
 Squadron which his Majesty had been pleased to send
 into these Seas, was for the express purpose of
 protecting the Interests of the India Company,
 You would have been reconciled to a measure which
 those Interests appeared at the time to have essentially
 required: convinced as you are that our Interference
 did not proceed from the smallest notion or pretence
 on our part of any actual Authority to meddle with
 Your Command, but merely arose from our conviction
 of the necessity of the case. We were in danger of
 a famine from our Supplies of Provisions being
 cut off by a Privateer that took all the provision
 Vessels which had sailed from the Northward,

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Northward and stopped the sailing of the
 Remainder, she was too swift a sailer to be caught
 by the *Shaw* whom you had already sent for our
 protection. We were in danger of a mutiny in
 our Army, and in our garrisons for want of Pay.
 We had intimation that the Governor General
 and Council of Bengal would relieve us by a Remit-
 tance of Treasuries if a Frigate were sent forth
 to protect it from Privateers. If our motives can
 justify an extraordinary interference on our part,
 or excuse Captain Mackenzie for yielding to it
 the motives of guarding against impending
 Mutiny and famine, must be a sufficient
 justification. We were perfectly satisfied that
 your disposition did not lead you to misconstrue
 our Intentions or take our Efforts for the
 public safety in ill part, for in a former similar
 instance you did not testify the least defection
 or faction, when at our Request, Captain Ball of
 the *Nymph* Frigate deviated from the Order
 you had given him. In that instance indeed
 little delay and probably no inconvenience
 happened. In the case of the *Active* much
 delay has intervened to the prejudice of the
 Service, but it is a delay not arising from the
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nature of the Business on which she was dispatched by us, but from the state and condition of the ship, a condition which if that Frigate had been more Distant from Port might, it is said, have been fatal to her. It is impossible to assert as a certainty that if she had not been sent to Bengal she would have been in existence now. We could not foresee the accident which has detained her from the Squadron so long. We did for the Best, as you did Sir, no doubt when you sent the *Nymph* to Europe, and the *Loventy* to Bombay, and the *Macao* to protect the companies, &c. &c. tho' in the event, which then had not taken place, of a hostile fleet in these seas, the presence of your Frigate in the Squadron would certainly have been highly serviceable.

You seem to censure with a little caution and Reserve the conduct of the Gov^r General and Council of Bengal for having dispatched the *Fortitude* Indiaman with Supplies for this Presidency, and this Presidency for having dispatched the *Yarmouth* with Supplies to Trincomalee and Negapatam, and you tell us that under such Management the Enemy will be fully supplied.

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But Sir, the first Object of the Government of Bengal, and our first Object must be, to endeavour to supply the wants of those who depend respectively upon either; Neither must the defence of our possessions be abandoned, nor our Subsistence withheld, lest the means of either should fall into the Enemy's hands, a Part will do so in the present Circumstances of the respective fleets, but a part will probably get safe; We lose some of our Transports, We gain some transports from the Enemy, neither Event will on ought to prevent the Enemy or us from continuing to lick our Transports when our wants are adequate or superior to such Loss. We shall take every precaution in our power to lose as little as we can, and we shall be obliged to You not only for the Protection of our Ships when it can be spared, but for Your Sentiments and Advice of what is best to be pursued.

We were very much pleased with the strong Remonstrance contained in your Letter of the 5th Instant on the necessity of sending an Effectual Reinforcement to Trincomalee, because from your Corroboration of our sense of the importance of that Harbour and Settlement, Sir Eyre Coote, to whom we immediately transmitted that part

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to which of your letter and on whom that Reinforcement,
entirely depends by the late Powers granted to him
from Bengal, may be induced to comply with our
joint Request. But you would have entertained no
fear that the Importance of Trincomalee had not
appeared to us in the point of View in which you see
it, if it had accurred to you that our conviction of that
Importance led us to strip this Garrison last Year
of some of its best Troops in Order to send them to the
attack of that Place, and that our perseverance in
that measure and in that of the Siege of Negapatam,
without the concurrence of the Commander in Chief,
has been the cause of his complaints of our interference
in his command, which have induced the Governor
General and Council of Bengal to gratify him with
unparticipated Power to the utmost extent of his
wishes, a Power which we hope he will bear in
the present Instance, as we certainly should do, to
put the port of Trincomalee in a proper posture
of Defence. Several circumstances had on a former
occasion induced us to propose to Sir Eyre Coote
to relieve Captain Bonneval from the command
of Trincomalee, and we have renewed our Proposal
to him on the receipt of your letter from which we
sent

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Sent him an Extract of what related to this subject

We Submit without Reluctance to the severity of Your Criticism on our letter of the 2^d of June, which you declare to be a very poor performance, such censure implying only our want of Talents for writing to which we form no pretence, and of which we have not any Ambition, and as that letter relates entirely to a demand made on behalf of the Company in which we cannot have the smallest personal Interest, Your Declaration likewise that this very poor Performance is in every bad cause, can only be an imputation upon our Judgment, of which others can often see our Defects better than we can Ourselves, tho' few are so candid as you are in reminding us of them without forcing any. In that letter however we presumed not to form any positive judgment, but wished to take the Precautions suggested by our Duty in the Doubt we entertained of what his Majesty's Intentions might be in Relation to the Distribution of Plunders taken from the Enemy in an Expedition carried on by the India Company in conjunction with the forces of your Squadron. We know positively that by Letters Patent granted in the 21st Year of the late Reign, which by mistake you declare to be no

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Charter, All Booty seized within the limits of the
 Charter shall be the property of the Company
 Company, in Order to enable them to support the
 great Burden and expence of the War, in which they
 then were or thereafter might be engaged. The King
 reserving to himself and to his successors in the case
 of conjunct Expeditions, he should think fit. The
 motive for giving the whole to the Company, when the
 Company's forces were alone employed, seems equally
 powerful to give them a part, when their forces are
 partly employed. And the reserve of regulating in such
 cases the Proportions to be given to each part, does not
 appear to imply the utter exclusion of any part. And
 we to judge by Precedent we should take it for granted
 that as the case is similar, the distribution would be
 similar to what the Crown determined as to the Plunder
 taken formerly in Bengal, of which one Moiety was
 granted to the Company, in Order the better to enable
 them to support the great Burden and expence of the
 War, and the other Moiety as a recompense and
 encouragement to the Forces in the Pay of the Crown
 and those of the Company, which were engaged in that
 Enterprize. It is the Object of Government to encourage
 Enterprize in time of War, Plunder taken from the
 Enemy however inherently the property of the King,
 is therefore given as an incitement to Individuals

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on to those of Men to incur the Expense and run
 the Risk of Maritime undertakings. This, besides
 the common Interest of Citizens, the sole Inducement
 to all but Military Men, who are regularly maintain-
 ed by the State for those purposes, and to whom
 Prize Money is only an additional motive for doing
 their duty with alacrity and zeal, the India Company
 in this sense is in the situation, and cannot be less
 favorably treated than that, of any private association
 of Individuals, joined in designs against the Enemy,
 and who as takers of Plunder are encouraged by the
 Express Words of his Majesty's Proclamation to which
 You allude, of the 27th of December 1780, in which
 he expressly declares, that being desirous to give
Due Encouragement to all his faithful Subjects
who shall make seizures on the Enemy, that the
great Produce of the same, the Right whereof is
inherent in him, shall be the property of the
Takers, and that such Plunder may be sold and
disposed of by the Merchants owners, Factors and
others for their own Use and Benefit. The united
 Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies
 is not excluded from this Royal Grant. This Procla-
 mation is indeed confined entirely to Prize taken
 at Sea, and expressly declares that the same shall

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not be sold or disposed of until the same shall be
lawful Prize in a port of Admiralty which has no
jurisdiction over Prizes made on shore. In the dis-
tribution directed by this Proclamation, of Booty made
by His Majesty's Ships or Regals of War no proportion
is allowed but to such Officers and Men, Flag Officers,
excepted, as shall have actually been on board at
the time of the capture. Were this Proclamation
to regulate the present Case, it would so happen,
that those Officers only, the Admiral excepted, who
were left on board the several Ships during the
Siege of Negapatam, and who had no immediate share
in the fatigue or danger of the Attack, would be
alone entitled to the Plunder which followed the
Success of that Attack. This Proclamation totally
excludes any Officers of Land Forces above the Rank
of a Captain, so that the Commande in Chief of the
Forces which took the place together with many
Principal Officers who assisted in carrying on the
Siege, would be totally frustrated of their prospects
of Reward, or Advancement. Hence and the Field-
Officers whose claim you seem willing to allow,
must owe their share of the Booty to the pure
Generosity of the Officers and Crews of the Ships of
War, and to that of their own Captain's subalterns
and privates. The. The very small proportion
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allowed by this Proclamation to the Land Forces
Demonstrates, as every part of it testifies, that
nothing more was intended to be regulated by it
than the case of Prizes taken at Sea in which
there can be but a small proportion of Marines
on Land Forces on board, and entitled to a share of
Booty. Much less is the case of a conjunct
expedition either mentioned or provided for
which no doubt his Majesty reserves to determine
according to the particular circumstances of every
such expedition. If these considerations were ap-
plicable, if it was only a matter of doubt whether
the Proclamation thus described could apply to the
present case, it became our Duty until that
Doubt was solved by a Declaration from his Majesty,
to endeavour to hold the Plunder, of which we declare
the Right to be inherent in the Crown, at his
Royal disposal. The grantees of his Charter, are
Trustees and Guardians of the Rights which in
that Charter he reserves. We were Right as
Representatives of those grantees to give you that
information. We have not the same Apology
that you have for any neglect or misapprehension
of our Duty. As we have the Benefit of the advice
and information of a Law Officer, paid by the
Company,

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Company whom in matters of legal disquisition
we are bound to consult, and who advised us to make
the Demand in our letter of the 2^d June which is so
strongly Reprobated by You, as You think it an
ingrateful Return to Sir Hector Munro and you
for the advances, out of this Purse, made to the
Company towards defraying the heavy expences of
the War. That advance was a Service to the State
and to the Company, in which as Subjects and
Servants, employed in the Service of one or the
other You are equally concerned with us. We are
indeed willing to make great allowances both for
your Opinions and expressions, on account of the
natural and warm anxiety you feel that the
Companions of your labors and your Dangers should
without delay enjoy, as a well earned Reward, what
may at least partly be allowed them in future by
his Majesty. Tho' it was our duty to make a
Demand which is disagreeable to you, we shall
bear without resentment the heavy load of
Indiscriminate and inconsistent censure of your
Conduct which it has drawn upon us. Your liberal
accusations of your Imprudence Injustice and
Incapacity

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Incapacity shall have no other effect than that of inducing us to redouble our efforts to be just and prudent, and by our industry to supply the defects of our incapacity. If we are sorry for the unbecoming language of your letter, it is because such language reflects discredit on him who holds it, and that we wish to see no blemish on a man whose personal character we regard, and whose eminent public services have merited ^{our} applause and acknowledgments.

We have the honor to be,

Sir

Port St George
July 24. 1882

Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
Macartney &
J. Committee.

25. Received letter from Mr Proctor as entered

From Mr Proctor.
with his correspondence
with Capt. Gibbings.

in the Miscellaneous Book stating his correspondence with Capt. Gibbings, tending to show his interference in the Revenue business in the Madras District, recommending also the sending 300 Europeans to the Semmelly and relating the disorderly behaviour of the troops there for want of pay.

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

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My Lords

From Capt. Johnston,
the enemy fired on
the flag of truce at
Shaw's attack and wounded
Capt. Scott.

I am sorry to acquaint your Lordship
that Capt. Scott is shot thro' the thigh at Shaw.
- Cottah where a small party of the enemy had been
left whom he went with a Detachment to reduce.

The enemy fired on the flag of truce
and he went too near to reconnoitre.

I have the honor to be
With great Respect,

My Lord

Your Lordship's
Most Obedient
and most Obedient

Is. Johnston.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K. R. President and Governor & select committee

My Lord and Gentlemen, Fort St George.

From Genl. Coote
is on his march to the
neighbourhood of
Madras, desires that
rice for the use of the
Army be immediately
sent to Pondicherry.

I agreeable to what I wrote you in my
Letter of last night I left Madras this morning,
and when on the march had the pleasure of receiving
your letter of the 17th Inst. with copy of Sir Edward
Hughes's letter enclosed, containing an Account of his
brave Action with the French Squadron under
Command of Monsieur Suffren; I have also recd
Private

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Private letters from Madras informing me of the
Arrival of our Fleet, without having fallen in with
the Scepter and Sanpales which makes me not a
little Anxious for their safety - I shall now use
every Expedition in pursuing my march to your
Neighbourhood where I shall encamp the Army
near to Pondamalee, as well for the sake of having
forage for the cattle as for the convenience of receiving
my supplies; likewise, that we may be in readiness
to proceed with a Convoy for Villore which from
present appearances it is too much to be apprehended
it will be a necessary Operation - This being the
Case I have now to Request that the means you
may have employed in sending Rice to Seringapat,
be for the present exerted in forwarding all you
possibly can to Pondamalee, where the Army will
have immediate Occasion for it on its arrival -
You are already so well acquainted with the
State of the Army as to its payments that I need
hardly Remind you that it stands greatly in
want of an immediate and considerable Supply
of Money, as the Native Troops have not had a
Cash paid them for the present Month.

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Arichan mangalam.
22. July 1882.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Yours most Obedt. Servant
(signed) Eyre Coote

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have received M^r. Secretary

Hudleston's letter of the 22nd Inst.

Your Lordship &c. having been

pleased to express a wish that we would point out of
the proposers we judge most proper to be appointed
Rentee for the Districts of Settoor &c. we take the
liberty to suggest our Opinion that the Offer of
Mahomed Hussain Cawn the present Rentee should
be accepted, for though it be not so high as some others
that have been delivered, yet from the best Estimate
we can obtain, he has proposed as much, if not more
than the Districts in their present or probable
Situation, can produce; and as the term of the lease
is only for one Year, we think on that account it
would not be advisable to change the person who
has been so long in the management of these
particular Districts, and to whose character there
does not appear to be any objection.

We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Yours most Obedient Servant

Chas. Cateley

Cyler Irwin

Walter Plummer

David Haliberton

Geo. Moubray

Fort St. George
24th July 1882

From the Committee
of Assigned Revenue -
recommending a
Rentee for the Districts
of Settoor &c.

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Mahomed Hussein
Bawn appointed
agreeably to the above
Recommendation.

I agree that Mahomed Hussein should be appointed
Deputy of the Districts of Seturam &c. agreeably to
the above recommendation.

Dispatched the following letters with
the enclosures therein mentioned

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

Sir

Enclosing Copy of a
letter from Captain
Bannerman, & having
him to recommend an
artillery Officer to
relieve Captain
Sutcliffe at Trincomalee.

We have the honor to enclose your
Copies of a letter which we received from Captain
Bannerman by the Roony and of General Orders issued
by him concerning Captain Sutcliffe. We request
in consequence that you will consider of a proper
artillery Officer to relieve Captain Sutcliffe, and order
of war Martial upon that Officer. An Engineer is also
wanted at Trincomalee. Captain Banks is recommended

by Colonel Mose, and our President has received
an application from Captain Prescott of which we
enclose a copy. Should you make choice of Captain
Banks we think it would be proper that an Officer
senior to him should be appointed to the command of
Trincomalee to prevent any clashing of their different
lines. Capt. Prescott is one of the youngest Captains of
the Corps.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedt Servt
Macartney - Esq.
Select Committee

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To His Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. B.
B. B. B.

Sir

To the Admiral—
enclosing copy of a
letter from Captain
Sutton and desiring his
opinion thereon sending
also copy of a letter from
the Secret Committee of
the Local and copy of
one from Genl. Croft.

We have the honor to inclose you
Copy of a letter which we have received from
Captain Evelyn Sutton, and request you will
inform us whether you consider that gentleman
or Captain Lumley entitled to the allowance as
Commander of his Majesty's Ship Isis.

We enclose also copy of one letter
from the Committee of Secrecy by the Local Schooner—
it is of an earlier date than others already laid before
you, but you may nevertheless think it necessary
to furnish the Company's Resident at Malabar with
Instructions to be delivered to the Officer commanding
the expected reinforcement in the event of his arrival
at that port.

We send you also copy of a letter which
our President received yesterday from Negapatam.

We have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Macartney Esq.
Secret Committee

P.S. Since writing the above we have received two
letters

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Letter from Sir Eyre Coote of which we enclose
Copy and Extract - from these you will probably
think it right to recall the ships that are going to
the Southward.

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Received the following letter and proceed-
ings from the Committee of Stores
To John Hudleston Esq.

Secretary to the Select Committee.

Sir

From the Committee
of Stores with their
Proceedings.

The Committee of Stores Request, You will
lay their accompanying proceedings, of the 25th Instant,
before the Right Honble the President, and Select Committee

I am

Sir

Port St. George
26. July 1882.

Your most Obedt. Servant
Charles Floyer Junr.
Cdr. Command Stores.

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Port St. George - 25. July 1882.

A Committee of Stores present
Lieutenant Colonel Ross
Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy
Payan Scottney Esq.

Minutes of last Committee Read and approved,
together with the Orders of the Select Committee thereon

Cd.

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Colonel Ross informs the Committee that immediately on the Receipt of the Select Committee's Resolution he communicated ^{them} in writing to Mr. Gavrow, who has since informed him that the remaining Stamps shall be finished as soon as possible.

The Committee proceed to take into Consideration an Indent for gun Powder for the use of His Majesty's Fleet

	Lbs
Superb.....	20,000,
Hos.....	22,000,
Magnanimo.....	15,000,
Monmouth.....	16,000,
Monarch.....	21,800,
Worcester.....	25,000,
Burford.....	24,000,
Eagle.....	21,200,
Sultan.....	29,000
Exeter.....	13,780,
Isis.....	15,000,

On which they request the directions of the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee. If these indents be complied with, the Committee observed that there will only remain

Half the amount of the Indent to be supplied.

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Light, 60 Barrel
In the Magazine - 2728.
At the Mill - 400.
Total - 3128.

There is shipped on Board
the San Carlos -

Barrels - 832.

Supposing this Quantity
to be returned on Board, it
will make our whole

Stock - Barrels - 4260.

which leaves a deficiency
in Garrison Store of

Barrels - 10739.

The Committee
take into consideration a
Letter addressed to them
from Mr. Cuthbert -
informing them that 250
Barrels of Gun Powder,
taken on Board the Dutch
Ships at Trincomallee
and now lodged in the
Company's Magazine,
must have the State and
Quality of it ascertained,
before it can be issued to
his Majesty's Fleet, and
therefore request a Proof
thereof the Committee

desiring

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Desiring information from the Commissary on this subject he observes, that a part of it is in bad condition, & that the whole must be dried & sifted before it is fit for use. Likewise as that Powder is now in 50 Barrels without copper hoops it will be necessary to shift it into Barrels with copper hoops, before it can be shipped on Board.

The Committee on referring to the last return from Masulipatam, observe, that there appear to be 3000 Barrels of Gun Powder in store there, which are three fourths of the complement, and submit to the Right Honble the President and select Committee, the propriety in the present pressing exigency of ordering some part of it from thence on of applying to Bengal, to have

Letters have been several times written to Bengal for this purpose

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a Quantity sent upon
each ship intended for the
Coast

P. P. Ross
J. Kennedy
B. Scottney

Received the following Letter from his
Majesty's Ordnance Storekeeper

To John Hudleston Esq.

Sir

From his Majesty's
Ordnance Storekeeper
requesting a supply
of stores for the
Squadron

His Majesty's Squadron being in
want of the undermentioned Ordnance Stores
I am to Request you will please to apply to the
Right Honourable the President and Council to grant
their permission to the Military Storekeeper to
Supply them

I am

Sir

Port St. George
26. July 1882.

Iron Ordnance
9 P^{rs} 48
12 1 "
18 1 "
24 3 "
32 1 "
1/2 1 "

Your most Obedt^l
Humble servant
Thos. Robbins
Ordnance Storekeeper

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Sent copy of the foregoing to the Committee of stores with the following letter

To Lieut. Colonel Prosser

President & Members of the Committee of stores

Gentlemen

To the Committee of stores with copy of the above in answer

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and select committee to enclose you the accompanying letter from the Navy Storekeeper, and to desire you will comply with it if you can without inconvenience to the Service.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant,

(Signed) John Hudleston

Sent the following letter

To Sir Eyre Coote K. B.

Sir

To General Coote -
about 3000 Bullocks
from the Northwards.

We have received the honor of your letter of the 25th Instant, and beg leave to express our sincere concern at hearing of your indisposition. This day our President with much
Sincerely

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Difficulty has been able to purchase 4000 Bags of Rice and could not by any means procure a larger quantity, the present price is 150 Pagodas per Garu. No endeavours are wanting to obtain supplies, but the particular situation of affairs at this moment renders it very difficult in most points and impossible in others.

In respect to Bullock's Mr. Weston writes there will be 5000 more ready to proceed soon from the Northward to this Presidency, as for money we can say little more than what we mentioned a few days since; the sum in the Treasury is so small that it is scarcely worth mentioning not exceeding 10 or 12000 Pagodas. whatever may come in will be reserved for the Army, but we see no prospect of any speedy supply. You do us but justice in supposing that we send the Regals with provisions to Saoras proceed from the same anxious zeal to promote the Service and comply with all your necessities to the best of your Power which has ever animated our conduct, as soon as we learned your intentions of coming to Pondamallee, Orders were sent to countermand the Regals which had proceeded, and we expect them back tomorrow.

We have perused with great attention Captain Johnston's Letter, and shall write to him on the Subject. It is the principle of this Government that its administration should be conducted thro' all its Transactions with

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with Justice and moderation and we are astonished to hear of any deviation from that principle in any of its Servants. Captain Johnston has not mentioned any particular persons by Name or by such description as we can ascertain. But to the offenders who they may, they will certainly meet with that punishment they merit, as far as we have power to inflict it.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

/signed/

Macartney &
Select Committee

S. Since writing the above the Ships dispatched to Sabras are returning to these Roads.

To Charles Lake Esq.

B. Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

Gentlemen—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 24th Instant and to inform you that they have appointed Mahomed

Hajin

To the Committee of
Assigned Revenue have
appointed Mahomed
Hajin as a Member for
the District of Sabras
Co. B.

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Have in honor Review of the Districts of Setuwa Co.
agreeably to your Recommendation.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen.

Your most Obedt. humble servant

(signed) John Middleton

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27. Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K. B. Co. Co. Governor President

Co. Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen.

I am happy to inform you that the
Enemy's Troops have now entirely left the Sanyon
Country. We were here in great distress till the
arrival of the Admiral who readily assisted us with
ten thousand Pagodas.

Our mode of Civil Government here
appears to me altogether new. I do not wish to interfere
in the business of others - it distresses me to complain
of any one - but it is still more distressing to hear the
cries and complaints of a number of poor Wretches
who look up to me as commandant for Relief from
their Sorrows and oppressions. To relate circumstances
as they have happened would scarce be credited by
those endowed with the feelings of Humanity, and
would

Port St George
26. July 1882

Promised Johnston
complain of the
oppression of the Civil
Government. The
Enemy have left the
Sanyon Country.

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27th Fort St George July 1802.
would appear as Malvolence — For my own part so far
from wishing any addition of power that I could wish
to be released from a command where I have experienced
so much uneasiness from the conduct of others.

I have the honor to be With very great
Respect.

Negapatam —
14th July 1802.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Most humble servant

(signed) Jas^d Johnston

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

My Lord and Gentlemen —

From Capt^d Johnston
thinks Lippoo Sait —
and Sally mean to —
attack Negapatam —

The Beaver arrived Yesterday with your
Letter for the Admiral who sailed the 18th at Night — They
likewise brought two Letters for Colonel Horn of whom
we have heard no tidings — I have just received intelli-
gence that Lippoo Sait and Monsieur Sally with 100
Guns and 3 Mortars arrived at Chillembroom — but
cannot at present pass the place it being full — I have
sent Notice to Captain Alcock who is in camp at Pambay,
convey to Mr. Sullivan at Sanjore, and Col. Nixon who
has returned to Trichinopoly — I think it probable their
force is destined against this place. We shall be ready
for

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for them - I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t

humble Servant

/Signed/... J. Johnston

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor of the Triplicate

of your letter of the 4th of May - which came to hand a few
days ago. the Original and Duplicate never came to hand.

I have information that Lippoo Saib with
Sally are waiting at Chillumbrum for the falling of the
Coleroon to pass South. They have 13 Pieces of Cannon and 2
Mortars - I have sent information to Camp, Sanjore &
Sichinopoly, where Col^d Nicson is stationed with part of
the Detachment.

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/... J. Johnston

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

Negapatam
21st July 1882

From Capt. Johnston
Lippoo Saib and
Sally were at Chillumbrum

Negapatam -
21st July 1882

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My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Genl. Coote -
desires money may be
sent to the Army - #
copies of Letters from
Capt. Johnston & Job:
Nixon.

I have had the honor to receive your
Letters of the 19th and 21st Instant

It is with almost sincere regret, I have
perused your Relation of the state of your Finances, and of all
means of present Resource being exhausted, whilst I feel
and lament, the distress you experience on this score,
the Duty I owe, both myself and the Public, obliges me
to take this opportunity of declaring, that unless the way
heavy and urgent demands of the Army are kept in a train
of present payment, it will be impossible for me, either
to pretend again to march it, or to be in any shape
Responsible for the consequences, which may be most fatal.
I have already done more than I could ever have flattered my-
self with the hopes of accomplishing. With keeping the Troops
Obedient to a most harassing Service, under upwards of five
Months warfare. I am concerned also to observe your Garrison
Stock of Rice is so small - I trust that every exertion will
be used to increase it as much as possible, as the most
distant Idea of a scarcity in that Article, would I am
afraid, precipitate our difficulties beyond every possibility
of redemption.

I am persuaded, Gentlemen that the
earnest and assiduous attention which you have evinced,
in forwarding the Request I made for Refills with
provisions

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provisions to be sent to Madras proceeded from an
 anonymous friend to promote the service - But it is
 unfortunate because of the trouble it has occasioned
 you, that it should have escaped your notice, how
 much that request, was from the terms of my
 application, made to depend upon circumstances,
 of which the probability of the occurrence of the most
 obvious one, the boat being clean of an enemy's force
 disappeared with the arrival of our Squadron at
 Madras, of which I could have no intelligence at the
 time my letters, on the above subject were written, the
 15th & 17th as Mr. Johnston's letter to Mr. Graham
 informing me thereof bore date the 19th Inst, the day
 that event happened, and was not received until the
 22nd in the Evening.

I enclose you copies of 2 letters which
 I have received from Capt. Johnston Commanding at
 Negapatam, whereof the contents seem highly deserving
 of your most serious consideration - I likewise enclose
 for your information copy of a letter from Lieut.
 Colonel Nicolson.

I find that my late movement to
 Wandewash has not been without some favorable
 Effects, having obliged the French to break up their camp
 at Vellinore, to draw their sick and wounded out of the
 Hospital

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Hospital at Pondicherry and to retire with Precipitation touddalore, likewise has assisted in checking Tippoo's progress to the southward, he having by my latest Intelligence, fallen back from Chellimbram to Trividy Panrooty, about 16. Miles west ofuddalore, and has obliged Hyder to march off from Vellore to the southward of Gingee, where he was the day before yesterday in the morning - I hope for the sake of Vellore he will continue for some time longer in that position which if they have Money will leave them at liberty to get in some provisions.

Owing to the Scarcity and badness of water and the extreme heat of the Winds and Weather, I am sorry to acquaint you that the Army are in general extremely sickly, many dying daily of cramps and disorders in their Bowels; many of the Officers are sick and I have not myself escaped having been very unwell for these 12 Days past.

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen -

Yours most Obed^t

humble servant

Cyrel Coote

Signed

To His General Sir Cyrel Coote Bt. 1882. -
Commander in Chief

Sir

Camp
Munimungulum
25th July 1882.

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Sir,

I have the pleasure to acquaint your Excellency that the Action of the 20th Ultimo appears at present to be much more important in its consequences than I at first imagined, the Enemy with a very superior force have fled before us for five days, and I am now arrived here in pursuit of them, without the hopes of being able to continue longer than tomorrow for want of provisions. Pattapollah Manargoddy Trivalore, and I have Shawbottah have been evacuated by the Enemy, the whole country I possess there is under the Orders and Management of the Rajahs involved in the last Action and to 66 Men and 12 Horses.

Camp at
Pattapollah
July 1st 1882

I have the honor to be your Excellency

Most Obed^t humble Serv^t

Signed Eccles Macdon-

A true copy -

George Dyleve.

As^t Secy to the Command^g in Chief

To His Excellency Lieut^g Gen^l Sir Eyre Coote
K. B. Commander in Chief W. D. Grand Army -

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint your
Excellency

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Excellency that the Enemy have now entirely left
 the Tanjore Country, & the Caravans who I had sent to watch
 the motions of the French say that they did not see or
 hear of an Enemy between Cuddalore and this place,
 except a few struggling Palligars who rob passengers.
 We were however in much distress till the arrival of our
 Fleet when the Admiral most readily advanced ten
 thousand Pagodas on account of the company for the
 use of this Garrison - This Money I gave to our acting
 Paymaster a thousand Pagodas at a time which I have
 care is converted to no other use than the subsistence
 of the Troops. - It grieves me to be under the necessity
 of complaining of the conduct of any one, however I think
 it my Duty to observe that the modes adopted here, of
 making collections, are a disgrace to humanity. A
 variety of means of Torture are daily used to make a
 parcel of poor miserable wretches pay money - and the
 Cruel and lawless Rapacity of the Dubashes employed,
 are not less, Vicious than Shameful, and notwithstanding
 standing our Government is disgraced by such exactions -
 not one farthing of what was collected was for the coming
 for the Subsistence of the Troops, when we were in the
 greatest distress. I have the honor to be with the
 greatest Respect. Sir Your most Obedt. & most Affectionate
 (signed) - Col. Johnston

Negapatam
 24th July 1882

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Sir

I am sorry to acquaint your Excellency that Captain Scott who had been sent on Detachment to reduce a small party of the Enemy left in Shaw's flat was wounded in the thigh, the Enemy fired on the Flag of Truce, and Captain Scott had gone to receive the Reconnoiterers.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and most humble servant

Signed James Johnston

True Copies -

Geo. Tyler

Sp. Secy to the Commr in Chief

To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K. H. G. President and Governor H. B. Act committed.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Port St George -

I have this moment received your letter of the 24th in Duplicate, I arrived with the Army at this place about 2 Hours ago, and where for the sake of storage for the cattle, I mean it to remain until its necessities for money and Provisions are relieved intend

Negapatam
15 July 1882

And Genl. Coote will endeavor to procure troops to reinforce the small

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intend being myself at Choultry Plain tomorrow, when I shall inform myself of the state of His Majesty's Troops and whatever I find can be spared, I shall be happy in contributing towards a Reinforcement for Trincomalee, or for any other Service, which the Admiral whose objects and Operations I have ever been ready to support, may wish them - all I have at present to observe is that the number of European Infantry - sick and well now in this Army do not amount to 800, Rank and File, which I dare say will be allowed to be a strength in that Corps far from adequate to the Services it has to perform.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen -

Your most Obedt^h
humble Servant
Cyrefoote

(signed)

To John Huddleston Esq.

Sir

Some days past I made an application to Mr. Scott the Military Storekeeper for His Majesty's Ships to be supplied with Gun Powder.

I now acquaint You that I have this day been advised by Captain Bedford that the Demand for Gun Powder

Camp
Commandant -
26th July 1882

From His Majesty's
Ordinance Storekeeper
requesting a supply of
Gun Powder for the
Squadron.

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Powder is laid before the select Committee, and that no part of the Powder can be delivered until they are pleased to give their Orders.

I wish to observe to you that many of the Ships are now ready to receive their Powder, and I will thank you to mention it to the select Committee, that His Majesty's Service might not be impeded. I am

Sir

Your most Obedient humble
Servant

Signed... Tho Robbins.

Ordnance Storekeeper

Letter from Surgeon General / as entered in
Miscellany Post / N. 55. Stating Reasons why the
Hospital Wretches can not comply with the Orders of the
select Committee.

And the following Attends.

To Thomas Robbins Esq.

Ordnance Storekeeper.

Sir

L. M. Robbins, as
much Powder will
be spared as possible

The Report of the Committee of Stores
was received only an hour ago, and is now gone to the
Several Members of the select Committee and you may
believe that as much powder will be supplied the fleet
as can possibly be spared.

I am

Sir

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Port St. George
27th July 1882.

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

(signed) John Hueston
J.H.

To Lieut. Colonel Ross

President &c. Members
of the Committee of Stores

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee to enclose you the
accompanying Returns of stores and Indents from
Trincomally, and to desire you will take into
Consideration and Report what stores you think will
be necessary for that Garrison, and can be spared.

I have the honor to be -

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Thomas King Scott

Deputy Secy.

28th Sent the following letters.

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

President &c. Members of the Committee
of Stores

Gentlemen

I am

To the Committee of
Stores to determine
on the Stores for
Trincomally.

Port St. George
27th July 1882.

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Port St George July 1782.

To the Committee
of Stores with orders
to deliver 120,000 of
Powder to the Squadron

I am directed by the Right Honourable the President
and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of
your Letter of the 27th Instant, with your Minutes of
the 25th, and to signify to you their Orders that 120,000
pounds of Gun Powder be immediately issued for the use of
his Majesty's Fleet, and delivered to his Majesty's Ordnance
Storekeeper, that Quantity being in the present low
state of your powder Magazine, as much as can with
safety be spared.

Port St George
28. July 1782.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble servant

/signed/..... John Audleston
Jury

To Thomas Robbins Esq.
Ordnance Storekeeper

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that
Orders are sent to the Committee of Stores to deliver to you
120,000 Pounds of Gun Powder for the use of His Majesty's
Squadron, that quantity being in the very low state of your
Powder Magazine, the utmost that can with any safety be
spared from the present stock.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

/signed/..... John Audleston
Jury

To Ordnance Store-
keeper with
intimation of the
above

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28. July 1782.

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To Captain Johnston

Commanding at Negapatam

Captain Johnston—
Desired to know of whom
he complains.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th Instant, and to
inform you that it was with equal concern and
astonishment they perused that part of it which
you complain of Cruelties and Oppressions committed
by what you term the Civil Government at Negapatam—
It is the wish of the Select Committee and the ruling
principles of their Administration, to conduct every
Branch of the Company's Affairs with Justice and
Moderation, and they cannot but approve your
communicating to them whatever deviations from
that principle may have been made at Negapatam; but
it would have been proper to have mentioned at the same
time the persons or persons who have practised or given
Countenance to them, this you are now directed to do, to the
Select Committee as well as to Mr. John Sullivan the
President at Lankore, who is vested with the case and
Management of the Company's Revenue at
Negapatam and Negore, and is now Ordered to enquire
upon—

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upon a full and strict investigation of the grievance
complained of in your letter, you will give him therefore
every information he may require on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedt
humble servant

[Signed] John Hutchinson
JCH

To John Sullivan Esq.

President at Langford

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to furnish you
with the enclosed extract of a letter which they have
received from Captain Johnston and the Select
Committee have desired me to intimate to you that
having made it the ruling principle of their adminis-
tration that it should be conducted thro' all its branches
with Justice and moderation, they are equally astonished
and concerned at the deviations from that principle
represented in such serious and positive terms by
the Commanding Officer at Negapatam. As the manage-
ment of the Company's Revenue at Negapatam and
Nagore

Port St. George
28 July 1882

To Mr. Sullivan
on the above desiring
him to report the
Select Committee the
Event of his enquiry.

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Fort St. George July 1882.

^{district}
Nagore is vested in you and the civil servants employed there are placed under your authority. The Select Committee desire that you will forthwith proceed to a full and strict investigation of the Grievances complained of and the conduct of the Gentlemen charged with the Collections of the Revenue at Nagapatam &c. and Report to them every circumstance relative thereto that shall come to your knowledge.

In the mean while the Select Committee desire that you will take such steps as you judge the public service requires to put an immediate stop to the evils that exist and to afford the most speedy and effectual Redress to all who have suffered by them. Should your other avocations admit of it the Select Committee wish you to proceed to Nagapatam and make the enquiry on the spot. A letter is now written to Captain Johnston directing him to give you every information you may require, and to point out to you the Person or Persons alleged to be in his letter.

I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

John D. Johnston

Secy

Fort St. George
28th July 1882

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To James Daniell Esq.

Chief W.^c Council of

Masulipatam.

Gentlemen.

To Masulipatam -
desiring to send 1500
Barrels of Gun-
Powder by the first
Conveyance.

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President and select Committee to desire
that you will send to them by the Bedford India
man, or should she have sailed, by the first good
opportunity that may offer 1500 Barrels of your stock
of Gun Powder.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble servant

Signed / John Hudleston
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Received letter from M^r Crocker / as entered in the
Miscellany Books / respecting M^r Light

condemns in the Tanjore County and his connections
with the Venter, complaining of the Venter for not settling
the outstanding Balances and of Captain Melville for
refusing him the assistance necessary to recover the
Revenue. Requesting that Orders may be sent to the
Commandant at Palamcottah to direct the Officer
Commanding at Tuticorin not to interfere with
the

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the Inhabitants, advising of his Intentions to
attempt carrying on the Pearl Fishery

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Received the following letter

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. 173.
Governor B. C. C.

My Lord

From Capt. Johnston
Portuguese Ship
Spoke with Sir Rich.
Bickerton's Fleet the
1st of June off
Madagascar.

Our Fleet sailed yesterday morning
and was this morning in sight to the Northward. We
suppose they have gone to offer Battle to the French &
proceed from thence to Madras — This goes by the Capt.
of a Portuguese Ship who says, he spoke with one but-
ward's Fleet the 7th of June off Madagascar, consisting of
6 Ships of the Line — 4 Frigates & 18 or 19 Indiamen
and Transports, with 5000 Troops on Board —

Nothing new here since they sailed.
Colonel Nixon is understood returned to Pichinopoly
leaving the 1st Battalion in addition to those formerly
in the Tanjore country.

Major Alcock is gone with the Troops
in the Tanjore country against Shaw Pottah, who with a
few of Hyder's People remain in

I have the honor to be
With very great Respect
My Lord

Your Lordship's most
Obedt. & most humble servant

Signed J. Johnston

Sigapatam
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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. G.
President and Governor & Council committed of

Port St. George
My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Committee
of the Court with Copy of
their Proceedings

We with we have the Honor to lay
before you our Proceedings of this Day

We have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Signed { John Kennedy

W. Scottney

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A Committee of the Court Present

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross

Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy

Bryan Scottney Esq.

The Committee

proceed to take into
Consideration, an Indent
of Ordnance wanted for
the Fleet, from His
Majesty's Ordnance
Storehouse, which has
been

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been transmitted to this
Board, by the Right Honble
the President and Select
Committee, and which is
Ordered to be complied with.

Read a letter from
the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee
accompanying a return of
Stores and Indents from
S. Trincomalee, which the
Committee now proceed to
take into consideration, and
observe, by the Returns, that
there is a deficiency in many
articles not specified in these
Indents which are ordered to be
complied with agreeably to the
Commissary's Remarks, and
it is Recommended that the
following Articles be sent in
addition to those specified in
these Indents to complete
what the Committee conceive
to be a proper Garrison
proportion.

Viz. - Each Gun to be
complemented to
200 Rounds of Shot
500 Shells. 5 1/2 Inch

Approved.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to have the honor to lay
 before you our Proceedings of this Day

We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
 humble Servants
 Patrick Prosser
 John Kennedy
 W. Scottney

Signed

From the Committee
 of stores with Copy of
 their Proceedings

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 At a Committee of stores Present
 Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Prosser
 Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy
 Bryan Scottney Esq.

The Committee
 proceed to take into
 Consideration, an Indent
 of Ordnance wanted for
 the Fleet, from His
 Majesty's Ordnance
 Storehouse, which has
 been

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been transmitted to this
Board, by the Right Honble
the President and Select
Committee, and which is
Ordered to be complied with.

Read a letter from
the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee
accompanying a return of
Stores and Indents from
Singapore, which the
Committee now proceed to
take into consideration, and
observe, by the Returns, that
there is a deficiency in many
articles not specified in these
Indents which are ordered to be
complied with agreeably to the
Commissioner's Remarks, and
it is Recommended that the
following Articles be sent in
addition to those specified in
these Indents to complete
what the Committee conceive
to be a proper Garrison
proportion.

King - each gun to be
complied to
300 Rounds of Shot
500 Shells. 5 1/2 Inch

Approved.

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2 Cansies of Iron.
20. Cansies of Lead
2 Pair of English muskets
... Ball moults.
1000 - Live Fuzes of $5\frac{1}{2}$ Inch.

I had a letter from
the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee.
Relative, to this Committee's
minutes of the 25. Instant,
directing that 120,000 Pounds
of Gun Powder only, be issued to
His Majesty's Fleet, which
was ordered to be issued
accordingly.

C Approved.

Patrick Ross.
John Kennedy
W. Scott.

Received from the Chief and Council of
Madraspatam Return of their Troops for the Month of June.
Received Report of the arrival of 259. Bull locks.

Monday -
27 July 1882.

It a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney & Co.
President and Governor

Anthony Sadler and Alva Davidson Esq.
Sir Lyke Boote. Absent. Sir Victor Munro indisposed
John Holland Esq. President at the Court of the Vizier.

Minutes

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Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

The President
appeals to Sir Lyre
Coote for a Reinforce-
ment for Trincomalee.

The Right Honble the President informs the Committee that immediately on the arrival of the Squadron he repeated in very urgent terms the request of the Committee to Sir Lyre Coote to appoint a Reinforcement to the Garrison of Trincomalee, and was joined in it by Sir Edward Hughes, that the General consented to let 200 of the King's Troops proceed on that service, and the Admiral has in consequence ordered His Majesty's Ships Sceptre, and Monmouth, to sail with them immediately to Trincomalee, notwithstanding the Risk, being apprehensive the Enemy may make an attempt upon that place.

The President took occasion to mention to Sir Lyre Coote several Officers whom He thought well qualified for so important a command, but his Lordship understanding that it is entrusted to the Senior Officer belonging to the Detachment, Captain May Macdowall of His Majesty's 42nd Regiment lately arrived here.

The Committee with the General had thought fit to appoint a Field Officer, and if the Option had rested with them they would have made choice of one of the most experienced in the Company's Service.

The Chief Engineer
is to be directed to recommend
an Engineer Assistant.

Agreed the Chief Engineer be directed
to recommend an Engineer and a servant for the Garrison of
Trincomalee.

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Assistant for the
Garrison of Trincomallee
Doctor Weston appoint
Surgeon there in
2000 Pags of Rice to
be sent to Trincomallee.

Trincomallee and that Doctor Weston proceed thither
as Surgeon. Agreed also that a supply of 3000
Pags of Rice be sent to Trincomallee.

A Passage to England
ordered for Capt.
Mackenzie of the 4th B.
Regiment and the
usual allowance
granted them.

I read Letter from Major George
Mackenzie as entered in the Miscellaneous Book A³⁴
requesting a Passage to England for Captain Hemmett
Mackenzie of His Majesty's 4th B. Regiment together
with an Allowance for defraying the Expence.

Agreed that a Passage be ordered for Capt.
Mackenzie on the first Indiaman that may sail
for Europe, and the usual Allowance to be granted them.

I read Letter from the Surgeon
General as entered in Miscellaneous Book
requesting that a Garce of patcheries Rice may
be delivered from the Garrison for the men in the
Hospital, recommending also that Mr. Maxwell
Thompson Assistant Surgeon be appointed a full
Surgeon without loss of time.

A Garce of Rice to be
supplied the Surgeon
General for the use of
the Garrison.

Agreed that a Garce of Rice be supplied
the Surgeon General for the Price at which it was
purchased.

The Widow of Mr.
Senior late Surgeon
Petitions for an
allowance.

I read a Petition from the Widow
of Mr. Senior late Surgeon at Shingleput
representing

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representing her distressed circumstances and requesting Relief, as there is no established fund for the support of persons in her Situation.

Apply to the Vestry

I agreed it be recommended to

her to apply to the Vestry / entered in Miscellany Book N. 32 /

Captain's Pommeaux and Luttiff ordered to return to the Presidency

I agreed that Captain's Pommeaux

and Luttiff be ordered to return to the Presidency on the Ships Monmouth and Leptre

The Rice on board the Chesterfield to be distributed on board the Squadron

The President acquaints the

Committee that Sir Cyril Coote desires the Rice now on Board the Chesterfield should be distributed on board the Squadron according as the Admiral shall arrange, and that the Admiral consented to take it, that it may be ready in case of such conjunct Expedition as the General and Admiral shall concur together. W^m George Andrew Nam

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M^r Rame, entrusted
with the Dispatches for
England.

I am having received Permission to return to
England for his Health, agreed he may be entrusted
with the Public Dispatches, and Recommended to
the Court of Directors; Also that the usual
Allowance be made him.

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Received the following Letter from Col.^l Rofs

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Colonel Rofs
recommending Captain
Banks and M^r Watson
to go to Trincomalay.

In consequence of a
Captain and Subaltern of Engineers being wanted at
Trincomalay I beg leave to submit to you the propriety
of sending Captain Banks and M^r Watson thither,
as they are in readiness to proceed being now under
orders for the Southward, and that M^r Tyson do go to
Negapatam in the room of M^r Watson, from whence
or from Tanjore, Trichinopoly may be supplied with an
Engineer should the Service require it, of which there
is not any immediate appearance.

M^r Crawford Thomas Gentleman
Cadet being desirous to join the Corps of Engineers,
should it meet your approbation, I beg leave to
recommend that he be appointed to do the duty of
Practitioner Engineer at Trincomalay.

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient and

humble Servant

Patrick Rofs.

Fort St. George,

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Agreed that Captain Banks,
and Practitioner Watson and Lennox be accordingly
appointed Engineers for the Garrison of Trincomalay.

Received

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30th Received the following Letter and Enclosure
from Sir Eyre Coote

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

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My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Sir Eyre Coote
transmitting a letter from
Colonel Brathwaite to
him.

I have this instant received
the enclosed letter from Colonel Brathwaite which you
will observe is in answer to the one I wrote to him in
reply to a former one of his, and of which letter and
reply I had before the honor to transmit you copies -
The accompanying being the original letter I shall be
obliged after undergoing your perusal and a copy has been
taken of it, by your returning^{it} to me

I have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t humble servant

Eyre Coote.

Head Quarters Choultry Plain
30th July 1782

To His Excellency Lieut^t General Sir Eyre Coote KB
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I was the day before yesterday honored
with the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 5th
Instant delivered to me by the Bramin beforementioned
and read in his presence; as soon as he understood the
contents fully, he desired me to write to your Excellency
that he was very glad to hear there was peace between
the English and the Mahrattas that the Behaader had

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30th had also some time ago concluded a strong Treaty with them whereby they bound themselves to insist with the English that justice should be done to the Mysorean in regard to his Claims on them; and the Nabol Mahomed Ally Cann, for the Trichinopoly Madurai and Trinnevelly Countries that therefore no peace made between the English and the Mahrattas could include the Nabol Hyder Ally Cann, unless that point was settled for which he began this war, and for which both the Parties stand engaged to him by Treaties now in his possession.

As Your Excellency's last letter to me has so pointedly fixed the late Treaty with the Mahrattas as the basis of all present Negotiation, I should not have troubled you with this, but that the Bramin wished much to give Your Excellency this information of the Treaty subsisting between the Mysorean and the Mahrattas, and as I consider all I write or say as more private conversation and information I trust You will excuse it.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,
Sir, Your Excellency's most obed^t Servant
John Brathwaite.

Camp near Delyghur
19th July 1782.

Received Letter of the 29th (as entered in Miscellaneous Book . . .) from the Commissary to the Army with Muster and returns of Draught and Carriage Bullocks with the Army the 28th Instant.

31st Dispatched the following Letters to Trincomalay by His Majesty's Ships Monmouth and Suptre.
So

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To Captain Bonnevaux Commanding at
Trincomalay

Sir,

We have received your letters of the
18th and 28th June with their several inclosures.

To Capt^m Bonnevaux
relieving him from his
Command, desiring him to
deliver to Captain Macdowal
all the instructions received
from this Government.

We are much concerned at what
You relate of the Conduct of Captain Sutcliffe, whom
We now recall to the Presidency. We likewise comply
with your desire of being relieved from your Command
and a reinforcement now proceeds to Trincomalay in
His Majesty's Ships Monmouth and Sceptre under the
Orders of Captain Hay Macdowal to whom you will
accordingly resign the Command of Trincomalay and
return to Madras on one of those Ships.

We are

Sir

Your obedient Servants

Macartney &c. *Select Committee*

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P.S. You will be pleased to deliver to Captain Macdowal
all the several letters you have received from this
Government that contain Instructions for your Conduct
in the Command of Trincomalay.

To Captain Sutcliffe at
Trincomalay

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee to signify to You their orders that You
return to the Presidency on one of His Majesty's Ships now
going to Trincomalay with a reinforcement.

To Capt^m Sutcliffe -
recalling him to
the Presidency.

I am Sir Your most obed^t Servant

John Hudleston
Secy. To

Fort St. George,
29th July 1782